

THE TAU TATTTLER

Barney Google rock climbing in the Swiss Alps.



CENTENNIAL PLANNING Theta Sigma Tau Newsletter

Theta Sigma Tau was founded by the members of the Elms Club on May 2, 1910. The 2009 - 2010 academic year marks Tau's 100th year and so plans are in the works to celebrate with a year's worth of events!

The Centennial is a chance for the House actives and alumni alike to celebrate the House, its longevity, and what it has meant to everyone. To that end, ideas are being drummed up for activities that can take place on the Ripon Campus during our Centennial Year.

Some of these events might be Tausday (rather than Tuesday): when actives and alumni all wear Tau clothing and whatnot; some sort of Homecoming and Winter Fest activities, a birthday cake and party on the weekend of May 2, 2010; and a Centennial All-Class Reunion to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2010, at La Sure's of Oshkosh; the weekend of Ripon's Alumni Weekend 2010.

Through the use of the Tau website's email lists, a committee of alumni and actives has been formed to work on airing, voting upon, and

organizing events; fundraising to help defray costs; and keeping volunteers from dropping the ball.

Centennial Committee membership is open to any active, alum, or friend of the House. Since most members are spread fairly widely across the globe we use an email list to communicate, and so to be on the committee, one has to be willing to sign up for the list and receive the sometimes frequent emails it generates.

The committee is currently comprised of 18 alumni and seven actives, spanning nearly three decades of membership. The committee is headed by an executive board of five individuals: Bruce Davis (82), Sarah (Hoffman) Kramer (02), Alexander Momich (11), Alexander Tessman (11), and Peter Lenz (89).



The Elms Club / Theta Sigma Tau
Taken from the 1913 Crimson, this is a photo of the house that served as the home of The Elms and the birthplace of Tau.

TAU NOTES

Chris Boydston (1987) has started her own, private law practice, Boydston Law Offices.

Nicholas Griepentrog (2001) is a messenger for Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank. Nicholas lives in Orange, CA, with his wife, Nikkie Nelson. They were married August 3, 2007.

Captain George H. Johnson III (2000), his wife, Patti Beck (1998), and their daughter, Virginia, have moved to Pittsburg, KS. George has been assigned to the ROTC department of the University of Kansas - Pittsburg, a post that will keep him out of the deployment rotation for 3+ years, most likely. George returned this summer from a tour of duty in Iraq.

Maggie Hall (2008) is attending the North Carolina School of Art to pursue a graduate degree in Sound Design.

Rob Kinyon (1998) began a new 'blog. It's URL is: yourfellowamerican.blogspot.com

Lisa (Thone) Kopic (1993) works for Women's Health America, Inc, of Madison, WI. Lisa lives with her husband, Brad, in Arena, WI.

Aimee Kuçera (1999) is living in Ripon, WI. Aimee has two daughters: Alaina, who is five years old; and Eliza, who just turned one.

Bryan Kuhn (2000) is a Sales Representative for Pemba Serves, representing sporting goods from companies such as Mountain Hardwear, Montrail, Sea to Summit, and others. Bryan loves the less-than 50' commute from his bedroom to his home office. While he still spends time on the road visiting customers, that time has been cut in half with this new job.

Luke Lockhart (2010) took third place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the Mid-American Forensic League Tournament.

Dr. Phil McCullough (1969) of Woodstock, IL, practices and teaches in the residency program at Northwestern University and serves as medical director of Community Mental Health Center in McHenry County.

Chuck Nailen (1988) of Hales Corners, WI, is helping to complete a new Vista training program for Binary Research International in Milwaukee. He obtained his MS Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) certification for Server 2003 and renewed his MS Certified Trainer certification. His job takes him all over the country doing training for GHOST, a computer cloning software.

Sarah Neumeyer (2001) of Kodiak, AK, is working as a fisheries biologist for Saltwater, Inc. She goes on various fishing boats from one to 30 days at a time to sample the species, length, weight, and age of fish caught. The information is used by the National Marine Fisheries Service to regulate the fishing season.

Judy Koehler Peoples (1983) of Sun City West, AZ, opened a Once Upon a Child franchise, a children's resale store located in Surprise, AZ. She and her husband formerly owned and operated a motorcycle dealership, Twin Peaks Power Sports, in Colorado.

TJ Rhodes (2010) took second place in Persuasion at the Twin Cities Forensic League tournament.

Amanda (Miltenberger, Bright) Shepard (2000) of Wyoming, MN, was promoted in De-



Capt. George Johnson (2000) & Virginia (μτ)

ember 2007 to registered nurse manager at Walker Methodist Health Center.

David Shogren (1984) of Maplewood, MO, has been promoted to executive vice-president at Resource One.

Nicole Turner (2005) of Ramona, CA, is in a teacher credential program for single subjects at California State-San Marcos. Her plan is to teach high school biology.

Cat (Wood) Travis (2000) has moved to La Crosse, WI, with her daughter, Abby. Cat and Josh divorced this year. She's been actively trying to get back in touch with a number of Taus.

Peter Tuz (1976) and his wife, Nancy, recently purchased Merrydale Farm, a cattle and hay operation in Orange, VA.

John Wheeler (1965) of Seattle, WA, is starting a new business, a franchise of The Alternative Board, that puts together peer boards of small business owners. He started the business in October of 2007.

Fall 2008 Pledge Class

This fall the House activated three new members: Dave Christensen, Jon Palecek and Ross Weinert. Dave and Jon have both pledged in the past but have been unable to activate for various reasons. Welcome to our new brothers!!

"Which side of the fence do you fall on? Do you drain the meat or not?"

Paul Archaski to Rick Kimpel (1997) at Tau Summer Party #23. Regarding cooking ground beef.

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**JAKE CIPRO (1998) &
SHANNON HOBBS**

Marriages/Unions

Jake Cipro (1998) and Shannon Hobbs (2000, Social) married on April 30, 2008.

Colin Rafferty (2005) married Alaina B (2007) on June 28, 2008. Jharick Shields (2007) stood with Colin as his best man. Andy and Jessica (Fuoco) Beswick (2005/2006) and Emily Dillon (2006) were also in attendance.

Jamie Reynolds (1988, Social) got married August 10, 2008. Jamie is a substitute English teacher for the Milwaukee Public Schools. He and his wife, Amy, live in Milwaukee's Third Ward, between Milwaukee's downtown and the lakefront.

John Schmahl (1987, Social) married his partner of two years, Londell Jackson, on October 14, 2008. John and Dell live in Denver Colorado where John works for Colorado Community Colleges Online and Dell works for the National Endowment for Financial Education.

KC Schmitz married on June 30, 2008.

MicroTaus

Ed Shaw (1992) and his wife Kecia announce the birth of their son, Éamonn Miles Shaw on September 25, 2008. Éamonn and Kecia are both doing well.

Unique eBay find!

Pete Lenz (1989) found the pendant shown below on eBay in mid-October. It's gold with 14 pearls and 6 emeralds.

It's style is similar to that of pins pictured in Crimsons from pre-Sigma Nu era Tau. No history of the item was available from the seller.

Another mystery to solve!



Obituaries

Bernard T. McCarthy '39 of Littleton, CO, died October 4, 2004. He served as a captain in the US Army, 94th Division, during World War II. He was stationed on the European Front and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge and the liberation of Normandy on D-Day. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He was retired from Borg Textile Mfg. Co. Survivors include three sons and one daughter.

Franklin D. Kalk (1949) of Aberdeen, NC, died 3-May-2004.

Disney Cult Pictures
presents

The Fozzie Horror Picture Show

Starring

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| Gonzo the Great | Frank N Furter |
| Miss Piggy | Janet Weiss |
| Kermit the Frog | Brad Majors |
| Uncle Deadly | Riff Raff |
| Janice | Magenta |
| Camilla the Chicken | Columbia |
| Dr. Bunsen Honeydew | Dr. Everett Scott |
| Fozzie Bear | Rocky, A Creation |
| Sweetums | Eddie |
| Sam the Eagle | The Criminologist |
| Wayne | Ralph Hapschatt |
| Wanda | Betty Munroe Hapschatt |
| and, as Transylvanians: | |
| | Bert & Ernie, |
| | Wembley & Boober, |
| | Greg the Bunny & Count Blah, |
| | Bleech & Madam Bovine, |
| | Trekkie Monster & Kate Monster |



The New York Times raves: The muppets as even Peter Jackson couldn't imagine them! Jim Henson is either spinning in his grave or putting on nylons!"

Fox News warns: "No one should see this... ever!"

QUOTES

"'Is that a hobbit?'
'Nope, that's a hobo and a rabbit ... but they're making a hobbit.'"
- Leela/Bender in *Bender's Game*

"Apparently that's the noise he makes when he gets his thing into the air."
- Jen Hoffman (1996)
re: A batman toy

"That's cool... making it smaller is always good."
- Krystel McKean (2009)
re: to-do lists.

"Scenic view of woman."
- eBay listing, that's it, the entire listing.

"Drinking is not the answer to our problems. However, since sex addiction is, in fact, the answer, your life-style need not change."
- An *Onion* horoscope for Emily Dillon (2006)

"Some people are like Slinkies: They're not good for much, but they bring a smile to your face when you push them down the stairs."
- A co-worker of Bryan Hall (1993).

"'You suck, Ken! You can't do it! You can't do it!'
'Yeah, like I've never heard a woman say THAT before.'"
- Cyndi Pinkus (2008)/Ken Dillon (2003), while Ken plays flippy cup.

"'I was never the greatest ball handler.'
'Tric, is that true about Ken?'
'I was never disappointed.'"
- Ken Dillon (2003)/Pete Lenz (1989)/Tricia Roll (2002)

"Pigs are just naked sheep."
- Ed Krajewski (2009)

Gonzo the
Great as Frank
N Furter!

