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Fall Event 2003

Hey everyone. Fall event is coming up on September 27th. I have volunteered, against my better judgment, to coordinate it. I figure we will drag the grill down to the field and cook hamburgers, hot dogs, maybe some beans. We will get some chips. Afterwards we could get a group session going at Rapid Raceway or maybe get an Ultimate Frisbee game going. Just some ideas. I've listed the suggested itinerary below. I am open to suggestions if anything looks fishy. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can plan accordingly.

For those of you who might be interested in the alumni IFC, I am meeting with an alumnus from Delta Chi and an alumnus from Sig Ep an hour after the game to discuss a plan of action for the Alumni IFC, for example, recruiting other Fraternities and sorting through issues to concentrate on the important ones first. If you are interested, you are more than welcome to attend. The more the merrier for this first meeting. If you need proper motivation, we are meeting at Skip's. Hope to see you all soon.

Chris Denton
Alumni Board, Member at Large

Homecoming Weekend Itinerary

Friday, September 26

3:00 pm Triangle-sponsored Career Forum, Fawick Hall Room 117

Saturday, September 27

11:00 am Meet at the house for pre-game socializing
12:00 pm Load up for the tailgating at the field
12:30 pm Tailgating
1:30 pm Game starts
5:00 pm Meet back at house for post-game activities (Rapid Raceway? Ultimate Frisbee?)

Rushing or Recruiting????

For as long as I can remember I have been rushing at college. I rush to class. I rush to the store. I rushed to the bathroom on my 21st. I think for too long we have been rushing people. The word rushing has a negative image to it. Nobody likes to be rushed, so why should we rush anyone. This year we are going to recruit people.

Instead of Rushing people into our House, we are going to go and find good people and recruit them to help us build a stronger Brotherhood. At the start of the year, we are burning the old ways of Rushing. No more Rushing events. No more wasted money. At Tri-State, Rush events are pretty much worthless, so we are done with them. Now I know some people reading this are going to gnash their teeth and say "Fools," but it has to be done.

We have been clinging to rush events for too long. Rush events don't get people, recruiting does. The only people that come to rush events are people who are already our friends. We never make new friends or meet new people. We need to face the facts and say "No More Rush." Rush wastes time and money and both of these are in limited supply. The Rush program we have is like a '73 Ford POS. Yeah, it worked for a while but lately we have just been adding duct tape to it and pouring money into it. We need to scrap it and get a new one. Last year we didn't get a single Brother from our Rush program. We didn't even meet any of our newest Brothers at Rush functions. We met them as friends and brought them in as friends. So why not go with what works?

This year we are making friends and asking our friends to join us as Brothers. It will be a change,

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2003 National Convention

The Triangle National Convention took place this summer at the Seelbach Hotel in beautiful downtown Louisville, Kentucky. Once we arrived, there were many of opportunities to learn from fellow Brothers, Alumni and learn how to improve our Chapter. During the four days, various guest speakers shared their stories about Triangle. Speakers included current Brothers, members of National Council, and former Governor of Wyoming, Brother Jim Geringer. Also, legislative sessions took place. The sessions were important to continuing the growth of Triangle Fraternity. Finally, awards were handed to various Chapters for the last year at the final dinner. Our Chapter was awarded the CPA Award for most improved alumni organization.

National Convention was a huge success. We were able to meet great individuals and Brothers at this event. Hopefully, we can use the ideas learned and use them to improve our Chapter here at Tri-State.

Brother Chad Cales tsu01
Brother Thomas Kehres tsu02

Mastering the Art of Rush

So far this year our recruiting has been very successful. Since moving day we have been hanging out with many of the guys we helped move into the dorms. A couple of them try to find time to stop by the Triangle house, and others participate with us in various activities. This year we asked people to join us on our intramural football team. There were enough guys to come out and play that we made two teams this year. Since we are always at the Centennial Station Tuesday nights for euchre night, the Centennial Station agreed to put us on their flyers. So far we have had at least eight guys come down and play euchre with us. We are not picking out recruits this year, we are making friends. I can speak for everyone at Triangle when I say that we look forward to this being a very productive year.

August Antol

Return of the Brice

We thought he had gone forever, but now he is back. Brice Jiamachello left us at the end of the fall semester last year. Now he has returned and is on a mission to correct the errors of his ways. Brice was an outstanding recruiter for our House last fall and we are hoping that he can lead this House to a successful year in our quest to increase our numbers. I am proud to welcome him back into our House. On a side note, Brice is always on the lookout for some ladies. If anyone knows any beautiful women who are impressed by mad computer skills, send them Brice's way.

Josh Sefchek 01

The Man, The Legend...The Brice

Hey! I haven't written an article for a while so a hearty hello to everyone. For those who missed my last piece my name is Brice Jiamachello, and I am currently undecided in my major of study. The only thing I know is that my parents want me to get a college degree so that means I want a college degree. Anyway, I had quite an eventful summer. I worked two different jobs, invested in a fledgling business and drove across the U.S. to Florida. I started the summer working at Cedar Point because jobs are hard to find and my friend got me in. Well the job itself wasn't as interesting as he made it out to be and living in the dorms with scary gang-bangers, drug dealers, and the assorted dregs of society got to me. So I found another job working at Wal-Mart. This wasn't bad. It was slightly lower pay, but I had a helluva good time. I also got a wicked nice farmer's tan.

The road trip to Florida was my Dad's idea. He had gotten a vacation package and we set off two weeks before TSU started classes. Driving down was half the fun. We started out Monday, August 4th and got to Savannah on Tuesday night August 5th. Wednesday consisted of driving to Orlando for access to Universal Studios. The

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park was quite interesting as we opted for the movie theme and not the amusement theme. The movie park had various interactive tie ins to movies such as Shrek, Twister, Back to the Future, Men in Black, The Terminator, and a few attractions that exposed some of the behind the scenes magic.

After two days there, we set off Saturday, August 9th to Ft. Lauderdale for a three-day cruise to Nassau. The best thing about the cruise was the food (and I got to drink myself silly). I'm not sure if I will ever find cuisine as tasty as what the Royal Empress offered. The ship sailed Saturday night and we were in Nassau by Sunday morning. Sunday we went snorkeling, swimming in the ocean, and trying to get skin cancer. On Sunday night, the ship sailed and we got back to Port Everglades Monday morning.

The 11th and 12th of August were spent at the Bahia Mar hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, where I also tried to get some skin cancer. On the 13th we set off on a marathon 23-hour drive home on I75, across Florida, through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. In the end it was a blast, but due to time constraints we did not get to stop at some of the cheesy tourist traps that make road trips all the more better. So this is a condensed version of my summer and I hope yours was just as exciting.

Active GPA at 2.745

The grades for the 2003 spring semester are in. Triangle Fraternity took sixth among the eight fraternities with a house GPA of 2.745. The Brothers scoring a 3.0 or better were:

- August Antol 3.000
- Thomas Kehres 3.250
- Don Lahnum 3.200
- Charles Porter 3.300
- Aaron Rupp 3.200
- Josh Sefchek 3.333
- Dick Tiruchelvam 3.375

That makes 7 out of 12 getting 3.0 or better. We didn't do as well as we did in fall 2002, but we hope to do much better this fall.

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but it will be a change for the best. Our numbers will swell and the people we gain will be excellent additions to our House. We are going to stun the Greek community by doubling our numbers by the end of the year. And we will have done it without Rush.

Josh Sefchek 01



Our fearless president, Josh Sefchek, schools Thome at Triangle's joust booth at the annual campus carnival. It was a huge success!

Board Notes

House Finances: The alumni account balance is going to drop to less than \$100 in September due to the annual liability insurance bill and other recent expenses. We will not change the date of the alumni donation request; it will still occur in February as always. We are currently investigating refinancing our mortgage and borrowing some additional funds to make fire safety repairs to the house. The actives and alumni will work to reduce the amount of active debt to the National office during the school year.

Minor Bathroom Repairs: A few floorboards are being replaced in the upstairs bathroom as well as re-caulking and replacement of floor tiles.

National Fee Increases: The following fees were raised after a vote at this summer's national convention:

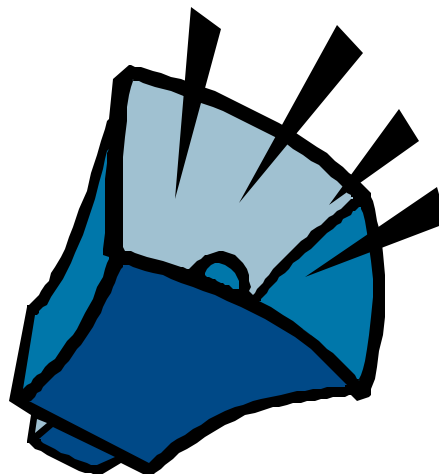
- National Pledging Fee went from \$35 to \$45.
- National Initiation Fee went from \$125 to \$160.
- Alumni Voluntary National Alumni Dues (VNADs) went from \$50 to \$100.
- National Active Fee did not change.

Alumni IFC: Chris Denton is working with the alumni members of several other fraternities at TSU to create an Alumni IFC organization. Interested Triangle alumni can contact Chris at cmdenton@hotmail.com.

Announcements

Congratulations to:

- Our newest alumni - Ben Duerk and Preston Howard - on their graduations in May, 2003.
- Geoff Twietmeyer on his new job at GHSP (www.ghsp.com) and his move to Coopersville, Michigan in August, 2003.
- Sean Smith on closing on his new house in Indianapolis in July, 2003.
- Loyd Bonecutter on his new position as Property Account Manager with Royal & SunAlliance.
- Matt Gault on his September 9/20/2003 wedding.
- John Wellet on his new house in Coldwater, Michigan in May, 2003.
- Joel Amstutz on his engagement to Sarah – the wedding date is April 24, 2004.



If you have an announcement to share, please send an email to the chapter email list at tsutriangle@yahogroups.com.

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Alumni Profiles

Back by popular demand, here's our second installment of Alumni Profiles. Enjoy!



Name: Francis C. Allen (AEPi)
City/State: Jacksonville, AR
TSU Degree: BSEE
Graduation Year: 1971 (end of summer)
Other schooling since TSU: Air Force, Novell CNE

Current employer: Futura, Inc.

Current position/title: Owner / COO

Areas of expertise: Internet, wan, dialup communications

Family information: Lois – wife, Wendy - daughter

Favorite fraternity memories: Organizing the AEPi colony from the spring of 1969 to the spring of 1970, initiating the Tri-State colony of AEPi in spring of 1970, getting the old Acacia property on S. College and getting it filled enough to pay the rent. I got married in the Summer 1970 so although I was part of the picture in '70-'71, the picture was very different.

What I've been up to lately: Air Force 3-72 to 3-92. C-130 Navigator. Did a lot with "small computers" (a term used by AF for microcomputers) to support the C130 operations community. Got a Novell CNE rating when I got out and worked for two major hospitals in Little Rock 92-95 (UAMS) & 95-98 (Childrens). In 1995, I partnered to open an Internet Service business. By 1998, I went full time with this business.

Top 10 Things Engineering School Didn't Teach

10. There are at least 10 types of capacitors.
9. Theory tells you how a circuit works, not why it does not work.
8. Not everything works according to the specs in the databook.
7. Anything practical you learn will be obsolete before you use it, except the complex math, which you will never use.
6. Always try to fix the hardware with software.
5. Engineering is like having an 8 a.m. class and a late afternoon lab every day for the rest of your life.
4. Overtime pay? What overtime pay?
3. Managers, not engineers, rule the world.
2. If you like junk food, caffeine and all-nighters, go into software.
1. Dilbert is a documentary.



Name: Todd A. Walter (AEPi & Triangle Associate)
City/State: Columbus, Ohio
TSU Degree: BSEE
Year Graduated: 1980
Other schooling since TSU: PE, State of Ohio

Professional Memberships: IEEE

Current Employer: American Electric Power

Current position/title: Electrical Engineer

Areas of Expertise: Electrical Distribution (4 to 34.5 kV)

Family information: Married 19 years to Sharon. We have four children. They are Amanda, 17; Shane, 15; Nicholas 12; and Emily 9.

Personal Interests: Jogging. I still try to run 3-4 miles every other day. I collect and tinker with old automobiles (anything with fins). I presently have a 1956 T-Bird and a 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk. I'm active as an adult leader in Boy Scouts of America. Both of my sons are scouts.

Favorite fraternity memories: Pig Roasts. Cruising on motorcycles. Many of the Brothers at that time had bikes.

What I've been up to lately: I've been busy raising our four children.



Name: Larry Huffman (NuPi)

City/State: Bryan, Ohio

TSU Degree: BSME

Graduation Year: 1983

Current employer: Spectrum Design

Current position/title: Owner/President

Areas of expertise: We specialize in designing tools (molds) for the plastic injection molding industry. We also do some plastic part design and design die cast dies.

Family information: None, yet. I'll keep you posted.

Personal Interests: Sports (I still play a little volleyball), reading, working around the yard (no, I'm not in prison). Riding my bicycle year round, I'm thinking of doing a cross-country (west coast to east coast) ride in a couple of years.

Favorite fraternity memories: Quarter nights, ultimate frisbee, volleyball (beer breaks and rules committee meetings), UNO for shots, Pig Roasts (I especially remember the time we had the raffle, that was a classic).

What I've been up to lately: Riding my bicycle mainly. In early August I rode in a charity ride for the local cancer assistance association, raising \$8200 for local cancer patients.

Brother Updates

Brother Don Lahnum

Over this past summer, I went to summer school and took a total of 18 credit hours. I had four 12-week classes and two 6-week classes. The reason I took so many credits is because I really want to graduate, and I saw an opportunity to take advantage of the summer classes and get a jump on my senior year. I finished my summer classes with a 3.5 GPA. Also, I only have twenty-six credit hours to go until I graduate! Oh yeah, I also took all of these classes while my daughter was staying here for a month during the summer. I don't know about anyone else, but a six year old is hard to deal with when every time you have to do homework, she is saying, "Daddy, I want to play!" or "You're ALWAYS doing homework!" But to me it was all worth the trouble, because I only have one year left, instead of most likely two.

Brother Chad Cales

As the school year begins again, also begins the most important season of the year...Football season. Here in August the NFL prepares to begin their season, and college football has played their first few games. But while these teams were still in no-pad practices one football league was already playing. That is the American Semi-Pro Football League. The ASFL is composed of over 560 teams across America, playing between two seasons (Spring and Fall seasons). The league is made up of more than 30 different conferences, playing at three different levels (1A, 2A, and 3A). 1A plays teams within their state, 2A plays teams in bordering states, and 3A can play teams from across the nation. This is my fourth season of semi-pro football. I played three seasons with the Elkhart County Grizzlies, out of Goshen, IN, and I currently play with the South Bend (IN) Stampede.

Roast Beef + Cheese = \$\$\$\$

I remember a few years ago when you could get five awesome roast beef and cheddar sandwiches for just \$5. You could get this deal from a restaurant we will call Tarby's to protect me from getting sued. I miss those days. Five delicious sandwiches for five dollars; nobody could beat that. Other restaurants had cheap burgers, but these sandwiches were actually good.

Now if you want five of those you had better be prepared to dish out almost \$15. That absolutely shocks me. The sandwiches didn't get bigger. The inflation isn't that bad. No other restaurant chain has tripled their prices. The only thing that I can figure out is the cows that Tarby's uses are better. If you look, each sandwich is made of four elements - bread, roast beef, cheese and sauce. Half of these items come from cows (beef and cheese). The cows that are harvested to make Tarby sandwiches must be really outstanding cows. I am betting the cows live in some kind of compound that makes them better than other cows. They don't taste different so I am guessing that the price hike is for the human psychological benefit. If I knew that the cow that I was eating was washed and waxed every day, the grass that it ate was pre-chewed and it slept on a bed of mink skin, I would feel like I was eating something really special and I would feel good about myself. I am betting that is what Tarby's has been planning on. They take extra special care of their cows, so people can eat something really special. And since it is human nature to love to break beautiful things, people will feel good about eating special cows (kind of like veal).

Tarby's just hasn't told us about it because they are waiting until everyone has eaten a lot of their sandwiches, and then they will tell us. This way everyone can feel really good at the same time. Then everyone will see why they are paying so much for cow meat and a solid form of cow juice and not be too upset. It is the only thing that makes sense to me. (This is completely fictional. I can't back any of this up.)

Josh Sefchek 01