

Pies Taus Like

Theta Sigma Tau - 2007

The annual spring photo of the House.



Front: Krystel McKean & Kyna McCartney

First Row: Reuben Berman, Jennifer Greathouse, Amanda Piccirillo, Kali Jankovich, Danielle Reimer, Jessica Fuoco.

Second Row: Carl Abraham, Katie Brown, Talley Yake, Korine Vierthaler, Dave Casper, Cyndi Pinkus.

Back Row: Nathan Rees, Hannah Emanuel, Trisha Shafer, Josh LeGreve, Ted Beres (H), Stephanie Lassen, Dustin Zuelke, Gretchen Cuthbert, Greg Bruce, Mat Bolwerk.

Camera Shy: Matt Biwer, Tyler Brunette, Maggie Hall, Jennifer Johannes, Luke Lockhart, Allison Miller, Colleen Rosin.

My, What a big House you have!

This year saw the House grow to a size that it has not seen in a number of years. With three pledges in the fall and eight more in the spring, the House's membership swelled to thirty members after spring activation.

Four members: Gretchen Cuthbert, Jessica Fuoco, Kali Jankovich, and Amanda Piccirillo; graduated this spring. Congrats and good luck to all of them, and welcome to the Alumni Association.

The remaining 26 actives plan to grow the House even more in the coming year, intending to "retake third floor" in Mapes.



THE CONSTITUTIONAL NATION- STATE OF THETA SIGMA TAU

Recently an interesting little website was discovered: www.nationstates.net. On this site one may establish their very own nation. One establishes one's nation with any form of government, answering some basic questions to set up some basic principles that the country will be based upon. After that, one confronts daily a new issue that must be dealt with, such as whether voting should be mandatory, voluntary, or abolished, what tax money should be spent upon, etc. It's a very simple game, but it can make one think and has generated a lot of discussion on the Exploder.



Thirteen actives and alumni have set up nations on the site and a fourteenth, [The Constitutional Monarchy of Theta Sigma Tau](http://www.nationstates.net), is ruled by committee: issues are posted to the exploder and members are given two or more days to vote on options they prefer. It's been fun (although several wags have accused Plenz of simply wanting people to relive the joys of House Meeting through these sometimes contentious debates). Check it out, maybe make your own nation... if you do, contact Plenz and he'll help you get your nation into our private little region of East Mapesia!

TAU NOTES



Andy Beswick & Jessica Fuoco (06/07)

Andy and Jess were married on 2-Jun-07. The marriage took place at the Harwood Memorial Union and was officiated by none other than the president of the College, David Joyce. Nathan Rees (08) stood with Andy as best man while Kali Jankovich (07) stood as maid-of-honor for Jess. Other Taus in attendance (pictured above) included Brenda Bayard (03), Katie Brown (10), Paul Karp (99), SaraH (Hoffman) Kramer (02), Josh LeGeve (09), and Colin Rafferty (05).

Gordon A. Heup (41)

Gordon A. Heup '41 of Leesburg, FL, died Dec. 12, 2006. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, serving his country during World War II; and a retired computer manager for Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in Washington, D.C. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, FL. Survivors include three sons.

Captain George Johnson (00)

George was deployed to Iraq for his third tour of duty since the War on Terror began (having previously been assigned to duty in Qatar before President Bush declared victory and then to Afghanistan). George regrets that this deployment means that he will miss the birth of his first child. Drop George a letter or care package, he'd surely appreciate it:

- George Johnson (no rank, please)
- Camp Adder
- HHC, 1BSTB, 82nd Airborne
- APO, AE 09331

Tammy Johnson (04)

Tammy will be marrying Jennifer Moore on 18-Aug-07. The wedding will take place in Canada since they are not able to legally marry in the USA (yet). Tammy is a Physical Education teacher in Lincolnshire, IL. Jennifer is a lead analyst for Washington Mutual.

Kurt Kapplinger (93)

Kurt and his wife, Leslie, are awaiting the arrival of their second child, due to arrive on the scene this summer.

John Kenny (94)

John recently got back in touch. He and Tara Silva (94) are still together, living in the Boston area. John works in the IT department of State Street Bank and spends his free time playing soccer and refereeing youth soccer leagues.

Collins & Kim (Oxman) Kaholo (00/01)

Kim & Collins announce the birth of their daughter, Maylia Sara Mahealani, and their son, Jacob Tyler Alapa'i. The twins were born by cesarean-section at 10.00 and 10.01am on 26-Apr-07. Mother, children, and father are all doing well.

Peter & Viola (Martin) Lenz (89/02)

Pete and Viola are pleased to announce the impending arrival of their second microTau. Plenzling #2 is expected to arrive on or about January 13, 2008. Because Lily, their first microTau, was called "Mac" until the 20 week ultrasound indicated that she was a girl, they are calling this one "Cheese" until they learn its gender..

Pete applied for a tenure-track professorship at Ripon in January. Ironically, the position to be filled was vacated by our own Dr. Robert Otis. Sadly, Pete did not get the position, but if another opening appears there, he will certainly be applying again.

Colin Rafferty (05)

Colin is engaged to Alaina Bigler (Ripon, 07). They will be tying the knot in Pennsylvania on 28-Jun-08.

MicroTaus

FRANCIS X DOLAN IV



Frank Dolan, son of Eileen (O'Leary, Plane) Dolan (85) graduated from high school this spring. In the fall he will be attending Macintosh College located in Dover, NH

CATHERINE PLANE



Cathy Plane, daughter of Mark Plane (86) and Eileen (O'Leary, Plane) Dolan (85) graduated this spring from Suffolk University in Boston, MA with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations.

DANIELLE EDWARDS-PLANE



Danielle, daughter of Mark Plane (86) and Nan Edwards (87) is attending the University of North Carolina. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2009.

REBECCA SOTTILE



Rebecca, daughter of Lisa (Flegel) Sottile (89) won the state championship for the Patriot Pen Essay Contest. Her essay is included on page 5 of this newsletter.

James E. Reed (67)

Dr. James E. Reed '67 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., has been appointed to the Fulbright Senior Specialist roster maintained by the U.S. Department of State. The appointment, which lasts five years, is in United States Studies, and it qualifies the appointee for two substantial overseas appointments. He has traveled in Asia and the Middle East and is hoping to be assigned in Latin America.

Derek Rivard (92)

Derek is an assistant professor of History and Political Science at Cottey College for Women in Nevada, MO. Derek has published a number of history articles and is working on a history book to be published by the Catholic University of America Press. In his free time he is also working on a non-academic novel.

Ed Shaw (92)

Ed married Kecia Cornelius on 28-Apr-07. The wedding was outdoors and went very well, the rain that had threatened earlier in the day waiting until the ceremony and picture taking were over.

Jeanne (Norton) Shera (99)

Jeanne received her Ph.D. in polymer science and engineering on 11-May-07. She is now working as a post-doctoral research associate in the Department of Grain Sciences at Kansas State University. She and her husband, Neal (Tau Honorary/Merriman, 99) have relocated to Manhattan, KS. Neal works at the Manhattan Home Depot.



Calvin Simmons (88)

Cal is a fight choreographer working with the Redline Cinema company on productions such as *Lightning, Iron, and Mantis* and *Legend of the Red Reaper*. He is an aspiring screenplay writer and also works (to pay the bills) as a stunt performer at Pirate's Dinner Adventure in Orlando, FL, where he lives. Cal's still single and loving it.

Laura (Wolf) Storzer (89)

Laura reports that she is attempting to become a part of Ripon's proposed pre-law program. Laura is an attorney with a private practice in Fond du Lac. Laura has been married to Toby Storzer for over 12 years and together they have two microTaus: Sam (10) and Megan (6).

Shirley Ulrich (82)

A correction, in the previous issue of this newsletter, Shirley was listed as a member of the class of 1985. She is actually from the class of 1982.

Website help

Work on the website is going swimmingly, but I could use a little help getting material to make things more current and more complete.

Many/most/all of us probably receive the Ripon College Magazine. The information in the Class Notes section as well as some of the other articles they print are invaluable for use in updating material on the site.

Some of you may have back-issues of the magazine, saved for sentimental purposes or because you just never got around to chucking them. I would like to ask that, if you have any RC Magazines from prior to, say 2003, you xerox and mail or scan and email me the Class Notes sections from these books.

If you're looking to clear away some of the stuff filling space in your closets, and would be willing to pay the postage, send the magazines themselves! I'll go through the magazines culling information for the site and then I will donate the magazines to the House or, if I have duplicates, make sure they get recycled.

The same goes for yearbooks... if you have a Crimson that does not appear on the website, please scan any appropriate pictures and related text and email me the image.

Finally, if you have photos that you'd like to share, I will be working on the Scrapbook section of the site this summer and the more pictures there are, the merrier! These could be group shots, reunion-type shots, photos from parties, pictures of families... whatever might be appropriate.

Send them to:

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Quotes

"Dude! You don't understand! I'm a Jew... I have a few hang-ups about killing Jesus!"

- Kyle Broflovski to Jesus on *South Park*

"I'm going to bed because my face hurts."

- Viola (Martin) Lenz (02)

"I colored my thing pink... as it should be."

- SaraH (Hoffman) Kramer (02);
re. her iPod

"It's small but it does the job.' That's what she said!"

- Matt Kramer; re. 1/2 bathroom; and response from Viola (Martin) Lenz (02)



PATRICK YARBROUGH (83)



Yarbrough '83 Named Judge

From the halls of Ripon College to the halls of justice in Rockford, IL, K. Patrick Yarbrough '83 has made a remarkable journey. He was sworn in 5-Feb-06 as an associate judge of the 17th Circuit Court of Winnebago and Boone counties.

He is the first African-American to take the bench there.

"It's an example to show our judicial system reaches out to everyone, and it shows our judicial system is for everyone," says Yarbrough. "It's a humbling experience, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity and the privilege to be a judge. It gives me an opportunity to look at cases from both sides on a more objective level, and to play an active role in seeing that justice is done."

At Ripon, Pat was a history and psychology major. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1988 from Northern Illinois College of Law. He then served as an assistant Winnebago County State's Attorney for 17 years, handling various assignments including misdemeanor and felony cases and supervising the Community Prosecution Unit.

Pat is starting his new position in misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases. He also has been doing a lot of studying to prepare for going into other courtrooms later in the year. "I've been arriving early and spending

late nights," he says.

Pat says he uses the liberal arts skills he gained at Ripon "every single day." He says many cases involve delving into the history of a situation and require lots of reading.

"You have to be able to digest all that material and sometimes put that into written form," he says.

"You have to remember facts, figures, and dates and use those in making your decisions. Psychology comes in when you are dealing with people from various backgrounds and points of view as well as various mental states; and being able to make sure that everyone works together to accomplish a goal."

He maintains close connections with fellow alumnus Joseph A. Caltagerone '96, an officer with the Rockford City Police Department.

"We see each other probably once a month or every two months and discuss old times at Ripon," says Pat.

Pat and his wife, Tambra, reside in Rockford.

The preceding article was taken from the Winter 2006 Ripon College Magazine



Patrick "back in the day"

More Quotes

"You're behind Geoff's little thing."

Pete Lenz (89) to Lisa (Flegel) Sottile (88); re. the position of parked cars.

"Stop when you get to the third knuckle."

Emily Dillon's (06) advice to Lillian Lenz (μτ); re. sucking on her fingers

"It's not hard enough so I'm not going to eat it."

Emily Dillon (06); re. marshmallow peeps

"Lily, what does Daddy say? 'Blah, blah, blah.'"

Matt Kramer to Lillian Lenz (μτ)

"Hey, I'm a girl and I like girl things..."

'I like girl things, too ;-p '"

Kali Jankovich (07) and Pete Lenz (89); a message exchange during Tau Trivia

"I like to do it when it's dry."

Tori Rosin at SaraH Hoffman Kramer's (02) bachelorette party about unpacking a car

"What are those shaky things that bartenders use?"

'Um... shakers?'"

SaraH Hoffman Kramer (02) & Viola (Martin) Lenz (02)

A few buttons available from the Rip Off Press:

Erotic is using a feather, kinky is using the whole chicken.

God made pubic hair curly so you don't poke your eyes out.

Legalize drugs... before my court date!

I'm just two people short of a menage-a-trois.

My computer goes down on anybody.

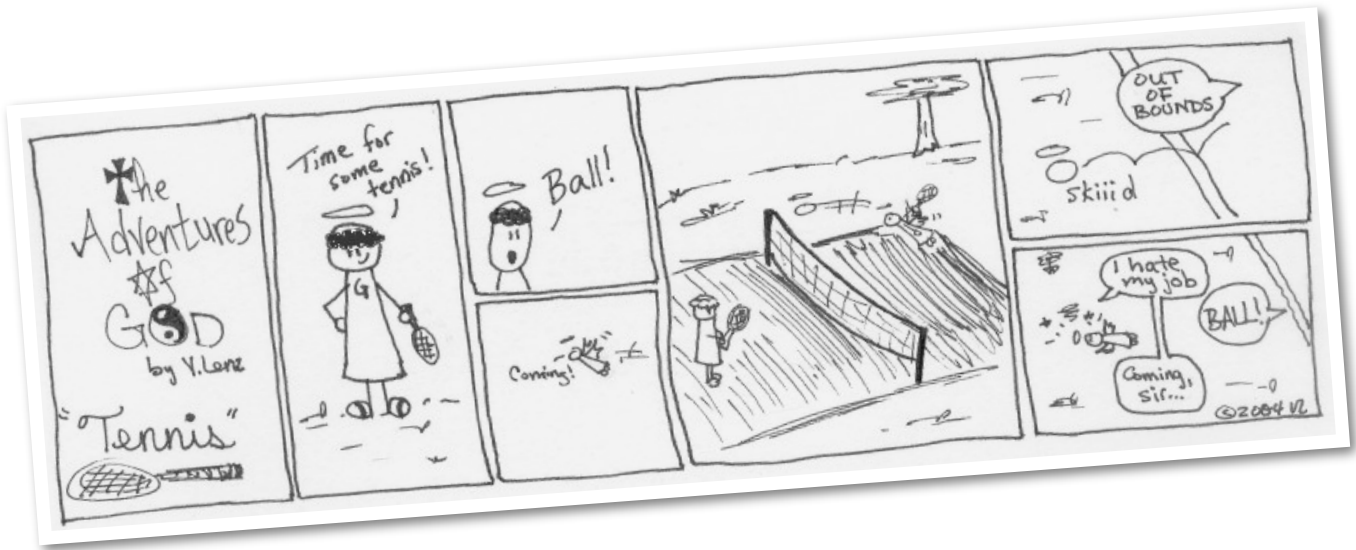
My sexual preference is often.

I take life with a grain of salt... and a slice of lemon and a shot of tequila.

I have a pornographic memory.

With all the sleaze and porn on the internet, I think it's finally time to buy a computer.

THE ADVENTURES OF GOD BY VIOLA LENZ



CITIZENSHIP IN AMERICA

I live near a small creek. It might seem insignificant, but it becomes bigger and stronger as it joins others. Eventually it becomes a river, flowing powerfully to Lake Michigan. Citizens are individuals who join to form a nation; the same as the creek joins others to form the great lake. Citizens make their own choices, but also contribute to a greater cause, our nation.

Who are citizens? It's common to hear "(insert person's name here) is a good citizen." Our Constitution states that a citizen is someone born in the U.S., or whose parents are citizens. Technically that's true, but really it involves much more than that.

Citizens have certain responsibilities to take care of our country. They need to vote for our leaders. They need to

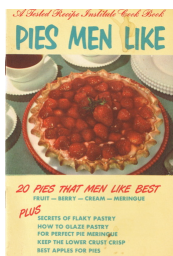
AN ESSAY BY REBECCA SOTTILE (MICROTAU)

work. Mainly, they need to help one another. I help others by being part of an emergency rescue team and by babysitting. Along with responsibilities are rights. The government protects those rights, and the army fights for them. Citizens gain the right to choose their own path in life and to be treated fairly.

Citizens have the freedom to make decisions. They can run for office and be elected. To break the law isn't a positive choice, but anyone can decide to do it. They often choose to follow a company, party, or organization and support them. One of the ways I support Milwaukee is by doing community service. Citizens can choose to follow their own beliefs. They can serve their country through the military.

Soldiers have one of the most active methods of expressing good citizenship. Soldiers, including veterans, put their lives on the line to protect those who are most precious to them - the American citizens. Soldiers are valorous people who do what they truly believe is right. Soldiers live and die because they love this land and every thing about it. We owe so much to all of them. I may not support the war in Iraq, but I support the soldiers and veterans.

We all have something to give. Maybe you will be a soldier, or maybe you won't. Maybe you will run for office - or not. All citizens, with their own choices, rights and responsibilities join to become one great country, the United States of America.



THE TITLE OF THE NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH...

Plenz's mother was going through an attic's worth of stuff and came across a number of her mother's cookbooks and magazines that date from the 1920s - 1960s. One of them, from 1953 is named *Pies Men Like*, which ... well, it may have sounded perfectly innocent 50+ years ago, but it sure as heck sounds naughty now!