

heads up

Interchapter Weekend

Brothers from Region IV chapters including FSU, USF, Georgia Tech, University of West Georgia, Clemson, Embry-Riddle, and more gathered at UF to share in all the leadership, friendship, and service that Tau had to offer Feb. 26-28.

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March 26-28

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April 10

MS Walk Gainesville,

Spring Philanthropy

April 21

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Dec. 27-30

Biennial National Convention in Atlanta

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That's Awkward

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Brothers Choose To Celebrate The Awkward Moments In Life

By: Alyssa Freeman

We've all experienced those moments...

- Watching a movie that has sex scenes in it with your parents.
- Saying goodbye to somebody and then walking in the same direction as them for five minutes.
- Seeing someone wave to you, only to look behind you and see that they weren't waving at you, they were waving at their friend behind you.
- When you happen to get into the wrong car when your friend is picking you up, that's awkward.

These daily occurrences inspired the creation of the Awkward Committee of Tau.

There are two kinds of awkward stories; the

ones you create, and the ones that just seem to happen to innocent people, making their lives very awkward.

Being awkward inevitably leads to awkward occurrences in your life. John Thibeault gives an excellent example of creating an awkward situation:

"I was playing Assassins with SHO, my area government, and I thought I saw my target across Turlington plaza. When I saw her I put my hoodie and sunglasses on and ran up behind and yelled 'Got ya!!!' at her and hit her with three pairs of (really dirty) balled up socks and hit her in the back with a wooden spoon (that was how you had to get someone out). When she turned around and it was not her, I said 'sorry I had to kill you like that' and picked up

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Flanagan Skips Sun For Spring Break Service

By: Patrick Flanagan

I did not spend my Spring Break on a cruise. Nor did I spend it touring Japan. Nor did I spend it lazing on the sunny beaches of South Florida.

I spent it sleeping on a cold

floor, with eleven strangers, waking up at 7:30 in the morning every day, living on a tight budget of pasta and rice at night and PBJ sandwiches by day.

I spent my break with Florida Alternative Breaks and I wouldn't have it any other

way. FAB splits students up into groups based on issues like Immigration Law, Educational Inequality, and Disaster Recovery.

Issue Researchers at the Center for Leadership and Service

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Ask the Graysons: Adam and Greg

By: Greg Bramlett and Adam Wolfe

Anonymous asks "What are these Pokemans that you all speak of?"

Dear Anonymous,
I first would like to tell you that it is pronounced Poke-e-mon. There is no man in Pokemon. Also Pokemon is both singular and plural, you do not need to add an "s" to make your questions grammatically correct.

So Pokemon or Pocket Monsters is a video game released in Japan in 1996. There is an anime based on the game. In this game fictional creatures with amazing abilities fight each other.

This game promotes friendship between Pokemon and Pokemon trainer; through trust, friendship, and love, Trainers and Pokemon will grow and become powerful. Most Trainers goal is to become the most powerful Trainer of all time.

Pokemon are usually based on plants or animals - for example there is a Pokemon called Ekans (note this is snake spelled backwards) that is a large purple snake and a poison type pokemon. It uses attacks like bite and poison sting. Pokemon are incredible creatures, they are very in tune with nature and often know about natural disasters before they occur.

In Pokemon battles, Pokemon do not fight to the death. They only fight until they are too exhausted to continue and pass out. This is like dog fighting, except it is not frowned upon. This might seem cruel, but these creatures are very powerful and recover extremely quickly by spraying them with a mix of herbs, which make up a potion.

Note that if you wanted to create a Pokemon (HINT HINT) you could base it off an animal, plant, food, building, person, the sky, poop, digimon, videogames, John Coop, etc... It does not matter, you don't even have to be that creative, there is a Pokemon called

Seel, and it looks like a Seal.

Next Question: "What is this I hear about a Tomato shortage?"

Tomatoes are incredibly delicious and manly fruit/vegetables. They are both because they are that awesome. Anything you heard about a shortage is a lie. Tomatoes can't die, they are too awesome. They can't even be picked by humans, because they are too difficult to pick.

Only Chuck Norris, Andy Grayson, and evil robot overlords can pick tomatoes. Since Chuck was busy and Andy Grayson was at IHOP eating all the free pancakes (don't worry guys -- he donated over 9000 billion dollars to the charity) they have not picked tomatoes this month. Robot overlords are not as efficient at picking tomatoes as Mr. Norris and Andy Grayson so there are indeed less tomatoes available, but a shortage from cold weather!? That is lies! Just ridiculous. On to the next question!

"How do you guys look so good in flannel?" - John Coop

Dear Mr. Coop,
Did you know if you add an "S" to the front of your last name it spells scoop? Anyways, on to the flannel, Adam what do you have to say?

Flannel is perhaps the manliest of winter wear, second only to an animal pelt from an animal you caught yourself. That being said, flannel looks the best on the manliest of men.

Flannel enhances manliness and when donned by a man of men, men will bow to him and women will flock to him.

So in essence, what Adam is saying is that we look so good in flannel because we are the manliest of men.

If you have questions, please email gbramlett@comcast.net and cc abwolfe@ufl.edu.



FAB Trip Provided Unforgettable Spring Break Experience

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find housing and service sites throughout the United States and even internationally. And on the first day of your break, be it Winter Break, Spring Break, or just MLK Weekend, groups head out in their vans or plans to make a difference in the world.



I got to know eleven amazing people on an almost awkwardly intimate level over the course of only seven days. I visited four migrant farmer camps, three medical and dental facilities, and attended more law seminars than I can remember.

I worked closely with attorneys dedicated to serving justice. I conversed in broken Spanish with a woman from Guatemala. I shook the hands of doctors, dentists, police officers, and a CEO. It was an experience I will never forget.

Next break you take, consider taking it with FAB. You could have a story like mine.

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The Adventures of the Grayson Family

By: Greg Bramlett and Adam Wolfe

Join us as we follow the adventures of the crime-fighting, monster-obliterating, damsel-in-distress-saving Grayson family...

We last left two of our intrepid heroes, Greg and Adam in Japan while on the Grayson Tomato's world-wide tour.

While traversing the backstreets of Tokyo, Greg

and Adam ran into none other than Andy Grayson, who was demonstrating his manly skills to passerbys. Andy immediately challenged them to a live giant squid eating contest.

They, of course, could not refuse. The battle was fierce, but Adam finally emerged victorious after eating two 50 foot giant squids.

Emerging from the store, the trio wit-

nessed the most feared enemy of Japan: none other than the monstrous Godzilla! They knew they had to act quickly to save Tokyo from burnination.

Adam and Greg ran to the roof of a tall building and saw the beast toppling buildings like they were made of cards and swatting helicopters out of the sky like gnats.

With fierce determination, the Graysons held their hands up high with their fingers

held in circular fashion and channeled the power of the Tomato - "BY THE POWER GRAYSON TOMATO.... WE HAVE THE POOWWEERR!!"

Their power level instantly increased to over 9000 and they both jumped towards the mighty lizard. Godzilla swung around to face the dynamic duo, firing a gigantic laser out of its mouth. The two narrowly dodged the laser as

it passed by, only singeing the hairs on Adam's face.

Infused with the power of the Tomato, their mighty punches pounded Godzilla with the strength of one thousand men and with a deafening boom, the beast fell to the ground.

These adventures are typical of the Grayson family. These manly men often find themselves in very unpredictable and dangerous situations, but they always make it though just fine using their manly wits, muscles, and courage. The power of the Grayson Tomato is strong in them, you can think of Grayson's as Jedi and the Grayson Tomato as the Force.

On the next episode of Grayson Adventures we will join Greg, Adam, and Alex as they travel through Africa with the sacred Grayson Tomato.

(Spoiler: they fall into a pit of ninja snakes.)

What kind of adventures will our heroes face? Tune in next time to see!

“They knew they had to act quickly to save Tokyo from burnination.”

Brothers Make the Most of Awkward Situations

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my socks and walked away.

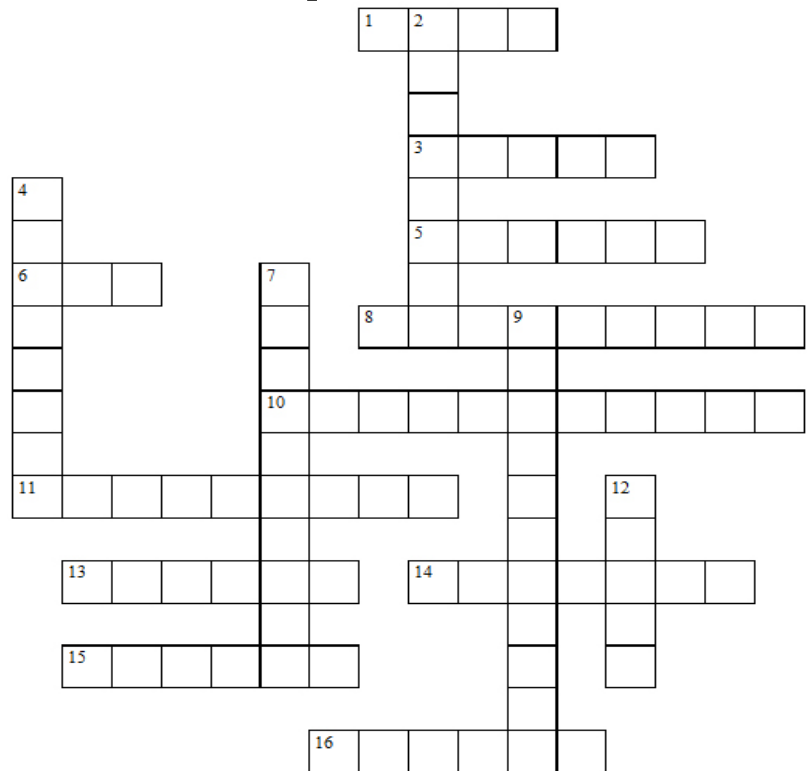
Doppelgangers are awkward. Adam Wolfe has a doppelganger as a couple of APBio Brothers found out one afternoon. As we were walking to Krishna lunch, we noticed a guy that happened to have a plaid hat and a red beard.

So excited by the fact that he looked more similar to Adam than his own brother, we stalked the poor guy until we approached him for a picture. His friend told us that this was the third time today he was approached by someone who looked like him to take a picture. That's awkward.

That was an awkward moment we created, in fact every awkward story is one that you create, and I lied. Also did you notice that every awkward story included a Grayson family member? It seems that Grayson's are inherently awkward.

Rob Klassen once

Tau Chapter Crossword



ACROSS

1. Largest College
3. Closest hotel
5. Closest Wendy's
6. Nuclear Reactor
8. Dr. Stewart's Office

DOWN

10. Moe's Location
11. Currently Expanding
13. UF Admissions
14. Dean of Students
15. 4 Radio & 2 TV Stations
16. Hottest dorm

DOWN

2. UF's newest sport
4. Dorm room tours
7. Gator Nation
9. North Lawn (old name)
12. House of Horrors

Guess That Brother: Baby Photo Edition



Do you know who's who?

Send your guess to rarens@gmail.com. The brother who submits the first correct answer will win a small prize at chapter on March 29. Limit one entry per person.

LambdaSpeaks

How would you describe your experience pledging Alpha Phi Omega?



Jose Cardona
"It is like a family -- we work with each other. It means that you all are a part of my life as my family in this country."



Anna Raymond
"It's like taking a three credit class but it is fun, so I enjoy it more. I would recommend it."



Curie Ham
"It's a lot of fun, especially getting to know everyone but getting signatures can sometimes be stressful."



Allie Ames
"Busy and fun and exciting. It gives me something to look forward to at the end of the semester, to be a brother."



Lauren Krebs
"It's a lot of fun. I really enjoy it!"



Totoro
"The pledging process is a microcosm of life..."