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See You at Homecoming!

Greetings all!

We hope to see many of you back at Tri-State on Saturday, Sept 23rd. Here is the schedule of events we have planned for the day:

- 12-3:30pm Football game at Shive Field
- 4-5pm Cookout at the house (brats, burgers, etc.)
- 5-5:30pm Tour of the new renovations done to the house
- 5:30-7pm Cornhole tournament between actives and alumni (Yes this is an actual game!)
- 7pm -? Socializing at the chapter house

We hope that you will be able to come and check out the newly finished basement. It looks like a completely different place now. If you have any questions, contact me or anyone else at the house at 260-665-5631.



Sincerely,
John P Smith
Active President

Help Us Support the Muscular Dystrophy Association

This fall we have selected our community service project, and it's for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I am doing the MDA Lockup to raise money to send the children to camp. Our goal is to raise \$1200. This will send two children to camp. If you would like to donate, you can do so securely online at <https://www.mdaevent.org/ParticipantInfo.aspx?j=ce5c561-3ea3-4f66-9a38-ae8c8351a589> . You can also send a check to the house made payable to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Lockup will take place on September 28 at 10am. We are doing a campus and community wide fundraiser, but we still need your help in raising that bail money. Every dollar raised will go straight to sending the kids to the camp. If anyone would like some more information, you can email me at mj_foster@hotmail.com or go to their website at www.mda.org. So please help us out with our fundraiser, and we are all looking forward to seeing everybody at Homecoming.



Thanks,
Michael Foster
Active VP

Web Site Award

Our chapter received the 2006 The Frederick R. Kappel Web Communications Award at the 2006 Leadership School in Champaign Illinois.

The award was created in 1996 by the National Council to recognize that current technology is an important part of our lives as Triangles and to recognize the hard work that goes into creating and maintaining chapter web sites.

Each chapter's page is judged on three general criteria: content, aesthetics, and technical merit. Congratulations to all those who have helped with the site and a special thanks to Rick Eckert pur64 for his help in maintaining the site. Visit the site at <http://www.tsutriangle.org>.



Jeff's Summer Job

I just started my third year at Tri-State studying mechanical engineering. Over the summer I left my first internship to take an offer with another company. I am now an intern at Vibracoustics North America, a Freudenburg-NOK company.

Vibracoustics is an international company that designs and manufactures automotive dampers such companies as GM, Ford, Audi, Daimler-Chrysler and others. I enjoy it. It's a little bit of desk work mixed with hands-on machine modifications. I now am living at the house and enjoying the school year thus far.

Jeff Elliott
Active Treasurer

Vibracoustics 

Another Summer at ODH

As many of you may remember, I spent all last summer working as an intern for the Ohio Department of Health. This summer was a bit more productive and I put the taxpayers' money to good work.

Things started off rather boring. I had to learn Foxpro, which is a severely outdated database system. I was handed about 15 pages of code and told to decipher the code and tell my boss what exactly it does. I struggled my way through that one with the help of a language manual. Next, I was asked to assist with updating the food package database, which is the backbone of the whole Ohio WIC system. I actually enjoyed doing this since I was able to apply some things I have learned in school to the real world. My boss was very impressed about my knowledge with Access and quickly assigned me more tasks for that project.

About a month of database work later, I was assigned to help with the helpline. The helpline is responsible for troubleshooting all of the PCs and networks for every computer on the WIC network in Ohio. Working for the helpline, I quickly figured out that not everyone is meant to use a computer. I received calls like "My mouse does not work, should I plug it back in?" all the way up to "It's Armageddon in our clinic, HELP!" I didn't mind this assignment because the people were generally nice and it also gave me some more valuable experience I could add to my resume.

This is my last year of school, so I'll be entering the job market shortly. I'm pretty sure I can acquire a full time position with ODH, but I will not limit myself to just there. I look forward to entering the "real world" and making my mark on the world of Computer Science.

John P Smith tsu04
Active President



Reflections on Michigan City

During this past Labor Day I went on a motorcycle trip to Michigan City, mostly to gamble. While I was there I went and saw many attractions including a really crappy zoo, the Ragtop Museum, Dunes National Park, and of course the casino.

Michigan City has an annual Labor Day fair which was not that great but they had cotton candy, caramel apples, funnel cake, and all the other good fat kid food found at fairs. The zoo was right next to the fair so we went to the zoo, and well it was not worth the price of admission.

The Ragtop Museum was awesome; they had a lot of nice antique cars. Most of the cars had only one two owners and were in excellent condition. The most common cars in show were the old Cadillacs, but they did have a wide range of cars. The three cars that made me the happiest were a 1970 Pontiac Superbird, a Hemi Barracuda convertible, and a General Lee that was actually used in the production of The Dukes of Hazard.

The next day we went to the Dunes National Park, it was not the best National park I have ever been to, but it is about what I have come to expect from Indiana.

Finally, I got to go to a casino for the first time. It was fun; I did not take a lot of money with me for gambling, because I cannot trust myself with it. I only played the slots which are really boring, next time I go to a casino I am definitely going to have to play some cards.

If ever in the Michigan City area I recommend going to the Ragtop Museum and the Dunes Nation Park, staying away from the zoo, and playing cards at the casino.

Chris Boswell



Foster's Internship

This summer I interned at Alex Products in the Product Engineering department. Alex Products makes the metal seat frames for automobiles. They make the benders, welders and dies to make the seats. In the Product Engineering department, we oversaw the projects from start to finish. Some of my responsibilities were creating process flow diagrams to help with the quoting process. These diagrams just showed the basic flow of the part from start to finish, as well as all the machines needed to complete the part. One of my summer projects this summer was to design a packaging concept for one of our towel bars (the manual seat adjuster). This was an excellent experience for me this summer.

Mike Foster
Active VP



Meet Mr. Schaefer

My name is Christopher Schaefer and I'm the Triangle fraternity pledge this semester. I come from Morrisville Pennsylvania, which is around the Philadelphia area, and I am currently studying to be an Electrical Engineer here at Tri-State University.

Now the reason I chose to pledge to Triangle instead of another fraternity was the Brothers. It meant a lot to me to find a fraternity where the Brothers were more concerned with there scholastic performance than the odd party on the weekend. The fact that everyone at the Triangle House has gone out of their way to make me feel welcome, and that I could come to them with any problem, says a lot. Because of their commitment to professionalism and to each other, I feel honored to pledge to Triangle Fraternity. And I hope that I may not only learn from the Brothers of Triangle, but to also help them learn from me.



Back from Down-Nunda

Well to start with, my Mom and I, for the past year have been having a new house constructed. So when I got back home the I moved boxes and totes until the end of May. Taking into account I got back around May 9th. Not having moved in recent memory I fail to realize how much stuff my Mom and me have accumulated. I'm glad all of my friends helped whenever they stopped over and I'm glad that I don't have to say "until they stopped coming."

In relation to my old house, this house is down the street from it, which had made moving more bearable. If my new house was two hours away, I think I would still be moving.

What I did for my summer job was bar tending whenever someone else couldn't make it, didn't show up, or no one signed up for those hours. My second job was doing just about whatever my mom asked me to. If I went anywhere outside of Nunda odds are that I had something to do as well. If I went to Rochester instead of just going where I wanted to go, like Borders, I "shopped till I dropped" for whatever was on the list.

In more recent news my Mom decided to sell the bar, the building it is in, and our old house. And she sold it all to a family from Las Vegas, my Mom is now fairly happy as the down payment will be on the twentieth. They also spoke to Mom about how they would need someone to help run the business until they got the hang of it. So now, she's going to be paid for what she did before she sold it.

I was very happy to come back to Tri-state as my Mom was starting to drive me crazy. You go for nine months of the year only doing what you tell yourself to do and what should be done. Suddenly another person "helping you out" with what you should be doing isn't the most exciting thing in the world. Don't get me wrong as I love my Mother dearly and I am not lazy, but I'm happy to be back.

Nate Willey

Chicago Trip in One Paragraph

Along with being a brother of Triangle, I am also the President of SME. Since last year we had been planning to attend the IMTS (International Machine Technology Show) in Chicago Illinois. Michael Foster, myself, and a good number of the SME group all piled in the Tri-State vans and headed to Chicago bright and early at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. It was a long ride, but well worth it. Aside from the expensive taxicab rides and taxi drivers that made my life flash before my eyes, it was a good time. At the show, businesses came and advertised their products and other businessmen came in with intents of buying these products. As we were just college students, most of us in jeans, it was very hard to get people to talk seriously to us. However we did get to see and learn about the latest technology in the manufacturing world. Unfortunately we were limited on time, so we didn't get to see all of it, but it did give us great ideas for upcoming plant tours. Following the show, a lot of the group separated and went to see Chicago. That is the first time in my life I had ever been hunted down, and asked for money by three different random people in a matter of 15 minutes. I also got to see first hand a poor guy sitting on the sidewalk that was blind, couldn't sing and had a Yamaha keyboard on his lap. He was attempting to sing for money... I could have sworn it was Ray Charles, minus the sunglasses. On Sunday the group separated again and headed to the Museum of Science and Industry and the really big aquarium. I didn't understand the whole aquarium thing. If I had wanted to see fish, I would have found a lake and stuck my head under water. So I went to the museum. I found it pretty fascinating, nothing new, just fascinating. Afterwards I think I had probably one of the best deep-dish pizza's I had ever had. I can't even begin to explain how good it was. Then we headed home to finish the homework that most of us had due Monday morning that we hadn't even started on. That was the biggest down fall of the entire weekend... more homework.

Scott Crawford
Active Secretary