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Presidential Goals

As the new president of the chapter, I thought it would be best to set goals for all the offices that I would like to see them achieve. For myself, I will try to have better communication between the offices and alumni and possibly working out the advisor issue. The vice president was asked to establish at least three big community service projects this semester while also encouraging brotherhood development. Secretary will try to relay all activities to alumni while working to keep us high in the CPA ranking. The treasurer will work with the house manager to help keep the brothers updated on their current obligations to the house. Pledge committee will work to keep better communication with the alumni about events such as pinning and help to improve the overall pledge process.

These are the main points of the house that I felt could use guidance. I advised the other offices on what should be done and what needs improved. Overall, I feel that every brother is doing their best in their current office. I strongly believe that the fraternity will experience an overall improvement after this semester, and possibly those to come. I hope that everyone does their best and look forward to seeing alumni, new and old, at the upcoming Pig Roast on April 22, 2006.

John Smith tsu04

New Dean Embraces Greeks

With the coming a new fall semester, so too came a new Dean of Student Life. At the beginning of the fall semester, Dr. Jean Deller accepted the new position of Dean of the School of Professional Studies. To fill her previous position, TSU chose Randy White—a previous TSU adjunct professor, Pokagon property manager, and IU faculty member.

Randy, as he asks to be called, has surprised the Greek community by showing an interest not previously shown by the university. In fact, Randy has made it a point to visit with each fraternity house and speak with its members. It is not unusual to see Randy regularly attend IFC meetings. During these meetings he offers suggestions for community service on and off campus and answers questions.

When the idea of replacing the once-existent steps across from the Christian Campus House was brought up during an IFC meeting, Randy researched why they were taken out and found that a budget existed to replace them, but the money had been spent on “more pressing” enterprises in previous years. He suggested that it be brought up next semester so that the money would not be diverted again. I consulted with Randy on multiple occasions, such as when I needed a media contact for the Career Forum. In every regard he has acted professionally.

During my time at TSU up to this semester, it has seemed as if the University has given the Greek community the “cold-shoulder”. I am pleased to say that the outlook for Greeks is starting to look better on the TSU campus, due to the help of Randy White.

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Water Leak

I walked into the house one evening and I suddenly started to here this noise, sounded like water. I walked into the bathroom and sure enough there was water everywhere. One of the fixtures under the sink had busted, and the worst part was that it was the right below the shut-off valve.

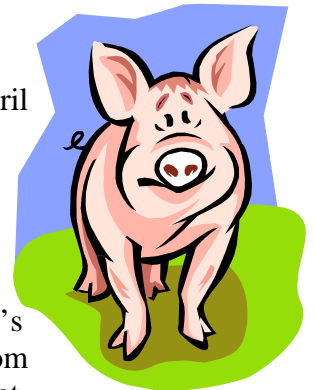
I went outside and told Ryan the bathroom sink was spraying water everywhere, he came inside and we investigated it even further. While looking at the sink trying to discover o way to turn the water off we heard the sound of water dripping in the basement. The water had gotten into the ducts and was dripping everywhere, the basement was flooded and the pool table was soaked.

Fortunately, someone was able to turn of the water and keep it from completely destroying the basement, and despite all of the water nothing was seriously damaged. The sink got fixed, the water was clean up, and now things are back to normal.

Chris Boswell

Pig Roast 2006

The annual Spring Pig Roast will be held at Pokagon State Park on April 22, 2006 starting at 2pm. We will be in the Apple Orchard shelter.



If you're considering bringing your family, here's a suggestion: reserve a room at Potawatomi Inn Resort at Pokagon! The weekend prices are reasonable, and the hotel is a perfect place for families. They have a swimming pool, arcade, game room, craft room, restaurant, movies...plus all the nature activities the park has to offer.

Call Potawatomi at 877-768-2928 to make your reservation or check out the deals at other local hotels at <http://www.lakes101.org>.

Alumni Profiles: A Tale of Two Matt's



Matt Mead

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City/State:

[Whitehall, MI](#)

Degrees from TSU:

BSEE, BSCS

Graduation Years: 1992, 1993

Other schooling since TSU: two bachelor degrees from TSU isn't enough???

Professional Memberships: IEEE (once upon a time)



Current employer: [Brunswick](#)
(the bowling people)

Current position/title: Software Engineer

Areas of expertise: A little of everything: GPS, avionics communications, embedded software, communication software (serial, Ethernet, wireless), Linux, real-time embedded apps, etc.

Family information: Wife – Kim; daughter – Meghan (13); and son – Alex (10)

Personal Interests: Running, jujitsu, poker, on-line gaming, being lazy around the house.

Favorite fraternity memories: All of them. Parties, initiations, always having a brother around when you needed one, living in a crappy house, mentally unstable girlfriends, the sponge/Kavc award, road trips, visits from other chapters, and all the silly and pointless things. There's a story for every brother and every brother has a story.

What I've been up to lately: I worked for Allied Signal (now Honeywell) in South Bend, IN for four years. Then moved to Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, IA for five years. Now I've been in Michigan for three years and live two miles from Lake Michigan. So, lately I've been shoveling snow. I spend most of my time working, doing one of my hobbies, or watching my kids grow (and helping them with their math homework).



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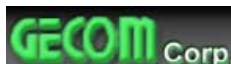
City/State:

[Indianapolis, IN](#)

Degree from TSU: BSME

Graduation Year: 1993

Other schooling since TSU: Currently working on MEPP ([Master of Engineering in Professional Practice](#)) from University of Wisconsin.



Current employer: [GECOM](#)

Current position/title: Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) Manager

Areas of expertise: I launch all new programs for GECOM at all of their North American Locations. I completely developed their current APQP process/procedures we are using. Basically, I overlook all program management on Design, New Tools & Assembly and facilitate the schedule and budgets from Design/Prototype to Mass Production.

Family information: Wife – Deanna; son – Logan

Personal Interests: Colts, Pacers, College Basketball, Auto Racing, Computers, Electronic Gear/Gadgets, trying to decrease my spare tire.

Favorite fraternity memories: The after initiation “social events” (Morman cutting a rug out at Lake James, Sliding Couches in Unit E, Couch Burning), Tuesday evening meetings watching Kavc trying to not get another sponge award during good and welfare, Pig Roasts, meeting people that today I still consider my closest friends.

What I've been up to lately:

Personally: Coping with and enjoying every minute of a 10-month old completely ruling your life.

Professionally: Trying to organize a Global Launch for GECOM between their China, Thailand, and US Facilities.