



Boiler Up? At Triangle, It Was Boiler Down!

by Rick Overman, '65
Alumni Board Vice President

It was a crisp day on October 28 for a football game at Ross-Ade, and my wife and I decided to utilize the Triangle parking lot where the undergrads were selling parking spaces for the game. I had my wallet out to pay up, but the Brother taking money looked at me and said, "Oh, you don't have to pay today. The boiler went out last night and you're going to be paying enough!"

Sure enough, after the game, the service truck was there and an attempt was being made to jumpstart the old boiler in the study wing. It didn't work...

The next weekend, the Alumni Board met and we were presented with the bad news by our property manager. After years of fixing, reworking and patching, the old faithful had given up the ghost. This was the original boiler in the study wing, so it had functioned for well over 40 years. Luckily it was only early November, but we felt we had to act fast to get the heat going before really cold weather.

Choosing between two bids from local heating contractors, the Alumni Board selected Schomers to install a new heating plant. Two compact, high efficiency boiler units were installed. Only one unit will need to operate under normal circumstances, and the system will alternate between the two. Both units may operate under extreme conditions, and if one needs maintenance the other unit will still be available.

The cost of the new installation was about \$35,000.00. The property manager also recommended replacing the main house water heating unit (but not the holding tanks) at a cost of \$10,000. Since the Alumni Board had only about \$16,000 in reserve funds, it was decided to apply for a loan sufficient to cover the complete job from the Triangle Building Loan Fund to assure that we keep money in reserve for other unforeseen repairs. That loan was approved, although we have not had to draw on the full amount as of yet. The boiler installation was completed over Thanksgiving break (**Boiler Up!**), and the hot water heater was installed during the following holiday break.

The relatively low amount of reserve funds is the result of several years of low house membership, during which the Alumni Board kept annual rent increases to a minimum but still maintained the house, using our

reserves to make repairs as needed. For instance, a leak developed recently in the roof seam between the storage room and rack room and a roof section had to be rebuilt. We still have two big projects looming. The roof on the study wing has not been refurbished for quite a while, and the pesky water leak in the front wall of the recreation room needs to be investigated again. Both of these will be major cost projects. The undergrads have pledged to increase house membership and make it possible to roll in some rent increases as well as to make their own budget more workable (and the fall rush was very successful).

Any alums who would like to pay their respects to the old boiler that kept them warm during those cold Purdue winters – or to the water heater that gave them hot showers after a night in the old cold dorm – by helping reduce the principle of the new BLF loan would be welcome. Contact Alumni Board treasurer Jim Marshall to discuss options, at jm@purdue.edu, or phone him during the day at 765-494-3900.



Two new boiler units stand at the ready in the Triangle boiler room. Only one unit will operate during normal temperatures, and the units will alternate. Both may operate during extreme outdoor temperatures.

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PIANO RESTORATION A COMPLETE SUCCESS!

By Brian Larson, '04

Over one year ago, we tested the waters of getting our Mason & Hamlin grand piano restored. After an incredible offer from **Brother Darrell Samuels, '74**, and with the help of 27 other generous donors, the piano has finally been completely restored.

The piano was taken to the shops of Northside Music of Lafayette for a restoration that lasted from June of 2006 to late December. The reason for the length of the restoration was a high volume of other repairs in Northside's shop as well as long lead time for many of the materials involved in the restoration. During the restoration, the strings were replaced, the soundboard was repaired, the case was refinished, the hammers were resurfaced, and the bench was replaced. The piano sounds and looks great, just in time for its 100th birthday (the piano was coincidentally manufactured in the same year Triangle was founded nationally).

We are incredibly thankful to our 28 donors. Coupled with the two-for-one offer from Br. Samuels, the entire \$6,720 cost of the restored piano was financed through alumni donations. Of those who donated, brothers initiated in 1975 and 1977 led the pack with five donors each, followed by those initiated in 1978 with four donors. As brothers again sit down to the beautiful sound of the piano, we are immensely grateful for the generous support we received for this project.

Thanks to our Piano Restoration Donors!

(Years listed are initiation years)

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| Darrell Samuels '74 | Neil Stillman'73 |
| Leon McKinney '78 | Jeffrey Chamberlain'77 |
| Rick Rezek '78 | Gary Smith '74 |
| David Tuomenoksa '78 | Roger Sonnenburg'73 |
| Michael Lindsey'77 | Charles Cooley '72 |
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| Kevin Kernel '78 | Robert Sharp '51 |
| Bruce Walker '77 | David Breeding'43 |
| Tom Goeddel '75 | Keith Baker '72 |
| Walter Schumacher '75 | Raymond Gage'51 |
| Rick Pizarek '75 | Dana Waggoner'75 |
| Rob Marr'74 | Michael Strait'75 |
| Donald Kruggel'78 | Albert Samuels |

In a note with his contribution, **Brother Don Kruggel, '78** mentioned that he was instrumental in researching and driving the last refurbishment of the piano, which was in 1981. That year, the piano was used in practice for winning the U-Sing competition with Alpha Phi, and he served as accompanist. The Mother's Club funded that restoration.

By the way, there was some donated money left over. Brother Samuels has agreed to our using those extra funds toward the purchase of some badly needed living room furniture to enhance the setting of our newly-refurbished piano!

Your Brothers want to hear from you! New Job? New Wife? New Address? Send your news to Transit Club News!

Back in its Home!



THE PIANO

- Mason & Hamlin 6' 2" Grand Piano
- Manufactured in 1907
- Cost of a New Piano of the Same Model: \$54,350
- Total Restoration Cost: \$6,720 – paid by Alumni Donations



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Triangle Educational Area & Safety Grant Program benefits Purdue Chapter.

By Rick Overman, '65

The Triangle Education Foundation has informed the Purdue Chapter of the approval of a grant application made by the chapter. The grant will provide funds to make improvements in house-owned computer equipment and to improve the furniture utility in common study area rooms adjacent to the library. These rooms are a valuable part of our physical structure and contribute to the academic atmosphere by providing a quiet place for several brothers to study at the same time. Adding kiosk dividers to study tables helps keep distractions to a minimum. House computer equipment such as printers and connection hardware must also keep up with state-of-the-art technology to assure that our fraternity is competitive with other campus housing.

To fund this grant, donations to the Education Foundation in the amount of \$7300 were received. These donations were made by Purdue alumni who stipulated that the funds were to be used by the Purdue Chapter. In order for the donations to be considered tax deductible, the use of the funds has to meet IRS regulations for educational and safety use.

The Education Foundation was actually able to collect a little more than requested in the original grant application. The chapter is now in the process of finalizing the use plan to fit the available funds.



Thanks to all who responded with gifts to this program!

We recently received a letter from **Bob Nier, pur '61**, who lives in Clinton, TN. He asked a couple of questions that everyone might be interested in...

Q: Over 40 years ago, my pledge class donated to the House a 6-foot replica of the Fraternity Crest. Is the Crest still on display on a wall in the house?

A: Yes, Bob. It is indeed still on display as the focal point in the Chapter Room. Unfortunately, a couple of years ago someone apparently thought it would be funny to steal the helmet that appeared atop the shield. The Alumni Board is searching for a woodcarver to make a new helmet.

Q: I would like to donate my Triangle Pin to a worthy pledge. How do we do this? How will the pledge be selected?

A: By the Constitution and Bylaws, a member's Triangle pin is technically the property of Triangle National. When it is no longer needed by the member, it is to be returned to the National Office. According to Rhonda Halcomb, Director of Operations, the National Office takes requests from new initiates for "reworked" pins and attempts to reassign them within the donor's original chapter. They are kept in inventory until a request comes.

You may contact Rhonda at the National Office in Plainfield, Indiana, at 317-837-9640, or e-mail at rhonda@triangle.org.

18 New Brothers Initiated in February

By Geoff Dzuida, '05, and Justin Kanter, '06

After a very successful 6 weeks of rush and 13 weeks of pledgship, we are pleased to say we have initiated 18 new brothers from the Fall BAA Pledge Class. Execution and motivation were the key factors that contributed to a good rush. Head rush chair **Brother Steven Griffin, '06**, coordinated activities. Each of the 5 rush chairs had a list of things to accomplish. Although we didn't change the actual rush events themselves much, the rush chairs showed enthusiasm, advertised the rush events around the house and made sure brothers were there to show the rushees what we are all about. As more and more new faces appeared, the brothers became excited that our time and effort was being rewarded!

A reduced pledgship of 13 weeks then challenged us to have the class become one in a shorter period of time. Class presentations about themselves, study tables to learn to work in groups, and weekend retreats for friendship building were successful in building their unity. Even with the shorter pledgship duration, we were still able to provide an accurate representation of what it takes to become a true Triangle Brother.

The first new initiate class of '07 is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Matthew Buechler	Bel Air, MD
Thomas Butts	Fort Wayne, IN
Calvin Clements	Evansville, IN
Kyle Clements	Evansville, IN
Joseph Connolly	Jenkintown, PA
Ben Goldman	St. Louis, MO
Daniel Howey	Indianapolis, IN
Kyle Humbert	North Canton, OH
Cimankinda Kalala	Harare, Zimbabwe
Zak Knuth	Granger, IN
Edward Lugo	Mexico City, Mexico
Greg Moss	Carmel, IN
Steven Murphy	Granger, IN
Chris Peck	Cincinnati, OH
Johnathan Rogers	Bollingbrook, IL
Kevin Ruhs	West Des Moines, IA
Brian Stigner	Monroe Township, NJ
Matthew Warden	Indianapolis, IN

Welcome!

Rush for the spring class is now underway. The goal is to bring the house to an occupancy level of 50 for the fall of '07. Reaching this number living in the house has been the challenge by the Alumni Board to the undergraduates for next fall, and it looks as if the challenge will be met.

Alumni Notes



'63 Brother **Jack Kelble** writes that he retired from Raytheon in February 2006, and has moved to West Palm Beach, FL. In May 2007, he will be receiving an honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Purdue. Congratulations, Jack!

Chapter Eternal

Brother Jay Griffis, pur '77, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2006 in his home in Alexandria, Virginia, after being diagnosed with cancer in April. Jay is survived by his wife Sharon, and his baby daughter Kate, whom Jay loved so very much, and who turned 3 months old the day her father died. For any who wish to do so, the Griffis family asks you to remember Jay by helping his wife and daughter through contributing to the "Kate Anne Griffis 2006 Trust" c/o Alexandra Daigneault, 1512 Nightshade Court, Vienna, VA 22182. For any questions please call **Leon McKinney, pur '78**, at 314-514-1352.





The Alumni Board kept the tradition of welcoming graduating seniors to the status of being alumni by hosting a pizza dinner at Bruno's in West Lafayette. At left, the December '06 graduates await the arrival of their pizza, following the Triangle Graduation Ceremony on December 3, 2006. Enjoying the meal are, left to right, Alumni Board Secretary and Faculty Advisor Dr. Mark Bowman, Undergraduate President Brian Larson, and graduating seniors Tim Rodkey, Derek Weaver, RJ Rieves, and Michael Shikany. Alumni Board Vice President Rick Overman also helped host the event and provided this picture.

"It is a good opportunity to be a part of something great. Where I come from, fraternities do not exist as institutions to provide lasting friendships and memories that last forever. Rather, they are perceived as secret cults due to the ill repute they bring on themselves. At first, I never wanted to be involved in the Greek system, but being in Triangle has provided an opportunity that I had not considered earlier. Triangle was greater than the paradigm of what I thought fraternities were all about. I cannot imagine being anywhere else. Triangle is the place to be!"

Ndu Osonwanne, pur '06
International student from Nigeria



Congrats to Brother Jeff Beehler, pur'87, upon joining the Board of Directors of the Triangle Education Foundation. Jeff holds a BS in Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Statistics from Purdue and an MBA in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. He resides in Chicago.

Parents! Your son's issue of Transit Club News is being sent to his home address so you can be aware of things happening at Triangle. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. If you ever have questions about the chapter, please feel free to contact any of the undergraduate or alumni officers listed on page 2.



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