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Starting My Term as President

This semester I was voted in as the new active President. My name is Scott Crawford. Being that I have never attended any form of leadership academy, the brothers in the house thought it would be a good idea for me to attend the Steven L. Miller President's Leadership Academy (PLA) in Indianapolis in January, 2007. I, along with Jeff Elliott and Chris Schaefer, went down and brought back a lot of good knowledge on topics that had been neglected in the past few years at our chapter. Some of the issues included Rushing, Brotherhood in the house, etc. While there, I also learned that in areas where our house is strong, most of the other houses are lacking horribly such as alumni relations, community service, etc.

One of the major challenges that has been introduced to all Triangle actives is the "100 for 100 Challenge" – a challenge to grow the fraternity this semester by at least 100 members by its 100th birthday on April 15, 2007. Our chapter is doing everything it can to participate in achieving this goal. Last semester, many of the brothers realized that our numbers were low. With a lot of painstaking work, we have managed to build a pledge class of six men, which is more than any we've had in the past four years. When we mentioned this to Triangle's new Executive Director, Brian Tenclinger, he was ecstatic.

After talking to many of the other chapters, we found that our method of rushing and theirs really clash and from discussion have found ours is the better method. By going out and making a personal relationship with our rushes, it makes them want to become part of the house. Other chapters create a situation where the rushes are just numbers to them and they only learn more about them after they become brothers. By the other chapters doing it their way, it was creating low numbers for their houses as well.

Our numbers are increasing, and with the new ideas brought back from PLA, I personally am hoping to have at least 25 active brothers by the end of my presidency. I'm sure with everyone's help we can achieve this number.

Hope to see you all at Pig Roast on April 21st!

Scott Crawford
Active President

Recent House Repairs

The house is coming along slowly but surely. All the active brothers have been putting in time to get the house cleaned up and looking good.

This past summer, we coordinated a weekend of house repair work with the help of some of our alumni. We put in two good days of work on the basement. The walls were recovered with wood paneling, and we ran outlets all the way around the basement. Unfortunately, we ran out of funds and have not been able to finish the basement yet. We painted and retiled the stairs, we are working on repainting the floor as a pledge project, and we still need to panel one section of wall.

Active brothers Nate Willey, Mike Foster, and Scott Crawford really helped me out rebuilding the wall by the furnace. One of our rushes was leaning on the door to the computer and ripped it off. I thought it best to rebuild the wall so that will not happen again...plus the door never worked very well anyway.

I hope we get a large group of alumni to attend Pig Roast on April 21, so you can see all the hard work and effort the actives have put into the house.



Milton Jones
Active Treasurer

A Deeper Dive with Boz

I am Brother Chris Boswell, I was initiated last fall. Many of you have read articles I have previously written, yet most of you still know nothing about me or what I do on campus, which I believe is what this paper is supposed to be for...so here goes.

I am a very busy person and I like it that way. I am currently the Vice President of Triangle and I like having this position very much, even if it is a hassle sometimes. I am currently planning a number of charity events; including making a prop for a student life event and a chili cook-off to raise money for the Red Cross.

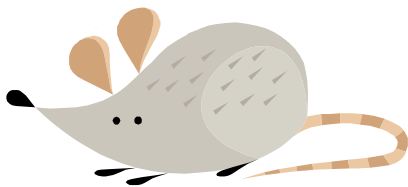
I also am the Secretary of IFC, and I am still not entirely sure how I managed to get that position. Within IFC, the executive board and I are currently rewriting the constitution and planning for an organized Greek Week and Rush Week. We are also trying to simplify our tasks so that the next executive board will not have the problems we have.

I am currently the Resident Director in Alwood Hall and Conrad Hall. I am responsible for these buildings and the RAs within it. I like having this position, I love having the authority of an RD at my disposal, if I ever need it, and having the three-room apartment in Alwood by myself is not bad either. The only real down side to this position are the two weekly meetings I have to go to, on top of the house and IFC meetings I am obligated to go too.

As of right now I am the only science major in the house. I am taking 18 credits for now. I might have to drop one class, but I am not sure yet. Three of my classes go towards my Biology major and two towards my Business minor. The Biology classes all have labs, which are actually my favorite parts of the classes; in one, we get to play with lab mice so that is always fun.

This is but a glimpse of what the second semester of my junior year looks like. I will be happy when it is over and ready for the next semester to start again all in the same day. I hope to graduate next year and enter into a career that can continue to keep me busy and challenged in my field.

Chris Boswell
Active Vice President



A Look Back...and Forward

I'm Jeffrey Elliott. Over the last summer, I did a lot of things. I attended Triangle's Scobie Leadership School and Presidents Leadership Academy. I especially appreciated PLA. Scott, Chris and I all gained a lot from it and brought back some ideas for the house. We are implementing the ideas towards our rush program which is going well.



We're looking at one of the largest pledge classes the house has had. We are all excited about it.

I also no longer work for Jayco RVs, I now intern at Vibracoustics, a Fruedenberg/NOK company. They design and manufacture vibration control parts for automobiles. It was a good experience. I was involved in many manufacturing studies. I also took part in some Six Sigma training.

I'm looking forward to this academic semester and the growth of our membership, which is showing great potential.

Jeff Elliott
Social Chairman

Annual Alumni Dues Request

The annual letter from the Chapter Board requesting voluntary chapter alumni dues will be mailed to alumni soon. Whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made to the Jeff Williams Memorial Scholarship, the general alumni account, and a new fund designed to help new members with one-time national pledge and initiation fees...which now total \$220 for each new member.

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 full Board. In addition to sending your donation by mail, you can also donate securely online – just go to the chapter web site at <http://tsutriangle.org> and click the **Alumni Dues** link for more information. Using the same online donation site, you can also pay your voluntary **national** alumni dues and donate to Triangle Education Foundation (tax deductible).



The Detroit Auto Show

On Sunday, January 14th, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers went to the Detroit Auto Show. This year was small compared to the last couple of years, but it was still really cool. There were too many cars to describe, but the concept Camaro and Mustang were awesome. Some of the concept vehicles had gull wing style doors but were not very practical. I wished I could have gotten more pictures with the upper-end cars, but they were completely surrounded by spectators.



The Camaro



The Mustang

None of my pictures turned out really well with all the people in front of me. Overall it was a very good show, and there were plenty of cars to look at for a day away from school.

Michael Foster
Alumni Relations Chairman

*Have you seen the little piggies
Crawling in the dirt?
And for all the little piggies
Life is getting worse.*

- George Harrison

Turning the Corner on Rush!

This semester, we have one of the biggest pledge classes our chapter has had in years. We handed out eleven bids and pinned six pledges on January 29th – a fantastic turnout and enough for almost every brother in the house to have a little brother!

Here's a quick recap on recent rush efforts:

- The first two weeks of the semester in January were very active. We held an open house for all of the rushes, answering any questions they had. The Sunday that PLA ended, we hosted an open gym night in Hershey Hall for those interested in attending.
- We used to host a euchre night every Tuesday in Centennial Station up campus, but because of a poor turn out, we have moved it down to the dorms. We have also moved our study tables down to the dorms to better serve the students living on campus.
- On January 24th, the brothers hosted a blackjack tournament.

We were staring down the barrel this semester, after hearing that two Triangle chapters had recently closed; and it was entirely possible that we could have been next. But now it looks like some of our fears can be laid to rest, for now. As the new rush chairman I am ecstatic, but I cannot take credit for this new pledge class. Every single brother in the house is responsible. I can only hope as the new rush chair that we continue the success that we are currently enjoying.

Chris Schaefer
Rush Chairman

25 Years of Cooking, Basting, Carving and Feasting

In 1972, the men of AEPi at TSU held their first Pig Roast. Over the years, a number of things in the chapter have changed...but not the spirit of our great Pig Roast tradition. Join us on Saturday, April 21st at Pokagon State Park as we celebrate 25 years of Pig Roast fun:

- Plan to arrive at the park around noon. The Jeff Williams Scholarship and the Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented around 3pm followed by food and beverages.
- There are lots of things for families to do at Pokagon: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/properties/park_pokagon.html
- Consider spending the night at Potawatomi (great place): http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/properties/inn_potawatomi.html
- Check out the Prime Outlets Mall: <http://www.primeoutlets.com/cntrdefault.asp?cntrid=1021>
- See photos from past pig roasts: <http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org/pigroast.htm>
- Please call or send an email to Mike Foster to RSVP: mj_foster@hotmail.com
- Please take the 2007 Pig Roast survey. It only takes five minutes, and it will help us plan a good event: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=523993275817>

Alumni Profiles



Brian Vrablic

City/State: Highland, IN

Degree from TSU: BSEE

Graduation Year: 2001

Other schooling since TSU:
MBA Indiana University
Northwest

Professional memberships:
Even if I *were* a professional
anything, I still don't think
they'd let me join.

Current employer: Balemaster (www.balemaster.com)

Current position/title: Regional Manager Southeast US

Areas of expertise: I'm too young to be an expert in anything
but mouthing off about stupid stuff.

Family information: Wife: Valerie 2001 TSU BSEE Graduate.
Two shelter dogs (save a life....adopt from your local shelter)
Maddi and Parker.

Personal Interests: Cycling, Triathlon, being really bad at golf,
cooking and reading. Hey Smitty...my bike is faster than yours.

Favorite fraternity memories: Burned hand at pig roast...ask
me about it sometime, what you heard from Josh Sefchek is
likely not the whole truth. Still scarred from Morman's Kart
muffler. Sturgeon deciding it was a great idea to jump out the
living room window. The Road Trip with TRAY COOL!!

The fondest memories
certainly come from
Sunday night get-togethers
for The Simpsons and



The Sopranos. Those were the nights when the Fraternity felt
most like a family.

What I've been up to lately: When I'm not traveling around
the Southern United States trying to sell waste paper balers, I'm
spending time with my wife, spending time with my dogs at the
park, or I also make a mean tuna fish taco that pairs nicely with
a Greg Norman Shiraz.



Mike Bean

City/State:
Lake Elsinore, CA

Degree from TSU: BSME

Graduation Year: 1993

Current Employer:
Torrance Aluminum
(www.torrancealuminum.com)

Current position/title:
General Manager

Areas of Expertise: We manufacture aluminum windows,
hot-rolled steel windows, and steel fire-rated windows. So I
need to be a Jack of all trades.

Family information: Wife Sherry (married 6 yrs.), son
Joshua (3yrs.), son Carter (8mos.)

Personal Interests: Golf, Buffalo Sabres, and NASCAR

Favorite fraternity memories: Too many to pick from.
But the University of Michigan road trip was probably right
there at the top.



What I've been up to lately: Moved to California to take
over the operations of a window manufacturing facility from
Kansas City, MO just over two years ago. The company has
grown 150% over the last two years so needless to say I
have been pretty busy with that. I have also been extremely
busy working with my 3 year old son Joshua who was
diagnosed with Autism. My wife and I are using all our free
time to educate ourselves to better help him in our attempt
to get him as "recovered" as we can possibly get him. He is
"mildly" autistic or a high-functioning autistic so his
outlook for a normal life is quite favorable. We watch a lot
of hockey and motor sports and we are still unpacking after
recently buying a new place here in California.

Chapter Board Positions

Got a question/comment/suggestion for the Board? Let us know:

- Josh Sefchek tsu01 – Alumni president, jjsefchek@gmail.com
- Paul Boyle tsu87 – Alumni Vice president, paul.boyle@tellabs.com
- Ben Duerk tsu02 – Alumni Secretary, dirksu@hotmail.com
- John Wellet tsu90 – Alumni Treasurer, jawellet@cbpu.com
- Chad Hoover tsu95 – Alumni Member at Large, choover@co.steuben.in.us
- Scott Crawford tsu05 – Active President, skotlyc@hotmail.com
- Milton Jones tsu05 – Active Treasurer, live4bum@yahoo.com

*Interested in serving on the
Board? Alumni officer
elections will be held at a
very short chapter meeting
at Pig Roast on April 21st.
Alumni officer positions
have two year terms.*

Meet the Pledges

Aaron Engels

My name is Aaron Engels and I am from Montpelier, Ohio. I am a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering. I am the president of the Tri-State chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). My hobbies include going home and working with my dad in his machine shop, spending time with my girlfriend, and running.

John Schulte

Hello, my name is John Schulte and I am currently attending Tri-State University, majoring in MIS. My home Town is Liberty Indiana. I have always loved working with computers which is why I picked MIS as a major. In High School, I enjoyed playing tennis, but I haven't had many opportunities to get out and play due to Angola weather.

Spencer Yoder

My name is Spencer Yoder, and I am from Middlebury, Indiana. I am a freshman mechanical engineer. I love cars and music. Right now I'm on my twelfth vehicle; it's a 1991 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser station wagon. The only reason I've had so many is because sell a vehicle when I get bored of it and buy something else. I also play the guitar. I own an Epiphone Les Paul and a Dean acoustic. I have an unnatural obsession with Led Zeppelin, but I listen to all kinds of music. One of my hobbies is weight lifting; I've been doing it since I was in eighth grade. After I graduate, I would like to be an engineer for Ford and work with engines.

You might be a college student if...

- a computer game has recently dominated your life for a week.
- you consider milk crates good furniture.
- you have recently paid \$100 for a single book...and then sold that same \$100 book eight months later, unread, for seven bucks.
- a baseball cap and some Binaca make an acceptable substitute for daily grooming.
- your glass set is composed of McDonald's Extra Value Meal plastic cups.
- you haven't done laundry in so long you are wearing your swim suit to class.
- you can pack all your worldly possessions into the back of a pick-up.
- you have the pizza delivery phone number memorized.
- "15 minutes in heaven" is staying in bed for another quarter hour before you have to go to class.
- the "home fries" you were served at breakfast look suspiciously like the french fries you were served at dinner the night before.

Brandon Walden

My name is Brandon Walden. I am from Bloomington, Indiana. I am here for Mechanical Engineering. The reason I picked Tri-State University is because it is small and it has a great job placement rate. My plan is to work for an automotive manufacturer in the future. I am very interested in automobiles. I like lots of torque, and horsepower coming from a big V8. I own a 1983 Mustang 5.0 and it is my pride and joy. I upgrade it any and every chance I get. I am currently looking for a supercharger. I am a very big hockey fan and have played for 12 years. I wanted to play here but it is way too far of a drive. I have also played lacrosse for three years so I am thinking about joining the new lacrosse team at TSU.

Matt Sorg

My name is Matt Sorg, and I'm from Churubusco, IN. I'm studying to be a Mechanical Engineer. I play paintball and computer games. I tend to be kind of quiet but I do get out quite a lot. I was in Boy Scouts from first grade to my senior year of high school and I made Eagle Scout.

Troy Waidelich

My Name is Troy Alan Waidelich II. My hometown is Fort Wayne, IN. I am currently a Civil Engineering Major. I play baseball at Tri-State. My interests are baseball, football, soccer, and basketball. I am an easy guy to get along with. I am outgoing and I like social events. I am interested in cars and like working on vehicles.



Need a Math Major?

My graduation plans? I have no idea what I'm going to do after my graduation from Tri-State. At first I thought Graduate school was the way for me. Then I factored in that I want to go back to Nunda, New York and STAY there, and I found it very hard to find a graduate program in the "local" schools.

On second thought, I considered a job. Any job where I was applying my major would be excellent. I still need to talk to Career Services. Even though I do not have high hopes for any help they could give me, I imagine they are still worth a try.

My mom keeps sending me e-mails suggesting things I could do for a job. It doesn't help that the only thing she can think of when I say "Math" is "Accountant." Let me re-enact the conversation I had with my mom when I changed my major from Math Education to Mathematics. I said to her "Mom, I decided to drop Math Education and simply do Mathematics." After a slight pause, she said "What are you going to DO with THAT??" This felt like a slap to my four and a half years of education at Tri-State University.

So yes, any jobs in New York for a Mathematics Major? Thank you in advance for all responses. :)



Nate Willey

It All Comes to An End

Entering my final semester here at TSU is very sobering. It seems just the other day I was enrolling and meeting my brothers here for the first time. Thankfully things are ending though, because the debt from all those student loans is really adding up. When I look back, I am very happy with my decisions and achievements while here at Tri-State.

This being my final semester and all, I have a lot of classes crammed into one semester. Nineteen credit hours of classes is really difficult. Thankfully, most are business classes that I do not have to spend much time on. My main focus will be my MIS class which is the capstone class for my major. We haven't really decided what project we are going to do yet, but we were thinking of developing a microprocessor or starting an organization in Angola that collects old PCs and puts open source software on them for needy children. I will personally be happy with either decision. The only downside is that Professor Matthews instructs it - he can be difficult at times.

Looking ahead five or so months, I'd like to think I have a few job possibilities lined up. I could seek employment at my internship as a Program Analyst working for the Ohio Department of Health. I am not sure about this position since they are still a bit behind with technology. My mom could get me a job with Nationwide Insurance at their headquarters in downtown Columbus, and I am only 15 minutes from there. Finally, I could apply for a job with Dave Scott at Northrop Grumman. All positions seem equally enjoyable. I'll use my last semester to evaluate where I want to be when I graduate.

John Smith

2007 Alumni Award Nomination Form

See <http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org/alumniaward.htm> for more information.

Complete online, mail or email to Mike Foster at 409 S. College St, Angola, IN or mj_foster@hotmail.com.

Nominee: _____

Your name): _____

Your Affiliation (check one): **AEPi** **Nu Pi** **Triangle**

Nominee's Connection to Triangle (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):

Pig Roast Memories

Alpha Epsilon Pi is the newest fraternity on the Tri-State Campus. Founded in 1970, the fraternity's objective is to serve those who want to get a lot extra out of college.

AEPi started as Tau Sigma, an unrecognized local fraternity. Their membership has increased notably, but it is still one of the small fraternities on campus; therefore, unity is especially emphasized.

Located at one block south of the school on College Street, AEPi has two houses and a special "party house." Perhaps their major social project consisted of the semi-annual pig roasts. Throughout the year, the AEPi's made several trips to chapters at Bowling Green and Indiana Tech for further socializing.



AEPi, 1976: Pig roast started appearing in the Modulus as one of AEPi's main activities, helping make the event synonymous with the chapter.

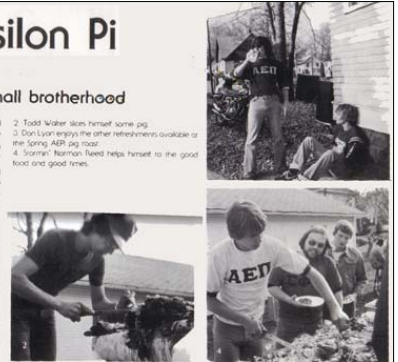
Alpha Epsilon Pi

The strong ties of a small brotherhood

The main social activity of AEPi is the pig roast that is held every Fall and Spring. The pig is prepared before dawn and placed on a spit where it is roasted until it is served that afternoon. Side dishes are also served along with some type of entertainment before and after dinner. Other special events last year included a well-known area band, circus, and some pretty lively parties.

Being a small house, the AEPi's activity in sports are limited to a certain amount of events. Last year, AEPi was active in basketball and volleyball. Whereas some fraternities stress perfection in sports, AEPi thinks the enjoyment of participating is most important.

AEPi is a small house with a more informal lifestyle than most other fraternities, yet the strong ties of brotherhood are predominant at AEPi.



AEPi, 1980: The story and captions from the 1980 Modulus say it all.



Triangle Colony, 1986: From left, NuPi alumni Chuck Bunnell, Jerry Hahin and Larry Huffman chat with Triangle Tim Spradlin next to the roaster. In the background are NuPi alumni Dennis Stockslager (left) and Vik Makximenko.



Triangle, 1990: Alumni who came back for Pig Roast, which was held at the "Love Shack" on the corner of Park and Darling. *Front from left:* Jeff Gaidos, Paul Boyle, Larry Huffman. *Middle from left:* Scott Walter and wife, Loyd Bonecutter, Jerry Hahin, John Welch and wife, Bill Wolter and wife. *Back from left:* Steve Dohar and wife, Todd Walter and wife, Tom Lull and family, Rodney Johnson, Rich Hruby, Larry Samuelson, and Aurelio Alvarez.



Triangle Pig Roast at Pokagon, 1991: The actives clown around for a group photo. *Bottom from left:* Shawn Evers, Matt Hoffman, Steve Quackenbush. *Middle from left:* John Wellet, John Griffin, Dave Julius, Scott Reynolds, Geoff Twietmeyer, Matt Mead, Randy Wagner, Andy Kavc, Dave Rhodes. *Top from left:* Lynn Bauer, Dave Whitcomb.

Announcements

- Triangle Fraternity is 100 years old this year! A centennial celebration is scheduled for July 12-14 in Indianapolis in conjunction with the national convention. Check out <http://www.triangle2007.com> for details. A record number of alumni will converge at the Hyatt in downtown Indy. TSU Chapter alumnus Matt Gault (MattGault@comcast.net) is leading a committee to organize some chapter activities in Indy during the centennial. Stay tuned for more details.
- Congratulations to Chad Hisey tsu99 and his wife Cari who are expecting their first child in May 2007.
- Good luck to Mike Foster, Nate Willey and John Smith on their upcoming graduations and job searches. We're looking forward to keeping you guys involved as alumni!

If you have an announcement to share – wedding, baby, new job, promotion, relocation, retirement – please 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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Staying Connected

Stay connected to your brothers and the events of the chapter (pig roast, centennial, initiations, etc.) by subscribing to our email list. Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tsutriangle/> or send an email to tsutriangle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Other sites you should also visit:

Chapter Web Site

<http://www.tsutriangle.org/>

The Tri-State Chapter of Triangle Fraternity, Angola, Indiana

Chapter Discussion Forums

<http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org/forums/>

1319 Posts in 174 Topics by 39 Members
Latest Member: **cschaefer**

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