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And Now a Word from the President

The semester is halfway over, and the Brothers of Triangle have been busy. The Brothers have recommitted themselves to community service while participating in many activities. With the continued effort, the Brothers are focused on improving our overall GPA and image around campus.

Community service was looked at very seriously this past semester. Brothers Don Lahnum and myself have suggested two continuous projects. Don opened our study tables to the entire school. Several students have taken this offer for help in their studies. A weekly canned food drive was suggested by myself, and Brothers are donating a total of 10 cans a week. Brother August is currently looking for a place (outside of Don, Cales, and myself) to donate this food. As of right now, we are over 60 hours of service, compared to 25 hours last semester.

The Brothers have also participated in many events this semester. We are currently involved in improving our relations with two fraternities, Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Kappa Theta. Two chapters have visited our home – the Toledo and Armour Chapters (Armour stole our bowling-pin). The Brothers also participated in Mid-Winter Blowout and made several trips to see the Fort Wayne Komets.

This has been a very productive semester, but there is more to come. Pig Roast is coming, and the actives would love to see many alumni to show up for this. Also, the Northern Illinois Chapter is hosting a Chicago Founder's Day event on 4/24 with five Brothers attending. Brice is currently looking for a date for this weekend, so if anyone can help him out feel free to do so. Hopefully, all of our hard work can be shown when our grades are published in May.

Interfraternally,

Tom "Thome" Kehres '02

Intramural Football Battles through a Tough Season

The Triangle intramural football team started the season on a positive note by winning the first game of the season. The next eight were a different story, as we lost six with the two victories coming from forfeits. Despite a 3-6 record, Triangle still qualified for the playoffs as the 6th seed, but lost a heartbreaking 28-14 game. Down 21-7, Thome intercepted a pass to set up a Don touchdown with about 3 minutes to go. However, the opposing team returned the kickoff for a touchdown, ending our season.

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Big thanks to all the players who made this season possible: Don, for playing quarterback even though he is better suited to play the line. August, for playing running back, when available, and for getting some of his residents from his hall to play for our team. Chip, for being the only person brave enough to play center. Cales, for trying to act like Vince Lombardi on the sidelines, but being more like Jim Mora. And for myself, for being stupid enough to play every position when needed, except for quarterback.

Anyone interested in playing next year, to fill our holes at quarterback, running back, offensive and defensive lines, linebacker, defensive backs, wide receivers, and special teams, please contact the house with desired position.

Tom "Thome" Kehres '02

Shameless Whoring Of One's Self

One of the main reasons I became a member of Triangle was for the great opportunities that could come from the networking of alumni. I am a graduating senior and am looking for a job; I am a Computer Science major and want to do anything dealing with computers. If any of you are in a position to hire and have a position open, please don't hesitate to give me a call, my contact information is located on my resume which is an attachment along with this email version of the Sine of The Times.

Thank you.

Don Lahnum Jr. '03

Thunder Athletics

The TSU "Thunder" football team set several records this season. The most notable was the record set for wins. The football team won a grand total of 0 games this year, the worst record in Tri-State's 9-year football history. TSU is suffering from going through the transition of being a NIAI squad to a NCAA division III squad. The problem originates with fact that NCAA DIII doesn't allow scholarship athletes. After two years of non-scholarship recruiting, there is a talent gap between the upper and lower classmen. This was also the first year for new Head Coach, Bob Frey, and his new running based offense. Sophomore Quarterback Joe Schwander, threw for 1053 yards and 9 TD's. Senior Running Back and Mechanical Engineer, Chris Bixler, led the rushers with 499 yards and 3 TD's. Senior Nick Testa set TSU records for receiving yards with 1038 and receptions with 66 Catches.

The basketball team had a better season than the football team, finishing the season with 12 wins in 25 games. The team tried a new approach to games. Rather than having the starters play most of the games they did shift changes similar to hockey shift changes. They played a full court pressure defense that forced a lot of turnovers, and angered a lot of opposing coaches. TSU managed to hold their own against NCAA division I opponents Central Michigan and IPFW, losing 103-124 and 60-112, respectively. The leaders of the team were Senior Luke Amstutz with 13.7 points per game, Sophomore Brandon O'Leary with 5.7 rebounds per game, and Junior Brandon Appleton with 4.8 assists per game.

Chad Cales '01

Sefchek's Complaint Corner

Usually when I write one of these articles it is to explain some great injustice done to me. That injustice may be a restaurant selling me overpriced food or a store scamming me with promises of free shipping. Since my days at Tri-State are few in number, you may assume that I would become more relaxed and let things pass me by unnoticed. I also thought this was case until the day of April 5, 2004. In the following article, I will explain the events that transpired to throw me into a fit of rage. WARNING: You may become angered when you read the following, so be aware of others around you.

The purpose of this article is to inform you of the injustice and disrespect recently paid to our Fraternity. Triangle Fraternity has long been in good-standing with Tri-State University and has contributed to many different programs. For example, we hold weekly study tables which are open to all students, we co-host an annual Career Fair with Career Services and we are always present to assist with Casino Night during Parents Week-end. Along with that, one of our members helped draft the new IFC Constitution, which we believe better adheres the policies of Tri-State University. Clearly Triangle, along with all of the other Greek houses on campus, has been trying wholeheartedly to improve the relations between the university and ourselves. However, on April 5, 2004, our hopes of a better tomorrow were hit by a low blow.

On March 29, 2004, Triangle Fraternity requested a certain amount of money from the Student Senate. The purpose of this money was to send two people to the Scobie Leadership School. This leadership school is held in the summer by our National Fraternity and is a four-day event that teaches young people how to be effective leaders on campus and in their professional lives. The motion was tabled and everything looked bright. On April 5, 2004, Aaron Rupp and I attended the Student Senate meeting to discuss our motion. However, before the meeting was started, we were summoned to the front of the meeting place to talk to the executive board members. They explained to

us that our motion had been 'dropped'. When we asked by who and why, they told us that they had discussed it and determined that we could not ask for money to send people to a leadership school. When I further asked them to explain, the president of Student Senate asked their advisor, to come forward and explain the details. We were told by the advisor that Student Senate would not give a Fraternity money for registration costs. When I asked why other organizations could request money to send students to conventions and workshops, he said that we were denied the motion based solely on the fact that we are a Fraternity. When I told him that there was nothing in the Constitution that said Greek organizations could not be given money, he said that it was 'tradition' not to give Greeks money for such events.

Other student organizations request and receive money all the time to pay for such things as national registration costs. Some organizations receive money to buy material items such as computers, printer, tool, and even t-shirts. A few organizations have even received money to pay for community service projects such as sponsoring a participant at the Special Olympics or buying snow shovels to clear sidewalks. So what makes our request so horrific that it cannot even be voted on at Student Senate? Is Triangle Fraternity not composed of Tri-State students? Are we not trying to better the student body by sending some students to an excellent leadership school? We were discriminated against because of who we are. Nowhere in the Student Senate Constitution does it say anything about why we should be denied. The Brothers and I carefully read the Constitution before we made our motion and even reviewed past Student Senate meetings to make sure that our request was valid. There is no reason our motion could not have been voted on. The advisor for Student Senate has paid our House and our Greek community a grave insult and a large amount of disrespect. It becomes harder to work towards bringing the Greek Community and the University closer together when such events occur.

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In closing, this is far from over. I will fight until I am shot or I am placed in jail to see that Fraternities are treated and respected as Student Organizations. I will never give up on what I believe. The Greeks are the leaders of the school and it is time we were treated as such. So until the roof comes off, until the lights go out and my legs give out, I won't shut my mouth. Until the smoke clears out, and my high wear out I am going to rip this *edit* until my bones collapse. If I don't get sued for that one, I will be impressed.

Love,
Joshua Sefchek



Pledging to Me

Overall, I feel that the pledging process, while long, was a very good experience. It allowed me to not only learn the ways of Triangle, but also let me create friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime.

By far the best thing about my pledging was my Big Brother. Even though I spent most of my time getting my ass kicked in Madden, I couldn't have asked for a better person to look up to, or to go to when I had questions. Thanks Don and don't worry I'll keep the "good" Alpha tradition going strong.*

Another thing is that even though I was the only pledge this semester the brothers still made all pledge activities the most fun they possibly could have been. You never know when running from the attic to the basement diving over couches and crutches will come in handy.

The only thing I will say was a down side of the pledging experience, other than being the only one, was the inability to voice my opinion. Giving black points to someone for liking a certain team, driver, players, doesn't allow a person to show who he really is because of the fear of what someone will say/do because of what they like.

In conclusion, I feel that this was a great experience, and was definitely the most fun I'll never want to have again. Thanks for all the good times and memories.

Pledge Ryan McColley BA

Campus Improvements

Many new improvements are now underway on the Tri-State campus. Improvements include replacing the field house swimming pool with an athletic area, the construction of the campus villas, renovation of Sniff Hall, and a new campus entryway. Work on the field house began a few months ago and work on the new "tri-window" north building front is well on its way to being completed. Also, the campus villas are starting to take form. Most of the major work on the villas is more than midway completed — including plumbing, structural work, and exterior bricking. The villas will be completed by the beginning of fall 2004. At this time, little work has been done to Sniff Hall, other than the removal of office equipment/furniture and other interior cleanup. The renovation of Sniff Hall is said to be an ongoing project, whose finish date will depend upon available funds. The new campus entryway, however, will be completed by July of this year. More information about Tri-State University campus improvements, including current project and computer-generated photos, can be found on the campus website via the following links: <http://www.tristate.edu/construction/index.htm> and www.tristate.edu/Connections/Fall_2003/. If you will be attending Pig Roast, be sure to check out these improvements while you are on campus.

Brother Kyle Whitenack '03

Extreme Update: As you read this, Don has been offered a job in the beautiful state of Washington. It happened just as you were reading this part, not while I was composing this. Please excuse Don's shameless whoring of himself on page 2.

-Sine Staff

Via Con Dios Muchachos

As we near spring, we prepare to send off our Brothers into the working world. This year we lose two dedicated Brothers in Joshua Sefchek and Don Lahnum Jr. I am going to particularly miss these Brothers, as Sefchek is the only active Brother still around from when I was initiated to Triangle Fraternity, and Don is the only Brother keeping me from being the oldest active.

I am reminded of the first times I met these Brothers. When I was introduced to Sefchek, he was introduced as a "shiny badge." I believe my first words to him were, "Get me a beer shiny." I met Don through a friend of the Fraternity, Clinton Moy, and my first thought was, "He can play line for our flag football team!" And as I got to know him more, I wanted him to be a Brother of Triangle more. These two will be deeply missed by all of the Brothers.

Chad Cales '01