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THE ALUMNI  
NEWSLETTER  
OF RIPON  
COLLEGE'S  
ONLY CO-ED  
FRATERNITY

A HISTORY  
98 YEARS  
IN THE  
MAKING

AND  
STILL  
BEING  
WRITTEN  
TODAY



1978 - Hanging the new House letters, finally replacing the ΣΝ.

“Thou whoreson zed, thou unnecessary (news)letter!”

## Tau and Campus News

With an intake of 12 new members this year and only four members not returning this fall (either due to graduations or other reasons), the House is continuing its steady growth. Currently at thirty-six members, the house has reached a size not seen since the sixties! This means that, between Tau and Phi Delta Theta, the indies of Mapes are becoming a rare breed!

Gary Gygax, co-creator of Dungeons and Dragons and inspiration for the multitude of on- and off-line role playing games that followed, died in March of 2008. A number of alumni and actives suggested that Mr. Gygax be awarded a posthumous honorary membership since gaming has been a common past-time and recruitment tool for the House since the early 80s or before. The House voted upon and passed the motion when it was proposed at House Meeting, and so Gary Gygax becomes our first posthumous

honorary member.

For those that have not read about it, the college has begun to offer the use of bicycles to students who elect NOT to bring their cars to campus. Older alumni may remember a time when the college was able to simply encourage students to leave their cars at home. Apparently students now need to be bribed.

Another item proposed recently at the college senate, and generally scoffed at by current students, is the idea of removing telephones from the dorm rooms and only having one phone per floor or wing of a building. The horror! Who among us could envisage living in a dorm with only one phone that everyone had to share? Next thing you know, they'll stop offering cable television hookups to all the dorm rooms... forcing people to spend time in the lounges! Unimaginable! [/sarcasm]

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## Forensication



# 2008

Two Taus on the Ripon Forensics team, TJ Rhodes (2010) and Luke Lockhart (2010), took medals at the Wisconsin State Tournament this spring. TJ received a sixth place in extemporaneous speaking and a fourth in impromptu speaking. Luke received a fifth place in rhetorical criticism and took State Champion in impromptu speaking (continuing a Tau tradition: Jharick Shields (2006) also took the State Championship in 2006.) TJ will be going on to represent Ripon College at the 2008 National Forensics League Tournament this spring! Kudos, guys!



## Tau Notes

### • Bernheimer:

Paul Bernhmier (1980) recently received a promotion to Consultant at Allstate Insurance, where he has worked for many years.

### • Cunningham:

CPT André Cunningham (1998) is currently stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, as part of the US Army staff setting up the new Army Command for Africa. André and his wife, Donna, are settling in nicely.

### • Demas:

Rich Demas (1992) and his wife, Anne Stone, announce that they are expecting a daughter, expected to arrive in July. Rich is "already researching schools in remote locales with gay eunuch guards."

### • Falk †:

Arthur L. Falk (1941) of Mayville, WI, died December 14, 2007. Born April 23, 1915, Arthur studied biology while at Ripon. In 1943 he enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the USS Mormacport in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific for the remainder of World War II. After the war Arthur spent over 25 years working for H.A. Mueller & Sons of Mayville, then worked for the US Postal Service until his retirement in 1982. Arthur is survived by a son and two daughters.

### • Hansche †:

George E. Hansche (1935) of Albuquerque, NM, died May 20, 2007. He was born in Racine, WI. At Ripon he studied physics, chemistry, and mathematics. He earned a doctorate in physics at Ohio State University. After a brief stint teaching at Rose Polytechnic of Terre Haute, IN, he moved to Albuquerque to work for Sandia National Laboratories, where he spent the rest of his working life. George enjoyed traveling and gardening. George is survived by his wife, Helen, and two sons.

### • Hatcher:

Joe Hatcher (H) has been elected to the board of directors of the Blue Mountain Project, which is a service-learning organization involved in sending students to study in Hagley Gap, Jamaica. Joe is a professor of psychology at Ripon.

### • Humfleet:

Dave Humfleet (2003) was recently promoted to sergeant in the US Army. Dave lives in Baltimore, MD, with his wife, Alys (Fulkerson) Humfleet (2003) and son, Stephen.

### • Jankovich:

Kali Jankovich (2007) has completed her student teaching at the Regent's School in Bangkok, Thailand, and is completing the paperwork for her teacher certification in the United States.

### • Johannes:

Jennifer Johannes (2008) announces her engagement to Christopher Alfonso. The wedding date has been set for July 17, 2010. Once married, Jennifer will not only be Christopher's wife, but step-mother to Christopher's four year-old son, Ben.

### • Johnson:

CPT George H. Johnson III (2000) will be returning from his deployment in Iraq at the end of July or beginning of August. This has been his third deployment since hostilities began in 2001.

Upon his return, he is being assigned to head up the ROTC Department at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, KS. This will, of course, mean that George, along with his wife, Patti Beck (1998) and their daughter, Virginia (mt) will be moving back to the mid-west.

### • Ledger:

Mark Thomas Ledger (1965) of Malvern, PA, is semi-retired from Aegis Investment Real Estate and focussing on inner-city nonprofit and volunteer work..

### • Lenz:

Peter and Viola (Martin) Lenz (1989/2002) and their daughter, Lillian, announce the birth of the final member of their family, Elenor Petra Lenz. Elenor was born on January 18, 2008, at 4.42pm. Elly was 21" long and weighed in at 8 lbs, 9 ozs. Elly and Viola are doing just fine.

In other news, Peter was recently invited to join the Ripon College Alumni Board. Despite the irony, Pete signed on!

## Quotable Quotes!

"She'd be willing if she were conscious!"

- Andy Beswick (2006);  
re: his fiancée, Jess Fuoco (2007)

"I couldn't get it back in my mouth, it was too big!"

- Emily Dillon (2006);  
re: a mint flavored condom

"Ranch dressing - I like it on pizza and pussy."

- Reuben Berman (2008))

"I've got cheesy balls!"

'Maybe you should get that checked out.'

- Emily Dillon (2006) & Colleen Rosin (2009)

"My nipples are hard and they never go down."

- Jess Fuoco (2007)

"Hey Cyndi, what's a *shout out*?"

'It's when you're doing the thingy and you say a friend's name.'

- Unknown / Cyndi Pinkus (2008) (2007)

"Ken is not a wine connoisseur."

'Well, I don't have a vagina, so I usually just drink hard liquor.'

'Well, I have an appreciation for the vagina, that's how I can love wine.'

'I always wondered how they fermented those grapes.'

- Emily Dillon (2006)/Ken Dillon I (2003)/Paul Karp (1999)/Ken again

"Certain people think you have morals that I know you don't have."

- Andy Beswick (2006) to Paul Karp (1999)

## Quotes from Bob Harris [www.bobharris.com](http://www.bobharris.com)

"By 'frisking,' I mean a procedure roughly halfway between high-speed shiatsu and a drive-through prostate exam. If you like having your balls bounced casually by swarthy fellows trained to kill on command, a Columbian vacation is for you."

"Columbia ... asks you to hold still for about twenty seconds of vigorous manual contact that, for ten dollars more, ought to come with a happy ending."

# Quotes

The things people say can be quite amusing.

Back in the era of the mid-80s, a couple members kept a document listing things said by various members and hangers-on. Usually, if taken out of context (and often when IN context) the quotes would be suggestive, naughty, or complete non-sequiturs.

This tradition has been and continues to be perpetuated by the Alumni Newsletter.

## Blah

"Socially, you are a foghorn to her kazoo."

George H. Johnson III (2000), about Pete Lenz (1989) and Viola (Martin) Lenz (2002)

"I haven't had anybody die on me... professionally."

Tricia Roll (2002)

## Blah

"Just so you know, I just cleaned this nipple"

Viola (Martin) Lenz (2002)

"Abstinence makes the hard grow stronger"

James A. Bashford, Jr., a co-worker of Pete Lenz (1989)

## Spew

"She's like this sex-toy McGyver."

Ken Dillon (2003) re: Patti Beck (1998)

"...the humor of Bill Clinton in the White House with only time and interns on their knees is almost worth the vote."

Rich Demas (1992); re: if Hillary Clinton were elected.

## Tau Notes (continued)

### • Lindberg:

Katy (Herbolsheimer) Lindberg (Social, 1994) lives in Hastings, MN, with her house-husband, Andrew, and her daughter, Alison (5), and son, Zachary (3). Katy runs a Farmers Insurance Agency out of Hastings and licensed in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. Katy is also very active in her community as the president-elect of the Rotary Club, historian for the Daughters of the American Revolution, and member of the Chamber of Commerce, among other activities. Katy's husband, Andrew, intends to go back to school and pursue a Masters in Elementary Education once their kids are both in school.

### • Miller:

Allison Miller (2010) married Jake Krigbaum on May 13, 2008. Congrats!

### • Rivard:

Derek Rivard (1993) of Nevada, MO, was recently awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of history at Cottey College, a two-year liberal arts college for women in Missouri. His first book, *Blessing the World: Ritual and Lay Piety in Medieval Religion*, will be released this November by Catholic University of North America Press.

### • Shaw:

Ed Shaw (1992) and his wife, Kecia, are expecting their first child, due to arrive in September.

### • Shepard:

Amanda (Miltenberger, Bright) Shepard (2000) has been promoted to Nurse Manager, meaning she is involved in the intake administration and evaluation for new patients in the transitional care unit at Walker. Noah is working for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Minneapolis as a Match Coordinator. They just recently bought a new home, located in Wyoming, MN.

### • Smith:

Professor of Religious Studies Brian Smith (Adv.) delivered a paper titled "Ators, Institutions, and Regime Resiliency: New Challenges to Democracy from Old Sources" at a conference at Columbia University's Kellogg Center in October of 2007. The conference was held to celebrate the work of Dr. Smith's mentor while at Yale, Alfred Stepan.

### • Troestler:

Carol (Grant) Troestler (Ripon, 1960), wife of Thomas Troestler (1959) has published the latest book in a series based upon the lives of her great-grandparents. This latest book is entitled *Iowa Born and Bred*. The first book of the series was titled *Flow on Sweet Missouri*.

### • Wagner †:

James F. Wagner (1954) of St. Joseph, MO, died January 4, 2008. Born in Chicago on June 8, 1926, James served in the Navy in World War II. Although he majored in biology while at Ripon, he spent his life working as an insurance underwriter. He is survived by his wife, Jean, one son, and two daughters.

### • Wilmanns †:

Frederick A. Wilmanns (1944) died December 12, 2007. During World War II Frederick was a Lieutenant, JG, of the Torpedo Squadron VT-1, flying torpedo bombers from the USS Yorktown CV-10. After the war he worked for R.J. Harrington Co., Inc. Survivors include two sons and four daughters.

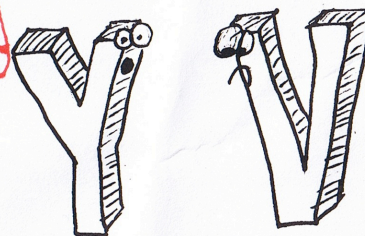
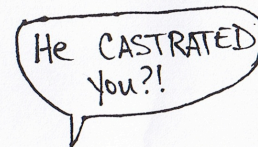
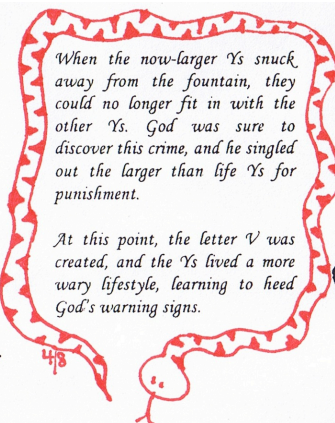
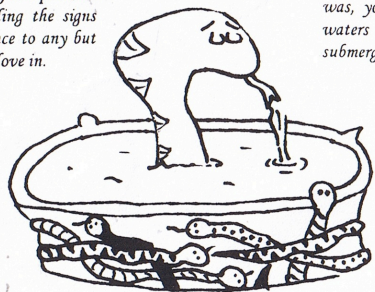
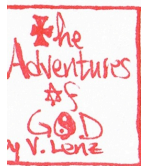
Once upon a time... there were many Ys and no Vs. These Ys were lovers of life and frolicked and had carefree existences. One day, however, some Ys discovered God's personal fountain. Disregarding the signs forbidding admittance to any but the Master, the Ys dove in.



Later, the naughty Y discovered this magical fountain was not your typical youth-reviving pond, but a special place God would go when He was feeling small. It was, you see, a fountain whose waters increased whatever was submerged within.

When the now-larger Ys snuck away from the fountain, they could no longer fit in with the other Ys. God was sure to discover this crime, and he singled out the larger than life Ys for punishment.

At this point, the letter V was created, and the Ys lived a more wary lifestyle, learning to heed God's warning signs.



## Alumni Association Reports

The Alumni Association continues to obtain Crimsons and other materials from eBay and similar sources with which to add more content to the website and to add to our understanding of our history.

Recently we obtained the 125th Anniversary issue of Who's Who in Sigma Nu, published in 1994. While it is a little out of date, it does include a complete list of all of the members of the Zeta Tau chapter of Sigma Nu (that's us, in case you didn't know) which permitted us to update our membership directory quite nicely.

A couple eBay purchases that wound up not being too useful to us include a collection of dance cards from the late 20s and early 30s... they wound up being from Merriman dances. \*sigh\* The other purchase was that of a baseball card for a person who wound up being a Merriman, too.

Pete Lenz (1989) spent some time in the Lane Library the day before Formal this spring and, with the cooperation of Valerie Viers and one of her aides, was able to get a number of scans of Crimsons missing from our collection as well as information on a few of the Crimsons we do have or will never be able to obtain. Some of this has been posted to the website, more will be posted as time permits.

Finally, we'd like to apologize for the lateness of this issue of the newsletter. The demands of Pete's two kids as well as work to support their hungry little selves has caused Pete to put most of his other projects on the back burner for a while. Things should get better soon.

## Centennial Celebration

With our 100th birthday coming up fast (May 2, 2010, in case you haven't been paying attention), we've been contemplating various options. One idea is to have the Centennial Celebration be Spring Formal that year, but if we try to schedule the celebration for the actual date it would mean an inordinately long pledge period or an activation with no subsequent formal.

A suggestion from George Johnson (2000) was that Spring Formal be scheduled for sometime in April as usual and a separate celebration for the 100th birthday. George's reasoning had a couple of very valid points. One was that our formals are very much NOT for mixed company. That is to say, when we do shots for Andy or circle dance to Bohemian Rhapsody or do the Time Warp, these are all things that might not go over so well with non-Taus. A Centennial Celebration, on the other hand, might be something we'd want to invite college administration to, older alumni, etc.

The Centennial might also require a more formal atmosphere, something that the Best Western and overly relaxed Taus aren't so good at. If the Centennial were held at, say Royal Ridges, and it were made clearly a formal occasion, it might have more of a sense of import.

In order to afford to have two formals in one spring, alumni would be asked to contribute to the costs of the Centennial Celebration.

Should the Centennial be funded by alumni, we would need to set up an organizational committee, which would include a couple of active members, of course, to make sure that they have adequate input.

Any volunteers?

"Stop tickling me, I don't want to kick you in the face."

- Matt Kramer to SaraH (Hoffman) Kramer (2002)

"Right now I'm doing the farmers."

- SaraH (Hoffman) Kramer (2002)  
re: her job processing loans

"If you're fast, it doesn't hurt."

- SaraH (Hoffman) Kramer (2002)  
re: using tweezers

"Ummm... that isn't a bottle nipple, kid."

-Matt Kramer to Lillian Lenz (μτ)

"I did it! I'm a big boy!"

'No.'

'I'm not a big boy?'

'No!'"

- Matt Kramer & Lillian Lenz (μτ)  
re: changing diapers

## Congrats, Graduates!

Graduating this spring were:

Greg Bruce  
Maggie Hall  
Cyndi Pinkus  
&  
Trisha Shafer.