

# Aggregate Updates

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## Aggregate Updates?

So, what in tarnation's going on here? Where's our regularly scheduled publications, the **Aggregate** and **KSR Updates**?

This publication, **Aggregate Updates**, is the experimental joining of the actives' and alumni's talents and resources into one aggregate endeavor. Our goal is to create a quality newsletter which you will hopefully find interesting, enjoyable, and in your mailbox more often.

Feedback from you, our home viewers, will greatly help us to reach this goal. Whether it's a comment or criticism of the most recent issue, a memory of your days as Triangle active, or a contribution of a noteworthy event in your (or a fellow Brother's) life—we appreciate and encourage your participation.

In F, S, and C,

Jake Buchholz  
KSR Publication Director

## Len Staab Awarded the Order of the Transit

At this past summer's Leadership School in Chicago, Brother Len Staab, Chapter Eternal, was awarded the newest Triangle National award, the Order of the Transit. According to the national organization, the Order of the Transit is described as follows:

The Order of the Transit is conferred for pre-eminent work in developing a Triangle chapter or association. The criterion is that of molding the character of the group and its members, and not that of finance or numerical expansion. The member's service must have been clearly outstanding, not merely long-lasting, and must have

had a positive effect on individual members and on the chapter or association as a whole. The Order of the Transit was created by the National Council in 1997 to serve as a counterpart for the Triangle Service Key and is the highest national award given for local service.

Len's son, Steve, was on hand in Chicago to receive the award. In addition, Brothers Randy Gorospe, Travis Nickels, Brian Keller, and Nick Sayotovich were also on hand for the ceremony. With the award, there is a piece of jewelry which accompanies the award, much like the Service Key. At this time the chapter and KSR board are

## Active President

For those of you that I have not met, my name is Brian Keller. I am originally from Appleton, Wisconsin and was initiated in the spring of 1996. I am a fourth-year mechanical engineer, and I just finished my third co-op term at Strattec Security Corporation here in Milwaukee. This year's e-board is a young, energetic bunch with a simple focus, brotherhood. It consists of seniors Andrew Anderson, Preston Bohn, Nick Sayotovich, Jason Smith, and myself; junior Travis Nickels and sophomore Ron Tiongco.

First semester was a lot of fun as we worked internally and had several brotherhood bashes. For those of you who had the Greek bowling league in your college days, it is back every Monday night. It is a great time to kick back, bowl, and socialize. We also had a good intramural year, unfortunately we could not bring home any championships. We ended the semester with a philanthropy event. We spent a Saturday bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and raised over \$400 dollars. Congratulations to all those that graduated: Kevin Carlson, James Fiandt, John Ruprecht, Dan Bush, Pat Clemens, and Bill Ward. Good luck on your future endeavors.

Our plans for this coming semester are to extend our brotherhood out to the campus. With such events as Marquette's Winter Flurry and Greek Week, we have a great opportunity to show people what makes us Triangle brothers.

The last couple of months I have had the opportunity to meet several alumni such as Rafael Fernandez, CPR as he was called back in day, and Howard Mayer from 1940. I am going to close with reminder that the house is always open to you, and hopefully, I will meet more of you at Founder's Day.

In F, S, and C,

Brian Keller  
Active President

## KSR President

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I hope this finds everyone well and you had an enjoyable holiday season. I know I did, and things haven't really slowed down as we move into 1999. I have a few things to relate to you, starting with our Long-Range Planning Conference.



On August 29, 1998, we held an all-day planning conference to discuss issues related to investments, fund raising, board administration, social events, publications, and the active chapter. I'd like to thank the KSR board members, previous board member Jim Beyer, and associate member Jon Jensen for their participation. We feel that the conference met our goal, resulting in many excellent ideas for our future direction. We have formed a KSR By-laws committee consisting of Dr. Art Moeller, Ted Hodan, Bud Jacoby, and Jeff Mueller. Their goal is to propose a revamped KSR By-laws document by the 1999 Annual Meeting. We expect to have some other committees in place this year, made up of board members and interested alumni.

We had a successful Golf Outing and Annual Meeting on September 26, 1998. It was good to see all of the alumni and actives there, and many thanks are due to Kevin Robertson for organizing the outing. Our elections netted a new board member, Stan Shostak; we look forward to having him on the board, and we'd like to thank outgoing board member Chuck Morley for his participation, and hard work over the past years.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope to hear from you, either by writing us or by spending some time with us at one of our events.

In F, S, and C,

Bob Boehler,  
KSR President

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# Coming to America

For many of us, going away to college was a big step. How far away did you come from to attend Marquette? Was it 20 minutes? 2 hours? How about 20 hours? That's exactly what Amit Mehta did when he decided to attend Marquette, leaving his home in Nairobi, Kenya. Amit joined Marquette Triangle during the spring 1998 semester with pledge brothers Ron Tiangco and William Hansen.

**Jason:** What was school like in Kenya, and how did it prepare you for college in the United States?

**Amit:** Schooling in Kenya is based on the British schooling system. I took a system of courses called the "International Baccalaureate" which prepares students to attend universities in other countries. It allowed me to come to Marquette with 30 credits.

**Jason:** What were your first impressions of the United States?

**Amit:** The first thing that I noticed is that people were driving on the wrong side of the road. I also noticed that everything was larger. The roads were larger and the buildings were larger.

**Jason:** Why did you choose Marquette?

**Amit:** Marquette offered more scholarships to international students. There weren't very many other universities in the United States that offered financial assistance like Marquette did.

**Jason:** How about your first impressions of campus?

**Amit:** When I arrived at Marquette, I was somewhat confused. I thought that the campus was going to be a closed campus, and there was going to be more greenery, like there was in Kenya. It looked a lot different in the brochures.

**Jason:** What did you know about fraternities before you came to the U.S.?

**Amit:** I had only heard the word "fraternity" before. That was all I really knew.

**Jason:** How did you first learn about Triangle?

**Amit:** My first experience with Triangle was in my general engineering class during the first semester of my freshman year. Dan Merz (1996-1997 president) was speaking to the class, and I was very impressed by what he said. He talked about brotherhood, and all of the brothers just having fun.

**Jason:** What made you want to join?

**Amit:** After hearing Dan talk about Triangle, I really put it in the back of my mind. I didn't attend any rush events that semester, but during the second semester I put my name on one of the information sheets for the chapter. When Ryan Murphy called me up, he said a couple things that really stuck in my mind. He first told me that there was absolutely no pressure to join. He also told me that the pledge process is a two-way street, brothers get a chance to meet prospectives, and prospectives and can find out if the place is right for them. That really caught my attention, and I came by the house after that.

**Jason:** What are some of your most memorable experiences at Marquette Triangle so far?

**Amit:** When I returned from Christmas break, I found my car in a pile of snow. (While Amit was gone, a number of actives turned his car into a massive snow pile.) I had only ever seen snow once before, when I visited the United States in 1990. Another memory is my "Worf" nickname. (Amit bears a striking resemblance to the Worf character in the new Star Trek series.) I didn't know what people were calling me when they kept saying, "Hey, Worf!" A third experience would be the time I was thrown into the hot tub with all of my clothes on. I didn't really know what was going on there.

Now that Amit has settled in at Marquette, he has taken on some new undertakings. Last semester Amit served as C&D chairman, and this year he holds the position of fundraising chairman. Amit also plays on Marquette's club rugby team, and is a manager at the Brew Bayou (coffee shop in the Alumni Memorial Union). However, Amit says that his newfound activities don't compare to his favorite pastime in Kenya—riding ostriches.

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## 1999 Schedule of Events

**March 27** -----  
 -----Bermuda Triangle Party

**April 10** -----  
 ----- Active-Alumni Paintball

**April 18** -----  
 ----- Parents' Day

**April 24** -----  
 ----- Founders Day Formal

**May 15** -----  
 -----Senior Farewell Party

**September 25** -----  
 -----Golf Outing & Annual Meeting

## KSR Secretary

If you are connected to the Internet, you really should visit the Triangle web page. The page contains great information and stories about what is happening with Triangle on the National level as well as containing links to each of the Chapters' Home pages. You can find Triangle on the Internet at <http://www.triangle.org>. Please take a look next time you are surfing the net.

Things have been busy around Marquette Triangle. We have had some great Active-Alumni Events and are planning more. When you get a chance, send an e-mail to me at [robs@machsys.com](mailto:robs@machsys.com) and give me your e-mail address as well as those of other Brothers that you know. We are trying to put together an address book so we can contact you more expediently about upcoming events.

I hope that everyone is having a safe and enjoyable 1999, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

In F, S, and C,

Rob Szafraniec  
 KSR Secretary

## KSR Social Chairman

On April 4, 1998, we had our first annual Active-Alumni Paintball Tournament. Thanks to Br. Jeff Mueller, we were able to use 50 acres for our "military exercises." Of course, the Alumni totally dominated the event, including a complete elimination of the actives in the final round. We were lucky enough to have 10 inches of rain the week prior, so we could play in 3 inches of standing water! Who needs the S.E.A.L.s when you have the Marquette Alumni!

The annual Founder's Day Dance was also a great success on April 25, 1998. We had a very good turn-out from both actives and alumni. The whole weekend was enjoyable, and we look forward to this year's Founder's Day on April 24th, 1999 at the Golden Mast in Okauchee, WI.

Once again, we all had a great time at the 37th annual Golf Outing on September 26, 1998, at the South Hills Country Club. We had nearly 50 brothers golfing and 70 for dinner. The following are award-winning brothers:

Closest 2nd shot: Shawn DeTroye, Hole #14  
 Longest drive: Bill Ward, Hole #16  
 Longest drive: Rob Szafraniec, Hole #8  
 Shortest drive: Jay Braun, Hole #1 (about 3 ft!)  
 Closest to the pin: Pat Clemens, Hole #4  
 High Gross: Jay Braun, 251 strokes  
 Low Gross: Rob Szafraniec, 76 strokes  
 Low Net (Peoria system): Matt Kelly

Next year's Golf Outing is set for September 25th, 1999, again at South Hills. Hopefully we'll be able to improve our attendance numbers further!

Also, please take a look at our schedule of events and make note their dates, and hopefully we'll see you there!

In F, S, and C,

Kevin P. Robertson  
 1998 KSR Social Chairman

# Founders Day

APRIL 24, 1999



**Schedule:**

- 4:00pm Reception at Chapter House
- 5:30pm Buses Depart House for Golden Mast
- 6:00pm Deluxe Buffet Dinner is Served
- 7:30pm Presentation & New Officers
- 8:00pm Dance! Dance! Dance!
- 9:00pm Buses Begin Returning to House
- Sunday Picnic (details to be determined)

**Travel:**

Buses will depart the House to the Golden Mast beginning at 5:30pm, and will run approximately every 45 minutes from the Golden Mast back to

the House beginning at 9:00pm.

**Cost:**

- Alumni \$80/couple, \$55/individual
- Actives \$70/couple

**Hotel:**

Contact a chairman (below) for more info.

**Menu:**

Deluxe Buffet: standing round of carved beef, plus two main entrees selected from roast duck, ham, turkey with dressing, fried chicken or fish; served with salads, fresh vegetables, cheeses, relishes, fresh fruits, and choice of apple strudel

Please return with payment to:

Founders' Day Committee  
 c/o Marquette Triangle Fraternity  
 806 N. 15th Street  
 Milwaukee, WI 53233

If you have questions or special needs, call chairman Kevin Carlson (414) 344-3310

Alumnus Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation/Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Junior Actives

**Steven Alberg Groom**, son of Greg and Doris Groom, is a native of Dodgeville, WI. Steve is 19 years old, and is pursuing a major in Biomedical Engineering with an expected graduation date of 2001. Steve has three sisters, Diane, Danielle, and Kari, as well as one brother, Michael. Steve's hobbies and interests include camping, mountain biking, basketball, football, golf, and fishing. Steve is in Army ROTC, and is active in a number of intramural sports. He has worked with the hall council at O'Donnell Hall where he lived last year. Steve was named pledge class president by his peers, and went on to receive the Joseph B. Williams award for the outstanding pledge last semester. Steve plans on being involved with a number of activities in the chapter in years to come, and hopes to be social chair in the near future.

**Patrick Corey Dolan**, son of Michael and Connie Dolan, is a native of Hinsdale, IL. Pat, also referred to as Spazz, is 20 years old, and is pursuing a major in electrical and computer engineering, with an expected graduation date of 2002. Pat has one sister, Erin, and one brother, Nick. Pat is an avid pool and dart player, and also enjoys video games and computers, water skiing, skiing, the outdoors, and riflery. Pat was the rush chair for his pledge class, and plans on getting highly involved with chapter activities over the next few years. Pat also recently moved into the house, and is experiencing his JA semester in the thick of chapter life.

**Ricardo Santiago**, son of Fernando and Olga Santiago, hails from Ponce, Puerto Rico. Ricardo is 20 years old, and is majoring in civil engineering, with an expected graduation date of 2001. Ricardo has an older brother Ricardo, who recently graduated from Marquette, and a sister Linette. Ricardo enjoys volleyball, hunting, surfing, camping, cheerleading, movies, and music. Ricardo is active in cheerleading, LASAMU, intramurals, and works at the Annex. He was also the social chair for his pledge class last semester. Ricardo plans on working on recruitment and to continue to learn more about the fraternity.

## Recent Graduates

**Daniel Merz** — May 1998 ME graduate, currently living in Dallas, TX, and working for Lennox Industries in their R&D department.

**Dave Krueger** — May 1998 ME graduate, currently living in Chicago and working for Spraying Systems in Palatine, IL.

**Steve Gigot** — May 1998 Graduate in Mechanical Engineering is attending Marquette Law School pursuing his degree in patent law. FYI: Steve is also looking for a summer job in a law office, if anyone has leads.

**Andrew Greaney** — May 1998 ME graduate, is working for United Display Craft in DesPlaines, IL.

2nd Lieutenant **Daniel Bush** — December 1998 EE graduate, will be leaving for Fort Gordon, GA, to attend Signal Corps Officer Basic School. Once he completes his training, he will be stationed in Korea.

2nd Lieutenant **James Fiandt** — December 1998 ME graduate, will be leaving for Fort Sill, OK, to attend Field Artillery Officer Basic School. Once he completes his training there, he will be stationed in Germany.

**William Francis Ward III** — December 1998 CE graduate, currently living in Chicago, is attending John Marshall Law School, following in the footsteps of his cousin, Brother James O'Malley, a 1996 ME graduate.

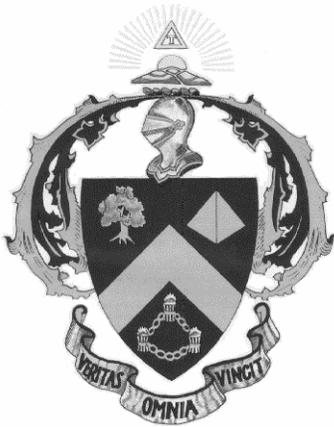
**Patrick John Clemens** — December 1998 EECE graduate, has decided to stay around Marquette and pursue his graduate degree. Many of the brothers hope to have him as a TA in their classes.

**John Thomas Ruprecht** — December 1998 Chemistry graduate with a Journalism minor. The former Aggregate editor recently accepted a job with Naval Research at the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center near Bloomington, IN. John also has big events on the horizon with his wedding this summer, set for August 7th.

**Congratulations are in order for Brother Jerry O'Rourke (initiated 1957) who was recently elected to Marquette's Board of Trustees!**

## Active House Manager

The past semester was full of many changes. With the majority of the brothers living in the house on co-op, there was always someone looking for people to hang-out, watch a movie, hit campus, or head over to Murphy's. In the midst of all the fun we made time to finish several new projects and house improvements.



We completed a number of paintings in the back stairwell, including a large delta-T, the Marquette Golden Eagle, and a Conference USA logo. Artwork has also been added to the study room in order to give it a more "studious" look. The office was reorganized with new shelving to house extra

mugs from the basement, and to keep some of our important "relics" out of harm's way. In the laundry room, we built a tool rack in order to conserve space and get our tools off the floor.

And finally, every room in the house is now setup on the house computer network, and each brother can print to our laser printer that is set up in the study room. The printer was donated by Brother Pat Clemins, and can be used for House documents, class papers, and resumes. Additionally, we will have a 384 kbps DSL connection to the internet that should be installed after spring break. We anticipate that this will also be useful in recruiting new pledges.

In F, S, and C,

Preston Bohn

## Whose House is it Anyway?

We have been fortunately blessed to have the House we do. Many alumni have generously given their time and money to make this possible. We cannot thank them enough. The House belongs to all Marquette Triangle alumni and actives. All Brothers and their guests are welcome here. As it was when I was an active, today's actives welcome visits by alumni and enjoy meeting them and hearing stories of days past.

However, we must remember our House is also the living residence of the active members. Because of this, they are due the same respect as you would expect in the place where you live. There have been instances of damage. This will not be tolerated and those Brothers or their guests who act as such will not be welcome here.

The university and IFC have instituted a new risk management policy. This prohibits keg parties at the house. Different than when we were actives, yes, but a rule that must be followed nonetheless. We would ask that anyone who wants to have a party at the House, or any event more than "just a few people stopping by," to please clear this with the active E-board first. We expect you to accept the responsibilities that go with this, including cleaning up afterward.

As I've said many times before, we look forward to having more alumni come to our events. I hope that this will always be done in the spirit of Brotherhood, and that this will be taken in the intended manner, as a call of respect for our House.

## A Note from Tony Rivers!

Just let everybody know that, 1) I am alive and not living as a sherpa in the Himalayas, I am a project manager for the major conveyance section of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (whew!) and 3) at long last, I

## Member Development Program

When Brother Andy Anderson took office as Internal Vice President, one of his goals was to set up a structured development program for new members entering the Fraternity. So many times the chapter is in need of good leaders, but we forget to cultivate our younger members for those positions. Over the course of the fall semester Brother Anderson and David Fleishacker, Triangle National Educational Leadership Consultant, have devised a program to improve the personal skills of younger Triangle actives and prepare them for future leadership roles. At this time, the active chapter does not require the program, but we are encouraging as many members as possible to participate. The program is meant to be completed within two years, so those members who participate can be prepared for leadership roles during their junior and senior years.

The program consists of three component "tracks" and one final "track". The Fellowship track, Chivalry track, and the Structure track comprise the component tracks, and after a member has completed these, he may move on to the Triangle track.

There are certain requirements to complete each track; for example, to complete the Fellowship track, a member must complete the pledge program, work week, and the Ritual.

For a member to meet the requirements for the Chivalry track, they must be in attendance for a motivational seminar, financial responsibility seminar, study skills seminar, and a meal etiquette seminar. The member must also take a pledge son (by means of completing a paddle), be an active participant in the Ritual ceremony, and be actively involved in three philanthropic events.

The Structure track requirements include the completion of a conflict management workshop, resume writing seminar, time management seminar, team building seminar, and leadership training retreat or institute (UIFI, MGCA). Additionally, one must hold an elected or appointed office (Triangle or IFC), and have two semesters at or above a 3.0 GPA.

The final track, the Triangle track, involves attendance at a financial planning seminar, a recruitment seminar, and an interview skills seminar. The individual must also attend a session on how to run effective meetings and learn parliamentary procedure, hold an executive board position.

These tracks have been designed to develop the whole individual and give that member the very best skills to success in college as well as in life. Activities and seminar completions are reported to the Internal Vice President, who keeps an updated file on all members and the respective activities that they have completed.

In order to staff the different workshops and seminars, Brother Anderson is working with the National Office and various departments in the university to bring in speakers. Last semester National President Jeff Scott gave a presentation on conflict resolution, which was attended by a large number of actives. If there is a specific area in which you have expertise and you would like to spend an evening making a presentation, the active chapter encourages your participation.

Currently, there are a number of Brothers who are working toward completion of the various tracks. When the first member completes all four tracks, a recognition place will be placed in the chapter room with that individual's name; other individuals

am getting married! Yahoo!!!! The wedding is on May 7th in Citrus Heights, California at 6:30 p.m. My fiancée, Amy Williams, and I will be wed in the rose garden of the Trellis Cafe with the reception following the ceremony. I wish the guys could be there to serenade Amy with "Tell Me Why" (I always

enjoyed those moments, back in college) but I know that their good wishes are with us. If they want to get in touch with me my address is: 205 Columbia Avenue Roseville, CA 95678 and my telephone number is (916) 875-4132.

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Aerial photo of the Chapter House and the Alumni Memorial Union taken by Jim O'Rourke, son of Brother Jerry O'Rourke

