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Back to Our Fraternal Roots: Alpha **Chapter Hosts Convention 2008**

By Matthew Wood, Convention 2008 Coordinator, Alpha Chapter

It was at the end of the Omicron convention in 2006 that it suddenly hit us: in just a scant two years. Alpha Chapter would likely be hosting the National Convention. It was then that the buzz about how we would make the event memorable began to spread through the Chapter.

More than the planning, we knew we wanted the Brotherhood to experience an Alpha Chapter they had never seen, and "Experience Alpha Chapter" became our slogan. There is so much about the Chapter beyond Fraternity business that others many never see. These are the personal relationships that exist between us—the sort of "unofficial" business that occurs between us every day-which occurs in every Chapter. Through having a communal area for everyone to return to between meetings and having the Alpha Brotherhood constantly in that room to entertain and answer questions, other Brothers were able to see how we interact on a personal level. And more than that, the cooperation of the Alpha Chapter Brothers to respond to every need and emergency was truly remarkable. None of it could have happened without that high level of teamwork. For that, I thank all of you.

We knew right at the beginning that we would need a lot of planning in advance. It was with that in mind that we solicited preferred dates before the 2007 National Convention had even occurred. True, we had not officially been declared the hosts for 2008, but we couldn't wait. In order for us to have the meeting rooms in a convenient (and free) location, we had to have our requests submitted at the beginning of February 2007. Luckily, we received all of the rooms we requested. However, there was a glitch and the rooms were doublebooked, resulting in dancers for a ballroom competition (hosted in Talley Student Center that same night) using some of the rooms for changing rooms. We were able to work around that mix-up, and the rest of the evening went off without a hitch.

some of the wonderful coincidences that allowed us to

I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't comment on

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Announcements & Reminders

- Convention 2009 will be hosted by Zeta Chapter at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, on March 12-14, 2009.
- Nashville, Tennessee, on July 26-27, 2008. Brothers not active in the Alumni Association are also welcome to attend.
- Outgoing Chapter officers, don't forget to update your officer handbooks and pass them on to your successors.
- Anyone may request a hard copy of *The Clef* by contacting the editor.

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In Brief ... the Harp

By Josh Moffitt, Mu Chapter Alumnus

This piece is the fourth installment of a series of articles featuring the instruments of Mu Beta Psi's Crest.

The harp is an instrument that can trace its history from the depths of antiquity. Its history is intimately entwined with that of civilization—not just of Western civilization, but the world.

A harp is a stringed instrument whose strings are held perpendicular to the sound (resonating) board. This instrument was independently invented by multiple cultures throughout the world, by civilizations spanning Africa, South America, Asia, and Europe. The prime inspiration for its invention is credited to the sound of a plucked bowstring.

Today's Western harps (those that we would most be familiar with from classical orchestras) are complex double-action pedal harps. These harps have the capability of manipulating the tone of a plucked string by either one or two half-steps. However, the simplest form of the harp is known as the "bow" harp. This type of harp is shaped like the bow of a bow and arrow set and is connected to a gourd or some other resonating body. The oldest depiction of the harp known today is from Ancient Egypt, dating to 4,000 BCE.



The harp, lyre, horn, pipes, and their offshoots have enriched human civilization up through today, and will continue to do so for centuries to come. Without the simple, ancient beginnings of the instruments on our Crest, we would have little of the music that is popular today. For such contributions, these influential and enduring instruments retain places of honor upon our Crest. $\mathcal A$



Nu Chapter Hosts A Capella Group Ball in the House

By Garrett Cooperman, Nu Chapter

Nu Chapter has been extremely busy this spring. Aside from our usual hectic amount of ushering, striking, and supporting music performances, we also had an extraordinary opportunity to bring a group to perform on campus. On April 10, during the same week in which we welcomed the Alpha Delta pledge class into our Brotherhood, Mu Beta Psi at Nu Chapter hosted Ball in the House, a professional a cappella group.

Ball in the House, a group of five incredible vocalists, has been on the a cappella scene since 1997. They are most popularly known as the group of voices behind the Cool Whip jingle. Although they perform covers, they write and arrange their own original tunes, as well. The performance they gave SUNY Oswego was pure energy.

Still in Progress, an a cappella group of four SUNY Oswego students and alumni (three of whom are Brothers), made the perfect opening act for the event. Ball in the House even welcomed Still in Progress back onto the stage to perform My Girl together.

Nu Chapter, with the help of Alumni Brothers Kris Vicencio and Heather McDonald, worked to promote and support this event from the beginning. Brothers helped by posting flyers, spreading the word about the concert, ushering the show, selling merchandise for the band, and selling tickets at the door. Brothers even assisted with striking after the show.

Ball in the House came out to Bridie Manor, a local restaurant, to hang out with the Brothers and relax after the show. The show was definitely a fun experience for everyone who got to be a part of it. \$\mathcal{F}\$

Left: Still in Progress opens up for Ball in the House. Still in Progress features (from left to right) Brothers Terrell Mitchell, Jon Powers, and Kris Vicencio, and fellow musician Andrew Rohlin.

Right: Members of both groups perform together at the concert.

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create a truly memorable event! For instance, the historic Velvet Cloak Inn, through a happy turn of events, was able to offer us outstanding accommodations for much lower prices than originally quoted. I hope everyone can agree that the classic style of the hotel offered a traditional feel to the banquet. To top it

off, the limousine we received to shuttle to our Friday night social was supposed to be a 16-passenger van; lucky for us, they ran out of vans and gave us the Denali stretch limo at no extra charge!

But Convention was about more than business and socialization; it was about celebrating tradition and new beginnings. We sent invitations out to all of our Honorary Brothers and waited with baited breath. We were ecstatic to receive word that Milton Bliss would be in attendance with his wife and son (his son being a dulyinitiated Brother of Alpha Chapter). As well, we had in attendance Dr. John Fuller, Alpha Chapter advisor, and Dr. J. Mark Scearce, the head of the NCSU Music Department, who is a newly-initiated Honorary Brother. It was a great event in the long trek of building better relationships with our Music Department. To top it off, we were privileged to offer Pi Chapter their first Convention experience as a Chapter of Mu Beta Psi. This was truly a fitting way for the oldest Chapter to welcome the newest.

In the end, it took a full Chapter effort to organize and execute this year's Convention. My biggest fear in taking on this project stemmed from reports from previous years, where only the Convention Committee or even only the coordinator did most of the work. The execution was all in our committee and the Chapter as a whole. So much was accomplished by so many, that it was truly remarkable. I was able to place my trust completely in the Chapter and know that the work would get done.

Thank you so much for your support, Alpha Chapter! And especially, thank you to all non-Alpha Brothers for allowing us to host this event! 🕫



THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian

Today, most people think of political demonstrations as being in opposition to American social or foreign policies. This is certainly what then-National Secretary Ralph Daniel was thinking in a May 22, 1970, letter to Duane Evans, who was then-National Editor of *The Clef*. Commenting on the protests against the Vietnam War in Washington, DC, Daniel noted that Mu Beta Psi Brothers at Alpha Chapter participated in political demonstrations of a different sort when Soviet Premier Khrushchev came to the United States in the late 1950s.

Ralph Daniel wrote:

"I found it hard to believe that 7,000 would march to the capitol for anything other than general hell-raising (there was probably plenty of that regardless of motives). I just hope that American colleges don't become as politically hot and educationally worthless as those in Latin America. As an interesting note, I was among the first students to ever be tear-gassed during a demonstration at [NC State University] (1959). We were actually supporting the government then, however. Ike had just been snubbed by Khrushchev and we marched down Hillsboro St. with signs like 'Ike--we're behind U-2' etc. The cops that night panicked and broke it up. Several Psi brothers were arrested for 'parading without a permit' (they were carrying their instruments), but all charges were dropped. Those were the days, my friend?"

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New Website Profile and Family Tree Features Unveiled

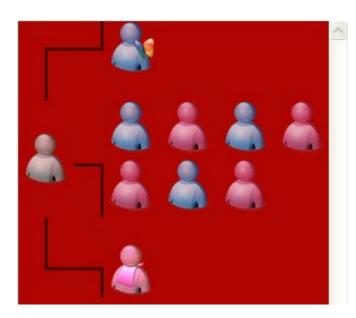
By Kevin Britton, NITC Chair and mubetapsi.org Webmaster

MySpace, Facebook, LinkedIn.....PsiNet?

The 2008 National Convention saw the debut of a new social networking site in the form of new user profiles for the Brothers Intranet. The changes include a makeover for user profiles of Intranet members, the addition of several social networking-esque profile categories, the ability to upload images to personal profiles, and new detailed profile editing controls that make it extremely easy and intuitive to update fraternal records.

The change attracting the most attention, however, is the dynamic Family Tree viewer, which shows how we are all connected as Brothers, be it Big Brother to Little Brother, or Pledge Brother to Pledge Brother. The viewer is accessible from any Intranet profile, and can be navigated up and down (and sideways!) through fraternity history via the click of a mouse.

To access your new user profile, click on your name in the upper right hand corner of any Intranet page. You can also search for other users by clicking on the search icon (magnifying glass) and entering a Brother's name in the search field. To edit your profile, click the edit icons under each section of your profile. While certain information can only be edited by MALs and Chapter webmasters, most information can be edited by the



The new Family Tree feature shows how Brothers are connected through Bigs and Littles, as well as by pledge classes.

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.

user. You can add addresses, phone numbers, and websites; share pictures, shout-outs, or your favorites in a variety of topics; and list your friends or make new ones. You can also manage your email subscriptions, change your Intranet settings, and change your password—all from one page, using a fast, dynamic interface.

For a limited time, you can also help us fill in some of the missing gaps in our growing Family Tree. After opening the family tree viewer (by clicking on the tree icon), you can search for names to add to your tree. As you browse, you can also modify other family trees in the same way.

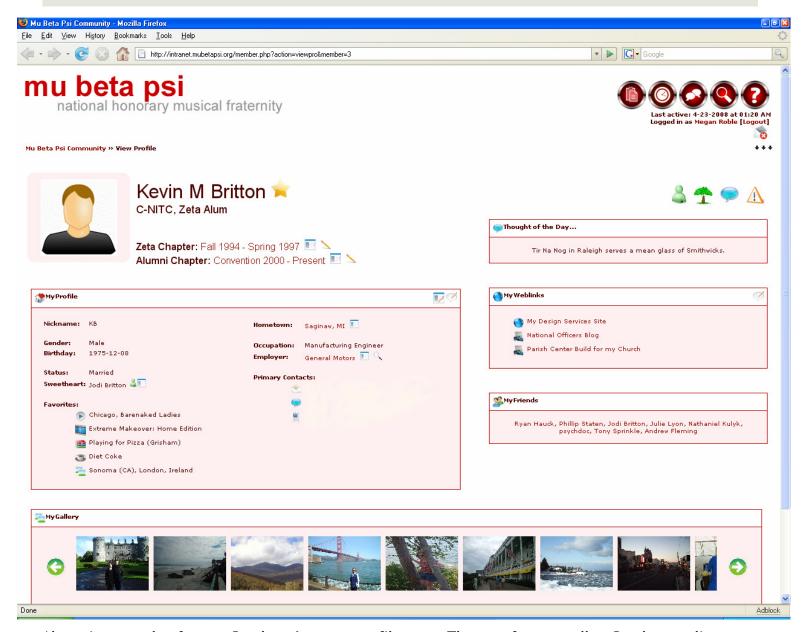
All Brothers are invited to take advantage of the new features available on the Brothers Intranet. If you get stuck, help is available—just click on the question mark in the upper right hand corner to submit a helpdesk ticket. If you have lost your login information, you can request it be resent to you. If you don't have an Intranet account and want to obtain access to the wealth of Fraternity information available on the Intranet (including message boards, chat room, and the online document archive) feel free to contact me by email and I'll get you set up, or contact your Chapter MAL or webmaster for assistance.

More information about the Intranet will also be periodically posted to the National Officers' Blog at http://mubetapsi.blogspot.com. \$\mathcal{I}\$

You know you're curious.

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





Above is a sample of a new Brothers Intranet profile page. The new features allow Brothers to list more personal and contact information than before, share websites, document fraternity involvement, and showcase pictures. In addition, Brothers can add each other to "My Friends" lists.

A & From Your Editor:

Each issue of *The Clef* tends to develop its own theme, and usually that theme is out of my control—or at least out of my immediate consciousness. While putting together this issue, I kept coming across ideas that made me think about trees. Themes of roots and branches definitely recur in *Clef* material this time around. The recap of convention at Alpha Chapter certainly should make all of us reflect on our roots as a Fraternity. Perhaps there, more than any other campus, Psi history is visible, whether it be through the presence of our letters in bricks on the sidewalk, or the giant Mu Beta Psi Crest painted in NC State's music department. Strong roots give us the capability to grow and branch out. Growth is definitely probable in the near future, given the several colonization possibilities as reported in the NVPE Report. New changes on our Intranet as featured on these two pages also help us track our growth within Chapters, especially the new Family Tree feature. Hooray for trees.

In Brotherhood,
Megan Roble
National Editor of *The Clef*

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Stewards of Psi? Or Where Old Officers Go to Die? What the Alumni Association is *Really* About

By Ryan Hauck, Delta Alumnus

There have been a lot of questions over the years about the Alumni Association's place in the National Organization. There are the old jokes about us being the old farts that can't let go of college, or that it's where old officers go to die. Those jokes have some basis in fact, of course, but the Alumni Association is far more than these things.

We are an amalgamation of Brothers who think Mu Beta Psi is important enough to continue serving it even after leaving our home Chapters. The Fraternity is still worth our time, efforts, and love. For some of us, the Alumni Association is now the only way to participate in Psi; our home Chapters are gone. What we all want, however, is to continue to keep Mu Beta Psi alive, healthy, and thriving. We want to help it grow and support it however we can, although our membership spans thousands of miles. A perfect example is the Chapter's commitment to provide monetary support for liability insurance. This is an immense challenge for the Alumni and we may or may not meet our set goal, but it's our obligation to try every year.

Our Chapter is a microcosm of the Fraternity at large. There are Brothers from different backgrounds with different ideas. We don't always get along. We can be stubborn and cynical. We struggle to keep our members engaged. And frankly, the Alumni Association can be a rough transition for new Alumni. We don't meet every week, we can't socialize often, and there are age gaps that work against us. Regardless, the Chapter is very effective at working together to find ways to succeed and to help Mu Beta Psi succeed.



I see our Chapter as the "Stewards of Mu Beta Psi." If you have trouble finding information, need to contact someone but don't know how, want to know how things are done at other Chapters or were done in past years, want some historical perspective, or have questions about policy, you can always turn to someone in the Alumni Association. We have decades of combined experience with Fraternal matters and are full of former collegiate officers, ex-National officers, current National Officers, and BOT members. I consider it a personal duty to keep an eye on the Fraternity listserv and message boards to make sure no question goes unanswered and no cry for help goes unheeded. To that extent, you are always welcome to contact me at any time for help.

In the same vein, we strive to be Fraternity guardians. Each of our members has a wealth of experiences and memories that we employ to influence the National Organization. As a whole, the Fraternity memory without the Alumni Association would only be about three years old. It's the Association's duty, then, to ensure that history doesn't repeat itself. But perhaps even more importantly, it's our duty to be an example of what the Fraternity stands for in the long term: to show Brothers young and old that Mu Beta Psi can be a lifetime commitment, that it's worth all the toil and effort and thankless work, that our standards never become compromised or watered down, and that we don't become just a resume filler.

Is it our goal to have all alumni stay active? Yes. Will we ever meet this goal? Of course not. Do we keep in

touch with collegiate Brothers like we should? No, not yet. Are we spreading our message like we should? No. But we continue to try on all counts and we constantly seek your help in raising awareness of the Alumni Association.

Stewards of Psi gather in the "Alumni Corner" at General Assembly at Convention 2008. Members of the Alumni Association wear many hats in their varied roles within the Fraternity.

National President Report

By Andrew Fleming

What an eventful time for our Fraternity! I would first like to thank Convention Chair Matthew Wood and all of the Alpha Brothers for putting together a wonderful weekend in Raleigh for National Convention 2008. It was such a pleasure to see so many Brothers gathering together on Mu Beta Psi's home campus, officially welcoming Pi Chapter with its Charter, and seeing the strength of our Brotherhood in person. We were also thrilled to have such notable guests at the banquet. Dr. J. Mark Scearce, advisor to Alpha Chapter and Director of the Music Department at NC State, was present. Perhaps the icing on the cake was when Dr. Milton C. Bliss, as well as his wife and son (another Alpha alumnus and former Chapter President), joined us for the banquet. Each of us could feel his delight in our Brotherhood when he mentioned how "dear to his heart" Mu Beta Psi is to him, and we all stood a little straighter as we sang the song he wrote for us.

Congratulations are in order for National Treasurer Jen Rose (Alumni Association/ Omicron alumna) for her election to her first National Office, as well as to National Vice President of Expansion Sarah Morrison (Alumni Association/ Mu alumna) and National Editor of The Clef Megan Roble (Alumni Association/ Xi alumna) for their re-elections. Although he unfortunately could not travel to Raleigh this year, I'd also like to congratulate and welcome our newly elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees Matthew Zander (Alumni Association/ Zeta alumnus). Finally, I (Alumni Association/ Zeta alumnus) am honored to serve a second term as National President, and hope to accomplish more in the next year than in the last.

Each year after Convention, we always remark on the Brotherhood wonderful momentum this accomplishing things after spending a weekend together. That momentum is certainly not being wasted this year. From our new National Treasurer hitting the ground running on re-structuring the Fraternity's finances, to three potential expansion prospects on our horizon, as well as the Alumni Association gearing up to raise money for the Liability Fund again, there is much being done right now. It's never too late to get involved in projects on the national level. I encourage every active Brother to pick a national goal and get involved in its realization, and all alumni out there to support your active Brothers. Whether you help your Chapter with a project or donate financially to the Alumni Association, every action adds to the momentum of our Brotherhood.

Let's continue to build that momentum together and work toward our goals, as only Brothers can. ${\cal F}$

The CM Reference Library currently contains:

The Everything Project Management Book

Publicity for Nonprofits

↑ The Big Book of Team Building Games

Quick Team-Building Activities for Busy

Managers: 50 Exercises that Get Results in 15

Minutes

♪ Dealing with People You Can't Stand: How to

Bring Out the Best in People at Their Worst

∧ More articles and helpful hints

Contact Chrissy Bischoff if you'd like your Chapter to benefit from these publications!

National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

By Chrissy Bischoff

Spring is always a busy time for Chapter Maintenance. Somehow between winter breaks, spring breaks, and summer breaks, we manage to elect new National and Chapter officers, hold pledge seasons, and attend Convention—all of this on top of the regular business of being active Brothers! With the Chapters busy with all of these things and more, I have to stay on my toes!

The NCCM had an excellent meeting at Convention this year, the large majority of which focused on our pledging processes and standards. I am convinced that how we train our Brothers is directly linked to the majority of our successes and failures as a Brotherhood, and I felt that this discussion at Convention was an encouraging starting point for Chapters to continue the discourse once they returned home. Chapters that would like a refresher of the slide presentation I gave at the NCCM meeting at Convention can contact me for more information.

The CM Reference Library has expanded to include books on a wide range of topics relevant to fraternity life. (See above for a full list of titles, and visit the CM website regularly at www.mubetapsi.org/maintenance

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to check for new additions.) Because a few books got lost in transit last year, I will not loan books directly from the library, but instead will be happy to photocopy sections to send to Brothers upon request. I would also be more than happy to bring specific titles to Chapters I visit, and to give Brothers free reign over the library if they choose to visit me in New York. I will also be using materials from these books to expand the CM wiki and the CM homepage with tips. As always, additions to these materials are welcome!

I feel that the NCCM and the office of NVPCM are finally moving more into the realm of maintaining Chapters through discussion, training, and proactive monitoring of activities. I like to think that our project-oriented approach of the last two years has led to a solid groundwork from which we can build a sustainable, manageable way of monitoring and guiding Chapters. I am looking forward to my next year in office! \$\mathcal{P}\$

National Vice President of Expansion Report

By Sarah Morrison

The Expansion Committee has been working very hard on updating expansion materials. I requested three Brothers, Matt Wood, Sean Galgano, and Haley Vingsness, to spearhead this project. In January, the working rough drafts were implemented.

The last few months have been gearing up as promising communications have come to our committee. While some communications have not been fruitful, it appears that a few interested schools may be very realistic sites for colonization.

Northern Michigan University (NMU) has been actively recruited by Zeta Chapter. This lead, coupled with a group of NMU students who contacted me directly, have brought about fifteen students that are actively looking at putting together an organizational meeting. Scott Nelson of Zeta has been the main representative from the National Committee on Expansion (NCE). There is a real potential to see a petition this spring, with possibly a training semester being held in Fall 2008. Zeta has been discussing how to handle a colonization along with hosting the 2009 Convention. It is hopeful that Zeta will continue to lead this effort, but we did discuss the possibility of the Alumni Association as a co-host. There was an information meeting on April 1, 2008.

Andrew Stephens, AA representative, along with two other Zetas, volunteered to meet with Professor Marshall Kimball at Marietta College in Ohio on March 13, 2008. This group discussed potential concerns the school may

have about starting a Chapter, including a stricter alcohol policy and the desire for an academic honor component. They discussed how these requirements could easily be met in Chapter by-laws. I have been in continued contact with Professor Kimball in order to answer questions.

St. Louis University contact Meaghan Garvin requested to hold information sessions. The dates were set for April 3, 2008 and April 17, 2008.

The NCE approved a standing meeting date and time of the second Tuesday of each month at 9:15 p.m. Eastern time. These meetings are open unless indicated otherwise.

The NCE sent forth the following budget requests to the NEC and BOT that were approved: The first approval is for up to \$500 to pay for printing of 500 quality expansion brochures. Each collegiate Chapter will receive 50 brochures to assist themselves in the recruitment of new Chapters. The NVPE will receive 200 brochures, which will also assist the Alumni Association should they need any. The second budget item was to allot up to \$100 for postage to allow for shipping of information packets, as well as items to Chapters. The third budget item was an approval for \$88 for the purchase of eleven pledge pins to be placed in the NCE materials. There are currently only nine pins, although there should be twenty. The final budget item sent forth and approved was for the sum of \$120 to pay for fifteen pledge pins pending the installation of a new Chapter. The Expansion Policy indicates that we will provide pins to each new Chapter.

The committee sent seconded policy amendments to the NEC. The first was to change the Expansion Policy to change the notation regarding a certified \$50 check to change to \$80. This money is to cover the charter fee, and it brings the policy in line with the National Finance Policy. The second was an amendment to the Colonization Policy to change wording to include the National Office Operation Policy. This was a procedural change. The final motion was to copy the entirety of Section 8 from the Expansion Policy into section 10 of the Colonization Policy. This motion was proposed to avoid the continued referencing to the Expansion Policy in the Colonization Policy.

National Secretary Report

By Julie Lyon

My office has been busy this semester in preparing for Convention and in compiling the minutes from Convention. You can find the minutes from Convention on the Intranet (log in from http://www.mubetapsi.org). Go to the Knowledgebase, click on "Minutes," then click on

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"Convention 2008." You can also find updated policies in the Knowledgebase: click on "National Documents," then click on "National Committees."

The National Officers have been looking for ways to keep you in the loop. We've created a National Officers blog at http://mubetapsi.blogspot.com. We hope that you will add us to your RSS feed reader and stay in touch. On the blog, I have included links to the forms needed for the April 30 deadlines.

I am also looking for a project to champion this year. If you have ideas, please let me know! I'm thinking about suggesting changes to our election procedures in order to make them more job-related. However, this may not be the best use of my time. I'm open to other suggestions.

I would also like to make more of our forms electronic to make the submission process easier. I will keep you updated as I suggest and implement these changes.

As always, please 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. 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.

Have a wonderful summer! See you next year at Zeta!



Thank you, Ben, for your service as our valiant Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

2008 National Officer Elections

This year, four national offices were up for election during National Convention's General Assembly. Three of these offices were filled through re-election of current officers, but the office of National Treasurer was filled by Jen Rose, who is new to the Executive Board. Re-elected officers are:

Andrew Fleming, National President Sarah Morrison, National Vice President of Expansion Megan Roble, National Editor of *The Clef*

Meet your new National Treasurer

pledged Jen Omicron Chapter (Roanoke College) in Spring 2003 with the Gamma pledge class. She graduated from Roanoke College in the Summer of with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. Jen is a Financial Analyst with the National Institutes of Heath Center for Information Technology and



New Chair of the Board of Trustees

Matthew Zander, Zeta Alumnus, was elected as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees (C-BOT). Matt takes over for former C-BOT Benjamin Griffeth (at left).



New C-BOT Matthew Zander

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Brother Chris Ciarlariello

Dear Brothers,

I just wanted to thank you after the amazing weekend I experienced at Convention. It was a pleasure meeting many of you, getting to know more about Mu Beta Psi through talking to many active and alumni Brothers, and getting to see the variety of perspectives that are held within the Fraternity. I am also extremely grateful that I was selected as Brother of the Year because it is a huge honor and it was beyond my wildest dreams that I would ever be awarded this honor, let alone this year. So thank you to all who made this, my first convention, extremely special unforgettable. All of you have brought the meaning of Brotherhood to a new level and I cannot wait to see everyone in the years to come!



Most convention pictures in this issue are compliments of Brother Alana Kirby (above).

2008 Annual Convention Awards

Congratulations!

"Price" less Memories Scrapbook Award:
Pi Chapter

Ralph Daniel National Brother of the Year Award: Christopher Ciarlariello

The purpose of the Daniel Award is to honor the Mu Beta Psi Brother that most successfully promoted the goals of the Fraternity- at-large during the previous year.

The Major Kutschinski Award was not presented this year.



Pi Chapter, winner of the "Price" less Memories Scrapbook Award, creates a pyramid at NC State.

The Major Kutschinski Award and Ralph Daniel Brother of the Year Award are processed and selected by the Alumni Association. Guidelines for the Kutschinski and Daniel Awards are posted on the National Website. It is not too early to start documenting your Chapter's service for a Kutschinski application or to think about a Brother you feel deserves the Daniel Award for 2009.

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Zeta dresses up as video game characters for their bid to host next year's convention, ZetaCon'09.

Thank you to Alpha's CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

Matthew Wood (Chair)
Drew Dickens (Alpha President)
Lindsey Graham
Logann Graham
Daryl Johnson
Jon Rogers
Tony Sprinkle



Milton Bliss is serenaded by the Brotherhood with You are My Sunshine.



Voting delegates convene for the final votes of General Assembly.



Milton Bliss (above), esteemed Brother of Mu Beta Psi, was in attendance at the Convention Banquet. Brother Bliss is the composer of Hail the Spirit of Mu Beta Psi and The Sweetheart Song.

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National Treasurer Report

By Jen Rose

I am really honored to have been selected as the Fraternity's newest National Treasurer and I would like to thank you for the trust that you have given me. Over the next three years, I hope to facilitate the forming of a solid financial foundation upon which our Fraternity can grow.

The National Finance Committee has met since Convention. We have already approved changes to the Finance Policy and discussed budget submission formats. In the coming months, the NFC will continue to revise the Finance Policy and create easier to understand financial statements and reports.

While one of my hopes is to recreate lost financial records, I am thankful for the clean slate that comes each April 1. This new fiscal year will be devoted to establishing processes and standards, not only for reporting, but also for storage of financial records. I look forward to working with the National Information Technology Committee regarding storage of financial reports on the Intranet to ensure fiscal transparency and with the National History and Archives Committee to ensure our financial archives are compliant with federal regulations.

Over the summer, I will be working on the first audit of Chapter finances. I hope the information gained is helpful in determining reporting requirements at the Chapter level, as well as training requirements for Chapter treasurers.

If you have an interest in becoming a Chapter Treasurer, National Treasurer, or are just interested in how Fraternity money is spent, I urge you to come to a National Finance Committee meeting, held every month in the Mu Beta Psi Chatroom, or you can contact me by email or phone. \$\mathcal{I}\$

National Editor of *The Clef* Report

By Megan Roble

I present to you my third issue of *The Clef* as your editor! I do hope you are enjoying it so far. Now is a good time to remind you that everything inside this newsletter depends on contributions by Brothers from every Chapter. This particular time around, I noted a decline in enthusiasm for submitting material, which I hope is just due to the amount of other Fraternity work going on since Convention. Since my last report, my only major NEOTC work has been the production of this issue.

Only so much of the next newsletter can be begun before the fall approaches, so I intend to take some time over the next few months to attend to NEOTC housekeeping and focus on individual Chapter newsletters. First, I would like to work backwards to obtain copies of older versions of The Clef. Perhaps someday we can have all issues accessible to all Brothers electronically. Second, I plan on redesigning the Clef's template so it is more user-friendly. Third, I would like to collect copies of all Chapter newsletters in existence, and correspond with any Brothers involved with their production or interested in starting one. By the end of summer, I would like to have a template newsletter available for Chapters who would like a starting point. Please remember that I am always here if you need assistance on the production of any documents-newsletter or other!

Finally, please do not ever hesitate to send reflections, pictures, write-ups about individual events, or editorials my way. I love to receive mail, and hope to see some "Letters to the Editor" soon!

National Historian Report

By Nathaniel Kulyk

Greetings! I hope that everyone is doing well! The cherry blossoms are blooming in Washington, DC, and the temperature is finally getting warmer. I would first like to thank everyone at Alpha Chapter for an outstanding Convention! It is clear that everyone played an active role and worked very hard to make it a success. I was very pleased about how warmly received my "traveling museum" was at the banquet. It is my hope to continue to offer similar exhibitions for the Fraternity in the future.

I would also like to congratulate all of the Chapters for doing a tremendous job in preparing their scrapbooks. I can speak for all of the National Officers when I say that all of the scrapbooks this year were very well put together and it is clear that a lot of time and effort was put into each one of them. I'd like to offer a special congratulations once again to Pi Chapter for winning the annual "Price"less Memories Scrapbook Competition.

I have continued to work on sorting through the Fraternity Archives. In an effort to help provide additional protection for the collection, I have started purchasing envelopes for storage. This will also allow for easier transport in case the Archives should need to be moved. Envelopes are being divided up by subject, such as the National Organization, Chapters, National Conventions, and editions of *The Clef*. They will then be placed into storage under these categories and the Archives Index will reflect this sorting system. The Archives Index will be made available for viewing on the

Historian's Webpage. I will continue to provide updates on my progress.

I am very pleased with the work of the National History and Archives Committee (NHAC) Convention. Two amendments were made to the NHAC Policy Manual: one sets the deadline for submissions to the Archives on April 30 of each year, and another removes an unnecessary section concerning the Prospectus. The committee also discussed the Historian's Webpage and things committee members would like to see included on it, as well as the implementation of a long-term oral history project, which will allow all Brothers the opportunity to answer a series of questions online, giving them an opportunity to share their thoughts and favorite memories about Mu Beta Psi. I am working with Kevin Britton to see that this project moves forward as quickly as possible.

Best wishes to everyone and good luck with the remainders of your semesters! #



National Officer Reports are brought to you, of course, by your National Officers. Officers preparing to be pied by Pi at Convention are (left to right) Brothers Fleming, Morrison, Roble, Lyon, Rose, and Kulyk. (By the way, Pi didn't actually do it...)

Alpha Chapter Report

By Matthew Wood, Alpha Member at Large

With the opening of the spring semester, Alpha Chapter was hard at work on Convention. We were very excited to welcome everyone to Raleigh for an exciting, action-packed weekend. Who knew that we would have over 130 Brothers in attendance? With events such as a haunted campus tour and game show

games, it was our intent that everyone would leave with lots of memories and a more thorough knowledge of the Alpha Chapter Brotherhood.

In pledging news, we started our season with four pledges, but ended with one. On April 19, in the wee hours of the morning, we initiated Julian Arrington into our ranks. We know he will be a fine addition to the Brotherhood!

Alpha Chapter Brothers have also been busy traveling around the country. David Lee and Matt Wood attended Zeta Chapter's Winter Carnival, and even stayed an extra day due to a blizzard. Evan Graham, Kim Tate, and Matt Wood traveled with Kate Capehart from Mu Chapter up to Nu Chapter's Overnight. Once again, several Brothers found themselves stranded an extra day, this time due to brake problems. Lindsey Graham, Matt Wood, and Brian Yarborough traveled to Omicron to attend the Battle of the Bands, and Matt Wood had the privilege of helping to judge the event; thankfully, this was one trip where there were no car or weather delays.

On March 28, Alpha Chapter held its Inactives Night, a event meant to acquaint the pledges with Brothers not active at Alpha Chapter. Attendees included several inactive Alpha Chapter Brothers from the area, as well as NVPE Sarah Morrison. The evening was complete with a wide range of food prepared by the Brothers, as it was a potluck event.

Finally, Alpha Chapter finished out the semester focusing on all the service events that come with the end of the semester, including one large event the same weekend as Initiations. The Brotherhood had its hands full, but it persevered. \$\mathcal{L}\$

Zeta Chapter Report

By David Klemens, Zeta Member at Large

We at Zeta Chapter have continued our work for the Fine Arts department and the music theaters by ushering events, having small receptions for musicians, contributing publicity, and generally doing what we can. Also this semester is our pasta dinner, hosted in conjunction with the Calumet Theater. In addition, this year we are awarding two scholarships to Greg Karlovits and Michelle Foy.

The Winter Carnival theme this year was "Monstrous Creatures with Chilling Features." Zeta Chapter brought home the first place trophy for the One-Nighter Snow Statue competition with the statute "The Monster Mash." Also at the event, Honorary

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Brother Gary Tunstall and Local Brother Mark Andrasko played guitars to help raise money at a yearly fundraiser.

This spring, we initiated The Mix Tape pledge class. It consisted of Katie Sheets, Lucas Showerman, Nicole Geer, Brandi Lundquist, Mary Kennedy, and Victoria Demers.

Zeta Chapter is overwhelmed with joy that a university close to Michigan Tech has interest in Mu Beta Psi. Northern Michigan University is very interested in starting a Chapter, and we held an informational session for interested students. We look forward to a potential Chapter under two hours away.

Mu Chapter Report

By Nathan Bartlett, Mu Member at Large

We at Mu have completed a healthy amount of service projects this past year. We continuously usher for various campus a cappella groups and musical theatre productions. We assisted with Cary Band Day, a large music festival in the nearby town of Cary. Additionally, we hosted the Senior Music Maker's recital for senior music majors, and, of course, hosted our annual Psi Jam. Psi Jam included five a cappella groups and was modestly successful at raising funds for musical causes. We also had a successful gift wrapping fundraiser at Barnes and Nobles through the month of December.

Mu has had inevitable internal changes regarding membership. Mu President Josh Moffitt left Chapel Hill after getting an internship at Disney World. Vice President JC Peterson also resigned his office in the face of increased job responsibilities. We held a special election in December, and elected Kate Capehart as our new president and Kat Hurwitz as our new vice president. We have also gained some new Brothers. This past fall, we initiated two new pledges. This spring, we also initiated two more pledges. Our initiations began at midnight of April 11-12.

Nu Chapter Report

By Emily Sorriento, Nu Member at Large

The spring 2008 semester began in Oswego on the last Thursday of January. With this semester, our music department at Oswego has been revamped! A new college was created here: the College of Media Communication and the Arts. One of our advisors, Dr. Julie Pretzat, has been named Associate Dean of this college. Honorary Brother Todd Graber is now the chair of our music department. Unfortunately, Dr. Pretzat

had to step down as our advisor. However, we welcomed a new advisor, fellow Brother and music faculty member Dan Wood.

Our pledging season got into full swing with three great pledges. They were Andy Bronson, Caitlin Garlach, and Lindsey Gordon. Nu Chapter conducted a series of pledging events, and even had the pleasure of welcoming Brothers from Alpha and Mu at one of them.

Several of our brothers traveled to Reston, Virginia, to volunteer at the East Coast A Capella Summit. Our first student concert was held on March 13, and it was a preview of a piece entitled *The Origin*. This piece is being continuously worked on, and the full piece, along with the visual aspects, is scheduled to premiere next year. Several of our Brothers traveled to Raleigh for National Convention and they all had a truly memorable experience.

As always, Nu will continue to fundraise, provide service to the music department, and make progress to better our Chapter and make our Brothers closer than ever.

Omicron Chapter Report

By Lauren Taylor, Omicron Member at Large

Things have been going pretty well here at Omicron! We have five new brothers as of this semester. They are Jon Westler, Erin Verdonik, Lynn McDonald, Ashlea Light, and Ken Tisch. They have all worked very hard this semester, and were initiated on Friday, April 4.

We hosted RC After Dark on January 25. RC After Dark is a program held in our campus center every Friday night with events running from 7 p.m. until midnight. We loved being joined by Haley Vingsness from Zeta, which gave new Brothers their first taste of an extended brotherhood beyond Roanoke College. We had a double showing of Across the Universe, and the movie room filled up at least a half hour before it started, which never happens. We also had a tie-dye shirt vendor come in so students could tie-dye shirts for free. In addition, we hosted a Guitar Hero tournament with a huge list of competitors, and finally, there was karaoke in The Cavern. The highlight of the evening was either Brother Megan Belcher singing and knowing all the choreography to Spice Up Your Life by the Spice Girls or Brother Trista Wilkins making the entire Brotherhood sing Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go by Wham! We had one of the best turn outs of any RC After Dark that didn't include bingo and it was a huge success. We didn't make any money, but we definitely got our name out there.

We had a successful Rush Week, where we had a movie night with *Hairspray*, Macado's appetizer night, game night with Singing Bee, and dinner and kickball with Alpha Phi Omega. We pinned five new pledges on Sunday, February 10.

Battle of the Bands was a HUGE success! We sold over 165 tickets, 90 shirts, and plenty of concessions. We ended up making around \$1,300 for VH1. We were very happy to be joined by several Brothers from other Chapters.

Unfortunately, Annie Trent, Omicron alumna, was in the hospital for the duration of Battle of the Bands and many of us have been going to visit her very regularly. Jennifer Rose (Omicron alumna) and Nathan Bartlett and Logan Brackett from Mu came a day early for Battle of the Bands so that they could spend some extra time with Annie.

Omicron Chapter is also looking forward to participating in Relay For Life, an event that benefits survivors of cancer as well as a cure for cancer. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,000 as a Chapter. Relay For Life is an all-night walk for the prevention and cure of cancer. It is a donor-sponsored event. Any Brother who would like to help us reach our goal is more than invited to do so. Please contact Ashley Miller or any other Omicron Brother for information.

Last year, we decided to try to host an event for alumni on Alumni Weekend every year, and this year was no exception. We hosted a picnic for alumni Saturday, April 19. The entire Brotherhood was welcome to join us!

On the whole, things at Omicron Chapter are going well. With the closing of this year, we will be losing two seniors to graduation; this will likely leave us with sixteen active Brothers. Therefore, the current leaders must do all that is in their power to ensure that the future leaders of our Chapter are well-equipped and able to succeed into the future.

Pi Chapter Report

By Alison Andrews, Pi Member at Large

Some Brothers at Pi would say we've been awfully busy since December, and others will say we haven't. I'll let you, the reader, choose which side of the debate you agree with!

On December 2, 2008, the Alpha Mu class was initiated as our first Mu Beta Psi pledge class, after having 36 Mu Upsilon Alpha pledge classes! It consisted of Nicole Carlucci, Brian Doyle, Scott Gursky, Tiara Lianzot, and Tim Moran.

Over winter break, the Brothers who are members of the Marching Band took a trip to Toronto, Canada (which, let me say, is much colder then Houghton, Michigan) to perform in the International Bowl, where Rutgers won its second bowl game. It was a consecutive win. The Brothers had a fun time rooting on the team, playing in the stands, performing pregame and halftime, as well as exploring the city and freezing their butts. We were grateful that the stadium was indoors, though, or we would have been icicles. (We already experienced being icicles once this football season.)

Spring semester did not start with much of a bang, but two weeks into the semester, we held our Rush Week where some new events were introduced, including a karaoke night and a board game night. Once Rush Week was over and done with, we had seven strong candidates who began the pledge process. The pledges that form the Alpha Nu pledge class were Glenn Arnold, Kevin Cosman, Claudia DiSanto, Matt Edwards, Kayla Raden, and Jennifer Rusciani. In addition, Michael "Smiley" Verra was also a member of this pledge class, but was made an Honorary Brother in order to become a pledge. He does not attend Rutgers, but is a member of the Marching Band, Pep Band, and Concert Band. The pledge class met their bigs on February 24 and had their Big-Little Picnic on February 29 at a local ice skating rink.

In addition to getting a new pledge class in February, Pi Brothers held an educational program at Olde Towne East New Jersey. They went on a private educational tour and found out some fun things about New Jersey that many Brothers had not known. Many Brothers are excited about other programs the site offers, and are looking into participating in them, as the location is literally a pebble throw away from our football stadium.

In March, Pi Chapter sent eleven Brothers down to National Convention, with eight of them being first-time attendees. For the other three Brothers, this was their second time attending, but it was their first time as official Mu Beta Psi Brothers. The Brothers that attended had a marvelous time and still can't stop talking about the great time they had and about the Brothers they met. Those who were able to attend want to thank Alpha Chapter once more for hosting a great convention and to all the Brothers from other Chapters taking the time to get to know us and walk us through our first Convention experience.

Besides traveling to Convention in March, a good many of the Brothers traveled with our Pep Band across the country for the NCAA Women's Basketball

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Tournament. These Brothers have some interesting stories about Iowa and about Greensboro, North Carolina, with our run ending in Greensboro after the loss against UCONN in the Elite Eight. Don't hesitate to ask Brothers about their experiences. They'd love to share them with you!

On April 4-6, Rutgers Greek Life hosted its annual dance marathon. This was the marathon's tenth anniversary. Proceeds from this event go to the Embrace Kids Foundation. This year, we had three Brothers participate in this wonderful event. They were Devon Gant, Jessica Lewis, and Ali Schafer. Devon and Ali danced the night away and were exhausted by the end, and slept it off the next day. The girls had fun, though, and are thinking about participating again next year.

The following weekend of April 12, we held our Alumni Picnic and our Initiations, where a good amount of Brothers came out and had fun, and we introduced seven new Brothers to the Chapter. We also had a good turnout of Brothers on April 19 at our formal, where several Brothers earned superlative awards.

To end our semester of service and fundraising, we had a dunk tank at the annual Ag-Field Day on April 26. This event was a success as alumni, band members, and strangers alike had fun dunking particular Brothers into the water. In addition, we had a tic-tac-toe for the little kids to play.

Our annual retreat to be held May 3-4 will be a fun time for the old Brothers and the new Brothers to interact in fun events, as well as business. Elections for our executive board and chairs will take place at the end of April or beginning of May.

Last, but not least, the Brothers at Pi would like to thank everyone who has helped out us out one way or another this semester. Brothers from other Chapters helped us by voting in the Campus Moments powered by Dodge, where we won \$500 that helped with Convention expenses, and by knitting or crocheting squares for our Warm Up America afghan project. We cannot thank you all enough. It really means a lot to our entire Chapter.

Here's to Pi's first successful year with a National backing in Mu Beta Psi! \$\mathcal{s}\$

Recent and not-so-recent graduates interested in joining the Alumni Association should contact Alex Dimitrijeski, AA Vice President, for membership information.

Alumni Association Chapter Report

By Katharine Evaul, Alumni Association Member at Large

Alumni from all over gathered in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 14-15 for Convention 2008. Alpha Chapter certainly did an excellent job, and while some of us had only our normal drive to work, others had the enjoyment of trading winter weather for what surely felt like summer! While Convention is full of opportunities for Chapters to see each other face to face, it is particularly important from an alumni perspective because it is one of only two chances each year for us to get together as a Chapter.

We were able to welcome several more Brothers to our numbers at Convention, but I want to continue to urge any alumni Brothers to please consider joining the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association determined that its Mid-Year meeting will be held July 26-27 in Nashville, Tennessee. Even if you are not active in AA, please consider yourself welcome!

Also at our Convention meeting, we again voted to continue our financial support of the liability insurance by accepting individual donations, which are in turn donated to the National Treasurer to pay for the insurance. While our donations are typically from AA members, I did want people to know that the Alumni Association is a 503(c) organization, which allows any funds donated to be deducted from taxes. Donations can be made through our treasurer, Matt Zander.

Lastly, as always, please contact our Vice President Alex Dimitrijeski if you are interested in becoming active in the Alumni Association. Your first year of Chapter dues is waived! \$\mathcal{P}\$

Brotherly News

Engagements

Bryan Sebeck (Zeta) and Katie Becker (Zeta)

Ted Gellar (Alpha) and Jake Goad (Alpha)

David Guthrie (Xi) and Sarah Morrison (Mu)

Did you know that as of this publication, all seven National Officers are engaged?



Jake Goad (left) and Ted Gellar (right).

Weddings

Nathaniel Kulyk (Xi) and Melissa Pidluski, to be married May 24, 2008

Phillip Staten (Omicron) and Jen Rose (Omicron), to be married May 31, 2008

New Arrivals

Zoe Grace Lane, March 10, 2008, to Michelle (Wagner) Lane (Delta and Mu) and Ricky Lane

Please email items for the Brotherly News and New Brothers sections of *The Clef* to the editor. Items are collected year-round! Pictures are encouraged and will be printed as space permits.

Welcome, New Brothers!

ALPHA
Julian Arrington III

ZETA

Victoria Demers Nicole Geer Mary Kennedy Brandi Lundquist Katie Sheets Lucas Showerman

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Kenari Marks Gianni Washington

Nυ

Andrew Bronson Caitlin Garlach Lindsey Gordon

Mr. Keith Himes (Honorary)

OMICRON

Ashlea Light
Lynn McDonald
Kenneth Tisch
Erin Verdonik
Jonathan Westler

Michael Maxey, Roanoke College President (Honorary)

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Glenn Arnold Kevin Cosman Claudia DeSantis Kayla Raden Jennifer Rusciani

Michael Verra (Honorary)

Congratulations to all spring pledge classes!

Five friends pooled their resources one

A-Mu-sements

Band Logic Puzzle

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7. Steve McArthur was the guitarist.

Lyric Challenge

Mackie only developed equipment for live sound and recording, NOT musical instruments.

Congratulations to Tony Sprinkle, who was the first to correctly respond to last issue's Lyric Challenge. Other correct responses were received from Andrea Zander and David Klemens. The correct answer was "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin" from Porgy and Bess, music by George Gershwin, and lyrics by Ira Gershwin and Dorothy Heyward.

The name of the first person to email the NEOTC with the correct answer to the Lyrics Challenge below will be printed in the next issue of *The Clef*.

"But I can see the fire's still alight"

In addition to identifying the correct song title and original artist for the lyrics above, name at least two other groups or artists who have recorded the song.

A-Mu-sements

Greek Letter Puzzle

Mu		Psi	Omi- cron	Alumni				Pi
	Pi		Alpha					
	Nu						Omi- cron	
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	Zeta			Beta				
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			Nu			Mu	Beta	Psi

The following Words are used in the puzzle:

Mu

Beta

Psi

Alpha

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Nu

Omicron

Ρi

Alumni

Solve this puzzle in the same way you solve Sudoku number puzzles.

The Band Logic Puzzle and the Greek Letter Puzzle are from Pi Chapter's newsletter The Scarlet Fanfare.

These puzzles are by Jesse Nietzer and Alison Andrews.

Email addresses for contact Brothers listed in this issue are available on the National Mu Beta Psi website, mubetapsi.org.

Contribute to your Fraternity's Security!

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

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

Contact Alumni Association Treasurer
Matt Zander to donate.

"We cannot describe sound, but we cannot forget it, either."

—Igor Stravinsky

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 let me know if you want to:

- → Write an informational piece or editorial about music and any aspect of society.
- Write a piece about the colleges that compose Mu Beta Psi.
- 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).
- Report on Alumni Association's Mid-Year meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

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*

