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The Clef

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Brothers,

It amazes me that half a year has passed since the last issue of *The Clef*. As I write this, I feel as though I am writing my first letter as Editor. I am sitting in the same chair, in front of the same computer, looking at a blinking cursor, feeling a sense of gratitude for my Brothers. It's not just gratitude though; I feel pride too. And although there is that sense of *déjà vu*, I know that things are not the same this time around -- a lot of things have happened since the spring! Across the nation, on both the individual and the chapter level of Mu Beta Psi, there has been much activity.

Signs of this activity are now more accessible than before, thanks to the continuing improvement of the Brothers' Intranet and a lot of dedicated work by our C-NITC Kevin Britton. A quick glance over the message boards shows a lot of contributions from Brothers over the past few months. And in turn, a lot of that is reflected in this issue.

The Intranet also provides a central location for online meetings. Over the course of the slow summer, the National Executive Committee continued to meet, a decision made by National President Phillip Staten in hopes of strengthening our Fraternity. Although we are always working to amend our policies and to improve the national organization, we all know what all work and no play does to Jack -- and other people too. The summer meeting sessions were a chance for Brothers to gather (albeit through electronic means) and to chat and socialize.

In line with work from Brothers Britton and Staten and others too, *The Clef* also continues to be a ground for fostering communication. In a brave venture to capture half a year of work and ideas within a few dozen pages of text, our national publication exploded. This issue spreads out to nearly two dozen pages -- the largest *Clef* there has been yet! I hope that Brothers find the chapter and officer reports interesting, or even illuminating. Besides the reports, this issue is chock full of other pieces of writing, reflecting topics as diverse as our Brotherhood. There's everything from a laugh to a cry in here, plus all the things in between. Four pages were dedicated to one Brother's memories of Delta Chapter. There is another four-page spread devoted to Brothers' suggestions for how to do many things, like write a fraternal resume or sell gravel.

I had a lot of fun working with Brothers to gather pieces for this issue. It is my hope that my enjoyment gets passed on to you, the reader. And, as always, please direct any suggestions, comments, or articles to me. (Email clef@mubetapsi.org.) Enjoy!

In Brotherhood,
Jonny C. Chen
National Editor of *The Clef*

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

Phillip Staten, Omicron Alum



Much has happened in the time since Convention, and in the time before the next Convention, there remains more to do. There are several major issues that will compete for our attention in the months ahead.

Obviously, one of our Chapters going inactive necessitates a closer look at how we consider Chapter Maintenance and especially the very basic need for communication between Chapters and Brothers. It is not our duty to dwell on our past mistakes or on “what ifs.” Our duty is to learn from this that we might prevent it happening again. It is my hope, as well as my sincere belief, that Mu Beta Psi will have Brothers on the campus of Clemson University in the future. It isn’t an if, only a when.

I have extended the time line for the National Service Project until Convention 2006, though that committee will make a report at Convention 2005 on its progress. This extension is to allow the committee ample time to plan and organize a project tailored to the time and resource constraints of each of the Chapters, and for the Chapters themselves to implement it. It is not important that the project is done quickly, but that it is done well. This is our first major attempt at a Fraternity-wide service project and there is much we can learn from the experience. Katharine Morrison from Alpha Chapter chairs the committee. Please contact her if you’re interested in serving or if you would like more information.

I have formed an ad hoc committee to consolidate the national submission deadlines as well. This is to help the Chapters by giving them fewer dates to remember and to aid the National Office in its ongoing task of centralizing its work. Ted Gellar from Alpha Chapter chairs the committee. Please contact

him if you’re interested in serving or if you would like more information.

Finally, I have engaged the National Finance Committee to research a pilot program to provide funding for Brothers to travel to other Chapters for social events, initiations, etc. If we are to commit ourselves to other more serious work at the National level, we should also allow ourselves to enjoy the benefits of Brotherly communion at the National level. This not only allows us to share the company of our Brothers in fun, but it also lays the groundwork for the communication so vital to our success.

We have only begun to approach our goals as a Fraternity, and we never will reach them entirely. We reach for the unreachable, and strive for the unattainable not out of futility, but out of the nobility of our call. It is in the pursuit of excellence that we will find ourselves. We will grow stronger and closer as Brothers as we overcome that which opposes us and so long as we never stop trying, never stop serving, never stop calling each other Brother, we can never truly fail.

May Brotherhood Prevail!

NVPE REPORT

Alana Kirby, Alpha Alum



It’s always nice to write a Clef report around the time that we have a fascinating prospect. This time, that prospect is Texas State University in San Marcos, and our contact is one of the most organized and ambitious I have seen in my tenure as Vice President of Expansion.

Texas State has a large music school, with more than four hundred music majors, twenty music ensembles (including two Mariachi

bands!), and programs in music performance, education, composition, and sound technology. There are a number of other music Fraternities and Sororities present on campus, but with such a large number of music majors alone, this should not prohibit a Chapter of Mu Beta Psi.

Currently, our contact is one of a group of four interested students. They are planning on holding an interest meeting to gather up the numbers required to start (and complete!) a colonization; to that end, we provided a power point presentation and multiple brochures, as the physical presence of a Brother is impractical. Thunderstorms and potential flash floods have prevented them from holding the meeting as of this writing, but this important step will take place this semester.

On our more northerly front, the Brothers of Zeta Chapter are still hard at work pursuing a colony at Northern Michigan University. In the coming semester, they will provide receptions after NMU concerts to demonstrate one of the benefits of a Chapter. We hope that this concerted effort, along with faculty support, will produce a group of students able and willing to carry out colonization efforts.

Other prospects have included Drew University in New Jersey, where Chris Rodkey contacted a group of students interested in forming a Music Society. Our progress there has stalled as this group deliberates whether or not to shift their efforts into a Chapter of Mu Beta Psi. Also, Kevin Britton has been in contact with Saginaw Valley State University, and has created a beautiful brochure about our Fraternity. And last but not least, Nate Kulyk has been spreading the word about Mu Beta Psi at American University in Washington, DC.

On a more somber note, Delta Chapter has announced their plan to officially go inactive after this coming Convention. I’d like to offer a salute to those Brothers of Delta who have worked so hard for so long against long odds. Delta is, and always shall be, a vital part of the history of Mu Beta Psi, and

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FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Nathaniel Kulyk, Xi Alum



Greetings!

Looking back over these past nine months, it is safe to say that I have really enjoyed the work that I have been doing for Mu Beta Psi! For the purposes of this report, I would like to take some time to recap the things that I have been working on as National Secretary and mention what I would like to do in the coming months.

In the hopes of developing a better method of storage for all of the documents the National Secretary need to keep and maintain, I have been working to create an electronic storage system for all of the documents that are sent to me by the Chapters, as well as all of the other policy related documents and transcripts and recorded minutes of all national meetings. To achieve this goal, I have invested in a small Jump Drive—about the size of a small pocketknife—and have created a filing system for all documents. I have worked to make this system as easy to navigate as possible. This should allow for swifter access whenever someone requests a particular document. There is enough storage on this portable drive to last the better part of two decades. (Hopefully this type of technology and USB ports will last that long!) It will also allow the National Secretary and National Historian to have an easier time processing files for the Fraternity Archives. With this electronic storage, hard copies are readily available—so long as a printer is close by.

With respect to the hard copies that are already in my possession, (about four or five bins full) I am working to sort through them and determine which documents should be sent away to be archived. I would like to have this done as soon as I possibly can, but for now, I have not set a specific date to have it finished. I plan to continue to work with the

National Historian to ensure that this is taken care of.

Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to visit several Chapters and participate in a variety of different events and pledging activities. My thanks are extended to all of the brothers of Mu, Alpha, Omicron, and Xi Chapters for their graciousness and all of the hospitality that they have shown me during my visits. It is my hope to continue to visit the different Chapters, and as always, to make myself available whenever situations arise. I am also very grateful to all of the Chapters for their continued prompt submissions and meeting all of the deadlines on time. I am very grateful for your cooperation and look forward to its continuation in the future!

In the months ahead, I plan to continue to work on the electronic filing system for submitted and policy-related documents, in the hopes of eventually having all submissions being made electronically. I plan to continue to work with our National President to keep moving the Fraternity forward. Committee chairs are encouraged to submit their meeting transcripts to me so that they can be stored for future reference. I am also willing to type meeting transcripts which can then be sent to committee chairs for distribution to members. As always, I will continue to make myself available for questions, comments, and concerns.

On a personal note, my graduate studies at American University are moving along very nicely. Washington DC is a fun place to live and I have quickly adapted to life “inside the Beltway.” I would encourage all Brothers to consider coming to visit me and all of the other Brothers who live in the area. I have an extensive knowledge about DC and I would enjoy having the opportunity to share our nation’s capital with you all!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Xi Chapter for Convention 2005!



NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

Shari Baxter, Alpha Alum



Not a whole lot has happened since my last report. The archives are happily settling into their new home in the wintery Northeast. Some progress has been made on getting the archives back to the organized state they were in before I moved from Tennessee. This process has been moving slowly but with the holidays I will hopefully have more time to dedicate to this process.

I would like to remind Chapters that Convention is fast approaching and that means its time again for Scrapbook submissions. Remember that archiving techniques are more important than style. Also remember that scrapbook reports are due BEFORE the scrapbook can be submitted. Reports need to be DETAILED so that your scrapbook is well-represented in written form! No one-paragraph summaries with no details. Be sure to include CHAPTER NAME and YEAR on the summaries. The scrapbook summaries will be preserved in the archives as your scrapbook so please put as much effort into the summary as you do the scrapbook itself.

Happy Holidays!



Zeta Brothers at M-Dot, 2004. Picture submitted by Chris Hill, Zeta.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Ben Griffeth, Kappa Alum



Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

What is it that we stand for? What do we hope to gain by our allegiance of 2-3 years or more to this organization. I offer that we ain't the ability to mean something. That we can be a difference to people for whom our names mean nothing which is a noble and honorable goal. To improve someone's life through our music and our service to the campus, to the community, or to the world. I offer that each brother should find a name of a military service member abroad and get music to them. Send a care package of music in format and a player of choice that that soldier, sailor, airman, marine or coast guardsman can remain attached to this country and her sounds.

I also offer that we should also seek to make a difference to ourselves. By the time of this bulletin, all will know that this Fraternity faces another turning point. We seek leadership in National office that requires time, patience, work, understanding, humor and a sense of service to history, present and past. We also look toward revitalizing our Chapters. Delta joins Kappa, Gamma, and Lambda as places where we can once more raise our voices.

I challenge all Brothers old and new to determine what you stand for and what you will do.

Brotherhood Will Prevail.
LCDR Benjamin T. Griffeth
Chariman, Board of Trustees



NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

Julie Lyon, Alpha Alum



Hello Brothers!

Don't forget to send in initiation reports by December 30th (\$34/initiate). Initiation reports ensure that your new Brothers get their shingles and are allowed to be Active in the spring. New Brothers do not need to pay National dues in the Spring, although you may require them to pay Chapter dues. Only Brothers who were not active in the Fall or were not initiated in the Fall need to pay the \$20 national dues in the Spring. (Yes, \$20 – it's \$30 in the Fall only to account for a liability insurance tax of \$10.)

Current numbers:

Accounts:

Checking: \$4,732.20

Saving: \$15,248.15

Funds: (i.e., another way of splitting the money)

Undesignated: \$9,851.53

Maintenance: \$1,973.58

Expansion: \$2,603.24

Special Projects: \$562.00

Liability Insurance: \$4,990.00

The National Finance Committee (NFC) and I had a nice meeting last month. We discussed the following issues:

1. Chapter financial health. In general, Chapters appear to be staying afloat financially. Now's the time to begin thinking about how your Chapter will help Brothers get to Convention.

2. Good financial practices. We reviewed my top three tips for keeping the books: 1) Keep all of the bank statements together in one place, such as a binder. 2) Reconcile your accounts every few months. 3) Make copies of checks that you deposit and then attach

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NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kevin Britton, NITC Chair, Zeta Alum



The NITC remains committed to growing and maintaining the Fraternity's technology offerings for the benefit of all Brothers. This commitment has reflected in our activity over the last several months, including:

* In its October meeting, the committee began discussing a potential need for the Fraternity to supply computing resources to National Officers or committee chairs whose positions warrant them. The committee will be researching the computing needs of the national office, potential costs involved (hardware, software, insurance, etc.), and what procedures would need to be in place to maintain and transfer resources. The committee also passed a resolution encouraging the national organization to confer with the NITC prior to the purchase of any computing resources, in line with the purposes of the committee.

* The committee is investigating additional software that will allow Chapters to host their web pages on the national server while still maintaining direct control over their pages. The results of this research will be presented no later than Convention 2005.

* In a potential Fraternity first, Brothers who are unable to travel to Convention 2005 may be able to participate in the Convention proceedings remotely! The committee is investigating the possibility of webcasting this year's Convention. If successful, Brothers would be able to view real-time streaming video of Convention via the Brothers Intranet, and interact with attendees via the Brothers Chatroom. More details are forthcoming.

* Last, but certainly not least, our Webmaster continues to update the Brothers

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

MU'S SWEETHEART

Erin Husson, Mu

During marching band gigs, Travis Kephart has been known to drop his instrument (a large and somewhat unwieldy sousaphone) on his head. How? Lifting the instrument too quickly can cause it to slip out of his grip and whack him on the head. According to Travis, it "leaves you confused for a little while."

Travis is also known for dishing out strings of truly frightful puns at the most unexpected times. So where am I going with this? Not only is he quite amusing, but he is now also Mu Chapter's new sweetheart. Mu has not had a sweetheart for as long as any of the active Brothers can remember -- until this semester. Travis may not be a Brother, but we all believe he embodies the purposes of Mu Beta Psi and is a fine example for musicians everywhere to follow.

Besides playing the sousaphone in UNC-Chapel Hill's Marching Tar Heels, he has been involved with other musical activities most of his life. He's played the piano since he was six, and in high school he played various other instruments, including the tuba. He also participated in his high school's marching band, playing the trombone, auxiliary percussion, and the sousaphone. In addition, he's been singing for most of his life.

That's not all. One of Travis's best-known activities is being the bell ringer of Chapel Hill. He's in charge of keeping the clocks of the Bell Tower running on time, making sure the tower rings a certain list of songs, and keeping that list. He's also responsible for special events, such as graduation; provided the weather is nice and the ceremony doesn't have to be held indoors, he plays the bells each spring when a new class of students receives their diplomas. His first performance was in the spring of 2002.

Travis's parents first interested him in music. They wanted him to learn something that would help him throughout life, "and it has," he said. "It's given me an interest to pursue in my spare time." Without it, his list of interests would be a lot shorter, according to him. It's helped him socially, as well. "Grow-

ing up with music allowed me to become outgoing. When you perform you have to present to everyone."

I asked him the "if you could be any instrument" question as a joke, but he had a quick response. "A piano," he said, because it has a full range of notes. I think this was a fitting answer; he certainly has a full range of musical interests.



NH SHARI BAXTER

Ted Gellar, Alpha

Shari Baxter, National Historian, is someone you might call a go-getter. Holding two degrees (a B.S. and M.S., both in Food Science) and now focusing on her third, Shari is considering either teaching at the university level or working in product development, dealing with ingredient functionality and interactions. She pledged at Alpha Chapter in Spring 1999, with the Emanons; her Big Brothers were Tom Farwig and Elizabeth Hobday. Since her Initiations, Shari has held three Chapter offices, has chaired three Chapter committees, and at some point or another has sat on every Alpha Chapter committee. One of these offices was Pledgemaster, which she held twice, first in fall 2000 for the Peanut Gallery and then again the following spring for 4/5 Cletus (my Pledgeclass!), for a total of nine kids in all.

Currently, Shari's only position in the Fraternity is that of National Historian (and of course the chairship of NHAC that comes with it). The thing she likes most about her office, she says, is that "It keeps me in the loop with the Fraternity and allows me to continue being part of an organization that I love." The thing she likes least is, simply, "the papercuts."

Other than Fraternity commitments, Shari is not currently engaged in many activities beyond school. She does, however, enjoy taking her three year-old dog, Cricket, to agility training, when she can find the time. She has also been in a relationship for almost a year with one Dustin Carnahan, whom she met while pursuing her Master's at the University of Tennessee. They worked together in a

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WELCOME ZETA CLASS!

Anne Jackson, Omicron

Omicron Chapter welcomed three new Brothers into the Brotherhood very early in the morning on November 20th. Zeta class, Fall of 2004, had a six-week pledging season in which they all worked very hard learning their information and putting together a fabulous service project!

For their service project they decided to set up paint drums on a Friday evening on our back quad, where many passers-by would hear and hopefully get involved. They made the drums themselves, provided paint, blacklights and drum sticks, and the night proved to be a wonderful success. A crowd gathered and the pledges, some Brothers, and friendly passers-by played the drums for about two hours. Although the night was cold and rainy a good time was had by all, and the pledges succeeded in gathering the attention and praise of students outside Mu Beta Psi. I was and continue to be proud of them for being such splendid representatives of our beloved Fraternity.

Our new brothers, Tara Garland, Adam Keeling, and Hilary LeBlanc are all very energetic people who work hard at everything that they do. It has been such a pleasure to work with them (I love you guys), and I am so thrilled that they are now part of the Brotherhood!

Spotlight on Brotherhood



*Omicron Brothers at the Fall 2004 Initiation, getting pumped up after painting the "ROCK."
Photo submitted by Melissa Carr, Omicron.*



ALPHA CHAPTER

Aaron McClannon

This semester Alpha has hit the ground running. With the air of change in the NCSU music department kindled by new Department Head, Dr. Mark Searce, we've continued our efforts to enlarge and improve the brotherhood while still keep close eye and focus on campus awareness and service.

From the brotherhood perspective, Alpha is still keeping strong. As always, our weekly Percy Pairs allow for a brother to join up with another assigned brother and have some one on one time to learn things you never knew about your fellow brothers. Also this semester, we started trying out a weekly social event. These have been everything from movie outings, to lock-ins, to special concert events, and even random arranged get-togethers. Also attempted this semester was the resurrected idea of a brother/pledge lock-in. Both Brothers and pledges alike really enjoyed the experience and hope that this will become a regular part of the chapter's semester routine. The crowning glory came this semester in the initiation of the 5 members of The Chemical Packets, Fall 2004 pledgeclass. Along with our numbers, they've already proven themselves viable members with much to offer and contribute to the betterment of the Brotherhood.

But, now we get down to business. A number of items of business came before the Brotherhood this semester and were successfully installed and utilized. The two biggest pieces of legislation came in October with the establishment of Affiliate Brother status and the repeal of Alpha Chapter's Dry Status with the resultant acceptance of guidelines on drinking at Fraternity functions. Still on the agenda is the creation of Fraternal Composites for the Brotherhood, and also, we're gaining ground on recreating our Inactive listservs. Another good evolution was the inclusion of a new fundraiser. With help from Pizza Hut, we were able to raise a substantial amount of money for the functioning of our chapter.

This semester has been a large building block the likes of which has not been seen in many a semester. Granted, it is in my own opinion, but the Brotherhood is currently the strongest it has been in a while. Beyond increased membership, we also are able to boast a fairly active Brotherhood. For the first time in many semesters, brothers do not have to pull triple and quadruple duty out of extreme necessity but are able to apply their efforts more efficiently. It is with a lot of hope and excitement that I say Alpha Chapter is making a large comeback. It is with sadness that we say a temporary farewell to our Southern Neighbor Delta, but with we also have full hopes and intent on bringing them back to our numbers and returning them to their rightful place as an active chapter. Brotherhood is not a goal, and I daresay not even a journey as I have been told, but rather Brotherhood is the enduring traveler's spirit as he plods the rough-cut trail making new discoveries each day. And that spirit will stay strong and will prevail.



ZETA CHAPTER

Chris Hill

With the snow coming down and everybody running around frantically, it all but screams that the end of fall semester is at hand. As I take a breather from my hectic schedule of exams and lab reports the only thing I can think of is, "Wow, this has been a busy several months for Zeta Chapter".

The conclusion of last school year and the transition to this school year saw numerous exciting moments and many sad moments. The end of last year saw Zeta Chapter graduate about 5-6 brothers and the loss of our newly acquired Honorary Brother, Alton Thompson, who moved to Taiwan during the summer. We wish him the best of luck at his new job.

On the other side of stuff, the past several months saw the Brothers bonding together more then ever before. With the absence of a pledge class in the spring and the

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For an unlimited time, the National Fraternity store now offers a variety of Mu Beta Psi goods for sale. Have you ever found yourself lacking a Psi nametag? Needed a decal? Wanted a brothers key just like the one your brother has?

Look no further! These, and other jewelry items, can be found at the Fraternity store.



Pledge plaque decal: \$0.40



white name badge: \$2.50



Brother's Key Pin: \$28.25

Sign onto the Brother's Intranet at <http://intranet.mubetapsi.org> to download an order form and buy today.

CHAPTER REPORTS

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unfortunate stopping of this fall's pledge class the Brothers came together on several occasions to pull together. Last spring the executive board came together to plan a miniature road rally which consisted of Brothers getting together in groups to decipher clues and gather puzzle pieces. This fall saw the creation of two events, first a picture scavenger hunt and secondly the creation of "Fort Night." Both nights consisted of fun and games along with serious talks about the past and future of Zeta Chapter. Needless to say, if anybody is looking for ways to get a Brotherhood to bond, give Zeta Chapter a call because we seem to be coming up with a pretty big list of successful ideas.

In addition to all the normal activities we perform, the biggest news of the last several months comes from the area of service. Late last year we helped out with the relocation of the Pine Mountain Music Festival office across town. In addition to the relocation of the office equipment, we have now become regular helpers of the organization when needed, which just recently included the storage of a semi-truck load of stage props.

So, in conclusion, the past several months have been a mix of work and bonding, but like always with Zeta Chapter, fun was had by all.



MU CHAPTER *Chrissy Bischoff*

Mu Chapter has been enjoying the unusually temperate weather as we head into our December exams. We have been very busy with our pledge class, which now is down to four pledges who are looking forward to their initiations on Friday, January 21st as eagerly as we are. In addition to initiating our pledges in January, we will also be hosting our annual Psi Jam a capella concert to raise money for VH1's Save the Music, as well as our annual Senior Music Majors Concert, which displays the talents of those senior music majors who excel at their respective instruments while

giving the opportunity a chance to understand more about music.

As if preparations for these major events were not enough, we have also been busy keeping the social and business aspects of Brotherly life in balance. We had a "Sweetie Treaties" fundraiser before Halloween where we sold bags of treats (candy) and tricks (gravel) and delivered them to students living on-campus. This was a very easy fundraiser for us and brought in more than \$70 in profits with almost no advertising. We are definitely planning to do this one again. We have also kept up our tradition of "\$5 dollar Fridays," weekly events for Brothers and pledges which cost \$5 or less. We are currently working with Alpha to plan a formal for the Spring. This will be open to Brothers from all chapters, so look forward for more news on that. In addition concert news, Mu Chapter performed in a collaborative concert with Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota on December 11th. This was the first time the three music fraternities on campus have collaborated on anything of this sort, and we look forward to more successful collaborations and improved relations in the future.

On the more personal side of things, three of our active Brothers will be graduating this semester. Sarah Morrison, John Dudley, and Chrissy Bischoff will all don cap and gown on December 19th and Chrissy will be singing the National Anthem and Alma Mater for the graduation ceremony. Both Sarah and Chrissy have every intention of remaining active, and John is currently undecided until he finds employment in that "real world" we all hear talk of. One of our advisors, Chuck Stone, has announced his retirement, and Mu Chapter is currently debating who among our Honorary Brothers we will ask to replace him. All of the Mu Brothers have been busy with classes and exams and cannot WAIT for the winter holidays. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season.



NU CHAPTER *Mel D'Arcangelis*

Hi everyone!

Nu chapter has been doing pretty well. We initiated 6 wonderful pledges just before Thanksgiving! Congrats to them and all of the pledges in every chapter.

A few of our Brothers came up with some new fundraisers for us to try out this year. We just had one fundraiser last week where we set up in the main union on campus for gift-wrapping. We offered our gift-wrapping services for two days. It did not turn out as well as we had hoped but we had several students tell us that if we came again, we would get more presents to wrap so we're trying again this week. We realize this is not musically oriented but it is a good way to get our name out into the college community.

We have been thinking about a more musically oriented fundraiser (more for Valentine's Day). We are planning on offering our singing and instrumental talents for 'Singing Telegrams'. Our idea is that students will sign up a few days before Valentine's Day and give a couple dollars for a couple of us to sing for their significant other on the 14th. Hopefully, it will be a big hit!

Anyway, I'm looking forward to graduating soon. Recently, we just elected in our new Chapter President, Hunter Schoenfeld. He's going to be a wonderful President! Hope everyone has (or had) a great holiday season.

XI CHAPTER *Beth Dembarter*

On November 17th, Xi chapter celebrated eight wonderful and enduring years at Saint Vincent College. Through both thick and thin, Brotherhood has prevailed in various ways.

First and foremost, Xi will be hosting Convention this year! This has all been keeping us busy, especially for our two chairs, Vice-President Megan Roble and Sergeant-of-Arms

Charlie Beck.

Also, this year has marked the first year that the Student Government Association has given us close to \$600 in funding, the most that we have had in our 8 years of existence. But the luck did not stop there. This semester has brought Xi many opportunities to get involved on the Saint Vincent campus. In September, the Brothers participated in the annual club fair to attract potential pledges. In addition, we also held our annual Sweet Picnic in which we offered sweet treats and information about the Fraternity to the campus. Since two of our brothers have diabetes we decided to devote one of our service projects to participating in a Diabetes fundraising walk in which we raised over one hundred dollars.

October brought even more excitement to the chapter. We contributed to the annual Heart Walk and donated around \$100 to the cause. Xi chapter was then asked by the director of campus life to perform for the "Debate to Choose a President" between politicians Ed Podesta and John Rollings that was held at Saint Vincent College. There, the brothers performed for the audience patriotic songs before the debate. We finished the month with a movie night that was unsuccessful due to technology. Xi rescheduled the "The Dark Side of the Rainbow", which Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of The Rainbow" was played along to a muted Wizard of Oz, and was successful.

Finally before we knew it, Initiations came knocking on our door. On November 20th we initiated four Brothers: Eberley Adams, Candy Decker, Dale Malinzak, and Teresa Paskonis. December will bring the ongoing Xi Christmas tradition of caroling while collecting toys around campus for underprivileged children through the Salvation Army. As the holiday season is fast approaching we are reminded that it's not about how many activities or money a chapter has, but it is the fact that you have Brothers that will be there through both the good times and the bad. And this is what a Chapter is all about. May Brotherhood Prevail!

Happy Holidays.



OMICRON CHAPTER

Anna Gonzales

Omicron Chapter has had a busy semester. Before we even returned to school we saw two Omicrons Janice Lacone and Lucius Wedge get married, along with the marriage of our former chapter president Erin uterspaugh. (now Clark)

We have had two successful events for the campus this semester: one a fundraiser, and another are philanthropy. The weekend of Halloween we had another successful haunted house, this time with the theme of Mu Beta Psi's Twisted Circus. The money raised went to our chapter. We also hosted our 2nd annual American Idol, where we raised three hundred dollars for VH1's Save the Music. We were happy to have National Secretary Nathaniel Kulyk helping us out for this event.

Our pledges pulled of a very creative pledge service project, in which we banged on paint drums, and watched the paint splatter everywhere. It was messy, yet very fun. We welcomed Hillary, Adam, and Tara into Omicron chapter on November 20th. We were glad to see so many returning alumni that joined us for this wonderful occasion.

Omicron plans on ending this semester with our Christmas Dinner, once again letting the brothers spend some time together before departing for the holidays.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Ryan Hauck, Delta Alum

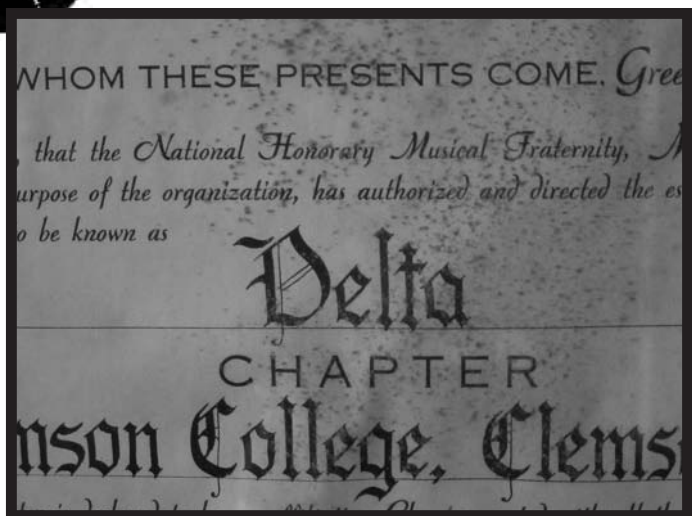
The Alumni Association has been somewhat quiet this Fall, with some notable exceptions. Our major between-Conventions meeting, the Mid-Year meeting, was held in August in Charleston, SC. Although the meeting was lightly attended, several items of great importance were discussed. The Alumni Association is still committed to re-

organizing itself to have two divisions: A Chapter division and an Alumni division. The Chapter division will operate almost exactly like it does now, with officers, active members, fundraisers, meetings, etc. The Alumni division will operate more like a traditional Alumni Association, allowing Mu Beta Psi alumni to connect to the Fraternity without necessarily being active. We envision offering services such as newsletters, alumni networking, donations on a tiered (tax-deductible) basis, and social gatherings. The goal is to get more Alumni re-connected with Mu Beta Psi without making them feel like they are stepping into any unforeseen obligations.

During Mid-Year we also affirmed or established several committees to take on different efforts. A new committee was formed to lead the reorganization effort; the database committee was disbanded. The Chapter retained the Restricted Fund committee, whose goal is to determine a suitable use for our restricted money; and the Properties committee, whose current goal is to collect unused letter shirts from Alumni or Inactives and redistribute them on demand to existing Brothers (especially new Brothers).

Currently, the Alumni Association is planning the 80th Anniversary Celebration to be held this summer in Roanoke, VA. We will be announcing a date at Convention 2005. Details about this celebration will be explained elsewhere in *The Clef*, but suffice it to say that we need all of the Chapters' help in making this event a success—not just with items, but with your people! Attendance by active and alumni Brothers from every Chapter will be critical to making the celebration an event worth remembering.

As always, the AA is seeking enthusiastic Brothers who have graduated or left school to become part of our organization. If you're a graduate or a soon-to-be graduate, contact one of our officers and ask us how you can be a part of our efforts! For first-time members, Chapter dues are optional for your first year. The Alumni Association has a lot on its plate and we need everyone's help to achieve our goals. We hope to see you on our membership rolls after your graduation!



REMEMBERING DELTA CHAPTER

A STROLL THROUGH DELTA'S HISTORY

Ryan Hauck, Delta Alum

As far as I can tell, the Delta Chapter Charter is the oldest existing artifact in Fraternity. At the very least, it's the oldest Charter. It gained this distinction after the tragic Pullen Hall fire at Alpha Chapter in 1965 (see [The Clef](#), Spring 2000). Delta's Charter thus also contains the oldest existing instances of the Fraternity Crest and the Fraternity Seal (which has become almost unreadable); it was signed by Christian Kutschinski himself. Throughout Delta's history the Charter has remained the Chapter's one constant, and it symbolizes Delta's heart and soul.

I don't pretend to know everything about the history of Delta Chapter. We neither know nor can find most of our alumni, and our archives were already patchy when they were scattered even further among individuals a few years back. I

am sure there are more stories out there than I could ever imagine. But I can tell you a little bit of what I know and have learned, based on decades of yearbook entries and archives, as well as my own decade of memories.



Portions of Delta's original charter. Clockwise from top left: The crest; seal; close-up of the crest; Kutchinski's signature.

Delta Chapter's "founding father" was a man named Charles Coleman "Toby" Frye. Whether he's THE actual founder or not is a fact that has been lost, but Clemson's 1937 yearbook does indicate that Brother Frye was the first Chapter President. The yearbook lists 20 other Brothers in that founding class; when I last checked about a year ago, 8 of those Brothers were still alive. The yearbook also provides a curious contradiction: It states "The Delta Chapter...was installed at Clemson College in December 1936." How-

ever, two years later the yearbook has changed its mind and says “spring of 1937.” Whether it was actually operating as a Chapter in 1936 or just a “colony” (whatever colonies were like back then), nobody knows anymore; and



Mr. Beta Psi is a National Honorary Musical Fraternity, the Delta Chapter of which was installed at Clemson College in December, 1936. This installation was made mainly through the efforts of the Alpha Chapter of the University of North Carolina.

Kutchinski's portrait in the 1937 Clemson University yearbook, and a description of the Fraternity taken from the same page.

the yearbooks actually get several dates and facts wrong through the decades. But our Charter is dated January 16, 1937 and so that is the date we have faithfully used. Delta Chapter is, as of this writing, the oldest active Greek organization on Clemson's campus.

The 1938 yearbook provides another curiosity: a hand-drawn Delta crest/key. It's apparently unofficial, as it's the only instance of the key in all the yearbooks and Delta archives I've ever seen. In the 1940 yearbook a photo shows the first known instances of the unique “Delta plaque” – a stylized music lyre whose design was in use right through the most



recent pledge class. Delta has had one of these plaques (from 1941, I believe) mounted and framed for display since at least 1952. 1940's yearbook declares “the purpose of Mu Beta Psi is to promote a better fellowship among musicians of the various musical organizations of the different colleges, and to advance music to its position of importance as an educational subject.” Sound familiar? And a letter from Mr. Kutchinski to Delta's President in 1941 contains a hand-written conclusion suggesting that Alpha and Delta got together for a “National Convention”, likely the first such Convention in our history.

In 1947, the Chapter was 22 men strong; this was quite an accomplishment, as World War II had left the campus nearly deserted.

Clemson was a military college back then, and when the war broke out the entire corps of cadets volunteered for duty. The 1947 yearbook also has a photograph of a Fraternity Key, which looks almost identical to today's keys.



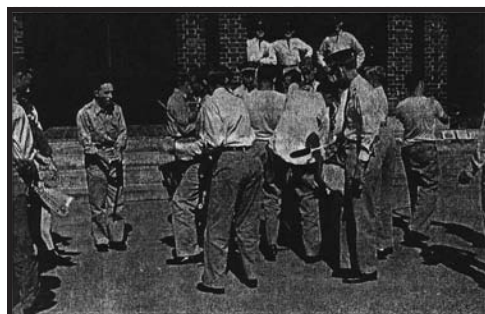
The 1949 yearbook contained a huge surprise when I opened it: Staring at me was a photo of a Mr. Edwin Freeman,



Edwin Freeman in 1949.

Chapter President. This man, now Dr. Freeman, is arguably the longest-serving Delta in history. He returned to Clemson as a professor and also served several stints as Chapter Advisor, as recently as 2001. Dr. Freeman is now retired but is still active (as of Fall 2003) in the Clemson University Symphony Orchestra as a string bass player.

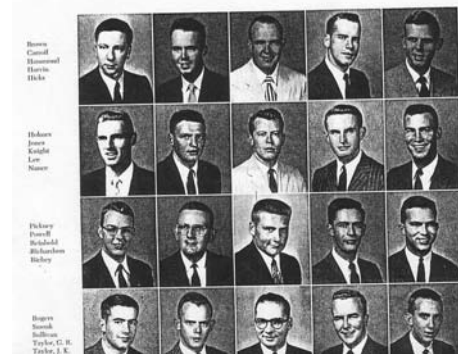
Delta Chapter's primary purposes at first were socialization and ushering. Meetings were held twice a month and projects were done on demand. However, as the fraternity grew, so did its responsibilities. In addition to marching band and glee clubs, its members were heavily involved in The Jungaleers, Clemson's first jazz band (which holds reunions to this day), and The Blue Notes, a small-combo jazz band. Delta seems to have had a major hand in founding



The paddle on the far left reads “Discord.”

one or both of these groups, although it's hard to say for sure.

Another first that Delta may be able to lay claim to is the instance of the term Discord: It appears on a paddle in a 1955 photo as “DISCORD”. Back then, of course, paddles were not just symbolic; the 1957 yearbook says: “This exclusive organization has a long and arduous initiation. Initiates must stand and play such selections as ‘Tiger Rag’ and ‘Dixie’ while the members paddle their ‘tails’ in the time honored Clemson [i.e. military] manner. The initiates, of course, carry their candy-filled cigar boxes [another early mention of a tradition: candy boxes!] and may be stopped anywhere on the campus to feed the older club members.” Ahh, military



Pictures of Brothers from a page out of the 1957 yearbook.

school. They don't mention the worst parts of initiations back then, the traditions of which were carried through until the mid-70's. I can't repeat the stories I heard from a 1972 alumni that just happened to meet us in Clemson's student union a few years ago, but I can give you his summary quote: “It was the worst night of my life!” These days initiations are naturally much less arduous and definitely hazing-free.

In 1965, Delta Chapter was flourishing with an average membership numbering in the twenties. They were active in all aspects of music on campus, especially the marching band. Brothers also put on “Spring Sounds” and “Fraternity Sing,” two musical productions popular across campus. The 1967 yearbook provides three important clues to our past: The first mention of “Formal and Informal” initiations, the reappearance
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REFLECTIONS ON MU BETA PSI

MEANING OF BROTHERHOOD

Jason Sigler, Omicron Alum

I have been asked to write something for this edition of The Clef, based simply on my razor-sharp wit and unparalleled LiveJournal flair. There is no better place to start than...the start, so let me set the time as the fall semester of 2003 at Roanoke College. It was the start of my second and final year at my home away from home and things were already proving to be more than I could bear when I got the invitation to rush with the Omicron Chapter of Mu Beta Psi. I looked at the list of brothers and found that nearly every one of them was already a good friend of mine in one way or another, so the reasons to remain reclusive numbered far less than those to take the plunge.

I attended a couple of the planned rush events and found the group of people to be one of the most varied and interesting to hang out with that I've ever encountered in my lifetime. A night of good karaoke (oxymoron, you say?) was all it took to convince me that I wanted to be a part of the family they had formed together.

However, when the time for pinning, the first official step in the initiation process, came, I found my usually bare schedule somehow full and I was unable to make it. Being the promising prospect that I was, they made an allowance and allowed me to have my very own pinning ceremony. So, about three days after the six other members of the Delta Pledge class were pinned and started on their journey, I found myself standing in a room with most of the brothers, mussed hair and all as I was told very little about the dress code.

Pinned and ready to go, I met the rest of my pledge class a few nights later at our first pledge meeting. One of our number had already dropped out for reasons of his own, so our final number settled at the six of us, four guys and two gals. I nervously introduced myself to each of fellow pledges, who were all younger and fresher with the college experience than I was. This sense of seniority coupled with my newly discovered confidence and ambition drove me to try my hand at leading our pledge class to greatness and recog-

nition. Something must have clicked because I shortly found myself nominated and elected our pledge class president, a title I took as lightly as a ton of rusty sawblades dangling over my head in a plastic bag.

With my position of the Delta Pledge class leader made official, I took point on most challenges we were faced with, including the project each pledge class is tasked with producing and carrying out and keeping our meetings as short and productive as possible. A couple of weeks in, it seemed that this task was going to be a difficult one but I was prepared to do what needed to be done to see that we were a successful and accomplished note in the Omicron history books. However, with the support and care of the brothers and the respect and kinship I was developing with my fellow pledges, I found this was not the case.

In a development that surprises me to this very day, about three weeks into the pledging process our rag-tag group of wanna-bes became a well-knit, well-oiled, loving group of its own. When the night of our ill-fated "Are You Going To Sheetz, Francisco?" pledge service project reared its nasty, cold, wet visage, the end result was anything but a success in any iteration of the word. And yet, we were not discouraged. Along with a few encouraging words from the Brotherhood, we found new life in our campaign to become full-fledged Brothers. Spurred on by our spectacular, flaming failure, we resolved to return our energies to the tests and trials to come and even arranged to eat dinner together the night of our initiations.

On that fateful night, something seemed different in the air outside. There was change coming, both palpable and unnoticeable. We piled into a small van and rode off to the local Mexican eatery, a decision that could have been a little better thought out considering the possible digestive and olfactory ramifications. The dinner was one of the most enjoyable experiences I've had with a group of people; there we were, a group of strangers weeks ago, who now called each other friends and soon, Brothers. We were not given the keys to this miraculous turn of events by the brotherhood. It was not a common occurrence to have the pledge class

come together in such a unifying and familial manner as we did. It took courage, respect, humility, love, passion, and effort to come together the way the six of us did and to this very day it brings a tear to my eye to think how far we came in such a short time. It is a perfect indication of what is possible when conventions and expectations are thrown out the window in favor of trust, friendship, and immeasurable support and compassion.

This is what Mu Beta Psi has meant to me in my short but memorable time active at Omicron Chapter. When push comes to shove, we shove the hardest and heads will almost certainly roll when the tasks pile up and the deadlines start to loom dark on the horizon. This is because the Brothers of Mu Beta Psi are passionate individuals who share this common bond to form a family unlike any other I've ever been a part of. This passion for music, for friendship, for brotherhood, carries us through everything we do and cannot be broken, not with a million miles of distance or a thousand miscommunications. We are strong, we are united, we are friends and we are brothers. We will never die because the spirit of passion and respect and care for music and for life will live on from year to year, generation to generation. Tell your brothers you love them and share your stories of how you came into this wonderful family and why you are proud to be part of such an incredible tradition.

And stop crying. It's going to smear the ink.

CURRENT UPCOMING SUBMISSION DEADLINES

December

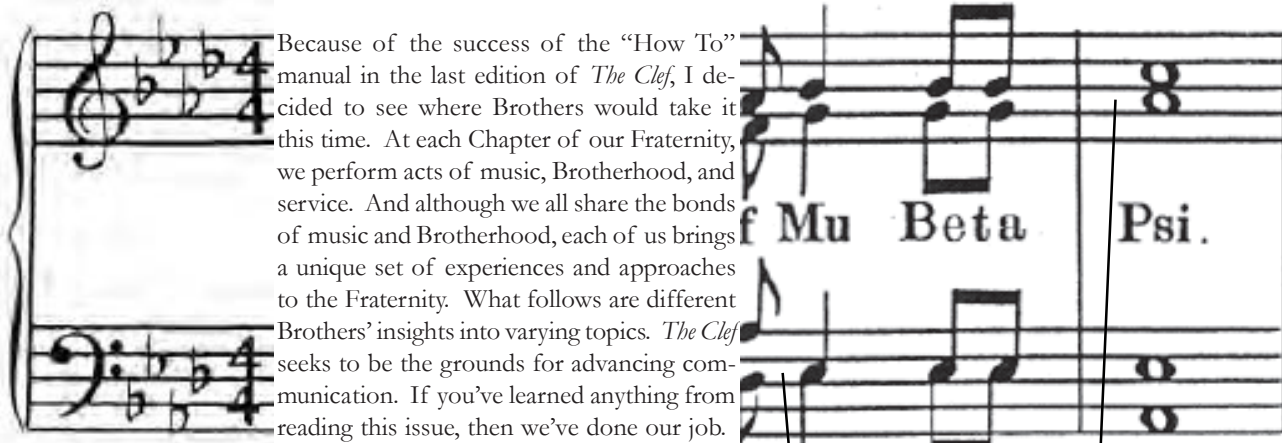
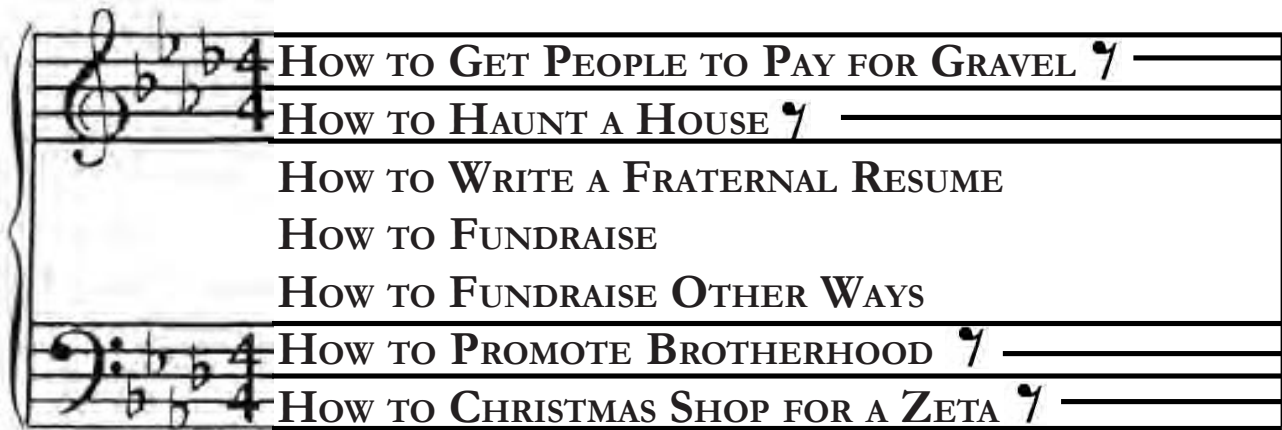
30: Fall initiation reports due to NT
31: National archive submissions due to NH; Fourth quarter Chapter minutes due to the NVPCM

January

30: Alumni Reports for Fall grads due to NS; Winter/Spring address lists due to NS

February

28: National dues (Spring) due to NT



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HOW TO GET PEOPLE TO PAY FOR GRAVEL ... AND LIKE IT!

Anna Kaplan, Mu

Have you noticed that Halloween has turned into a holiday all about candy? What happened to the other half of "trick or treat"? This year Mu Chapter decided to do something about UNC's sweet tooth. We embarked on our ultimate community service project using the following guidelines:

1. Carefully select the best candy in town, only buying the kind that will surely rot the teeth of anyone who even dares to look at it.

2. Place this candy in the happy-looking Halloween themed bags.

3. Handpick the finest collection of gravel in Chapel Hill. Make sure you wear all black and use a nondescript getaway car because sometimes the perfect gravel cannot be purchased.

4. Distribute these fabulous rock specimens into the gloomy-looking Halloween themed bags.

5. Display these Sweetie Treaties for college students to buy. The customers have the option of taking the bags themselves or getting them delivered anywhere on campus. They may also make the purchase anonymous, or they can design their own personalized card to go with the bags.

6. Use the slogan, "Buy treats for those you like and tricks for those you don't." Then you can laugh at how many people gleefully buy tricks (akabags of gravel) for their friends. Try to sell as many bags of gravel as you can so that you can munch on the bags of candy.

7. On Halloween, deliver the Sweetie Treaties to the doors of unsuspecting college students. Make sure you leave before they open the bags so that you, the messenger, are not harmed.

8. Sit in your chair counting your money and listening to the cries of anguish from your peers as they open their bags of tricks. And yes, it is all right if you let go a maniacal laugh.

So, you may think that this new and improved trick-or-treating is a social menace, but just think about all those people you saved from getting cavities – not to mention all the people who love you for letting them buy gravel.



HOW TO HAUNT A HOUSE

Matt Peters and Tony Georgetti, Omicron

Omicron Chapter has put on a Haunted House on Halloween weekend for three consecutive years. It has been a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone involved. We thought the other chapters could benefit from our experience. Here is a guide to making your own.

During your first planning meeting, brainstorm concepts. We picked a concept back in March of the previous semester. We then proceeded to do nothing with it until September. This may not be the most efficient plan of action. We do recommend beginning to plan as early as possible. Our most recent theme was "Twisted Circus."

After a theme is decided on, brainstorm ideas within that concept for the first few meetings. Don't throw anything out immediately. This will keep people from becoming too discouraged to throw out subsequent ideas. Also, in the first few meetings, brainstorm and finalize your advertising plans. Depending on your campus resources, advertising could include radio station, TV, flyers/posters, campus mail/email website etc. Outside-the-Box advertising works best. For example, we were planning on putting a dead clown dummy in our student center, but this, alas, fell through.

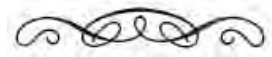
Make sure to reserve a building as soon as possible. You'll need to reserve it for at least a few weeks to ensure ample time for set-up. At this point, you should narrow down your ideas from the brainstorming sessions to the more feasible ones. Once your ideas are finalized, set up a room plan within your reserved building. Keep in mind the amount

of space you have, but remember that smaller spaces help with the scare-factor. Also, keep in mind that the use of black plastic tarp for our walls in a small space meant copious amounts of plastic and a large number of people, which could spell suffocation..

Assign characters for each room based on your ideas. Also assign brothers and other actors if necessary to play the characters. Once all the characters are finalized start making a list of props and costume items as well as any other effects/make-up or anything else you may need. Keep in mind the cast members may need to buy materials out of pocket if your chapter doesn't have enough funds.

Based on your room plan/map, tape out wall boundaries. You may need to make adjustments. Use black plastic tarp for your walls and staple them to the ceiling and tape them to the floor. Make sure you have permission to do this. Begin adding lights and other effects/props to rooms. Write out a bare bones script. Audience interaction is a huge plus. The more the better. We had a cast member pose as an audience member and get kidnapped at the beginning. The rest of the Haunted House was the audience trying to rescue the cast member who was found murdered at the end by several deranged clowns. Also add twists and turns to give it a plot and distinguish it from your everyday haunted houses. Rehearse as many times as possible so that players can learn lines and get used to the characters. Make adjustments to the script as necessary.

At this point you should be ready to perform the Haunted House. Keep a mop handy for any loss of urine the audience might experience.



HOW TO WRITE A FRATERNAL RESUME

Matt Zander, Zeta Alum

So, you've decided that you have something to offer the Fraternity and have decided that you want to run for a national office at the next convention. All you have to do now

is make a formal application so everybody knows that you're running. In addition to a letter of intent, applying to a national office requires the submission of a fraternal resume, just as you would submit a resume and cover letter to apply for a regular job. A fraternal resume is important because Brothers at other chapters will not necessarily be aware of your qualifications. At this point, you might start asking yourself, “What goes on a fraternal resume? What does one look like?” Here are some ideas and suggestions for crafting your fraternal resume.

Things to include:

- Contact Info – name, address, phone number, email address
- Objective – what position, if any in particular, are you trying to obtain with this fraternal resume.
- Pledging info – chapter pledged, date of pledging, pledge class name, big brother(s)
- Fraternity activities and offices – committees that you served on, offices and positions that you held, little sibs that you had, fraternity activities that you led, etc. You may want to include details of duties and activities for offices and committees because Brothers at other chapters may not understand what that job entails at your chapter. Include dates of these activities if you have them.
- Other music-related activities – bands, choirs, theater, activity in music-related or-

ganizations.

- Other activities – You could include education, current employment and employment history, hobbies, religious groups and other community and collegiate activities. Be sure to mention positions of responsibility that you have held and honors that you have received.
- Any other skills that might be relevant to the position. For example, if you were running for National Treasurer, you might want to list accounting skills and training if you had them, or if you wanted to be National Editor of the Clef, include previous publishing and editing experience.

There's no official method for laying out your fraternal resume, but a generally accepted method involves breaking up your fraternal resume items into collegiate chapter, Alumni Association, and National Organization sections (see Fig.1). Within each section, you could then order the resume items in a logical, easy-to-follow manner such as chronological order, reverse chronological order, or order of importance. You can then also include sections which describe your current status, personal information, work experience, education, other activities, etc. If you can present your qualifications better using a different organizational method, however, by all means use it. For example, if you had a pre-existing professional resume that detailed your work and educational experiences, you might choose to omit those items from your fraternal resume and include the professional one when you submit your fraternal one.

If you're planning on putting together a fraternal resume, it would be a good idea to look at samples of other Brother's fraternal resumes. You could ask other Brothers at your chapter and alumni that have been active in the national organization as well as current national officers if they can give you a copy of theirs. Fraternal resumes of those brothers seeking national officer positions are also appended to the legislative council minutes for each national convention—you can download these minutes in the Knowledgebase on the Brother's Intranet (www.mubetapsi.org/forbrothers).

HOW TO FUNDRAISE, ZETA-STYLE

Nicole Milkovic, Zeta

Fundraising takes time, energy, and patience. Whether the money you are raising is to support your chapter in general, its endeavors, or the fine arts department, certain guidelines should be established to make the conquest easier for future generations.

Here are a few tips and tricks:

1. Get your name out there!

This can be done in a few ways. One of the easiest ways is to co-sponsor an event with another well-known organization. Not only does your name get out there, but you can steal and improve upon their methods! Another approach would be to volunteer your time to do a community event such as Adopt-A-Highway or a dinner and a movie. The community members will then learn you are not only trustful, but possibly an organization worth helping/investing in.

2. Annual Events

An annual event will come to be expected by the students and community members. Some generally easy and cheap ideas are a spaghetti dinner or a musical type of event. For example, Zeta does an annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner to raise money for the fine arts department. The event is held at a local church, which donates the space, and the majority of the food is donated by local organizations. Another event done at Zeta is having a live musician, who happens to be a local alumnus, play at a nice restaurant/hotel/bar (donated space with an open cash bar). This event boosts Gary Tunstall's gigs, it's good for the restaurant and it's great for us (not to mention, it's relatively easy!). Make sure you check campus and community calendars to make sure there are no conflicts!

3. Publicize

Make sure you check campus and community calendars to make sure there are no conflicts! This cannot be stressed enough. Go around your community and ask if the local shops will allow you to put up posters in their windows for upcoming events. You may also want to put posters up on campus, utilize any

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Mu Beta Psi Fraternal Resume for
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Objective:
To be elected National Editor of the Clef

Current Information:
-Senior at OmniCity University, graduating in May 2005 with BS Myrmecology
-Engaged to Jane Student, wedding set for June 2006

Omega Chapter Activities:
Pledged Spring 2002, Generic Pledge Class
Music Committee, Spring 2002 - Fall 2004
-Served as Chair during 2003-2004 school year
-Organized
Chapter Secretary, Spring 2003 - Fall 2004
-Duties included ...
Voted Most Helpful Brother 2004

National Organization Activities:
National Committee on Expansion, Spring 2003-Current
-Served as Omega Chapter representative to committee

Education:
OmniCity University, May 2005
-BS Myrmecology
-GPA 3.75

Work Experience:
Bug-B-Gone, Corporate Research Lab, Lab Intern, Summer 2004
-Duties included managing technicians, writing and publishing lab reports
OmniCity University, Department of Biology, Entomology Lab Assistant, 2003-2004
-Duties included ...

Other College Activities:
OmniCity University Curling Club
-Served as President, 2003-2004
-Organized city-wide curling festival
Dorm Social Group
-Served as Recording Secretary, 2002-2003

Figure 1. Sample fraternal resume.

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free radio station publicity, create an advertisement for an electronic display system (EDS), etc. If people know about your event, the chances of them coming increases (and this will then generate more funds!).

4. Donations

Go to local businesses for donations for supplies needed for fundraisers. Most businesses are willing to help you out if you go to them well in advance, as donations take time, and if you have a ‘here are our sponsors’ board. You may also want to contact alumni of your chapter and hit them up for donations. Take the donated money and set up a fund (back account, etc) and let it rot in there for awhile.

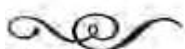
5 Sales Contract

Work with your athletic department and see if you can come upon an agreement in regards to selling programs, yearbooks, etc for a set percentage of the profits. Don't forget to get this contract in writing!

6. Handbook

When you have a successful fundraiser, write EVERYTHING down. The more information you record, the more reproducible the event becomes. What went correctly? What could have been improved upon? What quantities were needed? Who should be contacted? How far in advance should things be done/started? The more questions you pose and answer, the better.

As mentioned earlier, these are only suggestions. If you need more ideas, or need a little bit of help coming up with a neat, relatively easy and realistic fundraising idea, feel free to contact other chapters (such as Zeta) and ask for help!



HOW TO FUNDRAISE, ALUM-STYLE

Ryan Hauck, Delta Alum

The Alumni Association is a unique Chapter within Mu Beta Psi because our membership is so spread out. We also have Brothers at many different stages of life—we have graduate school students, professionals out in the “Real World,” and of course Brothers who are parents. We also have a very large

proportion of National Officers and PBOT members, who often have all they can handle just fulfilling the job duties of their National position. Because of these factors, it is difficult for the Chapter to meet on a regular basis as do the collegiate Chapters, nor can we perform what could be considered “normal” service projects or fundraisers. In fact, about 90% of our business is now done over the Internet. The Alumni Association has to get creative in finding ways to promote music while retaining enough of the look and feel of collegiate Mu Beta Psi to retain Brothers. Another great challenge we have is finding ways to grow our bank accounts without raising dues on our Brothers—this is especially challenging given that Chapter dues are optional for all first-time active Alumni.

A few years ago, the Chapter noticed a trend towards Chapters, especially Host Chapters, selling items at Convention as fundraisers. We thought this would be an excellent opportunity for us, as Convention is only one of two times during the year that Alumni see each other face-to-face, much less the rest of the Fraternity. And unlike other Chapters, we don't really have a physical community, such as a college campus or town, to which we can sell items—we rely on the Fraternity community. In addition, some of our Brothers have several factors to their advantage: professional contacts, experience, flexibility, and deeper pockets than your average collegiate. We decided that we were in an excellent position to have fundraisers by offering Fraternity apparel and other items to the Brotherhood. We began years ago by selling windshield stickers and mugs; then in 1999 we sold our first round of hats, which were enormously popular. The next year we broke out with the “Psi2K” shirts, which were also a hit with the Fraternity. Since then, we have sold golf shirts, book binders, and another round of hats. In fact, we have so many items available that often we feel like the Fraternity Store. We currently offer everything for sale that we've ever sold—except for the Psi2K shirts—including one remaining mug and one remaining hat from the first batch.

The AA seems to have found its niche selling items that require a large startup cost and may not be available in any other way. We

hope to continue to offer Fraternity items to Mu Beta Psi in the future, and as always, we thank the Brothers for their support in our fundraising efforts.



HOW TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

Ted Gellar, Alpha

As Vice President at Alpha, my job includes chairing the Brotherhood Committee, which works towards keeping the Fourth Purpose vigorous within the Chapter. This is done through a combination of Fraternity events, informal social events, and activities during and outside meetings. Here, listed in no particular order, are the most interesting.

1. **Percy Pairs:** This activity is (of course!) named after our beloved founder and N.C. State's first music department director. Each week, two Active Brothers are paired together and are encouraged to hang out together during the week in some non-Fraternal capacity. To liven things up, I generally try to assign themes (a trend started by National Historian Shari Baxter when she was Alpha's VP) for each Percy Pair. For instance, the week leading up to October 31st had a Halloween Theme, so each Percy Pair was supposed to include something specific about Halloween (mine with Ashleigh Nagel was ghost; others had bat, monster, witch, and so forth).
- 2) **Weekly Social Events:** Each week, Brotherhood Committee tries to choose something going on that week for all Brothers to try and attend as a group. This has ranged from a music department concert to the Charlotte metropolitan area's Renaissance Festival.
- 3) **Letter Day:** Letter Day is the one day each week, chosen by our Corresponding Secretary, Marsha Hoover, when all the Brothers are supposed to wear their letters, be they on shirts, hoodies, hats, or pins.

- 4) **Entertainment:** At (almost) every general meeting at Alpha, after officer and committee reports and recess but before unfinished and new business, one Brother or a group of Brothers provides Entertainment. These vary widely in content and interactivity, including Tony Sprinkle’s performance of a computer music piece he composed to a good round of the Meat Stick Dance led by the fall semester’s Pledgeclass, the Chemical Packets, at the meeting after their Initiations.
- 5) **Spirit of Brotherhood Competition:** This is an ongoing competition that has been in place at Alpha since well before I was initiated (in Spring 2001). It runs within a semester, and is usually a competition between Actives and Special Actives on the one hand and among Inactives on the other. Brothers accrue points by participating in Fraternal events and activities, such as Percy Pairs, weekly social events, Letter Day, or Entertainment! The Active/Special Active and (usually) Inactive with the most points at the end of the semester wins a prize.
- 6) **Lock-In:** These have usually been held no more than once a year. They can be Brother-Pledge lock-ins or for Brothers only. Lock-ins are a time for fun and games, for teambuilding, and for bonding activities. This fall, we had a Brother-Pledge lock-in, on October 29th. Because it was held so close to Halloween, we kicked it off with a costume contest. Other activities included **Introductions**, where Brothers are paired off and given five(ish) minutes to find information about each other to introduce them to the Brotherhood as a whole; **Encore**, where two teams compete to see who can come up with more songs whose lyrics include a key word, such as “monster” or “truck” (*dumps like a truck, truck, truck...*); **Mayhem in a Bag**, where groups of Brothers designed and performed skits with the random materials in a bag they were given; and **Sardines**, where one Brother hides somewhere in the music building, and stays there, and then other Brothers individually try to

find the first, staying with her when they’ve found her. And of course, at 3 a.m., when the lock-in was finished (only so early because of a Marching Band event the next day), we sang *Hail the Spirit* before heading off to IHOP for some eats.

That’s an overview of how the social side of Brotherhood works at Alpha Chapter. If anyone would like more information, or if you have any good ideas of your own, please let me know by emailing me at thgellar@ncsu.edu!



HOW TO CHRISTMAS SHOP FOR A ZETA

Melissa Masucci, Zeta

It is well known throughout Mu Beta Psi that Zeta chapter is just a bit, well, strange. We’re way off here in our own little world, far from other chapters. We have strange traditions, and what’s worse, not one of us is a music major! If any of you are unfortunate enough to have a Zeta on your Christmas list, you’re surely still wondering what on earth to get them, right?

That’s where I’m here to help. I’ve compiled a few ideas of surefire gifts for that hard-to-please Zeta on your list:

You can never go wrong with Engineering Paper. Along with its many uses as regular notebook paper in all classes (including non-engineering ones), Engineering students at our school have found a variety of ways to use this ugly stack of paper. Some great examples include wrapping paper and emergency toilet paper for camping trips.

Lightweight? Isn’t that a weight class

in boxing and wrestling? There are no lightweights here. A gift of alcohol is never turned down, however the likelihood that they *already have it* is rather high. What every good Zeta needs, though, is a Vodka Bong. That’s right – we don’t bong beer here, that’s for amateurs.

And you thought porn was only for dirty old men. If it’s porn, and it’s got a guy in a girl in it, chances are one of us has seen it and probably still has it on his/her hard drive. But don’t send just any cheap or soft porn our way, we prefer quality. Zetas like to think of themselves as porn aficionados. I mean, we are the group that’s been planning a Girl’s Only Porn Night for quite some time now!

You don’t know cold weather until you’ve been to the Midwest. In an area that prides itself on its nickname, the *Frozen North*, and brags about their six month long winters, Zetas are always desperate for things that will make their lives warmer or ease their outdoor ventures in the middle of the winter. Knit us scarves and mittens. Buy us comforters for our beds (or our cars, for that matter, so we can be warm if our cars break down). Or, at the very least, an ice scraper for the windows. Zetas have recently become rather fond of the kind with an extendable arm – it’s great for phallic *and* short jokes!

And at the very least, **nothing beats making fun of our nerdiness!** Slide rules, pocket protectors, TI-89s, suspenders and Buddy Holly glasses – anything to remind us of how geeky we are is a plus. There’s nothing like getting a calculator for Christmas to remind you that you forgot to do your Stats homework last night, let me tell you! Plus, if we already have one it’s okay, we can use the extra slide rule to attract the girl that sits next to us in class and probably get a date. Chicks dig guys with abnormally large... medulla oblongatas.



80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ryan Hauck, Delta Alum

The Alumni Association is seeking the entire Fraternity's help with and participation in the 80th Anniversary Celebration. This event will be occurring next Summer in Roanoke, VA; the Chapter will announce the exact date at Convention 2005. We respectfully request each Chapter talk to their membership about this event and encourage all of your Actives, local Inactives, and Alumni as possible to attend—attendance will be critical to making this a successful weekend, and there is nobody better than the Chapters themselves to help get people to the celebration. Sometime next Spring we will also be asking Chapters to supply properties (letters, old Clefs, misc correspondence, paddles, charters, and other memorabilia), photos, scrapbooks, and any other information that would contribute to the value of the weekend. Please let everyone in your Chapter know about the event and help us to hype it up—we are hoping to make it a weekend well worth remembering.

CELEBRATION FAQs:

Q. Why is this event in the summer, not closer to the actual anniversary date?

A. We decided that November 5 is too difficult a date to plan around. We have several of our Brothers involved in marching and pep bands; November 5 is also very close to both Thanksgiving and Final Exams. We are also exploring the possibility of outside events, and mid-November offers unpredictable weather both at the event location and for any Brothers driving down from the North. Spring would also be tough: early Spring offers the same weather hazards, and late Spring would interfere with Convention, potential colony installations, and pledging/initiations. Thus we picked the summer to avoid school- and pledge-related conflicts; we are also hoping that with enough advance notice, actives can plan their summer activities around the weekend. Summer is also traditionally the easiest time for older Alumni to take vacations, especially those who may have school-aged children.

Q. Why Roanoke, Virginia?

A. Virginia is about as central a location as we could find (sorry, Zeta); we also have the

bonus of a Chapter close-by, who we hope will be able to help us with logistics and room reservations. This will also give older alumni the chance to meet and see the campus of our newest Chapter.

Q. What events are planned?

A. Stay tuned for details! But ideas include a meet-n-greet, a golf outing, lectures and presentations, a memories room, alumni testimonies (written and video), Chapter presentations, tour of Roanoke College, and a banquet or picnic.

Q. Why is the AA asking Chapters to contact Brothers? Why aren't you doing it yourself?

A. We'll be contacting as many inactive Alumni as we can get hold of, but this already presents a formidable task. In addition, what better way to get hold of actives and local inactives/alumni than to go through the Chapters? It is far easier for each Chapter to contact 30 people than it is for a few Alumni actives to contact 200 people, plus the Chapters have a better idea how to get in touch with those folks through your listservs, personal connections, and so forth. We are absolutely counting on your help to get the word out.

Q. Why is the AA asking Chapters for our archives?

A. Simple: We don't have that information! The Chapters are our best resource. While we hope to coordinate with the National Historian to get many items, your Chapter will know better than anyone which properties and documents are most precious to you. Thus we are planning to coordinate with your MALs and Historians to help bring some valuable history to the celebration.

Q. How can I help?

A. To offer help, or just to get more information about the 80th Anniversary, please contact:

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Ryan Hauck, AA MAL/Historian: psi_chotic@yahoo.com



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we on the Expansion Committee will go to work as soon as is appropriate to re-establish this stronghold of our Fraternity at Clemson University.

Finally, all of our Expansion efforts have been aided by the work and support of Andrew Fleming. He and I have been working together to put the Fraternity's best foot forward on all of our Expansion activities, as well as coordinating to keep everyone in the Brotherhood informed. Andrew's help has been invaluable.

Please let me know if you're interested in getting involved in Expansion, or if you have specific ideas for prospective schools. Many of our Expansion activities this semester have been driven by Brothers who have a dream, and these individual efforts combine to form our great strength. Thank you all.



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Intranet. Recent additions include the ability to store personal bookmarks, online photo galleries, a knowledgebase repository of Fraternity documents and minutes, news, comics, weather, and more! All Brothers are encouraged to visit the Intranet website.



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lab for more than five months before they started dating; says Shari about it, "That's what working six inches from somebody every day will get you."

Shari's favorite color is red. She like big band music the best, but says she listens to country more often. She can't choose a favorite artist: It's "hard to say," she says, "there are so many." Her favorite movies are the *Lord of the Rings* (all three installments), *Big Fish*, and *Dodgeball* (especially the wrench scene). Shari "claims" as her hometown Conover, N.C.

If you would like to talk with Shari personally, e-mail her at historian@mubetapsi.org.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Jonny Chen, Mu Alum

It's been three-and-a-half years since I pledged with the Pi Pledge Class at Mu. During that time, I've been lucky enough to visit 5 Chapters, attend 4 National Conventions, serve in the position of several different offices, and get to know dozens of Brothers. This past spring, I graduated from my university and left behind my status as an active Brother at a collegiate chapter. And in the past months, I have found myself growing cynical and feeling distanced from my old chapter. To put it another way: I feel old and jaded.

My feelings are exacerbated by the fact that I didn't just leave behind Mu Chapter when I graduated. I also physically moved to a new city, putting real distance between myself and the chapter where I found my second family. In a seemingly desperate attempt to return to Mu (or maybe to deny my advance into the "real world"), I claimed a Little Brother this semester. (See? I cling to calling this season a "semester.") But all that's done is emphasize that I know little more than the headlines of all the current events at Mu.

For a lot of Brothers who, like me, want to remain active in the Fraternity on some level after graduating, ties to Psi can be tenuous, at best. What is there to help encourage participation when the closest chapter is hours away or not close at all? For myself, I joined Alumni Association. However, even though it is recognized as an active chapter of Mu Beta Psi, there is no central location, no weekly meetings, no service events every month. Unlike the larger music fraternities, Psi on the national level does not have a house or office. We offer social gatherings on the national level very rarely. Our alumni networks are spotty, as records for various chapters have vanished or were never kept in the first place. It's no wonder that I feel so many negative emotions.

A recent conversation with Phillip Staten, our National President, helped wipe off the cobwebs that have developed on my paddle, pledge book, and sense of Fraternity spirit since this summer. Says Phil, "We're beginning, oh so slowly, to think of ourselves as a national organization."

I am reminded of ex-president Ryan Hauck's words: You are "not just a Brother of Mu Beta Psi, but Mu Beta Psi itself" (*The Clef*, Fall 2001). He goes on to say that "When you *become* Mu Beta Psi, you will act towards the greater good of the Fraternity and help the organization aspire to the ideals on which we were founded."

The "beginning" that Phil speaks of depends on all Brothers in order to have a middle (and hopefully never an ending). And I have to admit that lately I haven't really been too much of Mu Beta Psi. What about you?

Phil paints a picture for me. There is the Brotherhood as it is now. We are Zeta and Omicron and Nu. There will always be the chapters. But then we figure out how to visit each other, and we start organizing projects that are beyond just the one chapter. My mind immediately begins to wander off dreamily as he tells me about the future of our Fraternity. We will have conventions where the priority is shifted away from business. He continues to share his vision. "We will have an actual national office with four walls and a roof. There will be files and security and a safe, climate-controlled place for the archives. There will be a paid staff. National officers will no longer have to fund directly their offices. That's just the beginning."

Yes, and that IS just the beginning. As the National Editor of *The Clef*, I look at other fraternity publications to scan for ideas for how to improve on our own national publication. As I look at their mailings, I drool. Glossy, full-color pages. The font is not tiny. The words are not crammed in. Alumni from decades past write in about their accomplishments. They concentrate entire hundred-page issues on single topics like recruiting.

Not all my time is full of malcontent. Nor do I spend all my time pondering my jobs in Psi. I spend my hours drooling and dreaming about other things besides *The Clef*. My thoughts are full of determination: I speak in the future imperative tense. We will be stronger, we will be bigger, we will give back more to our communities and to each other. What do you see in your visions?



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the deposit receipt to the copies.

3. Phil's travel proposal. NP Phillip Staten introduced the idea of setting up a "fund" (term used loosely here) to help offset the costs of Brothers who are traveling to other Chapters outside of the National Convention. The idea behind this is to encourage more fun social activities between the Chapters and encourage more Brothers to attend initiations at a Chapter other than their own. Matt Zander, Phil, and myself will be working on a more detailed proposal.

4. Convention. Three points: 1) Chapters are required to submit a financial report during the NFC meeting. I will provide more details to chapter Treasurers as Convention nears. 2) Chapters who are over 500 miles from Xi Chapter are eligible for \$220 from the National Organization to help with travel costs. Chapters fewer than 500 miles are eligible for \$70. Receipts can be sent in after Convention for a reimbursement. 3) Some National Offices, including National Treasurer are open this year. Anyone thinking of running for a position needs to submit a letter of intent and be prepared to deliver a speech on the Convention floor. I am happy to talk about the NT's duties with anyone interested in running.

5. Liability Insurance. Chapters will be reporting their Chapter's coverage under the University's general liability insurance (deadline: Dec. 16). From there, we will investigate liability options for the Fraternity. This project is moving forward!

6. Tax-exempt status. We have a deadline of December 31st to complete this goal. I will be working with several Brothers over the holidays to complete this task. Hopefully, we'll have more to say by Convention!

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If you have any concerns, questions, suggestions, please drop me a line. If your treasurers need any help, advice, supplies, etc., we should chat. My virtual door is always open.

FEATURES

TO WHAT ARE OUR OMICRON BROTHERS ARE LISTENING?

Melissa Carr
Inner Sanctum, Delerium

Brother Lauren Cook
Ragdoll, Aerosmith

Brother Amanda Corson
Broken, Seether and Amy Lee

Brother Tara Garland
You Say, Lisa Loeb

Brother Tony Georgetti
War on Drugs, Bare Naked Ladies

Brother Bryan Gibson
Marry Me, Ed Cash

Brother Anna Gonzales
The Shining, Badly Drawn Boy

Brother Kat Jackson
Crash, Dave Matthews Band

Brother Kristen Jasper
Because of Your Love, Kenny Chesney

Brother Adam Keeling
You Raise Me Up, Josh Groban

Brother Hilary LeBlanc
All Around the World, Red Hot Chili Peppers

Brother Peter "Dickie" Lubbs
Hammer Smashed Face, Cannibal Corpse

Brother Jessica McMahan
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Brother Matt Peters
Screenwriter's Blues, Soul Coughing

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of the Charter in a photo, and the first documented photograph of "Big Red", the large symbolic red-painted paddle that Delta has used in ceremonies and initiations for as long as I can remember.



"Big Red," as seen in the 1967 yearbook.

In 1970, Clemson's women were finally given a chance to participate. Instead of going co-ed, however (one letter from the 1970 President said the "old guard wouldn't

have it"), Delta Chapter organized a sister sorority, Psi Mu Psi. This sorority is unique in the history of Mu Beta Psi, although unfortunately Delta had almost zero information in its archives. Sisters had their own crest, membership certificates, letter shirts, initiation ceremonies, meetings, and projects; yet the two groups still functioned very closely together on campus. In March 1976 the two groups merged into one co-ed group; the 1976 yearbook shows an organization of 47 members and that

year's *Clef* reports 35 Sisters joined Delta Chapter all at once (it does not state how many Brothers existed at the time). The *Clef* editions of 1976 and 1977 also refer to our members as "Brothers and Sisters" frequently, so it appears the now-

universal "Brother" term was phased in over time. The 1972 yearbook sets another milestone: The first African-American Brother at Delta Chapter. Unfortunately, I have not been able to identify this Brother; he only appears three times, twice in uncaptioned photos and once in a photo whose captioned names do not correspond with faces or rows. How frustrating!

Throughout the 1970's Delta Chapter stayed very large and very strong. Delta lived through all the turbulence of that time period—I have seen a letter written to the Chapter sent from a Brother stationed in Vietnam, and I have seen a letter from the wife of a Brother who was a POW in North Vietnam. From the 1970's through the 1980's, the yearbooks get less and less descriptive; however, the chapter seems to get larger and larger. In the mid-80's there are typically two photo

entries for Mu Beta Psi—sometimes a pledge class gets a photo of its own! There is one legendary pledge class from the mid-80's that was around twenty-six pledges large (bigger than

the existing brotherhood). Finally, by the 1990's the yearbooks offer no descriptions, only pictures. However, here's where my memory can pick up a little bit.

My Big Brother pledged Mu Beta Psi in

Fall 1991 and as best I recall, she said there were 45 actives; her pledge class was at least 9 people, which was fairly typical. Delta Chapter had large presences in bands and choral groups alike; most of the



Psi Mu Psi Sisters, as seen in the 1972 yearbook.



An unidentified African American Psi Brother, as seen in a 1973 Clemson yearbook.



This photo from a 1977 Clemson yearbook shows the merged Mu Beta Psi and Psi Mu Psi fraternities.

band officers and many of the choral officers were Brothers. My first memories of Mu Beta Psi are hazy; I vaguely remember my Big Brother wearing her plaque during pledge



Pledges get their own picture in this photo, taken from a 1987 yearbook.

season (my freshman semester), and I remember her pledge class singing in the student union. A few semesters later I remember seeing pledge books but did not know what the “Delta” letter stood for. By this time I had finally started to look around to see what this organization was. I had many friends in the Chapter or pledging, so it seemed like a natural fit. Even though I wasn’t a Brother yet, I helped Delta out with their 1992 Homecoming float (yes, we did floats! That was the last time, though). I was finally eligible to pledge in Fall 1993, and when I was handed my bid, I jumped at the opportunity.

My pledge class finished 10 members strong (little did anyone know that we would be the last large pledge class). The active Brotherhood at the time stood at 37. I interviewed each Brother diligently and did all sorts of things to gain signatures, ranging from the tame (interviews) to the outrageous (choreographed dance with my pledge class to “Cold-Hearted Snake”). I also had the privilege of meeting and interviewing some Alphas during the Alpha-Delta weekend that year. Throughout the struggles, personality conflicts, and dizzying schedule, I loved it all. My love for Delta Chapter was sealed during some of our wackiest times. As for my initiations, I don’t remember as much as I’d like to (I remember almost nothing about my Formals) but there are many moments from my Informals that I both cherish and laugh heartily at. I was only active at Delta for 3 semesters, something I could not control but regret nonetheless. I did as much as I could for my Chapter during my time there and became interested not just in Delta, but in the Fraternity at large. I credit several

people in the Chapter for my national interest, which grew exponentially after Delta’s 1995 Convention (my first).

I remember sitting with the 33 active Brothers during my last meeting and telling them how much I loved them all. I remember pointing to the letters on my chest and saying “This is what we are, Brothers: Mu, Beta, Psi. Music, Brotherhood, Service. Always remember that—it is what we are.” Most of them had never heard the mnemonic, and I think it struck a

chord. I remember telling them that I was concerned about the future of the Chapter, as 11 of us were graduating that day and we had just experienced the formation of another music fraternity on campus. I told them, however, that I would

everything possible to help them.

And help them I did. In retrospect, perhaps I was around too much; perhaps I was too intrusive and should have let them find their own path. I never seemed to encounter resentment about being The Alumni That Never Went Away, though. I came to as many pledge events as I could, always wanting to

leave an impression. I remember unexpectedly breaking down in uncontrollable sobs in front of one pledge class, whom I had just met, as I told them how much I missed my Chapter. I remember on numerous instances watching my little brother cry as she explained how important Delta Chapter was to her. I remember people graduating, loved ones and friends slowly going their separate ways. I remember all those faces and all those times and they are more precious to me than I can properly describe.

Ultimately fate and circumstances and plain bad luck took their toll on Delta Chapter; we slowly lost our relationship with the music department and musicians, and in 2000

we lost our home (the Lounge). In a few years we had lost our active membership as well. Now the Chapter exists in name only; soon it will not exist at all. The memories of the past several years flood over me—there are volumes of personal memories that I could share with you if I only had the time and space. I wish that all of you could know the Delta that I knew: the thriving, gigantic, healthy, happy Delta that was a force in the Fraternity and at Clemson. I can still feel the ghosts of Mu Beta Psi on campus every time I visit. I wish I could share that Delta so you could understand what Mu Beta Psi is to me.

Although I am at peace with Delta’s destiny, I will never be through grieving. Delta Chapter was my home and my family through good times and bad; I always knew I could return Home when I needed to. Now I am homeless, and it is traumatic beyond words. By way of e-mails I have received from Alumni young and old, I know it to be traumatic for them as well. As for me, I have my plaque, my paddle, my pledge book, and decades of historical documents to sift through; the Charter itself is temporarily in my home. I have somehow become the guardian of Delta Chapter and it is a great honor to be entrusted with care of our identity, our his-



Formal pictures after initiations, Fall 1993, the same semester Ryan Hauck pledged.

tory. But I would do anything to be able to hang that Charter in the halls of Clemson University again.

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Delta Chapter has had a long and glorious history. It has hundreds of alumni, all of whom have special memories. I have letters from Brothers as far back as the class of 1938 fondly describing Delta Chapter. I hope that we, as a Fraternity, can keep the memories of Delta alive for these people, not to forget a great tradition. This year, after many years of struggle and frustration, Delta has finally been forced to face reality and to let go of our Chapter. It has not been easy, and we have kept Delta running artificially for a long time trying to avoid this day. But after many debates and many tears, we are finally at peace to let go. We will let the door close on Delta

Chapter having fought the good fight, knowing we did our best, knowing we can do no more. We have been faithful to our Charter, our Brothers, and our purposes. We will miss you, our beloved Delta Chapter.

*Where the Blue Ridge yawns its greatness;
here the Tigers play;
ere the sons of dear Old Clemson,
eign supreme alway. 1
Dear Old Clemson, we will triumph
And with all our might
That the Tiger's roar may echo
O'er the mountain height."*

(—Clemson Alma Mater)

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