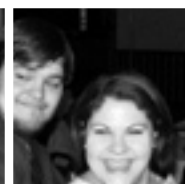
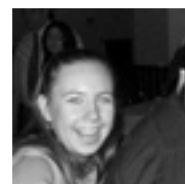
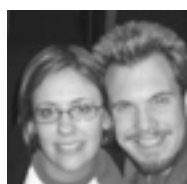
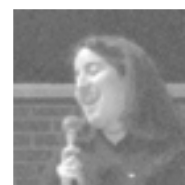


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Rebirth,
Regrowth,
Rebound!



National Editor of the Clef Report

It generally takes me until I finally get to see the finished product before I'm happy with something I've made. This goes for things I write for classes, for satire articles I've written for the Daily Bull at Michigan Tech for the last four years, and holds for this issue of *The Clef*.

Just in the short span of a month, this issue has seen at least two major layouts be completely thrown away because I wasn't happy with them. I threw out dozens of "themes" for this issue, only to settle on one (Rebirth, Regrowth, Rebound!) that was never really realized. My vision was to focus on the "Spring-like" things about our fraternity - the growth into new areas and regrowth into old ones (lost chapters, for example); the trials we go through as chapters, Brothers, individuals in Mu Beta Psi and our respective bounces back from those trials; etc. However, the more I worked on this issue, the more I realized that every day as a Brother of Mu Beta Psi is about this theme. Every day has the opportunity to be something new and to bring something new and amazing into our lives.

It is with this idea that I present to you my interpretation of *The Clef*. I've revamped the look a little - part to be more "fun", and part to integrate the great diversity of our fraternity onto the best paper representation of ourselves. There are so many of us from so many walks of life. Why not applaud it, showing the faces of Mu Beta Psi for all to see? I hope you like the end result as much as I do.

But with this result comes the used of dozens of photographs. You'll notice this issue's "photo theme", so to speak, was Convention 2005. I've pretty much used up all the Convention pictures available to me, which means I'll need a new resource of photos for the next issue. I encourage chapters to send me photos (digitally) from your get-togethers, rushes, socials, volunteer events, etc. This includes the AA, we like pictures of the Alumni too, so I encourage someone to please go trigger happy during the 80th Anniversary celebration, and keep *The Clef* in mind.

Now, about the contents of this issue. As I mentioned before,

my interpretation of *The Clef* is driven toward bringing a little more "fun" to everyone in the fraternity. With this comes a list of summer birthdays (page 14) from around the fraternity, the organization of a trip to Cedar Point this summer (details on page 14), as well as "shout-outs" spaced throughout the publication. These can be found on the bottoms of nearly every page, including this one, and are just a means for brothers/chapters to share messages between themselves. Also featured are "Intranet Snapshots" on a couple pages, which I have to thank Kevin Britton for - I would never have come up with the clever name, but once I had it I knew immediately what I wanted to do.

I would also like to thank Ryan Hauck for his archives submission (page 15), which gave me the idea to do a running archives section in the publication. More about this idea can be found on that page, and anyone interested in submitting someone shouldn't hesitate in contacting me.

This being my first ever issue of *The Clef*, questions and comments are not only encouraged but desired. Please let me know what you think, both good and bad. Where can I improve for next time? What did you love? E-mail me at clef@mubetapsi.org or contact me via AIM at melyssamoo.

Thanks to everyone for the opportunity. It's been a blast!

IBh,
Melissa Masucci
National Editor of The Clef

National President Report

"Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king..."
-Thomas Nashe (1567-1601), British poet

The excitement that follows our National Conventions is nearly tangible. It bounds out from the eyes of all the Brothers who attended and announces itself jubilantly from their mouths. This year is no exception.

Following the National Convention, the National Service ad hoc Committee has a new chair, Tony Sprinkle



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(Alpha). His organizational skills, knowledge of policy, and intense drive will be vital and crucial assets to the committee. The National Service Project is scheduled to begin with the coming Fall semester, so be on the lookout for more information.

Several policy amendments were passed, the end result being the consolidation of the National submission deadlines. There are now just four dates for Chapters to remember and schedule when preparing submissions to the National Office, not ten or twelve as in the past. The upcoming deadline is April 30th for a number of submissions. The National Secretary will have information forthcoming on those.

Abra Seelig and Melissa Masucci were elected to the offices of National Treasurer and National Editor of the Clef, respectively. Since you're reading my report, it means you're stuck with me as National President for another year as well. No one was elected to the office of National Vice-President of Chapter Maintenance. I appointed Chris Hill (Zeta) to fill that office for one year and by mail ballot, the appointment was approved by the Legislative Council. I encourage you to offer your support and cooperation whenever and however possible to your new National Officers as they come to master the nuances of their positions.

Funding for an exciting test program was allocated by the National Finance Committee. This test program aims to encourage Brothers to travel between Chapters by providing funding in the form of reimbursements to Brothers traveling to other Chapters' Spring Initiations. A focus group will be formed over the summer to gauge the experience and to evaluate the program to determine if it should be continued, what changes may be needed, and how it can be improved and expanded.

The coming months will present new challenges, but at the same time, they are the same challenges which befall us every summer. How do we maintain our momentum, how do we carry over our confidence, how do we perpetuate our progress in the months when most of us are removed from our collegiate Chapters by distance and interest? One way might be to create a buddy system involving Brothers from separate Chapters or entire Chapters themselves. The summer address lists will be published soon. Look over them and find a Brother from another Chapter with whom you could be pen pals for a summer, even if just by email. Or do it as a Chapter -- choose another Chapter and correspond regularly during the summer months.

Our purposes do not observe seasons. They do not recognize winter any more than they do spring. So while the trees come alive and the roses of spring blast into bloom, remember that a changing season does not change our mission.

Honor, stimulate, advance, promote. These are our constant charges and while we witness the coming spring, let us bear witness to our continued

fellowship and service.

*IBh,
Phillip Staten
National President*



National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

Wow!! That about wraps up my thoughts over the past month since Convention. As you most of you know and the rest of you are about to find out, with the unfortunate result of not electing a new NVPCM at convention this spring I was appointed by Phillip Staten to fill the position until Convention 2005 and approved by the Legislative Council by mail ballot on the 31st of March. Needless to say, the last month has been really hectic because I had not planned on taking on this role.

Nonetheless, the shock has passed and now it is time to get down to the business I have been appointed to do. In the next year you will see many new things that may confuse you and shock you. I just ask that before you react to anything that you don't understand, please contact me and I can explain my purpose in much greater detail.

The first area of change will be the creation of three reports that will be submitted various times throughout the academic year. Of the reports being discussed, the first two have already been completed and will go it effect immediately and the third should be completed by the middle May at the latest.

1. Chapter Maintenance Report – This report asks for current statistics pertaining to the chapter and will be collected quarterly. Some areas of focus include: fundraisers, Brothers Court, financial status, meeting statistics, etc. Everything on the document is information that was supposed to be collected since the position was created but unfortunately wasn't. The main purpose of this report is to give me a general idea of what's happening on the chapter level and in addition it allows for the creation of a record of how chapters have been doing for future reference.

2. Pledging Report – This report is to be keep track of the current pledging status of each chapter and get a better understanding of the overall pledging period. This is another area that is of great concern to many chapters and is a very touchy subject. While it is my job to investigate the pledging process at each chapter I know that chapters like their privacy. As a result, I was very conservative in the information that I requested. Finally, this report will need to be submitted at the end of every pledging period.

3. Chapter Year End Report – The actual content of this





report has not been completely decided on and because of this, it has not been completed.

Overall, the purpose of this report will be to collect contact information about the officers for each chapter for the following year. In addition, it will serve as a way to collect dates of the last revision of chapter by-laws, initiation rituals, etc. Finally, there will probably be a section where the person filling

out the report has to evaluate the chapter's past years events on several aspects and give their opinion on ways to fix some problems. However, since this report is still in the brainstorming phase it could end up drastically different. The probable collection time for this report will be the end of every school year on the same deadline as many of the other National deadlines. This year however will be the exception.

The second area of change will occur in the area of meetings. This past year not many NCCM roundtable meetings took place. It is my hope and goal that over the next several months I will have enough information on chapters to be able to hold 1-2 NCCM round tables online and then have one large open forum at the next convention. If there is anybody interested in attending the meeting that has a topic they would like to see discussed please e-mail me at chris.jon.hill@gmail.com.

The last area of change I would like to see is an increased communication between chapters and me. If I am going to be able to help the chapters with their problems, I am going to need to be able to talk to many different people at the chapters and get their opinion on what is happening at their chapter. Only through this information I obtain will I be able to help the chapters. So, the more helpful and forthcoming people are, the more I will be able to help them.

Finally, like the National Treasurer I will be moving numerous times within the next several months. I will try to keep my address updated on the National Intranet but if you are ever in doubt as to where to send something please e-mail me and I will give you the current information. In addition, by August my address should be pretty fixed.

IBh,
Chris Hill
National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance

National Vice President of Expansion Report

Convention this year showed once again how strong an interest our Brothers have in Expansion. At the Convention Expansion Committee meeting last month, we engaged in a brainstorming session for ways that we can get Mu Beta Psi's name out, and specific ways to meet our goals of starting new Chapters. Our

list ended up being more than a page long, and we came up with some really fantastic ideas.

Over the rest of 2005, therefore, our goal is to implement as many of these ideas as possible. In the spirit of involvement for all, I'll be going through the list and publishing our best ideas. The goal will be to form teams - mini task forces - to address individual items over the course of the year. All Brothers will be welcome to sign up and participate, and I anticipate great results from these projects.

This opportunity to sign up will be coming your way in about one month. Don't lose that energy and enthusiasm - we'll put it to good use.

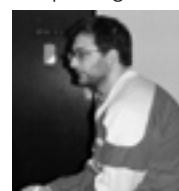
IBh,
Alana Kirby
National Vice President of Expansion

National Secretary Report

As I write this report, it has been about a month since Convention and I am already hard at work with the upcoming year's activities! First and foremost, I am pleased to report that the Convention minutes are coming along nicely and should be done and posted in good order (hopefully by the time you are reading this report). I am grateful to all of the committee chairs for their willingness to answer any of my questions as well as taking time to review the minutes for any necessary corrections. With their help, the correspondence and meeting minutes from Convention 2005 will be as accurate as possible.

Secondly, with the help of Julie Lyon, I have taken the time to go through the 5 bins of documents that have been in my possession since Convention 2004 and have compiled an inventory list of their contents. In general, these documents cover a period of time that roughly runs from 1992-2001, covering the span of both Gayle Kirby and Jon Fielbrandt when they served as National Secretary. There are also some exceptions to this general time period, which have been included in the inventory list. This list has been forwarded to Shari Baxter in order to give her an idea of what she can expect to receive in the coming months. There can be no question that these documents will have a good home in the Fraternity Archives and I look forward to working with Shari to ensure that they are sent to her in good order, sometime over the summer.

Thirdly, I have taken steps to create a designated e-mail account for all National Secretary correspondence through the gmail.com system. The new e-mail address is nsmbpsi@gmail.com. Chapters are asked to please direct all communications and submissions to this e-mail address from now on. The purpose of setting up a new e-



National Reports

mail account is twofold. First, this particular e-mail provider allows for much more storage space and is geared towards the purpose of archiving and saving correspondence for an extended period of time. Secondly, it allows for my successors to have a designated place for all National Secretary correspondence and have easy access to the e-mails that have been sent to me during my time in this office. I am optimistic that this new e-mail will be put to good use in the coming years.

As we continue to move forward from Convention 2005--once again, kudos to Xi Chapter for a job well done--I remain very optimistic in the newfound energy that exists in Mu Beta Psi as well as the direction that we are moving in. I have no doubt that any of the challenges that we encounter in the months and years to come will be met head-on with courage, determination, and a strong resolve. I remain committed to working with all of the Chapters and the National Organization to keep our fraternity moving forward into the future.

IBh,
Nathaniel Kulyk
National Secretary

National Treasurer Report

Greetings All! My wondering is over. I know where I will be working. I have accepted an offer to work for a company located near Detroit, MI. I will be starting the first week of June. My contact information will be changing twice between now and June as I will be spending the month between graduation and the start of my job in Minnesota with my family. I will keep everyone updated with my contact info through the national email list and the Brother's Intranet

Deadline reminders:

April 30 - Spring Initiation Reports
April 30 - Semi-Annual Financial Statements
April 30 - Last chance to send in fiscal year 2004-2005 reimbursement forms.

Current Numbers:

Accounts:

Checking: \$5,963.90
Savings: \$15,270.59

Funds:

Undesignated: \$9,510.05
Maintenance: \$2,420.58
Expansion: \$3,496.86
Special Projects: \$587.00
Liability Insurance: \$5,220.00

Total: \$21,234.49

Travel Program – Everyone participating in the Travel

Incentive Program please read through it. All travel needs to be approved by Chapter President and all participants must be willing to participate in discussion groups to evaluate the program.

Chapter Treasurers – Please send me the name and contact information for the 2005-06 treasurer of each chapter. Treasurers are the chapter reps for the NFC. Remember to transfer all the information to the new Treasurer and to sign the bank accounts over to the new Treasurer or anyone else who belongs on the account. This is especially important to do if the old Treasurer is graduating!

Speaking of transferring accounts... Julie and I will be coordinating the transfer of the remaining National Treasurer materials/accounts/duties sometime after March 31. Julie also wrote up a great description of the National Treasurer/Chapter interaction in the Treasurer report in the Spring 2004 issue of *The Clef*. That can be found on the National website (not in the Brother's only part). Thanks Julie for being such a big help this last month!

Goals – I have three main goals so far for my time as Treasurer.

1. Standardize the financial record keeping for all chapters.
2. Get tax-exempt status.
3. LIABILITY INSURANCE!

Current Contact Information – Feel free to contact me about fraternity business or just to chat.

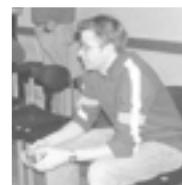
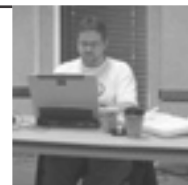
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Email: adseelig@gmail.com (This will be my email after I graduate, adseelig@mtu.edu will probably be disappearing within 6 months of graduation, please get used to using my gmail account.)

IBh,
Abra Seelig
National Treasurer

National Historian Report

Brothers! In talking with many of my fellow Brothers I realized that most people do not fully comprehend the extent of our Fraternity Archives. Though small for the 80 years we have been in existence we do have a substantial amount of information. We have roughly 20,000 pieces of paper that fill over two two-drawer filing cabinets and several bins. Beyond the paper we have banners, letter shirts, old pledge books, and a few miscellaneous pictures. There are many items that I hope to be able to share via the intranet one day soon with the entire





Brotherhood.

I have several projects that I have been working on slowly but steadily that I would like to

report on here.

- The conversion of past Clefs to PDF is coming along nicely. It took me many hours to determine the best resolution while keeping the file size as small as possible. I'm hoping with the help of Kevin Britton that these files will be posted on the intranet for everyone's enjoyment very soon.
- Indexing of the archives is a very slow tedious process. This project has progressed and I hope to have a public list to the Brotherhood by fall of this year.
- I am working with the Alumni Association to prepare for the 80th anniversary celebration this summer. We are planning projects such as the creation of a "traveling archives" that will be mailed from chapter to chapter for everyone's enjoyment. More details will be available in the future.
- I am working with Delta Brothers to make arrangements for the transport of items to the archives. There are a great deal of items and papers to make the long journey from Clemson to Maine.
- As always I am filling requests that are emailed to me for documents to the archives. The only outstanding request I have yet to fill is the request from the Alumni Association for copies of the past minutes. I hope to have this request filled very soon.

On a personal note, I will be beginning my second year here at the University of Maine. I am slowly adjusting to the cold weather and the large amounts of snow as compared to the south. I look forward to spring and summer when the world will be green again. If anyone makes the long trek up to Maine, please let me know. I will be glad to show you around my neck of the woods.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer break!

IBh,
Shari Baxter
National Historian

National Information Technology Committee Report

The 2005 National Convention, an experiment was undertaken that marked a first for Mu Beta Psi: portions of National Convention were recorded and broadcast over the Internet. Despite network connectivity issues that prevented a live broadcast, and

a limited amount bandwidth for streaming, the experiment was largely successful, since portions of Convention were recorded digitally and later made available for download on the Intranet. More importantly, the committee gained valuable insight into webcasting and recording for Internet distribution.

The next step is to determine whether streaming video is a useful long-term tool for the Fraternity. A discussion is currently underway on the Brothers Intranet on this topic, and will help shape the Fraternity strategy towards this technology. Your feedback is welcome!

The committee continues working closely with Chapters to tackle their technology needs. Software has been implemented to allow Chapters to host and locally control their websites on the national web server. This "ChapterNet" service will help eliminate dependency on Chapters' universities or members for hosting local websites. Also, the committee has accepted a request from the Alumni Association to investigate photo mosaic software that could be used as part of the 80th Anniversary celebration. More details are forthcoming from the Alumni Association.

Our service to the National Office continues as well. At the request of the NFC, research is underway regarding financial software for the National Office; this software could also be made available at the local level at a later date. In the near future, we'll also be working with the National Secretary to research and recommend a digital video camera for purchase by the Fraternity. Again, more details are forthcoming.

Last, but certainly not least, the last few months have seen tremendous growth of the Brothers Intranet. New users continue to be added almost weekly, and features are continually under development or update. Currently under development is a HelpDesk, which will contain Fraternity FAQ's, and the ability to request support from the webmaster, or the committee as a whole. Stay tuned to the "Site Announcements" forum for the latest changes.

Of course, none of these activities could be successful without the support of many Brothers. I would particularly like to single out Chris Hill (Zeta), Julie Lyon (AA/Alpha) for their encouragement and advice over the last few months, and particularly for their willingness to step up and take on tasks...sometimes without being asked! Their commitment to the growth and strength of our Fraternity is unwavering. Thanks!

We're on the cusp of some exciting stuff, and the NITC is committed to helping us achieve it!

May Brotherhood Prevail!
Kevin Britton
NITC Chair



Chapter Reports

Alpha Chapter Report

Aaron McClannon

Life in the south of late has been as simple as can be expected. Since Convention, a surge of "Fraternalism" has flooded the brothers of Alpha. (Yes, Fraternalism is a cross between Fraternity and Nationalism, I thought it was funny.) Plans are currently underway for different groups of the brothers to visit the different chapters both for Formal events and also for the everyday social fun. Also currently in the works is a potential Spring Formal for Alpha and Mu Chapters, but all brothers are welcome to attend! (RSVP's will be recommended when the time comes)

Speaking of new events, the end of last semester saw our pledge class, The Chemical Packets, installed into the brotherhood. As for new business, our current pledge class, Psi Town's Finest, is going through the moves of pledging. They're working on their books and getting their paddles perfect. Before long, the weekend of April 22nd will be here along with their Initiations and thus a whole new group of brothers to welcome into the fold.

Otherwise, Alpha's been doing what it's good at. Good old business as usual. With one more month left in the works, the shift has begun to also look at our upcoming Fall semester. Within the next weeks will see new officers nominated and elections taking place. Here's hoping the new regime will provide a fresh insight and hope to another good semester! Roll On, State!

Zeta Chapter Report

Chris Hill and a hoard of Zeta Brothers

Did you know (about Zeta Chapter)...

...In the Houghton area, things are as busy as ever. With helping out the Fine Arts Department in ushering

and selling programs for the Athletic Department time is definitely not in abundance right now. In general, we've been going about our day to day ritual with nothing really exciting happening. The exceptions can be found in the phrases "Strategic Evolution" and "Pledge Class". Late last semester there were several Brothers concerned with the future of Zeta Chapter and where we are going. As a result

an Ad-Hoc Strategic Evolution committee was created to do just that, look at our future. Over the course of the semester they have been meeting, talking and making presentations about everything from Pledging to purchasing a house. With the current momentum built up in the committee, it appears that this committee could be one of the most active and beneficial committees at Zeta Chapter in the last year with serious answers coming from it.

... Zeta's recent "dry spell" has ended, and for the first time since Fall 2003, we are dripping with pledges. The most recent class of three, "Short Staffed", have now become new Brothers. We are pleased to welcome Kirsten Holmlund, Lila Flaherty, and Alex Kiheri to Zeta's brotherhood! We have also started a second pledge class this semester with six pledges and plan on initiating them on the 15-17 of April. So far, the class has done exceptionally well and we look forward to their completion of the pledge term.

...We still are incredibly tone-deaf as a group, and can't sing to save our souls.

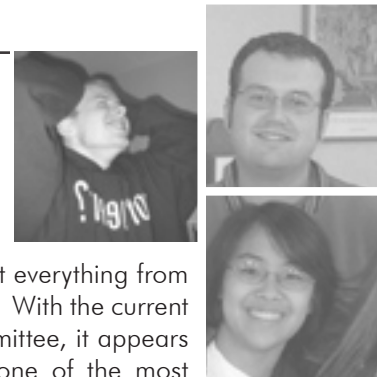
...Half of our active brotherhood graduates between now and December, so a lot of transitions are underway. We expect Mr. Dingleberry, our rabbit puppet/mascot, to win elections for President of Zeta. Expect to see more of this fun-loving guy!

...Local brother and funny guy Mark Andrasko opened up for our annual scholarship fundraiser - a concert featuring honorary brother Gary Tunstall. Everyone's favorite webmaster, Kevin Britton, and wife Jodi Britton showed up and got to meet some of the newer Zeta brotherhood. The event netted about \$1000, which will go toward our annual Pep Band scholarship.

...There is legislation going through the University Senate at MTU attempting to require all bathrooms to stock

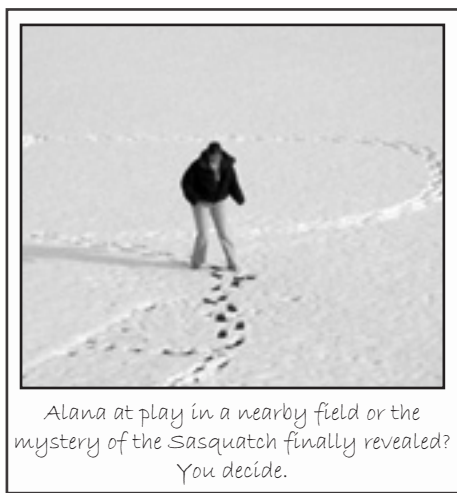
Engineering paper in stalls next to toilet paper dispensers, for those "hard-core" Engineers who really want to incorporate Engineering paper into every possible aspect of their lives.

...Zeta has been slowly becoming more active and visible at MTU. In Intramural Sports, we took first place in Water Polo and ended with a 1-3-1 record in Ice Hockey. We recently took part in the festivities known as Winter Carnival. We built a snow statue entitled "Hey, hey we're the Ice-Sea Monkeys", integrating music into the Carnival's underwater theme. The



INTRANET SNAPSHOT

Got photos? Jason Sigler does, and he shares them in the Gallery on the Brothers Intranet:



Alana at play in a nearby field or the mystery of the Sasquatch finally revealed? You decide.

Visit <http://intranet.mubetapsi.org> and log on for more!





statue won first place for our division, which was excellent publicity for our group. We also had our Alumni Banquet during Carnival, where we had many times more Actives than Alums show up!



...Half of this report is complete satire, courtesy of the wacky minds and weirdo brothers up here in the middle of nowhere! (This report is a slightly changed and updated version of the Zeta Chapter report given at the 2005 National Convention in Latrobe, PA.)

Mu Chapter Report

Sean Galgano

This semester has been a busy one for Mu Chapter. From our Fall Pledge Class being initiated in January to our annual benefit concert, Psi Jam, we have maintained a very active schedule.

We started off the semester with the inclusion of new active and special active Brothers. We welcome back Sean Galgano (Upsilon Class) and Michael Hill (Nu Class) to active status, as well as Jason Gloege (Beta Class) to special active status. We also would like to welcome Nikki Napierkowski (Nu Chapter Alum) to special active status. In the early morning hours of January 22nd, we initiated Mary Buchanan, Josh Moffitt, JC Peterson, and Laura Qubeck into our Brotherhood as the Psi Pledge Class. We are also looking forward to the initiations of our Omega pledge class, scheduled for April 2nd. We recently held elections for both MAL and Historian with Sean Galgano and Michael Hill filling those positions, respectively.

Our service has been particularly active due to our recent growth. We have completed more than twelve separate service projects, with many more planned for the month of April. We have also been building a working relationship with the other two music fraternities on our campus and have started doing joint service projects, mostly in ushering our Music Department concerts. We continuously strive to find more places that we are needed and this semester has seen even more growth towards that end.

Mu Chapter's biggest fundraiser and service project, our Fourth Annual Psi Jam, took place on January 28th. This year we decided to donate our proceeds to *Music For Relief*, a charity for musicians to donate to tsunami relief through the Red Cross. This was a very well-attended and successful concert. Not only was this organized by Brothers, but many of the a cappella groups who performed included Brothers from both Mu and Alpha Chapters.

Many of our Brothers will be performing during the month of April. Our performance schedule begins April 8th and winds down in May, with at least seven major performances, including

Psi pledge class' project of a show put on by our Brothers at a nursing home. Also during April, we are planning an Alumni Reunion picnic for the 30th for our Alumni and their families, as well as an end of the year party for all Brothers later that night.

This summer will be an exciting time for our Chapter. We are holding a retreat over the weekend of May 20th-22nd which will be both a time of teambuilding and relaxation for Mu actives and alumni. Many of our brothers will be staying in the area for summer school or jobs around the state, though some will be leaving us for distances as far as New York, Boston, and Madagascar! We are all looking forward to the wedding of one of our alumni, Aaron Kaplan, which will take place this summer. We hope you all have happy summers and send lots of postcards to Mu Chapter!

Nu Chapter Report

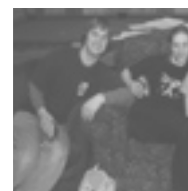
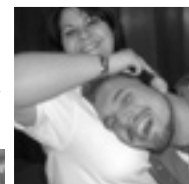
Crystal Campbell

After last year's Convention, Nu initiated four brothers. We participated in a 24-hour relay. We ended the Spring 2004 semester with switching of executive positions between brothers. We then said goodbye to five of our brothers as they graduated.

Over our summer break, we held our first (hopefully annual) camping trip. Upon returning to our Fall 2004 semester, we continued to water pianos, usher concerts and help out faculty in copying and sorting of music. Around Christmas time, we went caroling to a local nursing home. Throughout the semester we held many little fundraisers. None amounted to much; however we sold cookbooks and drinks during the intermission at concerts. We also held a gift-wrapping booth.

Nu also encouraged some more brotherhood bonding. We held our first brotherhood lock-in. At the lock-in we also created a picture collage out of pictures in the shape of Greek letters for Mu Beta Psi. We also started a weekly event to a local sports bar on Mondays to have 25-cent wings. We brought in six new brothers that semester.

Our pledging process was revamped a little, adding new ideas and bringing back some old ones. Nu brought back our PM Steal, something that had not happened for the four previous semesters. We also brought in a new mandatory event that allowed the pledges to get to know the brothers and the town of Oswego better. We then left for winter break. After returning, we have done a fundraiser dealing with singing telegrams for Valentine's Day. We are currently bringing through five new pledges.



Chapter Reports

Xi Chapter Report

Allison Croti

Xi Chapter is very pleased to announce the tremendous success of Convention 2005. It was wonderful to see everyone. We accomplished much and had a ton of fun in the process! Xi cannot wait for everyone to visit us again. We miss you all!

Since Convention the Brothers at Xi Chapter still have not rested. We have been busy keeping up with our Avon, T-shirt and Charm Bracelet fundraisers. We are also preparing for the initiations of our Rho class on April 8th, to which everyone is invited. Our two pledges have been working extremely hard, and we would love to have everyone join us in welcoming these two into the brotherhood.

As always the Xi Brothers are very involved with the musical events taking place on the campus of Saint Vincent. We are planning to assist in the production of the upcoming performance of *Guys and Dolls* at Saint Vincent College. Brother Candy Decker and Pledge Eric Rajchel are in the cast of the show as a "Hot Box Girl" and "Harry the Horse" respectively. It promises to be an incredible performance. Also Brother Jen Koury is diligently preparing for her senior music recital at the end of April. We are very proud of her and look forward to her show.

Xi would also like to announce the addition of two chapter Sweethearts, Garrett Derhofer and Anthony Fiumara. These two went above and beyond the call of duty filling in at the last minute as our DJs at the Convention Banquet.

Finally Xi is sad to announce the departure of many of our Brothers. Seniors Matt Davis, Matt Kopchick, Allyson Yukevich, Jen Koury, Megan Roble and Eberley Adams will be graduating on May 7th. They have given so much of themselves to Xi Chapter and to Mu Beta Psi, and they will all be sincerely missed. Also Xi regrets that we are losing Brother Elena Ziccarelli who is transferring to Penn State University in the fall.

We really hope everyone is having a great semester. Good luck with finals, and good luck to all the graduating seniors in your future endeavors. We hope to see you all soon!

Omicron Chapter Report

Anna Gonzales

Omicron Chapter continued to involve themselves in the Music Department of Roanoke College this semester, expanding once more by making the Jazz and Wind Ensemble director, Dr. Blaha, an honorary brother. Four Omicrons headed up to Xi Chapter, where they received the bid for next

year's Convention. Following Convention, we had our third annual Roanoke College's American Idol, where we raised over a hundred dollars for the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

Our pledges Laurie Hayes, Stacey Chapman, Christy King, Sarah Hold, and Lienthanh Kratzke have been busy planning their pledge-brother social and getting ready for initiations. Their pledge-brother social took place on March 25th and was pizza and a movie. Their initiations will take place on April 1st.

Our next event after initiations will be Roanoke College's Relay for Life. Mu Beta Psi will be having a team, and are raising money for the American Cancer Society.

Omicron will be graduating six seniors in May: Melissa Carr, April Sterba, Bryan Gibson, Anna Gonzales, Kristen Jasper and Kat Jackson. A banquet before graduation will be in their honor.

Alumni Association Chapter Report

Ryan Hauck

The Alumni Association is feeding off the energy from Convention to get things rolling for this summer and beyond. We had a very productive Convention meeting during which we made progress on several issues and projects. Some of the highlights of our recent activity include:

- Election of a President *pro tempore*, Emily Southworth (Nu alumna), to function unofficially as Acting President until Mid-Year; and election of a new Treasurer, Matt Zander (Zeta alumnus).
- Affirmation of the Chapter's desire to hold an 80th Anniversary Celebration this summer, and consequent frenetic planning. Details about this event will be available in a separate article.
- Revamped several of our committees and began efforts to revive some of our ongoing projects, such as letter shirt recycling and mini-grant awards to community music/arts efforts.
- Attempt to get Chapter reorganization moving again.
- Discussion and brainstorming about possible changes to the way that the Chapter solicits and selects winners for the Daniel BOTY and Kutschinski Awards.

Our biggest goal for the next few months is, of course, planning and executing the 80th Anniversary celebration. We will also be holding Mid-Year 2005 over the same weekend and hope to see lots of alumni at that meeting as well.



I highly advocate doing the Gator in a skirt/kilt. Just take after me, face a wall and don't kick "too" high. ~ Melissa, Zeta

With love to the best Big in the world ~ DeShaun "Magnum" Boyd

"Hey Tazwell, we mean Terrell ... hehe, one day we'll get it right!" -Tara & Melissa (Omicron)



As always, the Alumni Association is looking for energetic, enthusiastic Brothers to join our ranks after their graduation. Our success

depends directly on you! The Alumni Chapter is a great way to serve the fraternity in your post-collegiate life, as well as a chance to stay in touch with Brothers whom you've known for years. For information about joining please visit the Chapter

website, <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org/>, or contact any of the Chapter officers.

Finally, the Alumni Chapter stands ready to assist collegiate Chapters in any way we can. Our mission is directly tied to helping the collegiate Chapters succeed, so if you think we can help you, please get in touch!

May everyone have a great summer, and we hope to see each and every one of you at the 80th Anniversary event. May Brotherhood Prevail!

Kadie Hughes (Omicron/AA):

David Crowder Band - Beautiful

Hunter Schoenfeld (Nu): Jason Mraz - Curbside Prophet

Nathaniel Kulyk (Xi/AA): Usher - Yeah

Alana Kirby (Alpha/AA): Cowboy Bebop Soundtrack

Laura Qubeck (Mu): Keane - Somewhere Only We Know

Terrell Mitchell (Nu): Duke Pitchforks - My Kind of Girl

Melissa Masucci (Zeta): Weezer - Holiday

Tara Smith (Zeta): Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody

Lauren Peele (Alpha): Dave Matthews Band - Two Step

What We're Listening To Now

80th Anniversary Date Decision

Melissa Masucci ~ Zeta

The date for Psi's 80th Anniversary celebration has been decided, and we look forward to seeing you in Roanoke, VA (Omicron Chapter) for the weekend of **July 15-17**. Now's the time to make your travel and hotel arrangements (or contact a local brother for cheaper housing)!

Direct from National President Philip Staten, here's a very tentative schedule for what you can look forward to during the 80th Anniversary weekend:

Friday, July 15th:

afternoon: Mid-Year Meeting

evening: Social activity TBA

Saturday, July 16th:

morning/afternoon: Check-in, cookout (maybe, depending on weather and funds), and excursions (including a walking tour of downtown Roanoke and Roanoke College)

evening: Formal-ish (not necessarily formal wear) dinner

Sunday, July 17th:

morning/afternoon: Optional seminars, training sessions for collegiate Brothers

Now that a date is decided, the Alumni Association can focus on their plans for the weekend. Stay tuned for more up-to-date and final information as it's decided on the Brother's Intranet!

How to Have a Successful Pledge Term

Alex Dimitrijeski ~ Zeta Chapter

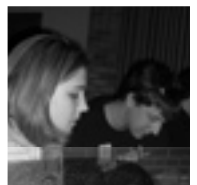
I always hear a lot of brothers from other chapters saying that they have problems keeping their numbers up. They worry about trying to recruit a ton of people so that they can have a huge pledge class, and although recruiting is important, pledge-class retention should also be looked at.

One of the most important things to keep your pledge-class numbers up is respect. It's not only important for the pledges to respect the brothers, and for the brothers to respect the pledges, but also for the brothers to respect each other. If there is drama in the brotherhood (and not the Shakespearean kind), pledges will see this and not want to get involved.

Another important part of pledging is to have fun. If there is a small gathering, invite them along. If you're just going to spend the night watching TV or a movie, ask them if they would like to join you. If the pledges aren't having fun, they won't really be all that interested in pledging. We may primarily be a service fraternity, but one of our purposes is to *actively promote fellowship among musicians everywhere*, and what better place to start than at your own chapter.

Getting pledges involved is also a necessity. At Zeta, we require the pledges to attend our weekly meetings. By doing this, they get to see how meetings run and voice their opinions on various topics if they choose. Hanging out with pledges all the time and having fun are all well and good, but getting them involved in the business aspect of things is also important.

Something that has helped us recently is getting all of our ducks in a row (or a 1 by x matrix, if you prefer). The pledging process should start well before pinning. A few brothers should



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sit down and plan everything out, making a schedule of events, and agendas for pledge-meetings. The pledging process needs to run like a well-oiled instrument (preferably a Bb Clarinet). Making sure everything is in order will help out a lot. Pledges won't get frustrated at the lack of organization and it will make the process easier for them.

Along with organization, consistency is also very important. A pledge is like a puppy. They need to see consistency in everything. They can't be told one thing from one brother and then something else from a different brother. They will just get confused and possibly run away. If ever in doubt as to how something should be done, consult the Pledgemaster.

You should also strive to show the pledges that you care about them. Ask them how they're doing. Ask them how classes are going. Meet with them one-on-one if you have to and find out more about them and who they are outside of their college life. It's important for them to get close to more than just their Big Brother.

In the end, the most important thing is to make the pledges feel like they belong in the brotherhood long before they are Brothers.

NCSU Music Department 80th Anniversary

Julie Lyon ~ Alumni Association

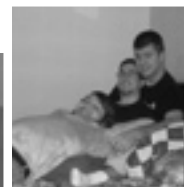
Not to be confused with the Mu Beta Psi 80th anniversary celebration this summer, the NC State University Music Department is holding its 80th anniversary celebration the weekend of October 21-23, 2005. The plans have not been finalized, but the basic idea is:

- Friday, October 21 – alumni arrive
- Saturday, October 22 – car pool to Wake Forest for the NCSU v. Wake Forest football game; alumni band
- Sunday, October 23 – 80th anniversary celebration at the new addition to Memorial Auditorium in downtown Raleigh. Events will include a brunch, a 2:00 concert with all of the current music ensembles, and break-out sessions (e.g., concert choir from the 1980s). I assume there will also be a history presentation, and Curtis Craver will be selling his History of the NSCU Music Department book.



Please contact Susan Mazzochi (susan_mazzochi@ncsu.edu) for more information about the event and/or to update your contact info in her database.

Susan is an Honorary Brother and one of the Alpha Chapter advisors.



The Year to Bloom

Nick Rosencrans ~ Zeta Chapter

I pledged Psi in the Fall of 2003 with The Accidentals, a wily group at Michigan Tech. We rocked the house, and it was a blast for the whole Brotherhood to watch us go through. Up until this semester though, in the Spring of 2005, I had remained a "new active": Zeta had gone over a year without a successful pledge class.

As you can imagine, this made a pretty tight spot to be in. Last fall when we realized our youngest Brother was a 3rd-year, we started to seriously recognize that a big change had to occur. We sat together as a group on the shore of Lake Superior, trying to visualize the future. How were we, in the course of just a few semesters, going to (almost literally) reestablish the entire active Brotherhood? How were we going to pull it all off before Zeta became the next inactive Chapter?

We came up with several possible solutions. We rededicated ourselves to involvement in the Pep Band and the other musical organizations at MTU, and tried to encourage our bandmates to join us for social activities and rushes. We also made some changes to our pledging schedule that allowed us to run two pledge classes during each term, by "concentrating" the timeframe on the tasks to complete. In effect, we would then be able to make up for the dry year easily.

A particular strategy that worked out was "matching up" specific Prospectives to a Brother, with similar interests and personalities, to hang out with and get to know the Prospective more closely before the pledge term would begin. In doing this, we vastly increased our recruitment efforts and retention for social events - this helped us to get our name out on campus and provide a positive mindset among the underclassmen, so that when we were ready for a pledge class to begin we had a group of interested students to start with.

Suddenly, in just over a couple months, our active Brotherhood is blooming from just eleven Brothers to possibly a whopping 24! On top of that, seven of the new Brothers (assuming they all successfully complete their pledge term) are first-year students at Tech. By significantly lowering the average age of the actives, we have helped ensure Zeta's success for the coming years.

But we didn't stop there. An ad-hoc committee was formed for the Spring of 2005, called Strategic Evolution. This committee has met semi-weekly, to brainstorm and throw ideas around about ways we can improve ourselves for the future. Strategic



Evolution has been wildly successful for us, exploring the different possibilities for Zeta Chapter and how we can truly be the best Greek organization

on Tech's campus. This committee hopes to present its findings to the Brotherhood later on in the semester, which will include strategies for improving our public image, becoming further ingrained in the Fine Arts, and successfully adhering to our commitments on campus and off.

In summary, it's been a pretty wild year up here in 'da Far North. We've undergone some impressive housekeeping, and come out of the difficulties stronger than before. We look onward to the future with bright eyes, and are excited about what we see

Join the Alumni Association or Die Trying

Jason Sigler ~ Alumni Association

So the shadow of your college graduation is looming ever larger on the plains of your future? And you're worried that you won't be a part of your chapter's hijinks and chicanery for much longer? Why not take a few moments to have a look at the Alumni Association and all they have to offer for your non-traditional, intellectually curious self? Then you too could someday count yourself amongst their old, wise...evolved number.

cue annoyingly bouncy 1920's "How To Survive The Fallout" film soundtrack

After graduating, you're left with two Psi-related choices: continue your life in a much emptier, lonelier, desolate manner WITHOUT the support and love that comes from belonging to a chapter or join the Alumni Association and get to know the storied history of the fraternity from the experienced veterans of Mu Beta Psi! Did I say veterans? I meant legends!

So graduation comes around and you've been communicating through the proper channels (any of your chapter's executive board would be happy to help) that you'd like to join the AA after leaving college. Once you explain that this has nothing to do with your propensity for imbibing large quantities of alcohol, it's time to feel them out yourself! No, no, don't do THAT. That could get you jail time, along with an unsavory reputation. Rather, send a cordial e-mail to someone in the AA, preferably our current President-pro-tempore-fancy-pants Emily Southworth or the always reliable, rarely wrong Secretary, Ryan Hauck. Either of these fine folk will be MORE than happy to give you the information and connections you need to start your road to greatness!

Alright! Once you clear those sappy tears from your fateful

graduation day, it's time to get serious. Chances are your status in Mu Beta Psi is up in the air at this point, but if you've been polite and humble, someone from the AA has probably granted you a preliminary membership. Way to go! But there's a catch? That's right! You still have to pay your dues, you lazy S-O-B! But not to worry, there are several caveats to this otherwise excruciating process! First, are you already nationally active for the year you wish to join? If so, then your thirty dollar national dues are waived! Right on! Second, of course, are the chapter dues....which are waived if it's your first time joining the AA! Yes! Holy crap is *right*! Now all you need to do is download the simple PDF profile form and mail it in! There! Your induction ceremony is now finished! And if you have any questions about this painless process the Brothers of the AA are more than happy to help, or you can visit the chapter's website to get all your questions answered!

Now, the waiting begins. After sending your info, and dues if necessary, you'd expect a congratulatory e-mail or some kind of confirmation of your acceptance into the AA. Well my friend, you would be WRONG! Sending off your info packet IS your acceptance! As long as your unbalanced mailman doesn't Bogart the check and toss your information, you're in! Don't wait around for any pats on the back or congratulatory handshakes because you're an Alumnus now, where everyone has jobs, higher education, and/or families to worry about. Your insignificant personal problems are now your own to deal with because you're in the company of...ADULTS.

But don't worry about insulting these grown-up types; they still enjoy the same frivolous, geeky fun that all of Mu Beta Psi revels in. The one trait you will be inundated with, however, is cynicism. Things you were once optimistic and hopeful about will seem out-of-reach and have a much more bitter taste once you're part of the Alumni Association. And that rebellious attitude you've shouldered throughout your college years has to go as well, as you're now one of the sticklers you've fought against for so long.

However, if you can overcome these obstacles and obey the new, much earlier bedtime you must adhere to, then you will find a loving (albeit quiet) family that is willing to welcome you with open, slightly withered arms.

Chapter Training Sessions – Sunday of the Mu Beta Psi 80th Anniversary Celebration

Julie Lyon ~ Alumni Association

At Convention this year, I probed chapter Brothers for their interest in participating in some training and/or having some informal



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roundtable discussions on the Sunday of the 80th Anniversary this summer. Several indicated that they would be interested. Now that I have no official Fraternity duties, the role that I'm interested in playing is preparing some training for chapters.

Example sessions (better titles to come later): "Interacting effectively with the National Office 101," "The NOs and what they do," "How to keep the books," "Goal-setting and planning for the chapter," and "Developing a climate for service within your chapter."

These are just my brainstorms – what are YOUR interests? What would be helpful to YOU as incoming chapter officers? Please contact me with your ideas or volunteer your help: julielyon@gmail.com or 301-325-8823. This training will be much better if it has your input.

If you are unable to attend the Sunday sessions, I will be able to send you the training materials we used. Perhaps we can put them on the intranet for downloading, send copies of the CDs directly to the chapters, or put videos of the sessions onto DVD. Please plan on staying the extra day at the 80th Anniversary!

Stereotypes: How Do Others See Your Chapter?

Andrew Stephens and Melissa Masucci ~ Zeta Chapter

After going to Convention this year, we realized that our preconceived notions of what people from various chapters are like were very wrong. We wondered if we were the only people that were unconsciously placing people from different chapters into different stereotyped categories, and soon found out that we all do it to some extent. Some of these stereotypes are based on legendary Brothers from each chapter that everyone remembers, and many have little basis at all.

Nevertheless, we wanted to see not only what other people thought of each other, but what other people thought about us before we'd ever met just because we are Zetas. We have compiled generic descriptions for you all to see. For now, just read them and keep in mind that they're stereotypes, not insults, and stereotypes were made to be broken.

The Alpha Male (or Female): Need a policy rewritten? Ask an Alpha, just as long as you can stand their long meetings and how everything is done at the last minute. They're dull and policy-driven. Alphas are likely to hold a National Office and be active in the fraternity on a national level. They have grand plans that sound great, but in the end they probably take on too many projects at once and the plans rarely get

realized. Their "no, we're cool, really" motto: All work and no play makes for a dull chapter. To prove this, they're constantly challenging Nus and Zetas to drinking games, crocheting afghans during General Assembly at Convention, and making the trek to visit all the other chapters (even Zeta) just for the hell of it.



The Tone-Deaf Zeta: Picture John Belushi, a beer stein in his left hand and a sledge in the right. Looking for a party? Ask a Zeta – but watch out for being "Quartered"! Zetas are considered the most likely to hold a National Office, especially dominating the position of NEOTC. The oddballs with their weird traditions and warped sense of what is fun – I mean, they like doing things like building snow statues in the middle of February! How weird is that? Lonely and female deprived, ask about the "ratio" sometime and you'll understand why the men love going to Convention so much.

The Mu-permodels: This self-proclaimed "best-looking Chapter" certainly has no problems with low self-esteem. Challenge them for their title, if you dare. Some might say they're a bunch of Liberal Idealists with no real grasp of reality. Others just applaud their ability to always put together a great rendition of Hail the Spirit – Zeta's mirror opposites, if you were. Mu Brothers are really approachable, always willing to lend an ear, shoulder, you name it. The softies of the fraternity, but someone's gotta do it.

Nus Flash: It's Cold: The reputed drama queens of the North, they're tied with Zeta for the honor of "freezing-ass chapter in the middle of nowhere". This close-knit group sometimes seems standoffish to non-Nus. However, they have a very advanced understanding of how to party (and may, in fact, have a thing or two to teach the Zetas.) It doesn't matter who you are when you're partying with a Nu, so long as you're having a good time!

We Aren't Repressed, We're Just Xi: We go to a Catholic school and can't have any fun because cracking a joke about the goat might get our charter revoked and all of us expelled. Okay, so that's a little extreme... but that does about sum up a majority of stereotypes held toward Xis. Others include: Xi is full of soap-opera drama; they're very service-oriented (much more so than other chapters); and they're caring, they deep down want to have a close-knit, loving group, and work hard to make it that way.

The Omicron Rugrats: Need a policy misused or ignored? Ask an Omicron. Omicrons are seen as the "sheltered siblings" of the fraternity, which is largely due to their "newness". They're still trying to find their niche in the fraternity (without that "annoying sibling" after taste). Omicron is said to be the one chapter that could easily give Mu a run for their money on both musical talent (just listen to their Alma Mater sometime) and



Chrissy Bischoff: We've gotta get you up to Zeta again sometime, girl. It was great hanging out with you, and going to choir and the Library together. Have a good one! ~ Nick Rosencrans

I wanna make a shout out to all the Alphas that I hung out with at Convention. They rock! ~ Aleksandar Dimitrijeski, Zeta



the "best-looking Chapter" title, only they're too new to have an ego about it... yet.

The AA: Alumni Anonymous:

Need a policy written, implemented, and then forgotten in a drunken stupor? Ask the AA – the Brothers so addicted to Mu Beta Psi, they have their own self-help group. The Alumni have grand plans that never get implemented – a process of "Change is Good" followed by a paranoid "No, no, no... Preserve Tradition!" These crusty old fogeys veto all the fun ideas that the collegiate chapters come up with, although in the end the wisdom of their decisions shows through. Still trying to hold onto their youth, the Alumni always are willing to (attempt to) out drink, out play, out sing, and out work any active collegiate Brother.

Think about these stereotypes when you first meet someone from another chapter. Keep in mind not only the reasons they don't fit the stereotype you hold for *their* chapter, but why they shouldn't think you're a typical Brother from yours. Someday perhaps we'll be able to break down all of these stereotypes and place everyone into one category and nothing else – Brother of Mu Beta Psi.

Cedar Point Excursion Date Decision

Melissa Masucci ~ Zeta

Several brothers from various chapters have shown interest in a collective trip to Cedar Point some time this summer. I took on the job of coming up with a date in time for Clef publication and creating a group to carry out planning from here on out.

After a poll on the Intranet and several discussions with brothers from various chapters, the final date decided for the Cedar Point trip is **July 29-31**. Please keep this date open in your calendars if you are interested in going!

I'm passing the responsibility of heading this project over to Andrew Stephen from Zeta, who will find out who is interested in going and plan hotels, meeting times/places, and the like.

If you are interested in going on the Cedar Point trip with your brothers from all around the fraternity, *even if you've contacted me before*, please contact Andrew Stephens and let him know so that they can start planning this event. His contact info is below:

E-mail: awstephe@mtu.edu
AIM: whatnow836

Happy Birthday To You

I asked the chapters to give me a list of birthdays of all their brothers. Here's the resulting birthdays for the summer months (May through August). Send a postcard, "snail mail" or e-card to someone on their birthday this summer!

The format is as follows:

Date - Person (Chapter) - Age They'll Be

May

5 – Melissa Carr (Omicron)
6 – Julie Lyon (AA/Alpha) – 26
8 – Anna Gonzales (Omicron)
9 – Amber Anderson (Alpha) – 21, Michael Hill (Mu) – 25
11 – Lauren Cook (Omicron)
16 – Kristen Jasper (Omicron) – 22
20 – Julie Cloninger (Alpha) – 23
27 – Eberley Adams (Xi)
29 – JC Peterson (Mu) – 22
30 – DeShaun Boyd (Nu)

June

5 – Andrew Stephens (Zeta) – 22
6 – Mary Buchanan (Mu) – 20, John McCaffery (Zeta) – 22
7 – Ken Hoy (Alpha), Danielle Cartaxo (Xi) – 20, Elena Ziccarelli (Xi) – 20, Bryan Gibson (Omicron)
14 – Claire Kavanaugh (Nu) – 21, Nathaniel Kulyk (AA/Xi) – 23
17 – Megan McGarvey (Nu) – 20, Jason Gloege (Mu) – 31
21 – Ted Gellar (Alpha) – 21
24 – Jen Koury (Xi) – 22
27 – Robert Sandoval (Zeta) – 22
28 – Sandy Orlowski (Zeta) – 19

July

4 – Crystal Campbell (Nu) – 22
8 – David Lee (Alpha) – 20
11 – Dale Malinzak (Xi) – 21
16 – Matt Wood (Alpha) – 22
18 – Natalie Shearer (AA/Xi) – 28
21 – Mark Blehm (Zeta) – 22
22 – Amanda Griffeth (AA/Kappa) – 36
30 – Alison Crotti (Xi) – 20

August

4 – Bryan Sebeck (Zeta) – 21
5 – Laura Abraham (Nu)
16 – Yuta Shokinji (Zeta) – 23
19 – Laura Qubeck (Mu) – 20, Nick Rosencrans (Zeta) – 22
20 – Nikki Nappierkowski (Mu)
22 – Chris Kessler (Nu)



Archives Submission

Thanks to Ryan Hauck for submitting this letter from the Delta archives. It gave me the idea that it would be interesting to have a section of *The Clef* dedicated toward our vast archives from the last 80 years. If any chapters have something they would like to submit for this section, please get in touch with me before the next issue comes out. Perhaps we can celebrate 80 years with a decently-sized archive section in the next *Clef*. ~ Your NEOTC

October 27, 1971

Mr. Jimmy Clarkson, Secretary
Mu Beta Psi
National Honorary Music Fraternity
Box 2385
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina 29631

Dear Jimmy:

I appreciate your letter and am proud that you are an officer in the Tiger Band and Mu Beta Psi, two organizations which are close to my heart.

Mu Beta Psi was chartered in the spring of 1937, during a time when I was out of school trying to make a buck to return in the fall. I was initiated in the fall of 1937, which was a memorable experience.

The original furnishings in the club room were paid for by the hard depression dollars, which we made playing in the Jungaleers, the hottest college dance band in this part of the country. (I may be a little bit prejudiced.)

In the good old days I played Solo Trumpet in the 100-piece Tiger Band, First Chair Trumpet and Soloist in the concert band and Second Trumpet in the Jungaleer. I was also a sexy baritone with the glee club. So you see why I didn't have the time or money to quite get my degree.

In the summer of 1938 I went to Europe with a five-piece combo, representing Clemson. We played on the ships of the Red Star Line out of Hamburg, Germany just before Hitler started World War II. We had quite a time in England, Holland, Belgium and Paris, including the Follies.

Incidentally, my favorite hobby, other than music, was having intermission and late dates with girls in a futile effort to keep my lip in shape. The moral in that is to keep a stiff upper lip, if you don't want your trumpet to get dusty in a closet like mine.

Jimmy, I doubt if [I'll] get up for Homecoming, but if I do, I'll be sure to drop by the lounge.

The record project sounds good to me. I could suggest some tunes which we used to sing to be included, but that may cause the record to get an X-rating.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Uncle Cap

L. Gillespie Fogle