

Alumni Profiles

We've decided to include a section in the newsletter to highlight one alumnus from each "era" of the fraternity - AEPi, Nu Pi and Triangle. The following alumni are featured in this issue due to the use of a highly scientific selection formula (luck of the draw). Enjoy!



Name: Bob Hostetler – Nu Pi
City/State: Corona, CA
Degree from TSU: BSME
Graduation Year: 1985
Other schooling since TSU:
 MA 1995 (Technology Education-CSULB)

Professional memberships: Phi Beta Phi, Epsilon Pi Tau

Current employer: CSULB-Cal State U Long Beach

Current position/title: Computer Systems Specialist

Areas of expertise: Laser printer repair, computer hardware/software repair/installation, software and OS instruction and generally I fix anything broken that's electrical or mechanical.

Family information: wife Louise, celebrating 10 years happily married this June, no children, golden Labrador / Chow mix Roxy, 2 cats Sheba (22yrs. old) and Dapper, canary Tweety, a school of Black Convict cichlids (tropical fish), 250+ house plants (NO, not those kind of plants!)

Personal Interests: Adult league softball, backpacking, woodworking, aquariums, movies, music, fixing up my home, kicking back in my spa, walking Roxy, mountain biking, driving fast, photography, cooking and grilling (eating well), gardening, darts, horseshoes, partying with friends.

Favorite fraternity memories: Pig roasts (raffle), quarter night, drinking beer and playing volleyball all weekend, causing mischief on the way home from Skip's Lounge (Who started the red door ritual?), taking Todd Moothé's dog By-Tor (Boxer/Labrador) for bike rides through fraternity row and getting ALL their dogs to chase us.

What I've been up to lately: In the past few years I've been playing on 2 softball teams, Wednesday nights in Long Beach and on Sunday afternoons in Corona (In CA we play year round, four 10 week seasons per year). I've enclosed my patio/spa and have more than half of the house painted inside and out. Currently I am looking forward to spending my 40th birthday backpacking in the Smoky Mountains with my brother Tom and 4 friends. Last March I caught my wedding ring on a metal shelf corner and nearly removed my finger, 34 stitches and 5 months of physical therapy later I am fully functional again. Tip of the decade: DO NOT wear rings on fingers, get a wedding tattoo if you must have a visible symbol, please trust me on this - it's not worth it!

Optimist: "The glass is half full."

Pessimist: "The glass is half empty."

Engineer: "The glass is twice as big as it needs to be."



Name: Steve Dohar - AEPi
City/State: Statesboro, GA
Degree from TSU: N/A
Year Initiated: 1975
Other schooling since TSU:
 ITT Technical Institute
Professional Memberships:
 AOPA

Current Employer: Danaher Power Solutions

Current position/title: Sr. Field Engineer

Areas of Expertise: Uninterruptible Power Supplies

Family information: Wife: Cherry, married 7 years, Dental Assistant. Kids: Stephanie, 26 graduated from Case Western Reserve U (CWRU) in Computer Engineering, working for Deloitte & Touche in San Francisco. Amanda, 24 graduated from CWRU in Biology, currently finishing 2nd year at OSU Dental School. Matthew, 22 will graduate from Ashland University in May '03, Business Major.

Personal Interests: Flying single engine airplanes, electronics.

Favorite fraternity memories: Getting kidnapped, ordering my 1st bottle of Scotch, and getting sick drinking it. Pig Roast. Panty raids on the girl's dorm and talking to the Dean about it afterward.

What I've been up to lately: Working.



Name: David Rhodes - Triangle
City/State: Manassas Park, VA
Degree from TSU: BSAE
Graduation Year: 1993
Other schooling since TSU:
 MS Systems Engineering
Current employer:
 Northrop Grumman

Current position/title: Modernized Integrated Database (MIDB) Project Manager

Areas of expertise: Systems Engineering, Software Development, Military Intelligence

Family information: Wife – Trish, Two children – Ryan (4) and Ashley (2).

Personal Interests: Running, computers, spending time with the kids, and playing golf.

Favorite fraternity memories: Generally, just hanging out with the brothers. We had a great pledge class that had a lot of fun together.

What I've been up to lately: I've recently taken over as Project Manager for a 35-person software development effort, which has presented a new set of challenges. Trish and I had a new house built two years ago and since then I've been busy having built a deck for it and finished the basement.

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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.

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Wondering what your fellow alumni are up to? Well, we can tell you about a couple of them. Once again, here are the Alumni Profiles ...



Andy Kavc (Triangle)

City/State : Oxford,MI

TSU Degree: BS in Mechanical Engineering (BSME)

Year Graduated:1993

Other schooling since TSU: Master of Science – Engineering Management

Professional memberships : SAE (www.sae.org)

Current Employer: DaimlerChrysler (www.daimlerchrysler.com)

Current position/title: Supervisor – Truck Exterior Systems Engineering

Areas of expertise: Bumpers, Lighting, Wiper, Mirror Systems and Plastics

Family information: Wife – Danielle, married 7 years in August

Personal Interests: Golf, NASCAR, and spending summer weekends at the lake in Northern Michigan

Favorite fraternity memories: Pledging with a great group of guys, infinite black points for being Shaw's little brother, Pig Roasts, road trips, spring breaks at Fort Myers, all the stories about my 21st b-day which I still can't remember, having the "Sponge Award" renamed in my honor, eight Brothers in my wedding party....the memories are endless!!!

What I've been up to lately: Danielle and I recently built our new home which has a long list of projects to keep our time plenty occupied (landscape, deck, basement, etc.) for the foreseeable future. We're looking forward to settling down to start a family. Professionally, I've recently completed the launch of the new Dodge Durango in Newark, Delaware and have since taken over responsibility for the current and next generation Dodge Ram for all of the Exterior Systems. This has led to many pre-launch meetings in St. Louis and Saltillo (Mexico) as well as reviewing supplier source opportunities in China. From a TSU standpoint, I'm currently working with the TSU Career Placement Office and Dr. Finley (Dean of Engineering) to create a summer intern position in Truck Engineering for TSU students who aspire to gain experience in the automotive industry.



Chuck Bunnell (NuPi)

City/State : Chardon, OH

TSU Degree: BS in Aerospace Engineering (BSAE)

Year Graduated: 1983

Current Employer: ZIN Technologies, Inc. (www.zin-tech.com)

Current position/title: Lead Mechanical Engineer

Areas of Expertise: Mechanical design of space experiments for micro-gravity on-board the ISS, space shuttle, sounding rockets or the KC-135 vomit comet. We take a scientist's idea for an experiment, and design and repackage it to meet the rigors of space flight. Reduction of weight/power/volume is pretty much the main goal along with meeting all of the verifications from NASA to qualify for flight. We take payloads from cradle to grave at ZIN and get to wear just about every hat in the process.

Family information: Recently divorced without children. Would prefer to find someone new before I have to get a lot of cats. Biggest trick will be to see if I really learned anything the first time.

Personal Interests: Kart racing is pretty much my lifestyle, it's not just a hobby. In addition to my own racing, I'm an officer in the local sprint track and volunteer many hours to help run the club and races. The space program is important to me though being immersed in it at work, I don't know as much about what's happening as I think I should.

Favorite fraternity memories: I might have inadvertently killed those brain cells but I recall what seemed like a constant social life, there was always something to do or people to hang out with. A never-ending variety of volleyball games with a continuing list of new rules. Quarter nights and killer fruit. Building the motor for my car during my junior year in the basement of the annex. Pig Roasts and strange alumni returning from the time of the dinosaurs. Good times.

What I've been up to lately: Getting older and starting to notice it more and more. I don't recommend it, but it beats the alternative. Last year was a rough year for me so I'm basically trying to get my head back on straight and the best way I know to do that is go racing. I've been racing karts since the 1982 Tri-State Grand Prix and now concentrate on the big tracks for the enduro races where speeds are well over 100 mph. Fun stuff. Am currently building a custom trailer with a pneumatic lift gate to get the kart in and out. And then it's going to be a busy season with 9 or 10 races over the year.

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Jim DeBrabander

(AKA Jimmy Dee)
City/State: Marshall, MI
TSU Degree: BS in Mechanical Engineering (BSME)
Year Graduated: 1993

Other schooling since TSU: MBA in Global Management, University of Phoenix

Professional memberships: SAE (www.sae.org)

Current Employer: Eaton Corporation

Current position/title: Senior Product Engineer

Areas of expertise: Mechanical Design, Warranty data analysis

Family information: My wife Nicola and I have 6 children. We have formed our own Brady Bunch with three boys and three girls. I am hoping to be able to afford a maid someday.....

Personal Interests: Soccer. Nicola and I coach and referee in the AYSO youth soccer program. Reading when I have time. I occasionally have time for woodworking. I also get the rare opportunity to lend my building skills to Habitat for Humanity.

Favorite fraternity memories: Pledge night, it was amazing to be a part of one of the largest pledge classes to be initiated. Sharing a four bedroom, two-bath house with six other brothers and the occasion gnome. Many fond memories of Pig Roasts. Nor will I ever forget Wellet setting his boot on fire.

What I've been up to lately: I am just wrapping up my MBA, which is taking a lot of spare time. I spend what little is left with my family. Since my wife is from London and all of our kids play soccer, much of our time revolves around soccer. We recently returned from a family wedding in London. We were over for a week, so we had some time for sightseeing around the wedding planning. I finally got to see Stonehenge and we also made it to Oxford University and the Roman Baths.



Jon Bontrager

City/State: Goshen, Indiana
TSU Degree: CADD

Year Graduated: 1995

Current Employer: Four Winds International

Current position/title: Engineer

Areas of Expertise: Class C RV's

Family information: Wife: Angie Bontrager, Daughters: Felicity & Faith

Personal Interests: Running, Camping, Outdoor activities

Favorite fraternity memories: Camping, Bonding w/ Brothers

What I've been up to lately: Basically working and playing with my daughters after work, and trying to keep up on my running.



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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... "Kave" 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 '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.