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Tri-State Chapter Finishes Third in CPA

This past school year was very successful for the Tri-State Chapter. The chapter finished third out of 29 chapters overall in the Chapter Performance Award (CPA) ranking for the 2003-2004 school year, the highest ever. Tri-State was only behind Rose and Armour for the year. In the actives category, Tri-State finished sixth, behind Rose, Colorado State, Illinois, Iowa State and Armour. The alumni organization gave us a big boost, finishing second overall among alumni organizations behind the Armour chapter. Congratulations to all the actives and alumni for their hard work to make this possible.

Top 10 Goals for 2005

1. Increase membership by increasing pledge class size by at least 150 % (>5 pledges) for Fall 2005
2. Hold at least two co-Greek (non-party) social events each semester
3. Complete at least two large service projects (>30 total hrs. dedicated for each)
4. Find additional advisor
5. Form lasting relationship with on-campus sorority
6. Maintain a Chapter GPA of 3.0
7. Increase number of Brotherhood activities (trips, dinners, etc.)
8. Meet Sine of the Time timeframes
9. Finish basement
10. Boost alumni participation in Pig Roast / Alumni Weekend
- ...11. Bring back sorority auction and buy a pool table

Kyle Whitenack tsu03

College and Computer Games

I have about a year of college left and I am looking forward to the end. Although school has been fun, it feels like a prison of some sorts, or a roadblock on my way to things that I would rather do. Looking back at the classes I have taken, I feel that the majority did not really matter. It disheartens me to say that I feel I did not learn anything, and angry that the time and effort was spent on something so trivial.

Even now, the classes are mundane, with only two of my six having any real importance to me. I understand the importance of the liberal education, but it seems like I have explored more out of my own curiosity than the requirement to study for a test. That's all for my rant, and now I must tell everyone who has a computer to play Half-Life 2. If you do not have a computer capable of running it, beg, borrow or steal for one. This is the best computer game I have ever played. It feels like an action movie with you as the star. Every event is so seamless, and the world so realistic that it feels like you should be there. Don't be afraid to play, it will only consume your free time for a week at most. And if my grades are bad this semester, I blame Don, for getting everyone addicted to Diablo 2 again.



Brice Jiamachello tsu02

Intramural Football Suffers Another Tough Season

The intramural season has just ended...and thank God. Before the season, the team watched "Necessary Roughness" for inspiration. In honor of the movie, we named the team the Fightin' Armadillos. The movie didn't help as we won three games this year, matching last season total. However, all three wins this season came on forfeits.

With a lack of talent at the skills positions, each game seemed like it lasted forever. The league was filled with talent this year, with several outstanding players participating. There was even Nick Testa, an honorable mention for small school All-American that played this year. Plus, for the first time ever, we lost to the Fightin' Christian Campus House Bible Throwers.

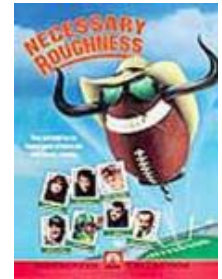
The most important thing (loser talk coming up) is that we had fun while we were getting killed, and partied like champions after the victories.

Tom "Thome" Kehres tsu02

Annual Alumni Donation Request

The annual letter from the Chapter Board requesting alumni donations will be mailed in February, 2005. Whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made to the Jeff Williams Memorial Scholarship and the general alumni account. Donations to the general alumni account help pay for alumni events, *Sine of the Times* mailings, scholarship incentives for the actives, and improvements to the chapter house. All donations are sent to the alumni Treasurer and spending decisions are made by the Board. In addition to sending your donation by mail, you now have the option of donating securely online – just go to the chapter web site at <http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org> and click the **Alumni Donations** link for more information.

Necessary Roughness (1991)



Aging ex-quarterback Paul Blake (Scott Bakula) enrolls in college in order to fulfill his adolescent high school dream of playing college football. Unfortunately, his new team has been put on notice for violating NCAA rules, and all the veterans have been kicked out. Undaunted, Blake helps put together a team comprised of football-playing misfits and a female place-kicker. In the midst of all this, he falls in love with one of the professors and must outwit the dean of the college, who is trying to cancel the football program.

Starring: Scott Bakula, Hector Elizondo, Robert Loggia, Kathy Ireland, Jason Bateman

Yahoo! Users Average rating: A-

Goodbye J'Daniels

I regret to inform you that the fine eating and drinking establishment, so dear to many of us, has gone out of business. Yes, J'Daniels, the J'Daniels girls, and the home of much great sports memorabilia is no more. And what mortal dared to "set up shop" in that once great refuge? Why, who else than "The Angola Eye Clinic". However, all is not lost. Yes, Skips is still in business.

Kyle Whitenack tsu03



The Newest Brother of Triangle

Hello my name is Michael Foster and I am the newest brother of Triangle fraternity here at Tri-State. I am looking forward to meeting all the alumni and being able to talk with you.

A little about myself, I am from a small town of about 5,000 called Archbold, Ohio. I am a mechanical engineering major in my second year. I enjoy tinkering around with cars and building car engines. My favorite hobby or pass-time would be reading. I always enjoy a good Tom Clancy or Steven King novel. I do look forward to meeting all of you and discussing anything from politics to current events here at Tri-State.

Michael Foster tsu04

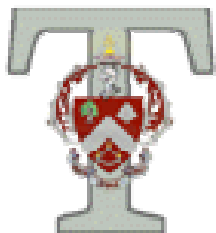
Meet Pledge Scott...

Hello, my name is Scott Crawford. I am currently a pledge of the Tri-State University Chapter of Triangle. I am originally from Zanesville Ohio and coming from there makes me a very proud "Redneck".

I came to Tri-State with one purpose: to become an electrical engineer and follow the heritage of my family members. The electrical engineering heritage of my family goes back six generations. Two of my closest friends are Tri-State electrical engineering alumni, which is why I chose this college above all others.

While studying here, I found that the members of Triangle were very similar to me and that we shared equivalent goals and interests. This is the main reason I decided to become a brother. I find the atmosphere of the fraternity comforting and I will try to show the same warm comfort to incoming brothers and pledges.

Scott Crawford



Board Update

- **Finances and house improvements:** The balance in the general alumni account as of mid January '05 is around \$3,000.00. We just installed a new furnace for about \$2,000 and have some repairs/purchases ahead:
 - Finish basement walls/ceiling
 - Purchase new bedroom doors
 - Clean gutters
 - Clean ducts
 - Finish the last of the repairs required by our insurance provider – lighted exits signs over doors, fire doors at top of each stairwell, and a furnace room enclosure with fire door.
 - A longer term project is to start replacing windows
- **Risk management:** Our Board has contacted the Boards of the other houses on campus regarding alcohol at parties. According to the risk management policies of all the fraternities on campus, the only acceptable methods of distributing alcohol are BYOB and hiring a third party vendor to serve. For this policy to be effective, all houses have to implement the change together.
- **Insurance Issues:** We use James R Favor insurance for liability coverage, and our cost is \$2,763 per year. We're the only Triangle chapter who has not yet switched over to Favor for **property** insurance. We'll be requesting a bid from Favor this year for property coverage, which would start in the fall of 2005. The Favor bid is likely to be greater than the \$446 per year charged by our current property insurance provider.
- **New Web Site:** The new chapter web site can be found at <http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org>. The site was designed for two audiences – prospective members at TSU and chapter alumni. The site includes chapter history, house activities, active member photos, alumni news, an alumni directory, *Sine of the Times* archives, and links to other helpful resources for our members. Some pages are password protected; send an email to paul.boyle@tellabs.com to get the password. We're going to add a photo history section to the site, so please scan and email us your fraternity pictures!
- **Pig Roast:** Now in its 33rd year, the date for the chapter pig roast is set for Saturday, April 23, 2005. Mark it on your calendar and plan to join us! We're planning to have the pig roast at Pokagon State Park again this year. If you have a family, please bring them. Alumni officer elections will also be held at a brief Board meeting. The term for each alumni office is two years.

Announcements

Congratulations to:

- Mike Foster on his initiation into Tri-State chapter of Triangle on 11/20/04.

Thanks to:

- Purdue alumnus Rick Eckert for all his help with the new chapter web site – awesome job!
- Alumni Josh Sefchek, Preston Howard, and Chad Hisey on their help with the initiation on 11/20/04.
- Alumnus Frank Allen on his help locating many AEPi alumni over the last six months. It was nice to see the volley of AEPi messages posted recently on the chapter message board.

If you have an announcement to share – wedding, baby, new job, promotion, relocation, retirement – let us know by sending a message to tsutriangle@yahoogroups.com. Announcements sent to this address will be reprinted in the next issue of the *Sine of the Times*.

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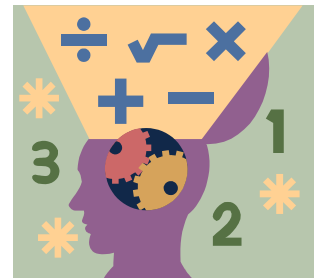
Here are the fraternity GPA rankings on campus for the fall semester.

1. **Triangle: 3.015**
2. Delta Chi: 3.010
3. Kappa Sigma: 3.000
4. Sigma Phi Epsilon: 2.929
5. Alpha Sigma Phi: 2.700
6. Sigma Phi Delta: 2.607
7. Phi Kappa Theta: 2.554
8. Tau Kappa Epsilon: 2.487

Actives who achieved a 3.0 or better include:

- Chad Cales: 3.5
- Tom Kehres: 3.833
- Aaron Rupp: 3.167
- David Scott: 3.250
- Kyle Whitenack: 4.0

Good work everyone!



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Alumni Profiles



Paul J. Warman

City/State: Las Vegas, NV

Degree from TSU: BS BusAd

Graduation Year: 1972

Current employer: Retired from [Citibank](#)

Areas of expertise: Computer Programmer/Project Manager, Web Pages/Webmaster

Family information: Carol / Spouse, No Children

Personal Interests: Pilot, ASEL/Instrument

Favorite fraternity memories: Too many to enumerate. Starting the AEPi colony was a blast and all the good times we had and all the help we gave each other in our studies.

What I've been up to lately: Graduated in '72. Went back to NYC where half the computers in the world were located at that time. Retired in November '97 from Citibank after 14 years there and moved to Las Vegas. Now living and enjoying the retired life.



Will Browder

City/State: Macomb Twp, Michigan

Degree from TSU: BSME

Graduation Year: 1993

Other schooling since TSU: [MSME from U of M](#)

Current employer: [Ford Motor Company](#)

Current position/title: Product Design Engineer

Areas of expertise: Exterior Systems

Family information: Married to Becky and we have 3 kids; Olivia (7), Hallie (4) and Zachary (2).

Personal Interests: Trail running and mountain biking are the best! Socializing with family and friends as much as time permits.

Favorite fraternity memories: The [Spring pig roasts](#) were the best. I always looked forward to hanging out with alumni who returned to partake in the activities. The co-ed naked twister party is also tough to forget! Nominations for the Sponge, err..."Kavc" award were always entertaining.

What I've been up to lately: Trying to figure out how my oldest child is already 7 years old. Enjoying 2nd grade math again. Funny how it seems much harder this time around! Spent the last 18 months in Chicago on a short-term work assignment. It was new, exciting and fun; yet old, depressing and lonely at the same time. It's great to be back home with my family!



Jeff Ruschke

City/State: Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Degree from TSU: BSAE

Graduation Year: 1989

Other schooling since TSU: [MBA in Operations Management from Ball State](#), 2002. PE (Ohio), 1996

Professional Memberships: [ASME](#)

Current Employer: [Hill-Rom](#), Batesville, In

Current position/title: Senior Mechanical Design Engineer

Areas of Expertise: Sheetmetal, weldments, kinematic and finite element modeling

Family information: Wife – Cathy, married 13-1/2 years. Children – Jessica - 12, Sarah – 10, Rachael – 10, Hannah – 7.

Personal Interests: Spending time with family, golf, watching NASCAR, the NFL, and college basketball.

Favorite fraternity memories: Road trip to the Toledo chapter for initiation. Being the only colony to receive its charter on Founder's Day. Weekend with "Jose" and hanging out with great friends.

What I've been up to lately: Between helping kids with homework and working on our house, I still find time to play golf once a week and spend Sundays watching football and NASCAR. Professionally, I have been with Hill-Rom for nine years, spending that time mostly in new product development. My 5th project recently went into production, and I have been re-organized into a new position. I am not sure what the new position will bring, but I am looking forward to a new set of challenges.

Signs That You've Grown Up

- You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
- Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as 'dressed up.'
- You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
- Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
- Dinner and a movie has become the whole date instead of the beginning of one.
- A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff".
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- You use the phrase "newfangled" in a sentence.
- You are proud of your lawnmower.
- The phone rings and you hope it's not for you.
- You consider coffee one of the most important things in life.
- You are alarmed at how young your doctor is.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.

Tri-State Actives Announce the Creation of Alumni Award

In December, 2004, the actives approved a motion to create the TSU Triangle Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be presented twice each year - once at the fall alumni event during Homecoming weekend and once at the Pig Roast in the Spring. All Alpha Epsilon Pi, Nu Pi, and Triangle members and friends who have contributed to building and maintaining Triangle Fraternity are eligible to receive the award.

There are requirements for the award. First, anyone, especially alumni, can nominate an individual for this award. To avoid the likelihood of giving the award to a recent graduate who still has friends in the house, the nominee must have been away from Tri-State University for at least two years. Finally, the individual must have shown commitment to the continual development of Triangle Fraternity. It is important to note that this award will not be given to the individual based on how much they donate to the organization. This award will be given based on alumni nominations and voting from the active brothers.

To nominate an individual, either email the nomination form below to tfkehres@hotmail.com (by September 1st for the fall award and by March 15th for the spring award) or mail it to the house at:

Triangle Fraternity
Attn: Alumni Award
409 College St.
Angola, IN 46703

You can also complete the nomination form by submitting it online at our chapter web site at <http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org>. You can access the form under the "Alumni Award" link in the left menu. Hope to see everyone at the alumni events for the award presentations.

Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Nominator (your name): _____

Organization (check one): **AEPI** **Nu Pi** **Triangle**

Membership (check one): **Brother** **Faculty** **Family** **Friend**

Nominee's Last Year at Tri-State University (we will verify): _____

Explanation on why the nominee deserves the award (may add additional paper):
