

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2008



Calendar

Turtle Scholarship Golf Outing

Friday June 27th
Bristol Oaks Golf
Course

(Just west of I-94 and
Kenosha on Hwy 50)

Tee times start at
11:00a and spots are
limited.

Sign up now

Lake Michigan Fishing Outing

Saturday June 28th
Leaving Kenosha
Harbor at 5:00a. Limited
spots. Don't miss your
chance to catch the Big
One!

Homecoming 2008

Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 11th
Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

**Carthage Football
Game vs Elmhurst**
Starting at 1:00p

Turtles – Brewers Tailgate Party

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 10** when the TEX Alumni Association will re-institute a tradition from the late 1970's and early 1980's of the brothers gathering in the hallowed parking lot of Milwaukee County Stadium to partake of brats, beer, and Brewers baseball.

Back in those days the Brew Crew were still in the American League and battled the Chicago White Sox. And as my memory serves me, the Brewers won every one of those games during those years. Okay, so I may have killed a **few** brain cells along that way that might cloud those games. But I do fondly remember one game where Bill Faul wandered off in some kind of stupor and never returned – he watched the remainder of the game from the bleachers because he couldn't get back in the grandstands. But I digress.

This summer we are going to try it again, but of course the Brewers are in the National League now, so we are going to see them play the Washington Nationals, hopefully a game they have a chance to win. Ticket prices will be \$25 per person, and this will get you a game ticket and all the tailgate fixings. As in the past, if you want to drink water, you'll need to bring your own.

We'll be sending out a quick survey to gauge interest, so watch your email and let us know if you are interested. Hopefully we can get 20 guys out there. If we get over 100, we can knock off \$1.00 from our ticket price! Those Brewers are **very** generous.

A note from Don (Ace) Henderson, 1st Turtle President, 1956

This homecoming (October 10-12) will be the celebration of the 55th year of the Turtles. We are working with the Actives to have a great time which still includes the Casa Capri. Remember the dates -- seven months from now. BE THERE!!!

Brofiles have made it to TEXAA

Starting with this edition we're trying something new to get you reconnected with some of those old friends. Each newsletter we're hoping to post 'brother profiles' (Brofiles) which range from those who started the Turtles back in the 50's to our recent additions. I'm sure some of the names will be familiar but go ahead and read all of them. You'd be surprised at how well some of those old traditions have stuck with the Turtles or changed over the years. Frankly there are some cool new ones that are worth catching up on.

To get the ball rolling the TEXAA leadership group has written some articles. Once you've been 'tagged' it's your turn to contact someone within a year or two of your class and return the favor. Should be fun and enlightening. Read further on in this newsletter for our first installments.

Support the Cause

As we move into our fourth year we steadily chip away at getting our membership lists up to date and it's obvious we're reaching more and more brothers and sisters. Thanks to all of those that have donated to the Association in the past. As with any other organization funding is always a critical issue. When we started this group we wanted to make sure that being a Turtle (or Dove) was the only requirement but we also knew we'd need to count on the generosity of the fellowship to keep moving forward. While we make every effort to keep our outreach activities as cost effective as possible they do need some cash. Events like our annual Homecoming get together and the mailing of a couple of newsletters about wipes us out each year.

If everyone would donate a minimum of \$25 each year we'd have plenty of money to fund all our events as well as being able to fund some service projects for the college. Of course we'd never turn down any amount for those who feel philanthropic. Flip through this newsletter and you can see what the Association is up to. We need your help to continue the momentum and make TEXAA a viable organization. Please make your checks out to Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association and send it to:

Randy DiVito
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Delafield, WI 53018

Check out -
http://www.geocities.com/twh17/TEX_Home.html

2nd Try - Turtle Scholarship Golf Outing Friday June 27th Bristol Oaks starting 11am

Start of a great 'two for one' weekend off by hitting the links with some old (or new) friends before hitting the water Saturday for some fishing. The Alumni Association has made plans for a second try at our Turtle Scholarship Golf Outing. With a mid day start we're hoping you've got some time to get off work early and catch 18 holes of golf or if you're not so serious, some landscaping redesign. Of course they'll be some time after for a 19th hole drink or two and a cookout to finish the day off. Here's what the day will look like:

- Cost- \$80 (\$55 green fees/cart/food/participation gifts. \$25 scholarship fund)
- Signup- to reserve a spot for your team or yourself, drop Dave Narey an email at dnarey@broe.com or call his cell at 847.274.0007. Please make sure you sign up by June 14 so we can get a confirmed number to Bristol Oaks.
- Format- 4 Man Scramble. There are no 'golf ability' restrictions. Make a 4-some up with your Turtle bro's or with your other friends. Sign up as team or a single and we'll get you on a team. We've also got some 'skill' challenges and a 50/50 team skins game.

How to make a scholarship donation

You have two choices when making the scholarship part of the entry fee. If you want the donation to be tax deductible, make the check out to the Carthage College Scholarship Fund. If it doesn't matter to you, include the donation in the overall entry fee check. The same is true for hole sponsors.

Need to stay the night for the golf and/or fishing outing?

If you want to come in the night before or even stay Friday night here are a couple of hotels that are located at the corner of Hwy 50 and I-94.

Best Western Executive Inn
7220 - 122nd Ave Kenosha 262.857.7699
Country Inn & Suites of Kenosha
7011 - 122nd Ave Kenosha 262.857.3680
Days Inn
12121 - 75th St Kenosha 262.857.2311

Second Lake Michigan Fishing Charter Outing

Saturday June 28th Kenosha Harbor starting 5 am

For those of you that missed out on last year's event, we had mixed success. The "winning" boat occupied by Menter's Anglers boated 12 fish with the largest hitting the 12-pound mark. The other "loser" boat manned by Divito's Crew was skunked. Divito's Crew will try to reverse their embarrassing showing, while Menter's Anglers will attempt to successfully defend their title. Putting all of this friendly competition aside, the fishing charter is a great opportunity for all interested TEX alumni to spend quality time together reestablishing old friendships and creating new memories. We look forward to seeing you on the water followed by an afternoon of food and spirits at a local Kenosha establishment (TBD).

- Cost: \$150 (charter service/food/participation gifts)
- Donations: \$25 or more to scholarship fund welcome
- Signup: Give Jeff Menter a call at 262.857.9553 or jmenter@blackstoneconsulting.com to reserve your spot.
- Payment: Required by June 7.
- Format: 2 charter boats with the capability to accommodate 6 fishermen per boat. All fishing equipment will be provided by the charter service. The charter service will clean and package your fish for the ride home. Fishing licenses can be purchased on the boat for a nominal fee. There will likely be friendly competition and prizes for first fish, biggest fish, and most fish, as determined by the participants.

Additional Notes: We must cover the charter service fees whether we have 12 fishermen or not, so sign up for a great day on the water.

Anyone interested in having breakfast prior to the charter can meet at the Marina Gardens Restaurant located on 7th Avenue adjacent to the north end of the harbor.

For general lodging and scholarship donation information refer to the golf outing notes provided later in this newsletter.

"Mr. Turtle – The Founder" by Don (Ace) Henderson, 1st Turtle President

The Turtles was his idea based on an offshoot of an organization his brother belonged to in college. Larry Crone "The Orangeville Flash", "Crane", graduated from Carthage College in 1956 and went on to Rutgers University for his Doctorate in Plants Pathology which he received in Jan 1962. He worked at Lipton Tea Company in the research department at Hoboken, NJ for a short time and then started teaching at UW Whitewater in the fall of 1962. He spent the first three summers working for the Natural History Dept/Museum in Madison.

In 1967 Larry married his wife Susan who had a two year old son, Dan, from a previous marriage and Larry and Susan had two sons who are currently studying law-- John in Colorado and Andrew at Hamline University in St. Paul MN. Dan died in an avalanche accident at a ski resort in New Zealand in 1991. They are grandparents, two sons from John and one from Andrew. Larry joined the Masons and is active in the Shrine Band in Madison and also is involved in a band called the "Retro Swing Band." After a trip to Branson and buying a time share Larry and Sue are ready to do some traveling in the near future.

He hasn't had any contact with Turtles recently but is looking forward to the 55th Turtle Reunion at Homecoming this fall. (BE THERE!!!) Larry has good memories at Carthage College about Dr. Kibbe (Biology) and a great one about Dr. Brick (Band). After graduating he was walking with him and he asked Larry what he was going to do and put his arm around his shoulder and counseled him --teachers who care.

As we talked about our favorite Turtle memories, we had the same ones: The two southern Illinois (Anna) trips and the banquets we had (yes, there were restaurants in the Carthage IL area). Larry takes pride in knowing a great bunch of guys and is proud to be a Turtle.

As we signed off we invoked our old saying --- "A good time was had by all. Oh boy!!

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Ever Skinned a Griz Pilgram? By Kurt Lehrmann

After talking to Duane Menter '66 my mind immediately went to the movie 'Jeremiah Johnson' where Robert Redford was in a wilderness cabin and Will Geer running through with a Grizzly bear hot on his heels. After spending 34 years teaching junior high science in populated Buffalo Grove Illinois, Duane and his wife (who also taught kindergarten for 20 years) retired in 1999 and took off for the wild frontier of Colorado. Situated about 25 miles northeast of Durango outside the small town of Bayfield (pop 350 on a good day), they set up house at the end of Lakeview Drive. Picture a lake in the middle with mountains on both sides at 8000 feet above sea level. Beautiful, absolutely. Peaceful, no doubt. A sh... load of snow, you bet. Try 10 to 12 feet on average. A few years ago they braved 5 feet of snow in two days.

In his younger years he had the tough job of raising three kids all of which stayed in southeastern Wisconsin. This oldest was Jeff (also a Turtle I might add) who's an environmental consultant, Laura has given him two grandchildren and is taking temporary leave as a psychologist. Finally there's Steve who has three kids and is in the banking industry. His wife has two other children from another marriage, one working in Washington DC and the other on his second tour of duty in Bagdad Iraq.

Take a wild guess at what Duane's hobbies and interests are? No not shoveling snow or skinning griz so how does fishing, hunting and hiking strike you? This poor guy only averages fishing 5 days a week, 2 hours a day. I can just imagine the pristine trout streams however he's a 'spincaster', avoiding the frustration of fly fishing. Besides trout he fancies salmon and pike angling. He's also shot at more wild game than most people have seen outside a zoo. At least a couple of times a year he heads out with friends and Jeff when in the Midwest for whitetail deer, but has also found time for tracking bear and moose in Canada along with Elk and Caribou in the west. Due to an aging back he's cut down on the hiking but finds time to head out for short ventures with his wife who's an avid skier (works at Purgatory mountain).

Some of the guys he remembers most from those days on the old Illinois campus are his pledge father and roommate Bill Heffernan (unfortunately has passed away), Frank Miralgio '67, John Cimaroli '66 whose last known whereabouts was Libertyville IL, David Fink '65 and his younger Turtle brother Gary '67. There were also some great times with John Gavurnik who now lives in Texas. He'll also never forget the night they pimped Ken Hanson. Three of the six pledges grabbed him from his dorm room one night and went for a 'ride' to the country. They dropped Ken in the middle of nowhere without any pants (talk about hazing) but he made it safely home (at least that's what he heard). Because of the pimping he wasn't sure he'd get in the frat but I guess all went well. Some of the old events that meant a lot were the Greek Olympics (I know those continued into the 70's) and the keg parties (held off campus for obvious reasons). Duane also remember the Turtles having great intramural teams as many of the jocks were brothers.

Over the years the mid 60's Turtles have ventured to many corners of the states. He doesn't often hear from the alums but is excited about seeing the TEX alum group get together (unsolicited endorsement) so he can re-connect with old friends. Can't wait to hear who he picks to 'Brofile.'

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Lonesome Doves

That's right, they are lonesome and we want them to get involved in the TEXAA. They became an integral part of the fraternity in the 1980's and we want them to continue with that tradition as alumni. If you know of any Doves that are not getting this newsletter please send their contact information to Tim Hughes at thughes@mge.com. Also, we are looking for 2-3 Doves that would like to get involved with the planning/communication process. If interested contact Randy DiVito at rdivito@wi.rr.com.

Law and Order - By Jeff Menter

John is the son of one of the founding Turtles, Maurice Felton 57'. Although Maurice unfortunately passed away in May 2007, John and his younger brother Dan (also a Turtle 89' and my roommate) continue to bestow the great Turtle tradition.

After completing his studies at Carthage, John Felton '86 went on to get his law degree. No doubt this is most ambitious and impressive for a Turtle. While John was striving to achieve his law degree he married his Carthage sweetheart Kathy Semler and together they are raising two daughters. Kaylene is 13 and getting ready for high school and Rachael is not far behind at age 11. Although John is presently a successful attorney with Hinshaw & Culbertson in Elgin, Illinois, this does not mean he will represent you at your next DUI court appearance.

Career obligations, raising the children and going to family functions takes up most of John's time, but he still finds time to enjoy his passion for the outdoors. Besides fishing, John and a few high school buddies travel to Phillips, WI every November for the annual deer hunting season. They have not been very successful in bagging bucks, but as you know, it is not always getting a deer but the overall experience (drinking, strip clubs, card games). John also enjoys getting together with my pledge father Greg Zilinsky 87', who resides in West Chicago, IL. Both of their children are of similar ages allowing them to spend many hours together with the kids at little league games.

Some of the guys he remembers most from his Turtle days are his roommate Jeff Sparks 86' (last known residence in Marinette, WI) and Tom Nachtigal 87' (last known residence in Winona, MN). A couple of memorable incidents that come to mind was the time they drove Dan's car through the fencing at the football field and onto the track. They were doing laps (in total darkness) until they hit a few hurdles causing enough commotion to get the attention of the rent-a-cops who ultimately chased them off campus. Keep in mind that there was no drinking involved in this late night athletic event. Another fond memory was the time Sparks filled the dorm room with hay to host a "hay" party. Sparks soon found out that he had bad allergies and could not sleep in the room. Not a well thought out plan. Again, no drinking was involved in the preparation of this event.

Some of the old traditions that meant a lot were the "Bone" and "Nose" weekly sexual and stupid awards, Casino Night (pledge party), Turtle Keg parties, and great intramural teams.

John is excited about seeing the TEX alum group putting together social events like the fishing and golf outings and Brewers game. He believes this is a great way for us to re-connect with old friends.

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TEXAA Treasurers Report 3/9/2008

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$985.49</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Alum dues	\$580.00	
Total income		<u>\$580.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Printing/mailling Alumni newsletter	\$491.54	
Homecoming event	\$355.00	
Maintenance fees	\$38.00	
Total expenses		<u>\$882.54</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>		<u>\$682.95</u>

Sean Fitzgerald – The Life After by Tim Hughes, '76

Sean Fitzgerald is living and breathing proof that there is life after getting a Philosophy degree from Carthage College (Heh, I kind of know all about this – I have a History degree from Carthage!) Sean was President of the Turtles during the 1995-1996 year. He fondly remembers the whole rock-painting thing, and reminisces about this with his Squire friends in the Fox Valley, who pledged that other fraternity at the same time Sean was pledging Tau Sigma Chi.

Sean came to Carthage from the Wausau area, graduating from D.C. Everest High School. Following graduation from Carthage he was hired as a cub reporter for the Rhinelander newspaper. I asked him if he took any journalism courses at Carthage and he said no, the newspaper was the only place that would hire him with a Philosophy degree from Carthage.

But Sean took to journalism, or vice versa, because he spent the next several years working at several papers throughout Wisconsin. And in 2002 he decided to start his own magazine publishing company in the Fox Valley, B2B Business Magazines. He started four regional business magazines by age 30, two of which are currently owned by B2B. He has plans to expand the business in the near future.

Sean sits on several boards for economic development, social service, civic and arts groups in the Valley.

Although he kind of lost touch with Turtles from his era, there is some email exchanges every few years. This past summer, his Carthage roommate, Jim Smigo got married so a group of the brothers got together to send Jim off and hope to maintain contact. Sean also hopes the refurbished TEX Alumni Association will keep this communication going.

Sean spends some of his free time camping and kayaking, and since he lives on Lake Winnebago, he often is out on the water. Although single, he said possible marriage plans may be in the works (NOTE TO SEAN – don't let your girlfriend see this newsletter!).

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