

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association – TEXAA

September 2020



Calendar

2020

Homecoming

All on campus events, including the football game, for 2020 have been cancelled

Annual TEXAA Mtg & Elections

The meeting and elections will all be conducted via email. Expect a candidate request note in September and ballot in October.

Liability Insurance Requirement for Local Greeks a Reality

At the start of the Spring 2020 term Carthage followed through with an insurance mandate that all fraternities on campus must have a policy. All national frats had to show that they were covered by the national's policy and locals had two choices. One was to secure their own insurance (based on requirements set by the College) or sign up under the policy that Carthage negotiated. For the later the group premium would be based on the total number of local Greek members participating. For the Turtles that number would be highest of any group since they have the most members (currently 45). The policy coverage is for the calendar year and for the Turtles it was \$5,107.77. We did secure a list of all Greek organizations on campus and there are currently 9 locals and 8 nationals. It appears this requirement only applies to Greeks so there is some question why non-Greek organizations are exempt when they post just as much liability as the Greeks.

The alumni association has many concerns, most importantly is it could drive membership away from many valuable organizations. We're hoping to gather representatives from the other local Greeks to discuss what has been happening and verify information that Carthage has been giving. Secondly we'd like to have a meeting with President Swallow, without those from the Student Life and Greek Life offices, to outline the benefits of having and supporting local Greek organizations on campus. Finally we're working with the Actives to develop a plan on how they can eventually incorporate dues and fundraising to cover the total premium. Initially our hope is to provide some financial assistance but we don't believe that can be permanently maintained by the alumni association. If you have any questions or concerns about the new liability insurance requirement let any of the Board members know. Of course if you are interested in providing some financial assistance to cover the premium let us know.

Annual Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) Meeting **All done via email**

Add one more 'alternative plan' to the Covid pandemic. Since becoming a 501c3 organization we've been meeting our by-law meeting responsibility by having our fall meeting during our Homecoming gathering at Casa Capri restaurant in Kenosha. Obviously that's not happening so we discussed an alternate plan which should work for our fall meeting.

Our plan is to develop an agenda and post notes on the items. All alumni with email addresses will be sent a note with those posted notes and a candidate slate. A response to the email notice will constitute a vote and you'll be able to signify 'approved or not approved' for the 2019 minutes and select which candidates for the Board of Trustees you vote for. If you don't receive an email contact Tim Hughes at twhughes17@gmail.com and one will be emailed or mailed to you. 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. Thanks for understanding and working with us to cover the annual meeting.

Presidents of the Turtle Doves

Last year we launched an effort to identify the Past Presidents of the Turtle Doves and update our roster database accordingly. We continue to send out emails, postcards. Check the Carthage College alumni site and work with online search engines and we're filling in some blanks. Here is the list we compiled so far so take a look and see if you can help us. If you see any discrepancies, or if you can fill in any of the gaps, please contact Tim Hughes '76, at tw Hughes17@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 Fall Plans

This past semester was far from ideal. With Carthage closing early into its spring semester and our active members all returning to their hometowns, it was quite impossible to maintain a sense of normalcy. Our pledge season was forced to a halt, our formal was canceled, and all philanthropy events we had planned were postponed or cancelled.

As the fall semester is approaching, we are very excited to be back at Carthage with our brothers and sisters. We will be having the previously selected pledges go through the process this fall and will welcome another pledge class in the spring. We are also hoping to continue with our annual philanthropy events including Pumpkin Smash and Heels for Hope. All of these events, however, are up in the air and will be organized according to the current climate. Tau Sigma Chi prioritizes safety and will do everything possible to make all members feel as safe and secure as possible.

Homecoming weekend is all virtual this year, starting September 28th and going through October 4th. There is a schedule of all events and virtual reunions on the college's website. The active's homecoming plans are not yet finalized, but we are hoping to do a virtual event that will allow Alumni and active members to mingle. Once details are finalized, information will be sent out to Alumni. Times are very difficult right now and we always appreciate your support and faith in Tau Sigma Chi.

Lorien Van Dyke 21' and Marco Gonzales 22'

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**

You can still get your hands on a commemorative 65th Tau Sigma Chi branded stadium blanket or a travel mug. A few of those items are still left so drop Kurt Lehrmann a line and we'll ship one out.

On a related note the Association has been kicking around the idea of having a fundraiser featuring an etched glass mugs for \$50. 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!

Board of Trustees Report

With all the chaos that the COVID 19 Pandemic has caused, it has affected the Turtles and Carthage where it hurts the most. This year all homecoming events have been canceled. No parade, no football, no Greek parties, no alumni tent, no student organizations selling food. WHAT, NO TURTLE BRATS! This means TEX is canceling their legendary pre game party/meeting at Casa Capri and the after the game gathering at Lehrmanns. This is unfortunate but the right thing to do.

Sad as it may seem, there is an opportunity that we as individual Turtle and Dove alumni can make our organization stronger. A simple idea is when you have time we contact Alumni Turtles and Doves that we haven't seen that often at our events. Try to convince them to regenerate their interest in what we do and how fun it is. Recommend they contact their pledge brothers and sisters and talk. Hopefully this will generate more attendees to come to homecoming and the 70th Reunion. I have been starting to do this and responses have been positive.

With the cancellation of homecoming at Casa Capri for our annual meeting and selection of a new Board of Trustees this year, we must reschedule an online event with email technology at a future date before 2020 ends. If anyone is interested in serving on the TEX Alumni Association Board of Trustees please call me or email me. Terms are for two years. One person has already contacted me so it looks like we have 2 openings.

Current Board of Trustees

Cary Turner '76 President
John Felton '86

Jim Nelson '65
Kelly Stachnik '92

Casey Griffith '06
Chad Goeke '12

Thank you for your time,

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Turtle website: www.tausigmachi.org (This will help with finding alums information). PW to access Alumni list is TEX1953

TURTLES – 70th Anniversary

I didn't make the 66th reunion and I was looking forward to coming to the 67th this year but the virus -- Virus 1 TURTLES 0. I will try again for the 68th. But now let's talk about the 70th. WHAT??? That's three years away. Exactly, and you know how time flies faster and faster.

What kind of a celebration would you like? On the 60th we had a semi-formal party. On the 65th it was very casual. If you have any thoughts let any member of the committee know and we will discuss your ideas. We will probably start talking about it in the Fall of 2021 so that gives you time to come up with a plan.

Whatever is decided you can be sure "A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL, OH BOY!"

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE

During the past few months the TEXAA subscribed to an online address search service to get current addresses for 179 alumni. We don't have email addresses for them, so they have not been getting any Turtle news for many years. The plan is to use these updated addresses to send them a postcard asking for an email address. We did this a few years ago also with pretty good results.

Of the 179 addresses checked, 84 had the same address and we got current addresses for 95. Since we've already contacted the 84 in the past, we'll send postcards to the 95 only. Those cards should be mailed the week of August 24th.

In addition, the address service gave us information on 15 of our brothers who may be deceased. We're double-checking on this to verify. This information will be published on the website.

Tim Hughes '76

In Memory of Gerry Johnson

AND NOW WE ARE SIX

He was one of the "Trio" who on October 7, 1953, at 2:35p.m. came down to the Minnesota Delegation's Study Room (?) carrying a mock Turtle and said, "Do you guys want to join the Turtles?" Gerry Johnson (JJ), Bill Trees (Bushes) and Larry Crone (The Orangeville Flash) asked that question and the five Minnesotans answered with a big YES.

JJ and Bushes were both from the Anna Jonesboro area of southern Illinois. Gerry's father had a hunting camp there and that is where the Turtles took their two mission trips to spread the word of Turtledom. There were two local girls that they knew who came to visit us on those trips. JJ came to CC at the start of our sophomore year and while returning to CC in the fall of 1955 had a terrible car accident that left him with leg braces for the rest of his life. He went to a hospital in St. Louis and I took a group down to visit him.

Over the years we lost contact but I found him in Houston, TX, and Judy and I stopped to see him and his new wife. Jerry's wife had died and he had married one of those two girls that we had met, Farris. We got together with them for lunch again a few years later. We kept in touch through email and later he informed me that she died. After that he moved back to MO and always said he was looking for his 3rd wife but never found her.

His obituary never mentioned CC and I was curious why and wrote to his son telling of our times at CC and questioned him. I never heard back from him so it is still a mystery.

He was an Active Turtle a short time but had a long memory of the Turtles and always enjoyed the connection by email.

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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501c3 Non-Profit
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tax deductible.*

FOUNDERS MATCHING PROGRAM

I'm excited to report that the "Fathers" fundraising total has reached \$2,600.00. 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 and the Founding Fathers that matched it!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Lexie Wheeler

Lexie Wheeler is a senior Dove studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science. This summer Lexie participated in an REU (research experience for undergraduates) with the University of California Santa Barbara. She received a stipend from the NSF to perform math research with a professor and other students from across the country, and she presented her work at the Young Mathematicians Conference at the end of the summer. Throughout this upcoming semester she will be continuing these research projects with her professor working towards getting their work published.



Aby Rivera

Aby Rivera is a senior Dove studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work. This past summer she completed the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence 40 hour training which allows her to be a legal and medical advocate for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence. With this certification, she will be using it towards her year-long internship with A Safe Place in their Crisis Response team. Specifically she will be shadowing the human trafficking Liaison of Lake County and will be working under their case manager for HT clients.



2020-21 Turtle and Dove Executive Boards:

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TEXAA Association Update

Like many organizations we're learning how we can effectively exist and support the Turtles. Last spring everything went on hiatus as the students all left campus and only completed their studies remotely. Since Carthage has announced plans to have students back on campus this fall, we can at least expect some activities and events for the Actives though I'm sure it will look different.

We are continuing our efforts to get a complete list of all former Turtle and Dove Presidents and their contact information. Check out the article in this newsletter to see who we're missing and maybe you can fill in some of the blanks. Our goal is to contact those Presidents and find a point of contact for groups of years 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. Also Tim Hughes has been scouring on line services to verify address and in a number of cases, find new emails or address changes. If you get a post card from Tim please let him know he's got the right information.

We continue our efforts to stay connected with Actives and once again it's great to report that the Turtles are still the largest and best organized group on campus. Do check out their article in this newsletter as well as Cary Turner's note as he finishes his first year as the Board of Trustees Chairman. We're also lucky to have our own John Felton serving on the Presidents Alumni Council on Greek Life which helps us keep an eye on what's going on administratively.

As we move into our 5th year as a tax-deductible non-profit organization we still are on strong footing As you can see in the Treasurer's report we're continuing to build up our funds, including another donation to the Founding Fathers Fund, and keep pushing forward with plans on how best to manage it. This year especially we'll be looking at how we can support the Actives with their insurance premium payment as well as fundraising for the MDA and their summer SPARK program which supports young women looking at STEM careers.

This is also a good time to take some of that quarantine time and help the alumni association in advancing the Turtles and Doves. With the seemingly negative pushback by the College on local Greeks, now is a great time to communicate those benefits to the administration. 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 8/1/2020)

Beginning Balance			Ending Balance
\$7963.78	Revenue \$ 100.00	Expenses \$ 0.00	\$8063.78
	Founders Fund donation		

We Need You!!

We're forever grateful for all the time and energy of those that got the Turtle Alumni Association to this point. Many did a lot of heavy lifting to get us to this point, some for over 20 years. As is said often within organizations, it's time for some new blood. Believe me the old blood isn't going to walk away and I'm sure they will be there for support for many years to come. That being said there's a genuine need to get others involved to carry the torch. In light of current attacks on the local Greek system it's definitely not time to sit back and see what happens. If you or another brother or sister can help the association out please give any of the Executive Board or Board or Trustee members a call and volunteer your services. It doesn't take a bunch of time, only a true belief in the value of Tau Sigma Chi.

Keep the 'Shell' Alive- Donate Today

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

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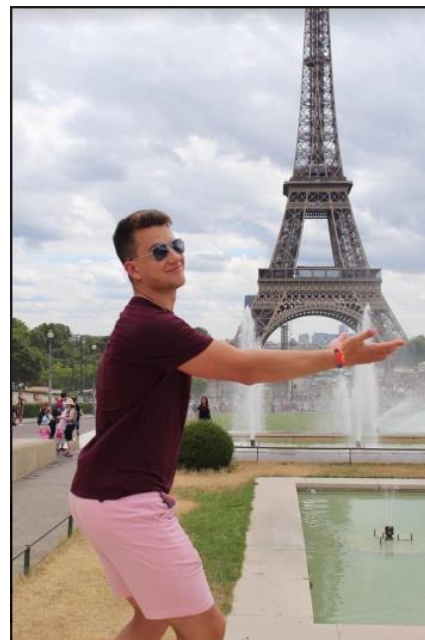
David Waitley

David Waitley is a senior Turtle studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. He has been swimming at Carthage for the past three years and is going to be our New Member Educator for the Turtle new members in the fall. Over the summer David worked as an intern in the Billing Department at a hospital called Metro Infectious Disease Consultants. He is planning on graduating a semester early, and in Spring of 2021 David will be applying to Graduate Schools for Business Analytics and studying for the GMAT exam. He hopes to find a job in his field and attend University of Wisconsin-Madison in fall of 2021.



Connor Lilly

Conner Lilly is a senior Turtle studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Carthage. For the past three years he has been a member of the Men's Volleyball team. This summer Conner worked at an assisted living facility called Lincoln Village, where he will be hired as a graduate nurse once he graduates in the spring. While working there after graduating Conner will study for the certification exam to earn his RN.



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 include development of the Actives side of the websites and a more easy to follow landing page. A recent grad, Jonah Larson, has been managing the reconfiguration of the website project. Check out www.tausigmachi.org to 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