



PINNING FALL 2011

# Michigan Tech

## Fall 2011

Composed by: Zac Johnson, Nick Phelan, and Colton Lentz

## Executive Board Updates

### Social Chair

Triangle has been increasingly active in the Greek community this semester. Early in the year we not only participated in, but won a volleyball Tournament with the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha and the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta. In October, we hosted a large afternoon game of Battleship with the sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau, and later attended a pig roast hosted by the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi. The brotherhood also had a lot of fun with the members of Delta Upsilon, Theta Chi Epsilon, and Alpha Gamma Delta at a pirate themed mixer in November.

Our annual Lumi celebration was a hit as always. The social committee worked to prepare a knock-out mocktail party at the Delta Phi Epsilon house. A great time was had with members from houses throughout the Greek community in celebration of the year's first snow.

We plan to end the semester with one more event with the sisters of Delta Zeta, and then I will be handing the reigns over to Sam Michels. With the help of the documents I have prepared for him, he will continue to

ensure our interaction with the rest of the Greek community and keep us all having fun.

Respectfully - Nick Phelan

Left to right: Nick Phelan, Jake Shanafelt, Michael Boggs, Mark Savageau, Dan Hirst.



### Recruitment Chair

Recruitment efforts this semester consisted of a variety of events with potential new members as well as a continued emphasis on personal recruitment by the brotherhood. Official recruitment events this semester included inner tube water polo, ultimate frisbee, capture the flag at the cross country ski trails, and a widescreen viewing of James Bond, Casino Royale with smoothies in Fisher

Hall. Recruitment efforts this semester produced a pledge class of six new members, initiated at the Madison chapter on December Third.

–Michael Boggs

### Scholarship Chair

This semester, the scholarship committee awarded candy to those that did well on exams and quizzes during weekly meetings. Meetings were also held with each brother to assess academic progress and goals. The committee's goal is to improve Colony GPA overall and help the few brothers who have dipped below a 2.5.

The scholarship committee also hosted a finals week study session and secret santa gift exchange. Only a few highly inappropriate gifts were exchanged.

-Keith Lowery

### Finance Chair and Statue Foreman

#### Treasury Update

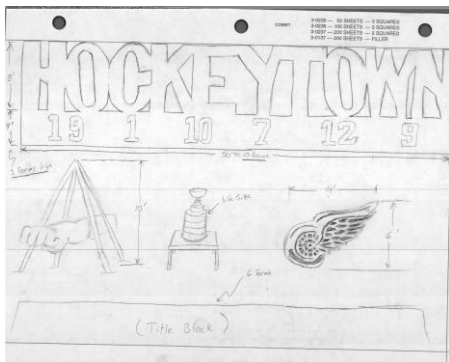
The colony's financial standing remains largely unchanged. Below, current fees are summarized.

Pledge fee-\$110  
 Initiation fee-\$225  
 Active dues-\$333/semester.

### Statue Update

I am also this year's statue foremen and I wanted to give you all updates on what is happening with the Delta T statue this year. As I hope some of you heard, we placed 5th last year which is huge for us considering the 4 above us were Phi Tau (MKM), Delta Sigs, Sig Eps, and TKEs and those guys go pretty crazy with statue. Anyways, the blue key theme for this year is: "From all over the state, what makes Michigan great". The brotherhood has chosen a theme of "HockeyTown" for our statue.

We have a great plan this year. I, along with two other assistant foremen (Ben Trojniak and Ryan Grainger), will be leading 4 teams. Each team will work one night a week for three hours. During that time they will be working to achieve the goals set by the foremen for that night. i.e. team 1 works Mondays, team 2 works Tuesdays, and so on. This will then allow Friday and Saturday nights to be "Optional work nights." Dinner or hot coco or something will be provided to help encourage attendance on optional work nights.



Sketch of This Year's Statue!

We are working very hard to be well organized and efficient for this Winter Carnival. We want to represent Triangle well and hopefully place high again this year! A sketch of the plans for the statue can be found above. Please feel free to contact me if you have any items you wish to donate to the cause! tmbouman@mtu.edu

-Troy Bouman

## Service And Philanthropy

Service events this semester included continued partnerships with St. Vincent De Paul of Hancock and Little Brothers Friends of the elderly. Specific events included food pantry organization, delivery of donated goods, and several wood-cutting events. The colony also moved to a new adopt-A-Highway location this semester. The new two-mile stretch of Highway is on M-26 south of Houghton near Toivola.

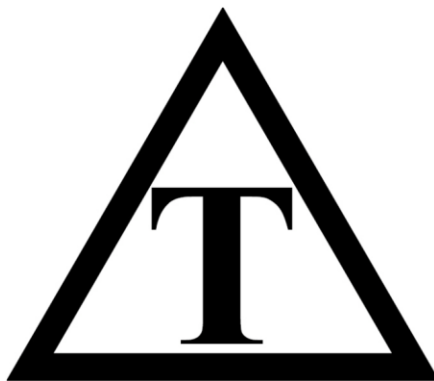
-Jake Shanafelt



Left to right: Ben Trojniak, Jake Shanafelt, Dan Hirst, Mark Savageau, Zac Johnson.  
 Male model posing in front: Kyle Ahonen.

## Member Education

With the Alpha Phi pledge class (Fall '11), we expanded the new member education program into different areas not utilized since the refunding. The main elements of the pledge process, such as the new members learning the Code, Triangle history (both national and local), and Everyman have been kept. However, we instituted more brotherhood bonding activities. The pledge class was engaged in tasks given by each executive board member almost every week. The pledge class took initiative to meet up on their own and discuss Triangle-related activity with minimal persuasion by the New Member Education Chair. They formed their own Triangle recruitment event, which was highly successful, went out of their way to get to know each Brother, and went door-to-door to each Greek house introducing themselves, gathering signatures, and becoming involved in Greek Life at Michigan



Tech.

They were initiated on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and each expressed having a phenomenal time meeting Brothers outside of Tech, and obviously were all enthused about becoming full-fledged Brothers. Naturally, each new member was interviewed after completing the pledge process to find out what worked and what didn't, so that the transition material to the next VP of New Member Education can continue to build on the program.

-Andrew Klescewski

## General Updates

### Formal

Formal will be held on Saturday, April 14th at the Mariner North in Copper Harbor. We had a blast last year at this venue, and it should be tons of fun again this year. We will be having a formal dinner, awards ceremony, games, dancing; the list goes on. We would like to thank our alumni that attended last year, and we would like to invite all alumni to attend this year. To RSVP, email our VP of membership, Nick Phelan, at njphelan@mtu.edu.



We would love to have you all there so we can get feedback from you on how we are operating, hear stories from your time here, and to have a great time in general. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Resubmission of the Petition to National

Mark Savageau, and his scribe, Zac Johnson have been working to revise the colony's petition to national for full chapter status. The greatest revision has been the gathering of letters of support from several notable university faculty members, including the dean of engineering, V.P. of student affairs, and Residential Life Supervisor among others. Mark has also gained feedback from members of the national council before resubmission. The petition was re-submitted on December 14th; we will update the alumni list as soon as a response is heard from national.

# New Triangle Brothers

We are pleased to present these six men who were initiated as brothers of Triangle on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the University of Wisconsin- Madison chapter of Triangle. We look forward to their contributions to our organization.

## Nick Coon

Nick is a 2nd year Civil Engineering student from Henderson, MI. He loves sports and the outdoors, as well as spending time riding his dirt bike and snowmobile. He also has a way with the ladies.

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Nick Coon with pledge father, Colton Lentz, behind.



## Alec Steadman

Alec is a 3rd year Pre-Pharmacy Student from Norway, MI. He is an excellent student who aims to enjoy all that life has to offer.

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## Eric Rinkus

He is a 2nd year Computer Engineering and Computer Science major. He is from Brighton, MI and originally from Connecticut. He works at Ripley as a snowboard instructor, and is also a Resident Assistant.

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**Brett Billington**

Brett is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Computer Networking and Systems Administration major from Highland MI. He loves camping and the outdoors and believes in sticking it to the man.

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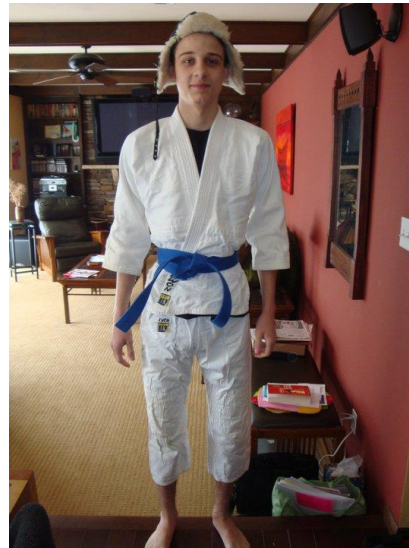
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**Alex Ott**

Alex is a 1<sup>st</sup> year biomedical and electrical engineering double major from Bellaire, MI. He is involved in undergraduate research here at Tech, and has a long background in martial arts.

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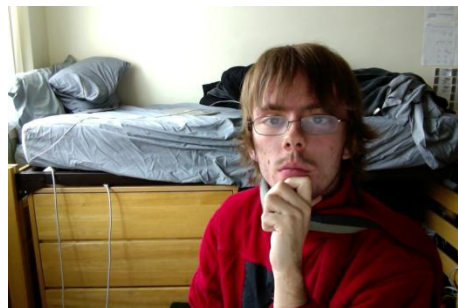
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**Ryan Grainger**

Ryan is a first year Computer Science major from Clinton Township, MI. He loves music and uses his talents on the piano and in the percussion section of the pep-band. He is also interested in literature, computers, and philosophy.

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# Updates from Alumni

## Divam Jain ('09)

He has worked for a year at Verizon after graduating and is currently a Master's student at the University of Waterloo (Canada). He worked an internship at Research in Motion (company behind the Blackberry) last semester and next term he'll be working for Google (as a graduate researcher/intern). Expects to graduate at the end of 2012 and start his PhD right after.

## Sam Wentzel aka z-Can ('00)

On August 14th 2011, Jaime and Sam welcomed Mari Barbara Wentzel into this world, their first child! The last 5 years he has worked for Illinois Valley Plastics near Peoria, IL and is currently the Materials Manager.

## Howard Pann aka bigelectric ('88)

Howard Pann (mtu88) and his wife Suzanne flew to China in November of 2011 and adopted a little boy by the name of Russell Ying Chen Pann. He is 21 months old and is doing very well. He was born in the Shanxi province and met up with his new parents in Taiyuan. They flew home to Sterling Heights on Thanksgiving Day.

## Ron Tackett (AB class)

He and his wife (Jennifer Tackett) will be having their first child - Riley Maxine Tackett - in early February.

## Todd "Shadrach" Mulholland ('96)

Got married October 14 (in Hawaii) to his college sweetheart (who'd gotten away), Anna Joyce (now Anna Mulholland).

## Jeff "Abe" Cottrell ('98)

Jeff lives in Indianapolis with his wife Kim (Environmental Engineer from MTU and an AST) and his 4 1/2 year old daughter Gwendolyn. He works for Eli Lilly and Company as a Quality Assurance Engineer for their insulin manufacturing process. He has been on Triangle's National Council since 2007 and was elected as President earlier this year (MTU has had one other National Councilman, but he is the first president from MTU). He wants you all to know you can find him on Facebook or occasionally playing Lord of the Rings Online.

\*If you would like to update us, please send us something to include in the next newsletter! Email zjohnso@mtu.edu. Also, formal is Sat April 14<sup>th</sup> in Copper Harbor, MI; share your stories then!

## Officer Transitions

Position	Off the Hook	Now In Charge
President	Mark Savageau	Andrew Klescewski
V.P. of Membership	Dan Hirst	Nick Phelan
V.P. of Recruitment	Mike Boggs	Nick Coon
Social Chair	Nick Phelan	Sam Michels
New Member/Member Educator	Andrew Klescewski	James Hartel
Treasurer	Troy Bouman	Alec Steadman
Scholarship	Keith Lowery	Ryan Grainger
Service	Jake Shanafelt	Brett Billington
IM Chair	Jeff LaTulip	Mike Marcon
Statue	Colton Lentz	Troy Bouman
Sergeant at Arms	Mike Marcon	Alex Ott
Alumni Relations	Andrew Klescewski	Eric Rinkus
Secretary	Zac Johnson	Zac Johnson

## Miscellaneous Events

### 21st Birthdays since last semester:

- Jeff Granzow June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Colton Lentz July 29<sup>th</sup> (With Honor)
- Ben Trojniak August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Justin Breeland August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Sam Michels September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Andrew Klescewski October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Blake Carlson November 14<sup>th</sup>

### Michigan State Triangles Visit the U.P.!

The brotherhood welcomed a visit from our brothers of Michigan State on the weekend of November 4th. We had a good time showing them around Houghton, and taking them to a home hockey game. This was the first time that we had another group of Triangle's come to visit us, which was interesting after having visited so many other chapters. The partying ability of certain MSU brothers left something to be desired...

### Troy Performs Live!

Just before departing for winter break, brother Troy Bouman performed live at The Orpheum Theatre (formerly the PIC) with his band "Dr. Dave and the Breeze Machine". The group thoroughly pleased a crowd of raging students, fresh out of their last final exams.



Brother Troy Bouman with Fiancé, Andrea Taglione.

### Troy Pops The Question!

The brotherhood extends warm congratulations to brother Troy Bouman on his engagement to Andrea Taglione. We wish them all the triangular happiness that the world has to offer.

## Thank you!

for reading our semesterly newsletter! If you have any questions about the newsletter, or would like to contact the brotherhood for any reason, please contact Alumni Relations Chair Eric Rinkus (ejrinkus@mtu.edu)

