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Rho Becomes Newest Chapter at Northern Michigan University

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Zeta's first recorded attempt to colonize at Northern Michigan University (NMU) was in 1959. NMU is located in Marquette, MI. Almost 50 years later, we at Zeta were pleasantly surprised when Jill Paul of NMU contacted Sarah Morrison, National Vice President of Expansion, in January 2008. Zeta Expansion Representative Scott Nelson, President Bryan Sebeck, and Brother Katie Becker promptly responded to the contact, visiting Marquette and meeting with several potential colonists. Two prospective colonists, Jill Paul and Sarah Moulder, also came to Houghton to visit Zeta and to discuss the next steps of the process. They even participated with their rival ensemble, the Huskies Pep Band.

What was to become Rho Colony quickly moved forward, electing a strong group of officers in April, as well as developing bylaws and a Petition Committee. The group found a strong advisor through another on-campus service organization in Dr. Mark Flaherty, the Director of Jazz, but struggled to find a second advisor.

Throughout the summer, contact was maintained between the National Expansion Committee, Rho President-Elect Jill Paul, and Petition Committee Chair Dylan Smith to ensure that the petition would be submitted on schedule. The petition was submitted to the Host Pledgemasters right before the nationally televised Miner's Cup game featuring Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech on September 18, 2008. As soon as the petition was in Zeta's possession, the National Committee on Expansion moved rapidly, scheduling an emergency meeting to approve the petition so that training could be complete by Thanksgiving. The colonists were promptly pinned on September 24.

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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.
- ♪ Anyone may request a hard copy of *The Clef* by contacting the editor.
- ♪ Entries for the **Major Kutschinski Award** (for Chapter service) and nominations for the **Ralph W. Daniel Brother of the Year Award** are due January 31 to the Alumni Association secretary. Details regarding submissions are available on the Alumni Association website: <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org/>

Rho Brothers, pictured during installation weekend at right, include:

Front Row, L-R: Sarah Moulder (Secretary), Rachael Dzbanski (Pledgemaster), Jill Paul (President)

Second Row, L-R: Mary Ann Ringey (Assistant Pledgemaster), Amanda Bodamer (Vice President), Dylan Smith, Jen Böese, Tracy Cheever (Treasurer)

Third Row, L-R: Ryan Owczarzak, Arlie Alderete (Historian), Christy Sener, Michelle Parks

Tall People in the Back, L-R: Jade Crispell (MAL-E), Steve Losiewicz (MAL)



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The first difficulty to face the colonists was the issue of scheduling. Weekly meetings were difficult to coordinate, as the musical ensembles of the two schools had opposite rehearsal schedules, making meeting with the Pledgemasters difficult. These scheduling conflicts plagued the colony throughout training, with last-minute rehearsals often scheduled over meetings. However, later in October, the challenge of finding a second advisor was overcome, when Orchestra Director Dr. Barbra Rhyneer decided to join the colony. Despite challenges, the colonists remained dedicated and excited throughout the process.

After a two day rapid bylaws overhaul by Zeta Brothers Robert D. Smith, Bryan Sebeck, Scott Nelson and Katie Becker and Rho Colonists Jill Paul and Jade Crispell, the Board of Trustees tentatively approved the bylaws, and a formal motion to approve the charter was made during the first week of October, allowing the requisite 45 day voting period for the Legislative Council. Elements of Rho's policies and procedures reflect traditions throughout the Brotherhood, borrowing from Delta, Zeta, Mu, and Nu, as well as incorporating traditions from NMU musical ensembles.

During the second weekend in November, the national Brotherhood of Mu Beta Psi descended upon the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for the first of what will be two times this academic year. Many Brothers first met at favorite local restaurant Vango's to reconnect with Brothers from Zeta, Nu, Pi, and Alumni Association Chapters. After dinner, colonist Dylan Smith blew the National Brotherhood away with a very percussive senior recital in Reynolds Recital Hall.

Colonists and Brothers alike then came together to begin the installation process as snowflakes fell on Northern Michigan's campus. Mu Beta Psi formally initiated the colonists and installed Rho Colony at 6:01 a.m., EST, on November 16, 2008. ♪

The mascot of Northern Michigan University (Rho Chapter) is
THE WILDCATS

Colors: Olive Green and Old Gold

Wildcat Willy is the name of the costumed mascot of NMU.

About Rho Chapter and Northern Michigan University

By Sarah Moulder, Rho Chapter Secretary

Rho Chapter: How It Came to Be

For years, Northern Michigan University has been without music Greek life. During the past several years, there has been significant interest to establish a music fraternity on campus. In fall of 2007, Jill Paul (now president of Rho Chapter) and Sarah Moulder (now secretary of Rho Chapter), had a conversation regarding the situation. Moulder had spoken with an alumnus at a recent football game regarding reinstatement of Sigma Alpha Iota. After discussing the idea with Paul, however, the two decided that NMU's small music department could not support an all female fraternity, but they were interested in a co-ed organization.

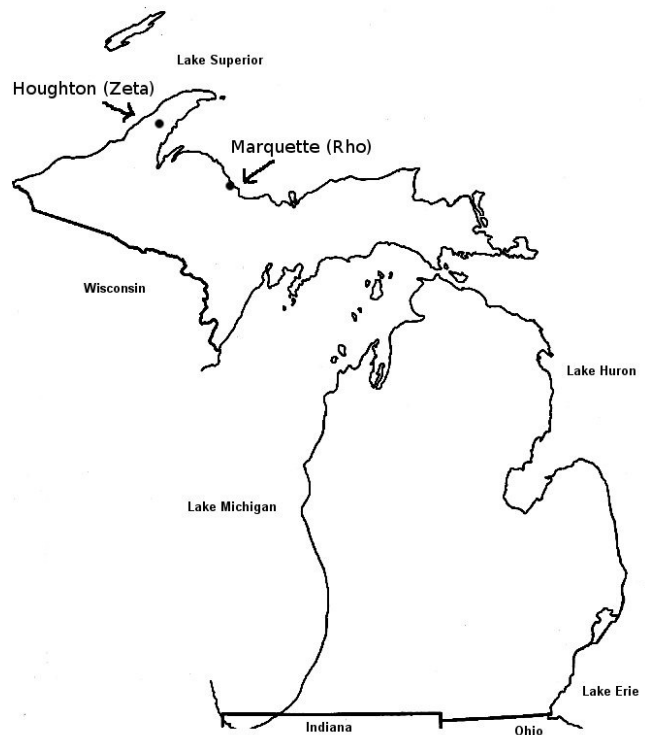
In February of 2008, Paul emailed Sarah Morrison, National Vice President of Expansion, about colonizing a chapter of Mu Beta Psi. Mu Beta Psi was appealing because of Zeta Chapter's close proximity. The more the future colonists read about the organization, the more it seemed possible and appropriate to the wants and needs of the students.

Soon after Paul's correspondence with Morrison, Zeta Chapter sent a small group down to Marquette (about 100 miles south) to discuss colonization over dinner at Applebee's. Of the Zeta Chapter representatives present were Scott Nelson, Katie Becker, and Bryan Sebeck. Prospective colonists were Rachael Dzbanski (now Rho Pledgemaster), Steve Losiewicz (now Rho Member at Large), Jill Paul, and Sarah Moulder.

Later that month, Paul and Moulder made a visit to Zeta Chapter to see the Brothers in action. The two were intrigued and even more interested in pursuing colonization. The future colonists shared their excitement with colleagues back at Northern—and the rest is history! After much hard work and lots of studying with the help of Nelson, Becker, Morrison, and many others, Rho Chapter exists.

A Little About Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University is located in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula. Located in Marquette, NMU is a public university with approximately 10,000 students. The student body consists of students from all over the country and from abroad. NMU houses the United States Olympic Education Center (USOEC) where students of varying ages get the opportunity to receive an education while training for the Olympics. Apollo Anton Ohno is a well known speed skater who studied at NMU. Shani Davis is another Olympian that studied at NMU (gold medalist for speed skating in the 2006 Olympics). NMU plays Division II sports in everything except Hockey, where they are in Division I. The mascot of NMU is Wildcat Willy.



Students at NMU have many musical opportunities. The school offers a minor in music, a bachelor's degree in music education, and a bachelor of arts and science in music. The ensembles at Northern are extensive, including Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, University Choir, Madrigal Singers, Vocal Jazz, NMU Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Opera Theater, Lake Effect Show Choir, and the NMU Pep band. NMU musicians need not be majors or minors to participate because the ensembles are open to all students. Because the music department is rather small, musicians are often found in many ensembles and participating in the other musical organizations on campus.

A Note from the Author

Rho Chapter's Brothers are very optimistic about the future. We have high expectations, great plans, and ambition to persevere. Although our University may be far from the east coast, we are very excited to meet Brothers from all Chapters. Feel free to contact Rho Chapter Brothers via email and the intranet. Because we are new to Mu Beta Psi, we are always looking for new ideas, old ideas, thoughts, and suggestions. A special thank you goes out to Scott Nelson, Katie Becker, Sarah Morrison, and all those who attended our installation and those who helped us along the way. All were of tremendous help in the colonization process, and we thank you! We look forward to meeting more of you and seeing many of you at convention! 🎵

Alumni Association Visits Nashville, TN, for Mid-Year

By Jonny Chen Cain,

Alumni Association, Mu Chapter

The answer to that old question “How do you get to the *Grand Ole Opry*?” is “Practice, practice, practice!” But try asking this question: “How do you get a bunch of Brothers to Nashville, Tennessee?” Why, simply suggest a Mid-Year meet-up, and Brothers from hundreds of miles away will show up.

Over the short weekend of July 25-26, nine Brothers gathered in the famed “Music City.” Home to attractions like the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Ryman Auditorium, what better place for a group of music lovers to gather? Activities kicked off early on Friday night for those of us ready to get a taste of Nashville. Dinner was in the Opry Mills Mall complex, at the BBQ joint in the food court, followed by time exploring the racks and racks of guitars in the Gibson store. More adventurous Brothers continued the night in the lively downtown district.

The main feature of every Mid-Year weekend is the Saturday meeting. Nine alumni (veteran and newly paid members alike) joined together for the Alumni Association’s bi-annual meeting. Because it is so rare to have a formal gathering of so many of our Chapter’s active Brothers, we got right down to business quickly.

The biggest topic on our agenda was the presentation of the new Restricted Fund Policy. Approved by a

majority vote, the policy gives much needed guidance to our Chapter on the use of money generated from such funds as Brothers’ dues. Disbursements of the fund may be used for such purposes as Chapter service projects or scholarship awards. The policy is clear to point out that any Brother, Chapter, and/or non-profit organization may apply for disbursement from the Alumni Restricted Fund.

The Alumni Association also accomplished other business at the meeting, including discussing the new design to our Chapter’s website and possible benefits to active Alumni Brothers, examining a proposed budget, and generating ideas for the alumni reception at next year’s National Convention. One of the most visible changes that occurred at the meeting was the election of Phillip Staten (Omicron) to the office of president and Tony Sprinkle (Alpha) to the position of voting delegate. They join Vice President Alex Dimitrijeski (Zeta), Secretary/MAL Katharine Evaul (Alpha), and Treasurer Matt Zander (Zeta) in leading our Chapter.

Business concluded, the Chapter took its energy to the streets. Following a hearty dinner at an Irish pub downtown, we joined a ghost tour of the shadow-filled streets of Nashville. We learned of supernatural experiences and the haunted heritage of the city. And afterwards, those with tougher constitutions stuck around to partake of another night out and about.

Not to be outdone by Saturday’s activities, Sunday brought its own share of Southern hospitality. We

convened at a cozy restaurant named Monell’s in an otherwise residential area for some good down-home delicacies. Platters loaded down with biscuits and gravy, smoked sausage, bacon, pancakes, homemade jam, scrambled eggs, cheese grits, fried chicken, juice, and coffee: What we thought was going to be an early breakfast before hitting the road turned out to be enough meal to finish out the day. But then breakfast was over, and it was time to part ways. Until our next meeting, May Brotherhood Prevail! ♪

The Alumni Association gathers on Saturday night for their ghost tour of Nashville during their annual Mid-Year weekend.



Chair of the Board of Trustees Report

By Matt Zander

I hope this all finds you well.

First off, I want to give a thank you to the Alpha Brothers (and at least a few Mu Brothers) who threw a potluck for me while I was in North Carolina on business in October. It was a pleasure seeing you all.

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I have focused most of my attention last summer and into fall toward setting up our liability insurance for the 2008-2009 school year. For a second year now, we have the benefit of liability protection, but as an added feature this year, we're able to offer our undergraduate Brothers access to

a Membership Accident Protection Program that will supplement their health insurance in the event of an accident. Brochures detailing the programs have been made available to the Chapters via their BoT representatives.

The BOT met on October 14; topics of discussion included reviewing proposed revisions to the National Finance Policy, reviewing the Rho colony by-laws, and the transference of bank accounts from the prior National Treasurer to the current one. Our next meeting will be at the 2009 Convention.

On a personal note, after a rough year, things are looking better at the Zander household. We finally sold our Rochester, MN, house last May, after 10 months on the market, and Andrea, Olivia, and I are looking forward to being able to focus on our "new house" here in Big Lake. I hurt my knee last April (torn cartilage), but after minor surgery in September, things are a lot better. I'm now into my second year with Boston Scientific, and after a very busy first half of the year, I've started working something more akin to forty hour weeks again since mid-summer. Andrea and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at Convention this spring. ♪

How Safe Are You?

By Kevin Britton, Chair of the National Information Technology Committee

In April of 2007, thirty-two students were killed on the campus of Virginia Tech University by a single disturbed gunman. In February of this year, five people at Northern Illinois University were killed in a similar incident at a lecture hall.

Closer to home, in 2006 a man driving a Jeep ran down a crowd standing in the Pit at UNC-Chapel Hill. And at Michigan Tech, threatening messages found in a bathroom this past May prompted a lockdown and left a small campus shocked. Could this really happen here? The truth is, it can. And vary rarely, it does.

College campuses are still some of the safest places in the nation. North Carolina State University (NCSU) reports that violent crime on campus occurs about a seventh as frequently as in the greater Raleigh area. Michigan Tech, lockdown or no, is still ranked third in the nation in campus safety among those responding to a recent survey by *Reader's Digest* (Rutgers also received an A; UNC, the only other Mu Beta Psi-affiliated university in the survey, earned a B).

Despite this relative safety, campus officials urge vigilance. "Campus Safety is a matter of utmost importance to everyone in the Roanoke College Community," states the Roanoke College Safety Information website. "We urge all students, faculty, and staff to play an active role in maintaining the security of our campus."

Being proactive is the key, UNC officials assert in their annual campus safety report, especially considering the relative freedoms that exist on college campuses. UNC stresses a multi-faceted approach to safety, including threat assessment teams, case workers, and counselors.

Communications also plays a vital role. In the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, campuses nationwide began developing or implementing emergency notification services, which provide text messages and/or automated voice messages to those who register to receive the alerts. Signing up for such services provides valuable time to react to a crisis. NCSU has also activated an emergency siren, called Wolfpack Audible Alert, to notify students of immediate danger on campus.

On campus or not, your personal safety depends on being aware of possible dangers around you. Check out your university's campus police website for tips specific to your university. Also, Security on Campus (www.campussafety.org), a non-profit organization designed to help students maximize their safety, suggests a few universal things you can do to protect yourself:

- ♪ Study your campus and neighborhood, including routes you use to and from classes and activities. Know where emergency phones are located and how to use them.

- ♪ Let your friends and family know your schedule, and give network phone numbers to your parents, advisors, and friends.

- ♪ Always travel in groups. Use the buddy system when attending social events, including parties. Alcohol and/or drug abuse is involved in 90% of campus crime!

- ♪ Lock doors and windows at night. Do not allow exterior doors to be propped open.

Lastly, don't be afraid to speak up if you see suspicious behavior. The worst feeling in the world is to know you could have done something to prevent a tragedy! ♪

Editorial and Reflections: What Psi Does for *You*

Editorial: Professionally Psi

By Megan Trapasso, National Editor of The Clef

We do this for Psi, and we do that for Psi. We rearrange our schedules to attend meetings and service events. We take up valuable time reading endless messages on our email discussing policy, asking us to donate our time, and requesting help with activities—and because we're human, we sometimes just say to ourselves "No, I can't do any more. I'm giving enough already." I'd venture to guess we are all guilty, now and then, of thinking "Wow, I do so much for Mu Beta Psi, but what do I get out of it?"

Any healthy relationship should be reciprocal—you should feel like you're getting something to reward your efforts. Each of us will get something different out of being a Brother. If you asked around, some of these rewards will be friends, fun, something to do over the weekend, a support network, and a general feeling of belonging.

Sometimes, however, you won't realize what you get out of Mu Beta Psi until later. I've recently been beginning to realize some of the things being an active Brother of Mu Beta Psi has taught me, and I have noticed these things mainly while on the job! This year, I am completing my school psychology internship within a school district, and my job includes a lot of formal meetings, interpretation of district and state policies, meeting strict deadlines, and communication with groups of people in person and through email.

At work meetings, I am comfortable taking minutes and strictly following agendas, which are things I became familiar with through Mu Beta Psi weekly Chapter meetings. Also, I have a feel for when to speak and when to stay silent, as I have already learned the hard way through Mu Beta Psi what types of things to say, what things not to say, and how to say them. Through Psi I have learned how and when to be heard at meetings where everyone else also wants to be heard, and how to negotiate with others whose means of solving a problem may not be the same as mine—even if the ultimate goal is the same. Because of experience with Psi bylaws and policies, I am not daunted by complicated legal policy related to my work. Mu Beta Psi does cross my mind often while at work because a lot of little things remind me of various aspects of Fraternity involvement.

A lot of professions include the same frustrations as mine: meeting deadlines even when you depend on other people to give you what you need first, coordinating schedules that are convenient for everyone, deciding as a group the best way to approach problems. I first learned the flexibility and patience that are so important to my job through working with my Brothers in Mu Beta Psi, and I would like to add those to my ever-growing list of what Psi has done for me.

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Brotherly Trust and Leadership

By Benjamin Griffeth, Kappa Alumnus and Permanent Board of Trustees Member

0750-February 2003. Northern Persian Gulf, aboard the USNS COMFORT.

I was awakened by the mass casualty announcement on the overhead (that's the speaker, for you lubbers). I quickly dressed and ascended the ladderway to the receiving deck of the hospital ship, USNS COMFORT. I had no idea what to expect. These would be the first casualties to arrive. I did not know what to expect of myself. I had worked in a variety of unusual circumstances such as in the Guantanamo Bay prisons and in Manhattan following 9/11. This was a wholly new environment. I was surrounded by nearly two hundred of the Navy's best doctors, nurses, and corpsmen. To say that I thought of my days at Wofford College and my presidency of Kappa chapter would be ludicrous at best; but as I look back, I am able to see my path through that day starting in 1990.

I was the third president of Kappa and the only person to hold the job for two terms. It was a turbulent time for us. Kappa had lost its sense of "Honorary" and had not developed its sense of "Service" as its guiding principle. I didn't know what to do. The weight of that time was difficult to bear. I wasn't even able to rent a car, but was expected to decide what would be the direction of a National Fraternity with the BOT while trying to keep a working quorum at my Chapter.

What I did know was that I could count on my Brothers to stand beside me and follow my direction (no matter how ludicrous). Brotherhood, loyalty, and trust were three words given me and by Brothers at Kappa. We learned through initiations that we could lean on each other physically, mentally, and spiritually. We felt the sense of never being alone, even in an empty room. Your Brothers are always there.

Twelve years later, as I look around a deck painted red so soldiers and sailors don't become overwhelmed by the falling blood, I realize I am now surrounded by brothers in arms. I find that I can rely on each one. I find that they look to me, the psychiatrist, as the one who will keep them sane and they will trust me (no matter how ludicrous).

Leadership, throughout life, is based on the trust you have in others to work with you, and their trust in you and your willingness to work for and with them. I was taught this by Mu Beta Psi. ♪

National President Report

By Andrew Fleming

It is with great pleasure that I can introduce Rho Chapter at Northern Michigan University. In the early hours of November 16, Brothers braved the northern Michigan cold to welcome our newest Brothers into our ranks on the shores of Lake Superior. Northern Michigan University has been on the expansion radar of Zeta Chapter for decades, and on the radar of Zeta Chapter's Predecessor, Tri-Beta Band Fraternity, even earlier. Last year, a dedicated group of students on NMU's campus came forward to begin the petitioning process, and today they join us in Brotherhood. Please join me in welcoming Rho Chapter!

It seems that lately I've been saying, "It's a busy time for Mu Beta Psi," with more frequency, and if that's the case,

it can only be because it's true! Each of the National Officers are working on their projects, from NVPE Morrison's continuing expansion prospects to NT Staten's re-building of our financial records. There is a great deal of work to be done, and your officers are attacking it on all fronts. I urge all Brothers to take an active part in the national efforts to strengthen our Fraternity and better equip our organization to pursue our Four Purposes.

I have been focusing primarily on infra-structural work with the policies and procedures of the national office. I've also been offering assistance and direction to the national officers who have requested it, mostly working on renewing our liability insurance policy with C-BOT Zander and aiding NT Staten in her attempts to secure our financial stability. And, in our spare time, NVPCM Bischoff (now NVPCM Fleming!) and I were married on October 4. We were thrilled to have the love and support of so many Brothers celebrating with us, and

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THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian

Convention 2007 was held at Clemson University, home of Delta Chapter and of a wonderful history and tradition of Mu Beta Psi that dates back seventy years. At that convention banquet, there were a number of historic items on display from Delta Chapter's archives. One of these items was their charter, which is currently the oldest charter of our Fraternity that is still in existence. While sorting through the Fraternity Archives, I came across a letter that Major Kutschinski wrote to Herbert Greene, who was an early president of the newly formed Delta Chapter. The Delta charter is mentioned in this letter. Here are some of its highlights:

Letter from Christian D. Kutschinski to Herbert Greene, Delta Chapter President

October 8, 1937

My Dear Brother Greene:

I thought I would spend this night with my family for a change, as I have not since school began had 4 meals at home other than breakfast and Sunday meals, but I just felt the urge to come back to the office and get after some of the work that has piled up on me. But the main urge to return is that of writing you in regard to your charter...I have taken my responsibility as National President seriously, since it was placed upon my shoulders, and neglected many of my other duties, my family, and my physical well-being, lately, to make a through study of the entire history of the fraternity, from all the records that are available, and from what I can, lean from other members, with the result that I find myself all enthused, with a burning desire to push MBΨ to the limit and try to make of it everything that its founder, the late "Daddy" Price had in mind...

...but, to return to the charter question--your charter will definitely be ready for you next week, if I can get the artist to do the lettering for me early next week. The past three days I have done practically nothing but work for MB Ψ, a goodly portion of which was spending in bickering with printer and engravers till I found the ones who could give us is what we wanted in quality and artistic excellence. Delivery will be made to me tomorrow (Saturday) but the artist who will put the finishing touches to the charter will be out of town till Monday. He may be too busy to do our work for a day or two, but I would either have him do it than any one else I know of, even if we have to wait a day or two or three, and then I am sure it will be something your boys will be proud to frame and display in your club rooms. Thus you may truthfully tell your boys of Delta Chapter--"It won't be long now." With all good wishes to you and the chapter, I am, Fraternaly yours, Christian D. Kutschinski ♪

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want to send out our heartfelt thanks for all the well-wishes we received.

As many of you know, this fall has seen a lot of discussion regarding our financial future, especially now that we bear the cost of our liability protection. It is becoming increasingly important to not only fund our yearly activities, but also to adequately prepare for the next year and the years after. I often call out to alumni in my column space here in *The Clef*, but now it is more crucial than ever for everyone to step up and help out. Mu Beta Psi has taken an important step forward in securing liability insurance, and now we must secure our ability to keep our Fraternity functioning at the high level of service we've come to expect from ourselves. This is our Fraternity, and its strength comes from our Brotherhood. Whether you're an alumnus years out of college, or a new Brother weeks out of initiations, there are ways you can help. Collegiate Brothers can best learn through participating in their Chapters. Alumni, as always, should contact the Alumni Association to make a donation, or to become active members again.

Mu Beta Psi continues to grow, to change, and to serve the music that touches us. Let us continue our proud heritage together, and pass on a stronger and even more solid Brotherhood to our successors. 🎵

National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

By Chrissy Fleming

It is hard to sum up my work easily, especially in a semester when some of our Chapters are thriving and others are struggling for the numbers of Brothers they require to spread the work around. I have been a late-night counselor, an overseer of activities, and I have tried to give as much guidance and extra ideas as I have been asked to give. I'm happy to report that after two and a half years in office, I think I have finally learned to keep my mouth shut now and then, too. I have spent the past few months providing feedback to all Chapters based on their quarterly NCCM reports, updating the Chapter Maintenance website, and keeping in constant communication with the Chapters. I will also be focusing on helping Rho Chapter transition from a colony to a full-fledged Chapter.

On November 7-9, I visited Alpha and Mu Chapters to work with their Brothers. I had productive meetings with the Brotherhoods of each Chapter, and I have great hopes for their futures. A common theme in both meetings was proactivity versus reactivity. We need to always be proactive in our approaches towards

The Chapter Maintenance Wiki is available to all Brothers. Share ideas about pledging, recruitment, fundraising, running meetings, service, convention, and more online at www.mubetapsi.org/maintenance

relationships with each other, with our music departments, in finding service projects, and in finding recruits. We discussed current issues and brainstormed ideas for the future. I look forward to seeing some of those ideas appearing on the Chapter Maintenance wiki (hint, hint, folks!). I also held a round table discussion with the Brothers of Omicron Chapter on November 11 that went well, although only about half of the chapter was able to attend. I would be happy to host an online round table with any Chapter that requests one.

I am proud to be working with the most enthusiastic NCCM I've ever had. Our two meetings so far this semester have had excellent attendance, and the NCCM representatives are sharing their ideas, bringing problems to discuss, and coming up with new ideas. The representatives have been charged with the mission of teaching their Brothers about the Chapter Maintenance Wiki, the Brothers Intranet, and the ideas that are coming out of committee discussions. I would like to see the NCCM continue in this way, I think it is finally beginning to realize its potential as a national committee and forum for ideas.

I would like to remind Brothers that this is my last year in office as NVPCM. I would love to talk to any Brothers who are considering running for this office. With my end of term in mind, I'm trying to keep lots of notes and organize my files a little more for an easy transition.

Finally, I'm proud to be signing this report with my new name. Andrew and I had a wonderful wedding and we were blessed with the presence and well-wishes of Brothers. Thank you all! 🎵

National Vice President of Expansion Report

By Sarah Morrison

I and my committee have attended an amazing number of meetings this semester and I cannot describe my appreciation to them, as well as to our dedicated observers. Remember, NCE meetings are open to all Brothers and I request that hazing forms be in my possession. Meetings are currently on Monday evenings at 9:40 p.m. in the Brothers Meeting Room online.

Speaking of hazing forms, one motion passed this semester is to allow anti-hazing forms be valid for the entire year in regards to colonization. Also, as a reminder, new Brothers should have theirs signed and forwarded to me as soon as possible to have contact with the next colonization. Per our policy, a hazing form is required for all Brothers wishing to have any contact with a trainee. Contact includes emails, Facebook, phone, and in person contact. As we cannot regulate individuals, I request my Brothers simplify things and send in a form.

Also, we have installed our newest Chapter, Rho Chapter! Congratulations to this dedicated group of men and women at Northern Michigan University for their weeks of hard work under the supervision of Scott Nelson and Katie Becker, host pledgemasters. Scott and Katie deserve much thanks, as they have driven the almost two hours to NMU weekly, bringing Zeta Brothers with them to meet the colony. Zeta Chapter also deserves much applause for teaching our newest Chapter about Brotherhood. Thank you to all who attended Installations and welcomed Rho to Mu Beta Psi.

The completion of a colonization does not allow us a break from expansion, however, as we are working with Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. The NCE voted to receive a petition from this school with the intention of a spring colonization. I hope each Chapter is fundraising and planning to attend what will potentially be the second installations this year, along with a very busy Convention this upcoming semester.

Finally, on some personal notes, I have moved to Atlanta, Georgia. My address and phone numbers are correct on official contact list, so please feel free to mail me hazing forms! Phone is the best way to contact me, but please be aware I work from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily (so don't call me late, then!). Finally, this spring will see me getting married on May 2 to David Guthrie, Xi alum. ♪

National Secretary Report

By Julie Lyon

As National Secretary, it is my duty to connect you with information you need and to collect the information needed by the National Office *from* you. There are several ways that I try to keep Brothers informed. First, I send regular emails over the MAL-listserv. Your MAL and President are subscribed to this list. Ask your MAL for the latest insight into the National Office.

I maintain a National Officers (NO) blog at <http://mubetapsi.blogspot.com>. Many of the National Officers post to the blog with updates and personal information. I try to post links to reports that are due and information you might find useful. This blog contains an RSS feed that you can add to your feed reader (I recommend Google Reader).

I also maintain the National Deadlines Calendar, available on the intranet and as a Google Calendar, which I am happy to share with you. You can find the calendar at the bottom of the NO blog (link above), and you can add the calendar by clicking on a link on the right side of the NO blog. If you have a gmail account, I can also add you as a viewer on the blog - just send your gmail account name to secretary@mubetapsi.org (or nsmbpsi@gmail.com) and let me know you would like to be added.

You can find all of the information you need - forms, policies, address lists, etc. - by visiting the Knowledgebase in the Brothers Intranet (<http://intranet.mubetapsi.org>). If you cannot find the information you need, please let me know. I will be conducting an audit soon to make sure that all of the documents are in place and to ensure that the addresses from the master address list match those in the Intranet database.

As always, if there is a way that I can serve you better, please let me know. You can contact me via email at secretary@mubetapsi.org, or by phone (540) 375-4939 (work). If anyone is interested in learning more about the job of National Secretary, I encourage you to talk to me. I have another year and a half left in my term; it's time to start thinking about handing over the reins. If you have even the slightest interest in the office, I would love to talk to you.

Outside of Mu Beta Psi, life is going well for me. I got married in June to Brother Ben Newsome (from Alpha), and we are both enjoying our jobs in southwestern Virginia. Though I have not had as much time to visit the Omicron Brothers as I would like, I am still enjoying working as an Assistant Professor at Roanoke College. I am looking forward to traveling to southern India this December to witness the marriage of one of my best friends. It has been a busy but rewarding semester. I hope you are doing well. ♪

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 Tony Sprinkle, AA Fundraising Chair, or visit the Alumni Association website for information about donating.

MASCOT CONTEST WINNER: THE WOFFORD COLLEGE TERRIER

By Benjamin Griffeth, Kappa Chapter Alumnus

Tenacity is the mascot of Wofford College—the terrier. This is represented by the terrier’s willingness to attack, hold, and defeat a larger and more massive aggressor. Wofford College is the smallest school in Division I to field a football team. With 1,150 students, we are the second smallest school in Division I overall. Yet we compete in the Southern Conference, the strongest athletic conference in I-AA, and home of such national stalwarts as Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and the Citadel. The 1909 baseball team adopted a pit bull terrier (“Jack”) as mascot. His boundless energy, ruthless determination, and willingness to take on greater challenges led him to be the first of the terrier mascots. Over the years, Wofford has become more identified with the Boston terrier, a breed bred for fighting despite being consistently outweighed.

This description of Wofford traverses not only the athletic field, but describes the character of Wofford College itself. Listed as a National Historic District, Wofford was founded by the bequest of a Methodist minister in 1854. It has remained a small

Tenacity (adj): 1. *a: Not easily pulled apart: cohesive, tough. b: Tending to adhere or cling, especially to another substance.* 2. *Persistent in maintaining or adhering to something valued or habitual.* Syn: *Strong*

bastion of higher education in the South Carolina upstate, yet has contributed monumental gains to South Carolina and the United States. Among her alumni are the first presidents of Oregon State University, Duke University, and Clemson University (take that, Iota and Delta), two sitting justices on the South Carolina Supreme Court, five Truman scholars, five Rhodes scholars, two US senators, as well as multiple business giants (Jerry Richardson and George Dean Johnson, to name two of the 1,400 living).

Untarnished, Wofford continues to shine with honor. With “Blitz” walking the sidelines, Wofford has gone 30-10 in football. We have defeated powerhouses like Auburn and Navy in basketball. In the last college in Division I, where the average SAT scores of the *athletes* is higher than the number of students, and where 25% of the student body participates in at least one intercollegiate sport, tenacity and determination remain the key to Wofford athletics and to the Wofford Way. ♪

The following National Officers and National Committee Chairs served as judges for this contest: Kevin Britton, Andrew Fleming, Chrissy Fleming, Jen Staten, Megan Trapasso, and Nathaniel Kulyk.

Each judge ranked the articles, and points were awarded to each article based on these rankings. The article with the highest number of points was selected as the winner.

Thanks for your participation!



MASCOT CONTEST ENTRY: THE RUTGERS SCARLET CHICKENS KNIGHTS

By Alison Andrews, Pi Chapter

Before you indulge yourself with this article, I would first like you to look at the video “Who’s the Rutgers Mascot?” at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PI2S6gy_mk

Now, if one of those random people by chance had said chicken and it was still 1954, then indeed they would have been correct. Chicken, you’re thinking to yourself? Didn’t they just tell us in that video that the Rutgers mascot is the Scarlet Knight? Yes, presently our mascot is the Scarlet Knight, but from 1925 to the spring of 1955, Rutgers was the Chanticleers.

Ok, you got me; a chanticleer isn’t a chicken, but a fighting rooster. The sad part was that the mascot’s uniform looked more like a chicken, and the name caused opponents to call us the fighting cocks. The ridicule grew to be too much after 30 years, so the University held a campuswide election during the spring of 1955 in order to find a new mascot for Queens College (Rutgers University’s previous name). The ballot included the following choices: Queensmen, Scarlet, Red Lions, Red Men, Flying Dutchmen, Pioneers, Cannoneers, and Scarlet Knight. The first two choices tie back into the early history of Queens College



and what athletes were referred to as, prior to the Chanticleer becoming the mascot.

During the election, the Scarlet Knight prevailed victorious and was revealed during the fall of 1955 as Rutgers newest mascot and has been ever since. The reason for scarlet being part of the name is because it has been the school color since 1900. Can you imagine us being called the Orange Knights? Orange was the originally proposed school color to pay homage to the Dutch Heritage. The reason orange failed is because a ribbon in that color was hard to come across, while scarlet was much easier to obtain. And the reason for Knight is because it is a much more heroic figure than a fighting rooster. In addition, it is because the athletic department and school wanted to reign in a new mascot that would bring about “all-around good athletic promise and RU fighting spirit” (RU Team Scarlet Website). By choosing the Scarlet Knight, an era of rejuvenation was brought about to Rutgers.

Now that you all know why Rutgers is the Scarlet Knight, let’s hear some fun facts. Rutgers has two different knights, one who dresses in actual knight’s armor and rides a white horse down on the football field, and the other who dons the mascot costume and interacts with fans at various sporting events. Back in the 1990s, the mascot costume’s friendly face was stolen and had to be replaced with the more stern looking face. The look of the mascot costume has evolved through the years. In regards to the white horse our knight rides on, loyal Lord Espartaro IV retired after 15 years of service at the last game during the 2007 football season—but but have no fear. There is a new horse named Imsey being trained this season and has done a wonderful job thus far. The Scarlet Knight is also in his very own published book called *Hello Scarlet Knight*, where he takes the reader around the campus to some of the most notable landmarks. Last, but not least, the Scarlet Knight won the mascot contest at the Women’s Final Four in 2007.

Now if you are ever asked who the Rutgers mascot is, you’ll know, unlike those folk in Times Square. ♪

Members of the Rutgers University Marching Band pose with their mascot, the Scarlet Knight, and his noble white horse.

MASCOT CONTEST ENTRY: THE MICHIGAN TECH HUSKIES

By Simon Mused, Zeta Chapter

It sometimes baffles the mind that there are people out there who have not heard of the great Blizzard T. Husky. This saddens the Zeta Chapter Brothers deeply. You see, the legacy all started on the day that Blizzard T. Husky (the T stands for "The") was first conceived. Don't believe the story of Ol' Blizzy being christened in 1997 via a campus-wide competition, for the truth is that he was created on

the seventh day to aspire inspiration to all (who are Huskies). According to the Gospel of Blizzard T. Husky, there once was nothing, then the creation of Michigan Technological University and its holy ice rink, then its hockey team and fans, followed by the amorphous glob of black and gold that became the pep band. A certain element was missing in the formula, and thus did the heavens echo "be" and Blizzard T. Husky was incarnated into our world. Since then he has evolved, becoming more complex and amazing with each era, but keeping his profile low until he could find the place where his total amount of concentrated awesome (in units of megafonzies per square millimeter) could be put to great use.

After ages of wandering, he discovered Michigan Technological University in the lovely Houghton, Michigan. With its entertaining student body, energetic pep band, and sheer mass of snow, the immortal being decided to take on the form of the single most epic animal in existence, a bipedal husky ready to cheer on Michigan Tech. Since then, he has also taken on many roles and he regularly acts out feats of amazing audacity. He has acted as the High Priest of

the First Church of Teslak, and has supported the Almighty EERC Tree (all hail the EERC Tree) in all of its social and political endeavors. His community service repertoire includes feeding the homeless with his mere presence, as his awesomeness has been known to take on a warm delicious physical form. He has saved orphans from burning buildings and organized community bake sales, where he would serve those who oppose Michigan Tech to loyal fans in the form of a tasty chocolate cake with hot cocoa. Yum.



Now, dear reader, you understand the glory that is Blizzard T. Husky. Maybe someday your mascot will also heal the blind and find a cure for one of the three types of cancer that are left after Blizzy gets bored one Wednesday evening. ♪

National Treasurer Report

By Jen Staten

It's amazing how quickly the time goes. The first six months of my term as National Treasurer have been busy! I spent the summer organizing our financial records and researching jewelry suppliers. I was able to find a new supplier, and have been able to cut the cost of Brothers' pins, pledge pins, and Brothers' Key pins and pendants. Please visit the Brothers Intranet Knowledgebase to find the new jewelry order form.

Speaking of new forms, all financial forms have been updated. The Active Brothers List, Initiation Report Form, and Reimbursement Request are all available in the National Operations folder in the Brothers Intranet Knowledgebase.



Opponents of Michigan Tech, shown at left with raspberries.

In addition to revising forms and organizing records, I have spent my time creating a new National Finance Policy. The National Finance Committee edited and approved the policy motion, as did the Board of Trustees. However, the policy motion failed to pass during the National Executive Committee's vote. Over the next few months, I hope to guide the NFC through revisions that will be approved not only by the Chapters, but by the National Officers as well.

Due to the policy's failure in the NEC, a much needed increase in the liability portion of national dues has not been put into practice. Currently, we are in danger of being unable to pay for liability insurance next year from the designated funds. I urge every Brother to donate to the national organization through the Alumni Association's Restricted Fund (for tax deductibility). Please contact Tony Sprinkle, Alumni Association Fundraising Chair, or visit the Alumni Association website for more information on donating. ♪

National Historian Report

By Nathaniel Kulyk

I do not have a great deal to report for this edition of *The Clef*, as things have been rather quiet for the past few months. Nevertheless, I have responded to the individual requests of Brothers for information from the Fraternity Archives, or have directed them to others who might be able to answer their questions. I have been working to continue consolidating the archives and making sure that we have extra copies of important documents, but also ensuring that we don't have too many duplicates of the same records. For extra protection, I have placed the documents into file envelopes, which have been arranged by category. Chapter historians are encouraged to develop a filing system of their own for important records, particularly meeting minutes, financial records, photographs, and highlights of their semester activities. If there are any questions or concerns on how to accomplish this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In the course of the coming months, I hope to work with Kevin Britton with continuing to prepare the oral history project that was proposed and discussed at Convention last year. Once it is put in place, Brothers will have the opportunity to participate in a questionnaire, which will give them a voice in our Fraternity's history. Any memories that they have or any thoughts they would like to share about Mu Beta Psi can be added to the Archives for our future generations. I also hope to work with both Kevin and our president Andrew Fleming to move forward with developing the Historian's webpage on the Intranet, which has sat dormant since its creation.

Things have been going well on the other fronts of my life. My wife and I are rapidly approaching our six month anniversary! Married life has been going really well, and things at work are as busy as ever. We are still living in the same apartment in Reston, VA, and are working to save up as much as we can (as I'm sure everyone else is trying to do right now, too).

As always, Brothers are more than welcome to contact me with questions or comments. I hope that everyone's semesters finish well and that everyone enjoys the Holiday Season! 🎵

National Editor of *The Clef* Report

By Megan Trapasso

It is usually hard for me to write a non-redundant officer report because the newsletter itself serves as the best possible summary of what my job has entailed since last time. In a way, all 20 pages serve as my best officer report!

This semester, I had a difficult time getting *The Clef* together. Being without consistent internet access from mid-August until early November made making progress on this issue difficult for me, as did limited time availability. Over the course of two and a half months, I completed the last phases of my wedding planning from a distance, adjusted to new home in a new state, and began a new job. However, I am proud to finally share this issue with you on schedule. Also, due to moving, I have had to choose a new printer, considering both quality and price during the process.

In the recent surge of liability and legal awareness within the Fraternity, I have been becoming aware of copyrights. In particular, I have become more cautious about the images that can legally be printed without risk. Although such caution limits the images published to pictures submitted by Brothers and simple free clipart, it makes us safer and prevents potential lawsuits. With the Brotherhood expanding and *The Clef* being accessible to anyone (including artwork owners) online, it is even more important to be cautious. Images owned by schools are particularly tricky, and I chose not to risk using mascot logos throughout this issue as I would have liked. Often, images that are ok for private or school use are not ok for use by organizations such as ourselves.

What does this discussion of copyrights mean for you? It means that even more so than in the past, *The Clef* will depend on you sending in your pictures for publication. Also, I highly encourage any Brothers with artistic talent to consider drawing some artwork for future issues.

On a related note, for both this issue and last, I have been having fun using a program called GIMP to modify and create pictures and images. This is an amazing program available for free download and I recommend it to anyone needing to edit pictures. 🎵

National Information Technology Committee Report

By Kevin Britton, Committee Chair

Another term goes by, and with it another set of challenges.

By the time you read this, I will have had the happy duty of adding another Chapter's worth of aliases, accounts, and infrastructure to our technology systems. Welcome, Rho Chapter!

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As always, the goal of the NITC is to help the national organization collaborate with one another. And, as always, the NITC uses an “all of the above” approach to collaborative tools, including email, informational websites, chat rooms, message boards, calendars, Wikis, Blogs, social networking features, databases, instructional pamphlets and articles, and even the occasional phone call.

This myriad of systems requires an astounding amount of maintenance. Keeping track of changes in committee representatives, university email management methods, database and web technologies, user accounts, website content, and feature management is quite the job. As always, I appreciate your patience as I endeavor to balance the demands of these systems with the desire to improve and expand our offerings, let alone the demands of non-Fraternity life.

Fortunately, we have a few tools designed to help make maintaining these systems as easy as possible. Many of them, such as *MySubscriptions* and *MyAccount* in the user profile page and the lost password recovery tool from the login screen, provide a fully self-service way to manage setting. Others, such as the *mubetapsi.org* Email Alias List, provide an overview of settings that affect your Chapter. Still others allow MALs, NITC reps, National Officers, and administrators to manage organizational information. Constantly trying to improve and add to these management tools is a big focus for the NITC.

Arguably the most important tool in the toolbox is the *Helpdesk*, which provides a way for you to tell us when things aren't working right, and provides a medium for us to work interactively with you on solutions. To do that, however, requires an ongoing dialogue. If you start a ticket, don't give up on it! Sometimes it takes time to find a problem; sometimes we even need more information from you to understand the problem. Check back. If your problem is time specific, don't let it linger; be proactive in pursuing the help you need. As a reminder, you can access the current status of your Helpdesk tickets at any time by clicking on the question mark icon on any intranet page. You can also use either the Helpdesk module on the intranet homepage or *MySubscriptions* on your profile page.

We're always open to new tools that will help our Fraternity collaborate. Share your ideas via the message board or via the Helpdesk. By collaborating with NITC to fix problems and find new solutions to the challenges we face, you can help build a stronger Mu Beta Psi! ♪

The mascot of North Carolina State University (Alpha Chapter) is

THE WOLFPACK

Colors: Red and White

This mascot name was supposedly inspired by a comment in the 1920s that likened the school's fans and sports players to a pack of wolves. At collegiate events, Mr. and Ms. Wuf join fans to cheer on NC State.

Alpha Chapter Report

By Daryl Johnson, Alpha Member at Large

Alpha Chapter is having a very exciting semester, as always. We are proud to have had two wonderful pledges, Erica Ogburn and Kathryn Clark, known as Destruction in the 3rd Degree. They were initiated under the care of Pledgemasters Brian Yarborough and David Ivy on November 14.

We have had a number of fundraising events this semester and have more in the works. Our Unity Concert, which benefits VH1's Save the Music Foundation, rose over \$250. The Unity Concert brings together all of NCSU's a cappella groups for one fantastic vocal performance. In March, we will be hosting MusicFest, a concert for any group to perform, which will benefit a local children's charity. Unfortunately, we had to cancel DragFest for the second semester in a row due to a lack of participants. However, we have a fresh approach that will be sure to bring out the queens and kings next year. We have continued our work with the NCSU bookstore fundraising that was set up by Lindsey Graham. Alpha Psi Omega has continued to help us with our fundraising efforts, as well as a few Brothers from Mu. Fundraising at the football games has been a great method for spreading our name and our purpose throughout the community. We have continued our service to the marching band, as well, by providing assistance to the staff and apples to all of the band members on game day.

Brothers spent three nights at the beach during our semi-annual Brothers' Retreat organized by our illustrious Vice President and Brotherhood Chair Logann Graham. Brothers spent the time bonding over board games, cards, music, movies, and walks on the beach. If we ever get enough money (haha) we may have to buy ourselves a nice house on the beach after that trip.

No one wanted to leave the lovely house where we were staying.

We have a lot of luck with the Music Department this semester and have a very supportive department. NCSU will be adding three undergraduate music majors for the fall of 2010, and will add three more in each of the following two semesters. Also, they will add two graduate programs. We are sure the addition of these majors will bolster the number of Bothers that make up Alpha Chapter.

We have stayed very busy, as I am sure everyone else has. We are anxiously awaiting the trip to Michigan Tech for this year's annual Convention. I am personally counting down the hours till I hop in my car for the 24 hour drive. We hope to see everyone's lovely faces there. ♪

The mascot of Michigan Technological University (Zeta Chapter) is

THE HUSKIES

Colors: Gold and Black

Blizzard T. Husky (Blizz) was adopted about 10 years ago as the costumed mascot of Michigan Tech, and represents the school at a variety of events. See p. 12 to read about Blizz.

Zeta Chapter Report

By Katie Becker, Zeta Member at Large

This semester has been one of much activity at Zeta Chapter. In addition to our prior ushering contributions, we have taken on many house managerial duties for Visual and Performing Arts shows in Michigan Tech's black-box theater, McArdle. We held our annual cookout for the pep band during band camp, grilling countless hot dogs for the band members. We held our fall lock-in on September 20, using the time to discuss our priorities and goals as a group. Zeta Chapter chose not to hold *Excursions in Sound* this fall, instead using this year as a chance to brainstorm and plan for future fundraising efforts.

This semester, we had a pledge class of five, Disney's Eight Track, consisting of Crystal Nelson, Brittany Ondraka, Simon Mused, Bill Grant, and Sandra Custer. In addition to our own pledges, this fall brought much happy work in the form of Rho Colony at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Zeta Brothers took many trips to visit the colony throughout the process, and enjoyed getting to know them.

Spring semester promises to be no less busy, as the Chapter prepares for Winter Carnival, and, of course, ZetaCon'09 (March 12 -14). In addition to standard convention festivities, uniquely Zeta activities will be occurring Thursday, involving large quantities of snow and video games. ♪

The mascot of The University of North Carolina (Mu Chapter) is

THE TAR HEELS

Colors: "Carolina Blue" and White

Also applied to the whole state of NC, which was known for tar production, the nickname "Tar Heels" has several origins. One of the most common is related to the unwillingness of North Carolinians to retreat during the Civil War.

Nu Chapter Report

By Jennifer McCarthy, Nu Member at Large

Since last spring, Nu Chapter has been very busy. At the end of the spring semester, we initiated three wonderful Brothers: Lindsey "Dory" Gordon, Caitlin "Flounder" Garlach, and Andy "Hardy Boy" Bronson. Unfortunately, the end of the spring semester also meant saying goodbye to several of our Brothers as well. We are now down to a much smaller brotherhood of only fourteen fully active Brothers (much smaller than the 20-something size we are used to), but we are still a solid group.

This summer, while we were apart, some of our Brothers were still busy doing some great things. First, Nu alumnae Diana "Hysterical" Preisler, got married to Mary Gasper, a member of the Blue Jupiter a cappella group, whom Nu has hosted several times. Several Nu Brothers and alumni were in attendance. Also, Jennifer "Tink" McCarthy and Zac "Ctenk" Parchomenko worked at a summer camp in Oswego and had the opportunity of running a music camp during the 13-14- year-old week. They were able to show the children in their camp several different instruments and allow them to try the instruments out, and by the end of the week, they had the children involved in playing an arrangement of Taps at flag lowering.

This semester Nu Chapter chose not to take a pledge class. We are working hard with our advisor, Dr. Marilynn "Trace" Smiley, to revamp some of our pledging processes, as well as some of the ways in which we select our pledges.

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The mascot of SUNY Oswego
(Nu Chapter) is

THE LAKERS

Colors: Hunter Green and Golden Yellow

The campus of the State University of New York at Oswego is located on the shore of Lake Ontario.

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Although we have chosen not to take a pledge class, we are still busy with fundraising, ushering, and other service events, as well as with our own musical events. This semester, we have ushered several concerts in our Kenekt series, as well as some college group and faculty sponsored concerts. We helped a Brother with home repairs following damage to the home after being struck by lightning over the summer, ushered a guitar symposium, and helped a faculty member with some demolition work in his house. We have also held several successful fundraisers, including a basket raffle at Family and Friends Weekend, an a cappella concert with Ball in the House which we co-sponsored, and refreshment stands at intermissions. Also, several of our Brothers (Jon "Amadeus" Powers, Tamar "Isty T" Greene, Zac "Ctenk" Parchomenko, Jennie "Tink" McCarthy, Emily "Chatterbox" Sorriento, Jessica "ATW Mae" Montgomery, Gerrit "Doom" Goewey, and faculty honoraries Todd "Dick Tracy" Graber, Juan "Sox" LaManna, and Elizabeth "Epona" LaManna) were involved in the production of *Carmen*, and several others were involved with ushering, coat check, and selling refreshments. We have also been busy creating some decorated cork boards that will help us serve the music department. Thus far, we have decorated a board for each of our ensembles, a music information board, a board with a music/art/theater calendar of events, a faculty star of the month board, and a board offering services for rides to music events and tutoring in music classes. We look forward to ushering several more concerts and possibly assisting with a clarinet symposium later this semester.

As for our music department, some of you may recall mention of a new premiere musical piece that SUNY Oswego was working on, mentioned in the spring issue of *The Clef*. We now have the full score of *The Origins* by Richard Einhorn, and are in rehearsal with most of the musical groups on campus for that piece to be premiered in February. Our choir also held a concert on November 14, and all of our college ensembles recently participated in a Family and Friends weekend concert. ♪

Roanoke College (Omicron Chapter)
is known as

THE MAROONS

Colors: Maroon (of course) and White

Roanoke College has been known as The Maroons for years and are proud of this classic name. However, they are currently in search of a personification of the color.

View contenders for the Roanoke mascot
(both serious and funny) at

www.classiccollege.com.

View videos of rejected mascot ideas at
<http://www.youtube.com/roanokecollege>.

Omicron Chapter Report

By Adam Gardner, Omicron Member at Large

This semester has been a very busy one for all Brothers here at Roanoke College. We have successfully initiated three new pledges, pulled off a haunted house for Halloween, and are just now entering our final exam week.

We have been involved with several activities in our music department on campus this semester. On Tuesdays, there is often Music At Noon, for which we pass out fliers and greet guests. We're also close by if they need people power to help set up. We are also present at the various ensemble performances to help change the stage setup.

We have new officers this semester: President Andy Placona, Vice President Megan Belcher, Treasurer Tammy Guile, Social Coordinator Lizzie Boyd, Pledgemaster Lizzie Boyd, Assistant Pledgemaster Tammy Guile, and Sergeant-At-Arms Lauren Henschel. They have all been doing very well in their new positions, and things have been running very smoothly thanks to them.

We also had three wonderful new pledges as well: Ashley America, Jeremy O'Brien, and Kayla Heady. Unfortunately, we lost two pledges during the process due to their busy schedules, but they're in our hearts for possibly returning later.

Our Brother Ashley Miller did an excellent job pulling off our Haunted House fundraiser. She did everything for it from the planning stages, to the construction,

and assigning parts for all the brothers. Unfortunately, she went inactive shortly after.

Our next big project is Battle of the Bands in the spring semester. It will be held on March 21, and we are already planning for it. Of course, our pledges are on the projected schedule for next semester as well. We will be keeping up the hard work and always looking for improvement in all aspects of our Chapter. I hope you all have an amazing Christmas Break! ☺ 🎵

Pi Chapter Report

By Alison Andrews, Pi Member at Large

Since the last edition, Pi has been up to its usual same old same old. Over the summer, Brothers got together and attended a Somerset Patriots Baseball game, came in to school to host marching band uniform fittings, and last, but not least, held evening activities for the band to attend at band camp.

Once school started, the Brothers voted in favor of not holding a pledge season after having held one for three straight semesters. By not having pledges, we have been able to concentrate on rebuilding our Brotherly bond by holding events for ourselves. In addition to working on the bond, we have been working on accomplishing as many of the Rutgers Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (OFSA) requirements as possible since we have more free time than normal.

Besides keeping busy with the OFSA projects, the Brothers have participated in, attended, as well as held numerous events. On Sunday, October 12, Brothers marched in North Brunswick's Columbus Day Parade playing the school's fight song and other fan favorites. This event is one of our biggest fall fundraisers and the town appreciated our contribution of performing. The following weekend on Sunday, October 19, the Brothers had their fall service project. This year, we volunteered with the National Foster Parents Association Walkathon held in New Brunswick, NJ, entitled Walk Me Home. Brothers helped direct walkers to the park, around the course, handled registration, helped with set-up and take down, took pictures, as well as walked in the event themselves. Those who walked in the event helped raise a total of \$575 through donations given by various supporters. During the month of October, we also held our annual ghost-a-gram sales. This year we sold a total of 275 and spent an evening creating the bags of candy, which were handed out during marching band practice on Halloween. November 1 marked the annual Soup Bowl game (flag football between Marching Band and Glee Club members), where the Brothers hosted a tailgate party for band members prior to kickoff. This event was a great success.

In regards to supporting our fellow fraternities and sororities on campus, Brothers attended Chi Psi's spaghetti dinner on October 22. The proceeds from this dinner are benefiting ALS research. November 3 marked a pancake dinner hosted by Alpha Chi and Phi Tau, which several Brothers attended. Half the proceeds are going to Rutgers Dance Marathon and the other half to the Hole in the Wall Gang camps. On November 9, Claudia DeSantis, Sarah Flourance, Devon Gant, Scott Gursky, Jennifer Rusciani and Grant Shea competed in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash by swimming in

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Welcome, New Brothers!

ALPHA

Kathryn Clarke
Erica Ogburn

ZETA

Sandra Custer
Bill Grant
Crystal Nelson
Brittany Ondraka
Simon Mused

MU

Jessica Bowerman
Erica Hall

OMICRON

Ashley America
Kayla Heady
Jeremy O'Brien

Rho

Amanda Bodamer
Arlie Alderete
Christy Sener
Dylan Smith
Jade Crispell
Jennifer Böese
Jill Paul
Mary Ann Ringey
Michelle Parks
Rachael Dzbanski
Ryan Owczarzak
Sarah Moulder
Steven Losiewicz
Tracy Cheever

***Congratulations to all
fall pledge classes and
to the Rho Colonists!***

The mascot of Rutgers University
(Pi Chapter) is

THE SCARLET KNIGHTS

Colors: Scarlet and White

Rutgers University's Scarlet Knight nobly rides
on his white horse to represent
Rutgers spirit. See p. 11 for more about
the Scarlet Knight.

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relay events. In addition, Kevin Cosman was entered into their best eyes contest. While Pi did not come in first, second, or third, they did win one of the relay events. The proceeds from this event go towards sight saving.

In November, three Brothers attended Rho's installation. Once again, Pi congratulates Rho and welcomes you all to the Brotherhood. ☺

On December 13, after a five year hiatus of not attending, Brothers of Pi will be attending Tuba Christmas in NYC at Rockefeller Center. This is a national event founded by Harvey Phillips where tuba and euphonium players from across the country gather to play Christmas music. We have a few Brothers who will be playing in the ensemble, and others who are going to just listen to the heavenly choir. We invite anyone who is in the NYC area to attend; the concert begins at 3:30 p.m. and is free to the public. To play in the ensemble, it costs \$5 and registration/practice starts at 11:30 a.m. More information can be found at www.tubachristmas.com. Last, but not least if all goes as planned, the Brotherhood plans on holding a rush week towards the end of the semester sometime in December so when we start school again in January we can hand out bids and start the pledging process. This is so we will not run into as many complications with the NCAA schedule as we have in years past. Hopefully, this plan will go on without a hitch.

Finally, Pi wishes everyone a happy holiday season and to all the collegiate chapters a well-deserved winter break. ♪

Brotherly News

New Arrivals

Malcolm Hale Buie, February 27, 2008, to
Thomas Buie (Delta) and Wendy Lutz

Danielle Ceridwen Hill, August 26, 2008,
to Michael Hill (Mu) and Katherine Hurwitz (Mu)

Alumni Association Chapter Report

*By Katharine Evaul, Alumni
Association Member at Large*

Brothers of the Alumni Association Chapter have been working behind the scenes on our committees as we focus a bit more internally as to what benefits a Brother receives by joining the Alumni Association after college. In particular, our Fundraising Committee is charged with coming up with ideas of how to continue to bring in the donations we need to support the liability insurance that our Fraternity now has and needs to continue. Remember, donations are ALWAYS(!) accepted through our treasurer, Matt Zander, who is also our Chair of the Board of Trustees. Donations are tax deductible. December 31 is right around the corner!

On the social front, we are thrilled that we had two fun-filled weddings within our Chapter, which allowed us to have great gathering times. October 4, Chrissy Bischoff of Mu Chapter and Andrew Fleming of Zeta Chapter were wed, and Megan Roble and John Trapasso, both of Xi Chapter, married on October 25. Several Brothers were in attendance at each of those festivities!

Lastly, we look forward to next semester, which is shaping up to be a busy one with us potentially hosting another exciting colonization, as well as Convention with our meeting. All are welcome to come to our meeting, although fall graduates and spring soon-to-be graduates are particularly encouraged. We are also planning our Alumni Reception for graduates so we may share information about AA Chapter to help make the transition smooth. We also look forward to meeting our new Brothers from all the Chapters, particularly Rho. ♪

Brotherly News

Weddings

Julie Lyon (Alpha) to Ben Newsome
(Alpha), in June, 2008

Andrew Fleming (Zeta) and Chrissy
Bischoff (Mu), on October 4, 2008

Megan Roble (Xi) and John Trapasso (Xi),
on October 25, 2008

Divorce Notice

Wendy Walker (Duby) (Zeta) on
September 17, 2008

A-MU-SEMENTS

Mascot Match!

You should know the active chapter mascots pretty well by now, but how well do you know the inactive chapter mascots? Match the school of each inactive chapter of Mu Beta Psi to its mascot!

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| 1. Davidson College | A. Falcons |
| 2. College of William and Mary | B. Terriers |
| 3. Clemson University | C. Bearcats |
| 4. Washington and Lee University | D. Generals |
| 5. Virginia Military Institute | E. Keydets (Kangaroos) |
| 6. Saint Augustine's College | F. Wildcats |
| 7. Duke University | G. Tribe |
| 8. Wofford College | H. Trojans |
| 9. Anderson College | I. Blue Devils |
| 10. Saint Vincent College | J. Tigers |

Word Search

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Words to find:

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| Wolfpack | Maroons |
| Huskies | Scarlet Knights |
| Tar Heels | Wildcats |
| Lakers | Mascot |

Lyric Challenge

Congratulations to LINDSEY GRAHAM, who was the first to correctly respond to last issue's Lyric Challenge. A correct response was also received from Rich Elkins.

The correct answer was the song *Land of Confusion*, originally recorded by Genesis. Groups and artists to record this song as a cover include Disturbed, In Flames, and Fourth Dimension.

This issue's Lyric Challenge is in honor of holiday goodies. The first to correctly email the editor all of the missing words from the lyrics below will be printed in the next issue of *The Clef*.

Bye, bye, Miss _____ pie.

_____, _____, _____ starts with C.

Cool _____ and a nice apple tart.

She's my _____ pie.

Come bring us some _____ pudding.

Anyway, this cake is _____. It's so _____ and _____.

I sure do like those _____ cookies, _____.

Pour some _____ on me.

Ah, _____ . You are my _____ girl.

“People who make
music together cannot
be enemies, at least
while the music lasts.”
—Paul Hindemith

**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.**

WRITERS AND IDEAS NEEDED

Please let me know if you want to:

- ♪ Write a review about music-related video games (such as *Rock Band*, *Guitar Hero*, and *Wii Music*) or other fun music technology or games.
- ♪ Submit drawings, comics, or graphic art to be used in *The Clef*.
- ♪ 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 Convention 2009, ZetaCon’09, hosted by Zeta Chapter.

I hope you enjoyed this edition of *The Clef*!

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



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