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And Now a Word from the President

After a long and productive summer, it's time to get back to the books. This year looks to be a great year for the house. Currently, the Brothers are working hard to build a decent pledge class this fall to bring our numbers up. Also, new walls are being put up in the basement. This project is scheduled to be complete by October 1st, just in time for Homecoming and our first Greek Hour (5 PM) of the school year.

This semester, the brothers are shooting for several goals to accomplish. First, we are committed to a 3.0 GPA, with Cales (yes, Cales) committing to a 4.0. The website is another goal, as we hope to keep it updated weekly with information. Plus, we are going to try to put out 2-3 *Sine of the Times* during the semester via e-mail. We plan to accomplish these goals by the end of the fall semester.

In conclusion, this is going to be a productive semester. If anyone wants to help us with the basement, please feel free and stop by. Also, stop by for homecoming, as we are praying that the mighty Tri-State Fighting Football Thunder will end its losing streak (currently 12 games as of 9/11/04) against the crafty Lutherans from Wisconsin. Hope to see everyone for this event and other events during the school year.

Tom "Thome" Kehres tsu02



Big Scary Things from the Internet

The development of the Chapter Website (<http://tsu.trianglefraternity.org>) is coming together slowly but surely. The first thing on my plate is to get the pages in place for all of the links, with the help of my writer, Brother Cales. Another thing I'm working on right now is an optimization of the current code in an attempt to make the website load faster. After those are completed, I plan to implement a few features: an interactive calendar containing any special events that we're planning, a password protected page containing a copy of the previous week's minutes, and a searchable list of members from AEPi, NuPi, and Triangle. If anybody wants to see anything else included, feel free to email me your suggestions at djscott@tristate.edu and they will be considered for implementation.

THIS JUST IN...An alumnus from the Purdue chapter of Triangle Fraternity has offered his services to help set up the Tri-State website. Brother Rick Eckert (pur64) set up the Purdue website which has won several awards in the past. The idea is for Brother Rick to set up a template so that Brother Cales and I can update as necessary.

WE NOW RETURN YOU TO YOUR PROGRAM, ALREADY IN PROGRESS...It just gets really hard to start this site because my gigantic pinky continually hits random buttons, and it's impossible to get Cales off his butt to do anything that is not a carnal sin.

David Scott tsu04

Scobie and Me

This summer was rather boring for me. Most of it was spent like the typical college student: working a rather low paying job trying to make it easier during the college months. I worked for the Ohio Department of Health as a data clerk, making spreadsheets and doing various jobs for others in my bureau. It was rather boring with no real vacation - except for one week at the end of July.

I was lucky enough to attend Scobie Leadership School with Dave and Kyle. The weekend started with my driving from my home near Columbus to meet Kyle and Dave halfway at Kyle's home. Two hours later I arrived at Kyle's house and ate a wonderful breakfast prepared by his parents. We departed and arrived two hours later in Bloomington, IN to begin our Scobie experience.

The days were spent learning about how to incorporate ritual into your daily life and even morals that we ranked and displayed on our name tags. It was an interesting experience to meet and talk to Triangle brothers from all over the USA. Sharing ideas and processes was one of my favorite things about leadership school. The last day of instruction was my favorite because that was when the National Council and various other national members paid us a visit. It was great to see that they cared so much about their fraternity and were willing to take time out of their schedules to spend time with undergraduate members.

Guest alumni speakers shared with us all the things Triangle had done for them over their life. The community service activities were well planned and got me interested in trying to implement some at our chapter. The only negative moment I can think of was leaving all the brothers I had just met.

Overall, the Scobie experience was fantastic for me. It made me appreciate Triangle more than I already did, and I'm looking forward to returning to applying what I learned. Scobie Leadership School made me a better person overall and should be experienced by all undergraduate members of Triangle.

John Smith tsu04

Alcohol Awareness Seminar a Success

On a cool September 10th night, most of the Greek Community came together for an Alcohol Awareness Seminar planned by Dr. Deller. Brothers Cales, Brice, John and I represented Triangle Fraternity for this event. Unfortunately, Dr. Deller was unable to attend that night. Under the leadership of IFC, the event was moved and took place at Alpha Sigma Phi. Many of the Greeks even chipped in money, around \$2 each, so that the school did not have to pay the fee for the guest speaker, Mr. B. Light.

The event started at 8 PM with a few people. Many Greeks and freshman listened insightfully to Bud (as he insisted we call him) share his stories about this and other problems at Tri-State. By 11 PM, when Cales and I left after sharing our views, the crowd was around 50 students and Mr. Light showed no signs of stopping.

Big thanks go to Dr. Deller for organizing this event and to IFC for having the guts to continue the event without her. This made us more aware to this and other problems in the Angola community. The only regrets Cales and I had were that Mr. Light kicked out all of his ideas by 11 PM, and we were too tired to listen to his third encore.

Tom "Thome" Kehres tsu02

Triangle Improves on Grades

This past spring, the Tri-State Chapter made a drastic and positive jump in grades. Triangle had a GPA of 2.94 (up from 2.721), and finished second among fraternities behind the golfers at Kappa Sigma. Our cumulative GPA is now third among fraternities, behind Kappa Sigma and Delta Chi, at 2.887.

Also, congratulations to the Brothers who achieved over a 3.0 this past semester. They include: Dave Scott, Aaron Rupp, Kyle Whitenack, Don Lahnum, Josh Sefchek, and Thomas Kehres. Extra congratulations go to Don and Josh who graduated this past semester.

The House, the House is on Fire

Other summer festivities included frequent Sefchek visits. On one such visit, Josh, being a pyromaniac, decided to cook some two-month old hotdogs on the propane grill. As amusing as cooking old rank hotdogs to feed to Buddy (Sigma Phi Delta's dog) is, we soon noticed an old citronella candle on the back porch. Josh decides that we should melt the candle and proceeds to put it on the grill and dip chunks of citronella out of the candle and put it on the hot dogs. What do you know, citronella is apparently as flammable as lamp oil. Josh continued to put citronella on the hot dogs as each on burst into flames. This is not the kicker though. Josh continued to do this for about 5 minutes, when, without warning, he accidentally knocked over the candle, spilling about a quart of citronella into the grill.

Cue the scurrying idiots picture, thank you. It took a moment for everyone to realize what happened. Josh, being the closest to the fire, managed to get the propane tank shut off while I ran inside for a fire extinguisher. I ran into the living room, grabbed the extinguisher, ran to the deck and started spraying. It took about 2 minutes and the full charge of the extinguisher to put out the fire. Moral of the story: Don't let alumni attending Ball State for their masters degree operate the house grill. Oh yeah, we did get the extinguishers recharged and we now limit grilling to the George Foreman. Interestingly enough, the burnt, citronella marinated hot dogs, which we left lying in the driveway, weren't there the next day...but, then again, we haven't had our trash torn apart by raccoons or neighbor dogs since then either.

Kyle Whitenack tsu03



What a Trip

Wow, summer's over already. Seems like just the other day we were saying farewell to Tri-State University, yet here again we're back trying to figure out where our summer went. I, for one, know exactly where it all went. From working 20-30 hours a week at good ole' subway to working 45 hours at Ford Meter Box my summer was pretty well booked. That is until the week before I had to start school. To my enjoyment/surprise I found out that my girlfriend had booked us a trip to Cozumel, Mexico (island right next to Cancun). From then on all I could think about was taking full advantage of the nice all-inclusive package we received, including the free open bar from 11am till 11:45pm. So, how'd it end up, you ask? Like all normal college students I ended up getting kicked out of a local bar (Carol-n Charley's), being ripped off by a sober taxi driver, and being curled up in a little ball next to the porcelain throne. The morals of this story: always keep your money with someone who is more responsible than you, keep your mouth shut around people who might not think your American humor is funny, know your limit, and always, always, always know the difference between the wall and your girlfriend when you run into something on your way to the throne.



Ryan McColley tsu04

The Design

The designer bent across his board -
Wonderful things in his head were stored.
He muttered as he rubbed his throbbing bean,
"How can I make this thing tough to machine?
If this part here were only straight
I'm sure the thing would work first rate.
But 't would be too easy to turn and bore
It would never make the machinists sore.
I'd better put in a right angle there
Then watch those workers tear out their hair.
Now I'll put the thread holes that hold the cap
Deep down inside where they're hard to tap.
Now this piece won't work, I'll bet a buck,
For it can't be held in a shoe or chuck.
It can't be drilled and it can't be ground;
In fact, the design is exceedingly sound."
He looked again and uttered a cry, "AT LAST!!!
Success is mine, it can't even be cast!"

Announcements

Congratulations to:

- Ben Duerk on his new job at Durr Industries.
- Brian and Val Vrablic on their recent marriage.
- Chad Hisey on his new job at Four Season Design & Remodeling.
- Mike Bean on his new job and move to Temecula, California.
- Andy and Jenn Scheele whose new son Joseph Scott was born 8/3/04.
- Chad and Julie Hoover whose daughter Sophia Jane was born 8/23/04.
- Josh Sefchek and Don Lahnum who graduated this past semester. Josh is currently attending Ball State University and Don is working in Washington State.
- Cales, who has fully recovered from knee surgery and is now playing intramural football.
- Thome, for reading 3 books that were not required by one of his classes.

A special thanks to Josh Sefchek and James Holden, for their generous donations to the basement project.

If you have an announcement to share, please send an email to the chapter email list at tsutriangle@yahogroups.com.

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2004 Flag Football

As the school year begins, so begins another season of Intramural Flag Football. This year's roster is loaded with returning Brothers, and talented freshmen/rushes. Here is the 2004 Roster for the Triangle Fraternity Fightin' Armadillos:

Chad Cales	TE/DE	Captain
Tom "Thome" Kehres	OL/LB	Co-Captain
Brice Jiamachello	Special Teams	
John Smith	OL/DT	
Dave Scott	Injured Reserve	
Ryan McColley	QB/S	
<i>Milton Jones</i>	OL/DE	
<i>Billy Whittaker</i>	OL/DT	
<i>Anthony</i>	TE/DE	
<i>Jeff Elliott</i>	LB	
<i>John Teper</i>	RB/CB	
<i>Chris Reathmel</i>	WR/S	
<i>Adam</i>	WR/CB	
<i>Sean Casserly</i>	WR/CB	



Players in *italics* are prospective brothers / rushes.

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Alumni Profiles



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.



Blazeball?

Who wants to get hurt? For those of you that know me, no, I'm not talking about me stabbing someone with one of my many razor-sharp pocket knives. Brother Jimmy here has a sport that some of you may be relatively interested in. Blazeball. Now, only half of this name is accurate, it doesn't really have anything to do with "blazing" or drugs in general, but we do use a ball, so there. From the depths of my high school days this game has re-emerged, and is more violent than ever.

Moving on to the point of the game, it's basically like rugby, with fewer rules. No head shots, no nut shots, no metal cleats, and those are the regulations for hits. The point is really to bounce a miniature soccer ball off of a trash can, without getting worked over by the other team. One goalie per can, one can per team, normally two teams. The cans themselves sit on the end of the field, on occasion with a goal "box" around them to limit the proximity of the guy pitching a soccer ball at full speed at a goalie wearing no pads. Drop the ball and your team loses possession, and you can do whatever you want to the guy with the ball, the guy trying to get the ball, the guy blocking the guy with the ball, etc. Basically tackle, kick, punch, or do backyard wrestling moves in any attempt to get the ball.

So, like I said earlier, who really wants to get hurt? In the last month, three people have blown their knees. Personally, I twisted my ankle, broke my shoulder, and lost a pint or so of blood. It's a weekend sport, and the best stress reliever I've ever found.

James Holden tsu03



To Beg, Or Not To Beg

So I'm catching up with one my Greek friends from Alfred State, NY. He always has great stories to tell, since he's now the equivalent of a 'Super-Senior', and I think to myself, "I wonder how his chapter comes up with money to do these wonderful things?" So I ask him and he proceeds to tell me that the majority of the Alumni, even if they choose not to keep in touch with the Fraternity, send a fifty-dollar check every January. Since most of his Alumni are *Engineers*, this is not a particular dent in any wallet. Also, if the Alumni want to go to any chapter function the Actives are holding, they are encouraged to. Some donate more, like one threw a Formal Dinner for the Fraternity because he was so pleased with one of the parties he attended. I feel that a similar system should be discussed among the Alumni because of the Active Brothers current lack of funds. I know I'll be willing to throw down \$50 when I leave college and am Teaching Math. I won't be making half as much as my Fellow alumni. I will still do it because I know what it's like to have a Fraternity where the in-house members might have to move into *PHI DELT* because the rent is cheaper, they have a working furnace, and I'm sure they even have money to replace it if need be.

Nate Willey tsu04

A Season on the Brink

After a promising sophomore intramural season on Triangle's Team B, where I had 1 reception for 3 yards, I began training mentally and physically for my Junior Season, with hopes to upgrade to Team A. After a tough summer of training with Cales, I felt that I was prepared to be the #5 wide receiver and #3 Safety. However, tragedy struck a week before our first game of the season, during a friendly miniature soccer game. Brice attempted to tackle me, causing me to stumble backwards and catch my left foot on the base of a chair and sprain my knee. The injury forced me to sit out our first game of the season, which was a brutal 37-9 loss. I'm hoping to be able to return to the team soon to help contribute to our losing efforts, since I feel like I'm the only person who has yet to contribute. But, hey, there's always next year...right?

David Scott tsu04