

# Taunie Time Newsletter

## Theta Sigma Tau - Fall 2007

*The fall photo of the House.*



It's getting so big! Are you sure it will fit (in Mapes?)

This fall the House had a six member pledge class. five of whom activated in November! A "Welcome to the House" goes out to Andy, Becca, Ed, TJ, and Artie. Also, returned from a little time off, Ryan Greene (09) is back, making up for the fact that Allison Miller (10) has chosen to leave Ripon. Welcome back to Ryan and welcome to full membership in the Alumni Association to Allison!

The House now has 32 members, which may be an all-time high since long before the departure of Sigma Nu.

Front: Nate Rees

First Row: Danielle Reimer, Kyna McCartney, Kirsten Collins.

Second Row: Colleen Rosin, Jennifer Greathouse, Maggie Hall, Talley Yake, Ed Krajewski (pledge), David Casper.

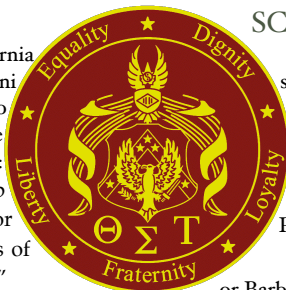
Third Row: Trisha Shafer, [gap], Krystal McKean, Cyndi Pinkus, Jennifer Johannes, Jon Palecek (pledge), Ted Beres (honorary).

Back Row: Katie Brown, Stephanie Lassen, Andy Chrapkiewicz (pledge), Artie Rumpf (pledge), TJ Rhodes (pledge), Luke Lockhart, Tyler Brunette, Greg Bruce, Reuben Berman.

Camera Shy: Matt Biver (abroad), Mat Bolwerk, Becca Dichraff (pledge), Hannah Emanuel, Ryan Greene, Josh LeGreve (abroad), Allison Miller, Korine Vierthaler, Dustin Zuelke

### CALIFORNIA BURNING

The recent series of firestorms in southern California caused the temporary displacement of one of our alumni (that we know of). Nicole Turner (06) was forced to evacuate her home in Ramona, CA, at the height of the conflagration. When she was able to return she reports: "One of our trees just decided that it wanted to fly up out of the ground. It's the weirdest sight. Luckily for me, that's the only thing that's out of place here. Lots of smoke, wind and ashes damage to the property tho :-/"



### SCOTT ACKERMAN REMEMBRANCE

On July 24 of 2009 it will have been twenty years since Scott (Tau, 89) passed away, a victim of Ewing's Sarcoma, bone cancer.

Tentative plans are being made to organize a gathering on or around that date in 2009 to remember Scott. It would probably take place in or near the Hyde Park area of Chicago, which is where Scott grew up.

Interested parties should contact either Pete Lenz or Barb Pamperin (contact info is in the website directory).

TAU NOTES



**Patti Beck & Capt. George Johnson (98/00)**

Patti and George proudly announce the birth of their first child, Virginia Heinlein Johnson. Ginny was born on September 5 of this year, weighing in at 6 lbs., 14 ozs. Congrats to Patti and George and welcome to microTaudom to Ginny!

**Tammy (Priestaf, Sheahan) Cannon (94)**

Tammy lives with her husband in Devil's Lake, ND. Tammy works from home where she also home-schools her 12-year old daughter, Miranda.

**Kevin Clancy (02)**

Kevin is a product testing coordinator for BonTon Stores (Boston Store, Younkens). Kevin lives on Milwaukee's south side near the State Fair Grounds.

**Kirsten Collins (09)**

Kirsten is attempting to update the Tau Trivia cards that came with the donated Tau-Opoly set that was given to the House. These are the Tau Trivia questions that are asked of pledges during Live-In. If you have any new questions or ones you want to be sure that are asked, e-mail her at [collinsk@ripon.edu](mailto:collinsk@ripon.edu).

**Nicolas Griepentrog (00)**

Nick is engaged to be married to Nikkie Nelson on May 3, 2009. Nick works at Wells Fargo, working in International Trade Relations. Nick is also a student and instructor of Tai Chi. Nick lives in California.

**Pete Handley (90)**

Pete is a consultant for Convergent Computing of Oakland, CA. Pete's been living in California since 2002.

**Dave and Alys (Fulkerson) Humfleet (03/03)**

Dave and Alys have moved to Columbia, MD, because the army reassigned Dave from Washington state to Maryland.

**Kali Jankovich (07)**

Kali is student teaching in Bangkok, Thailand. She finds it a bit trying as the differences between the educational systems of the US and the UK are significant and do NOT favor the UK system, in her opinion.

**Kurt Kapplinger (93)**

Kurt and his wife, Leslie, announce the birth of their second child, Daphne Joann. Born on August 20, 2007, Daphne was 21.25 inches long and 8 lbs, 4 ozs. Kurt's son, Dane, is thrilled to be a big brother. Congrats to the Taus and welcome to the microTau!

**Paul Karp (99)**

Paul is an EMT working for Paratech Ambulance as well as Ripon Medical Center and Ripon/Green Lake Ambulance Services.

**SaraH (Hoffman) Kramer (02)**

SaraH, who works at US Bank Trust Technology & Security Services won their annual Service First award this past summer. SaraH's face will now be plastered on the wall of every US Bank in the country.

**Matt Larson (96)**

Matt recently moved to Chicago, IL.

**Charles Nailen (88)**

Chuck is a trainer and consultant for Binary Research International, located in Glendale, WI. Chuck lives in Hales Corners, WI.

MICROTAUS

STEPHANIE BOURN



Stephanie moved this fall to Las Vegas, NV, with her spouse, Julia. Stephanie works for a national inventory control company and was able to easily transfer from the Milwaukee division to the one in Las Vegas.

LILLIAN LENZ



Lillian caught her first fish, a small bluegill, on July 28, 2007, on Little Bearskin Lake near Harshaw, WI. After posing for this picture (which was published in the August 10 *Lakeland*

*Times*) she said goodbye to the fish and it was returned to the water.

KELCEY SHEAHAN



Kelcey, daughter of Tammy (Priestaf, Sheahan) Cannon (94) and Sully Sheahan (94) has started her first year of college at Lake

Region State College in Devil's Lake, ND. Kelcey is interested in becoming a paralegal.



## Quotes

**"You know, once you muscle your way past the gag reflex, all kinds of possibilities open up."**

- Emile, from the Disney movie *Ratatouille*

**"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)

**"Oh, Lisa. What am I gonna do when the day comes that a cookie isn't good enough for an apology?"**

**'Silly daddy! Cookies are always good 'nuff! They're yummy and make daddy soft to hug.'**

- Gaspar and Lisa, webcomic: [Midnight Macabre](#)

**"You haven't had a meaningful relationship with a woman since your mother stopped breast feeding."**

- Henry Goldblum to J.D. laRue, *Hill Street Blues*

**"He's downstairs pounding wood."**

**'We were doing that a lot yesterday.'**

- Jake Nemiro/Pete Lenz (89) re: home improvements

**"You're always afraid it'll be too big and it never is."**

- Lisa (Flegel) Sottile (88) to Pete Lenz (89)

**"Monica had more president in her than George W. Bush will ever have in him."**

- Morning radio-show host

## MORE TAU NOTES

### Amanda Piccirillo (07)

Amanda is student-teaching this year for Cleveland State University in order to get her student teaching certification.

### Colin Rafferty (05)

Colin is engaged to be married to Alaina Bigler. (Ripon, 07) on June 28, 2008.

### Roxanne (Ross) Cunningham (07)

Roxanne married Dustin Cunningham, a childhood sweetheart, on June 30, 2007. Roxy is working on an MBA in accounting at the University of Phoenix. Roxy and Dustin live at Fort Carson (Dustin is in the US Army) in Colorado Springs, CO.

### Jill (Schneider) McNutt (00)

"Steve and I were married on 5 October 2007 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Pulaski, Wisconsin. Taus in attendance were Scott Ahern (96) and his lovely wife Tina Smith. Pictures can be viewed at [web.mac.com/jill.mcnutt](http://web.mac.com/jill.mcnutt)."

### Geoff Seymour (88)

Having tired of life in the DC area, Geoff has moved back to Wisconsin. He's currently on the prowl for work but happy to be away from the nation's capital.

### Dr. Edward M. Shaw (92)

Ed received his Ph.D. in German Studies on October 2, 2007. Congrats, Dr. Ed!

### Shmuel Temple (89)

Shmuel (Sam) and his wife, Rivkeh, welcome their second child, a son named Menachem Abba Temple, born on July 26, 2007. Menachem's middle name is in honor of Shmuel's father, Arvid Abba Temple, who passed away on July 13, two weeks before the baby's birth.

### Darlene Wulf (03)

Darlene works in Quality Assurance at Brakebush Brothers, Inc. in Westfield, WI. Darlene also lives in Westfield.

## Challenge Coins

A reminder to those members who have not yet purchased a Challenge Coin, we still have a small number remaining from our initial order.

Also, by the end of this academic year the majority of the "donor coins" (donated by alumni and members to ensure that new actives would receive a coin at activation) will be depleted. After the fall pledge class there will be 15 left. If anyone wants to donate more, they should contact Plenz at his email address: [plenz@thetasigmatau.org](mailto:plenz@thetasigmatau.org).

We will be talking to the House about arranging a method to insure that coins will be available for future activations by paying for the coins from the treasury.

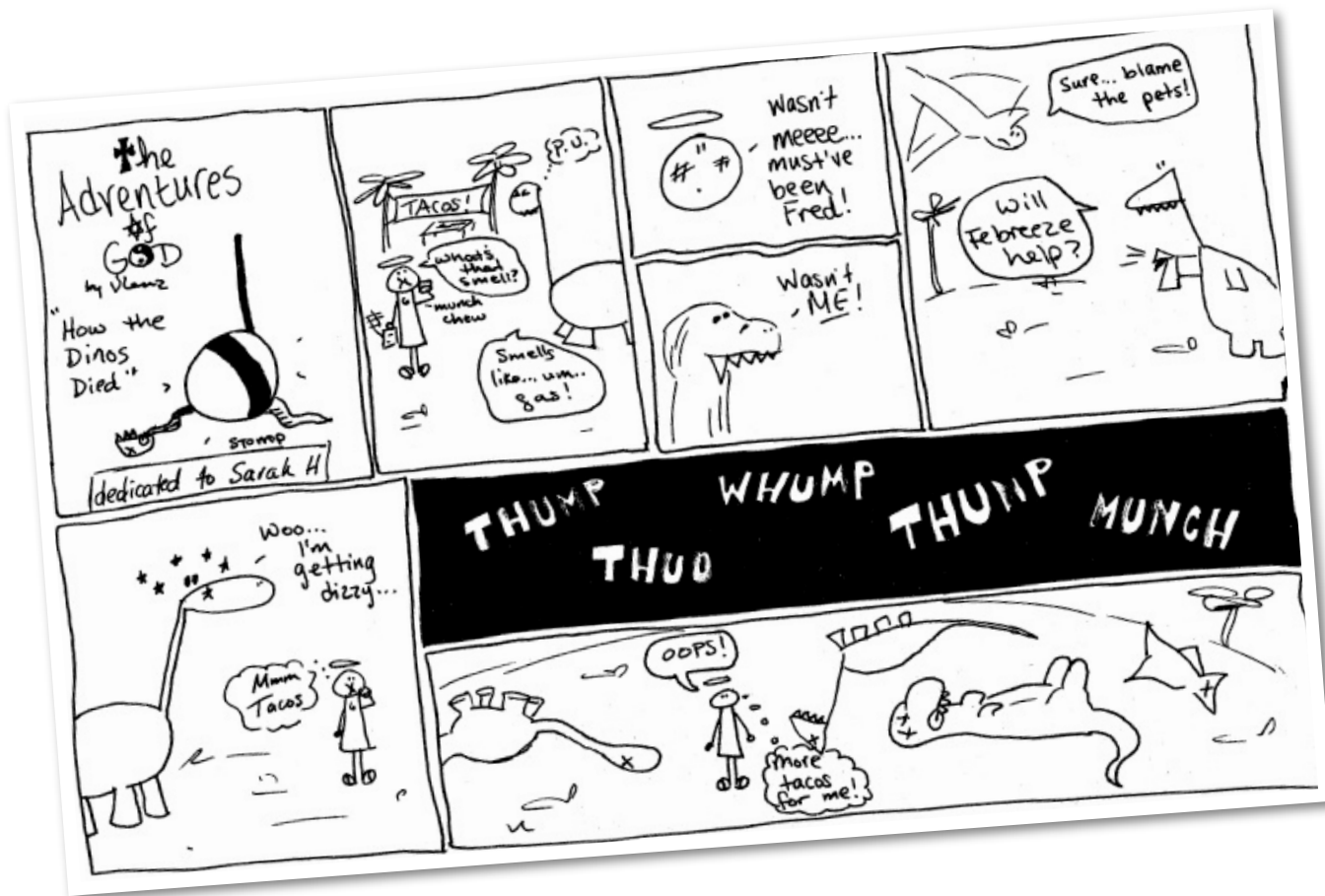
When we begin to run dangerously low on our supply of coins, another batch will be ordered.

## Centennial Commemorative?

The House's 100th anniversary year will be upon us, soon. Theta Sigma Tau was formally founded on May 2, 1910, and so the 100th anniversary of its founding is May 2, 2010 and the preceding 365 days comprise its 100th year of existence.

Would we like to do something to commemorate this occasion? One possibility would be a Centennial Coin or Medallion, similar to the challenge coin. Unlike the challenge coin, this would be a one-time release, dated. We could do a design like that on the challenge coin or perhaps something a bit different. Perhaps the obverse could have the house letters circled by "Theta Sigma Tau Centennial - 1910 - 2010. The reverse might have several small versions of the various crests from then till now.

THE ADVENTURES OF GOD BY VIOLA LENZ



Quotes

**“Marriage is BIG! You don’t know how it changes things.”**

**‘So it’s bad?’**

**‘No! But the stakes are higher. You can’t just leave now. You’re like two weasels locked in a box, fighting to the death...’**

- Tom/Tanner - the webcomic [Home on the Strange](http://Home on the Strange)

**"For \$100 I'll let you give me a blow job."**

- Dave Casper (09)

**"You know, global warming is the best thing that could happen to homeless people."**

- Overheard by an anonymous passerby

An alumnus reminisces...

From Torii Swader (1998)

I was sitting in the lounge, within the first, oh... 2-3 weeks of school my first year there. The lounge phone started ringing and none of the actives budged to get it. They all thought it was someone they didn't want to speak to and nobody wanted to talk to answer.

Finally after about 10 minutes of the phone ringing, I got tired of hearing it, got up and went to answer the phone. I picked up the receiver, stated flatly "Sorry, nobody here wants to talk to you" and hung up.

Of course the phone started ringing again, and someone coming down the stairs answered this time. I don't remember who it was, but they came into the lounge and said "That was Nages. And he's pissed."

That was my first interaction with a Tau Alum.