

# Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2009



## Calendar

### Turtle Golf

Friday June 12th  
Bristol Oaks Golf  
Course

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

Tee times start at  
11:00a. Get your 4some  
ready.

Sign up now

### Brewer Tailgate and Game

Sunday August 12th  
Miller Park- Milwaukee

### Homecoming 2009

#### Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 3rd  
Casa Capri (Louies)  
Starting at 11:00a

**Carthage Football  
Game vs IL Wesleyan**  
Starting at 1:00p

## Turtles – Brewers Tailgate Party

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 16 when the TEX Alumni Association will continue the 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.

Last summer we had a pretty good turnout for our first attempt at firing up this tradition, and we decided to try once again. This year's game is scheduled for Sunday, August 16 and we'll be watching the Brewers play the Houston Astros, and who knows, maybe they'll be in the thick of a pennant race.

It's too early to set any prices, but we'll try to keep the cost reasonable. We'll provide the main entree (prime rib? pheasant under glass? McDonald's burgers?) and chips, etc. and you'll be responsible for bringing along anything you want to drink. More information will follow.

If you know you'll be interested, shoot me an email and I'll get you on the list.

Tim

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## Old Bone

Remember the 'Battered Bone'? Maybe you were one of the many recipients! In all honesty I don't know when it first came to be but we certainly have had fun with it over the years. If anyone knows when the first bone was given, drop us a note. But that's not the real reason for this article. It's time to announce a new generation of missteps called the 'Old Bone.' It's only fitting to call them Old as we revisit those times when some of us pulled some classic moves. I'm sure just the mention of the bone brings up two or three stories so here's the two fold challenge.

- Check out the 'Old Bone' in this newsletter and see if you can figure out who dun it. We'll even give a clue by providing a year range. The honored owner will be presented on our website as well as the next newsletter.
- Send us your best bone. Of course let us know who it was and when it happened (there's got to be some advantage to writing the newsletter).

Simple isn't it? Time to wake up the old brain cells and start grinning. By the way we're still taking nominations for Cheek of the Week.

## Cash is Good

I know your stocks have taken a beating and retirement just took a flying leap so it's probably not a good time to ask for money.... Says who?

Brotherhood is thicker than money and we need cash like everyone else to keep the Turtle alumni association moving forward. To show the leadership teams commitment, we've all taken a 99% pay cut as well as cancelling our golden shell retirement plans. Now it's your turn. While we'd never turn down a large donation, \$20 goes a long way to keep our group connected. If you can throw a few bucks our way it would be greatly appreciated.

Send your donations to:

Randy DiVito  
1805 W Shore Dr  
Delafield, WI 53018

Check out -  
[http://www.geocities.com/twh17/  
TEX\\_Home.html](http://www.geocities.com/twh17/TEX_Home.html)

## Turtle Golf Outing

Friday June 12th Bristol Oaks starting 11am

OK some of us take golf too seriously but that's not allowed the Turtle golf outing. We started last year with a small group of bro's from the mid 70's and we managed our way around the course telling old stories and laughing about those college days. Oh yes we had a couple of beer to go along with the golf. That original group isn't going to let this die so they're back again this year for a repeat but of course they're looking for some more duffers. We know it's a lot more fun when you're with bro's that you went to school with so we've got the invitation out for those who claimed to be going to classes in the mid 70's. With a name like Divit, how can you say no or will Freddy Curtis or Bill Faul step up to the tee? Hey what about you others out there? Why not take the lead and get your own 4-some going. Start a tradition!

- Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00a tee off.
- Bristol Oaks Hwy 50, west of I-94.
- Cost - \$45 greens fees and cart.
- Sign up with Dave Narey at 847.274.0007 or david\_narey@sbcglobal.net or Kurt Lehrmann at 262.880.2447 or kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com
- Format – full contact stroke play (no clipping please)

## TEXAA Association Update

I can't believe we've been at this for 5 years already! What started out as an idea at a Homecoming game a few years ago is starting to gain some traction. I think we've found a home in the fall for our pre-game get together, continuing a tradition started by Eric many years ago. I hope we continue to build it well beyond his dreams. We seem to have a hit with our late summer Brewer tailgate. The feedback on the newsletter has been good and I'm excited about the opportunities ahead as we work on our web presence. I wish we could get some more donations but so far we're keeping it in the black thanks to the generosity of a few brothers.

Some of our latest initiatives include the reconnection with the Doves who've been a huge part of the Turtles success for the last twenty years. We also are making some inroads on finding missing brothers from the early 90's as well as getting graduating seniors to link up with the alumni association. I can't help but think we're on the right track and someday we'll see this organization as the backbone of the Turtle brotherhood.

## Homecoming 2008 Review

Homecoming 2008 was quite the event. Starting at 10am at Casa Capri and going to the wee hours of the morning. At least that is what the young "bucks" told us old "farts"! The day started at Casa Capri and as always the Stella family did an outstanding job of hosting our event. There were up to 50 people there at any given time, dating from the original founders up to recent graduates. The word is starting to get out, if you are a Turtle or Dove alum and go to homecoming, just stop by Casa Capri the morning of and there will be a P-A-R-T-Y. Half the fun is figuring out who the heck that "aged" person is walking thru the door. Turns out.....it might be your pledge brother or sister! Beer, food and embellished stories were plentiful and everyone had a raucous time.

Before, during and after the football game the Turtles and Doves were selling brats at the south end of the field. Many alumni Turtles gathered, had a couple and hoisted a few beers while renewing old times.

After the football game we went to the Turtle Banquet for a cocktail hour and dinner. There were eight founders and first initiates, Warren "Diskie" Diskerud, Tom "Horse" Lisle, Larry "Crane" Crone, Gerry (JJ) Johnson, Don "Jawge" George and their wives plus singles Ken "Frog" Gohr, Mark "Psycho" Wild and myself. Another founder, Ken "Gorsk" Gorsky was at homecoming and was with his wife at her 50th class dinner along with fellow Turtles Ellsworth "Waukie" Freyer, Herb Reed, and Clayton Diskerud (59).

The actives and Doves did a great job on celebrating the 55th year of the Turtles. They were attentive to us "Old Farts" and loved to hear our stories about the first years of Turtledom. We gave them explanations of our Turtle names and serenaded them with the rouser and anthem. They in turn gave us the up to date modern version.

We were presented with an engraved pen and wooden case saying "Tau Sigma Chi 55th Reunion" as a memento of the event.

Thanks to them for a great evening. A good time was had by all --- OH BOY!!!

This year, come home. Be that "aged" person that walks thru the door and surprises the people that you pledged with. Put it on your calendar now Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009, Casa Capri and tell a fellow alum you plan on being there!

## Old Bones

(circa 1955-60) In my Freshman year, about noon, I invited my girl friend into the men's dorm -- Memorial Hall -- I think that's the name. Got caught. Went before student board and a faculty board. Given psychological test and a year's probation. Result -- my nickname for life.

(circa 1955-60) A bunch of us ought to go together and discuss the attempt to bury Kissing Rock. How we meet at Dr. Morgan and he gave us the idea as to how we could just dig around the outside and slowly sink it into the ground. All we accomplished was tilting it. Little did we know that prior to our tilting it, the county had surveyed the road and using the rock as a guide line. When they later fixed the road, they really screwed up given the change in the position of the rock and the result was flooding in the rains thereafter. Who are we?

(circa 1972-77) I was a love struck young pup that had a little too much to drink. After leaving my sweetheart at her dorm, I did the only thing any self respecting man about town would do on the way back to their room. I pissed her name in the snow and of course had to call her from the dorm hall phone to let her know of my handy work.

**Gerald (Jerry) Johnson**  
**Turtle Name – JJ**  
**A Founding Member of TEX**  
**By Larry Crone**

The son of a dentist, Jerry Johnson was born and grew up in Anna, Illinois. He graduated from Anna High School in 1952. Among his high school classmates were Bill Trees (TEX founder), Linda McCree (Carthage alumna), and Farris Johnson (his present wife who also has an early TEX connection). Jerry attended Washington Univ. in St Louis in 1952-53 and transferred to Carthage in the fall of 1953. He attended Carthage till January 1955. During his days at Carthage his roommates were Bill Trees, Larry Crone, and Don George. During his first semester at Carthage, while rooming with Trees and Crone, Tau Sigma Chi was conceived and born on the night of October 7, 1953. He was a founding member of the fraternity and has been a member since.

In January 1955 Jerry was involved in a car accident, causing him serious back injury and resulting in his having to use knee braces on both legs ever since. JJ had to remain out of school for all of 1955. He then enrolled in S. Ill. Univ. before entering Vanderbilt Law School in 1956. He graduated from Vanderbilt in 1959 with a J.D. Jerry passed the Illinois and Missouri bar exams that year and moved to Cape Girardeau, MO – the home of Rush Limbaugh. (for some reason Jerry wanted to be sure I was aware of this fact) He practiced law there for 47 years, retiring in 2006.

Along the way Jerry married his first wife, Joyce, in 1956. They became the proud parents of three sons: John (now 50) a pathologist in Herrin, Ill.; Joe (48) an accountant in St. Louis; and Jason (46) a lawyer and presently a civil engineer with IDOT. Jerry's wife, Joyce, died in 2005. He then married his present wife, Farris, in July 2006. They reside in Houston, Texas.

Farris, as was mentioned earlier, had an early connection with TEX. On the Turtles first spring break trip to Anna, Ill. in 1954, Farris is seen in four pictures taken in Anna at that time. In one picture she is standing next to JJ – in the other three she appears to be more attracted to another Turtle. (See the Tau Sigma Chi history as compiled and written by Bill Trees)

When asked what were some of his best memories of TEX, Jerry mentioned – the “Augustana Raid”(which was not an official function), the two spring trips to his hometown with the Turtles, and the visit from his brother Turtles while he was confined to the hospital in St. Louis after his accident. Jerry attended his first official Turtle function since 1955 when he returned for homecoming this past October – 2008. We hope to see him and Farris at many future activities.

**The Doves are Flying!**

The Turtle Doves have been very active as of late. They are working on getting their list of alumni updated with the help of Carthage. This will help in getting the word out to the Dove alumni as to what activities the TEXAA has going on. Carthage has finally recognized the Doves as an official organization on campus, allowing them to have their own floor in the opposite wing that the Turtles are in. The painting is beginning this semester and then we can begin knocking down the bathroom stalls the following semester!

In keeping with the Turtle tradition, the Doves are busy giving back to the community. They are volunteering in the Relay for Life, a fundraiser for cancer research. In addition to that they are involved with the Aids gala, which is a fundraiser for aids research.

Special thanks to Ashley Pich, the outgoing President of the Doves. She has been a big help getting the alumni list updated. Hey Ashley, you have a place to land as a Turtle Dove alum. It is called the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association. All Dove alum are invited to participate in the activities discussed throughout this newsletter. Please let your fellow Dove alum know what is happening and get them to show as well. Let the games begin!

### Alumni Updated

- Sad news to report. Don Lahti '68 passed away since our last newsletter.
- Carl Obert is recuperating in FL. Give him a call at 352-753-5518 or drop an email at [carljanho@yahoo.com](mailto:carljanho@yahoo.com)

### TEXAA Treasurers Report 3/9/2008

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$641.70</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Alum dues	\$465.00	
Total income		<u>\$465.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Printing/mailing Alumni newsletter	\$310.00	
Homecoming event	Craig Deaton paid for event	
Maintenance fees	\$ .00	
Total expenses		<u>\$310.00</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>		<u>\$796.60</u>

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### **Lost and Found**

We need your help!! We've been hunting high and low for these guys and we're running out leads. We even found out that Carthage has a two Turtles listed as a Sig and a Buff! Have you seen or heard from any of these people? Email Tim Hughes at [twh17@yahoo.com](mailto:twh17@yahoo.com) if you've got some information.

Advisor Barton, Richard  
Advisor Brick, Samuel  
19?? McCormack, Nick  
1962 Diaz-Santana, Elroy  
1964 Deetjen, Donald  
1964 Loos, James  
1965 Strehlow, William  
1966 Van Delft, Wayne  
1974 Herbert, Guy  
1980 Carpenter, Mark  
1980 Matthews, Rich  
1980 Tobias, Randy  
1981 Paulson, Ken  
1984 Diemer, Steve  
1986 Chippeauz, Daniel  
1986 Lovell, John (listed as a Tau Sig on Carthage alum site?)  
1986 Mitchell, Willie  
2002 Hayhurst, Scott (listed as Tau Delta Psi on Carthage alum site)

Special thanks to Jeremy Hanna for publishing and mailing our newsletter. Check out the TEXAA website for links to old newsletters. If you're interested in writing an article or have an interesting Brofile or Old Bone you'd like to submit, contact any of the Leadership Team members.

Check out the alumni website at  
[http://www.geocities.com/twh17/TEX\\_Home.html](http://www.geocities.com/twh17/TEX_Home.html)