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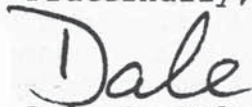
*Mu Beta Psi*

*the national honorary musical fraternity*

Brothers of Mu Beta Psi -

Just in case the cover has thrown you, here is the fall edition of The Clef. Since our last issue - the convention edition - only a little activity has transpired at the campuses of our chapters. So, this issue will deal with the national scene - what's the latest on merger, next year's conventions, and letters from our officers. There's also a summary and the minutes from the '75 Convention inside. And any late news we could scrape up. We're looking for another issue sometime around January, so its' time for us to start hearing from our chapter reporters. There will be more on that later. Meanwhile, here is your fall Clef. Enjoy it. Read it.

Fraternally,

  
Dale A. Walsh  
Editor

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## '75 Convention Summary

In the rear of this Clef you will find a copy of the official minutes of the '75 business meeting. But a national Mu Beta Psi convention is so much more than just that. What is a national convention? Many things: a long drive for Delta and Jeff Gauch, Epsilon's delegate. An even longer drive for the group from Zeta, who sent status reports to us as they travelled southward. The Friday night party - with Alpha's official punch. The talk of Atlantic Coast Conference basketball. Meeting alumni from other chapters as well as your own. The wolfpack painting in the bottom of the swimming pool. The cold weather. The mid-morning skull sessions. The business meeting, with its thoughts, feelings, traditions, alumni, guests, and Ralph's tape recorder. A tour of Price Music Center - Wow! The banquet and a chance to meet Major Kutschinski. The party thereafter. What else is there to do in Raleigh on a cold Saturday night? Singing, drinking, and a pledge dancing for her points. Alpha's "prettier" pledges drawing the eyes of their brothers. A new fine arts building at Theta? Boy, couldn't Clemson use one! Lifetime friendships reunited. Lifetime friendships just beginning. Alpha's work pays off - a great convention.

Aren't you sorry you missed it? Aren't you glad you were there? Music, brotherhood, Mu Beta Psi's Fiftieth Birthday Party. Many Happy Returns!

## Late News of Mu Beta Psi

Delta's Member-at-Large, Keith Snelgrove, has been made chairman of the National Convention Planning Committee. He requests that all chapters send their preferred dates for the '76 Convention NOW! Only two chapters have been heard from.

There have been a couple of national matters conveyed to the members-at-large for decisions by the chapters. Please get them back in ASAP (As Soon As Possible).



## MINUTES OF THE MU BETA PSI 1975 NATIONAL CONVENTION

North Carolina State University Student Center - Raleigh, North Carolina

March 1, 1975

PRESIDING: Tim Lipsey, National President

President Lipsey called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Invocation was given by Rick Foster. Welcoming remarks were made by Duane Evans on behalf of Alpha, host chapter for the 1975 convention. A sign-up sheet was passed around for attendee registration. Greetings were extended to numerous guests: three visiting members of Pi Nu Epsilon music fraternity, and alumni from as long as the class of 1931. The roll call of voting delegates was taken.

Executive Secretary Ralph Daniel read the minutes of the 1974 national convention and gave the financial report. Both minutes and financial report were approved as read.

Old business was then called, beginning with chapter reports that did not appear in the latest issue of *The Clef*.

Zeta Chapter had just initiated 6 new members and had 10 more prospects. The annual *Excursions in Sound* was going well. There had been some expansion contacts, but no real progress along that line.

Theta Chapter had ten new members. They were making plans for a fund raising project for a new fine arts building on the St. Augustine's campus.

Standing special committee reports were given, beginning with expansion. Dan Harvey reported for Alpha Chapter, which was in charge of expansion for the past year. There was little to report aside from first contacts, as no new chapters or petitions had been received during the year.

*The Clef* editor Duane Evans reported that the problems during the past year had been communications from the chapters as usual.

Zeta Chapter, in charge of the special committee on revising the Prospectus, stated that the person in charge of the project had graduated without completing it or properly passing it on to someone else. President Lipsey ruled that the motion from the 1973 convention giving Zeta charge of this special committee would remain in effect until the effort was successfully terminated.

Alpha Chapter had been in charge of the special committee on alumni. It had been discovered that an identical committee had been formed at the 1970 convention and had already made plans. The national office had also compiled an address list for alumni and had sent out questionnaires. A report on this effort is given in Appendix C to the minutes. Herb Jacobs moved that this convention by delegate vote establish a separate treasury for the alumni association to be used solely for the purpose of alumni communications such as newsletters, etc. Further, Ralph Daniel shall serve as the treasurer of the alumni association for an indefinite term, i.e. until the alumni brothers (by majority vote at any future national convention) shall nominate and elect another treasurer. In case of resignation or death of the alumni association treasurer, the National Executive Secretary shall assume this duty until the next convention at which time the alumni will elect a new treasurer. In the event of the dissolution of the alumni association, its funds shall revert to the active national treasury. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by delegate vote.



New business was then called. It was announced that after the convention business meeting, group tours would be made of Price Music Center, named after N.C. State's first music director and Mu Beta Psi founder, P.W. "Daddy" Price.

The floor was opened for chapter volunteers for publication of *The Clef*. It was moved and seconded that this action be postponed until later in the meeting, but the postponement was defeated 4-6. Delta volunteered to publish *The Clef* next year. This was seconded and discussion followed. It was moved, seconded, and passed to limit debate to five minutes per chapter. Delta was accepted unanimously.

Daniel moved that the national initiation fee be increased and keys be changed. After seconding, the motion was withdrawn in favor of the following two motions. "The national initiation fee shall be increased to \$15.00 per member effective July 4, 1975, and the \$5.00 per member per year dues shall be discontinued." "The keys furnished to all members initiated after March 1, 1975 shall be of the *Balclad* variety. In the event that *Balclad* quality is not acceptable, a search for an alternate material shall be made." It was stated that sample keys would be ordered and sent to each chapter for inspection. After seconding, the first motion passed unanimously, while the second passed 7-3.

Jeff Gauch moved that Article III, Section 2 of the national constitution be amended to read as follows: Students having served one and one-half years with distinction in some recognized musical organization, or having shown special interest in the musical life of their college are eligible for active membership. After seconding it was acknowledged that the vote would have to be decided by mail, as Article VII, Section 2 of the By-laws requires 30 days notice of proposed constitutional and by-law amendments. A straw vote taken to reveal probable outcome of the proposal was inconclusive. Chapters are to vote at regular meetings and make the results known by April 1, 1975. (See Appendix A to the minutes for outcome of this motion.)

Chuck Smith made the following motion: "In view of the failure of the various chapters to support *The Clef* as a centralized national publication, Alpha moves that the appropriate amendment be drawn to remove *The Clef* from national responsibility and structure our published communication so that each chapter shall publish a brief chapter report on a newsletter format and distribute same among the chapters twice a year." After seconding, a proposal to limit discussion failed. The proponents of the motion argued that the original intent of *The Clef* was not being fulfilled due to poor communication between the chapters. Opponents countered that this was not the fault of *The Clef*, and that killing it could not be expected to improve communications. Question was called, and the motion was defeated 2-8.

Bob Howland moved that each chapter's secretary be automatically appointed as reporter for *The Clef*. After seconding, discussion centered around whether some chapters would rather have someone else act as reporter. The motion was defeated by a vote of 4-6.

Herb Jacobs asked for a reaffirmation of the motion from the 1970 convention stating that there shall be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 issues of *The Clef* each year. Since there were no counterproposals, the motion still stands.

A recess was called to allow chapters to discuss plans for the next convention. There was some question as to whether Epsilon or Theta should be host. After the recess, both Epsilon and Theta declined. President Lipsey asked Delta Chapter if they would host the next convention, date and site of



their choosing, and the delegation accepted. It was decided that all conventions hereafter would rotate the host chapter according to the Greek alphabet, so Epsilon will host in 1977, Zeta in 1978, Theta in 1979 and so forth, with any new chapters taking their turn in sequence.

Herb Jacobs moved that future host chapters notify the national office at least three months prior of the convention date and site. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The subject of Zeta's travel expenses for the 1976 convention was brought up. Chuck Emki moved that \$100 be allocated for that purpose. After seconding it was pointed out that the amount was not intended to cover 100% of the expense, but that portion in excess of 500 miles. If gasoline prices go up again, an additional amount could be awarded by the next convention in session. The motion passed unanimously.

The question of where to order pladge pins was settled with the statement that they could be ordered through Alpha from the N.C. State Student Supply Stores.

President Lipsey appointed Alpha Chapter to be in charge of merger talks with Pi Nu Epsilon. (N.B.: at their 1974 convention, Pi Nu Epsilon voted down merger talks. The question will have to be raised again.) Daniel read a list of possible guidelines and problem areas which would accompany such a merger. A straw vote taken on intent to merge came out unanimously in favor.

Announcements were made regarding group photos to be taken by Chuck Emki, banquet plans, payment of lodging for voting delegates, and availability of decals.

There being no further new business, the floor was opened for nominations for the office of National President. Nominated were Tony Stapleton and Charles Smith. After speeches, secret ballots were cast by the delegates. Tony Stapleton is the 1975-76 National President.

With new president Stapleton presiding, the floor was opened for nominations for the office of National Vice President. Nominated was Charles Smith. There being no more nominations forthcoming, it was moved, seconded, and passed that Smith be accepted by acclamation. Charles Smith is the 1975-76 National Vice President.

The members-at-large from each chapter were then announced, these having been selected at an earlier chapter caucus. They are Buddy Goodnight, Alpha; Keith Snelgrove, Delta; Karen Tetzlaff, Zeta; and Belinda Battle, Theta. Epsilon's member-at-large will be selected at a regular chapter meeting.

It was announced that the alumni present had selected officers as follows: Herb Jacobs, President and Chuck Emki, Vice President. Jacobs moved that all chapters are to send him the names and home addresses of this year's graduates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT ON ALUMNI

Beginning in January 1975, inquiry cards were mailed to all alumni for whom the national office had addresses. On these cards were spaces for replies to three questions posed as follows:

- #1 Yes, please keep me in touch with Mu Beta Psi.
- #2 Also send more information on the 1975 National Convention.
- #3 No, I am no longer interested and do not wish to be contacted further.

Below is a listing of the statistics resulting from this poll. All figures are as of February 24, 1975.

Total number of initiates into Mu Beta Psi	1647
Number of honorary initiates	69
Number of deceased initiates	40
Number with no addresses at national	504
Number of inquiries mailed	868
Returned due to address change	120
Responding to question #1 only	89
Responding to question #2 (as well as #1)	97
Responding to question #3	31
No reply yet	531

No funds were used from the active treasury for this project. Alumni contributions were solicited for this, with the following respondents:

Chuck Emki	\$50	Herb Jacobs	\$20
Ted Halverson	50	David Witt	15
Anonymous	50	J.D. McCall	1
W.C. Huband	1	Chuck Cato	1

The remainder is being made up by the Executive Secretary, with possible payback until the contribution is equal to \$50. Following is a list of expenses through the date above. Bear in mind the project is not finished and may take until the end of the year for completion.

Mailing permit & fees	\$ 45.00
printing cost of inquiry cards	127.00
miscellaneous supplies	4.00
postage - 1st mailing	11.52
postage - 2nd mailing	4.11
1st return of postage	5.70
2nd return of postage	16.30
3rd return of postage	8.40
printing of change notice	5.67
change notice postage	8.00
4th return of postage	5.50
Total expense to date 2/24/75	\$ 241.20
5th return of postage	2.00
6th return of postage	1.10
Total expense to date 3/12/75	\$ 244.30



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

While any brother is welcomed - and encouraged - to address the fraternity in this place, our letters this issue are from our national officers. In the next issue, we hope more brothers in general will write and speak out.

### President's Message

To my brothers of Mu Beta Psi,

As I write this, we are well into the school year of '75-76. I trust we all enjoyed relaxing summer vacations and are beginning to return to the schedules of our studies. It is now time for us all to rededicate ourselves to the goals and the purposes upon which Mu Beta Psi was founded. Let us always remember that changing these goals and purposes in any way can only lead our fraternity into trouble.

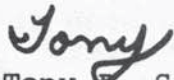
In reflecting on our successful '75 Convention, we heard a great many pledges of good intentions. Let us not forget them or let them fall by the wayside. We have a good opportunity to make progress before our '76 Convention. We need the inspiration of the devoted brothers to create an atmosphere of progress under which we all can work.

However, the months since the convention have not been prosperous. Only two chapters communicated in the way I requested in my letters. However, some work has been done, as you will note here in The Clef. Hopefully, we can learn from our shortcomings. We cannot grow without our fueling the fires of our brotherhood, among the brothers in our chapters and between all of our brothers.

I realize that, in calling for progress, I must give of myself before I ask of my brothers. I promise to do all I can: consider actions and suggestions, and reply to requests. I challenge each brother to examine his fraternity, chapter, and self in order to help add to their growth. And by all means, share your ideas with us all.

The responsibility for heading Mu Beta Psi is tremendous. I need your help. Let me hear from you.

Fraternally,



Tony R. Stapleton  
National President



## Report on the Pi Nu Epsilon Convention

(Editor's note: The following is a condensed version of the report sent by Brother Harvey to all chapters in late May.)

At the 1975 Convention, Alpha chapter was placed in charge of the committee to handle merger matters with Pi Nu Epsilon. Dan Harvey, because of his previous work with PNE, was made chairman. On May 3, Dan Harvey and Alumni Association Vice-President Chuck Emki travelled to the PNE Convention in Shippenburg, Pa.

### Convention Business

After being treated to a warm welcome and lunch, the business meeting of PNE was convened. A motion was made that Gamma chapter not be allowed any connections with Mu Beta Psi in the event of merger until their back dues are paid. The motion passed unanimously. Then their Board of Trustees presented a slate of motions, all of which passed unanimously. They included the formation of a "merger committee," general outlines of merger procedures, and setting a date in July for the meeting of the two fraternities' merger committees. The convention ended with 13 delegates including Mu Beta Psi.

### Merger Committee's Report

(Editor's note: This letter was received by us in September.)

To the Editor:

This summer during Alpha's "Psi Weekend," Pi Nu Epsilon came down from Pa. to work on the proposed constitution. We spent almost all day Saturday working on it, actually taking the best parts from the two existing constitutions and combining and rewriting to formulate what we feel is a superior constitution to either one of the existing ones. About sixty to seventy percent comes from Pi Nu's constitution, mainly because we felt it was worded a little better than the Psi's was. Changes for the most part will not be that noticeable in organization or duties as the two organizations are essentially the same to begin with. All work since July has been through the mail making grammatical changes or slight alterations. All chapters will be receiving copies shortly. The matter of the name, colors, and emblems has been left open until we get more input from all of the chapters, so send your suggestions and comments to me so we can finish these proposals. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Daniel B. Harvey



## Alumni President's Message

To the Brotherhood of Mu Beta Psi,

It has now been several months since the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention of our fraternity. During the time that has passed since then, I have been thinking of ways to try to unify the fraternity with the help of an active alumni association. Since my own graduation from N.C.State, I have attended several conventions. On each occasion, I have found that continuity of the fraternity national business is greatly enhanced when alumni are present to remember the "unwritten minutes" of past conventions. More important, however, is the feeling that I have developed that my brotherhood and loyalty is expanding in the national fraternity - all chapters and all brothers of each graduating class. As your status in life changes, so must your outlook towards the fraternity. It is no longer practical to devote as much time to the fraternity as you did while you were in school. You must now settle for meeting your fraternity as a group once a year at conventions and keeping in touch with the fraternity by being certain that the national office has your correct address and that you have donated enough money to the national alumni fund to pay for postage and printing to keep you informed.

Many of our alumni have never received the questionnaires sent out during the past two years. Just a few weeks ago, I accidentally met one of the brothers from Alpha who works with the same company as I do. I found out from him that neither he nor another brother I knew had received any correspondence from national, even though his address was up to date at the N.C. State Univ. alumni office. If an alumni works or lives near you, be certain that he knows that an alumni association now exists and that national should be informed of his or her correct address to insure that the fraternity grows through its alumni, too.

I would now like to address the subject of our fraternity merging with any other fraternity. I have yet to find a single alumnus who is in favor of a merger if it means changing the name of the fraternity. When you have graduated, the name of your fraternity is one of the dearest memories of your college days. The fraternity letters are on your class ring and the fraternity name is the one single common bond that allows you to feel brotherhood with brothers of chapters and classes other than your own. If the fraternity changed its name, there would be no more alumni association and no more alumni loyalty to a foreign name. In summation, the Alumni Association is definitely in favor of expansion, but not at the expense of the death of "Mu Beta Psi" and not at the expense of the death of the feeling of oneness of purpose and brotherhood that has been so dear to all of us. To the now active brothers in whose hands the future of this brotherhood lies, we ask that you firmly stand loyal to the name and brotherhood of Mu Beta Psi.

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Alumni President's Message, continued

I would be happy to hear from as many of you as possible concerning the Alumni Association and any way that you might be able to help with the next convention to get alumni attendance as high as possible.

My address is: P.O. Box 391, Cooleemee, N.C., 27014. 704-284-2918. I work at the Duke Power Nuclear Station, Cowans Fort, N.C.

I remain yours in brotherhood,  
Herbert M. Jacobs, Jr. Alpha '69  
Alumni Association President 1975-76