

Bro-File - R. Sean Fitzgerald, Class of 1996

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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 a Squire friend, 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.

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 currently has four business magazines in publication with plans to expand the business in the near future.

Sean sits on several boards for economic development, and community 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, and this past summer, his Carthage roommate, Jim Smigo got married so a group of the brothers got together 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 very close to Lake Winnebago, he often is out on the water. Although single, he said possible marriage plans may in the works (NOTE TO SEAN – don't let your girlfriend see this newsletter!).