## **Geoff DeLucca**

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Ahhh yes. Who can forget that young man walking down the hall with that long flowing blond hair? Yup, that was Dave "Evad" Ittel, the guy next to him with the huge 'fro was Ahps. And huge it was. Picture this, a 3 foot wide Brillo pad with legs and a cigarette .that was Ahps! Unfortunately time has dealt a cruel blow! The "pad is sad" and is no longer. Instead of looking like a member of Kool and the Gang, he now closely resembles Yul Brenner or Michael Jordan!

Geoff is a 1981 graduate of Carthage and is a General Manager for Food for Thought. He married his college sweetheart Paula and they have one child Nick. Nick is going to the University of Minnesota with a double major of Astro Physics and Aerospace Engineering. It is obvious in this situation that the genius gene was passed down from the mother's side! Nice job Paula!

Ahps' first remembers being exposed to the Turtles in August of '76 as an incoming freshman. He saw us as a bunch of fun, regular guys with no cliques. He felt we had the coolest floor, no doubt due to the number of fans in our rooms! The turning point for him; when he realized he was born to be a Turtle was when he saw my pledge brother, Cal Korpela urinate on my refrigerator during a party in my room. Boy, if seeing that does not endear you to an organization I don't know what will!

There were many aspects of being a Turtle that stick out. The Muscular Dystrophy Marathons, the sense of community we created, the Us versus "Them" atmosphere, and of course Eric's homecoming party's.

His most memorable experience while at Carthage? Being the fine student Ahps was you would assume it would have something to do with his academic prowess; but nooooooooo. It was the first Kamikaze party they threw. Apparently they thought it would be fun to replace the American flag with the Japanese flag on Pearl Harbor Day! Geeeez, and you wonder how that Us versus "Them" was started!