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The Clef

Mu Beta Psi, National Honorary Musical Fraternity

The Spirit of Brotherhood



We pledge our hearts together.
Our bonds of loyalty are true.
We share our love of Music,
Faithful Brothers through and
through.



The Halls of Fellowship
Ring with strains of melody,
As voices loudly raise
To sing praises in harmony.

To Maestro waits the call
For Brotherhood to prevail.
Brothers stand in silence
Awaiting as secrets are unveiled.



The pipes and horn bring
Woodwind and brass,
Together with harp and lyre;
Symbols of music from the past.

Education and instruction
From books of learning
Boldly enlighten us with
The lamp of knowledge burning.



The bonds of Brothers
Encircled hand in hand
Swell the hearts
Of our cherished friends.



To Spirit of Mu Beta Psi
Touches the lives of Brothers,
With honor and distinction
That is greater than all others.



by Carol Liberty, Alpha
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Letter From the Editor Brotherhood in a Winter Wonderland

by Erin M. Bates

This is it! My fourth edition of *The Clef*. And I'm speechless. I say that each edition is huge, but this one takes the cake! I just want to send out a big thanks to everyone who contributed!



This edition is packed full of Brothers playing, serving, socializing, eating, having fun and well, just being Brothers. Inside are articles and pictures of Brothers forming the relationships that distinguish our Fraternity from the others. I invite everyone to read and learn from other chapter traditions, this time with how they promote Brotherhood Bonding. Ever wanted to know how to run a successful lock-in? Or how to choose that perfect hole-in-the-wall restaurant? How about finding fantastic \$5 Friday events? These and others begin on page 14.

There's snow on the ground here in Houghton. I love the Upper Peninsula winters! With the snow comes all the winter events within Mu Beta Psi. I highly recommend checking out the Calendar of Events on the back page. Also, if you have any extra events you'd like to add to the *The Clef* on-line, feel free to send them to me at any time! I'm currently working on setting up an on-line calendar for everyone to post everything from fundraisers to initiations to concerts to weddings.

National Vice President of Expansion Report

by Alana Kirby

Throughout this semester I have been encouraged by the overwhelming support for Expansion from all corners of the Fraternity. Almost every Chapter is interested in hosting, and not just interested, but actively pursuing contacts near them. This kind of energy greatly increases our chances of starting and completing another colonization!



There have been a number of contacts over the course of the summer and semester; here is a brief summary of each.

St. Augustine (RALEIGH, NC): Our contact was the former advisor of Mu Beta Psi at Theta Chapter. I spoke to him—he was interested in the Fraternity, but told me that the Music Department had just undergone some major reorganization, that things were too hectic to try and start a colony now, and that we should contact him again the next year. Which we will do, and gladly.

Shaw University (RALEIGH, NC): Our contact was a student. Attempts to reach this student and pursue conversations failed.

George Mason University (WASHINGTON DC): Our contact is a graduate student in conducting who hopes to start a Chapter to improve the feeling of unity within the department. Since the start of the semester, he has become very busy, but Brothers in DC are working with him to set up an informational meeting. I hope to have an informational meeting prior to the end of the semester.

Washington and Lee University (LEXINGTON, VA): Our contact is the former head of the Music Department. I spoke to him to ascertain the status of Epsilon Chapter (yes, it really is defunct) and found that there was some interest on his part in restarting a Chapter. I sent him a packet of information in the mail. I've been trying unsuccessfully to get back in touch with him by phone—I hope to succeed soon.

We have other Expansion goals, as well. First, there are a few schools that I plan to specifically target, with the help of individual Chapters. These are: SUNY Binghamton, in Binghamton, NY; Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI; and Wofford College, in Spartanburg, SC. We're working on the best method to approach these schools. Also, there are plans for creating an online Expansion database as a resource for Brothers. We hope to examine the merger policy, modify it, and approve it.

On a personal note, I'm happy to say that I've been to Nu's Overnight, and am planning to attend Zeta's initiations this fall. (This might be a record—that makes a pledging event for one of each Chapter in the course of one year!) I look forward to many more years of working with the Northern Chapters, now that I'm up in Michigan. And of course, if you're in the Ann Arbor area, come visit me!

National President Report

by Ryan Hauck



My first several months as National President have been very busy, sometimes stressful, sometimes upsetting, but always rewarding. It has been quite an adjustment to move from NVPE to NP, to suddenly have responsibility for the entire Fraternity sitting on my shoulders. As Harry Truman said in his farewell address to the American People, The President whoever he is has to decide. He can't pass the buck to anybody. No one else can do the deciding for him. That's his job. I am still not quite used to being the Brother at whom the buck stops. But I hope that I have served you all well. One of my biggest projects this year was to establish solid goals for all our National Officers and PBOTs, to try to increase fraternal confidence in all those positions. So far, I believe that overall our Officers and PBOTs have done an exemplary job and I am very proud of them. I have seen an unprecedented level of communication and cooperation between Officers and PBOTs, and as a result we are stabilizing at a National level. I have also seen an unprecedented and dramatic increase in communication between Officers/PBOTs and Chapters. With only a few exceptions, I think that progress this year has been significant.

I have also made an attempt to keep lines of communication open between myself and all of the Chapters. Although I have not yet met my own personal goal of speaking over-the-phone or in-person with all Chapter Presidents and MALs, I have at least communicated frequently with them over the internet and think that a good rapport has been established between Chapters and the National Organization. I hope to build this trust and confidence even more as time goes on. I am happy to report that between April and November of this year, I have visited every Chapter in the Fraternity. I completed trips to Zeta and Xi in April (and I do plan to make a non-Convention trip to Zeta as soon as possible); Alpha, Alumni, and Omicron in August; Nu in October; Mu in November; and of course lots of trips to my home Chapter, Delta. It was especially rewarding to finally make it back to Nu Chapter; I had not been there since early 1998. I have been keeping good watch on all the Chapters and offering help when I thought it could be useful. I hope that the Chapters have benefitted from an increased level in personal attention. I believe that as a whole, the Chapters are all strong. There are a few issues I'm keeping my eye on as far as membership numbers and Chapter activities, but I am not too worried. Chapters are all responding admirably to national requests and deadlines, are keeping up their own obligations very well, and are continuing to talk to each other about cooperative efforts.

I recently distributed and collected a Chapter survey, and the results of those surveys were very informative and useful. One thing I saw a consistent request for was training and documentation, and I hope to develop some programs in the near future to address those needs. I have already taken beginning steps with the creation of a training seminar which was given to Omicron and Delta. This seminar was very chapter-specific, but could easily be (and hopefully will soon be) adapted to cover any Chapter's needs. I hope, with the cooperation of other National Officers and Chapter leaders, to create additional such resources to help the Chapters understand their responsibilities and fulfill them confidently year after year.

Having made sure the Fraternity is relatively stable and caught up, I want to start moving the Fraternity towards some unbroken ground. In the coming semesters, with the help of everyone, I hope to begin a national dialogue about what direction Mu Beta Psi wants to pursue in the future. To this effect, I am planning to hold one or more meetings, starting at Convention, where anyone who attends will be able to help mold our course for future years. We will be considering any and all ideas that are presented, and trying to figure out the best way to pursue a path to ultimate success. Brothers, to the best of anyone's knowledge we are the premiere small music fraternity (under 50 Chapters) in the nation, yet we still have trouble with name recognition outside of (and sometimes inside of) our own sheltering institutions. It is time for us to make the decision whether to accept that status, or to aggressively move forward to become a truly formidable and reputable organization. Speaking for myself, I am very excited about our future. We have the potential, the personnel, the energy, and maybe even the stars themselves lined up to accomplish tremendous achievements; we must now evaluate ourselves and decide what actions to take to fulfill that potential. May Brotherhood Prevail!

National Treasurer Report

by Julie Lyon



First of all, I would like to express how pleased I am with the financial leadership at each of the chapters—yes, that's you Treasurers! You've done a terrific job this year. All deadlines have been met. We even managed to get semi-annual financial reports from everyone this year—woo hoo! The chapter treasurers are doing a great job of keeping me informed on chapter goings-on and fundraisers. I've especially appreciated the fact that you've been asking questions and that we've been able to maintain a dialogue throughout the semester. Good work people!

The National Finance Committee (NFC) had a very positive online meeting this fall. We discussed jewelry orders, fundraisers, the current status of bank accounts, the finance policy, motions (including approving the revised finance policy and allocating money to Shari for a digital camera purchase), and the semi-annual financial report.

I plan on sending out a mailing to the chapters later this semester (or early next semester) on good financial accounting practices. I also have plans to follow up on past jewelry orders and projected jewelry needs.

Tim Kudlock and I have been working in tandem on many items. We are almost finished reconciling the past records. Additionally, we have been providing joint advice to chapters on fundraisers and tax issues. You wouldn't believe the knowledge that this guy has! He even had advice for Xi on selling Avon products!

Ultimately, I'm thrilled at the participation of the chapters on financial issues and in creating unique fundraisers this year. All of you have been very patient with me as I have adjusted to this position. If anyone has issues to discuss or feedback to give me on my job performance, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Write or call anytime: jlyon@psyc.umd.edu, (301) 325-8823 (cell), (301) 405-5934 (school).

Words make you think a thought.
Music makes you feel a feeling. A
song makes you feel a thought.

--E.Y. Harbug



National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance

By Birmagidra Marie Gainor Parrott

Howdy from the unseasonably warm south. Since the last *Clef*, I have been working to start to put together some of the ideas we came up with at convention. I can do a grand job of collating, but I need help from y'all the chapters! What I need:

- ❖ Ideas for fundraisers
- ❖ Ideas for Brotherhood bonding (any games, retreat materials, semester chapter activities, etc)
- ❖ Full descriptions of informal initiations at your various chapters

Also, I would like some honest feedback on a few things, discussed as a chapter. (Consider this a poll that definitely requires an answer!)

- ❖ How much involvement would you like to see Alumni make with your chapter on an organizational basis?
- ❖ How much money, or even any at all, would you like to see available for chapters to get together with each other for bonding or training experience?
- ❖ Would you like to see the NCCM sponsor training on a national level for different things acting as a clearinghouse of sorts for training documents that will always be an available resource for the chapters—from Robert's Rules to MAL training to running Brothers' court.
- ❖ Do you wish that you could just call or email BOT or National officers, no matter the chapter affiliation, to get advice or information on rituals and procedures?
- ❖ Are the procedures that we are an organization use clear enough for the individual Brother to be able to follow them?

Please send me answers to these questions **AS A CHAPTER** by **JANUARY 31, 2003**. This is one of those dead serious type things: if you guys don't tell me what you want, I can't help you or get this information together. ***There will be a fine levied for lack of response by this date.***

I hope everyone has good holidays, and stays strong in Brotherhood!



Chairman of the Board of Trustees Report

by Gayle Kirby

The Board of Trustees has been actively advising and working over the past several months. Specifically, the discussions and tasks we have been working on have centered around preserving our archives, getting our financial records in order, Fraternity goals, and the National Historian's plan for the future of our archives.

Shari Baxter (NH), Tim Kudlock (PBOT-CFO) and I have had several email discussions regarding the pros and cons of records preservation techniques. Shari is coming up with a proposal for next Convention regarding records preservation techniques and a recommendation for the fraternity going forward, and I think the discussions we've had will help us do the best thing for the fraternity.

Tim Kudlock (PBOT-CFO) and Julie Lyon (NT) have been discussing the financial state of the fraternity, and now that Julie finally has the financial records transferred to her, we are covering some amazing ground catching us back up to date.

Julie Lyon (NT) and I have been working on some Finance Policy updates, and we'll get everything completed at the BOT midyear meeting that's going to be held on November 13th.

Ben Griffeth (VC-BOT) is still accepting submissions for our Fraternity's goals. If you have any ideas or suggestions for goals that the Fraternity should be pursuing, please get them to Ben as soon as possible.

Ben Griffeth (PBOT-Membership), Tim Kudlock (PBOT-CFO), Bryan Reamer (PBOT-Risk Management) and I are busy working on our specific goals for this year, and are doing a great job of getting through them.

And as always, the Chapter BOT representatives are busy keeping their chapters running smoothly and efficiently. Keep up the great work guys and gals!



Open National Offices at Convention

by Ryan Hauck

I'd like to let Brothers know that there are several National Officer positions up for election at Convention 2003. Offices to be contested are: National President, National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance, and National Editor of The Clef. All of these offices are extremely important to the success of Mu Beta Psi. If you are interested in becoming one of these Officers, I highly encourage you to put your name in! Keep in mind that Psi resumes and letters should be distributed to all Chapters and current National Officers no less than 30 days before election, which would make the deadline January 30. Note that the letter and resume are not required - you cannot be disqualified for not submitting them - but they are highly recommended.

If you think you might be a good officer, I strongly encourage you to do your homework. Read up on all the policies and officer duties, talk to past holders of that office, and talk to the person currently holding the office. These people should be happy to help you out (even if you end up running against them!). Establish some ideas and goals for yourself to tell us about in your election speech. And oh yes, don't forget to write an election speech! Those are always valuable.

If anyone has any questions about running for National Office, please feel free to contact me about the process or the office in particular. I will be more than happy to assist you in your efforts. I hope that there is lots of interest among Brothers of all Chapters to stand for these elections, and so I hope to hear from lots of you soon. May Brotherhood Prevail!

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Alpha Chapter Report

by Ted Gellar, Alpha MAL

The Fall 2002 semester has seen several changes here at Alpha Chapter. Our first ever performance of our Chapter's brand new pinning ceremony went quite well; we excitedly anticipate the initiation of our newest Brother, Tony Sprinkle, on November 24.

Our service activities this semester have included the standard concert setups and takedowns and working at football games for the marching band by moving equipment, purchasing and passing out apples, and distributing water. This year, the marching band has been truly appreciative and the drum majors, drum line, and section leaders have all at one time or another thanked us for our help. We have had great success with a new point-based MAC system and have been commended by our techie colleagues at neighboring Stewart Theatre for our effectiveness in performing concert MACs.

In the works for our Music Department publicity efforts are breadboards with which to advertise Music Department events; as well, the Alpha Chapter Publicity Committee is looking into a system for distributing flyers and similar advertisements for every Music Department event.

October 1st of this year saw the 18th Annual MusicFEST, our talent competition in which student musicians compete for prizes ranging from \$75 to \$250. This year's competition was co-sponsored by Mu Beta Psi and the Campus Arts Council, a small student organization with an enormous arts advocacy budget. Student Government also contributed a sizeable amount to our efforts, thanks to the hard work of Alpha Chapter's Fall Appropriations Group, who filled out an application and completed an interview with the Student Senate Committee on Finance as part of the Fall Student Organization Appropriations Process. Judges for MusicFEST this semester included the NCSU Student Body President and the head of the Student Union.

On the more negative side of the fall, Alpha Chapter has had continued run-ins with the Fraternal Composites Company. This overpriced and discourteous organization previously shot our annual composite each year, and every photo day, the photographer would not take our pictures until the Chapter President re-signed a three-year contract for service. Well, last year, FCC scheduled our photo day without contacting us first, so

that we received notice only three days before the Brotherhood was supposed to assemble to be captured on camera. Needless to say, this did not happen, and words were exchanged between the Chapter and the company. We thought the crisis averted, as we did not have our pictures taken, did not pay money, and did not re-sign the contract, though we are yet apparently required to pay FCC for services for another year. However, last month, FCC came round again, thrice scheduling photo days without contacting us and thrice scheduling in vain. Representatives of the company even called the Music Department program coordinator, asking for the home phone numbers of individual Brothers, in order to harass us. Well, thanks to the deft work of members of the Executive Committee, we are free of FCC burdens for the time being; they have been told not to schedule another photo day without contacting us beforehand.

In other news, Brothers from Alpha Chapter in October had the exciting occasion to attend a Hot Date with Brothers from Mu Chapter which began at Chili's Restaurant in Durham and ended with an informal social gathering at Mu Member-at-Large Jonny Chen's house. We, the Alpha, greatly enjoyed the event and look forward to several more in the coming semesters.

Looking forward, Spring 2003 seems like it is going to be another good semester at Alpha Chapter. With marching band out of session, the Active Brotherhood will be focusing on a strong pledging season, increasing Music Department publicity output, concert MACs, and working to refine our *modus operandi* in both service and Brotherhood. We are also considering the potential of participation in Greek Week and other similar Greek life events in which mostly social Greek organizations have previously participated.

You are the music while the music lasts.
- T.S. Eliot

Zeta Chapter Report

by Chris Occhipinti, Zeta MAL

Zeta Chapter is having an extremely busy year. This is looking to be one of the most productive semesters in recent history as we are actually completing many of the tasks that have been left unfinished for many years. We are within a stone's throw of achieving the goals that we set for our chapter at our annual lock-in in September, as well as excelling with our usual tasks such as recruiting and public service.

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Currently we have 15 active Brothers and several very active alumni. Though our size is smaller than it has been in several years, we quite efficient. Last spring, we saw Guys and Doll pledge class go through. BASSic Treble is our current pledge class of four members. We hope to continue our successful recruitment in order to fill the holes left by seniors each semester.

Rushes, social and musical activities all seem to be going well. After hosting Convention 2002, we have continued enjoy the privilege of being in a national organization. This summer, Zeta Brother Jon Kovarik organized a trip to Cedar Point in order to get together with members of other chapters. It was a blast and we hope to do it again in the future.

One of our chapter advisors, Jeff Bell-Hanson took a new position at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. He is leaving MTU after 16 years of directing various Michigan Tech ensembles. He has been an advisor for 9 years. We congratulate him on his new position and wish him the best of luck.

Locally, we have made many changes to technology this year, in order to get our chapter running more smoothly. The complete rebuild of our chapter website is almost finished. It looks great, and will hopefully help get the word out about our chapter and Fraternity as a whole. You can check it out at <http://www.fa.mtu.edu/~mbpsi/>. We also managed to acquire and assemble a new computer for our office.

We are nearing completion on many of our other goals and projects for the semester. Our chapter is in the process of creating new Committee Handbooks. The much-needed update is almost finished. This will be a big step in making the chapter more efficient as a whole. We also hope to have our alumni newsletter in the mail shortly. Another goal set at our fall lock in is to have better academics. We have set up a system that we hope will inspire friendly competition toward achieving better grades. The MTU Pep Band songbook is also nearly ready for sale by Mu Beta Psi Brothers. These books have been published in the past and will again be used to raise money for our scholarship fund.

With all these activities going on, it is easy to see that we will be having yet another busy semester. We are looking forward to seeing even more great things in the coming months.

Delta Chapter Report

by Andrea D. Smith, Delta MAL

Well Brothers, the time has come again to give you that wonderful Delta Chapter Report, the Chapter of Change, Innovation and Excellence!

- Our *Dynamic Duo* is now official, I am proud to say that we can now call Ashleigh Dennis and Corey Magwood Brothers at Delta Chapter!
- Friday, November 15, we have a Celtic Holiday Choral Performance, which Carlos, Ashleigh, and I will be in. I play and sing in Women's Glee. Carlos is in Men's Glee, CU Singers, Southern Accents, and I'm probably forgetting some other group he's in - he is in everything! Ashleigh is in CU Singers also. Delta will be hosting the reception for this concert for more than 200 performers.
- Accolades go to Dwella Nelson, who landed a leading role in *South Pacific*, and also Carlos who has a part as well!
- Sunday, November 17, we will be hosting our Semi-Annual Brother's Retreat at Nicole's place - a night of bonding, potluck, movies, games and more.
- Saturday, December 7, we will host our Delta Christmas Party right before exams to end the semester in a joyous, merry way. Secret Santa gifts will be exchanged, and we're all looking forward to that!

This has been another marvelous edition of the Delta Chapter Report.

Nu Chapter Report

by Karen Philips, Nu MAL & Jon Rowlands, Nu President

The semester here at cold and windy Oswego has been full of social events as well as fundraisers! The Music department chair as well as the music faculty had asked Mu Beta Psi to help plan the Faculty/Staff and Student Picnic, which took place on Friday October 4th, 2002. Nu chapter planned the games and brought a list of needed items to make it a successful event. The Sweetheart of the Fraternity Pam Lavalley arrived at the event with a giant bouncing ball. Though the sky was overcast the Brothers, Majors, Minors, Faculty, Staff and Alumni enjoyed a picnic with old friends and some new

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ones and one great game of kickball. This event shall be looked forward to for the years to come.

Nu has been very busy with its fundraisers as I am sure you have all heard as well. If anyone is interested in a Mu Beta Psi cookbook, get in contact with us. I am sure you will be seeing some at convention. We have also been working hard at selling our Mu Beta Psi discount cards.

We have had some wonderful shows here at Oswego! Rennie Harris Pure Movement, the Elements Quartet, Mozarts the Magic Flute, and upcoming; Peter Leitch Sextet, and the Jazz Guitar Festival, Mozart's Requiem (college choir and community orchestra), the Renaissance Madrigal Banquet, and of course the college choir Christmas concert.

Our four pledges Jessica, Hunter, Lauren and Sue are wonderful! They are doing so well and we are all so very proud of them. We can't wait to welcome them into the Fraternity!

The Chapter will be participating in our Annual Holiday Caroling on December 15th, followed by an overnight practice marathon/ sleepover in Tyler Hall. Even as we look forward to seeing everyone at convention in Chapel Hill 2003, we are starting to get excited and plan our tenth anniversary convention 2004 in Oswego!

Mu Chapter Report

by Jonny Chen, Mu MAL

This fall has been an incredibly busy semester for the Brothers of Mu Chapter. With lots of Brothers going inactive or graduating last spring, we began the semester with only ten active Brothers. This has put a lot of burden on each individual to contribute as much as he or she can, but everyone has been dedicated this semester and we've accomplished a lot.

Despite our low numbers though, our productivity this semester has been very evident.

We got off to a great start with Brothers from Mu and Alpha publicizing Mu Beta Psi and our fall pledging season at a table at Fall Fest. Inactives and actives alike enjoyed rush week as potential pledges joined us for dinner, ice cream night, and movie night. The fall quickly whooshed by with all the pledging events going on. Pledgemasters Hannah Johnson and Gretta Beaty worked hard this fall and in the early hours of the tenth of November we welcomed two new Brothers to Mu. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Lisa Offoha and John Dudley!

One of the things we've been working on this semester is increasing our visibility across campus especially in the music department. Because of two other music fraternities competing for attention, this has been a challenge. However, with the help of Honorary Brother Paul Cole we secured a bulletin board in the music building. We've also been making strides in emphasizing our presence to the music faculty in late October we inducted two new Honorary Brothers: Professors Tim Carter and John Covach.

Omicron Chapter Report

by Erin Wright, Omicron MAL

We here at Omicron are doing very well. We have 8 amazingly awesome pledges who are doing great. We have been keeping rather busy on campus this semester. We are currently gearing up for the concerts that most of us will perform in and the others will help usher. We are currently looking at involving our advisers in more of our activities since one of them is leaving for sabbatical next year.

Our pledge class has taken on the Holiday Sing-o-grams as their class fundraiser, so after Thanksgiving we will again regale the campus with our renditions of fun Christmas carols. This year we are banning Grandma got run over by a reindeer. We have set the date for Initiations January 24-25. We hope to see lots of people there. The Social Committee is working on planning a banquet for the evening of the 25th with lots of tasty food.

We are also working on building relationships with other service organizations on campus. Our chapters of Alpha Phi Omega and Alpha Psi Omega are both helping with some of our service projects and there is talk of a mixer with APO in the near future.



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Xi Chapter Report

by Nathaniel K, Xi MAL

Xi has had a great fall semester! In keeping with our tradition of assisting the music department on campus, Xi Brothers have spent their time ushering the various concerts held on campus. Xi Brothers have also ushered two musicals this semester; *Jacob's Well*, an evangelical show presented by the Saint Vincent College Campus Ministry, and a student-directed production of *Nunsense*.

In addition to ushering several performances of these productions, Xi completed other projects. These service events included decorating pumpkins for a local retirement home and collecting candy and distributing it to a children's daycare center on campus. Our crowning event this semester was helping at a local Halloween event, the Youngwood Haunted Train, in which several Brothers dressed in costumes and interacted with the visitors. This event was so significant since the other college volunteers cancelled just three days prior to the event. Xi to the rescue! With less than a week to prepare, we were able to have at least ten Brothers participate each night. In fact, the Brothers were so spirited and helpful the people in charge have asked us to participate again in coming years!

Xi also spends a lot of time fund-raising for convention in hopes to have an almost full turnout this year. We are working to raise funding by distributing Avon catalogues and selling their products. Towards the end of the semester, we will be selling Christmas candy-grams to the students and faculty on campus.

Xi recently held a family reunion for our Brothers at a local restaurant called Dingbats. We had a great turnout of both active and alumni Brothers. Everyone had a good time, and our rendition of *Hail The Spirit* received a hearty round of applause from the other patrons in the restaurant!

Initiations were held on November 16th. We are pleased to welcome two outstanding people, Melissa Pegg and Matthew Davis. As pledges, they have shown incredible dedication and effort to the values of our Fraternity, and we are confident that they will be a wonderful addition.

Xi has worked hard these past few months to expand our presence in both the college and surrounding communities. We hope that everyone else has had a wonderful and productive semester, and we look to seeing everyone at the 2003 Convention!

Alumni Association Report

by Kevin Britton, AA President

The Alumni Association continues to move forward to advance our purposes, both within the Fraternity, and on a community level.

On the Fraternity level, we are working hard to improve our visibility and interaction with our collegiate Brothers. To accomplish this, we're initiating a drive to establish regular contact with Brothers at each collegiate Chapter. In this way, we hope to learn about our future members, as well as learn ways in which we as a Chapter can help collegiates tackle their challenges, both Fraternally and personally. The Alumni Association is made of people from all walks of life. Surely we have much to offer those currently earning their degrees, as well as those about to graduate and enter the real world.

Musically, we continue to prepare for the launch of *REWIND*, an online magazine devoted to music. Although we're a bit behind our intended launch schedule, we have high hopes that we will be able to attract both readers and contributors by offering a wide variety of content. Of course, we could always use your input! If you have an idea for an article, or wish to submit content for *REWIND*, contact Alana Kirby at aekirby@umich.edu.

Looking ahead, the Alumni Association is investigating ways to utilize our restricted fund to help collegiates and the universities they support. Whether this will be accomplished by sponsoring scholarships, establishing a mini-grant program, or through other means, remains to be seen. Hopefully we will have more information on this as Convention approaches.

In the meantime, you can keep up-to-date on all of the Alumni Association's activities by checking out *Alumni Notes*, or periodic online newsletter, which is available on the Alumni Association website at <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org>.

See you all at Convention!!



Meet the Permanent Members of the Board of Trustees

Hello fellow Brothers! In keeping with our advisory spirit, please feel free to send any issues, comments, questions or concerns to any one of the PBOT members. We would be happy to help you work through your issues, or just lend a listening ear. We may be old ;-) but we certainly are experienced! You may not have yet met us face to face, but we were once where you are now, and can truly relate. And we've seen Mu Beta Psi go through good times and bad. Who knows? The issue you have right now may be able to be resolved by an experience we've been through before. But you'll never know unless you give us a try. Check out who we are at <http://www.mubetapsi.org/bot.html> and in our introductions below. We look forward to hearing from you!



Bryan Reamer

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Bryan Reamer and I have been a permanent BOT member since 1988? The memory gets to you after a while but it was at a Zeta hosted convention. Anyway, I pledged Mu Beta Psi in the spring of 1982 as a freshman at Michigan

Technological University's Zeta Chapter. I was very active on several committees while a collegiate and served as Zeta Chapter Vice President. I have served a couple of terms as BOT chair and at one point, because of officer vacancies, was the only PBOT member, national secretary, treasurer, and historian!! That was interesting!

On a more personal note, I am a Sales & Distribution Planner for ZF Batavia in Batavia, OH. We currently provide automatic transmissions to Ford Motor Company. My partner, Clint, and I have been together for 10 years. We have adopted 4 children in the last 4 1/2 years (Mark and Kenny are 10 year old twins we have had for 2 1/2 years, Keegan is 4 and we have had him since birth, and Caleb is 3 and we got him 2 days before Christmas last year. We also have a German shepherd named Sarge, a Yorkie named CoCo, and a cat named Blossom (Keegan named her). The 3 oldest boys are in soccer so we have practice 3 nights a week and usually 4 games a weekend!!

I am currently serving as the Risk Management Advisor. Among my duties is the review of each chapter's by-laws and informal initiation rituals. This is to be done annually. I am also responsible for advising the Fraternity on other issues that pose potential risks and potential solutions to mitigate risk. I am currently working on a recommendation for Fraternity liability insurance. One issue that has become apparent is that there is no clear definition of who is authorized to purchase the policy on behalf of the Fraternity. I believe it should be a National Officer (not the BOT since we are advisory only) and the treasurer would be responsible for paying the appropriate premiums when due.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am not always on email so if it is urgent or you haven't gotten a response to an email, a quick call is fine.

Benjamin Griffeth

My name is Benjamin Griffeth (often called Griff) and I am a Brother of Mu Beta Psi. I pledged in the spring of 1989 as a charter of Kappa at Wofford College. I served 2 years as president of that august body prior to graduating in 1991

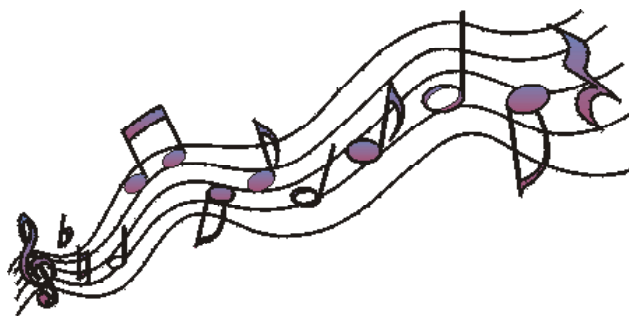
and commencing at University of South Carolina School of Medicine. I hold the distinction of being the only BOT to be voted down (3 times) before elected and being elected in absentia at a Zeta convention (1995). I have served an uneventful tour as the Chair and this is my second tour as Vice-chair.



To update my personal biography, I am a board certified psychiatrist practicing in Bethesda, MD at the National Naval Medical Center. I have recently been promoted to Lieutenant Commander (that is equivalent to a major for those who understand ground-pounder). I have been married for nearly 10 years to a fellow charter Brother, Amanda. I have a 3 year-old daughter, Allie, who usually comes to and takes over Convention. We are also expecting to arrival of Owen Ellis Griffeth in late January 2003.

I look forward to a lot of phone calls from the chapters, as I am the BOT contact for all members and also for GOALS.

I can be emailed at psychdoc@alum.wofford.org or called at work (301) 295-2689 or at home prior to 10pm (301) 527-0556.





Gayle Kirby

On the fraternity side, I pledged Mu Beta Psi Zeta Chapter at Michigan Technological University, in Houghton, MI in the spring of 1987. I held various committee chairs while active at the collegiate level. After graduation from Michigan Tech, I became more involved in the

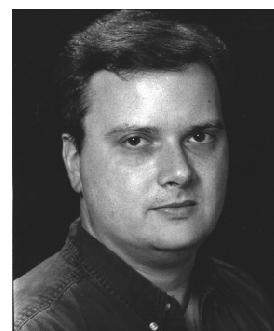
fraternity at the National level, with my election to National Secretary in 1992. I was the first person to hold that office after the National Executive Secretary office was divided into three offices: National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Historian. My greatest accomplishments as National Secretary include the creation of most of the National Policies, as well as the Policy Manuals, and the combination of our National Constitution and National By-Laws into one document that you know today as the National Constitution. After completing one 3-year term of National Secretary, I was then nominated and elected to be a Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees in 1995. I held the office of Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1996 until 1999, and now am holding it again since last Convention. I previously held the advisory position on the Board of Trustees as Maintenance and Expansion Advisor, and when the four advisory positions were re-created, I came to hold the Records Management Advisor position. I am also active in the Alumni Association. My greatest accomplishment in the Alumni Association to date, I believe, is the creation of the Mu Beta Psi Brothers Database. After its creation, I also maintained it for several years until the maintenance was taken over by Molly Kuhns. My musical background is as a clarinetist.

On the personal side, I was born and raised in Troy, MI. I graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1990 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. I currently work for General Motors in the Information Systems and Services department in Detroit, MI, where I am on special assignment as the IT Supplemental Services Transition Manager. In my spare time, I like to keep busy with such activities as biking, volleyball, watersports, softball, reading, and travel. I have done several major 150 mile charity bike rides, as well as having traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Costa Rica and Belize. Next year I'm hoping to make it to Peru to tour Macchu Picchu.

My current duties on the Board of Trustees are many. I'm currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and am performing all the duties required of the job. I won't bore you with the details of those day-to-day duties, but if you're curious as to what they are, feel free to look them up in the National Constitution or the Board of Trustees Policy Manual. ;-)

Tim Kudlock

Tim Kudlock has been active in Mu Beta Psi since pledging the fraternity at Clemson University in the Fall of 1985. While in college and in the years since, Tim has remained very active in the fraternity, holding the offices of Chapter Vice President, National President, National Editor of *The Clef*,



permanent Board member (serving as both Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board), Interim National Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer.

Tim's journey into music began at the early age of six, when he started studying piano. Through the years, he tackled the accordion, trumpet, organ and voice. While at Clemson, Tim not only sang in the choral ensembles but also spent several years as the piano accompanist for the University Chorus and C.U. After Six Singers show choir. He even did a few stints on the piano playing for receptions and dinners, the most memorable of which was being asked to play at the President's Mansion for a high profile reception.

Tim graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1988 and a Master of Professional Accountancy degree in 1989 and became a CPA in 1992. Having lived in Columbia, SC since 1989, Tim became involved in musical endeavors first at his church, where he became a member of the Chancel Choir and later joined the church orchestra as 1st chair trumpet. He has also played keyboard in two Christian bands, which were rewarding and challenging, both musically and spiritually.

In 2000, Tim took a quantum leap into community theater and, over the past two years, has sung and danced his way through 42nd Street, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, South Pacific, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (where he was also the pianist), Brigadoon, Singin' in the Rain and now the upcoming production of Rock Nativity, where he plays the whimsical King Herod. He also sings baritone with The Jacobsons, a male quartet, which hasn't quite hit the road yet! And, in his spare time, he has studied tap dance at the Columbia Ballet School and currently studies tap at the theater.

Promoting music wasn't something that just ended as Tim graduated from college...in fact, Tim sees his current activities as only the beginning of a hopefully long life in music!

Delta's Alumni Answer the Call

By Ryan Hauck, Delta Alumnus & NP

Spring 2002 was the miracle semester that Delta Chapter has been praying for, for 5 years now, and came at a critical time that could have otherwise meant the death of the Chapter. Instead of becoming a sad memory in the annals of Mu Beta Psi, Delta has rebounded to become a normal, growing, enthusiastic Chapter once again. Nobody was more pleased than I to see this happen, and I know that decades of Alumni (from whom we still hear occasionally) also appreciate the amazing amount of hard work and sacrifice that Delta has put in to saving the Chapter. The one thing that a rebounding Delta could not do, however, was hang on to its already meager supply of funds. Due to an unfortunate string of events, the bank where the Chapter held an account gradually ate away at Delta's remaining funds through service fees until finally there was no money in the account. All the work that had been done the semester before seemed jeopardized because the Chapter had no money with which to operate.

When I found out about this situation over the summer, I was devastated. A Chapter needs several hundred dollars a semester merely to operate at a competent level—there are pledge supplies to buy, receptions to cater, recruiting materials to purchase, and so on. The Brothers could afford neither a drastic increase in dues nor to skimp on their activities. I decided I had to help Delta, but knew I could not do it alone. I contacted a small list of Delta alumni whom I trust very closely, and sent them an unadorned, unembellished appeal for help on the Chapter's behalf. This was done without the Chapter's knowledge. I made no promises, except for recognition in *The Clef*; offered no specific cause for the money; gave no suggestions. I simply asked them to give what they could to the organization they had been a part of for so long. The alumni that I contacted responded with an outpouring that even I was not expecting. From just the small list of alumni that I sent an e-mail to, I received responses from nine alumni (including myself) who raised a total of \$650.00 for Delta Chapter. In September, I surprised the Chapter at dinner one night by presenting them with the money and the accompanying letters. Donations ranged from \$20 to over \$150. All the alumni who wrote expressed their love and support for Delta, and wanted Delta to know they have been watching over the Chapter for many years.

So today I say thank you from the bottom of my heart to these wonderful Alumni who gave so graciously upon receiving one humble request. Because of their support and generosity, Delta was able to conduct normal operations this semester without facing a financial crisis. This gift was tremendously important to the Chapter, and Delta will long remember it. I would like to recognize all of those who responded to the call:

Mark Sublette, Falls Church VA, Fall 1978
Mary Weinberger, Greenville SC, Fall 1991
Todd Jordan, Salinas CA, Spring 1993
Karla Stumpo, Atlanta GA, Spring 1993
Melissa Dempster, Rockville MD, Fall 1993
Stef Goodenow, Clemson SC, Spring 1994
Thomas Buie, Boston MA, Spring 1995
Duane Bradshaw, Richmond IN, Fall 1995

The drive was so successful that I'm considering making it an annual event (as one of the donors suggested). If nine people can raise over \$600, imagine the possibilities from tapping into Delta's entire alumni network! In fact, all of the Chapters can be inspired by the success of this effort—your alumni are out there, waiting to give back. They are simply waiting for the call. I know I will be forever grateful to the Delta alumni who answered mine.



Delta Brothers during STEP practice.

Haunted House Omicron Style

by Shelly Ayers, Omicron

Before this property belonged to Roanoke College, this building was an institution for the criminally insane. Those who committed the most gruesome and unthinkable crimes in the state were held here. In exchange for government funding, the nurses and orderlies performed terrifying experiments on the inmates who lived out their life sentences here: deforming bodies, scattering brains, and driving the inmates further and further insane .until one night when the inmates broke free of their restraints and began murdering everyone they came across. No one survived. On Halloween night, the ghosts of those who died here once again roam the building, seeking revenge



Now doesn't that just get you in the mood for Halloween? Omicron Chapter's First Ever Haunted House went off as a resounded success! After countless hours of lay-outs, shopping, and decorating, the night of October 31st finally arrived! Deciding to open the event up to the entire Salem/Roanoke community, we placed fliers throughout local businesses, as well as all of the dorms on campus. With the help of Roanoke College's Public Relations Department, we placed ads in the newspapers, as well as the *Salem Register*.

Catawba Hall, which housed our event, opened its doors to trick-or-treaters throughout the night, and games such as bobbing for apples and pin the nose on the pumpkin were held upstairs in the early hours. From 7-9pm the Haunted House was geared towards younger members of the community: we toned down the scare-level, and children could participate in hands-on events, like touching eyeballs and brains. However, from 9-11pm anything went for the older members of the community. Focusing on a Mental Hospital theme, we had such locations as the Un-living Room, an Electroconvulsive Therapy Room, and Dr. Horror's Room of Death. Calculating that about 150-250 people came through, some twice, we feel confident saying a fun time was had by all in attendance!

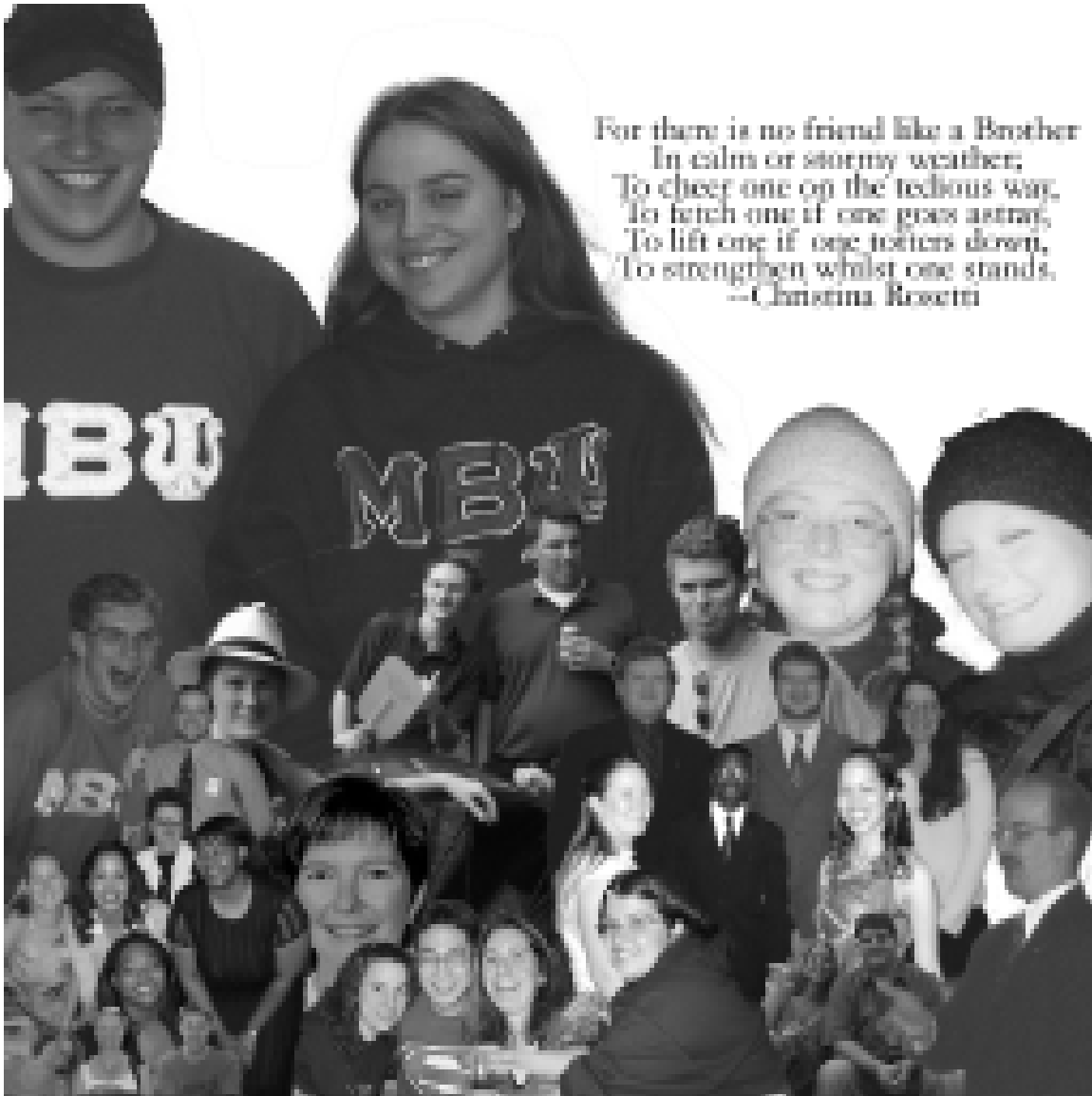
Seeing the opportunity as a service event that would bring together the brotherhood and our pledges, we put on the house for free; the only thing we asked for was donations to offset the cost of production. After final tallies, Omicron is happy to report that we made a \$85.94 profit not too bad for a first time effort! Many of the brave souls that entered our house inquired about next year's house, so plans will be underway after the inductions of our wonderful pledge class in January.

Needless to say, all of the Brothers and Pledges of Omicron Chapter believe this event to be one of our best yet, however none of this would have happened without the assistance of our friends, the Roanoke College Community, and members of Alpha Phi Omega, the National Community Service Fraternity. We couldn't have been more pleased with our turnout, and we're already excited about the possibility of another house next year—the idea of a Haunted Forest came up in one discussion! Omicron Chapter would like to thank everyone who offered their assistance and guidance throughout this endeavor. And just remember, the lurking spirits will be watching you



Pledge Mike Wolter fighting the prince of darkness

Brotherhood Bonding



The following pages show how our Brotherhood plays together, forming the relationships that make our Fraternity unique.

The Brotherhood that plays hard, works hard.

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Alpha Chapter: Fun with Food

by Ted Gellar, Alpha MAL and Julie Lyon, National Treasurer

Back in the day, before it received a Sanitation Rating of D and was condemned by the City of Raleigh, Darryl's Restaurant was the Alpha Chapter restaurant of choice. We would faithfully go there week after week, ignoring the horrendous customer service (we got out of paying for a lot of meals because of that, which is always easy on the collegiate wallet), motivated, as memory has it, by the promise of finding the shapes of U.S. states in the large saltine crackers they provided (free of charge this was key). But after they boarded up the doors, we needed a new restaurant to call our own. Or at least to call for reservations.

We somehow stumbled upon a little hole in the wall (no, literally, the building redefined the concept of slumlord housing violations) named Los Tres Magueyes. The Mexican waiters got to know us quickly, always inquiring whether we were going to pull out the laptop again during this meal. The cheese dip and huge margaritas drew us there again and again. So did the fact that one of the greasy-haired servers enjoyed seeing a certain one of our Brothers enough to give us free food. In honor of the restaurant, the Executive Committee devised an anthem, appropriately titled *Los Tres Magueyes*. Some of you were able to experience this little piece of Mexican heaven during Alpha's Convention, so you know why it became such a thing for us. Or, if you don't like Mexican food, then you probably just shook your head in gastronomic disdain. However, as we've all experienced at one point in our lives, there's a limit to the amount of Mexican food you should ingest over time, so we, weak of heart(burn) and frail of stomach, turned to another country to provide a home for hungry Brothers.

That country was Japan, a Japan which most people know as Cary, North Carolina. Cary's version of Tokyo was called Hibachi Express, and just like Tokyo, it had rice, sushi, and free refills on Diet Coke. A favorite spot for Rules Committee meetings, Hibachi Express provided the standard Japanese steakhouse-style food with the best seafood sauce on this side of the Pacific. But the Hibachi experience would have been as nothing without its neighbor and beloved counterpart, the Marble Slab Creamery. One of those nifty make-your-own ice cream places, Marble Slab has some of the best flavors and mix-ins (fancy word for toppings) in the Raleigh area. The Hibachi / Marble Slab double-header became

The Delta Bond

by Andrea D. Smith, Delta MAL

Delta is the chapter of Change, Excellence and Innovation. You may very well find yourself wondering, what is it that makes Delta so unique? It's not our leadership skills, our musical talent or our passion for service - it's our bond of Brotherhood that makes us this way. Sharing our strengths, we support and uplift each other in every endeavor exemplifying the true essence of Brotherhood. While we can't tell you *all* our secrets, we would like to give you just a *taste* of what Delta bonding is all about.

One of the most unique bonding experiences is the Delta Pledge Season. No one else does it quite like Delta does, and when you're a Delta Brother, you have a special bond to each other like no one else has - it's just the Delta way. This Fall semester, Delta is proud to present our **Dynamic Duo: Brother Ashleigh Dennis** and **Brother Corey Magwood**, pictured to the right. These two certainly live up to their Pledge Class name. This pledge season was filled with surprises and opportunities galore for Delta Bonding, which we took full advantage of. Again, we can't share all our secrets, but here's one we can't help but let you in on: The Gak Story. One fine Initiations Week night, Brother Smith a.k.a. Princess, went across the street to a local store for snacks. Being gone so long, a theory developed that Brother Smith *must* be holding up the small convenience store! For those of you who don't know Brother Smith, she is known for her fashion-sense and exquisite taste in style. So naturally, the theory specified the details of the hold up to include a gak, which matches Brother Smith's purse and shoes. (For those of you who don't know, gak is slang for a gun). This was our big bonding joke of the pledge season from then afterwards. The Gak Theme has permeated throughout the Chapter, exhibit Pictures 3 and 4.

Despite Gak Themes and other pleasures of the Delta Pledge Season, we also enjoy partaking in the **Delta Retreat**. Coordinated by Brother Janice Holmes, our retreat will take place this Sunday at Delta President Brother Nicole Chavez's humble abode. Some key features of this retreat include a **potluck dinner** and a night of games and movies. Another bonding ritual which I am sure is completely unique to Delta is **Delta Step Practice**. If you don't know what step is, we're not going to tell you yet but you'll find out soon enough.

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a popular event during early Spring 2002, when it was even used as a pre-pledging rush affair. Birthday cakes for more than one Brother have been purchased from Marble Slab and one Brother went out on a couple of dates with its cutest employee! But the drive to Cary was a little too long for Brothers to make it before their 9 P.M. closing times, so when the spring semester got busy, Alpha Chapter turned closer to home and closer to the heart.

Not far from campus is a wonderful franchise establishment called Rock-Ola Café. Offering hamburgers, ribs, yeast rolls with cinnamon butter, and the all-important cheese fries, Rock-Ola was the second home of the Spring 2002 MusicFEST Committee, whose 10:30 P.M. to midnight Wednesday night meetings were filled with cheesy goodness. We learned the servers by name whether it was Trae, whom one Brother mistakenly identified as family, the odorous Mike, or even Alpha Alumnus Tom Farwig and the restaurant came to know us as well. As regulars, we were entitled to our pick of waiter, the most memorable of whom was Master Moustache, and the night manager gave unto us the arcane knowledge of ordering cheese fries: no bacon, chives on the side, layered, with a side of honey mustard.

Alas, all good things come to an end, and while Rock-Ola is still open, its reputation among the Active Alpha is now of lackluster renown and a pervading sense of infamy. Only by pure luck and serendipity has a successor to the Restaurant Throne recently been discovered.

The first time we visited your house really happened by accident. Typically indecisive, we drove around listlessly, looking for a place to eat, but by the time we decided where to go, the only place open that time of night was your house. We each thought to ourselves and indeed said to each other that it would be great to eat at your house. To us, your house seemed the perfect place to eat, so we just walked right into your house, sat down, and had a feast. Staffed by a real live troll and what appeared to be her husband, Your House was the typical dirty 24-hour diner with excellent waffles. (A bridge, we call it, because every bridge has its troll.) And like every other bridge in America, there were the cigarette-toting former biker gang members, salty sea hags, and drunken frat boys. The perfect place.

Repeated trips have found us liking Your House more and more, to the point where it is one of the first suggestions for food when Alpha goes out to eat. The typical conversation goes something like this:

- Where do you want to eat tonight?
- Hey, we could eat at Your House!
- Huh?
- I love going to Your House!
- But you've never been there
- Yay! Your House!
- But I live in Wilming
- Ok, everybody, we're going to Your House!
- Ohhhhhh, YOUR House, I get it! Good idea!

And, half an hour later, we walk into Your House, greet the resident troll, and feast away.

What will the future bring? There is no telling. Rumors fly upon the winds, telling tales of culinary woe and decadent restaurateurism. Carolina Ale House and Jack Astor's fall to the side, while Neomonde Bakery and Bear Claw Café seek to usurp the Throne. Where will the whim of Alpha Chapter turn next? We know not, though we do know that along the way we will learn something about health ratings, a lot about life, and a little about love.



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Take a look at our step practice pictures and maybe you'll get an idea about what it could be. One last Bonding Secret we'll let you in on is the **Delta Secret Santa** gift exchanging, which will wrap up our semester in a joyous way before exams start.

Pledge Season bonding, Retreats, Step Practice and Holiday Sharing are just some of the ways we bond as a chapter. The next time you meet a Delta, you'll know why we're so unique. It's not our leadership skills, our musical talent, passion or fervor for service—it's our bond of Brotherhood that makes us this way.

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Zeta Lock-In

by Chris Occhipinti, Zeta MAL

Zeta chapter has some great traditions when it comes to Brotherhood bonding. Our most important annual event for building Brotherhood is our lock-in. It is held at advisor Joe Kirkish's cabin on Lake Superior near Copper Harbor. On a chosen weekend early in the school year, all active Brothers and usually some local alumni and inactives drive about an hour and a half north of campus to the cabin.

Our executive board organizes all the weekend's activities. These activities include teamwork and communication building challenges. They also set aside a time to reflect on and discuss improvements we want to make to the Brotherhood. We use these discussions to set the goals for our chapter each year.

Much of the time is also spent doing less formal activities such as swimming and relaxing with other Brothers. During the evening there is always a campfire where we sing songs and cook delicious sugary foodstuffs. During various parts of the weekend Brothers are free to wander off into the woods, lake, or bookshelves to find adventure and great stories. Although beds are provided in the cabin, nothing builds Brotherhood quite like trying to fall asleep on a jagged rock 50 feet from shore with a couple other Brothers and a guitar.

This year's lock-in was great fun, and very productive. The memorable experiences we shared there seem to build strength in the Brotherhood. I believe that the success of the lock-in this year has directly lead to one of the most intense, productive and effective semesters our chapter has experienced.

Brotherhood Bonding

by Jonny Chen, Mu MAL

Socializing for Mu Chapter has always been non-organized and very casual. We are all close enough that Brotherhood Bonding means just driving over to another Brother's apartment or dorm room and simply chilling. We like being able to just pick up a phone and finding someone on the other end.

Because we are a much smaller chapter this semester, Brotherhood Bonding activities like last year's Butt Buddies have become a little moot. In the past, we have also held social events for Brothers such as Five-Dollar Fridays where we go ice-skating or do other similar activities that do not involve more than five dollars good fun for the low-budget college student!

With only ten active Brothers this semester, things have been a little different. Between all the committees we all have to serve on, there is hardly a moment when we are not spending time with another Brother. We are a closer, tighter group than before. And logistically, we even live closer together unbeknownst to the Chapel Hill town officials, we have re-named one of the streets in Chapel Hill to become Psi Street; on one short four hundred yard long road alone lives five Brothers!

At the end of this semester we are holding a lock-in. The overnight should give both inactive and active Brothers a chance to go over end-of-the-semester business and an opportunity for our old Brothers to get acquainted with each other and with the new Brothers that just recently got initiated.

Teambuilding with Nu

by Karen Philips, Nu MAL

One of the first things Nu did as a chapter this semester was to hold a teambuilding session. We decided that before we brought pledges into the chapter we wanted to work on cooperation among the Brothers themselves. Almost every event during the semester that brings us together as a Brotherhood is a pledging event. We are very pledge oriented. This is why we thought we should have a teambuilding session before pledging started. We had a scavenger hunt that we had to work together to figure out; we also played paperdolls. I'm not sure if you are familiar with that, but it consists of a line of Brothers who need to get from one point to another with each person's feet touching the feet of the people next to them. If at any point feet aren't touching, even for a second, everybody has to start over! The teambuilding event had a pretty good turnout and was successful! We all had a good time!

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Music, Brotherhood, Service

by Traci Lalli, Xi President

Several months ago Xi gathered with some of its alumni Brothers and went out to a local restaurant. Being one of the last of the current Brothers to personally know the founding fathers, I had not realized the number of Brothers that did not know each other. For me, the evening was spent catching up with Brothers that I had not seen in years. The rest of my chapter spent the evening meeting Xi legends like Brenden McCracken and Dave Torma and our infamous sweetheart Sean Wood (or Woody to the rest of us). Even one of our pledges, Matt Davis, joined us for the evening. For him it was an opportunity to see what being a part of the Xi family is all about. He was given the opportunity to chat with Brothers new and old. When Matt is initiated on November 16, he will already have insight and a new understanding when he hears the words May Brotherhood prevail for the first time.

The evening was quite remarkable, full of fond memories and good friends. Our chapter Historian, Todd Barnett, dug out all of our scrapbooks from the locker. It was neat to hear first hand accounts of the pictures from the old scrapbooks. I am sure that the experience was equally significant for the alumni as well, giving them insight into the future direction of Xi. Just as we were about to leave, Brother Bob Capana asked me if we could sing. We all gathered in the center of the room at Dingbats in our usual circle, grasping each other's hands right over left. Then another Brother gave us the starting pitch. The waitress quietly cleaned the tables around us. We started softly at first. Let us raise our voices to Brotherhood... By the time the song had ended, we were loud and the rest of the room was silent. It was an unforgettable moment. This one event changed the spirit of the current Brotherhood.

About a month after the reunion, the Westmoreland Scenic Railroad contacted Brother Jason Winters. The organization was doing a children's haunted train ride for Halloween. Unfortunately, the group's actors had canceled at the last minute. Xi was given the opportunity to volunteer for this event; however, we only had four days notice to come up with ten volunteers for each night Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Jason, Stephanie Emery and I spent a great deal of time discussing the issue of whether or not we, as a chapter, could adequately provide the group with enough volunteers. After all, Xi only has fifteen active Brothers. I finally made the decision

to go against our odds. Xi was going to do this service to the community. Thinking that we would not get enough volunteers, I even told Brothers that they could bring friends. The weekend came. We had ten volunteers for Friday, eleven for Saturday, and eight for Sunday. Almost every Brother took at least one shift on the train. By the time it was all over, we only had one friend of the chapter volunteer, and Pledge Matt came every night. The weekend was such a success that the man in charge of the event gave Xi a sizeable donation and asked our chapter to take on the event next year as well.

In the last few months, Xi has been reevaluating its purpose both in our local community and on the national level of the Fraternity. In recent years, Xi has been looked upon as uninvolved and uninterested. This is changing. Last year or even several months ago, for that matter, Xi would never have pulled together like this. We are looking forward to the future generations of Xi.

May Brotherhood prevail!

Alumni Relationships

by Kevin Britton, AA President

The Alumni Association, as usual, is in a unique position compared to other Chapters, especially in the area of fostering Brotherhood. We are bolstered by the fact that most of our members have already been Brothers for some time, and most have a firm understanding of what it means to be a Brother. At the same time, we are hampered by the fact that our very nature means we do not have regular contact with one another, and we can only meet twice a year.

To counteract this, we've made socialization and bonding a major part of our get-togethers. For instance, those who attended Midyear 2002 participated not only in the Saturday morning business meeting, but in trips to Chicago's Navy Pier, Field Museum, Planetarium, and other local and area sites. There were also opportunities for Brothers to chat and share experiences, over dinner and drinks on both Friday and Saturday, and an informal gathering on Friday night.

Aside from meetings, we strive to maintain ties through regular communication. Our two alumni email lists allow alumni to easily get in touch with both active and inactive alumni from around the country. Through our website, we are able to let people know what projects we are working on, and what future events to look forward to. Also, our online newsletter, *Alumni Notes*,

connects our past to our current activities, and helps us plan for the future.

Through these efforts, we hope to allow alumni Brothers to get to know each other better, in order to be a more cohesive group in other aspects of Fraternity life. Events such as Midyear 2002, and communication efforts such as *Alumni Notes* seem to have an affect, and we hope to continue to improve these activities in the future.

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Another of the main things this semester has concentrated on is stability and bonding among the Mu brothers. However, we haven't forgotten about our Brothers at other chapters though in October Alpha joined us in a hot date and met up for dinner and then partying. And we enjoyed spending time with the Omicrons and Deltas during initiation weekend.

In terms of things we've been doing inter-chapter, we are in the planning stages so far, but in early December before exams start we are going to have a lock-in to go over business and also to do some brotherly bonding. A lot of work this semester has also been going into planning other things: namely several major events that are upcoming in spring semester. January brings forth the second annual Psi Jam, with groups from all across campus performing in two nights of mainly a capella music. At the end of February we are hosting National Convention. And later in the spring we will be holding celebrations for our tenth anniversary.

Between all these things it is hard to imagine we even have time for service events! Nonetheless, November is chock full of these. Most of our service events this semester involve ushering or hosting receptions for Brothers recitals or other musical groups' concerts.

We hope everyone else is having a great semester and look forward to seeing everyone for Convention! May Brotherhood Prevail!

Teambuilding, Listening & Communication Skills

by Erin M. Bates, Zeta President & NEOTC

Brotherhood Bonding. Everyone's talking about it - throwing out buzzwords like bonding, teambuilding, and lock-ins. But how on earth does a Chapter go about putting together fun ways to bring their Brothers together? Below are a few tips on improving trust, listening, and communication skills.

- * Hold regular lock-ins/in-services. These should be in a place that isn't frequented by the Brotherhood and should include games that work on listening/communication skills and possibly goal setting. Let them be intimate and cozy. Be sure that EVERYONE is involved.

- * Have a positive attitude. Everything is better if you see things through a positive light. During your next lock-in, don't let people see the activities as a chore! They say a positive attitude is contagious, but don't just wait to catch it, be a carrier!

- * Listen to each other. Use effective listening skills on a daily basis, not just in meetings. Make eye contact. Nod your head. Ask questions.

- * Ask for feedback. The best way to involve the entire organization is to ask for feedback. This isn't asking for everyone to actually do all the work on every project, but it allows the quiet Brother in the back a chance to voice their opinion on the project you're working on.

- * Play together. Whether impromptu or not, sit down and play chess with a Brother. Or if chess isn't your thing play kickball or anything else that forces you to be in a small group of Brothers where you aren't forced to talk business.

If anyone is interested in learning more, feel free to contact me! I have a plethora of materials on working together in small groups while still keeping everything light and fun!



Sing Louder

by Ryan Hawck, National President

A few nights ago some of us at Mu's initiations were fortunate enough to witness a masterpiece of dramatics put on by Omicron's own Phillip Staten. I can't really write many details in *The Clef*, but suffice it to say that his words were...inspirational. The theme that ran throughout his oratory was SING LOUDER. We're a MUSIC FRATERNITY. Sometimes we tend to forget that, and I admit to being one of the biggest offenders. Sometimes I get lost so much in the administration of Mu Beta Psi, the paperwork and the deadlines and the meetings and the money, that I forget what brought me to Mu Beta Psi. But lately I've been inspired to change that tendency, to return to my roots - one might say. So when I start to hum or sing to myself, just humor me - I was a band geek and never really developed my voice. When I swing with my phantom piccolo to Tiger Rag, just give me some room and try to imagine me with a band uniform on again. When Hail The Spirit puts tears in my eyes, smile with me because I'm remembering all the times I stood with my Brothers and let my soul take over my voice. Stand with me and SING LOUDER. I am in a MUSIC FRATERNITY, and I want to SING LOUDER. I want to remember what made me want to be in this organization. I want to be a musician again.



Events Calendar

NOVEMBER

22-24 - Alpha Initiations

DECEMBER

1 - List of Archives to NH

7 - Delta Christmas Party

8 - Zeta Fall Pot-Luck

13 - Delta, Xi & Omicron Final Day of Fall Semester

17 - Alpha & Mu Final Day of Fall Semester

20 - Zeta & Nu Final Day of Fall Semester

30 - Initiation Reports due to NS

31 - Reports to NVPCM

JANUARY

2 - Nu First Day of Winter Session

7 - Mu First Day of Spring Semester

8 - Delta First Day of Spring Semester

9 - Alpha First Day of Spring Semester

13 - Zeta, Xi & Omicron First Day of Spring Semester

22 - Nu First Day of Spring Semester

24-25 - Omicron Initiations

FEBRUARY

12-17 - Zeta Winter Carnival

28-March 2 - National Convention @ Mu



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pounding and Pounding and POUNDing and POUNDING I let the music beat its way into my head through my poor, pain-wracked ears, yet i smile through it all with this huge grin of incredible satisfaction, because the more music that s in my head, the less thoughts i have to think; i let the music slam me against the wall with a force equalled by nothing short of a hurricane and the impact is bone-jarring, yet i laugh because the music can t hurt me; the music can t hurt me. The only thing that can hurt me is the doubts in the back of my mind, the ones that cause me to wonder why, wonder how, wonder if. The doubts that plague me late at night when i can t get to sleep and the only thing i can hear is the fan whirring and the blood pulsing in my ears. When the music is nothing but the in and out of my own breath and it threatens to make me insane, because it s not pushing things out it s letting them IN and while i breathe, helpless to the thoughts that plague me, the universe opens up a tiny bit and threatens to swallow my existence, swallow my eyes, my ears, my very being, and i am hurled out into nothingness where they can t hear you scream because there s no air. The music pounds and Pounds and POUNDS and makes my muscles move involuntarily, even though they re weary from the long day and cry out against any motion save that of lying down on a nice, soft bed. But i can t; all i can do is move to the music and let it vibrate against every atom in my body, let its waves move through me like a knife through butter, and i am helpless, i cannot resist, i take the music in me and let the goosebumps form on my flesh and let my eyelids close against the tears as i move to the primitive rhythm that demands my body respond. And when i wake up from this artificially-induced trance and my ears are ringing and my eyes are sore from the crying and my hands hurt because my fingernails had dug into my palms with fists so tight, i will laugh and try to remember why i ever fought the music, because outside the sun shines too hot and the birds sing too quietly and the people move along too swiftly, yet in my head there is nothing, nothing, nothing, except the remnants of the music which held me against the wall and beat me into the submission which i begged for it to bring to me. ~6.26.2000