

The Contemporaneous Elucidator

Conclave of Evil XXI

The Twenty-First Annual Summer Party



Held once again at the Shay Resort on Sawyer Lake near Langlade, WI, the 21st Conclave of Evil was an excellent time for all. A slightly smaller crew than in recent years was in attendance but we saw the return of some faces missing from the last couple years and a few new faces as

well. Sadly, no actives were able to attend this year.

The weather was good, the tub was hot, and the kids were very well-behaved. We were joined by a calico colored fox that was wandering about on the peninsula but bothered no one.

Fall 2006 Activation!

Once again the house has had a fall pledge class!

This autumn Mat *The Slayer of Cherry Trees* Bolwerk, Kirsten *Falafel, Keeper of the Scuba Diving Hamster* Collins and Hannah *Fredrick, Empress of the Lovable Penguins* Emanuel were welcomed to full member status.

Congrats to all of you and welcome to Theta Sigma Tau.

- The Alumni Association



TAU PHILANTHROPY

On September 30th, the House participated in the American Walk for Diabetes. Three house members and an alumnus participated in the 10K walk: Andy Beswick (06), Jess Fuoco (07), Jennifer Greathouse (08), and Amanda Piccirillo (07). Mat Bolwerk (pledge), Ryan Greene (09), Kali Jankovich (07), Trisha Shafer (08) and Dustin Zuelke (09) took part in the 5K walk. The House raised over \$800 to benefit the American Diabetes Association.



Barb (Thompson) Pamperin (89), her husband, Jeff, and their kids, Angela and Kyle, took part on Sept. 16th in the 3rd Annual Arthritis Walk in West Bend, WI.

Barb's daughter, Angela, who has suffered from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis for most of her life, raised the second highest amount in pledges and won a \$50 gift card from one of the Walk's sponsors.

The West Bend Daily News did a story on the Walk and featured Angela. It is reprinted without permission on Page ?.

TAU NOTES

Updates have been made to the Tau websites. These include a functional guest book, a page about the ongoing Trivia Tournaments, and updates to names, emails, and membership.

Brenda Bayard (03) works at a therapeutic group home run by an organization called Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services in Clearwater, FL. June 19th she was promoted to the position of case manager, where she handles the cases of up to 12 displaced youth. She enjoys her work and the feeling that she is doing something positive and helpful for the lives of kids that might otherwise be overlooked or forgotten. Brenda lives in Clearwater with Wej Gray (H) and his younger sister Ashley. Brenda is planning to move back to Wisconsin in the spring of 2007.

Dr. Missy Bayard (01) graduated from the Chicago School of Optometry in the spring of 2005 and practices her trade in Illinois. She lives in Hanover Park, IL, with her husband, Jason. Missy and Jason were wed in Suring, WI, on June 18 of this year.

Stephanie Bourn, daughter of **Jim "Jimbo" Bourn (87)**, married her fiancée, Julia Ratzel, on July 22, 2006. The two of them live in the Riverwest on the east side of Milwaukee, WI.

Brook Compton (01) has bought a home in West Allis, WI. Baron von Compton joins the ranks of noble land owners and has already obtained two serfs: **Ken Dillon (03)** and **Paul Karp (99)** will be living with him.

Cindy (Surber) Gribble (92) has resurfaced. She and Jeff (Fluffy Bunny) are still happily married. They recently moved to Texas. Cindy has created a business online. She designs and creates Angry Girl Gear, an enterprise that started out modestly and is now doing exceedingly well. Her website is www.angrylittledadgirl.com. Check out the site, maybe order something. And yes, that is her modeling most of the gear.

Bryan Hall (93) reports that he has empirical evidence that asphalt is hard and that motorcycles are heavy. He managed to verify these two facts at the same time when he hit gravel on a turn and his back tire kicked out from under him. Bryan is okay, he might have chipped his hip bone, but otherwise just wound up with a few bumps and bruises. And for those bikers in the readership, the bike is also okay.

Web-spoor of our long lost brother, **Reidar Hammond (86)**, was recently found. Reidar works for the law firm of Farris and Associates in Branson, MO. The following blurb was taken from their website: REIDAR O. HAMMOND is a 1989 graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law and received his undergraduate degree from Ripon College in 1986. He is licensed to practice throughout the states of Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. When not at the office, Mr. Hammond spends time with his wife, Tommi Ann, and their daughter, Heidi.

Dr. Julie (Tillema) Hernandez (93) and her husband, George, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelly Elisa. Kelly was born on April 16th. Congrats!

Daven Howard (96) married Stephanie Schmude on Saturday, October 7. Taus in attendance included Jennifer Johannes (09), Viola (Martin) Lenz (02) and Lillian Lenz (27). Pete Lenz (89) stood with Daven as best man. The happy couple are considering relocating to Oshkosh, WI, where Stephanie's family runs a gift and party supply store named Celebrate! (www.celebratestore.com)

Natasha Peters (97) has been "living in Florida for the last 10 years has been with Catey for the last nine. It's amazing what you can find on the internet (where we met). Five cats, three dogs, two fish-tanks, and one fixer-upper later, we're still together. I wouldn't recommend the fixer-

upper though, unless you have a lot of cash/time to spare. We've both joined the SCA (Society for Creative Anachronisms). They are a great group of people and, since Catey was a Medieval History major in college and I was an English/German major, it fits quite well with our interests. Besides work, SCA, and taking care of our multitudinous pets, most of our time lately has been taken up with making chainmaille and preparing for Renaissance Festivals. We've only done one, so far. We've also had a merchant booth at a local SCA event that was right on the edge of the battlefield. Talk about ringside seats! Catey's family came over for the event and we all had a blast. A couple of times it almost seemed like the fighters were going to come right into the tent!" Natasha and Catey have a fledgling online business selling their chainmaille: www.armouredhound.com

Katie Piccirillo (04) announces the birth of her son, Michael Francis Piccirillo. Michael was born on July 19 of this year at 8.19am. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 ozs. Congrats!

Karen Derf-Reilly (93) and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their second microTau: Ava Renee Reilly: Ava was born September 9 and weighed 9 lbs. Congrats!

Christy Robinson (06) is soon to be a published author. Her first novel, *The LeFay Chronicles*, is due to be published soon by Lulu.com and will be available from Barnes & Noble and many other book retailers. Christie lives in Wayauwega, WI, where she works as a substitute teacher.

Samantha Somers (05) announces the birth of her daughter, Madison Elizabeth Somers. Madison was born on August 15 of this year at 6.21pm. She weighed in at 9 lbs. even. Congrats!

Nicole Turner (06) has returned to school. She is attending CSU-San Marcos to get certified to teach biology at the high school level.

Jon Wilcox (58) of Wautoma, WI., will retire as a Wisconsin supreme court justice when his term ends in August 2007. Wilcox served 15 years on the state's high court and 13 years as a circuit court judge in Waushara County. (From Spring 2006 Ripon College Magazine.)



Daven & Stephanie Howard, 10/7/06

QUOTABLE QUOTES



“She’s Jewish! She shouldn’t have swallowed anyway!”

- Viola Lenz (02), re: someone doing a bit of oral lovin’

“Do you need some help getting that up?”

- Emily Dillon (06) to Pete Lenz (89) and Matt Kramer, re: erecting a tent

“Naps are like orgasms for the mind.”

‘Naps are practice for being dead... orgasms are orgasms.’

‘Depends upon how actively you dream and how wet you wake up, I suppose.’

- Trisha Shafer (08)/Pete Lenz (89)/Lexie Natkin (01), An exchange on MSN Msgr.

“Stop stabbing me with your wood!”

- Gretchen Cuthbert (07) to Greg Bruce (08)

“Dang, the testosterone in the house is taking a beating again... in a manner of speaking.”

- Daven Howard (96), re: the unequal gender distribution of the fall pledge class.

“Bodies are for hookers and fat people!”

- Bender, from the television program *Futurama*

“You need to fluff me like I fluffed you.”

- The Catholic priest that performed Daven & Steph Howard’s wedding, at the rehearsal, referring to adjusting the bride’s train.

“Did he just call Daven a man-whore?”

‘Yeah... but then again, aren’t all men whores at heart?’

‘Good point.’

- Gary Schmude/Pete Lenz (89) re: a comment made by the priest at Daven Howard’s (96) wedding.

“Fortunately Brad was extra, so he handled my bags.”

- Viola (Martin) Lenz (02)

“You can touch yourself, just not your hair.”

- Steph Bourn (mt) to Pete Lenz (89)

“If I bite too much my throat shuts down... I cough and gag. Small nibbles are good.”

- Carol (Shay) Hornung (88)

“Hold it down low and use one finger while pretending to watch the teacher.”

- Pete Lenz (89) re: texting

“Would you hold this little one for me?”

- Pete Lenz (89) to Chuck Nailen (88); re: a flashlight

“It goes everywhere and that’s how I like it.”

- Jax Bourn (mt); re: catsup

“She’s got good fingers for this, she digs them right in there.”

- Amy (Nailen) Frohwirth; re: her daughter giving a backrub.

Contributors

COLLINS KAHOLO



The man, the myth, the legend. Collins graduated in 2001 and now lives in Oregon with his wife and fellow Tau, Kim

Oxman-Kaholo (00).

LILLIAN LENZ



Lillian is a future student at Ripon College, planning on taking over as president of Tau in her freshman year.

PETER LENZ



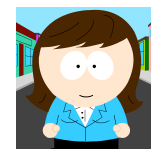
Pete should have graduated from Ripon in 1989. He now lives in Fredonia, WI, with his wife, Viola (02), and daughter, Lillian.

VIOLA (MARTIN) LENZ



Viola graduated from Ripon in 2002 and now lives in Fredonia, WI, with her husband, Pete Lenz (89), and daughter, Lillian.

BARB (THOMPSON) PAMPERIN



Barb graduated from Ripon in 1989 and now lives in West Bend, WI, with her husband, Jeff, daughter, Angela, and son, Kyle.

CYNDI PINKUS



Cyndi is a student at Ripon College, spending a year abroad in Tanzania. She is scheduled to graduate in 2008.

One last quote, from a children’s book:

“Then Tigger slipped, and he found out how easy going down was.”
- *What Tiggers do Best.*

MICROTAUS IN THE NEWS (FROM THE WEST BEND (WI) DAILY NEWS, 9/18/06)

When Angela Pamperin was born she seemed like a typical, healthy baby girl. But by 18 months it was clear to her mother Barbara that something was wrong.

"Angela started having problems when she was 18 months," said Barbara. "We didn't know what was wrong; she couldn't tell us. She went from being an active toddler to wanting to sit on the couch and watch movies."

As time went on things only got worse.

"She started having problems walking," said Barbara. "We took her to three different pediatricians and they said she wasn't getting enough sleep, but I didn't buy that. We took her to a chiropractor and he adjusted her and it didn't make any difference. He said you need to take her to a pediatric rheumatologist and we didn't know what that was."

At 20 months Angela was diagnosed as having juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, one of 4,500 children in Wisconsin that have JRA or some form of arthritis.

The Pamperin family isn't alone. To raise awareness and money about arthritis, more than 100 people participated in the 1- to 3-mile third annual Arthritis Walk in West Bend Saturday morning, raising some \$8,253.

"Rheumatoid and osteo-arthritis are the two (types of arthritis) that people know most about," said Kristin Schiller, community development specialist for the Arthritis Foundation, Wisconsin chapter. "When they get rheumatoid arthritis it attacks and deteriorates the joints. That's why they get deformed or crippled hands and feet."

Ruth Williams is one such sufferer. She has had rheumatoid arthritis for the last 20 years, and her gnarled hands are a testament to the pain she has gone through. Williams, who was being pushed in a wheelchair, said the walk was a "fine idea."

"I think it's great for the kids," she said.

Luckily for Williams, modern medical advances have stopped the arthritis from getting worse.

"I take shots, and it stopped it from getting worse," she said. "But the pain is still there."

Angela and other sufferers of rheumatoid arthritis also take the same or similar shots.

"Right now (Angela) is on methotextrate," said Barbara. "She is injected once a week. It's a cancer drug, and it actually suppresses the immune system. Her own immune system is at-tacking the fluid in her joints."

For Angela, who is 11, and others like her, the injections seem to prevent the arthritis from progressing, although flare-ups are still a problem.

"She can participate in physical education and stuff like any other kid," said Barbara. But when she has a flare-up, "she gets very sore. She has problems getting up in the morning. (She has difficulty) putting on her clothes, doing zippers, buttons, writing, walking."

And the pain can be intense.

"Sometimes it makes her cry out when she's at the height of a flare," said Barbara. "But she's a trooper and she won't tell you if it hurts too much."

Despite occasional arthritis pain, Angela Pamperin is confident of her future. She takes piano lessons, and said she thinks there will be a cure for arthritis one day.

"I've been playing piano for a year," she said, adding that she feels she can do anything despite the arthritis.



Angela Pamperin, 11, right, of West Bend, her brother Kyle, 7, and her father, Jeff, do exercises before participating in the third annual Arthritis Walk at West Bend Mutual Insurance Company on Saturday morning in West Bend. Angela's mother, Barb (nee Thompson), is a Tau, class of 89.

LIFE IN TAU-NZANIA



Cyndi

Pinkus (08) is spending the semester abroad, in Tanzania.

September 10, 2006 -

"Hey everybody, sorry this took so long to finally send an update out. Life in Tanzania is definitely keeping me on the go. I've seen so much so far and I have hardly left Dar es Salaam. Living in the dorms have been fun for the most part (minus the power outages and when the water turns off), and I am sad that we are moving in with our home stay families in two days. Class at the university are interesting too. Kiswahili is down to two hours a day from four, and we have our ecology and human evolution classes now too. The research methods class is basically over now, and my final project proposal is due next week. For my research in the field, I am going to be looking at foraging behavior in giraffes. How cool is that!!!! I can't wait for break in two weeks, I am going to be climbing an 10,000 foot active volcano and camping in the crater at

the top for a few days. I expect it to be an amazing experience.

Speaking of amazing experiences, last weekend we went to Zanzibar and I loved it there. Stone Town is really neat to walk through with its really narrow streets and old buildings. The fish market was gross but fun to see also, lots of sea creatures I never really want to eat. We saw the old slave market too. Then the next day we went snorkeling. The boat ride out there was really awesome, we sailed in old refurbished dhows. The water was really clear, but the weather overcast so visibility was down, but there were lots of fish and coral, though no sharks like last time I went snorkeling in Florida. Then on the way back we stopped at a sandbar and i collected some small pieces of different coral. Back on Zanzibar we headed north to see the last remaining wild population of red columbus monkeys. I also saw my first wild chameleons! Then we stayed at a posh hotel and I got to watch the sun set over a picturesque ocean view. Amazing! I lost my cell phone and lens cap to my camera on Saturday which is typical of me, but at least it wasn't something I couldn't replace. On Sunday we had free time to wander Stone Town and I got some henna done on my hand for cheap. I can't wait to go

back in two weekends cause we're going to a small island by Zanzibar to see these huge tortoises.

There's also a bunch to do around Dar, whether it's going to Mwenge (a big market place with lots of fun stuff to buy) or into the city, or eating out at tasty restaurants. We also took a day trip to Bagamoyo which is north of Dar es Salaam and we walked among 13th century ruins and saw traditional dance. I also went to my small groups leader Pendo's house one Sunday and she taught us how to make chapati and ugali so I can cook it for all of you back home. One of the coolest parts about living on campus are the vervet monkeys that like to run around (sometimes into our dorms) and also the fact that we can get onto the roof of the dorm which is fun to do at night. Getting on a computer is a pain in the butt, not to mention once you do get on it's soooooo slow. I can't wait till next semester with my own computer with decent internet. Overall though I am having a live changing (for the better) experience here and can't wait to share it all (including lots of pictures) with you when I get back in December. Have fun at school or where ever and hope to hear from all of you. Miss you all tons!"

OBITUARY

Emmeth A. Luebke (36) of Pittsford, NY, died February 27th, 2006. He was a physicist for General Electric and a retired administrative judge for the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 1948 he received the Presidential Citation at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for fundamental microwave research. Survivors include his wife, Nora, a son and a daughter.

(Taken from Spring 2006 Ripon College Magazine, edited to correct atrocious grammar.)

THE VIEW OF TAU FROM HAWAII

A continuing series of recountings of life in Ripon by Collins Kaholo (01), a native of Hawaii.

1998 - 1999 - Anyway, when we were last here, I believe it was 1st semester of my sophomore year. This was the time I started going out with my beautiful wife (not my wife at the time, but still beautiful), had a blast at Halloween, had my first room all to myself, and participated in the most fun I've had legally in a long time. That was the Lambda Delta Alpha (LDA) sponsored game of KILLER.

For those of you unfamiliar with the rules, this is how it worked: 1. You sign up and pay your \$1 entry fee; 2. You are given a slip of paper with a person's name on it (someone else in the game, as determined by the game master); 3. Your goal is to "kill" the person whose name you have (weapons for killing are pre-approved by the game master and are usually soft dart guns, nerf guns, etc.); 4. While avoiding being "killed" yourself, because someone else in the game has your name; 5. If you off your target, you get the paper they had with their intended target, and that is your new goal; 6. Game continues until there is only one person left. (On a side note, a version of the game was featured on an episode of CSI: NY, where one of the participants was really killed. The killing turned out to be accidental, but the gist of how the game works was in the episode. No one is actually supposed to be hurt or killed.)

Rules seem simple enough, and I believe something like 50 or so people signed up. The pot would be split between the last person in the game, and the person who ended up with the most kills. If this is the same person, they get the whole thing. The game lasts until there is only one person left, which that year I believe was only like a week or so.

Now would be a good time to say that this game produces quite a bit of paranoia around campus, as nobody but the game master really knows how many people or who is playing. Anyone could be hunting you, and except for a few "safe" zones (class buildings, your own room unless you invite your killer in, within 15ft of the game masters room, etc.) you could be killed at anytime. The only thing that could save you was the presence of "witnesses", as each kill could be seen by no more than 5 people (or was it 3).

Here comes the best part: I survived a total of 3 days in the game. During that time I amassed a dozen kills, enough to get me half the prize money. I believe I was the only one in double digit kill count, mainly because during the game I would actively hunt my targets rather than waiting for them to be in the right place at the right time. I waited outside someone's door for 3 hours til he had to go to the bathroom. I actively asked friends, neighbors, roommates if they knew where people were so I could get them.

I even wore this long grey trench coat that I had

bought at the local thrift shop freshman year because I thought it was cool. And coincidentally it had enough room in it to hide 3 "guns" (one single shot for making kills, one rapid fire for stalling a would be attacker by "freezing" them in place if they were hit first, and a disc launcher which wasn't very accurate but could shoot the furthest and had about 12 shots or so). I even carried one of the guns with me to and from the shower, just in case.

After talking to the game master, apparently I only lasted as long as I did because I was always out hunting and never anywhere that any of my friends knew where I was. This game was ALOT of fun, and I had a blast playing it. I developed this reputation after that of being quite dangerous in this sort of game, though I did meet some cool new people through playing. I liked it so much I even bought the "official" rulebook for the game (Killer by Steve Jackson Games).

All in all, this is one of my favorite times in college. Yeah, I still had to do homework and stuff, but this was something different. For a short while I was part of a game that the whole college could have been a part of, where I never stopped looking over my shoulder, and where I could earn a reputation as a real "badass" (at least in game terms). After all, my weapon of choice only had an effective range of about 3ft. Any further and it just dropped off like a rock. I think it was probably the most fun I had that year, and something I will always remember.

1998 - 1999 - Well let's see, where were we at. Ah yes, 2nd semester sophomore year in college I believe. Well, that was the semester that my wife (girlfriend at the time) went for a semester abroad, and I attempted to buckle down and stick with the school work. Amusingly enough while I have more class notes and did all my homework during this semester, it was also the semester that I had the worst grades. I can only assume that while I was doing all the required school work, my mind was not really on the work as I probably missed Kim.

During that semester I also threw myself into gaming a lot, rpg's 4 nights a week (at least), ccg's, N64, PS, computer games, etc. I also had my first pledge assigned to me during that semester (yeah, Tricia!). That semester wasn't really a very good one for me, and there unfortunately isn't much to recount, or at least not here. For the stories from that semester that I do remember, it is probably best to be told in person. Anywho, at the end of that school year I was looking forward to Kim returning for her last year of college, and I couldn't wait to move on to Junior Year for me. Wow, 2 years of college down, where does the time go?

- Next up, "Living in a Walk-in Closet"

BAD TAU-STE BEAR



Jim Jimbo Bourn (87) is an avid collector and trader of the series of collectible figurines known as Bad Taste Bears. These figurines feature cute and cuddly bears either doing inappropriate things by themselves or with others, dressed in naughty fashion or rendered in other ways in “bad taste.”

So avid a fan of these bears is Jim that he decided to have a tattoo in the style of Bad Taste Bears placed on his arm. It’s pictured to the left.

Jim’s tattoo was featured in the September issue of the Bad Taste Bears newsletter.

NOT SO LONG AGO, IN A BURG NOT TOO FAR AWAY..



Sarah Hoffman (02) married Matt Kramer on Friday, October 20. The wedding took place at the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, WI, to the music of Star Wars.

Taus in attendance included Jared Billings (03), Dave Casper (08), Jessica Fuoco (07), Kali Jankovich (07), Paul Karp (99), Josh LeGreve (08), Lillian Lenz (27), Pete Lenz (89), Colin Rafferty (05) and Darlene Wulf (03).

Jennifer Hoffman (95) and Viola (Martin) Lenz (02) stood with Sarah as bridesmaids and John Hoffman (H) happily gave the bride away. Sarah and Matt live in Grafton, WI.

