

# Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

## September 2011



## Calendar

### Homecoming 2011

#### Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 1st  
Casa Capri (Louies)  
2129 Birch Road  
Starting at 10:00a

#### Carthage vs North Central

Starting at 1:00p

### Homecoming 2012

Saturday September 29th  
vs North Park

## HOMECOMING - Turtle 58<sup>th</sup> and Class of 1961 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

October 1, 2011

It is an early Homecoming this year so start planning on attending. The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) invites all Turtle Alumni to come to Carthage College for Homecoming. Attend our annual pre-game festivities at the Casa Capri (2129) Birch Road, Kenosha on Saturday at 10:00am. You will have time to attend the parade and game after having pizza and beer with fellow Turtle Alums. The TEXAA has worked hard on keeping this event going but they need donations to continue. Send a check or put something in the basket at Casa Capri. Look for the Turtle flag in the concession area at the game and buy a brat from the Actives.

As we celebrate our 58th anniversary at homecoming we will be recognizing the Class of 1961. It was a huge class of 23 members including the 8th Turtle President, Donald Pardonner. Three, William Aulwes, Eugene Freeman and Ronald Palmen are deceased. Three, David Miller, Ferdinand Rodriquez and Lee Ahsbridge have been missing for a long time. If you have any information on these missing brothers please let us know.

Post game activities will be informal and decided on that day. On Saturday A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL -- OH BOY!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson  
1st Turtle President

Need to stay Friday night before the game or Saturday after a party? Here's a couple of hotels within 15-20 minutes of campus.

Marriott – Racine 7111 Washington Ave (Hwy 20) 262.886.6100  
Fairfield Inn – Racine 6421 Washington Ave (Hwy 20) 262.886.5000  
Super 8 – Racine 1150 Oakes Rd 262.884.0486  
Best Western Harborside Inn – Kenosha 5125 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue 262.658.3281  
Microtel Inn & Suites – Racine/Mt Pleasant 5419 Durand Ave 262.554.8855

Check out –  
<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

### Remembering Tom Lisle and Ken Gohr

The month of June was hard on the Turtles with the passing of two founders, Tom (Horse) Lisle, our second president, and Ken (Frog) Gohr. They died within eight days of each other. We shall miss them both and will remember them at Homecoming! I will remember the Horse playing left end on our three year championship intramural football team and his eagerness for anything Turtle. Also an enjoyable stay with him and his wife Penny at their home in Florida a couple of years ago.

Don 'Ace' Henderson

## Brewers Tailgate Party

The 4th Annual (of the modern-era) Turtle Brewer Tailgate Party took place on Saturday, August 13. The 24 Turtles and friends saw the first-place Brewers beat the Pirates in an "exciting" 1-0 victory that took 3.5 hours - thanks Fox Sports!

We met at our normal place - the beautiful Palermo's Pizza Factory parking lot, and it promptly started to rain. We headed into the park and Harry Flanagan saved the day by pulling a large canopy out of his truck. Jeff Menter showed us a little later with another one so we stayed dry during the tailgate. After lunch, the rain stopped and we headed into the stadium to watch the game. Randy Divito (aka World's Greatest Baseball Fan) set a new record by staying way past the 7th inning. (Editor's Note: this was mostly due to the storm that passed over Miller Park during the game).

We had a great day and even made a little money for the Association to use at Homecoming.

## Membership

Just a quick membership update. We currently have 562 Turtles on the master roles (incl 41 deceased). We've got 280 email accounts (thanks) but still have 43 lost souls. Please take a few minutes and check the website to see if you know the whereabouts of any of these "Missing Brothers" and send me an email at [twh17@yahoo.com](mailto:twh17@yahoo.com).

### TEXAA Treasurers Report 8/3/2011

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$284.92</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$ 334.83</u>



## Facebook Update

It seems our friends at Facebook have done a technical upgrade on the group portion of their wonderful social media platform. We have sent a few e-mails out to the entire Facebook friends of TEXAA and TEX group sites but due to the upgrade they never went out. Recently we were finally able to move the TEXAA site to the new platform and I believe we will be able to communicate again. We are going to let them mothball the TEX site as it created confusion and some alums signed up on one or the other. If you were on the Tau Sigma Chi group page, please go to the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association page and add yourself as a friend there. You will not have to do anything with the TEX page any longer. If you were on the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association page, please verify that you are still a member and that your information is correct. Also, let others from your era, Turtles and Doves alike know about the page and get them to sign up as well. We will use this site as a communication and update forum for the alums along with our website <http://www.tausigmachi.org>.

## Turtle Golf Outing

We're keeping the golf outing alive and while the numbers dropped a but we still had good interest. Unfortunately a few health and scheduling issues prevented a few from repeating last year's event we did add some new brothers to the list. It was our pleasure to add Jim Nelson from the mid 60's and Chuck Brand from the mid 70's to the list. I must admit that the clubs that Chuck brought predated the Turtles but I guess so did his game! Along with last year's repeats (Rick Wirch, Dave Narey, Mike Matson, Kurt Lehrmann and Tim Hughes) all did a good job of drinking beer to make up for the other missing bros. Once again we were blessed with some good weather on June 24<sup>th</sup> as we tore up Ives Grove just outside of Racine WI and did our switch of foursome members on the back nine.

We hope you'll join us next year, same time same bat channel. Drop any of alumni leadership team a line (info at the bottom of the newsletter) and let us know if you'd like to play next year or grab us at Homecoming. Why not check with a few bro's that live in your area and bring a group? We'd be happy to send you a list of names and address of those around your class.

## Marching to the 60<sup>th</sup>

This is the second installment of the origins and early Turtle history as recorded in the Turtle History Book by Founder Bill (Bushes, Treetops) Trees.

It is interesting to note the first official function of the Tau Chi's evolved from the lack of school spirit as illustrated by the small numbers of students in attendance at football games. It was decided the club would provide a small half time skit (unannounced) between the halves of the up-coming ball game between the Redmen and Quincy College.

At the completion of the first half a limousine with the windows covered up roared up to the 50 yard mark and some 14 or 15 boys dressed as gangsters piled out of the car one at a time. There were also four or five hanging on the running board and on the back. Most of the gang wore pork-pie hats which became one of the calling cards of the early Turtles.

After all were on the field Steve Bosco (President of Turtles International) presented Don Henderson with the Carthage Charter of the Loyal Order of Turtles. Accompanying him was Ma Fricker who received the key to the Metropolitan area of Carthage. All of the festivities were received with great enthusiasm and was hailed as an immediate success.

The cast included:

Original members

Gerry Eisele as Steve Bosco

Warren Diskerud as Ma Fricker

Don Henderson as Don Henderson

Tom Lisle as Tom Lisle

Additional help, some of which later became Turtles.

Shortly after Steve Bosco Night the first officers of the organization were elected as follows:

President Don Henderson

Vice President Bill Trees

Secretary-Treasurer Larry Crone

Sergeant at Arms Ken Gorsky

After the officers were duly installed Warren Diskerud motioned we adjourn to Chet's (Local Pub) and drink to that---and that we did all night long.

It was then that President Henderson appointed Bill Trees as the first club historian with the duty to record all of the Tau Chi's actions and to be substantiated with pictorial support whenever possible. And we continued on!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1st Turtle President

## TEXAA Association Update

If you're reading this, most likely you got it as an email attachment from Tim. Last month we had to make the tough decision to stop printing and mailing the newsletter. We know there are some brothers/sisters that don't have pc's or access to one who we risk losing contact with. We're not happy about that but it became cost prohibitive to continue that strategy. The good news is we can now get information out quicker, cheaper and without some of the size limitations we had before. Here's where you come in. We don't want to lose contact with anyone so let us know if there someone out there that you think should reach out to. We can certainly afford to mail a few newsletter when someone has 'electronic challenges.' Please call Kurt Lehrmann at 262-880-2447 with any leads. If you want a mailed copy just leave your name and mailing address and we'll shipped one out twice a year. From an organization perspective this also helps in preventing a step backwards in building the alumni association. By the way we'll soon have all old editions out on our website so even those without an email account can still see us on the web. With newsletters pretty consistently coming out in April and September a visit now and then will keep you up to date.

It's been a real up and down year so far for the Turtles. It's great to hear that the actives have an advisor, we pulled off another golf outing and Brewer tailgate party and things are shaping up for a fun Homecoming. On the flip side we lost two historic brothers in Tom Lisle and Ken Gohr and to a much lesser extend had some problems with our website and Facebook site that forced a reload but we're back in business. Finally I want to continue to beat the drum for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013. I'm sure many of you think about heading back to Carthage each fall but get sidetracked by other life events. In 2013 don't let that happen, put the date on the calendar in ink and become part celebration. Of course I'm still waiting for an official date from Carthage but make the 60<sup>th</sup> a high priority. We're making plans to have an open buffet from 4:30p – 8:00p at the Best Western Harborside Inn just across the street from Villa D'Carlos. We plan on having a brief ceremony starting at 5:30p with a bunch of socializing (and beer). ~~Plan~~ Commit to attending our milestone anniversary.

Kurt Lehrmann

## TEX Alumni Leadership Team

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## Remembering Christopher Robert Teevan

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT TEEVAN  
NOV 17, 1952 - APR 19, 2011  
Chris R. Teevan passed away on April 19, 2011 doing what he loved most, playing basketball. A man who adored and cared for his family, friends, and dogs. Chris is survived by his 3 children, Robert Bobby, Alison Alicat and Christopher Rabs Teevan; and loving companion Donna Teevan; mother, Marjorie Peg Teevan; siblings, John Teevan, Ellen (John) Letourneau, Nora Narloch, Betsy Donnelly, and Sara (Michael) Garven; many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation Tuesday, April 26, 2011 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with service being held at 5:00 p.m. at Franklin & Downs-McHenry Chapel, 1050 McHenry Ave., Modesto, CA.

## Need a Turtle Shirt!!

Some Tau Sigma Chi Shirts will be available for homecoming. We hope to have a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirt and a few regular ones for those interested. We've got a few different styles and we can buy any size. Send request to Chris Steenrod ([steenrodchris@gmail.com](mailto:steenrodchris@gmail.com)) by September 15th. Shirts will be \$16 and can be picked up at homecoming or mailed out.

### **Turtles at the Alumni College and Illinois Campus Reunion**

On the Thursday before the Alumni College (June 10-12) CC had a special day for the people who attended the Illinois campus. It was an excellent event and attended by 150 people including Turtles.

At the Thursday night dinner we had a table of Diskie, Clayton and myself and wives with two empty places. Two guys came up and asked if they could join us. Sometime later the Turtles were mentioned and these two guys said they were Turtles. It was like they were guided to our table. They were Jim Nelson 65 and John Dorn 66 and told us that they had to memorize our names for the initiation. Other Turtles in attendance were Rich Dokmo, 6th President, Roy Moore 57, Waukie 58, Rich Stamer 59 and one other guy from 65 whose name I can't think of now. Carthage did a great job! The only thing that was bad was getting the news on Ken Gohr.

Don 'Ace' Henderson

### **Website Woes - Tim Hughes**

The website is back up and running after the disaster of my home pc hard-drive crash. Unfortunately I had not back up the pages and so I had to re-create them all. It's not as daunting as it sounds though, and I wanted to re-do some of them anyway, so it was a good opportunity to tweak the site.

You'll notice that when you go to the site it looks a little bigger. I used a different format that uses up more of the screen and allows for more information per page. Also we started a "Who's Going To...?" page that will list brothers attending our various events. Thought process here was that if you see one of your classmates plan on attending, say Homecoming, you might make plans to attend.

Here are a couple of other things I'm working on right now:

- \* increasing the size of the picture albums to make them easier to see
- \* creating a new Bro-files page that archives previous articles
- \* adding .pdfs of past newsletters

If you have any other suggestion to improve the content or look of the website, please email me at [tw17@yahoo.com](mailto:tw17@yahoo.com). I'm always open for suggestions.

### **Still looking for Composite Pictures**

Thanks to Chris Steenrod for his submission of composite pictures covering 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. Check them out on the Turtle website [www.tausigmachi.org](http://www.tausigmachi.org) as well as the others from the mid 70's. Now it's time for others to dig deep in the memory box in the basements and see they their composites. If you found one or more GREAT, now you can get it digitized. It's not really that hard, first carry it over to the nearest Office Max, Kinkos or Office Depot and have them scan it. They can save it for you on a disc but it's easier to bring a jump drive with you. Doesn't matter if the file is jpg, gif or other picture file, we can handle most. It only costs a few bucks but think of the enjoyment it will bring. When you get home send it to me at [kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com) as an attachment. To see an example check out <http://www.tausigmachi.org/1975Album.html> This could become your claim to fame!

Besides Chris's mid to late 2000 pictures we've got 1971-72, 1974-75, 1986-87-89 so there's your challenge to see how many we can get posted. Hey don't stop there, if you got some other great pictures, send them in too.

Jim Unglaube was a member of the Class of 1963 at Carthage College and later was employed on campus from 1998 to 2008 and during that time he also served as the Turtle Advisor.

## **JIM UNGLAUBE**

### **A Personal Story - July 2011**

I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of three brothers to working class parents. My dad was a printer for the newspaper in Milwaukee and my mom stayed at home and raised the three of us. My older brother went into the service after high school so I was the first in the family to attend college. I was active in my Lutheran congregation and I chose Carthage because it was one of the institutions of higher education of my church. I studied chemistry and after graduation in 1963 I completed a masters and doctoral degree at the University of Iowa. In 1964 I married LaRue Rhine, also a Carthage graduate (class of 1964). We have two adult children, Carla and Andrew. While at Carthage I joined Tau Sigma Chi, and later, on the Kenosha campus, my brother Bob followed me.

After completing my graduate studies in 1967 I was hoping to find a teaching position at one of the Lutheran colleges, and it worked. We spent ten years at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina, where I began teaching chemistry and moved on to become the chief academic officer. Our two children were born there. They lost their Southern accents the day we left the state. These were exciting times at the college as it joined the wave of institutions on a January term calendar. I was involved in that development as well as a complete revision of the general education requirements. LaRue did some public school teaching and worked as Director of Christian Education at our church. We enjoyed life in North Carolina, particularly in the winter.

In 1977 I accepted a position as one of the higher education staff persons at the national offices of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) in New York City. We lived in the Princeton area in New Jersey. Our children completed high school here and went off to St. Olaf College and Wittenberg University. LaRue spent most of her time working for an engineering consulting firm that did research on nuclear reactors. She can tell you where they all are in the U.S.

I spent my time nurturing the relationships between the LCA colleges and the church. Particularly rewarding were efforts to nurture the theological understanding of non-theological college faculty through annual conferences, a project to establish an insurance consortium for the colleges to better insure themselves at lower costs, and opportunities to become connected to the international mission of the church.

While my travels took me throughout the U.S. and around the globe, the most fulfilling was a partnership developed between the LCA, the American Lutheran Church (ALC), then the ELCA, with the Lutheran church bodies in what would become Namibia in Southern Africa. In the mid-1980s the people of what was then South West Africa were a part of The Republic of South Africa and lived under apartheid. More than half of the people there were Lutheran. Young people received a poor education, with only a few completing high school, and with no opportunity for college. A colleague and Carthage trustee, Naomi Linnell, and I developed this partnership and worked with the Lutheran colleges in the U.S. to provide full scholarships for 100 students. The program ran from 1986-1995 and now, some two decades later these former students are back home in leadership roles in their independent nation of Namibia. I'm hoping to write a book about the experience.

In 1988 the ELCA came into being from the merger of three Lutheran church bodies in the U.S. and I joined the staff in Chicago as Director for Colleges and Universities. Ironically, LaRue joined the ELCA staff a few months later, spent the last twenty years of her career there, and rose to become Executive for Information Technology. My work continued with the colleges. A new assignment involved serving as consultant to many college presidential searches. The Namibia program continued. Another conference we developed, which continues today, is one which considers the "vocation of a Lutheran college," exploring the Martin Luther's understanding of "vocation" as "calling" and what that means for these institutions.

My career took a 180 degree turn in 1998 as I returned to Carthage to do development work, first in planned giving, then as Vice President for College Relations, which included the development and communications functions of the college. I served there until my retirement in 2008, and then beyond even now on a part-time basis. It was and is the most exciting time in the College's history, with rising enrollment and academic quality, and a building program unmatched by any other period in the life of the College, including the Turtle Scoreboard to celebrate the fraternity's

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The rewards of watching as alumni and friends of the College step forward to make these things happen have been wonderful.

LaRue and I retired to Minneapolis in 2008 to be near our children, their spouses and our six grandchildren. It is special when an entire family resides in the same community. In addition to enjoying the family we are doing a lot of traveling. I've been back to Africa four times in the past two years and LaRue has joined me twice. I'm counting countries I've visited and the number has passed sixty, sixteen of which are in Africa. We've been blessed.

### **What's New with the Actives!**

The actives continue to have a great presence on campus! The end of the 2010-2011 academic year ended with a bang for the actives. The Turtles and Turtle Doves hosted their annual Playmate Party and formal dance at Radisson in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. From what they can remember, everyone seems to have had a great time.

Both the Turtles and Doves activated two more excellent pledge classes. The men activated 11 new brothers under the guidance of Johnny Michael. The Doves activated 14 new sisters under the direction of Sammy Jo Mahler. With pledge classes these, the Tau Sigma Chi will continue to grow and do great things at Carthage! At the close of the year the actives also worked at the graduation ceremony. They had the job of chauffeuring families to the various graduation events—on golf carts, what a tough job!

For this upcoming year, the actives will once again sell the famous Tau Sigma brats at homecoming and host the annual semi-formal dance. Also, they are in the process of creating a window cling to sell to actives and alumni—more details to come as they are made available.

### **Brofile Vladimir "Vlad" Bajic '92**

**Date of Graduation:** May 1992

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 1 daughter, 2 years old

**Occupation:** Software Developer in Chicago, IL

**Interests/Activities:** Tennis, Skiing, Good life

**Favorite Turtle Activity:** All beer involved parties and messing with pledges' minds

**Favorite Turtle Moment:** Converting a Kissing Rock into a Turtle my sophomore year, when we had no pledges

**Best Experience at Carthage:** Gonzo's 21st birthday and finding Eric wrapped like a mummy in Denhart's courtyard when pledging

**Worst Experience at Carthage:** No such thing

### **MONEY-MONEY-MONEEEEEEEEEEEY**

Ok, so it is not Pink Floyd; it is a feeble attempt to ask for your financial support.....again. Although the alumni association is non-profit, it does require funds to exist. As you can see from the Treasurers report, we are low on funds. Not nearly as bad as the USA as we still carry a AAA rating, but funds are low. Please consider making a small donation so that we can grow the Association. Every donation helps move us forward. Please send your donations to :

TEXAA c/o Randy DiVito 1805 W Shore Dr Delafield, WI 53018

Or you can go online and donate by going to <http://www.tausigmachi.org/> and click on the Paypal button at the lower left of the page. Thanks for your support.