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## REPORT - NATIONAL

This issue of CLEF is published as a memorial to Hyman Schachtman, who was the second Executive Secretary of Mu Beta Psi in 1939.

"Col. Hyman Schachtman, 56, Winter Park, Florida, died July 5, 1965, in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. At the time of his death he was a retired employee of Martin-Marietta Corp., Orlando, Florida." (NCSU Alumni News)

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Brothers Charles M. Stone, Alumni Alpha Chapter 1925, and Carey Faison discussed forty years of the Psi after the '65-'66 National Convention in Charlotte.

Brother Stone was the first president of Alpha chapter. In his room one night the original name, pin, and purpose of Mu Beta Psi were decided. He and other charter Psi members are still in the same band - a Charlotten N. C. shrine band which Daddy Price organized.

When asked about the present Psi's program, size and scope of activities, Brother Stone expressed much enthusiasm in the fraternity's growth and goals, and the desire to renew interests in the Psi.



## NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mu Beta Psi has a new Executive Secretary: Ralph W. Daniel. Brother Daniel, a native of Greensboro, N. C., is 25 years old, attended NCSU and graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering, and was initiated into the Psi in 1960. Past offices in which he has served the fraternity include Alpha chapter's secretary '60-'62, vice-president '63-'64, Mu Beta Psi National vice-president '61-'63, and National President '63-'64.

In keeping with the fraternities program of expansion, Brother Daniel has listed the purpose and names of Mu Beta Psi in several publications concerned with furthering fraternities or music.

The following article is from Banta's Greek Exchange (January 1966).

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Ella  
Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.

### **MU BETA PSI (Music)**

Founded at North Carolina State University  
on November 5, 1925

(Admits both men and women)

National Headquarters—P.O. Box 4304, Panama City, Fla. 32401

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President—Jeff Tisdale, Box 2486, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

Vice-president—Carey Faison, P.O. Box 5067, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. 27607

Executive Secretary—Ralph W. Daniel, P.O. Box 4303, Panama City, Fla. 32401

Members at Large—Alex Heggie and Larry Jones, P.O. Box 5067, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.; Andy Dickert and Richard Cottingham, Box 2486, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.; Steve Millard and Wick Stuart, Dept. of Music, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

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This issue of the CLEF is late and for this delay the editor apologizes.

To correct problems which faced past editors and now some occurring because the CLEF is edited at a national level, these following suggestions must be incorporated into the functioning of each chapter:



\* the CLEF is on general display and sometimes the only representative of the Psi, the standard, therefore, must reflect credit on Mu Beta Psi.

\* to facilitate the timely printing of the CLEF, each chapter will take upon itself the responsibility to send either periodic reports or chapter news (as it comes) and the most likely person is the corresponding secretary (as he should have the addresses of the editor).

\* the editor will send to the chapters a letter containing the deadlines and policies of the newspaper for that year, and he shall be responsible for the printing and distribution of the paper. The chapter officers will be responsible for the CLEF editor's receiving all news reports.

- R. Chartier  
Editor

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REPORT: ALPHA

#### Reception

Donald Widenhouse -

Brother J. T. Bryan was appointed chairman of the reception committee. Brothers Gary Brady and Donald Widenhouse volunteered to assist J. T. Bryan with the receptions to be given this year.

The first reception was given for Wake Forest College on September 25th. J. T. Bryan and Gary Brady obtained the refreshments, making arrangements with the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company and Jack Cookie Company. Donald Widenhouse and Joe Hancammon made the necessary arrangements to prepare Frank Thompson Theater for the occasion. After the game all members of the committee and volunteer helpers served refreshments to the Wake Forest and State University bands.

On October 9th the reception committee again gave a reception in Frank Thompson Theater with Gary Brady, Donald Widenhouse and Joe Hancammon serving to the State and Carolina bands after a close defeat of State by Carolina.

These receptions brought a warm response from the members of the visiting bands, and provided a means whereby Mu Beta Psi could extend the hospitality of State University.

The cost of these receptions was small, as the total cost amounted to about \$50.00 for the two gatherings.

Mu Beta Psi will continue this tradition of friendliness to visiting bands and musicians.

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#### MU BETA PSI CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE

Lewis Dixon -

On December 15th, 1965, The Mu Beta Psi Christmas Ensemble provided music in the Christmas spirit for a special dinner at Leazar Hall Cafeteria. The group numbered 18 and was composed of brothers and prospective brothers of the Psi. The ensemble was organized by Lewis Dixon and was conducted by Ed Payne in cooperation with the music department and Mr. Lonny Ackridge, manager of Leazar Hall Cafeteria.

The event lasted about an hour and a half and consisted mostly of traditional carols. After the performance, the musicians were served a Christmas dinner, courtesy of Mr. Ackridge.

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#### HOOTENANNY

(The following is an excerpt from the May 1966 Technician).

State's Kappa-Tones, an outstanding barber shop quartet, took first place honors in the Hootenanny Friday night.

The Hootenanny, sponsored by Mu Beta Psi, national honorary music fraternity, under the auspices of the Engineers' Council, broke all student attendance records for events held in the Union.

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The Kappa-Tones, composed of Rudy Partin, bass; Walter Richardson, tenor; Mac McCreary, baritone; and Richard Austin, lead, turned in an outstanding performance which gives them the responsibility of representing State at the WGHP-TV talent contest to be held next month in High Point.

Second place honors were taken by the Watauga County Squirrel Shooters, a bluegrass band from State, who performed well on such numbers as "Cinch Mountain Side Step," earning the \$50 second prize money.

Don and Gene, a folk duo also from State, took third place and the \$25 prize money with renditions such as the hilarious "When It's Bull Ship-pin' Time in Nebraska."

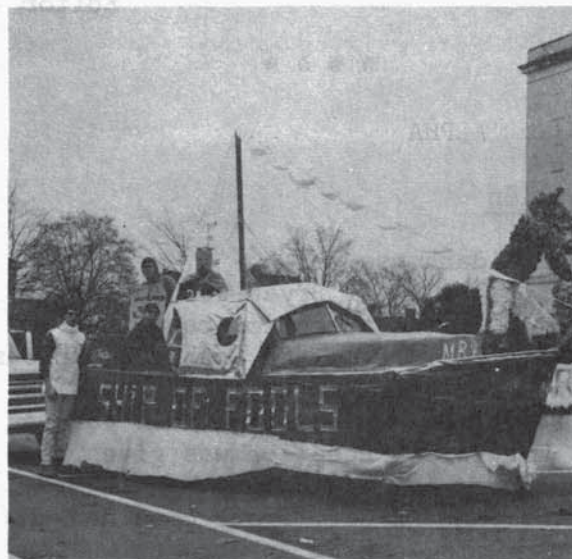
Fred Smoot, special guest of All-Campus Weekend, added his own special brand of humor to the hootenanny with his monologues, imitations and comments. Smoot proved that he is a bright new star with a spontaneous and catchy humor.

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Inside, some of the female friends of the brothers were busied making the sail for the Psi's "Ship." Though it began to rain, our spirits were not dampened and at four a.m. the finishing touches were added while sheltered by a parking deck, where the float waited for clear weather and the parade.

The cast of fools riding on the float consisted of brothers: Rudy Partin as the Captain (driver), J. T. Bryan as a foolish Florida Seminole, Bob Chartier as a foolish Virginia Cavalier, Alex Heggie as a foolish Duke Blue Devil, and Mike Warner, who marshalled our float.

Our first building of a homecoming float was a great success, although the judges disqualified our entry because of a spelling mistake (an "H" for an "N" in Seminoles).



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## ALPHA'S NAVY

Paul Bumgarner -

It all began when our leader, Carie Faison, received a letter from the Student Union asking Mu Beta Psi to enter a float in the Homecoming parade. He brought the matter before the brothers and it was decided that we would participate in the festivities and parade, whose theme was "Pop Songs." Brother Bob Chartier suggested a song as well as design: "Ship of Fools."

This year is the Psi's fortieth anniversary; so we decided to combine our birthday party and the float construction. Each member was given a task in building the masterpiece of art, the Friday night before the parade on Saturday.

This feat of carpentry was accomplished with the combined efforts of most of the brothers of Alpha chapter.

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REPORT: DELTA

(The following is an excerpt from the March 18, 1966, Tiger).

"Clemson's Mu Beta Psi Music Frat to Present Annual Spring Sounds"

"With a variety of music and entertainment Mu Beta Psi, national honorary music fraternity here at Clemson,



will present its eighth annual Spring Sounds Concert in Tillman Hall auditorium at 8 p.m. on March 24.

"According to members of the music fraternity, this year's program will be bigger and better than ever before. The entertainment will include jazz groups, blue-grass, folk music, rhythm and blues, rock-n-roll groups, and Chet Atkin's style guitarists.

"Featured this year will be the "Caravelles," the "Black Mountain Ramblers," the "Jazztet," Glen Ford, Ksenhour's Troups and two new groups making their Spring Sounds debut, the "Spectors" and the "Rock-n-Folk."

"This year we have more groups and a wider range of music," stated Richard Cottingham, president of Mu Beta Psi. "Not only do we have several new groups, but the general quality of the groups has improved," he added.

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#### REPORT: EPSILON

Jon Neergaard -

Washington and Lee's Epsilon chapter of Mu Beta Psi held its initiation ceremonies last night, followed by a banquet in Evans Dining Hall. The requirements for initiation include a 1.5 grade point ratio or rank in the upper third of the class, and active participation in several campus musical organizations.

New initiates were Charles Griffin (Sazeracs), John McGill (brass choir), Frederick Taussig (glee club), Randall Prior (glee club and concert guild), Frederick Bishop (glee club), Thomas Davis (glee club and concert guild), Paul Quante (glee club), Maurice Fliess (glee club and concert guild), Donald Lineback (glee club and concert guild), Randy Lee (glee club), and Michael Denton (glee club and brass choir).

Mu Beta Psi was organized in April 1965 under the patronage of Prof. Robert Stewart. The society was established with particular goals "to promote music and cultivate a wholesome respect for its activities . . . to honor outstanding musicians and music patrons by the honor of membership . . ."

Before its Monday initiation, active membership included Stephen Millard (Pi Phi); Hardwick Stuart (Delta); Jon Neergaard (NFU); Joseph Frampton (PiKA); and Robert Vaughan (Delt), who was one of the society's charter members. Stephen Millard is the present president.

Monday night's banquet also honored a citizen of Lexington, Mrs. Mary Sanes Tucker. Mrs. Tucker has made great contributions to the music at Washington and Lee for a number of years. A Pianist, she has often performed concerts on the campus. However, more important is the aid and encouragement which she has given to individual student vocalists. She joins Prof. Robert Stewart and Dr. James G. Leyburn as an honorary member.

Mu Beta Psi will undoubtedly become a major force in bringing good music to the campus. Prof. Stewart, talking on the society's importance, stated: "I am very delighted that the chapter was established and that individuals are now able to be recognized for their contributions."

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MINUTES OF THE MU BETA PSI NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Orvin Court - Charlotte, N. C.

March 19, 1966

PRESIDING:

Carey Faison (Alpha),  
National Vice-President

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alpha Chapter:

Carey Faison  
Ralph Daniel  
Irvin Murrell  
G. Lewis Dixon  
Larry Jones  
George W. Walters  
Michael K. Warner  
Ted Halverson  
Charles M. Stone  
Robert L. Chartier

Delta Chapter:

Ronnie E. Bullock  
Edward V. Schlaefer  
Robert B. Kirkpatrick  
Marion B. Crooks  
Chas. F. Cottingham  
Richard Cottingham  
Mike Hugg  
John Harrison  
Benny Williams  
Arland Compton, Jr.

Epsilon Chapter:

Wick Stuart  
Tom Davis

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The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. E.S.T. by National Vice-President Carey Faison, acting president of the convention in the absence of National President Jeff Tisdale. He appointed Wick Stuart as acting vice-president. The minutes of the 1965 National Convention were read by National Executive Secretary Ralph Daniel and were approved as read. Daniel also gave the financial report, showing a balance of \$423.84 in the National Treasury. An explanation of various expenses was given. Robert Kirkpatrick was appointed as a voting delegate from Delta Chapter in place of Andy Dickert by the chapter members.

Alumni guests were then recognized. Present was Charles M. Stone (Alpha '26), who was a founder of the fraternity and the first president of Alpha Chapter. Also present were Ted Halverson, Alpha President 1962-3, and George Walters, Alpha President 1964.

Old business was then called. Walters spoke on the proposed new ritual presented at the last convention. Discussion ensued and one correction was made to the ritual. Tom Davis moved that the new ritual be accepted as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Wick Stuart discussed usage of the ritual. The discussion was ruled out of order until new business.

Larry Jones discussed the date for the next convention. The discussion was ruled out of order and tabled until new business.

Walters started a discussion on the fraternity song. It was pointed out that a committee had been formed at the last convention to revise the song, but that nothing had been accomplished since then. The Alpha members made it known that Milton C. Bliss (Alpha, Honorary) had unofficially offered to revise the song. In the light of this offer, Kirkpatrick moved



It was mentioned that according to Article IV, Section 8, of the Constitution the Executive Committee needs at least two members at large for completion. The floor was then opened for nominations for members at large. Nominated were Carey Faison, Larry Jones, John Harrison, Benny Williams (Delta), and Charles Stone (Alpha). It was found that Williams had not completed pledging and hence was inelegible. Stone declined the nomination. It was moved that those remaining in nomination be accepted by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed. The new Members at Large are Carey Faison, Larry Jones, and John Harrison.

President Kirkpatrick mentioned that back copies of The Clef and Banta's Greek Exchange would be available to those who wished to look them over after the meeting.

There being no further business, the convention was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m., E.S.T.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph W. Daniel (Signed)

Ralph W. Daniel  
National Executive Secretary  
Mu Beta Psi  
National Honorary Musical Fraternity

It was mentioned that according to Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution the Executive Committee needs at least two members at large for completion. The list was then opened for nominations for members at large. Nominations were Carey Faison, Larry Jones, John Harrison, Henry Williams (Delta), and Charles Stone (Alpha). It was found that Williams had not completed bidding and hence was ineligible. Stone declined the nomination. It was moved that those remaining in nomination be accepted by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed. The new members at large are Carey Faison, Larry Jones, and John Harrison.

# MU BETA PSI

As a result of the elections held at the 1966 National Convention, the following named brothers comprise the National Executive Committee for the school year 1966-67:

President . . . . .	Robert Kirkpatrick (Delta)
Vice-President . . . . .	Tom Davis (Epsilon)
Executive Secretary . . . . .	Ralph Daniel (Alpha)
Editor . . . . .	Robert Chartier (Alpha)
Members at Large . . . . .	Carey Faison (Alpha)
	Larry Jones (Alpha)
	John Harrison (Delta)