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"I'm not really much for veal or lamb... But the testicles? I'm all about the sheep."

- Wej Gray (Honorary)

"Bill Gates can't be THAT smart. He took an OS that worked, reverse engineered it, and made one that doesn't work."

- Wej Gray (Honorary)



Fifth Quad found!

Ripon, WI - Years ago rumours fomented by then-Ripon student, Yuichi Sekiguchi (89) told of a fifth quad hiding out somewhere in the area above Upper Sadoff. Few people put much stock in the rumours, since Mr. Sekiguchi was well known to be an enthusiastic user of pharmaceutically recreational substances.

However, this journalist can now report that there is indeed a fifth quad! Anderson Hall was recently discovered just west of the Ho Chih Minh trail. It appeared there one day with little fanfare, although the college immediately put it into service, housing a bunch of useless Independents.

Anderson appears much like its brethren in the quad, except for having useable doors in its Middle Lounge that open onto the quad itself.

Somewhat dampening the joy of having discovered this fifth quad, many students have become troubled by the disappearance of Smith Hall, the "fourth" quad.

Representatives of the college appear to be hiding something, when asked where Smith Hall was they pointed to the main administrative building on upper campus and said: "Right here, where it's always been."

The building they indicated looks nothing like the other quad buildings, and students who were interviewed (under the terms that they remain unnamed) claim that the building indicated by the college administration to be Smith Hall was, up until recently, named Middle Hall.

Something sinister appears to be going on at Ripon College... our reporters will stay on top of things and keep you informed!

Alumni Discussion Forums

For a long time, one of the most interactive elements of the Alumni site's services has been the Alumni Exploder. The Exploder allows people to send an email to one address and everyone who is a member of the Exploder community receives a copy of the email. It has been used to make announcements, have political debates, discuss movies, books, news, and opinions.

The Exploder can, especially during the more "heated" debates, generate a large amount of email, and some alumni have found that they prefer not to have to wade through so many emails, especially when they are uninterested in the topic.

In order to better serve the alumni community and permit more options for communication, we have set up Alumni Discussion Forums on the website.

For those unfamiliar with forums, they are like message boards: you can read any postings there and members can respond

with any comments of their own and initiate new discussions. Postings are organized by topic, and each discussion thread is in chronological order, so it's easy to follow the discussions you want to while ignoring the ones you have no interest in.

Anyone at all can read our forums, but only people with the password to the alumni site can post there. If you don't know the password, email plenz@thetasigmatau.org.

Postings to the forums are also emailed to the Exploder, which means that those on the Exploder can follow along and perhaps join in the discussions as well.

We are currently using a third-party service to handle the forums (Bravenet.Com) so you will have to excuse the advertising that you see when you use the forums. We hope to eventually set up the service on our own servers.

Give them a look see! They are fairly quiet at the moment, but they are fairly new and will, with time, become more active. Use them! Share and enjoy!



"I know how to 'fist. Torii taught me how to 'fist. I don't want to 'fist."

*- Viola (Martin) Lenz (02)
re: Shadowfist, the game*



The Tauparazzi Reports...

Amanda (Miltenberger) Bright (00) married Noah Shepard on December 5, 2003 in a small ceremony in St. Paul, MN. In a very touching gesture, Amanda was escorted down the aisle and given away by Charles Bright; the father of Amanda's first husband, Andy (95), who passed away in January of 2002. Amanda has changed her name to Amanda Shepard.

Andrew F. Jackson (67) is head of the estates and trusts department of an accounting firm specializing in deferral of capital gains taxes. Andrew lives in Newton Square, PA.

In May, Fred Kiekhaeffer (69) received Powerboat Magazine's 2003 Publisher's Award for Product Excellence. Paul is President of Mercury Racing, a division of Mercury Marine.

Amanda (Arloro) Leclair (93) has entered the Master Trainer and Master Exercise Practitioner programs at the Federal Emergency Management Institute in Maryland. When she completes the programs she will have the equivalent of two master's degrees. Amanda lives in Maine with her son, GT.

Jannan Roesch (87, social) is no longer the Director of Alumni and Parent Relations for Ripon College. The basic upshot is that some trustee of the college with more money than brains decided he didn't like something about the job Jannan was doing (despite having done it exceptionally well for the last 14 years). The college, too cowardly to back their employees from unfair attack by trustees, let her go on December 10. The spirit of Christmas and fair treatment is alive and strong... just not in Ripon. Jannan plans on starting in a master's program at Marian College in March and is spending her unexpected and extended vacation with her family.

Andrew Rich (03) is graduate student-at-large with the University of Chicago. The basic upshot of this is that he'll be taking some grad school courses there part-time whilst he searches for a graduate program that he'd like to enroll in.

SPC Tricia Roll (02) graduated on October 23rd from basic combat training with the US Army. On February 3 she will be graduating from Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as a mechanic.

Victor Salter (43) was presented with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Ten-Year Service Award as well as the SCORE Gold Member Award last spring.

Schmuel (Sam) Temple (89) married Rivkah on December 14, 2003 in a small ceremony in Vancouver, BC. Schmuel has relocated to Vancouver from Israel, where he has been living for the past several years. Schmuel works for a couple schools in Israel raising funds and maintaining their website. Rivkah owns a health club in Vancouver. Rivkah has three children from her first marriage, a boy and two girls.

Jill Schneider (97) lives in Green Bay, WI with her boyfriend, Steve and his two kids. Jill works at the Casino in Green Bay. She says she loves playing step-mommy but hates her job.

Mage Soldner (02) married Eric Lanz (LDA, 03) on June 14 of 2003. Eric works for GoldPocket Interactive while Mage does freelance filmmaking work (production coordination, camerawork, and editing). They live in LA with their brand new hamster.

We welcome Andy Beswick, Emily Dillon, and Katie Piccirillo to full membership at the house. All three are members of the first fall pledge class in four years. Senior Matt Mangerson was also a member of the pledge class at the start of the semester, but found that he was too busy with coursework and extracurricular activities to be able to invest time into pledging.

A Merry Messy Kweenuz

We decided to imagine what might be the result if those wacky Taus decided to put on their own version of Charles Dickens' A *Kweenuz Christmas Carol*.

Quite probably the story would start out as expected, with Scrooge being mean and rotten, but then would take a twist, like in Black Adder's Christmas Carol and Scrooge would become even more rotten and mean.

The cast would possibly be:

Ebenezer Scrooge	Ken Dillon I
Bob Cratchett	Collins Kaholo
Marley's Ghost	Wej Gray
Ghost of Xmas Past	Pete Lenz
Ghost of Xmas Present	Dan Nagel
Ghost of Xmas Yet to Come	Adam Ochalla
Tiny Tim Ted	Ted Tickler
Mrs. Cratchett	Kim Oxman
Peter Cratchett	Mark Schwartz
Martha Cratchett	Christy Robinson
Alice Cratchett	Sheena Glaser
Mary Cratchett	KC Schmitz
Belinda Cratchett	Nicole Turner
Belle (Scrooge's love)	Viola Lenz
Fan (Scrooge's sister)	Emily Dillon
Fred (Scrooge's nephew)	Jharick Shields
Catherine (Fred's wife)	Roxanne Ross
Mr. Fezziwig	George Johnson
Mrs. Fezziwig	Patti Beck
Dick Wilkins (Fezziwig's apprentice)	Jason Padron
Old Joe	Drew Rich
Mrs. Dilber (maid)	Lexie Natkin
Charwoman	Brenda Bayard
Undertaker's man	Dave Slate
Topper (horny bachelor)	Rick Kimpel
Lucy (giggly bachelorette)	Tricia Roll
Mr. Philpot (fundraiser)	Dave Humfleet
Ms. Twyce (fundraiser)	Alys Humfleet
Percy Smudge (guttersnipe)	Colin Rafferty
Forgiveness/Want	SaraH Hoffman
Remembrance/Ignorance	Paul Karp
Gravediggers	Dan Mattson
	Jared Billings

Quotable Quotes

"Did you get any tips?"
'Not from Richard Gere. Maybe if I offered him a gerbil with his champagne."

- Brook Compton (01) / Ken Dillon (03);re: a temp job Ken had as a server at a hotel

"My sister does not do that! It does not even cross my mind that she does that!"

'What? Get passed around like a keg at a frat party?"
- Brook/Ken

"Seeing as how I don't eat nuts, I didn't touch your pie..."

Roxanne Ross (05) to Emily Dillon (06)

"Math, my dear boy, is nothing more than the lesbian sister of biology."

- Peter Griffin, from the television show *Family Guy*

"Goat love... it's the most honest love there is."

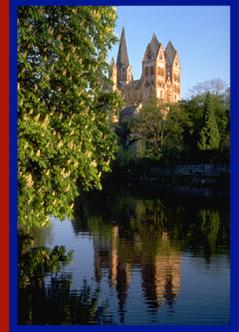
- Cosmo, from the television show *The Fairly Oddparents*

"'K-Y dries out too quickly.'

'It's not, like, hand lotion.'"
- Ken Dillon (03) / SaraH Hoffman (02)

"My pants are vibrating... Oh, excuse me, it's my mom."

- Ken Dillon (03)



The original home of the Elms Club.



"Hey, porn stars gotta come from somewhere!"
- Pete Lenz (89)

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**If you don't let us
know what's up with
you, we make
something up! ;-)**

Alumni banners on website

If you have a penchant for visiting the alumni site, you might have noticed banners appearing on the top of the welcome pages.

These banners point to the websites of alumni of the house. Some of the sites are personal sites maintained by the narcissists among us. Other sites are for businesses that the alum either runs or is a significant member of.

When you have a free moment, why not check out the site of one of your fellows? You may find it interesting, enlightening, or (in the case of businesses) profitable.

And, if you have a site of your own that you would like to have included in the random rotation, contact Pete Lenz (plenz@ThetaSigmaTau.org). If you haven't got a banner, we can make one for you.

There's no cost to you and we make no money off of this service (although donations are mighty nice, hint hint). It's just something else to help us all stay in touch.

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