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Changes in the Chapter

In the past four months the Tri-State Chapter has been through a lot of changes, many inspired by Director of Chapter Development Brother Leo Glass neb 03. The changes mainly apply to new member recruitment, new member education, and philanthropy.

We have made new member recruitment as simple as possible, with less events and more making friendships. Our model for new member recruitment is as important to personal growth as it is to chapter growth. The first three steps in our model are; meet people, make them your friends, and introduce them to your other friends. In line with that as soon as a possible new member appears serious about pledging he is "pre closed" (Glass) to reassure his readiness to pledge. The person is then given a bid within two weeks, regardless of when new member education begins and they are pinned as soon as possible, thus creating a rolling process. They will be considered a new member and will perform the same duties as the others do, but will not begin his education program until the next available one begins.

This dynamic bid/pinning process is a big step for the house and never leaves anyone to hang in the wind on their decision.

The new member education is no longer just for new members. Activities are aimed not only at learning about the history of the house and how to become a close brother, but it also encourages personal development of members to help them become stronger members of society after graduation. These activities have been included in the process of rewriting the entire process which is entirely none hazing. The activities and challenges are more micro concerned in that they will be specific in budget balancing, time management, professional development, and occupational problem solving. The activities again are not meant for new members alone, we want the current brothers to grow as well.

As far as house operations otherwise, we are now working with Habitat for Humanity, SME, Fencing Club, and have adopted a highway. The idea is get involved with good organizations to find good people. Our goal is to out reach to the community and offer as much as we can in order to catch the attention of people that are interested in the same. The Sororities on campus are also helping us find rushes based on a monetary reward for every brother pinned with the assistance of a sorority.

In addition to all of these changes one of the biggest is a weekly social event at which we serve nachos to guests. This has shown to have great support by the other fraternities as well as friends on campus. It has been a great opportunity to get our name out on campus and meet new outgoing faces.

I encourage and ask you to come and see how these changes have affected the house.

Brother Jeffrey Elliott '05 Active President

New Member Article

My name is David Hull. I live in Akron, Ohio. I am a sophomore Mechanical Engineering student. I plan to minor in Aerospace Engineering. When I am not studying or doing homework for classes, I am hanging out at the house and playing video games. When the weather is nice out I run around town.

I was the valedictorian of my graduating class in high school. Some of the clubs I was in included Science Club, Student Senate, and Senior Senate. I also played football and baseball in high school. My junior and senior year I was All City in both sports. My freshman year at Tri-State I played on the junior varsity for the baseball team. I no longer play due to the magnitude of my class load.

Pledge David Hull

DEAD RABBIT: DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S PREGNANT?

As some of you might have known, I have been working on a car for the past 2 years. Being the big fan that I am of Volkswagen's I have been driving Rabbit's for a long time. My most recent of which I completely rebuilt a 1.6L Turbo diesel engine out of a 1991 Volkswagen Jetta and dropped in a Rabbit. I spent many hours welding floorboards and just replacing worn parts. When it was finally done, the little car was a beauty, in my eyes anyway. It had straight exhaust pipes, and for a turbo diesel it sounded really good. Some misfortune came upon it about 5 weeks ago. I was on my way to see my (now) Fiancé in Goshen Indiana. The roads weren't the best in the world, but they weren't bad either. I was coming into town when a Trash truck stopped in front of me. I stopped behind him, but apparently the Dodge Ram 1500 that was following me did not see his BF flashing light or my brake lights. Needless to say it was a women driver who, I'm guessing, was talking on her cell phone. Until that day I have never seen a rear bumper shoved in-front of a back seat. That was the end of my poor little car. For having worked on it for over 2 years, and the amount of money invested in it, I will admit, I was in tears. So if any of you have leads on a 1980-84 VW rabbit body in solid condition, please email me with information.

Brother Scott Crawford '05

MISSING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

I ended up missing the first week of school; due to a free trip to Las Vegas. In January of 2007 I joined a local pool league called APA, (American Pool players Association), I started out playing on an 8 ball team on Tuesday nights called "Smooth but not rich", out of Skips since then we have changed the name to "Hot Pockets", I then was talked into playing on a 9 ball team out of Skip's called "Skip-A-Stoke". The team 9-ball team already had a regional birth, so all we needed to do was place in the money. As the session went on the team got stronger and stronger, when it came time for the regional tournament we were ready to win it. The tournament lasted for 2 days and had 36 teams in it. We ended up placing first and got our trip to Las Vegas to play in the National 9 Ball Tournament, out of 453 teams in Vegas we placed 193rd, and we thought that this was great since no one on the team had ever made it to Las Vegas for pool before. I received patches and a trophy's for going and have had great success ever since. I went out to Vegas with \$3,000 (thank god for student loans) and came back with \$2,000. Plus \$1400 in new pool cues, accessories, and memorabilia (shirts and shot glasses plus a ton of cool pictures). I hit it big playing 3 card poker, I ended up make about \$1200 off 4 casinos. We are planning to go back to Las Vegas again this August. I convinced Brother Chris Boswell to join the league with me and he recruited his girl friend Jen. We have a strong team and we are all hopeful to make the trip in August again, Wish us Luck.

By Brother Milton Jones '05

Triangle's Commitment to Community Service

Every year Triangle continues to provide the community and the university with various forms of support. Every year we as a Fraternity are blessed to gain new members and with them come new ideas. Thankfully this year is no different.

Some of our current community service projects include: fundraising for The American Cancer Society, fundraising in the form of recycling cans for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and Adopt-a-Highway.

One of the newest additions to our community service effort include the Adopt-a-Highway program. We are responsible for taking care of a two mile section of highway down the main strip in Angola. We are very excited to being taking on such a role in keeping our community clean. On a global scale the environment has become a major issue unlike it has in past years. We hope to influence other organizations to do their part and together we can help to make a regional impact.

Another new community service effort this year involves Tri-State University's annual "Take Back the Night." This new service project is headed up by Brother Milton. He has lent his leadership skills to help this event get off the ground this year. We are all excited to be a part of this year's event.

Community service is an integral part of Triangle's continued commitment to leave a positive lasting impression on our surroundings. This will be another great year of serving our community and university and hope that you will consider to lend a hand.

If you would like to help with "Take Back the Night" contact Brother Milton and if you would like to help or make suggestions on any other community service projects email me.

Brother Aaron Engles '07

Too all this may concern

Alumni, are you tired of the actives always asking you for money? Well now there is another way you can help us out. We have started taking aluminum cans in to be recycled. We know that you are still using aluminum, whether for beer or soda. So next time you visit us bring a bag of cans with you.

We have started taking all of our cans in to Omni Source along with our scrap metal. When we cleaned out the basement this year we sold one refrigerator, a dryer, and some other random pieces of scrap along with about three bags of aluminum cans. This gave the house an addition \$90 that has been used to buy a new dryer and do some much work to the house.

We have made it part of the Social Chair person's job to collect the cans used and take them to be recycled for cash. We will be making one more trip this semester to recycle our cans. Then next semester we hope to be able to need to make at least two trips for recycling also.

So next time we need money but you cannot get find the funds, or get your wife to let you donate, just remember that a trash bag full of cans can provide the house with anywhere form \$5-20 dollars.

Brother Chris Boswell '06

Trine Kappa Theta? A Thome Investigation

Recently, Tri-State University has announced that they have sold-out, and will change their name to Trine University. This move is to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trine, the two largest donors in TSU history. TSU and its president, Dr. Brooks, have declined how much money the Trine's invested into the university. But there is more to the story.

Currently, Mrs. Trine serves on the TSU's board of trustees. Dr. Brooks didn't like their home on Park Avenue, so the Trines bought them a nice home on Lake James. Then came the donation to TSU, TSU announce bogus reasons on why the name change was needed, and now we are Trine University.

Also, during this time, Phi Kappa Theta announced that the university was building them a new house. This was a shock to many because of TSU's declining role in the Greek community. At homecoming, all of my questions were answered.

During my visit to the new Phi Kappa Theta house late Friday night, I had the opportunity to talk to one of my buddies who is a Phi Kappa Theta. When we entered the house, next to the portrait of JFK is a portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Trine! The Trines bought the land for TSU, and built a new house for Phi Kappa Theta. The brother mentioned that the eight-figure sum reported by USA Today, but not released by the university, was \$48 million!

With every story, there is a kicker. Kappa Sigma is currently gathering information to build a new house at their current location. Mr. Trine is a brother of Kappa Sigma. Mr. Trine is not donating money to their new project because the university will not incorporate it. If you do not know, the university currently owns all the land around Kappa Sigma, and they want that land. This will be very interesting, especially if TSU can use eminent domain to seize the property.

All questions are answered for me. Phi Kappa Theta will now be referred to as Trine Kappa Theta. What is next, Trineangle? The Christrine Campus House? Only time will tell.

Brother Tom "Thome" Kehres '02

Tri-State Changes

There have been some changes on Tri-States campus in the past several semesters. We have the new University Center which houses our library, cafeteria, computer lab, and Student Life now. The building is a modern look and is very attractive looking but was built very cheaply. The computer lab is very uncooperative. Most of the computers won't let the student log in and it makes things difficult to get done so more times than not we just use the Best Hall labs. Also there are more apartments going up where the driving range is currently behind the tennis courts. This makes no sense to me since the ground is always flooded there and it will be hard to work the ground there. On top of these projects there is also more construction going on just east of the railroad tracks. They have the road all blocked off and is a mess with dirt and building materials. There is machinery all over the place and I fear that the University has too much on its plate, gets pushed for time and ends up cheapening everything up so they make the time goals. The apartments are built very cheaply and basically fall apart around us. This University needs to work on project plans before the start them so they can make sure things not only get done but get done right.

This is just a taste of some of the construction going on around campus and how it has been affecting us as students. Students are getting tired of all the detours they have to take and things they have to sacrifice just to keep going on with college tasks. I thought I would inform the Alumni on what has been going on around Tri-State and that is about it.

Brother Brad Baker '07

Alumni Responsibilities

This year is a very important year for our Fraternity. The next few months will guide and direct the future course of our Chapter not only on the campus of Tri-State University, but will also define our role in the National Organization. We have seen many changes recently. Some actives have graduated; some have left the University; most importantly some have been added. The Alumni organization has as well seen its share of changes. During last year's elections, the alumni board welcomed in a new Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member at Large. With all of these changes, it is easy to get lost in the shuffle and lose track of our responsibilities as Fraternity Brothers. The area where I feel this disconnect happens the most frequent is in the Alumni Organization. I think it is very important that we, as alumni, revisit why we became Brothers and what our responsibilities are as Brothers.

Participate

Keep in touch and come back often. We are stakeholders in our Chapter. Great things happen when the alumni actively participate in the Chapter. There are always opportunities do to so and we need to act upon them.

Volunteer

Every year the Chapter holds a number of Alumni Events. Most of these events would not be possible without alumni volunteers. Writing letters, sending e-mails, making phone calls to your Brothers are a couple of the ways you can volunteer help out. However, the most important part is attending and help at the event itself. Watch for chances to help our Chapter.

Support

The Chapter does and will always depend on the help and support of the Brothers. As alumni it is our duty to support the actives in their endeavors. We have a responsibility to them and to the Fraternity. Whether the support comes in the form of professional guidance and advice, volunteer hours, food, supplies, cash or beverage, the Chapter depends on our support.

Communication

The Chapter wants to stay in contact with its Brothers. We should want to be included on happenings in and around our Chapter. To do this, it is important to keep the Chapter update on our contact information.

Be Proud

Take pride in the fact you are a Brother. Respect all Brothers and let everyone know that our Chapter will be a leader on campus.

After graduation, it is easy to lose touch with the Chapter and as we lose touch we tend to let these responsibilities slip. Now is not the time for this. This year is too important for our Chapter. This year make a point to be more active within our Chapter. Let the actives know you are there for them and you are willing to fulfill you role as an alumni.

Brother Joshua Sefchek '01

The Passing of AEPi Brother John Iacoviello

It is with deep regret that I write this article about the passing of our brother John Iacoviello. John died on Jan 18, 2008 after a brief illness.

John was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on Jan 31, 1949. His parents were the late Sam and Barbara Iacoviello of Waterbury. John graduated from Kennedy High in 1966 and from Waterbury State Technical College in 1968 with an Associates degree in Electronics. John graduated from Tri-Sate in December of 1970 with a BSEE.

John was one of a group of men who petitioned the Tri-State interfraternity council to form the Tau Sigma chapter of AEPi on the Tri-State campus. John was a touch on the quiet side, and he had a winning smile and a great sense of humor. He usually would be able to help you find humor in most situations, especially if you were down. John was always ready to help a fellow brother. He was a hard working student but always found time to have some fun, help organize a night out, or a party. "Ike", as he was called by most of the brothers, had an affinity for fixing things and sprucing up and maintaining our living quarters. John was the first House Manager for the AEPi first off campus housing. John also had the honor of being the first brother kidnapped by the first AEPi pledge class. He took the Greek letters Lambda Gamma for his AEPi "Greek name". John was also known for his "cool ride". A white convertible '65 T-Bird which he used to haul brothers around Angola as well as make frequent trips to Michigan.

After graduating from Tri-State, John returned to Waterbury and worked for Pitney-Bowes in Danbury, CT as a software engineer. He married Beverly Brouillard and they had 3 daughters.

In the mid 80s John and his family moved to Massachusetts to be closer to the considerable employment opportunities in the computer and networking businesses available in that area. John's first job when he moved to Massachusetts was a software engineer at Wang Labs in Lowell, MA. He and his family settled in Pepperell, MA.

John continued his affinity for working with his hands and became an avid woodworker, and as in his earlier days was always ready to help friends and neighbors with projects.

John left Wang Labs and later worked as a software engineer for Stratus Computer in Marlborough, MA and then Sun Microsystems in Burlington, MA.

John is survived by his wife Beverly, 3 daughters, Karen Warren, Robin Leahy, and Susan Iacoviello. 2 granddaughters, Taylor and Skye Warren, a grandson Jacob Warren. 2 brothers Ronald, and Gerald, and a sister Linda.

I think I can speak on behalf of the brothers of the early AEPi days; that John was a good man, a good brother and his loss is a sad one for us all. I hope we can all spend a moment thinking of John as well as those early times of AEPi.

Mike Santoro
AEPi – BPi
BSEE 1970

On the lighter side

You might be an engineer if . . .

You have no life and can prove it mathematically.

You enjoy pain.

You know vector calculus but you can't remember how to do long division.

You chuckle whenever anyone says "centrifugal force."

You've actually ever used every single function on your graphing calculator.

When you look in the mirror, you see engineering major.

It is sunny and 70 degrees outside, and you are working on a computer.

You frequently whistle the theme song to "MacGyver."

You always do homework on Friday nights.

You know how to integrate a chicken and can take the derivative of water.

You think in "math."

You've calculated that the World Series actually diverges.

You hesitate to look at something because you don't want to break down its wave function.

You have a pet named after a scientist.

You laugh at jokes about mathematicians.

The Humane Society has had you arrested because you actually performed the Schrödinger's Cat Experiment.

You can translate English into Binary.

You can't remember what's behind the door in the science building which says "Exit."

You have to bring a jacket with you, in the middle of summer, because there's a wind-chill factor in the lab.

You are completely addicted to caffeine.

You avoid doing anything because you don't want to contribute to the eventual heat-death of the universe.

You consider any non-science course "easy."

When your professor asks you where your homework is, you claim to have accidentally determined its momentum so precisely, that according to Heisenberg it could be anywhere in the universe.

The "fun" center of your brain has deteriorated from lack of use.

You'll assume that a "horse" is a "sphere" in order to make the math easier.

You understood more than five of these indicators.

You make a hard copy of this list and post it on your office door.

You think it might be a neat idea to send this message to all of your friends in the form of email.

You know the glass is neither half full nor half empty; it's simply twice as big as it needs to be.

Random Quote

“Theory is when you know everything and nothing is working. Organization is when nothing is working and everyone knows why. Practice is when everything is working and no one knows why.”

More Differences

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Knowledge, Time, and Money

It all makes sense now...

Dilbert's "Salary Theorem" states that "Engineers and scientists can never earn as much as business executives, sales people, accountants and especially liberal arts majors." This theorem can now be supported by a mathematical equation based on the following two well known postulates:

- Postulate 1: Knowledge is Power.
- Postulate 2: Time is Money.

As every engineer knows: $\text{Power} = \text{Work} / \text{Time}$.

Since: $\text{Knowledge} = \text{Power}$,
then $\text{Knowledge} = \text{Work} / \text{Time}$,
and $\text{Time} = \text{Money}$,
then $\text{Knowledge} = \text{Work} / \text{Money}$.

Solving for Money, we get: $\text{Money} = \text{Work} / \text{Knowledge}$.

Thus, as Knowledge approaches zero, money approaches infinity, regardless of the amount of work done.

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Alumni Profiles



Chad Hisey

City/State: Elkart, IN

Degree from TSU: Associate in Construction Management Technology, 2002 and Bachelor of Applied Management, 2007

Graduation Year: 2002 & 2007

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

Current employer: The Domestic Corporation

Current position/title: Technical Service and Warrenty Authorization

Areas of expertise: Absorption refrigeration, RV air conditioning, awnings, getting Gault's goat, residential remodeling and construction, recycling, etc.

Family information: Wife: Cari, Son: Guidry

Personal Interests: Saving the world by hugging one tree at a time and spending time with my family.



Favorite fraternity memories: Perfecting my losing pool game over many a beer and pledging with Merritt and BV. Oh and you can't forget the time that I wanted to catch a ride with Preston, tripped up the Phi Kap steps, busting my lip and wound up spending the night in the emergency room under the supervision of Loren and Duerk.

What I've been up to lately: Moving to E-town from Angola to gain 2-1/2 hours a day with my family and saving \$100 a week in gas money. In other words enjoying life.



Chris Denton

City/State: Daleville, IN

Degree from TSU: BSME

Graduation Year: 2002

Current Employer: Maxon Corporation

Current position/title: Project Engineer

Professional memberships: ASME

Areas of Expertise: Piping and code compliance and maintenance management.

Family information: Wife: Renae and baby due April 21st.

Personal Interests: Horses and racing



Favorite fraternity memories: Hanging together and road trips. I can't go into detail about any of the real good ones without incriminating myself and others.

What I've been up to lately: Getting ready for the baby and keeping up with the Jones, whoever they are.

Chapter Board Positions

Interested in serving on the Board? Alumni officer elections will be held again at the 2009 Hog Roast. Alumni officer positions have two year terms.

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

- Josh Sefchek tsu01 – Alumni president, jjsefchek@gmail.com
- David Scott tsu04 – Alumni Vice president, djscott@gmail.com
- Andy Kavc tsu90 – Alumni Secretary, brunokavc@yahoo.com
- Preston Howard tsu98 – Alumni Treasurer, mplhoward12@yahoo.com
- Thomas Kehres tsu02 – Alumni Member at Large, tfkehres@hotmail.com
- Jeff Elliott tsu05 – Active President, jfelliott@tristate.edu
- Milton Jones tsu05 – Active Treasurer, live4bum@yahoo.com

Announcements

Congratulations to Chad Hisey tsu99 and his wife Cari who are enjoying parenthood for the first time.

Congratulations to Matt Kitchell tsu94 and his wife Mandy who gave birth to their first child.

Congratulations to Chris Denton tsu98 and his wife Renae who are expecting their first child in April 2008!

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*.

2008 Alumni Award Nomination Form

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

Complete online, mail or email to Milton Jones at 409 S. College St, Angola, IN or live4bum@yahoo.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):

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Dear AEPi, NuPi, or Triangle Alumnus,

Every year our Fraternity mails our annual request for your Voluntary Chapter Alumni Dues (V-CADs) and donations to the Jeff Williams Memorial Scholarship fund. Many alumni have donated generously in the past and I want you to know your support is greatly appreciated and critical to our continued excellence.

Your V-CAD allows the alumni organization to continue its support of our active organization and gives us the opportunity to provide benefits to both actives and alumni. Here are a couple of the big ticket items we will be working on this year:

- 1. New carpet for the living room**
- 2. Replace linoleum in the dining room**
- 3. Update and upgrade the windows**
- 4. Repair the concrete on front porch**
- 5. Refurbish and update the Chapter Room**

In order to complete these projects we are estimating we will need at least **\$5000** and plenty of volunteer manpower. While we can cover a portion of these costs through the monthly rent we charge the actives, the majority to the support needs to come from the Alumnus of our Fraternity. That is why we are setting a donation goal of **\$3000** for this year. In the past we have held Active/Alumni Workdays in which many alumni have returned to our House to donate many hours of effort to improving the chapter house. While this is the most convenient method of donating for some alumni, for others it is just not possible. If you can not make it back to visit the House this year, we are extending the challenge to you to make a donation right now. It is impossible for us to meet our goals without you help and support.

I ask you to consider helping your Fraternity TODAY.

We hope you can pay dues to the alumni account and contribute to the Jeff Williams Memorial Scholarship by returning a check and the form below or by donating **securely** online. Simply go to our chapter web site at <http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org>, and click on the **Alumni Dues** link in the left hand menu for more details.

Our annual **Pig Roast** and Jeff Williams scholarship award will be on **Saturday, April 12, 2008** at **Commons Park** in Angola. Be sure to watch for more information from the actives. If you have not yet subscribed to our chapter's email list, please let us know. There are over 125 AEPi, NuPi and Triangle alumni on the email list. The email list is used for personal announcements, job postings and chapter related news.

Sincerely,
Joshua Sefchek
Alumni President, TSU Chapter of Triangle Fraternity
(574) 835-0835, jjsefchek@gmail.com

Yes, I would like to contribute the following amounts:

Voluntary Chapter Alumni Dues: \$30 Extra: _____
Jeff Williams Scholarship: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other: _____

Total Amount: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send this form along with your check payable to Triangle Fraternity to:
Preston Howard, Alumni Treasurer, 2419 E Cedar Canyons Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46845 **Thank you!**