

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 rentacops 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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