

THE BENCHMARK

CONNECTING UC TRIANGLE ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

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An Extraordinary Group of Men

For most of us, the Fraternity was well established long before we arrived. All we had to do was keep in step and follow the precedents set before us.

Now, imagine starting a Chapter – forming a group of men that others will look up to and want to join. Establishing an identity, relationships and traditions. Making decisions big and small: where to meet (with no house)? How often? When? Why?

The men of the Cincinnati Colony of Triangle Fraternity have been there. From a small interest group in the fall of 2010 with a “blank page”, to the larger, well-known and well-respected organization they are today, this group of men continues to impress everyone who has become associated with them.

Their achievements are significant and many. Their presence is growing steadily. Their integrity is without question. Individually, each brother is extraordinary. Collectively, they have come so far so fast, it is easy to forget where they started. Those of us privileged to associate with them frequently are constantly amazed at the maturity, professionalism and overall sense of purpose they exhibit. What an extraordinary group of men!



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Actives Eager to Tackle the Big Job Ahead

Eager we are indeed. A massive culture change occurred last year when three Brothers decided to rent a house together (I, being one of them) and to use it as our chapter home, replacing the monotony of meeting in the engineering building...like we weren't spending enough time there already.

The Actives quickly realized the huge benefits from having a secondary home, aside from knowing where a brother can be found at any time of day.

However, our growth made that home obsolete, necessitating a search for something much larger. Through tireless efforts from the Alumni and the Chapter, an opportunity that can be described as “No less than Perfect” became a reality – The New House.

Everyone is stepping up to expand last years' growth exponentially. Brothers are developing recruitment plans, house rules and rent structures. One (out of excitement) is even working on a name for a Chapter dog...That we don't have.

Triangle Fraternity is evolving into a durable force on UC's campus. After the Brothers carry the Chapter over the threshold, there will be no stopping us from Excellence!



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Alumni Advisory Board Has Four New Members

The Alumni Advisory Board (AAB), an independent board of alumni that serves as a liaison between the Alumni Board and the Active Organization is pleased to announce the addition of four new members.

Charles Bazeley
UofI '04 Senior
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Pete Boumis
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Technology Leader,
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L. Terry Clausing, PE
Cin '74
President and Owner,
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Associates, Inc.



Ken Milar
Cin '91
Engineering Manager,
Procter and Gamble



These Brothers join Brothers Lee Becker (Cin '93), Senior Engineer, GE Aviation; Gary Bodnar (Pur '76), CEO, Color Savvy Systems Limited; Brian Jansen, PE, Esq., Chair AAB (Cin '93), In-House Counsel, Woolpert, Inc.; and David Wright, III, PE, past Chair AAB (Cin '96), Group Leader, Kleingers and Associates.

Alumni Advisory Board members volunteer their time to attend active chapter meetings, provide advice and insight to the actives upon request, and relay updates to the Alumni Board on developments and upcoming events.

In addition to attending weekly chapter meetings, the Alumni Advisory Board will be working to pair alumni with current officers as resources and mentors for the 2013-2014 school year.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Alumni Advisory Board or with a possible interest in participating should contact Brother Jansen.



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Alumni Plan Fund-Raising Campaign

Buying the property at 2809 Swiss Chalet was a unique opportunity, the likes of which may not be seen again for decades, so the Alumni Board decided to jump on it. But capturing that opportunity has severely stretched Alumni resources.

To support the on-going efforts of the Actives and the new house, the Alumni Board is in the process of designing a capital campaign.

The Alumni Board hopes that all alumni will find a way to participate so the great work being done by the Actives can continue and expand.

Watch for the launch of the campaign in the next few weeks, and please participate to whatever level your means permit.

You're Invited!

Watch your email for more about each of these fall events (are you on The List?)

Saturday, August 31 **Tailgate party before the UC – Purdue football game.** Purdue Actives and all UC and Purdue Alumni are invited

Date to be determined **Official house warming and christening.** Including alumni and guests from UC and National

Friday September 27 **Bid dinner,** celebrating the formation of the fall pledge class. All alumni are welcome.

Saturday, October 19 **Homecoming.** A great time to return for a visit!

Actives Create Chapter Resume

When next year's potentials say "tell me about you guys", everyone will have an impressive array of facts at their fingertips thanks to the Chapter resume that was prepared by the rush team.

Selected excerpts from the Chapter Resume:

- 20 members
- Collective GPA: 3.23
- GPA second highest of all fraternities
- Leadership positions in 16 campus organizations
- Donated over 600 hours of volunteer time last year
- Over 40 hobbies and interests ranging from cooking to cars, music to martial arts and water skiing to woodworking.

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SPECIAL EDITION

Are You on "The List"?

For the first time ever, this special issue of The Benchmark was sent by both US Mail and email. If you didn't receive a copy via email, you aren't on The List.

Don't miss out. Email enables fast, efficient distribution of future issues of The Benchmark, special announcements, and invitations to upcoming events. The Alumni Board does not plan to eliminate traditional mailings entirely, but email will be the standard method for staying in touch.

Make sure you are included!
Add your email to The List by visiting:
www.uctriangle.org/alumni

Email is not only a paper-saving "green" option, it substantially reduces printing and postage expenses. And, of course, your address will never be sold or used for anything other than communications about Triangle.

Actives Celebrate Founder's Day with Alumni and Guests

A magnificent luncheon was held at the Montgomery Inn to celebrate Founder's Day 2013.



"...John, stop trying to tickle my ear..."

Excitement Builds as Closing Date for New House Nears



Photo: Abe Boyles, Cin '12

A new home is always exciting, but 2809 Swiss Chalet represents a special milestone for Triangle at UC. The new house is a testament to the hard work and success of the "re-founders" in their effort to rebuild the strong, successful, and highly respected Chapter that UC Triangle had been for so many decades.

The new house has been described by Alums who have seen it as "the best house we've ever had" because of its durable construction, spacious common areas and commercial-grade systems. It has also been described as "the best location on campus" - in the heart of the Greek community, and immediately across Clifton Avenue from Baldwin Hall and the school of Architecture.

At the moment, a flurry of effort is underway to arrange financing, inspections, appraisals, insurance and transfer of utilities, along with continuing negotiation to purchase items from the previous owner (furniture, kitchenware, china, TVs, etc.) The closing is currently set for August 1, but that may be moved up to allow for a good cleaning, a little paint, and ample time to get established before classes begin.

Alumni who are in the area are welcome to stop for a visit and a tour, but please also mark your calendar and plan to attend as many of the fall events as possible (see inside).

Actives Prepare to Rush Big

With the purchase of a new house, the actives have a unique opportunity. For the first time in our history, we have a large space that will support explosive growth.

In order to achieve explosive growth, we have changed the way that we run our recruitment. We are focusing more on developing personal relationships between actives and potential new members and showing the benefits of being a member of Triangle instead of just the features.

To help us make this happen, we look forward to having CAMPUSPEAK Recruitment Training Services visit in August to teach us better recruitment skills and techniques.

In a few days we will launch this year's effort by sending out letters inviting freshmen to apply for a scholarship sponsored by our Alumni. We expect this to generate some early interest and attract some top students before they even step on campus.

With hopes to re-charter in early 2014, and have the house at or near capacity for 2014-15, the actives are excited to work hard and make this recruitment season a huge success.



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