

# KSR UPDATES

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## 1997 President's Report



After several years as president, I have decided to step down and let someone else manage the controls. I was married in October to my girlfriend of seven years, and we have recently purchased a hobby farm where I am told we will be keeping our (soon to arrive) horses. Married life is great, in case you're interested.

I am handing the controls over to a very competent leader, Bob Boehler. Bob has been on the board for the last year and a half

and has done an excellent job. Similar to all of the recent elections for board membership and board positions, there were several qualified candidates. I will be remaining on the board—my term lasts until September 1999, and there are several items I want to see occur during the next year.

We have done well in the past years at maintaining open/active communications with Triangle National and the active chapter. We are considered to be one of the top three chapters/alumni organizations by National. The actives have been substantially influenced by the KSR board in the past year and the open communication has helped both organizations to grow in understanding of the importance of brotherhood and what it takes in terms of effort and commitment to grow and nurture brotherhood.

Finally, in the attempt to avoid saying too much in my letter about events or other items that appear later in this newsletter, I will end my article now by thanking you for the opportunity to serve the alumni organization and the Marquette chapter of Triangle Fraternity.

In F., S., & C.,

Br. Jeff Mueller

## KSR Election Results

(17 December 1997)

### President

Bob Boehler

### Vice President

Dr. Art Moeller

### Treasurer

Ted Hodan

### Secretary

Rob Szafranec

### Social Chairman

Kevin Robertson

### House Manager

Chuck Morley

### Alumni Publications

Jake Buchholz

### Member at Large

Jeff Mueller

## 1997 Secretary's Report



Welcome to our latest newsletter. I hope it finds you with everything going well in your life. I want to start my article by letting you know of some brothers who were recognized this past spring by Marquette University and the College of Engineering. They are:

- **Les Blum:** All-University Alumni Service Award
- **Tom Beaver:** College of Engineering Distinguished Professional Achievement Award
- **Frank Jacoby:** College of Engineering Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award
- **Rick Schmidt:** College of Engineering Service Award

We applaud them for their professional achievements and service to our University.

Although we can't all win major awards, we do use our personal values to make life better for ourselves and others, whether it's in our personal, family, or professional lives.

Some of us are able to give time to Triangle after our college years, but this is not always easy due to personal, family, and professional commitments. But I think I found an easy way—Just do the fun stuff! What's been fun this past year? The Annual Golf Outing, active/alumni basketball (the alumni won even though I didn't play!?!), active/alumni bowling (a great lunch courtesy of the actives and a great T-shirt courtesy of Dean Jon Jensen), and of course, Founder's Day Dinner Dance (celebrating 60 years of brotherhood). We try to schedule two or three other events throughout the year, and as you know, we're always open to new ideas. So, try to find some time to have fun with us! If you want to know what's scheduled, give one of us a call!

Yours in F, S, & C,

Br. Bob Boehler

## 1997 Social Chair Report

### 35th Annual Golf Outing Report

The Marquette Triangle 35th Annual Active/Alumni Golf Outing was held on September 20, 1997 at a new location, South Hills Golf Club in Franksville, WI. Twenty-seven Marquette Triangles teed it up once again to a great day of fall golf. Mother nature threatened in the morning with a little wind and rain, but by the end of the round, the sun was shining. Fun was had by all once again.

Dinner was held at the South Hills after the round followed by our annual meeting. The golf turnout was a little low, but there were many alumni that made the trip for dinner and the meeting afterwards. In fact, a large group of actives and alumni stayed around until late in the evening reminiscing and trying to "kill the keg." Unfortunately, we did not attain our goal of finishing the beer (to my great surprise) but we did have a great time.

Next years outing will be held in September again and most likely at the some location (we did not wear out our welcome on the first try). I look forward to seeing you there!

In F., S., & C.,

Br. Rob Szafranec

### Financial Secretary Wanted

KSR Limited is seeking an alumni to act as Financial Secretary. Duties include obtaining and maintaining records for KSR promissory notes, billing, and collecting of said notes, and other related activities. Computer skills helpful. Compensation negotiable, but modest. Ideal position for a Triangle Alum who would like to work with the Actives and KSR on a very part-time basis. Any interest?

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## Active President's Report

I know that there are a lot of alumni that I have not yet met, so for those of you out there that do not know me my name is Steve Gigot. I am a mechanical engineering senior from Brookfield Wisconsin. I was initiated in the spring of 1995 and have been very involved with the chapter ever since.

I know that the most important thing on everyone's mind is Founders Day. We're getting ready for another good time this year. This year will be the 61th anniversary of our chapter's founding and the 91st anniversary of the national organization's founding. This year we are trying to make the event extra special. The festivities will begin with a reception at the house at 4:30pm on Saturday, April 18th, 1998. After everyone assembles we will be heading to the 3rd Street Pier for dinner at about 6:00pm. We will be taking a bus from the house again this year. I would like to encourage you to park at the house to avoid parking problems downtown. The Third Street Pier is located in downtown Milwaukee overlooking the river. This years entrées will include Chicken Cordon Bleu, Orange Roughy, and Prime Rib. If you would like information about hotel reservations or have another questions please call our Founders Day chair Ryan Murphy at (414) 344-5508.

The cost for the dance will be \$80 per couple. Those wishing to attend alone will be offered a reduced rate of \$50. This will cover the dinner, cocktails, two commemorative glasses and the picnic to be held Sunday morning.

This years Founder's Day should be one to remember. If you have not recently been to a Founder's Day I would like to encourage you to come and meet some of the new members. I look forward to seeing you all there.

In F., S., & C.,

Br. Steve Gigot

### Important Events!

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| April 18 | Founder's Day Dinner  |
| Dance    |                       |
| May 9    | Senior Farewell Party |

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Please note that KSR's mailing address is the same as the active chapter's. We are phasing out the PO Box.

## NOSTALGIA

### 1997 FOUNDER'S DAY

Ted Hodan, ME '60



Len Staab at the Joan of Arc Chapel.

Only Sunday afternoon did it sink in—the math of it! Saturday had been fun—all of it. The new house. Visiting 2929. The dinner dance. The presentation of Triangle's highest award, the Service Key to Tom Schoenauer by Past National President and Marquette Alum, Bill McGovern. The Sunday Mass for

But then the “math.” 1997 minus 1956 (the first year that I “shined around”) = 41 years. 1956 minus 1937 = 19 years. It was hard to believe that my Marquette Triangle affiliation was more than 2/3 of the 60 year Chapter anniversary we were celebrating!

Saturday afternoon began with a gathering at the new house. Mary and I arrived earlier than most. We were greeted by Active President, Dan Merz, still in his T-shirt and underwear! He escorted us downstairs where cold Leinenkugel was on tap. And “yes,” the bar looks exactly the same. Stone by stone, glass block by glass block, the Chapter removed that “pillar” of the old house. It has been rebuilt, just as it always was, in the barroom of the new house.

Soon other alums drifted in. The O'Rourkes and Flemings, my vintage. Kevin Robertson and Jeff Mueller from the not too distant past. Past Chapter Presidents Hurley and Dincher with their wives. The Heiders. The Schoenauers. The Jacobys and many others, mostly younger. The faces were familiar but many names had slipped from my now somewhat ancient memory.

Of course, there was much talk. And much of that talk, as is typical for our generation, was mostly historical. Of course, we told the actives how it was “in the good old days.”

And then a tour of the new house for several alums who had not been there before. Riding to the third floor on the elevator—yes, current codes require elevators even in fraternity houses—we were actually the right ages to put it to good use! We walked through the spacious rooms, many of them large enough for “customization” including specially constructed concrete and wooden bars, “engineered” lofts and made-to-order study spaces. Closets large enough for clothing and storage are a part of each room.

Into the large fully tiled bathrooms we took our wives. What a change from 2929! Clean showers. Ample bathroom stalls. Many wash basins.

We toured each room on the third floor and found them to be spacious, well appointed and surprisingly neat. (A directive had to have been issued to clean up all mess!)

And on the walls? The name of the original founders, prominently displayed. The Triangle Code of Ethics, still somewhere in my distant memory, for all actives and visitors to see. The walls of the staircases covered with mostly current but some ancient paddles. Each paddle, as we know, uniquely designed and constructed.

Back to the basement for another beer and more conversation. The TV room—yes, with a 50” plus screen and bleachers! A utility room with washers, dryers and refrigerators. Ample bathroom space for men and women!

All were impressed. Why “you even brought the old stain glass window from 2929,” someone exclaimed. It was removed and re-leaded and is now prominently displayed over the fireplace in the Chapter room. It has now stood there for over two years without injury or damage.

Who wants to see 2929? One of the actives asked the assembled alumni. That's a great idea! “What happened to the old place?” It is now known as the “Gettleman Mansion” and houses six lawyers. Some would say that's a fate worse than the arsonist's torch!

On to the old house the group proceeded. Principal owner and Attorney, Ann Bowe, proved to be a most



gracious host. She welcomed the alums in my group and personally took us around. She did not realize how much time each one of us had spent there and how indelibly imprinted was each and every room. Much had changed; yet most was the same. We learned that their group had purchased this house because they recognized it was historical and a “gem.” Intending to restore the house as much as possible to its original vintage, parquet floors have been refinished and repaired, woodwork polished and improved, old wallpaper removed and walls repainted. The alumni group consensus was that Lawyer Bowe and her associates had done an outstanding job. The “old” house is in much the same condition as it was following the remodeling project completed during the

early 1970's.

Memorabilia remains throughout the house. In the kitchen are pictures of Triangles that were found in old boxes and then reproduced. The originals were returned to the active Chapter. Was the storage shed built by Simons and Hodan in 1959 still outside the rear door? No, it has been replaced by Lawyer Bowe's flower garden! What about the lead glass windows in the entrance way? Gone—taken in a burglary some 20 years ago.

Nonetheless, the old Chapter room is much the same. The piano remains in the same place. The beautiful fireplace has been refinished and hallmarks the room.

And the memories? Listening to Dincher, Hurley, Schoenauer and Heider, they're all still there. And will always remain!

Time to head to the dinner dance. A long way to go to the Venice Club, now located in Brookfield. For many of us, the Venice Club brought back memories of the old Third Ward Italian District where the Venice Club meant: "If you were tall enough to sit on a bar stool, you were old enough to buy a drink."

More conversation and reviews of lists of Triangle family trees. "Can you fill in a name?" "Please do so." It is the Chapter's goal to recreate lists of every Triangle family. I was surprised to find my family, apparently complete, from the early 1950's up to the present. It included, to my surprise, KSR President, Jeff Mueller and current Active President, Dan Merz. A very illustrious group!

The dinner buffet was excellent. Plenty to eat for hungry young actives, some of whom went back for seconds, and even thirds! And then a short program.

The new E-Board was introduced. Reflecting change, it was announced that there will now be two Vice Presidents. One for external affairs; one for internal affairs. Also, a risk management position has been added. Sounded strange to some of us, but very practical.

Then, the highlight of the evening. Marquette Alum and former Past National President, Bill McGovern, described the historic award that he was honored to be able to present. Triangle's most prestigious award is the Triangle Service Key. It had never before been given to anyone for service other than to the National Organization. In recognition of outstanding leadership, personal sacrifice and commitment, Past President McGovern bestowed the Triangle Service Key on Tom Schoenauer. For those of us who have been on the

"inside" of the new house project from its beginning, we know there is no person more deserving of this award than Tom.

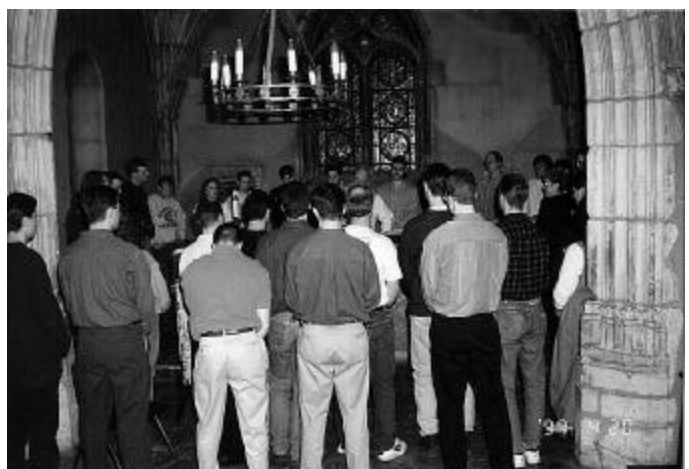
While Tom, for those of us who know him well, is rarely at a loss for words, or a story, he was obviously moved by the presentation. His few words in accepting the award principally recognized others who worked with him to make the new house a reality.

In closing the program, Bud Jacoby grabbed the microphone to ask the older alums to step forward for a song. The next day when an active asked me when we had learned, "'Twas a Cold Winter's Evening," I realized singing has become a lost art. Sort of sad! Nonetheless, the actives seemed to enjoy that song and then joined the Alums in concluding the program with "Triangle Pals."

I heard a date of one of the active's ask: "Did they pay the band just to sit there all evening?" At that moment the band struck up and the party continued. It was a great night.

Sunday, just before noon, a smaller group gathered at the Joan of Arc Chapel. Father John Naus, S. J., was the celebrant. Most of the Staab Family were in attendance, along with a fair number of actives and a few alums. In his homily, Fr. Naus recognized that Len's example of caring for every person he ever met was something that we all should strive to emulate. It was clear that Len's quiet persuasive kind manner had been a very influential part of the Marquette Triangle experience. The memorial Mass was fitting. It is something Len would have said was "OK."

As the actives left the Mass to head for an afternoon



picnic, Mary and I walked to our car. "What a great bunch of young men," she said. I agree.