

LINES FROM THE MINES

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Last year, the brothers got to work right away. The first workday project consisted of finishing last year's workday project to paint all the windows and gutters on the house. We painted the house from green to gray. Instead of hiring a contractor to do the "very high and not safe windows", we rented a man lift and got after it.

With a new coat of paint on the outside of the house we looked for other areas that needed improvement. With the help of this year's pledges, we painted the ceiling and stained the trim of the basement. The pledges this year contributed to the continuous improvements of Triangle by building a much-needed vanity for our double stall bathroom. As expected, this year has had its fair share of repairs. To kick off the year, we fixed a broken water line and areas damaged by the water. A couple of the bigger improvements include a new water heater, washers, and repairing two of our dryers. A future project that the house has been patiently waiting on is new carpet. Hopefully, this will be any day now. Triangle is full of motivated individuals that put forth a lot of effort every semester and it shows through the state of the house.

In FS&C,
Caden Johnson
Triangle SDM Chapter House Manager

Welcome to the re-launch edition of "Lines From The Mines" – the official newsletter for alumni of the South Dakota Mines Chapter of Triangle Fraternity

TRI SOCIALS



We have had an extremely successful year as socials, with many exciting events. We had our annual informal event where the brothers were able to bring dates and eat together at Hay Camp Brewing Company. This was all while the house was watched by Freshman Rushees. The event was capped off with awarding the position of Santa to the Rookie that gave the best "HO HO HO," Ian Elkins. We also held the famous Beach Week. This year was no different than previous years, as we were able to fill the basement with sand and live in paradise for a week. This semester, we also kept on the tradition of the "All Nighter" on M-Day.

The spring semester brought even more fun bonding events. We had a game night and karaoke social with the ladies of Alpha Delta Pi where everyone got to show just how bad at singing we are. At the end of the semester, we had our annual Formal. This year was different from past years, as we stayed in a cabin out near Sturgis. The brothers had a rough time getting to the cabin in blizzard conditions and were almost stranded the next day. Even through the bad weather, we were able to provide a fun time for both the brothers and their dates as we catered Olive Garden for the dinner. We also presented awards to deserving brothers including Rookie of the Year, Triangle of the Year, Mr. FS&C, and presented an entertaining assortment of unofficial awards.

In FS&C,
Andrew Ward, Joseph Alber, and Spencer Wasmund
Triangle SDM Chapter Socials

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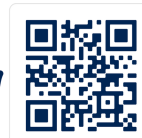
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ALUMNI CHAPTER UPDATE

Hello Brothers,

It has been a beautiful fall, with only a sprinkle of fake fall, here in Rapid City, SD this year. The actives are busy with classes and rushing and the alumni are trying to enjoy this nice weather while we have it. On the alumni board we have been busy working towards keeping the actives busy with the house and trying to give them more opportunities with scholarships.

Last year at the Reunion Lite we kicked off our big fundraising initiative that will help our chapter grow for years to come. The initiative has allowed us to now offer 8 scholarships to the actives, but will grow to more than 10 with the average award being around \$2500. We strive to build more opportunities and help them keep a chapter home. We look forward to sharing more updates with you all and I hope to see some of you at our Alumni Board Meetings.

In FS&C,
Brother Hammer '10
Alumni Board President

EDITORS NOTE

This year turned out to be very successful for the brothers of Triangle. We started early with a Founder's Day BBQ with neighbors and individuals from the school. Many of the brothers were able to meet the new Dean of Students, Dr. Joe Dlugos. We look forward to continuing our great relationship with the school in years to come. The Tom & Jerry party made a comeback last year, and we received rave reviews from our guests regarding the cleanliness of our home. Triangle Nationals made a visit to Rapid City to check in on our members and chapter operations. This allowed us to conclude that SDM Triangle is doing very well and set for success in years to come.

As I write this in my final days as an active member of Triangle, I cannot help but include a little personal note. I want to thank everyone who has allowed me to be a part of their Triangle experience. The term "brother" gets used very loosely today, but the Brotherhood that lives at 402 South St. is second to none and will live on forever. I look forward to seeing SDM Triangle succeed for years to come.



In FS&C,
Drake Schafer
Triangle SDM Chapter Editor (Spring 2022)

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Triangle Brothers, family, and friends,

I am proud to announce Lines from the Mines is back, and it will be returning on a semesterly basis for years to come. It has been an exciting year at the SDM Chapter of Triangle, as many events have started up again following nearly 18 months of COVID restrictions. Unfortunately, the pandemic took a significant toll on student involvement and clubs, and the effects are still visible across campus. Many student organizations are struggling with numbers and finding the leadership to sustain themselves. Fortunately, that is not the case for Triangle. This fall and last fall, we saw an overwhelming number of freshmen attending our recruitment events, despite the negative image of Greek Life often portrayed in the media. It was reassuring to see so many young students looking past this growing stigma and taking an interest in the Brotherhood and what we stand for. We initiated 13 new brothers last semester, who all show a dedication to upholding Triangle's values and representing our brotherhood positively. Last Spring, we had 45 active members, with six graduating seniors. I would like to congratulate Brothers Drake Schafer, Cole Titze, Isaac Schulz, Andrew Kramer, Ethan Nesbit, and David Boisjolie on the completion of their degrees.



The last couple years, our house has pushed itself to become more involved on campus and in the community. With the general decline in campus wide student engagement, many brothers are pulling their weight to alleviate this issue. Many of us hold leadership positions in professional societies and special-interest clubs around campus—even the rookies are getting involved.



The Brothers of Triangle have a great presence in student organizations, which far surpasses involvement in prior years. We continued our usual involvement in homecoming activities with pouring the whitewash on M-Day and building the M for coronation. Our previous and current house managers, Caden Johnson and Jaden Deuter, put together quite possibly the largest M this campus has ever seen. We remain an integral part of upholding several campus traditions, and the school often recognizes our efforts.

As COVID restrictions have eased, we have continued many of our usual philanthropy efforts, as well opening new avenues of volunteering. As always, we host a couple blood drives and a highway cleanup every semester.

We also are still involved with Mines Buddies and participate in social events with special-needs individuals. Recently, we have helped maintain the Tom Pfeifle Trails at Raider Park by Stevens High School as well as the new multi-use "Rocker Trail" behind campus. SD Mines puts on a "Parade of Trees" every winter, where various organizations can decorate a tree and collect donations for a charity of their choice. We happened to be the only organization on campus with a real tree and won the award for "Most Effort". The charity we chose was Working Against Violence, Inc. (WAVI), which is a local shelter for victims of domestic abuse. Last year, with the help of donations from campus staff, family, and alumni, we were able to restart our annual WAVI Christmas Party and donate over \$1,500 worth of supplies for the shelter as well as gifts for the children there. Brother Ian Elkins dressed up as Santa, delivered presents to the children living there, read them a jolly rendition of "The Night Before Christmas," and gave them all a few "Ho Hos" before leaving. We are looking forward to continuing this tradition this Christmas as well.



Lastly, I would like to thank all our generous alumni for contributing to our financial campaign, where we were able to achieve our four-year goal in roughly six months. We give special thanks to Brother Jeff Allen and the Alumni Board of Directors for spearheading this financial Campaign and setting up new foundation accounts with the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. I am proud of the place the South Dakota Mines chapter of Triangle Fraternity is in right now and am grateful our alumni recognize this as well. I hope some of you may pay a visit to the house if you are in the area; we would love to hear stories from your time here and meet more of the brothers. Until then, I hope you all have a great rest of the year, and we'll be back for the Spring edition of the Lines from the Mines.

In F, S, & C,
Nick Wipf
Triangle SDM Chapter President

CHICAGO CHAIRMAN



As always, we have had a blast building better brotherhood this year! We started off this year with a great brotherhood development event of dodgeball and brotherly discussion in our chapter home. Between resolving minor intra-house conflicts between brothers, we were luckily able to find time to sling some brews as well. It is always great to have these BD events that allow us to continue the tradition of building an environment that promotes brotherhood. Last spring, we had a fun BD to officially welcome the new rooks into our fraternity. They are now Rookies, and they are doing a great job (if that's even possible).

Other events included a super bowl party where we had a massive nacho bar, pizzas, and beverages. The rookies may or may not have remembered who won, but based on their enthusiasm, they had a blast! We also held our annual Chicago auction, which has fallen victim to inflation in recent years. Despite the high bids, it was a success highlighted by a few key items that have been found in the forgotten attic slots. Going forward, we hope to curve the inflation to a reasonable standard.

Another highlight of last semester was being privileged enough to soak up the wisdom of almost all the graduating seniors. The graduating seniors' speeches conveyed FS&C, even if they lacked physical stability on their own. They brought forth great ambition and cheer as they gave out inspiring shouts of "ROOKIES LICK" to everyone and anyone who was unlucky enough to be walking down St. Joseph as they were bussed home from The Oasis. Nonetheless, many great points were made, and they are dearly missed this year.



This semester we brought back the Chicago trip and visited our Brothers at the Kansas Chapter. (This hasn't happened yet, so we will add more later if possible). We are also planning on doing more BD events like a camping trip. We look forward to next semester and hope that brotherhood will continue to grow in our chapter home.

In FS&C,
Conner Christenson
Triangle SDM Chapter Chicago
Chairman

SD MINES TRIANGLE LEGACY PORTFOLIO

The SD Mines Triangle financial campaign is continuing in full swing. We initially rolled out the campaign in June 2021 with a goal of \$475,000. After 7 short months, we achieved that goal. We are thankful for your support and want to continue supporting the SD Mines Chapter of Triangle. We have extended the campaign and added an additional \$485,000 to our new goal! Our deadline to accomplish this goal is by the next SD Mines Reunion in July, 2025.

We are working with 3 separate Foundations with 6 different specific funds to support scholarships and home improvements.

Additional information on the campaign can be found at our website:
<http://triangle.sdsmt.edu/alumni.html>

BUSINESS MANAGER

This Spring, I took over the Business Manager office, and there has been a lot to learn. We have a nearly full house with 27 actives for Fall 2022, which allows us to keep costs low for our brothers. The effects of inflation can even be seen in the Triangle Fraternity house and have caused some increases in house bills. With budget raises, the house bills are just under \$2,300, which is still significantly cheaper than the dorms. We have nearly paid off our debt to alumni for the tax problems of the past, and I even get a rookie to lick the envelopes every time taxes get sent out.

In FS&C,
Edward Maertens
Triangle SDM Chapter Business
Manager

A WORD FROM THE ROOKIES

As the new Brothers of Triangle, we are beyond excited to start this new chapter of our lives and be a part of this great fraternity. Triangle has already given us great opportunities to meet new friends and is teaching us life lessons that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We can't wait to see what else the Triangle family will be able to offer us moving forward.

Triangle brought us together in ways that we didn't expect. We started out mostly as strangers, and through the rushing and pledging process, we began to all get to know each other and become great friends and now Brothers. We could not imagine making it this far without one another and we can't wait for what lies ahead. Nearly all of us are living the chapter home this year, and we are loving it. We look forward to continuing to learn the ways of the house and becoming the future of Triangle SDM.

In FS&C,
The Rookies of SDM Triangle