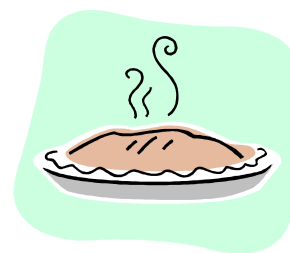


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Mu Beta Psi Welcomes Pi Chapter

By Sarah Morrison, National Vice President of Expansion

In mid-January of 2007, Chris Ciarlariello from Mu Upsilon Alpha, music fraternity at Rutgers University in New Jersey, contacted Sarah Morrison (National Vice President of Expansion of Mu Beta Psi) via email to gain information about Mu Beta Psi. Apparently, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (OFSA) at Rutgers University decided that all of its organizations should be nationally-affiliated rather than exist as local fraternities.

Andrew Fleming (National President) and Chrissy Bischoff (National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance) responded to the contact because Sarah was away and Chris indicated there was an extreme time limit. Post this email, an invitation was extended for Mu Beta Psi to visit and review the Fraternity with Mu Upsilon Alpha. Andrew and Chrissy visited Mu Upsilon Alpha on January 21, 2007, at the request of Sarah. This meeting appeared to be well received.

Mu Upsilon Alpha narrowed its search to three fraternities: Mu Beta Psi, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Tau Beta Sigma. Four emissaries from Mu Upsilon Alpha (Sarah Flourance, Ivan Chen, Kevin Tong, and Christian Vivas) came to Mu Beta Psi's convention on March 9-10 at Clemson University. Mu Beta Psi warmly welcomed these four representatives. The Mu Upsilon Alpha Brothers willingly signed non-disclosure agreements drafted by Kevin Britton, Chair of the National Information Technology Committee. Mu Upsilon Alpha also sent emissaries to the Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma regional conference.

At the end of April, Mu Upsilon Alpha announced its decision to merge with Mu Beta Psi. Sarah Morrison went to meet with Mu Upsilon Alpha Brothers and Dean JoAnn Arnholt of the OFSA at Rutgers University. The OFSA has been very helpful in smoothing the transition from Mu Upsilon Alpha to Mu Beta Psi. Sarah delivered national documents for OFSA's records, including a letter of intent to merge, Mu Beta Psi's National Constitution, and several important Fraternity policies.

The Merger Committee was formed, consisting of Chris Ciarlariello (President, Mu Upsilon Alpha), Sarah

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Announcements & Reminders

- ♪ Pledging Reports and NCCM Reports are both due to the NVPCM by December 15. See page 15 for details.
- ♪ Fall Initiation Reports and fees are due to the NT by February 15. See page 15 for details.
- ♪ Anyone may request a hard copy of *The Clef* by emailing the editor at clef@mubetapsi.org.
- ♪ **CONVENTION 2008 WILL BE HOSTED BY ALPHA CHAPTER AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY ON MARCH 14-15, 2008. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Remember that each Chapter must send a representative for the National Committee. Meetings start at approximately 8 a.m. on Friday.



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Flourance (Vice President, Mu Upsilon Alpha), Thomas Hermley-Keen (Parliamentarian, Mu Upsilon Alpha), Andrew Fleming (National President, Mu Beta Psi), Sarah Morrison (National Vice President of Expansion, Mu Beta Psi), and Ben Griffeth (Chair of the Permanent Board of Trustees, Mu Beta Psi). This committee met several times over the summer of 2007 to convert Mu Upsilon Alpha into the newest chapter of Mu Beta Psi.

The committee reviewed Mu Upsilon Alpha's constitution and by-laws, converting them into Pi Chapter's by-laws and policies in accordance with Mu Beta Psi's requirements. In compliance with the National Committee on Expansion policy, educational material was reviewed and the required teachings of Mu Beta Psi were added. Initiations were then reviewed extensively. The existing practices of Mu Upsilon Alpha were evaluated, and many portions were retained to become Pi's informal initiations. As per Mu Beta Psi requirements, procedures for formal initiations were instated. All of these documents were presented to active Mu Upsilon Alpha Brothers at their first meeting for formal approval.

The formal motion to approve a charter was presented to the National Executive Committee during the first week

of September, allowing for approval. The seconded motion was then forwarded to the Legislative Council for the required 30 day mail ballot.

The motion passed, to much delight, as its approval allowed for the Brothers of Mu Beta Psi to go through with Installations. The current Brotherhood joined forces in New Brunswick, New Jersey, patiently waiting for the Rutgers football game to conclude. There were definite sparks as fire crews responded to the remains of Zeta Alumnus Shawna Welsh's car during dinner on Saturday. However, this incident did not dampen spirits, and the Brothers' call was met at the stroke of midnight.

The evening was eventful, as 21 active Brothers and 13 alumni of Mu Upsilon Alpha partook in the Installations. They were guided by the presence of over 40 Brothers of Mu Beta Psi under the direction of Sarah Morrison. The official installation occurred on October 7, 2007.

Everyone had a long night, but most Brothers still headed to a local diner at 4 a.m. to eat plenty of pie in honor of Pi Chapter. This is the first new Chapter since Omicron Chapter in 2001. ♪

(At left) New Pi Chapter Brothers include: **Front Row:** Ivan Chen, Alex Blesch. **Second Row:** Carly Steele, Beth Bankowski, Nicole Setzer, Alison Andrews, Nick Blew, Sarah Flournace. **Third Row:** Melissa Mecca, Chris Leong, Chris Clark, Katie McCusker, Molly Wood, Grant Shea, Chris Ciarlariello, Alison Eichert, Devon Gant, Jessica Lewis, Margaret Krebs, Sarah Reffler. **Back Row:** Scott Kuntz, Jesse Neitzer, Tom Hermley-Keen, Greg Coughlin, John Sequeira, Andrew Wallace, Christian Vivas, Kevin Tong, and Kyle Setzer.

Kappa Kappa Psi to Mu Beta Psi: A History of Mu Upsilon Alpha

By Alison Andrews, Pi Chapter Member at Large

Creating an Independent Fraternity

Mu Upsilon Alpha was originally Kappa Kappa Psi. In 1942, Kappa Kappa Psi was chartered at Rutgers as the Alpha Phi Chapter of this all-male music honorary fraternity. In 1972, though, things within the Chapter changed as Rutgers University was starting to change. Rutgers was starting to admit women into the University at the Women's College of New Jersey, later to be named Douglass University. Because of this change, it was mandated by the Board of Governors that any and all activities, organizations, and clubs were to become co-ed and admit women. The marching band itself had allowed women to join, and the Brothers of the Alpha Phi Chapter wanted to obey the rules set forth by the governing body of the University.

The Brothers at Rutgers were going to allow women to pledge the Fraternity, but when the Kappa Kappa Psi National Headquarters found out, they were not too happy. Their national rules at the time held that "no women were allowed to be initiated into the order." Nationals suggested that the Brothers create Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi's sister sorority, for these interested women to join. However, the Chapter at Rutgers felt that this was not an option because "*a band member is a band member*," whether male or female, and everyone should be able to serve music if wishing to do so. They felt that creating a chapter of Tau Beta Sigma would violate the principles behind allowing women into the band and the University at large.

The Alpha Phi Brothers informed Kappa Kappa Psi's National Headquarters of their intentions to continue their plans to initiate women. They also invited Robert Rubin, the National Secretary at the time, to help ease the tension between Nationals and Alpha Phi Chapter. At this point in time, the Brothers had three options: 1. Initiate women and risk expulsion from the National organization; 2. Establish a chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and violate new University rules; or 3. Delay pledging until after the National Convention, at which they could try to change Kappa Kappa Psi's constitution.

Knowing full well that they would face problems with Nationals because of the choices they were making, the Chapter started to plan their own independent fraternity.

On November 11, 1972, Mr. Rubin came to Rutgers. The Brothers of the Alpha Phi Chapter presented three major issues to him: 1. The desire for a co-ed fraternity; 2. The unreasonable national financial obligations; and 3. The lack of support from the National organization. In turn, Mr. Rubin gave the brothers two options: postpone pledging until after National Convention in August or have their charter revoked.

The Brothers voted in front of Mr. Rubin and unanimously decided to continue the pledging process despite the consequences. In response, Mr. Rubin revoked their charter. Two days later, on November 13, 1972, Mu Upsilon Alpha was formed. Of the 28 new Brothers, 13 were women.

As the year progressed, the Brothers wrote to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi to explain the circumstances leading to the creation of Mu Upsilon Alpha. The Brothers received responses from some of them. Some were moderately supportive; however, most were critical and imbued with ignorance, sexism, and hypocrisy—quite an interesting fact, considering that it was the 1970s.

Kappa Kappa Psi did eventually become co-ed in 1978, and since then has tried numerous times to re-establish the Alpha Phi Chapter. They have done this by reaching out to marching band directors at the Mid-West Conference, sending information to the Brotherhood, and by inviting Mu Upsilon Alpha to events to which the Brotherhood has declined attendance.

Mu Upsilon Alpha Flourishes

Since our creation in 1972, we Mu Upsilon Alpha Brothers have done many things for the marching band, as that is the ensemble from which our rushes and pledges come from. Over the years, the Fraternity has helped with the upkeep of instruments and uniforms, game day operations, practices, music cataloging, band camp activities, banquets, and newsletters, to name a few things. Aside from doing service for the band, we also host activities and events the band is invited to participate in, such as parties, movies, tailgates, fundraisers, and more.

Within the Brotherhood, we hold our annual formal and alumni picnic in the spring, towards the end of the

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semester. We also hold a retreat at least once a year and also plan other fun activities for ourselves throughout the year. Like any other Fraternity, we hold weekly meetings and have pledge classes of interested students. We also get involved in the community outside of band.

Throughout the years, we have lived by our main motives of “Music, Service, and Brotherhood,” with Mu standing for Music, Upsilon standing for Service, and Alpha standing for Brotherhood.

National Affiliation Once Again

Since 1972, Mu Upsilon Alpha has seen many changes within itself involving structure and maintenance. The biggest change we have probably seen since breaking away from Kappa Kappa Psi was in 2005, when we became housed under Rutgers University’s Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (OFSA) and were told we were on a two year probationary period. By the end of it, we would have to re-affiliate ourselves with a national organization. The OFSA didn’t restrict us to who it had to be, but we were told it needed to be done and our decision needed to be reached by the end of the spring semester in 2007. While many of the Brothers fought to remain our own individual Fraternity and we spent many long grueling nights discussing the matter, we eventually saw both the positives and negatives as to why going national again may be beneficial.

We researched many different national groups and narrowed down our choices to three: Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, and Mu Beta Psi. We had representatives from all three come talk to us. Because the task of trying to choose an organization that was true to the beliefs we held for 35 years was hard in itself, we did not take it lightly. We eventually settled on taking a vote, and the majority of the Brotherhood chose Mu Beta Psi. While this transition was hard for some Brothers to stomach, we all started to look forward to the future and what being affiliated with a National organization could possibly do for us, as well as what we could do for a national organization. 🎵

This article is in Loving Memory of Ralph Cicchelli, the founding president of Mu Upsilon Alpha, who passed away on September 30, 2007.

In Brief the Lyre

By Matthew Wood, Alpha Chapter



No, it’s not someone who does a lot of fibbing. No, it’s not that thing on your instrument that holds your music when a stand is not available. And no, it’s not a guitar.

It’s the lyre, which is the first instrument to accompany voice. Indeed, from the ancient recitations of the Greeks, the lyre has worked with the voice to create beautiful music for ages. The lyre is played by strumming the strings with a plectrum (think of using a pick on a guitar) and using the free hand to silence unwanted strings.

There is some discussion as to where lyres are placed in the family of stringed instruments. It does not have strings spread across a soundboard, and therefore the lyre is not in the zither class, which includes the piano, or “keyed zither”; rather, the strings of the lyre originate from a single point. The lyre also includes yokes (or uprights) surmounting the resonator, which are absent from the lute class (including the guitar, violin, and banjo), which also include a fingerboard. It is also not a harp, as a harp’s strings emanate directly from the soundboard and are plucked by the fingers, not strummed.

To be more specific, the “classical” lyre consists of a hollow body (also known as the soundboard or resonator) with two raised arms that curve outward. The strings of gut emanate from a tailpiece (which is represented in the Crest by an arm protruding from the bottom, making the lyre similar in appearance to a guitar), and are connected at the top by a crossbar. Rather than having different lengths of string as in the harp, different diameters of string are used. This design is very similar to the violin and related instruments.

Different notes are played by strumming at different points along the strings, and tuning is achieved by either turning attached pegs or moving the crossbar. Many times both methods are employed. However, rather than using a fingerboard, unwanted strings are silenced by the musician’s left hand. Strumming is generally accomplished with the right hand. The actual number of strings has varied throughout history.

Wherever one classifies the lyre, the sounds rendered are still as sweet. In contrast to the pipes, which symbolize ecstasy and celebration, the lyre embodies moderation and equilibrium; a perfect balance is thus achieved on our Crest. 🎵

These Kids Knock Me Out

By Phillip Staten, Omicron Chapter Alumnus

I've worked with the marching band at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, Virginia, for three years now. Before I go any further, this story is not about music, brotherhood, or service. While this seems odd for an article in *The Clef*, I feel this story should be heard by as many people as possible.

The Patrick Henry High School Patriot Band is not the most competitive band around. They attend two to four band competitions during their season, and that's a full year for them. This year's schedule called for three competitions, the last being relatively early in the year - the first Saturday in October. Because I have to eat and keep the lights on, working for the band is not my full-time job. Resultantly, I can't attend many rehearsals during the year. I go when I can, but it isn't as often as I'd like, nor as often as they need. This is where my story starts.

I showed up for rehearsal on Wednesday. It was productive, though some lingering summer heat kept temperatures in the mid-80s throughout the practice. The effects showed after the first hour as the group seemed tired, apathetic, and disconnected. My solution was a little pep talk that I was planning for Saturday's competition. I wouldn't be able to see the kids between Wednesday and Saturday, so I had plenty of time to craft my speech.

On Saturday, I showed up at the school, ready to deliver the speech I was so proud of, so sure it would be the motivator the kids needed. I was met at the door by one of the band parents who asked if I knew what had happened. The previous day, Friday, the husband of the band director passed away. He had a stroke about a year prior, and had never fully recovered. His death wasn't a huge surprise, but it didn't take the poignancy out of the air, either. Mrs. Johnson, the band director, was not there on Saturday for obvious reasons, but made it clear that she still wanted the kids to perform.

So we headed to the competition. Those two buses full of teenagers were possibly the quietest buses full of teenagers that ever rolled down a highway. After we arrived, I got my section into its warm-up area, and that speech I'd spent so much time preparing became immediately useless and trivial. There was nothing I could say to make them more energized, and nothing I could say to make them less upset and anxious. So I told them to do their best— not for Mrs. Johnson, but for themselves. That's what she would want.

At 1:40 p.m. that Saturday, the band took the field. They poured their hearts out through their horns. I didn't think

for a single second that they did it for themselves. At 3:15 p.m., Patrick Henry High School was named Band of the Day. The loudest shouts came when their drum major showed them the trophy and said, "This is for Mrs. J!" I was right.

In times when we all-too-often hear of greed and selfishness, when people's actions convey only self-centered self-righteousness, and when society itself seems to have betrayed its own members, these kids showed that maybe, just maybe, there's hope yet for our future. Mrs. Johnson will be back, and the Patrick Henry High School Patriot Band will have plenty of competitions in the future. But this one knocked me out. ♪

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian

This is the first of what I hope to be a small section of *The Clef* which will offer interesting bits of historical information, quotes, and other miscellaneous things from the Fraternity Archives. It is my hope to share some insight into the kinds of things that occurred in our past. My hope is that Brothers will have the desire to learn more about our Fraternity's past and where we have been so that we may be better prepared for where we are going in the years to come.

Admittance of Women into Mu Beta Psi

Women were formally admitted into Mu Beta Psi in the early 1960s. However, this important topic was discussed over 11 years prior. In the minutes of a general meeting of Alpha Chapter on February 8, 1950, it states:

"H. D. Black suggested that the president check the constitution to see if there is any way to admit women in to Mu Beta Psi. He also asked that the secretary write a letter to the Clemson Chapter to get their reaction to the proposition. After a discussion on the possibilities of expansion, a motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed by the president to write letters to colleges to find out the possibilities of organizing new chapters. It was suggested that this committee coordinate their program of expansion and also the proposition to admit women."

It is unclear what became of this committee. Perhaps in the months that followed, the proposal was set aside or the Brothers involved graduated. Nevertheless, Alpha was clearly ahead of the curve with regards to taking this important step in our Fraternity's history. ♪

Two Editorials: Bridging the Distance in 1961 and in 2007

By Megan Roble, National Editor of *The Clef*

Some things never change. I suppose that can be both a good thing and a bad thing. Similarly, it is neither a good nor a bad thing that Mu Beta Psi Brothers and Chapters are spread out over such a large area. We have collegiate Chapters active in five states and our borders span hundreds of miles, which gives us the opportunity to see new places and meet different people. Having contacts all over is rather useful and lots of fun. Such a social network is one of the best things about Brotherhood. However, we complain about how hard it is to keep in touch with Brothers from other Chapters because of the separation, how time-consuming or expensive it is to make trips to visit or attend events, and we wish we could all get together more often. Really, the distance both serves us and separates us.

Sometimes the distance causes the illusion that your own Chapter is the only one that is real. Busy with local events and weekly meetings, it's easy to forget that there are other Chapters out there doing the same thing and or a National body is in place—that is, until you get that invitation to Initiations or a “friendly” (read: “pleasantly threatening”) email from a National Officer reminding you of a deadline. At those points, don't you get that incredible cosmic feeling that there is some greater purpose, some greater good that you're a vital part of, and something more out there that you can't see, but you can still feel? (If not, that's ok. Perhaps these feelings inside myself are just a rare side effect of high caffeine consumption.)

Here's a frightening thought: *Imagine functioning nationally without email or cell phone plans.*

Really, we have quite an advantage now over Brothers in the past because we have email, the Fraternity Intranet, and all these other high-tech developments that some of us still can't work properly. Yet we often still act segmented. We sometimes behave more like a collection of individual Chapters bearing the same name and that happen to have similar rules, similar traditions, and a common yet disturbing love of the band Journey. At Convention we come together and act as a unified Fraternity, but for the other weeks of the year, we mostly go about our own business, save the random Brother here and there who decides to take a road trip or decides to call or Instant Message a friend from another Chapter just to chat. Of course there are a lot of these “random Brothers” who do just those things very often, but unfortunately it is not everyone.

Following is the first editorial of *The Clef*, which was published in late 1961. At the time, it was hoped that a common publication would help Brothers realize the

national scope of the Fraternity. Now, with the Internet and annual Conventions, I am certain that the Fraternity would not change much without *The Clef* or be affected much if it didn't exist. At the same time, I still believe in its original purposes, as described below. Perhaps the fact that we don't *need* a national publication to function as a whole means that we have a stronger national identity in 2007 than we did in 1961. However, while reading the first editorial, you may also notice that we have the same challenges that we had almost 45 years ago, although maybe not to the same extent. Some things never change, but I'm not certain that Mu Beta Psi is one of those things. What do you think? ♪

Editorial

From Volume 1, Number 1 of *The Clef*
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O. Ted Halverson, Editor

In the past history of our national organization, it seems that we have been plagued too often by the problems of incoherency and confusion which have hindered progress of Mu Beta Psi's becoming a large national organization. One example of this incoherency is the large gap of years since the last two national conventions and the vagueness of national correspondence. To tell the truth, sometime it has seemed to us that only our own chapter existed and that the national organization did not exist as such; your chapter seemed to exist just on paper, which in the past for practically to us was the case. No doubt the same feeling toward us has been shared by you.

This publication was designed to abolish this feeling, if not totally at least to a large part. It is to show that there are other colleges sharing the same common interest and promoting these interests within the framework of Mu Beta Psi demonstrating a feeling of national activity and reminding each of us that Mu Beta Psi is designed to be national in scope. We hope this publication will be an inspiration for active members to continue carrying on the objectives of Mu Beta Psi and will provide an incentive for inactive members and alumni to take a renewed effort in our organization. Our own national publications will perhaps serve as sources for providing ideas for all chapters to use to benefit the national organization and local chapters. These publications can also be used as useful information about our organization to be sent to prospective new local members and prospective new chapters.

Because of the nature of our schools, it is almost impossible to find individual time to keep all members nationally informed about all other chapters. It is hoped that this periodical will suffice in this capacity until

some better way can be found. It is our wish that the national publication will become a traditional project for Mu Beta Psi to be carried on long after we are gone, enabling each chapter to be better coordinated, thereby helping ourselves and bettering the national Mu Beta Psi as a whole.

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Speaking of the '60s... Pictured to the right are members of the Clemson University Tiger Band in the early 1960s. From left to right are Delta Chapter Brothers LeRoy Adams, Steve King, George Mims, Earl Frick, Wayne Rish, and Joe Gable.



Internet Radio Threatened by Recording Industry Association

By Dave Guthrie, Xi Chapter Alumnus

When you've had enough of the same classic rock songs and top 40 hits on the radio, where can you go to find new music? Smaller broadcasting operations such as college radio stations typically offer a wider variety of music genres than corporate-owned stations and delve deep into unknown territory by giving airtime to bands who haven't hit the mainstream. Most up-and-coming artists rely on these alternative media outlets as an inexpensive way to increase their exposure.

Arguably, internet radio is the most successful method of connecting artists on the rise with potential listeners eager for a new sound. The format is certainly popular; the webcasting industry is experiencing exponential growth, with listenership increasing from 45 million to 72 million in the last year. Despite the notable success of its business model, internet radio currently faces a tenuous existence, thanks to the efforts of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

During its formative years, the internet radio industry has enjoyed reasonable royalty expenses, allowing most to survive on user support with a minimum of advertisement. On March 5, the Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) announced that webcasters' royalty dues would increase dramatically on an annual basis, due in part to pressure by RIAA lobbyists. By 2010, most internet radio stations would see their operating costs rise by 300 - 1200%, placing the majority of webcasts in immediate jeopardy.

Retroactive royalty costs alone would have immediately bankrupted most webcasts, and would have likely endangered the continuation of other low-budget outlets

such as college radio stations. A per-channel flat fee of \$500 would also make it more difficult to start or maintain a broadcast. Pandora, a service that creates unique playlists based on listeners' personal music preferences, would actually be required to pay the \$500 surcharge for each individual user.

In a show of solidarity, numerous webcast operators testified in front of Congress and arranged for a "day of radio silence" on June 26, 2007, to raise awareness among their audience. The flood of petitions that followed forced Congress to take action for the webcasters, pressuring the RIAA into a negotiation. SoundExchange, the royalty-collecting subdivision of the RIAA, offered a "truce" of sorts and will not enforce the royalty rate hikes until 2010 for most of the smaller webcasters. While this provides a temporary respite for internet radio stations, the agreement is not bound by law and can technically be dissolved at any time.

A more permanent solution may be in the works. House Resolution 2060, also known as the "Internet Radio Equality Act," would nullify the CRB's new rates and give webcasters the option of paying a flat percentage of overall revenues. The bill is currently being revised in committees, and has 144 co-sponsors.

Unfortunately, most bills never leave the committee stage, usually due to lack of awareness among legislators regarding their importance (or even existence). If you would like to do your part to ensure the viability of internet radio, contact your representative's office so that politicians can become aware of the importance of this issue. With enough input from their constituents, Congress may be able to resolve this matter on a lasting basis, saving a valuable source of eclectic music. ♪

Music Rocks the Language Arts Classroom

By Megan Roble, National Editor of *The Clef*

Adapted from an article written by David Soberg, founder of *Rock Notes*, and James Glynn, a school psychologist for Mohawk School District in Bessemer, Pennsylvania.

One of this Fraternity's four purposes is to "Advance music to its proper place as an educational subject," but what about using music as a method to promote *other* educational subjects? Despite the disconcerting trend to cut funding and time for music in schools, a teacher and rock musician by the name of David Soberg is bringing music into schools. He has accomplished this by developing a program called *Rock Notes* to help middle and high school students master language arts skills. He asks, "Can a one-man rock band and an innovative genre of educational music cure the apathy and resentment many students have towards learning while increasing test scores?" So far, the answer looks like yes!



Teacher and rock musician David Soberg performs a Rock Notes concert at a high school.

Rock Notes teaches the national language arts standards for grades 7-12. This means that it is designed to teach what has been determined (by law) to be included in English and language arts instruction for all students across the country. What sets *Rock Notes* apart from other educational programs is that it consists of a contemporary music CD and live concert option. Mr. Soberg plays guitar, bass, drums, piano, and sings as many as eight vocal parts for his recordings. The songs have a unique sound, with influences from rock, classical, hip-hop, punk, and heavy metal. *Rock Notes* sounds nothing like traditional "school music." Mr. Soberg also sometimes performs live concerts at schools using his program. Teachers have noted increased interest and motivation among their students after these shows, and students feel the concerts are a nice change of pace from typical English instruction.

Three Pennsylvania schools tried out as part of a study to see if the *Rock Notes* program actually increases scores on standards-based language arts concepts (that is, a set list of material that state and national governments say students have to learn). Scores did rise dramatically on tests of grammar and literary terms after teachers used the *Rock Notes* materials. The most impressive statistic is that grammar scores for students in a particular alternative education setting rose an average of 103%!

Students using the *Rock Notes* curriculum have reported that hearing the songs help them to remember information because the program is fun for them and that they can recall the song lyrics when they are unsure about material. For example, a student can sing to himself, "A symbol stands for another thing/ What you'd never expect is irony/ Fact is true, it can be proven/ A belief is your opinion" to tackle difficult questions about literary terms in class. Some other songs on the CD are about punctuation (*Punctuation*),

vocabulary (*What Do You Mean?*), prefixes and roots (*Break It*), and even writing strategies (*Anthem*).

Seeing teachers use music creatively in classrooms is good news! Not only does it keep music in school, albeit in a non-traditional way, but it helps students hold interest in other subjects, as well. The lack of student interest often seen in schools reminds me of that graphic in *Guitar Hero II*, in which the newspaper headline following a concert at a high school is "Student Apathy Reaches New Low." There is some truth in that headline—a lot of truth, actually. Programs such as *Rock Notes* that involve elements of what students are interested in such as rock music may just be the key in helping motivate students while actually doing something that really does make them learn.

More information on *Rock Notes* is available at www.rocknotes.us. 🎸

National President Report

By Andrew Fleming

Brothers, this is an exciting time for Mu Beta Psi, as we move forward in many facets of our organization.

First and foremost, I would like to welcome Pi Chapter at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Formerly the independent local Fraternity Mu Upsilon Alpha, they chose to join Mu Beta Psi when the university mandated their association with a national organization. They first contacted National Vice President of Expansion Sarah Morrison back in January of this year with an exploratory email asking for more information. National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Chrissy Bischoff

and myself traveled to New Brunswick to meet with the Brothers there and discuss a possible merger with Mu Beta Psi. Discussions continued throughout the spring, with several Mu Upsilon Alpha Brothers traveling down to Clemson University for National Convention. After a great deal of introspection and what must have certainly been a very difficult decision-making process, the Brothers of Mu Upsilon Alpha opted to join Mu Beta Psi.

The first-ever Merger Committee was formed and included members of both organizations. Representing Mu Upsilon Alpha were President Chris Ciarlariello, Vice President Sarah Flourance, and Alumnus Thomas Hermley-Keen. Representing Mu Beta Psi were Sarah Morrison, Ben Griffeth (Chair of the Board of Trustees), and myself. The Committee worked tirelessly throughout the summer to set up the framework of the new Chapter, and to bring our two organizations together in a way that would preserve Mu Upsilon Alpha's heritage while strengthening both its own Brotherhood and Mu Beta Psi as a whole. Their work came to fruition in the early hours of October 7, when Pi Chapter was inducted into the ranks of Mu Beta Psi. It was wonderful to have such a large turnout of Psi Brothers who traveled to New Brunswick for the event, and it was equally wonderful to have such a large turnout of Mu Upsilon Alpha Alumni who wished to be a part of Psi as well.

Inducting Pi Chapter not only brought a new set of Brothers into our fold, but also helped many Psi Brothers enhance their relationships. Brothers from many Chapters came together to build a unique symbol of our Fraternity for the new Chapter. Brothers collaborated on preparing shirts for the new Chapter, organizing rides to and from New Brunswick, and—most importantly—in welcoming our newest Brothers with open arms.

Also during the summer, I worked on acquiring our general liability insurance. At Convention 2007, it was finally decided to move forward with this important decision. I am pleased to say now that each and every Chapter of Mu Beta Psi is insured under the general policy of Mu Beta Psi. While this may not seem to have any immediate effects, it is a very important milestone for our Fraternity. We now have a new kind of financial security that will protect us from a wide range of possibilities that we hope will never become realities.

These two events have changed the face of Mu Beta Psi, but yet there is still much more to do. I am currently working with National Treasurer Abra Hill to finalize the application for 501(c) tax-exemption status. This status will allow our Alumni (and anyone else who wishes) to make donations directly to Mu Beta Psi that will be completely tax-deductible. We hope to complete and submit our application as soon as we finish gathering

financial statements from the Chapters. So start writing those checks, Alumni.

Meanwhile, the other National Officers have been working hard to improve communications between Chapters and National Officers, as well as between Chapters themselves. I would like to applaud their efforts as they have tackled their responsibilities with new approaches and new ideas. They are working hard to move their National Committees forward and to expand their roles in strengthening this Fraternity. Alpha Chapter is already planning what I am sure will be a fantastic Convention 2008, and many of the other Chapters have told me about exciting events they have planned for this year.

A very exciting time, indeed. Even writing this report is giving me chills to think of all the possibilities. I hope reading it gives you those chills, too. I urge everyone to make a promise to themselves and their Brothers to do some small part this year above a normal level of effort. Whether you are an Alumnus who writes a small (or large!) check, are a collegiate Brother who joins a National Committee on top of classwork, Chapter work, and musical organizations, or are even a newly-initiated Brother who calls up an old Alum just to chat about the good ol' days, every Brother's small effort will add up. This Fraternity can go far, and all we have to do is choose to take it there. ♪

Contribute to your Fraternity's Security!

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We have liability insurance, a huge step forward, but need to ensure we have the funds to continue supporting it.

The Alumni Association, already a 501(c) organization, is asking alumni for tax-deductible donations. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

Contact Alumni Association Treasurer Matt Zander (mbzander@charter.net) to invest in Mu Beta Psi's future.

## You know you're curious.

Visit the Chapter Maintenance Website at <http://www.mubetapsi.org/maintenance/>

## National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

*By Chrissy Bischoff*

This summer, the National Committee on Chapter Maintenance (NCCM) and I organized the Summer Seminar training session for Chapters. Brothers from Alpha, Zeta, Mu, and Nu came to New York on July 27-29 to learn skills and discuss topics relevant to common issues of Chapter Maintenance. The Seminar was both fun and educational, but I am still waiting to see some of its effects now that the Chapters are back in action. Our first attempt at a submission deadline was not very successful, so I'm counting on Chapter representatives to remind their Chapters of what they learned this summer.

This semester, the NCCM will be focusing its energies on keeping up to date with Chapter activities and working on improving the tools and resources available to all Brothers at each Chapter. Each Chapter has been charged with expanding the Chapter Maintenance Handbook with its own "Chapter Section" specifically geared towards the success of that Chapter. I will be overseeing the development of this section for each Chapter until Convention.

Speaking of expansion, I am very happy to be inheriting the guidance of Pi Chapter from the Merger Committee's excellent work. I have great hopes for the newest addition to our Fraternity, and I look forward to working with these Brothers more as the year continues.

I am still hoping to expand the Chapter Maintenance Reference Library through the donations of Brothers. Any resources you may have regarding recruitment, fundraising, efficiency of meetings, college survival, academic tools, or any other topic that seems relevant to the success of our Chapters would be greatly appreciated. You can send them to me at 90 West Street, Apt 18W, New York, NY 10006 or email me at [maintenance@mubetapsi.org](mailto:maintenance@mubetapsi.org).

It's autumn in New York and I am finally settling down after a summer of exciting changes in my life. Since the last issue of *The Clef*, I have graduated from Manhattan School of Music, traveled to Italy and Paris, gotten engaged to President Fleming, and moved. I am looking forward to focusing more on my Vice President duties now that this summer of excitement and upheaval is through. I hope you all enjoy a happy holiday season. ♪

## National Vice President of Expansion Report

*By Sarah Morrison*

The past several months have been extremely busy! All of the work has paid off by the addition of our newest Chapter, Pi Chapter at Rutgers University. This Chapter was formally installed on October 7, 2007, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Over 40 Brothers welcomed the 21 active members and 13 alumni of Mu Upsilon Alpha. I encourage everyone to get involved with Pi Chapter as they get comfortable with Mu Beta Psi. As the details of this process and installations are covered in another article (see page 1), I will not repeat myself here.

The National Committee on Expansion (NCE) meeting was very productive. Sean Galgano of Mu Chapter, Matthew Wood of Alpha Chapter, and Haley Vingsness of Zeta Chapter have agreed to spearhead the project of updating expansion materials. Our ultimate goal is to produce high quality brochures, PowerPoint presentations, fliers, and Flash material. The intention is to have these materials available on the Mu Beta Psi website, as well as for delivery. I am very thankful to these individuals for their willingness to lead this project. Anyone else who wishes to help is welcome!

Finally, I wish to remind the Brotherhood that the office of NVPE is up for election this spring. I am available to discuss the office with any interested Brothers. ♪

## National Secretary Report

*By Julie Lyon*

Brothers, let me know how I can better serve you. My job is to help connect Brothers with the information they need to be successful in the Fraternity. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for how I can improve. You're welcome to call me at work anytime at (540) 375-4939. I'm also more than happy to answer your emailed questions or concerns as well, at [secretary@mubetapsi.org](mailto:secretary@mubetapsi.org).

On a personal note, I am enjoying my first semester as an Assistant Professor of Business at Roanoke College. I am teaching Organizational Behavior (OB) and Promotions Management this semester, and OB and Team Dynamics next semester. (I would be happy to suggest some readings on improving your organizational functioning or your own leadership skills.) I have been fortunate to attend a few Omicron meetings this semester, and I am looking forward to getting to know the Brothers in the greater Roanoke area. My fiancé Ben Newsome and I are happily

situated in the Raleigh Court area of Roanoke, and we are looking forward to staying in Roanoke for the long haul. We met almost 10 years ago when I pledged Mu Beta Psi at NC State.

The Convention minutes are available in the Knowledgebase of the Intranet. We also have a number of good resources on the Intranet. Let me know if you need help finding anything! ♪

Visit the National Secretary Blog at [mubetapsi.blogspot.com](http://mubetapsi.blogspot.com) for information on submitting reports, minutes from National meetings, and a Mu Beta Psi calendar of deadlines and events.

## National Treasurer Report

*By Abra Hill*

Hello, Brothers. I hope the cooler weather is treating everyone well.

We have liability insurance now, and a plan to fund it! Thanks to Andrew Fleming and Chrissy Bischoff for heading this project up. Hopefully we will never have occasion to use this insurance. This has been a big step for the Fraternity, and as with everything for Mu Beta Psi, I hope this investment works out for the best interests of the organization.

I am also working on getting all of the financials compiled for Andrew to complete the tax exempt application. With help from the Chapters, hopefully by the time this issue comes out, everything will be compiled and sent off for review.

Now is the time to start thinking about running for National Treasurer. I will not be running again. This job takes organization, an interest in finance, an interest in being involved in the National Organization, and a three year commitment. You do not have to be a financial expert, nor do you have to have been a Chapter treasurer to be qualified for this job. If you are interested, please talk to me or one of the former National Treasurers to see if this job would be a good fit for you. I hope to see at least two qualified candidates running for this position at Convention.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed holiday season. ♪

## National Editor of *The Clef* Report

*By Megan Roble*

I love this job. I get to communicate with Brothers, talk to people about writing, attempt to be creative, give advice that is actually solicited for a change, be overly critical about grammar and punctuation, and (most importantly!) give something back to my Brothers.

This has been an exciting issue to put together due to the addition of a new Chapter, as well as a larger than usual influx of non-mandated articles. I just love it when I get those surprise “Hey, here’s an article for *The Clef*” emails. In addition, this issue continues some regular features, and also introduces a brand new column. Finally, I’m already far along in planning the Spring 2008 issue, where you should enjoy a fun feature article and some original artwork.

Something small but important I have done prior to this issue is create a guide for submitting articles. The use of this form helps both Brothers and the editor by making the writing and editorial processes smoother. It also gives Brothers some pointers for writing reports or other articles so that less “back-and-forth” is needed after the official submission. A copy of this document is available for download on the Intranet under “National Documents.”

Since last issue, I have examined the official goals set for the position of NEOTC by the Board of Trustees awhile back, and am eager to address the two remaining goals for the office. These goals include the revision of *The Prospectus* and the exploration of reinstituting a *Clef* Editorial Board.

I suppose this is where I apologize for making such slow progress on business not related to regular *Clef* issues. I’ve had to put a lot more effort into these past Summer and Fall semesters than expected, and although I earned my M.Ed. in August, this degree has caused higher expectations and more demanding work as I continue on academically. In any case, thanks to Nathaniel, our National Historian, I have obtained a copy of the last version of *The Prospectus*, which was published in the 1980s. I have also been able to create an electronic version of it, which is ready for review and updating.

Finally, I am requesting that all Brothers double-check that their names are spelled correctly and that their information is correct on the most current address list, posted on the Intranet.

Anyhow, I hope you all enjoy this issue, and I can’t wait to see everyone in person at Convention! I’m always available by email at [clef@mubetapsi.org](mailto:clef@mubetapsi.org). ♪



## National Historian Report

*By Nathaniel Kulyk*

Greetings! The past couple of months have brought a number of changes for me, all of which have been great! First, I would like to offer my congratulations to Pi Chapter. Welcome to Mu Beta Psi! It was a privilege getting to visit Rutgers University and to participate in the installation process. This was truly an important event in the history of our Fraternity, as it is the first new chapter since the establishment of Omicron Chapter in 2001, as well as the first Chapter in the State of New Jersey! I look forward to working with everyone at Rutgers and extend my best wishes and hope that your Chapter continues to grow and prosper! I check my email regularly and I tend to keep my computer and IM on when I am at home, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or just feel like chatting.

The past few weeks have been incredibly busy, as I have officially moved to Reston, Virginia. The location is great, the rent is cheaper, and the commute is much shorter, making it a win-win-win situation! Because of the move, I have not had many opportunities to do a lot on the Archives front, although I did speak with Kevin Britton to discuss the Historian's Webpage. I also spoke with National President Fleming, and we have agreed to work together to find ways to revamp the website and make it user-friendly. I hope to include reference documents for Brothers to use, as well as provide access to other useful historical information. Future projects related to the Archives will be accessible on the website as well. Additionally, now that I am settled into my new apartment, I will be continuing the process of sorting and filing the Archives and updating the Archives Index.

Chapters are again encouraged to contact me if they have items or documents that they would like to submit to the Archives. Submissions are welcome at any time! ♪

## National Information Technology Committee Report

*By Kevin Britton, Committee Chair*

The addition of a new Chapter is a joyous time in the Fraternity. For the NITC, it's also a busy time. With a new Chapter comes the addition of new Chapter email aliases, the creation of hosting accounts and email lists, and the inevitable technical support requests that come from learning a new system. For their part, Pi Chapter Brothers have proven very adaptable, quickly taking advantage of the offerings

**All Brothers should be familiar with the National Information Technology Policy. These important guidelines help protect sensitive Fraternity information. See your Chapter MAL to review the policy, or access the document yourself through our Intranet's Knowledgebase.**

of the Brothers Intranet. Special thanks to Jesse Nietzer and Alison Andrews for all the hard work in getting the Pi Brothers set up quickly and efficiently.

Because there are a lot of new faces in the Fraternity, this is a great time to re-familiarize everyone with the technology offerings of the Fraternity. By now, hopefully everyone is aware of the Brothers Intranet. If you do not have an account on the Intranet, let your Chapter's NITC representative or MAL know so you can get set up.

Those wishing to subscribe to the national listserv can do so by editing their Intranet profiles. From the Intranet, first click on "Control Panel/Options" in the upper right hand corner. Then on the next screen, click "Edit Profile" and "Contact Info" to access your email address. Check the box for "Subscribe to MBPsi" and click "Submit" to complete your subscription. If you're an alumnus, you can also subscribe to the alumtalk discussion list here by checking the appropriate box...and be sure to update your information while you're at it! Remember, these subscriptions - while a great way to stay in touch with other Brothers - are completely voluntary. You can unsubscribe at any time by unchecking the box.

A number of email aliases have been created to make contacting standard offices at other Chapters a breeze. To view these aliases, click on the "Mu Beta Psi Email Alias List" link in the bookmarks on the main Intranet page.

The Intranet also features a calendar, which makes tracking important deadlines and milestones easy. To access it, click on the calendar link in the Intranet navigation bar. Once there, you can add an event by clicking on the day your event will occur and completing a brief form. If your event is "Brothers' Eyes Only," (such as initiations), be sure to click the "Brothers Only" box when creating your event.

Lastly, if you ever need a little technical assistance, you can utilize the online Helpdesk to get help. Click the Helpdesk link on the Intranet navigation bar, select "Create New Issue," and complete the form. You will be notified by email when your ticket has been updated, or you can return to the Helpdesk to get the latest status. ♪

## Alpha Chapter Report

*By Matthew Wood, Alpha Member at Large*

Alpha Chapter has had a very exciting semester. One of our biggest changes this year has been the added fundraiser with the NCSU Bookstore. This fundraiser, organized for us by the wonderful Lindsey Graham, allows us to work a t-shirt/souvenir stand at all home NCSU football games. In return, we receive 10% of the stand's profits. We enlisted the help of Alpha Psi Omega (a theater fraternity). As we are the two arts fraternities on campus, we figured the partnership would work and we love working with their cast! In addition, we have pulled in a lot of our Alumni and inactive Brothers to help out, and our relationships just keep building on each other. On top of it all, we make contacts with lost Alumni at each home game, which have been very beneficial since we lost our Alumni database a few years ago (which we are currently working on rebuilding).

Alpha Chapter had one pledge this semester: Elizabeth Baldrige, the Mu Beta Psi-co. She was an über pledge with attitude. She was initiated under the care of Pledgemasters Logann Graham and Daryl Johnson on December 1.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our DragFEST. Although we had a lot of support from the community at large, we just simply couldn't find student performers. However, we are going to try again in the Spring, and we have enlisted the help of the NCSU Union Activities Board, which is really excited to be involved in this effort.

Brothers spent three nights under the stars camping at Falls Lake for our semi-annual Brothers' Retreat on October 11-14. Vice President and Brotherhood Chair Ashley Peacock planned lots of bonding activities, and a good time was had by all. Brothers played soccer, frisbee, and went on a walk around the park on top of generally sitting around the campfire, socializing, and playing bonding games.

Our Unity Concert on October 22 was a huge success. The Unity Concert features all of NCSU's A cappella groups and is held to benefit VH1's Save the Music Foundation. This year, Alpha Chapter raised over \$1000 from ticket and CD sales! This also happened to be the week of Homecoming, and Alpha Chapter participated in many different contests. The most notable of these were the canned food drive, cookie contest, banner contest, and Paint the Town Red (a contest where student groups paint the storefronts of local businesses). During the cleanup of the storefront at Man-Mur Shoes, Brothers were lucky enough to meet the members of the band Jimmy Eat World! We're very excited to have been involved in all of these fun events and ecstatic at how much participation in these events has given us a prominent image in the NCSU community!

Recently, Alpha Chapter was approached by Dr. J. Mark Scarce, the NCSU Music Department Director, to help him with a mission: to develop student support for the development of a music degree-offering program! In response to this proposal, Brothers engineered a survey asking questions about the importance of music facilities to a major and which proposed degrees (running the gamut from world music and jazz studies to recording technology and music education) students would be interested in. The survey was given to all music students in classes and

ensembles, as well as distributed at a Founder's Day celebration on November 5, during which Brothers handed out pizza to all who stopped by and advocated for the Music Department and the Fraternity.

Finally, Convention preparations are well under way, but you'll have to stay tuned to the national listserv for more information on that. Put everything together with concerts and the service events associated with them, and you get one busy chapter focused on serving the NCSU Music Department and the NCSU community at large. ♪



*Pictured above are (first row) Alpha Brothers Matthew Wood, Katie Gerhardt, Brian Yarborough, Ashley Peacock, and Evan "Bosley" Graham. In the back row are Alpha Psi Omega Brothers Ross, Steve Rausch, and Bob Kessler.*

## Zeta Chapter Report

*By David Klemens, Zeta Member at Large*

All is well at Zeta—all except the weather. We have snow on the ground (as of November 5) and the temperature is dropping quickly. As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder, Zeta is remaining strong. We've been working hard to maintain our respect on campus and in the community, and as usual we are having just as much fun as work.

Zeta is continuing our dedication to the Rosza Center and Calumet Theater by ushering events and helping out as much as possible. Zeta plans to give out two scholarships this year: the usual pep band scholarship, and also one that will be for incoming freshmen in the music department. Our large two-day music concert Excursions in Sound is quickly approaching. We are in the process of contacting bands to be in the show and hope that it will be as successful as last year.

Even though it is two months away, we have started planning for Winter Carnival 2008. The theme is "Frightful Creatures with Chilling Features." For skits, we might be doing a human-size puppet show of "Abridged Dracula" or a production of *Grease* casting zombies. For a statue, we are doing either the Phantom from *Phantom of the Opera* or the *Monster Mash*. We aim to have fun and get competitive with the other student organizations.

Unfortunately, Zeta did not have a pledge class this semester. The Brotherhood decided that it would be better to spend this semester recruiting and having fun together. Zeta has been spending more time together as a group than before. We have used the opportunity to solidify our bonds as Brothers. ♪

## Mu Chapter Report

*By Kate Capehart, Mu Member at Large*

Mu Chapter had two pledges this semester: Nathan Bartlett and Logan Brackett. Initiations were held November 16-17. As far as service went, we ushered for the UNC Clefhangers, UNC Loreleis, Walkons, and the Achordants. All went well. Cary Band Day was another highlight in our service radar. On November 3, the Brothers trooped out to Cary to help Cary High School host an all-day band competition complete with a parade, greasy food, nervous band directors, and mind-blowing shows. Our president Josh Moffitt was in a production of *The Secret Garden* on November 16-20, and the Brothers came out in force to usher and cheer him on. We had our Honorary Brothers' Dinner on November 30, where all the Brothers come together and chill with our honoraries, who are ridiculously cool people.

On November 23-25, Mu Chapter hooked up with Barnes & Noble bookstores and did some in-house giftwrapping as a general gesture of goodwill and a tick on our service list. We are still planning to giftwrap from December 6-13. If anybody's in the Chapel Hill area and wants to have presents wrapped, you know where to go.

Last thing worthy of note: Mu Chapter's annual Psi Jam is February 8. This is when we frantically tap into every a cappella group (and some juggling acts, local bands, and other assorted performing artists) in the area and get them to congregate in an auditorium for an evening of fun, frivolity, and shameless Mu Beta Psi publicity. Once again, anyone who's in the Chapel Hill area is more than welcome to come. ♪

**Have an old Psi Shirt you'll  
never wear again?**

**Gained some weight and can't  
squeeze into your letters?**

The Alumni Association Properties Committee is collecting your old lettered items and will gladly take them off of your hands! Because non-Brothers are not permitted to wear anything with our Greek letters, the Properties Committee would like to redistribute these items to other Brothers. Contact Dave Guthrie, the Alumni Association Properties Chair, at [dbg3+@pitt.edu](mailto:dbg3+@pitt.edu) for more information.

## Nu Chapter Report

*By Emily Sorriento, Nu Member at Large*

Things at Nu Chapter are well underway and beginning to wind down. Events that we have done thus far include the 2007 Music Department Reunion. Some of the events that we helped with include campus tours for alumni and a concert that consisted of performances from a combination of alumni and current students. Another event that we helped with during the semester was Oswego Opera's production of *Carousel*. The Brothers ushered, house managed, and sold concessions during intermission. Some of our Brothers participated in a different way and were actually in the show as members of the chorus. We are continuing our service to our music department by ushering the many other concerts performed by the different ensembles at our school.



Of course it's not all work and no play, as we have managed to spend time bonding as a Brotherhood. We have done activities such as picnicking, going to drive-in movies, and we have formed Harmony on Ice, our broomball team, for the second year in a row. The team is doing very well.

On Saturday, November 10, in the wee hours of the morning, Nu Chapter was proud to initiate three pledges. They are Courtney Wright, Melissa Aubin, and Kelly Corey. They were led under the guidance of Pledgemaster Claire Kavanaugh, Assistant Pledgemaster Stephanie Bernat, Old Brother Jon Powers, and New Brother Jessica Montgomery. Nu has many great things planned for the end of this semester and continuing into next semester such as more service opportunities and fundraising. ♪

#### PLEDGING REPORT AND NCCM REPORT

**Due December 15th to NVPCM Chrissy Bischoff**

Download both one-page forms from the mubetapsi.org Intranet. In the Knowledgebase section, go to "National Documents" then "National Office Operations." Both forms are in that folder.

## Omicron Chapter Report

*By Lauren Taylor, Omicron Member at Large*

Brothers, Omicron Chapter has been up to its usual shenanigans since Convention 2007. On April 6-7, we initiated six great new brothers: Nick Kuchenbuch, LeAndra Cale, Lauren Henschel, Adam Gardner, Stephanie Casciotta, and Allison Cassels. They all have been a great addition to the Chapter. With Senior Recitals, Wind and Jazz Ensemble concerts, and the Music at Noon series, the Chapter has been busy since April. In May, we lost three amazing brothers to graduation: Adam Keeling, Lien-Thanh Kratzke, and Hilary LeBlanc; we will miss them all very much.

We have continued making our presence known on campus by helping out at as many performing arts events as we can. The Haunted House that we usually put on every Halloween was cancelled this year due to time constraints, but we are in the process of planning what is sure to be a great Battle of the Bands in early April. Our pledging season has been chugging along since mid-October, and we had seven awesome pledges in our Mu class: Tammy Guile, Lizzy Boyd, Ashley Miller, Megan Belcher, Jessica McArdle, and Antonietta Bernardo. The girls worked hard all semester and we are very proud of them. ♪

#### FALL INITIATION REPORT, INITIATION FEE, AND SHINGLE FEE

**Due February 15 to NT Abra Hill**

Download this one-page form from the mubetapsi.org Intranet. In the Knowledgebase section, go to "National Documents" then "National Office Operations." Enclose one check, made payable to "Mu Beta Psi." The sooner you turn in the form, the sooner shingles get ordered. Don't wait until February 15th. Get this business handled this semester!

## Pi Chapter Report

*By Alison Andrews, Pi Chapter Member at Large*

The Brothers of Pi Chapter have had a very busy and eventful semester thus far. Before being installed as Brothers of Mu Beta Psi, we had a jolly ole' time at band camp in upstate New York in August, where we held nightly activities for marching band members. Activities included a talent show, a bonfire with s'mores, game nights, a dodge ball tourney, and a dance. Once we made it back to Jersey, things kicked into full gear for the semester. To make sure everything was on par for the installations, the Brothers made sure to get all business work done during meetings. We needed to have things approved left and right, and we also needed to create new positions and elect people to fulfill the new jobs.

We held a splendid rush week in mid-September, and at the end of the week we had five eligible candidates to pledge this semester. These five amazing guys and girls (Nicole Carlucci, Brian Doyle, Scott Gursky, Tiara Lianzot, and Tim Moran) who formed the Alpha Mu pledge class worked like nobody's business to get things done in order to become the first official Pi Chapter Mu Beta Psi pledge class, with initiations on November 18. A highlight of their pledge process was October 14, when we went pumpkin picking at a local pumpkin patch and pledges got to paint and carve pumpkins with their bigs.

Outside of business and pledging, the Brothers have also been participating in and attending many other events and fundraisers. The Brotherhood participated in a Columbus Day Parade on October 7, and we also thank the Brothers from other Chapters who came and marched along with us. Several Brothers have taken the time to go to fellow Brothers' concerts and support them and their endeavors. Brothers have also taken the time to volunteer with USSBA at the competitions they host, the first one being Central Jersey Regionals on October 21 at TCNJ, and then Finals November 10 at

Giant Stadium. A fun time was had by all, and Brothers are looking into continuing to do this for years to come.

The Pi Brothers also support fellow fraternities and sororities on campus, and on October 28, Alison Andrews, Ivan Chen, Alison Eichert, Devon Gant, Grant Shea, and Carly Steele swam their hearts out in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, where the proceeds went for sight saving. Even though the Brothers did not place, they had fun, and the Brothers who came to support them enjoyed their crazy shenanigans. Speaking of fundraisers, we had our annual Ghost-a-Gram sale, where we sold 250 bags of candy for marching band members, which were enjoyed by all who received them. We also held our first bake sale of the year on November 1, where we came out with a nice profit.

Another activity held this semester is The Big Chill, which is a big run/walk around campus that many of the Greeks and members of the community participate in. On December 2, many Brothers either played on the Marching Band Soup Bowl team (flag football against the Glee Club) or played an instrument in the Soup Bowl Pep Band. Also, several Brothers plan to make a trip into NYC on December 9 to participate in or watch Tuba Christmas at Rockefeller Center, where the performance takes place at 3:30 p.m. We also have fundraisers at our local Five Below store, where we get 10% of each sale before tax. We also do this type of fundraiser with a few local restaurants.

That's all from Jersey now, as we patiently wait to see if we will be going bowling with the football team this winter break. ♪

## Alumni Association Chapter Report

*By Katharine Evaul, Alumni  
Association Member at Large*

Alumni from all over gathered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 20-21 this year to have the annual Mid-Year Meeting. What was promised to be a good time was indeed a great time! Brothers began arriving by mid-day on Friday, and soon those of us who had gathered went to dinner. Others continued to arrive throughout the

evening. Dinner for some of us was at the Church Brew Works, a church that was converted into a brewery and restaurant. The planned evening activity was to obtain the latest (and last!) *Harry Potter* book. Some trekked to the local Borders bookstore while others headed back to the hotel for more visiting.

Saturday dawned a bit early (especially for those of us up way too late reading!) as the Brothers headed to the meeting. Several items of business were discussed, particularly new ideas of things to sell for fundraising and plans for the collection of older Psi shirts for resale. We also discussed our continued support of the Fraternity's liability insurance and ways to continue supplementing the cost.

New officers were elected, and Alice Gerhardt (Zeta) was elected as the new president. Other newly-elected officers were Alex Dimitrijeski (Zeta) as vice president, Katharine Evaul (Alpha) as secretary/member at large/historian, and Jen Rose (Omicron) as assistant member at large. They joined Matt Zander (Zeta) who continues his term as treasurer.

More food was enjoyed at a restaurant called Primanti Brothers, a Pittsburgh institution. We can now claim to have had sandwiches with the french fries and cole slaw on them (between the bread). The last event planned was a trip to see the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Houston



*Alumni Association members enjoy lunch at Primanti Brothers during the annual Mid-Year weekend. From left to right are Kayt Hensley, Alana Kirby, Phillip Staten, Jennifer Rose, and Natalie Shearer.*

Astros. The Pirates pulled out a win, but the bigger entertainment was the life-size pierogies running around the field, as well as the many chapters of *Harry Potter* that were consumed.

Sadly, most of us had to return home on Sunday. However, plans are already in the works for our meeting at Convention this spring. As always, we would love to extend our membership base and are always welcoming alumni Brothers to join our ranks. Please contact Alex regarding membership and Matt regarding dues. ♪

## Nu Chapter Brothers Help Host Successful Alumni Weekend

*by Garrett Cooperman and Monica Crandall, Nu Chapter*

Planned in early September through the State University of New York at Oswego Music Department and the Alumni Association was the hugely successful Alumni Weekend, a series of events planned for Music Department alumni. Events for the weekend included campus tours, a jam session at Patz, an alumni panel discussion, a reception for Mu Beta Psi alumni, dinner at the Forum, rehearsals, and a concert performance by many of the music department alumni. It was a weekend packed with music and reminiscence.

Planning for this weekend was a chaotic experience for King Alumni Hall faculty member Michelle Tackett and Mu Beta Psi Alumni representative Monica Crandall. Both Brothers worked extremely hard to get things rolling and then to keep things rolling as the weekend progressed. Monica has offered to elaborate on her experience working with Alumni Association, her committee, and the department to organize this event:

“Working with Michelle Tackett for the Alumni Weekend, I was there on behalf of Mu Beta Psi and that’s where my focus was; while everyone else decided on how to get out music, plan rehearsals, etc., I was concerned with learning exactly what the Brothers were needed for and when and where they could be of service. I believe I attended two or three meetings over the summer in King Hall. We also figured out a time when there would be less going on so we could have our Alumni gather and meet with Brothers for a reception. I sent all details on to my committee, who helped me iron out a few details, like getting invitations and envelope labels done properly.”

Overall, the weekend was a major success for the entire department. Alumni from all over attended and showed how they continue to support music well after leaving SUNY Oswego. ♪

## Welcome, New Brothers!

### ALPHA

Elizabeth Baldrige

### MU

Erica St. Lawrence (Spring 07)

Danielle Liotta (Spring 07)

Nathan Bartlett

Logan Brackett

### NU

Melissa Aubin

Kelly Corey

Courtney Wright

### OMICRON

Megan Belcher

Antionietta Bernardo

Elizabeth Boyd

Tammy Guile

Jessica McArdle

Ashley Miller

### PI

Nicole Carlucci

Brian Doyle

Scott Gursky

Tiara Lianzot

Tim Moran

**Please email items for the  
Brotherly News, Graduates,  
and New Brothers sections of  
*The Clef* to the editor at  
clef @ mubetapsi.org. Items  
are collected year-round!  
Pictures are welcome and will  
be printed as space permits.**



# Brotherly News

## Engagements

Andrew Fleming (Zeta) and Chrissy Bischoff (Mu)

Matthew Davis (Xi) and Elena Ziccarelli (Xi)

Nathaniel Kulyk (Xi) and Melissa Pidluski

Julie Lyon (Alpha) and Ben Newsome (Alpha)

Philip Staten (Omicron) and Jen Rose (Omicron)

## Weddings

Ryan Barrett Ong (Mu) and Hannah Kate Johnson (Mu),  
May 19, 2007

Nicole Brush (Xi) and Christopher Florenz, September 1, 2007

## New Arrivals

Jonas Everett Hauck, May 3, 2007, to Ryan Hauck (Delta) and  
Amy Hauck

Patrick James Harned, October 12, 2007, to Margaret Lewis  
Harned (Delta) and Brian Harned

Caelan Louis McIlwraith, September 10, 2007, to Chrissy  
(Scofield) McIlwraith (Nu) and Andy McIlwraith

## Deaths

Danielle Liotta (Mu) on June 2, 2007

Charles Edwin Meyer, Sr. (Delta Founding Father) on  
Oct. 8, 2007.



This summer, Alpha Alumnus Ted Gellar (above) wore his letters to the summit of Mount Vesuvius! Ted participated in a six-week program with the American Academy in Rome, and then in a two-week program in the Phlegraean Fields with the Vergilian Society.

## In Memory of Danielle Liotta, Dedicated Friend

*By Sara Gallagher, Mu Chapter*

Danielle “Madi” Liotta was initiated into Mu Chapter in Spring 2007, and was killed in a car accident over the summer as she returned from helping a friend with physics homework. I don’t recall the details of the accident, but even if I did, they would not be mentioned here. Her actions before the crash sum her up in a concise manner: always ready to help other people when they needed her. This quality shone through in the short time she was a member of Mu Beta Psi. Every Mu Chapter Brother has his or her own story about Danielle’s generosity.

Danielle came to UNC and expected to be an EMT. In fact, she once even ushered one our Brothers to the hospital. Thus, she earned her Fraternity nickname “LifeSaver.” One of my profound regrets is that Danielle was an active Brother for less than a semester. I hate to think of all she’s missing- watching Mu Chapter grow, meeting new Pledges, laughing with us after meetings and on weekends, and telling us how we can improve upon our shortcomings.

One thing no one could seem to agree on was what to call Danielle. Even as her Big, I fluctuated between “Danielle” and “Madi.” However, over the summer, we all finally settled on “friend.” One of the more heartbreaking details of her funeral was that she was buried with her Fraternity paddle. Clearly, Danielle loved us all deeply. Maybe, someday, we can find a suitable way to express it back again. ♪

# A-Mu-gements

## Word Unscramble

SLENDMOSNEH \_\_\_\_\_

RANGEW \_\_\_\_\_

IAVILDV \_\_\_\_\_

NDAH Y \_\_\_\_\_

SNRSIIO \_\_\_\_\_

NPODALC \_\_\_\_\_

NALHED \_\_\_\_\_

TBHRUSEC \_\_\_\_\_

NHUAMSCN \_\_\_\_\_

ETNOEHVBE \_\_\_\_\_

W B L Y B X P J O P C M U V F K R N U M  
 F Q R E T S A M E G D E L P X H O Z P R  
 M A M W G N T R W J O U X K J E T O M J  
 X C B K E P S U W L R L A R G E A V G B  
 P T I I W B V C I S O A M V S N N L P Y  
 C I I S P N M A U W K W A N P O I S A N  
 V V X V R I E A Q G D Q I L S U D J H W  
 O I Y S P I M M S T E G N R S I R H Z B  
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 G E T I N O R S C A N R C I N E C T D A  
 R S E P I H N H I S T O R I A N V R G J  
 D O R H R J L T O D B U R M I Z N I S I  
 A O C L M O R G I F E H B E H A N B C H  
 W U E C Y D H Y M S T N V E I K T N B E  
 X E S T R E R U S A E R T H O Z M E O X  
 B M C K S W Q C Y R F B P C A L R J Z P  
 I Z Q M Q P H M A I N T E N A N C E Z H  
 C S Q S C I K C Y M W Q W H F R Z P L U

### Words to find:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| President | Activities   |
| Vice      | Coordinator  |
| Secretary | Historian    |
| Treasurer | Webmaster    |
| Member    | Pledgemaster |
| Large     | Maintenance  |

## Lyric Challenge

Congratulations to **Mike Maksimchuk**, who was the first to respond to last issue's Lyric Challenge. Other correct responses were received from Andrew Fleming and Tamar-Tafari Greene.

The name of the first person to email the NEOTC at clef @mubetapsi.org with the correct original musical artist and song title for the following lyrics will be printed in the next issue of *The Clef*.

**"I got no car, got no mule,  
got no misery."**

## Congratulations, Graduates!

The following Brothers are  
graduating in December:

### Alpha

Lindsey Graham (History major, Spanish minor)

Daryl Johnson (Technology Education major)

Ashley Peacock (Communication Media major)

### Mu

Mary Buchanon (Biology major, Marine Sciences minor)

Josh Moffitt (History major and Dramatic Arts major)

### Nu

Claire Kavanaugh (Zoology major)

"Are we not formed, as  
notes of music are,  
For one another, though  
dissimilar?"  
—Percy Bysshe Shelley,  
"Epipsychidion"

### Calling all Chapter Newsletters:

Does your Chapter create and distribute a newsletter? If so, please send the NEOTC a copy.

If your chapter does not, consider making one. It's a great way to share Chapter fun with your alumni, as well as the rest of the Brotherhood. Let the NEOTC know if you would like guidance on how to begin.

## Wanted: Writers and Ideas

I need some volunteers and some ideas. Please email me at [clef@mubetapsi.org](mailto:clef@mubetapsi.org) if you want to:

- ♪ Report on Convention 2008.
- ♪ Write an informational piece or editorial about music and any aspect of society.
- ♪ Compose an article about invented languages based on music (Eaiea and Solresol).
- ♪ Submit new games, activities, or humorous items for "A-Mu-sements."
- ♪ Contribute photos from any Fraternity activities (please identify everyone in photos).
- ♪ Share stories, poetry, artwork, or other creative pieces (they don't have to be music-related).

If you want to write but are stumped for a topic, drop me a line and I'll get you set up. Likewise if you have an idea that you would like to see others to write about, let me know!

In Brotherhood and Music,  
Megan Roble, National Editor of *The Clef* ♪



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