

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association – TEXAA

September 2019



HOMECOMING 2019 - Turtle 66th October 12, 2019

We will have our usual get together at the Casa Capri at 10 a.m. on Saturday and our annual meeting at 11 a.m. We do not have a sponsor yet and are looking for a Turtle, or a group of Turtles, to step forward to pick up the cost. It usually runs \$450 to \$500. Please contact anyone on the Executive Board.

This year we are celebrating the Class of 1969 - 50 years. It was a large class of 20 led by their President James Barsch. It also had a brother of one of the Founders, James Roessler (Carl - The Chief).

We also are looking for suggestions for our 70th anniversary (2023). Not too early to think about it so let us know.

See you at Homecoming! "A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL, OH BOY!"

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956 1st Turtle President

Calendar

Homecoming

October 12, 2019

Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Looking for a sponsor!

Annual TEXAA Mtg & Elections

11:00a

Carthage vs Carroll University

Starting at 1:00p

Active's party at
2061 Sheridan Rd
Starting after the Game

Turtles Struggling with New Liability Insurance Requirement

About a month ago the Turtles and Doves were notified that they would be required to secure group liability insurance by October 1 of this year if they expect to retain their charter. Our Association was just made aware of the requirement and has just started to look into it. Information is a bit sketchy but it appears that all local Greek organizations will need to secure insurance or sign into a group policy brokered by Carthage. It doesn't apply to Nationals as they carry liability insurance. We're checking if it also applies to all other Carthage groups. While it's a group policy the premium would be spread out over all individuals effected, regardless of group size. Current estimates are \$125-\$150 per member. The roll out of this new policy was very poorly handled, in my view, and certainly the Turtle and Dove Presidents are very confused and rightfully concerned that this could drive membership away from many valuable organizations.

Join us in contacting President Swallow, members of the Carthage Board of Trustees and of course other alums, in asking that the College put the brakes on. Our hope is that this new policy would be put on hold until next fall to allow time for Carthage to meet with campus student leaders to sift through the what and why of their decision. Consequently this provides time for those leaders to go back to their organizations and plan their future with a potentially large financial obligation. This will be a good indicator on how much Carthage really values all that Greeks do as Actives and Alumni.

Annual Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) Meeting

Casa Capri Restaurant October 12th 11:00am

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 12th at 11:00am at Casa Capri restaurant at 2129 Birch Road Kenosha, WI for our annual Alumni Association meeting (always the Saturday of Homecoming). Don't forget we start things off with our regular reception at 10:00am.

Not sure you're a voting member? According to our constitution, "Any person who is either an alumnus, honorary, or good-standing member of Tau Sigma Chi or Tau Sigma Chi Turtle Doves Fraternity" is a member. Send an email to someone who is attending or to Kurt Lehrmann (agenda on page 3) granting your proxy vote and to whom it was granted. Hope to see you there.

PRESIDENTS OF THE TURTLE DOVES

We recently launched an effort to identify the Past Presidents of the Turtle Doves and update our roster database accordingly. We sent out a mass email and got a good response, although several of the Doves suggested that their memories may not be quite accurate (brain cells killed by alcohol?). Anyway, here is the list as compiled so far. If you see any discrepancies or if you can fill in any of the gaps, please contact Tim Hughes '76, at twhughes17@gmail.com.

Year	First	Last		Year	First	Last
1986-87	Amberly	Farber		2010-11	Brianne	Birsa
1998-99	Jerilyn	Weiss (Wruck)		2011-12	Kali	Pedersen
2004-05	Kendra	Will		2012-14	Ember	McCoy
2005-06	Emily	Fox		2014-15	Alexis	Kingery
2006-07	Sara	Smith		2016-17	Tara	Selesky
2007-08	Carolyn	Kelly (Castro)		2017-18	Anna	Thomsen
2008-09	Ashley	Pich		2018-19	Tara	Smith
2009-10	Michelle	Mulhall				

Actives Update and Homecoming Plans

This past summer was the first annual SPARK Summer Camp. A two night/three day STEM educational camp for seventh and eighth-grade girls. This camp was founded by recent Dove graduate Hannah Skendziel with help from Carthage College Neuro-science professor Dr. Cook-Synder. The three-day camp was led by multiple members of Tau Sigma Chi. Jocelyne Sanchez '19, Kate Janes '21, Rachel Roschi '20, and Sonja Katt '21 all participated as counselors and led relevant science workshops. Jordan Tallman '19 worked on the graphics for the camp while Shae Taylor '21 ran all social media platforms for the non-profit.

With the help from other dedicated Carthage Students and all of the support from Tau Sigma Chi alumni and active members, the first SPARK summer camp was a complete success. Thirty local middle school girls got a tremendous pro-bono science career-driven experience. SPARK's plans for next summer are already underway, and Tau Sigma Chi is excited and ready for the second annual SPARK Summer Camp.

Homecoming weekend this year is October 11-13th. The annual Tau Sigma Chi homecoming Brat sale will be October 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We ask the alumni to stop by our booth and enjoy a brat! The Homecoming parade this year will begin at 11 a.m. down campus drive and end in the Oaks circle. Alumni who wish to mingle with current Turtle and Dove actives are welcomed to stop by the home of nine actives who will be hosting a Homecoming soiree at 2061 Sheridan Road. We hope to see you there!

Antoine Givens '20 and Madi Anderson '20

Our website and Facebook pages are still out there. If you haven't already, go out to www.tausigmanchi.org and add your email address to the "Subscribe to Blog Via Email" form on the right side of the page.

Anytime we update the website (don't worry - it's not too often) you'll receive an email with a link to the website article. And check out our Facebook group page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Turtlealum/> - it's another great way to keep in touch!

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**65th Blanket and Travel
Mug Still Available**

Still want to get your hands on a commemorative 65th Tau Sigma Chi branded stadium blanket or a travel mug? We still have a few of those items available so drop Kurt Lehrmann a line or pick one up at Homecoming.

The Association has been kicking around the idea of having some etched glass mugs but the cost (appx \$50) is a concern. If we can get 10 or more people interested it's something we could move forward on. Let us know if you're interested or have any other ideas for special merchandise or attire we can offer.

Show your Turtle and Turtle Dove spirit and help support the men and women of Tau Sigma Chi!

**Composite Picture
Annual Fundraiser**

Once again this year we're working on supporting the Actives in purchasing the large annual composite picture that hangs on the Turtle floor. With some generous donations carried over from last year and some new support we hope to collect funds for future year purchases as well. It goes without saying that this is an important piece in tracking our heritage over the years and provides a noticeable recruiting tool as non-Greek residents walk the floors. As alums there will always be a great amount of pride walking the halls and viewing the composites, thinking of the rich history each of us helped to create.

Our goal is to raise \$500 through donations to pay for the photo shoot and the large composite. Actives pay for their own copies. Please send your check made out to **Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association** with "**Composite**" written in the memo area and mail it to:

Harry Flanagan
1024 Oaktree Trail, Lake Villa, IL 60046

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Board of Trustees Report

There are two open positions on the board of trustees this year. If you have the time and ability to serve we would appreciate the help. The time commitment is minimal as the board is charged with overseeing the organization, but the day to day operation of the TEX Alumni Association is handled by the executive board which has done a great job.

We are still looking for fundraising ideas so if you have any please get them to me or any of the other members of the board or executive committee. Remember we are a 501(c)(3) so there are tax advantages to supporting the TEX Alumni Association.

I continue to serve on the President's Advisory Council on Greek life. I believe President Swallow is committed to preserving the Greek system at Carthage and strengthening it. This year they have required Greek organizations to carry liability insurance and came up with an insurance plan through the college which was affordable. I will provide updates as additional changes are made or ideas presented. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or ideas for improving the organization.

Your Brother, John Felton

Turtle Actives Making a Difference this Summer

The summer treated the Tau Sigma Actives very well as they worked very hard to further their professional careers. An abbreviated list of where some actives worked this summer includes; U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar's office, two Illinois State Senate offices, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, Milwaukee PBS, Gartner, and The Fund for the Public Interest. We would like to focus on two actives who did incredible work this past summer:

Marco Binotti. Turtle active and Chairman of the Social Board. Marco was one of 185 interns worldwide. He was awarded the intern spotlight by his manager, tied for first place in a Shark Tank competition with a small team of interns, and received the top intern bonus. Gartner is the World's leading IT, Research, and Advisory company. Marco is a senior and a Marketing and Management major.



Lauren Patt. Dove secretary. Lauren worked at as a mental health specialist at Allendale Association. She worked with boys ages 16-19 who had cognitive and regulatory disabilities. These boys lived at a group home where they were sent to learn essential life skills so that they could be moved back into their communities and adapt to day to day life. Lauren is a senior and a Psychology and Neuroscience double major.



MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association Board of Trustees:

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As of this writing, we are currently tracking 772 Actives and Alumni. The breakdown is 566 Turtles/206 Turtle Doves. Our main point of contact is by email - we have 484 email addresses. If you're seeing this via some other means than email, notify me so I can update your email or find out why you're not receiving it.

During the past year we lost three (3) brothers. If there are others lost from 2019 please let us know.

- 1968 - Wayne Rosentrater
- 1971 - John Franklin
- 1971 - Jerry Fair

Tim Hughes '76

John "Jay" Franklin (1949-2019)

John B. "Jay" Franklin - 69
10/24/1949 - 4/10/2019

John B. "Jay" Franklin, 69, lifelong area resident, died Wednesday April 10, 2019 in his own bed in his own home with his children by his side. Born October 24, 1949 in Oregon, the son of John W. and Patricia (Hilger) Franklin. Jay was a graduate of Oregon High School and Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. He was associated with Bemis Motor Co. in Oregon and Byron for nearly 50 years, lastly as owner/operator and continued dealing with cars after retiring. Jay enjoyed hiking, nature and learning history and had a passion for travel, especially to Arizona. Survived by his mother, Pat Franklin of Oregon; son, Andrew Franklin of Byron; daughters, Whitney Franklin and Maddie Franklin, both of Byron; brother, Todd (Lori) Franklin of Camdenton, MO; and sister, Leslie (David) Sadowski of Milwaukee, WI. Predeceased by his father.



FOUNDERS MATCHING PROGRAM

I'm excited to report that the "Fathers" fundraising total has reached \$2,100.00. We are having discussions about utilizing the money as an emergency loan fund but our goal remains to provide scholarship funding to deserving Carthage students. Keep those donations coming in. Thanks to all you Turtles who contributed!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Looking for Group Pictures

Do you enjoy seeing some of the old and new pictures in the newsletter? Dig through those pictures and send them in. It's always fun to see who's changed the most. Don't forget to send in the names too as our memories sometime fade. Already on Facebook? Post it there too!



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*We are an official IRS
501c3 Non-Profit
Organization.*

*All your donations are
tax deductible.*

Were the Turtles around in the 1920s? Those Preps in the article sure sound like the Founders in 1953. We brought the school spirit up with all of our outrageous events we created and we had plenty of social outings too plus three years in first place in the intramural football program.

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Loud, loyal 'Preps' had the run of the place

For most incoming students, the college experience starts when they set foot on campus as freshmen. Early in the College's history, however, the Carthage College Academy provided younger students with a taste of college life.

Founded in 1870, the Academy opened on the new campus in Carthage, Illinois. Initially designed strictly as a gateway to the College, it featured a two-year course of study divided into Preparatory and Sub-Freshman classes.

Its popularity soon warranted a third, and, as the 20th century dawned, President Frederick L. Sigmund announced the Academy would become a full four-year program. In 1908, it earned accreditation from the University of Illinois, becoming the first accredited private academy in the state.

The Academy's goals expanded along with its size. Its dual purpose is described in the 1924 *Crimson Rambler* yearbook: to provide preparation "sufficient in quality and quantity to admit a student to any college or university" and to give those unable to attend college "as much training and culture as is possible in four years of secondary school work."

Besides the surrounding communities, the Academy drew students from larger cities like Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and Milwaukee. Like the College, the preparatory school was co-ed; 10 of the 12 members of its freshman class in 1922-23 were women.

Students had access to the Carthage's faculty and facilities, resources that certainly weren't available to their counterparts in standard secondary schools. Those who passed through the Academy also maintained a strong alumni association.

The "Preps," as upperclassmen nicknamed them, gained a reputation for frequent social outings. While the collegians viewed the younger campus dwellers as a loud and rambunctious lot,



They may not look like teens, but this was the 1907 senior class at the Carthage College Academy.

the Preps pleaded guilty only to having a healthy supply of "pep." Academy students' loyalty and school spirit were unquestioned, as they cheered from the sidelines at sporting events.

They started their own literary society, newspaper, and sports program, although many were called up to compete alongside the collegians in debate and athletics. Some varsity teams were primarily stocked with Preps.

In "The Miracle of Carthage," longtime president Harold H. Lentz described the College's reliance on the preparatory program. He wrote that "there were many years when the total enrollment was either kept respectable or made economically feasible [sic] only because of a large enrollment in the Academy."

By 1927, however, Academy enrollment dwindled to single digits as demand for such programs waned nationwide. Facing high overhead costs, officials chose to discontinue it.

While the Preps never made it to the Kenosha campus, vestiges of preparatory education remain. Between 8 and 12 high school students take classes at Carthage each term through Wisconsin's Early College Credit Program, chipping away at credit requirements for high school, college, or both.

The benefits listed on the program's website — an edge in the college application process, use of campus resources like the Hedberg Library, and "a taste of the college life" — practically match the ones Academy principal Emily Pennock touted in 1924.

2019-20 Turtle and Dove Executive Boards: Advisor – Prof Matt Zorn

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TEXAA Association Update

With the 65th in the rear view mirror the board can refocus plans on building the Alumni Association. One of our major pushes in the upcoming year is working on getting complete lists of all former Turtle and Dove Presidents. Actually we've got the Turtles down but we're missing a number of Doves especially those who graduated ten or more years ago. Our hope is to contact those Presidents and find points of contact for each year or several so we can get better connected. Tracking the Doves down will be more of a challenge because of name changes but with a point of contact we're hoping we can put a big dent in that.

We are also trying to utilize some electronic tools to check out our email penetration. While we have several hundred email addresses it's impossible to know how many of those are actually being viewed by members. We get the obvious failure notices when an address goes bad but what we don't know is what happens after it reaches the email server. Our guess is a number of the notes go into a spam or trash folder and never get seen. Of course you can help out by letting us know if you change your address and don't hesitate to send us the names and emails of those brothers and sisters you communicate with.

We continue to stay connected with Actives and attend 2-4 meetings a year to see how things are going. In our meeting last fall the mood regarding Greeks on campus had definitely improved and the Turtles had signed off on new Residence Life rules as they relate to Greeks. Fortunately for the Actives they are the largest and best organized group so compliance should not be a problem. Do check out their article in this newsletter as well as John Felton's as he's serving on the Presidents Alumni Council on Greek Life. Finally it's important to note that we're working with a few of the Actives who are work studies in the Carthage alumni office to cross check our membership records with theirs. In the future we hope to utilize their mailing services for key events and fundraising activities that benefit both the College and the Turtles.

It's hard to believe that we've reached our 4th year of non-profit status as a tax deductible organization. If you saw the Treasurer's report we're starting to get some funds built up, especially in the Founding Father Fund, and now need to get plans in place on how best to manage it. We will continue to support the Actives by purchasing the composite picture that hangs in the Turtle dorm hallway, assist in fundraising for the MDA and should they continue with their summer SPARK program, help support the young women looking at STEM careers.

Finally I'm bummed to report that Chris Steenrod will be stepping down from the Exec Board this fall after a number of years. As his career and family kicks into high gear he's running out of time in the day. Special thanks go out to him for his help in getting our Constitution correctly written and in establishing our online Turtle apparel program utilizing CustomInk and Booster. Both of those will continue to be a big help to us in the future. This is also a good time to solicit help from any Turtles or Doves who are interested in advancing the Turtles. The organization meant so much for many of us while we attended Carthage and this is a way to make sure that opportunity exists for those now attending the College.

Kurt Lehrmann '75

Financial Report (thru 7/31/19)

Beginning Balance	Revenue	\$ 250.00	Expenses	\$ 250.00	Ending Balance
\$5869.03	SPARK camp donations		SPARK camp contribution		\$5869.03

Keep the 'Shell' Alive- Donate Today

We can always use your financial help. Please send your **tax-deductible** checks made out to TEXAA to:

Harry Flanagan
1024 Oaktree Trail
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Questions????
Send to rdivito53018@
yahoo.com

Obituary for Wayne Rosentrater

Wayne Rosentrater, age 74 of DeMotte, passed away Friday, April 19, 2019 in Murray, Kentucky. He was born May 30, 1944 in Montreal, Canada, the son of Philip and Jean (Grant) Rosentrater.

After graduating high school, Wayne attended Carthage College where he earned his Bachelors degrees in Biology and Chemistry. He was employed as a supervisor for Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights from which he retired. Wayne enjoyed nature, planting gardens, and bird watching. He also liked watching sports of all kinds.

Wayne is survived by his children: David Rosentrater of Merrillville, IN; Tracey (David) Tiemens of DeMotte, IN; 7 grandchildren.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Mila Hardy, and brother: Donald Rosentrater.



Composite Picture Donation



TauSigmaChi.org

Although we don't see a lot of traffic on our site, it is another important means of communication, and a good repository of our history (newsletters, composite photos, rosters, etc.).

Our future plans for our website include combining the Alumni and Actives websites into one. A recent grad, Jonah Larson, is going to help out with this project, so that if you go to www.tausigmachi.org, you will get the full picture of all upcoming events and business involving your fraternity, actives and alumni.

Please direct any questions to Tim Hughes, '76 at email twhughes17@gmail.com



CARTHAGE
COLLEGE

July 16, 2019

Mr. Kurt Lehmann
President
Tau Sigma Chi
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Dear Kurt and Tau Sigma Chi:

On behalf of the Carthage community, I would like to thank you for your recent gift to Carthage College. Our records show that we received a gift of \$250.00 on July 9, 2019, which will be designated for the SPARK Summer Camp.

Your generous contribution enables us to provide students with the exceptional instruction, first-class facilities, and remarkable faculty that have become synonymous with a Carthage education. The impact of your gift ripples throughout the community when our graduate leave campus as strong scholars, team players, and engaged citizens.

Thank you for supporting Carthage in our long tradition of excellence and helping us to further our mission of *seeking truth, building strength, inspiring service — together.*

With gratitude,

Staci J. Carson
Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Carthage College has not provided any goods or services in return for your contribution unless otherwise stated above. Please retain this receipt for your records.

**Thank
you note
from
Carthage**