



THE CLEF

Mu Beta Psi National Honorary Music Fraternity

www.mubetapsi.org



Fall 2009

Volume 48, Issue 2

November 20, 2009

Mu Beta Psi finally fords the river!

*By Garrett Cooperman, National President
and Sarah Guthrie, National VP of Expansion*

On November 6th, 2009, Mu Beta Psi finally installed a Chapter west of the Mississippi River! Our arrival was scattered, but Brothers from several Chapters met on Saint Louis University campus for a Subway lunch. Shortly after a wonderful concert in which several colonists performed, we commenced the installation of our brand new Chapter at Saint Louis University. Testing went on until about 7:30PM when Sarah Guthrie drove with a small contingency to Wal-Mart for supplies before high-tailing it back to campus. We met at the designated dorm at about 9:00PM, and aside from one of the colonists becoming ill (but pulling through like a trooper!) the event itself was essentially hitch-free. Morning was too early in arriving as we headed back to the hotel.

The Brothers ran straight out of the hotel and into the Veterans' Parade. It was a neat affair with the veterans marching or riding in the parade along with marching bands (including one pipe band) and a pink Elvis! We had lunch in the mall that used to be Union Station. At

about 2:45PM we met up with a bunch of Sigma Brothers and we crawled to the zoo, arriving close to 4:00PM. We rushed off to see penguins and then divided: half went to see the seal show while the other half went to the baby elephants. Nearly everyone attended dinner at a Schlafly Brewery and tap room after

IN THIS ISSUE:

REPORTS

Welcome Sigma Chapter!	1
National President Report	2
National VP of Chapter Maintenance Report	3
National VP of Expansion Report	3
National Secretary Report	5
National Treasurer Report	5
National Editor of the Clef Report	5
National Historian Report	6
Skeletal Bylaws Committee	6
National Information Tech. Com. Report	7
Alpha Chapter Report	7
Zeta Chapter Report	8
Mu Chapter Report	8
Nu Chapter Report	8
Omicron Chapter Report	9
Rho Chapter Report	9
Alumni Association Report	9

ALUMNI INTERVIEWS

Alpha Chapter	10
Mu Chapter	10
Nu Chapter	11
Omicron Chapter	12
Pi Chapter	12
Rho Chapter	12
Alumni Association	14

FEATURES

The Roots of Country Music	15
Historian's Corner	15
Why Can't I...	16

A-MU-SEMENTS

18-19

Announcements and Reminders

- ♪ Convention 2009 will be hosted by Mu Chapter at UNC-Chapel Hill on March 5th and 6th.
- ♪ Anyone may request a hard copy of *The Clef* by contacting the editor (SheRa.kdc@gmail.com).
- ♪ Mu Beta Psi letters, letter templates and other items (key pins, *Hail the Spirit* magnets, bumper stickers, etc.) are on sale through the Alumni Association! Please contact Jen Staten (Jennifer.ellen.rose@gmail.com) for more information and to place your order!

Sigma Chapter, from page 1

the zoo trip. It was an extended dinner and we took up a ton of space. Our wonderful Bigs paid for their Littles (so SLU Brothers had a night on us).

All the visiting Brothers and a modest chunk of Sigmas went to the City Museum (<http://www.citymuseum.org/>). Meghan Garvin said it was a playground for adults and she was right. There were caves and a hole under the ground that spanned most of the first floor. We also considered it very much a trust/bonding exercise as many of those holes and twists were very small and tight, so knowing the person behind helped a ton. There was a ton of stuff on the roof including an old-school Ferris wheel. Those with a fear of heights had some tough moments but it went really well. Then we went down a very twisty 7-story slide which seemed to last *forever*. Meghan had the most graceless landing but Max Von Schlehenried sounded the most painful.

We ran into one of the Sigma advisors, too, proving this to be a good gathering spot. We stayed out until midnight and then went back to the hotel. Pi Brothers left right after dinner. A few of us joined Kris and Max for breakfast at a local pancake shop, and everyone made it home safely. All in all, it was a successful and exciting weekend! Welcome Sigma Chapter!🎵

National President Report

By Garrett Cooperman, NP

Brothers,

Since our last issue, the National Organization has been exceptionally busy. Among other things, I've moved from Durham, NC to Oswego, NY and I'm now teaching 10th grade English. But enough about me.

First I would like to warmly and officially welcome Sigma Chapter at St. Louis University to the Brotherhood. You are all outstanding additions to our expansive family of music enthusiasts and we are excited to see all the wonderful contributions you have for the Fraternity. I would also like to sincerely thank NVPE Sarah Guthrie, Host Pledgemasters Haley Vingsness (Zeta) and Laura Kelland (Alumni Association/Nu) for their hard work and dedication in the colonization process at SLU.

Second, I feel an update on my own goals as National President is in order. As many of you know, my main endeavors as NP include 1. Improving Brotherhood communication through various media, 2. Revising the Skeletal Bylaws, and 3. Working on a foundation for a National scholarship.

Communication is an ongoing issue in our Brotherhood – this goal will never be officially tackled, but it is certainly to be consistently addressed. Many of you have been following each other on Facebook and I have seen a significant increase in the use of Twitter and phone communication across Chapters over the past several months. I would like to see a renewed interest in the Intranet, so let me plug that here: **USE THE INTRANET! IT'S A VALUABLE TOOL!** Thanks. Please write me with additional suggestions on how we can continue to improve our communication.

The Skeletal Bylaws are well on their way to a complete revision by the ad hoc committee designated with that task, hopefully to be finished by Convention. The improvements made to this document should streamline the rather difficult process of creating new Chapter bylaws when we colonize. I would like to thank Chairman Bryan Sebeck and his committee, as well, for their hard work on this project.

In even more exciting news, discussion has begun on the implementation of the National Scholarship Project. I will be hosting several open forum discussions on the Brothers' Intranet regarding questions about its direction and structure, and I expect that the potential for such an exemplary fulfillment of our pur-



Welcome to all our new Sigma Brothers!

poses will galvanize many of us into making this dream a reality. Keep an eye on the list-serve for more information.

'Tis a busy year for Mu Beta Psi; let's not forget to have fun, too. I know I personally had a blast in St. Louis at the Installation of Sigma with all of the Brothers who attended. I cannot wait until Convention, but that doesn't mean we can't get together between now and then. Enjoy your winter season, Mu Beta Psi! 🎵

National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

By Sarah Flourance, NVPCM

Hello Brothers!

I would like to start by sending my warmest congratulations to Sigma Chapter, the newest addition to our family! I was happy to see so many new and familiar faces at the installation in St. Louis this past weekend. The efforts on behalf of the colonists and Brotherhood have finally paid off, and I would like to wish our new Brothers the best of luck as they travel forward with us as our newest Chapter. I look forward to working with you all!

Over the past few months, I've been diligently working to foster communication between me and all of our Chapters. The National Committee of Chapter Maintenance opened up the year with a meeting towards the end of September, where we held productive discussions about pledging as well as faculty issues at many of our Chapters. I hope the productivity of these discussions remains healthy throughout the rest of the year and help to provide more open lines of communication between Chapters during times of need (as well as just in general)! In other news, I have more specifically been working on analyzing each Chapter's CM report that was due at the end of September. Most of my work as of late has centered on counseling issues and guiding Chapters in a positive direction, often late into the night. Over the coming months, I will be working closely with Sigma to make sure their beginnings in Mu Beta Psi get off to a great and productive start.

Although there are certainly some Chapters that are struggling, I believe the Fraternity to be stronger in many ways than we were a year ago. I'd like to remind all Brothers that it is incredibly important to reach out during times of need and celebration. We are all here for each other and I hope that every Brother reading this will take these words to heart and recognize the

great benefits of being a National Fraternity. Don't hesitate to contact other Chapters about interesting fundraising ideas, unique ways to troubleshoot problems, or just to drop in and say hi. Help and counsel doesn't always have to be one sided either—it's always nice to stop in and ask if a Chapter could use some assistance instead of waiting for them to reach out and ask for it. Simple and regular communication is a great asset that can lead us to become an even stronger, efficient and beneficial Brotherhood.

On that note, it is never too early to begin making plans to attend Convention. Early planning will help ensure financial security for those wanting to make the trek out to Mu Chapter the first weekend in March, as well as something to look forward to next semester! I'd also like to encourage anyone able and willing to travel amongst other Chapters. Many of our current Chapters could benefit from the presence of some national Brothers at their events, and road-tripping is always a blast. It's a great experience that help fosters Brotherhood, and is certainly one of the more fun and entertaining ways to do so!

Good luck to those Chapters who may be initiating new Brothers soon! I wish all our collegiate Brothers best of luck with their finals coming up at the end of the semester, and everyone a happy holidays. Eat lots of turkey, open lots of presents and enjoy your well-deserved vacations! 🎵

National Vice President of Expansion Report

By Sarah Guthrie, NVPE

Greetings!

The office of National Vice President of Expansion has been extremely busy (translation I have been busy). A reflection of this is the latest addition of Sigma Chapter at St. Louis University.

Much can be learned from this colonization both from the new Brothers as well as those who had hands in it—Host Pledgemasters: Haley Vingsness (Zeta) and Laura Kelland (Alumni Association/Nu Alum), Big Brothers (host chapters and remotes), committee representatives to the National Committee on Expansion, the Board of Trustees, and finally the individual Brothers overall.

I was contacted in Fall 2007 by an excited (then sophomore) Meghan Garvin. The timing couldn't have been more challenging as we were in the middle of requests from Northern Michigan University and Mari-

etta College as well. It was decided by the NCE to notify each school of their order and a timeline to attempt a chapter should they remain interested. Rho was installed in Fall 2008. Marietta was an attempt (a Sigma Colony) that didn't work out. During the time of the Marietta attempt the students at SLU were hard at work on a petition (Spring 2009).

I, along with Omicron Alum Anna Gonzales, visited the excited students and met the equally interested advisors. I warned them of the hard work ahead but truly was excited by the diversity and enthusiasm this group held. I took that information back to the committee and we searched hard for two host chapters. Zeta and Alumni Association took up the call and provided host pledgemasters.

The summer was spent quietly working on what would be only one of many revisions of by-laws and setting the training schedule. Classes began at SLU and we confirmed the actual numbers along with a couple of incoming freshman. Big Brothers were set and training began.

The colonists at SLU attended their meetings and took their quizzes throughout the fall 2009 semester. As with any trainee (or pledge) there were the questions and doubts but through their (and the Fraternity's) hard work we were able to gather together on November 6, 2009.

It was a late night but very close. We all learned more about each other, Brotherhood, Service and Music. Sigma Chapter of Mu Beta Psi was officially opened with 14 Brothers in the early hours of November 7, 2009. Hugs and cheers abounded as the tired Brothers said goodnight and stumbled off to sleep (or the airport).

The weekend continued the fun as those who could joined the visiting Brothers for a trip to the zoo, dinner at a local brewery and finally the City Museum. It would amuse many to have seen Brothers of all sizes and ages crawling through, up, in and around the 7 story building serving as a playground for adults.

The opening of Sigma Chapter does not signal the end for the NCE. We are still quietly reviewing schools that may interest Mu Beta Psi as possible expansion sites, in particular in the New York State area. Also the office of National Vice President of Expansion is open for election this March. I have offered any assistance to candidates and also warmly invite interested individuals to the NCE meetings. 🎵



Brothers on their way to colonize a new Chapter in St. Louis! L to R: Tiara Lanzot (Pi), Steele Lindbloom (Zeta), Sarah Flourance (Pi Alum/NVPCM), Rob Smith (Zeta), Katrina Swanson (Zeta), Andrew Fleming (Zeta Alum), Chris Ciarlariello (Pi Alum), Adam Gardner (Omicron Alum), Sarah Guthrie (Mu Alum/NVPE), Steph Bernat (Nu Alum), Haley Vingsness (Zeta), and Andy Stephens (Zeta Alum).



L to R: Sarah Guthrie (Mu Alum), Chris Ciarlariello (Pi Alum) and Andrew Fleming (Zeta Alum) in St. Louis.

National Secretary Report

By Jennie McCarthy, NS

Brothers,

On the personal front, I have a new job as a 1:1 Aide in a private state-approved special education facility. Unfortunately, I will no longer be able to answer calls during the day. The best time to contact me during the week with this new position is between 4PM and 7PM or after 10PM. I am still very readily available on the weekend. Should you need to reach me at another time, however, you can always feel free to call me and leave a message. I can make phone calls when I am away from the children at work, so I will call you back as soon as I am able.

On the Mu Beta Psi front, I have been hard at work trying to make sure that all of our policies on the intranet are current and all past minutes are uploaded in case someone should need to reference them in the future. On that note, should you notice that something is missing or not current on the intranet, please let me know so that I can fix it.

I also want to remind you that the next national deadline, though still a bit away, is January 30. I know this comes up quickly for some chapters, so please keep that in mind when your semesters start back up! Make sure you start getting things together right away so that we can start the semester smoothly with getting everything in on time.🎵

National Treasurer Report

By Jen Staten, NT

Brothers,

Since the release of the Spring 2009 issue of *The Clef*, a lot has been changing in the finances of the Fraternity. The new National Finance Policy that was approved at Convention 2009 went into effect this July. With it, there has been a raise in dues which, although a little taxing to Brothers in these tough financial times, will keep the Fraternity on solid ground at a time when many non-profit organizations are facing tough times.

The new policy also comes with an increase of financial reporting and accountability. In addition to the changes in the policy, I am also working to change the way we record our finances. I have been researching accounting software and have begun uploading our transactions. I hope to be able to report in the next issue that this process has been completed.🎵

National Editor of the Clef Report

By Kate Capehart, NEOTC

Brothers,

Welcome to my second issue as editor of *The Clef*! First, I would like to apologize for not following up on some promises I made in the Spring 2009 issue. Though they got put on the back burner, they are not completely tabled. In fact, if I am reelected, I have very high hopes of accomplishing the goals I set for *The Clef* this coming year, because I have resources now that I didn't have over the summer.

Speaking of summer, it was Alumni Association's Mid-Year meeting that got me thinking on a theme for this issue. Mid-Year was my first exposure to the AA and some of its members. I spent two and a half days talking with and listening to some of the most dedicated Brothers of Mu Beta Psi. I realized what a wealth of wisdom and experience these people have. The Brothers of AA are those who were, overall, the most active and dedicated in their Chapters and love this Fraternity so much that they have stayed on and devoted a part of their lives and livelihoods to keeping this Brotherhood strong. Collegiate Brothers, no matter what office you hold in your Chapter or how long you have been a Brother, never forget your alumni. Never think that we don't want to be bothered; on the contrary, we love to be included.

But I digest. I decided, in honor of the alumni of this Fraternity, to make the theme of this issue "Blast from the Past". I called upon each Chapter to find an alumnus/a who had not been very active in the past couple years and interview him/her. My goal was to make these alumni feel like they were still a part of the Fraternity (which they are) and at the same time infuse the Brotherhood with some new (old) perspectives that may have been lost when those Brothers went inactive.

Turns out that the Spring 2008 issue of *The Clef* has a similar theme: "Roots". And it also turns out that next year is a milestone for Mu Beta Psi: its 85th anniversary. So I had a choice to make: would I continue this issue as planned and repeat themes, or would I save "Blast from the Past" for a more appropriate time?

I decided to save the theme for next year. The alumni interviews are still included in this issue, but there isn't a cohesive theme like there was last semester. Never fear though; if I am reelected I have several ideas for a special 85th Anniversary issue.

Lastly, I feel I must mention this here: the deadline

for submissions to *The Clef* is set when it is for a reason. I set this deadline to give collegiate Brothers enough time to work around exams and to give myself enough time to make sure the issue gets out before winter/summer break. But I can't accomplish that if the vast majority of submissions are turned in more than five days late. As this was the case, I regret to say that the Fall 2009 issue is not as well-done as I would like it to be. I had to complete the editing and layout in a hurry, and it was still late getting out. I understand everybody has a lot going on in their lives. I understand it's easy to forget *The Clef* when there are many other more pressing matters in the Fraternity, but please, don't forget it entirely. What you get out of this newsletter is what you put in. 🎵

National Historian Report

By Nathaniel Kulyk, NH

Brothers,

A couple of months ago, my wife and I moved into a new home in Stone Ridge, VA, about 25 miles west of Washington DC. I am pleased to report that the Archives survived the move without incident. Additionally, I have started a small project to place the correspondence of C.D. Kutschinski into clear protective sleeves, specifically designed for archival and storage purposes and for the protection of older documents. This will hopefully ensure that these 50-plus year-old hand-typed (and in some cases hand-written) letters will be preserved for years to come. Additionally, I have received a few e-mail inquiries from Brothers in the hopes of getting some information from the Archives, in particular the identification of a photograph, finding some contact information from a few years ago, and some information regarding the Fraternity Coat of Arms. All of these inquiries were answered in a timely manner. I would like to encourage all Brothers to please e-mail me with these kinds of questions or requests for information. I am more than happy to help!

I would also like to welcome everyone to take part in the Oral History Project and add your voice to the Fraternity Archives. Any interested Brothers are welcome to contact me for additional information or to have any questions answered about the project.

Best wishes to everyone for the upcoming Holiday Season and the (hopefully) successful conclusions of your semesters! 🎵

Skeletal Bylaws Committee Update

By Bryan Sebeck, Committee Chair

Brothers,

With the recent additions of Rho and Sigma Chapter to the Fraternity, the Host Pledgemasters, NVPE Guthrie and President Cooperman noticed that the skeletal bylaws given to each colony upon which to base their own bylaws were somewhat out of date. To fix the situation, President Cooperman created the Skeletal Bylaws Revision Ad-Hoc Committee, which I was asked to chair.

We've accomplished a great deal in the past few months. We've completed an initial pass at four of the nine Articles in the initial document. The largest challenge we've faced is striking a balance between leaving plenty of room for future Colonies to customize the bylaws to suit their needs and spelling out everything for them. We've compromised by creating a top sheet to attach to the Skeletal Bylaws. This top sheet is essentially a road map, pointing out every blank space we left for the Colony to fill, as well as providing a list of additional things the colonists may wish to add or revise. The committee will also be recommending that copies of each Chapter's bylaws be sent along with the Skeletal Bylaws and top sheet as sources of inspiration and reference.

The Skeletal Bylaws are an important part of the expansion effort, as they provide the rebar upon which the foundation of every Chapter is built. With the responsibility of revising such an important document, our committee is taking our time to ensure that we get everything right. Our target goal for completion is Convention 2010, and we welcome input from any Brothers who have extensive experience with bylaws and policy. Feel free to email me at bjsebeck@gmail.com for more information. 🎵

*"Music is what feelings
sound like."*

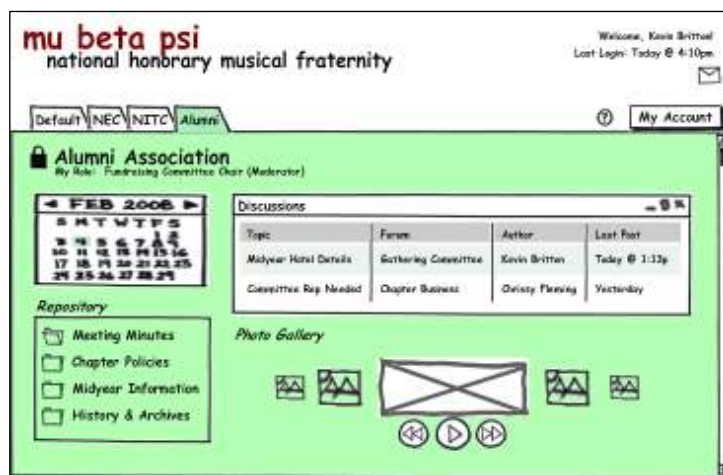
National Information Technology Committee Report

By Kevin Britton, NITC Chair

If you had to pick five words to describe yourself, what would they be? How many of these would you consider: musician, volunteer, student, Brother, Chapter Representative, Officer, friend, alumnus/alumna, worker, teacher, confidant, socialite?

All of these concepts represent roles we play as Brothers: within our personal relationships with each other, within our involvement at our Chapter and university, and within our National Organization. Sometimes we fill one role, sometimes several at one time. Some of us have been playing these roles for a long time, while others (such as the new Brothers as Sigma Chapter – welcome!) are new to their roles. Yet all are important, and all help make up the fabric of Mu Beta Psi.

This winter, I will be undertaking a new way to display information on the Intranet: one that takes into account that we each play different roles within the Fraternity. The goal is to help us connect with the information we need in each specific role we play, so we can be more effective in our collaboration. Although the structure is still being determined, it will involve the ability to create *Workspaces* for each of the groups we participate in (such as a Chapter, a local or National Committee, or even affinity groups, such as “Fans of Reggae”). Within those spaces, managers will be able to assign *Roles* to people with different permissions associated with each role. Each space will be able to pick from a list of *Features*, such as a discussion group, a calendar, a Knowledgebase, a shout-box (like a Facebook *Wall*), and more. The plan is to also provide support for custom-coded, and even 3rd party widgets (such as an iGoogle widget) to embed as a feature. Best of all, control over the groups (and their users) will reside with the group administrators, which means each group can customize the experience to meet their needs.



A new Role-based Intranet is in the works

More details are forthcoming. In the meantime, if you'd like to share your ideas, please post them to the *Questions, Suggestions & Feedback* forum on the Intranet. 🎵

Alpha Chapter Report

By Elizabeth Baldridge, Alpha MAL

Alpha Chapter is doing rather well. We are very focused on pledging this semester, and have gained two pledges. Congratulations to Natasha Nowlen, who became a Brother on November 23, 2009! We have been working very hard for Homecoming this year, and we are stretched rather thin because of our small Brotherhood, but we are doing the best we can. We have a good chance of winning this year so all of us are very excited! As always, Alpha is rather busy working with and for the Music Department. In the spring we painted and fixed all of the wobbly music stands for the department. Now most of us spend at least an hour if not more in the Music Department per day, and we get to see our own handiwork! Like everyone else, we can't escape business and are doing our best to spend quality time with each other. 🎵

Zeta Chapter Report

By Bill Grant, Zeta MAL

Zeta chapter has been having a very busy yet productive semester! We've been placed in charge of ushering at the McArdle box theatre, giving us a great opportunity to support the visual and performing arts department in events such as the recent Jazz Cabaret and performance of *The Bald Soprano*. We've also been active in the ushering community at our other performing arts venue, the Rosza theatre, supporting events such as the recent debut concert of the new conductor of the Keewenaw Symphony Orchestra, Joel Neves. We've also had a very successful semester of rushing, including events like our Pumpkin Carving Rush and our Grillout Rush! The "Big Treble" pledge class, consisting of Pledges Chris Vallier, Chris Bork, Christina Van Dyke, and Trevor Kuehl, were welcomed into the Fraternity as Brothers on November 13th! Zeta has also been a proud partner in the colonization at Saint Louis University, and congratulates them on their successful transformation into Sigma Chapter! Finally, the great north has had snow in limited amounts thus far, but looks forward to a great winter, regardless of the "el niño" rumors!♪

Mu Chapter Report

By Jessica Bowerman, Mu MAL

Brothers,

Since ZetaCon 2009, Mu Chapter has been busy planning for Mu Beta Psi 2010 Convention, March 5-6th. During the summer we looked into various options for lodging, where to hold the banquet and potential places for meetings. We also brainstormed about other activities and gifts. Since coming back to school in August, Mu Chapter has put Convention on the side burner (though we're working on it) and has focused on rush and pledging. We held rush and were very excited to extend bids to two amazing girls, Marcia Blackstock and Meredith Hawley. We welcomed them as Brothers on November 13th, 2009. On the service side, the a capella concert season is approaching and we plan on selling tickets and ushering concerts for various groups around campus.♪

Nu Chapter Report

By Julia Kester, Nu MAL

Spring semester ended with us welcoming in three wonderful new Brothers: Melisa Erwin, Theresa Filo, and Scott Silver. The end of spring also meant graduation, though, and we had to say goodbye to many Brothers both active and inactive. Congratulations to Christine Duval, Gina Mazzoli, Jennie McCarthy, Jessica Montgomery, Zachary Parchomenko, Amanda Sawyer, Sara Weiler, and Dan Williams! That put us to only ten active Brothers, but we are still going strong.

The summer brought the marriage of three Brothers. Monica "Footloose" Crandall married our adopted Zeta Lee "Sloth" Norton, and Brian "Beefcake" Culkin married Jennifer Callan. Many Brothers shared in these joyful events.

Fall semester began with a nice surprise for everyone: we got the pleasure of welcoming back Garrett Cooperman to Oswego, as he found a teaching job in a nearby town. Having Garrett up here also meant we got to welcome Kate Capehart, a Mu, up as well. Both of them have been very active since coming up, and we are happy to have them.

On the pledging side, our pledging semester started early for the Fall. There was worry that not much interest would be shown. However, we gained five wonderful pledges who completed their journey to Brotherhood! The new Brothers are Josh Farrell (Big Courtney Wright); Amber Archambo (Bigs Andy Bronson and Ben Waterstraat); Adam Donovan (Bigs Theresa Filo and Jenny Camenga); Alex Resila (Bigs Garrett Cooperman and Kelly Corey); and Beth Schermerhorn (Big Melissa Aubin).

The semester overall has been going very well. We are ushering for the music department and recently had a large concert in which most of the Brotherhood participated. We also provided transportation to the annual music department picnic. On the more social side of things, Nu Chapter went apple picking at Ontario Orchards for their big fall festival. We also had a girly night and a guy's night so we could enjoy each other's company. Our most recent event was a Halloween party hosted by Julie Lillibridge, which was open to non-brothers as well.♪

Omicron Chapter Report

By LeAndra Cale, Omicron MAL

Omicron has been very busy thus far this semester. In September we formulated our Rush schedule, which featured such events as Lip-Synching and dinner with the Brothers. We had a good turnout at all the events, and we extended bids to Hogan Keyser, Caitlin Connelly, Jennifer Spence and Tory Weiss. Our pledges attended several service and social events throughout the semester and bonded well with the Brotherhood.

We also had several fundraisers that raised a lot of money for the Chapter! We co-hosted a haunted house with the Anime Club, held a Date-A-Psi (wherein contestants win a date with a Brother—a great way to get to know the Brotherhood!), and held a donation drive. All told Omicron Chapter raised almost \$500 this semester.

Initiations were held on November 14th, and we welcomed three pledges into our Fraternity as Brothers. Congratulations Caitlin, Jennifer, and Tory!

Omicron isn't resting for long; we have several events planned for the holidays and next semester. December 3rd is our annual Holiday concert for the Music Department. We're also planning to go caroling in December as well. Coming up is the yearly Battle of the Bands, our major fundraiser for VH1 Save the Music. Look for that in March! 🎵

Rho Chapter Report

By Jade Crispell, Rho MAL

Here at Rho we've been very busy trying to expand our Chapter and get our name out into the community. We had a successful rush, garnering 4 pledges. We look forward to seeing them grow in the Fraternity. Our service projects are all scheduled for the semester, with a trip to the children's museum for Music Day coming up, as well as a drive for the local humane society. More recently, we participated in Make A Difference Day by raking leaves for two local families. Also, we hope to attend the regular bingo nights at the local nursing home. We are very excited for the most recent addition to our Brotherhood! We can't wait to see some Sigma Brothers at Convention next March! 🎵

Alumni Association Report

By Katharine Evaul, AA Secretary/MAL

Brothers,

Alumni Association has had a busy few months since our Mid-Year meeting. Brothers from as far away as Minnesota came to enjoy 3 days in sunny Wilmington, NC. We held our meeting on Saturday morning and elected officers for the coming few years and then just enjoyed the beach! Weather was wonderful and warm, as it always is in July. We adopted a revised Finance Policy to help streamline our bookkeeping with the National level.

This year we have also held a quarterly online meeting which took place October 14th. The main business included approving a revised budget and setting a fundraising challenge to our active Brotherhood. Our ultimate goal is a minimum of \$25 raised by each Brother which would provide an extra \$900 for our activities such as the Restricted Fund.

Lastly, we are always looking to update information on inactive Brothers. Please consider passing along current contact information for Brothers that you may have in your contacts. AA is getting its newsletter back up and running by email and would love to be able to keep in touch with all Brothers. 🎵



The Best Halloween There Ever Was™: Nu Brothers Josh Farrell, Amber Archambo, Adam Donovan and Ben Waterstraat as Spock, Uhura, Scotty and Captain James Tiberius Kirk, respectively.

Mu Beta Psi Alumni: Keepers of

Herein lieth the wisdom of the ages, the knowledge of our forefathers, the lore passed down to us from the pioneers of our history...okay, okay, I'll stop making everybody feel old. May all who read these interviews learn something from those who have come before them.

Alpha Chapter interviewed Aaron McClannon.

A: *Why did you become inactive?*

AMC: I became inactive around 2005 when my grades and personal issues finally took their toll.

A: *What could we be doing better? Any advice for us?*

AMC: Alpha has the bad habit of letting a few people do the lion's share of work. Let's try to get all Brothers as actively involved in functions, assignments, and projects as possible.

A: *What do you think the Brotherhood has improved on since you were active?*

AMC: Alpha has improved on meeting deadlines and doing things they say they'll do. The fact Alpha has won some National prizes and commendations speaks for itself.

A: *If you could change one thing about the Brotherhood as you know it, what would it be?*

AMC: If my time as a Brother has taught me anything, it's that the Brotherhood can and will change on a regular basis. More often than not, poor or maladaptive changes get weeded out naturally in the functions. I'd say the Brotherhood is as it needs to be currently.

A: *Do you think we should continue our expansion efforts? Why? What do you think is a good size for the Fraternity?*

AMC: This is a hard question. I do worry that the Fraternity is growing rather quickly. As such, the National organization doesn't have time to adapt properly to the demands of so many newer Chapters. I would love to see the names of Chapters require double letter designations, but I want to see each Chapter be as stable as possible.

A: *What is your view on the current debate in the Alumni Association regarding whether AA should stay as a Chapter or should lose its chapter status and become a diffuse organization of alumni?*

AMC: I have very mixed emotions. On one hand, I enjoy the continuation of the Brotherhood into the AA. However, I think one thing that's hindering membership to AA is that it's still trying to run like a collegiate chapter, and given that a large national organization often relies on its Alumni networks, membership is a strong necessity of a living Alumni Organization. 🎵

Mu Chapter interviewed Jason Gloege.

MU: *Do you think we're doing all right? Is there something that we've improved upon? Any advice for us?*

JG: Wow... This is a tough one to really comment on. If I take "we" to mean National, I'd say we're doing okay. We've opened a couple new Chapters, but have let a number of them die as well. Communication seems to be pretty decent, but I think less of it is face-to-face these days, and that's less effective. If I take "we" to mean Mu, I don't know as much as I'd like. I know that the Chapter has had issues maintaining a robust number of Brothers and continually seems to be carried along by a few very zealous Brothers and attended by a couple who don't have as much else to do. We still (from what I can tell) suffer from pledging some of the "superstars" who then find that they don't have the time or dedication for it that they thought they might, and little to nothing is done to try to help encourage or enable them to remain active. I'm not trying to sound harsh, I just remember the days when I had a pledge class of 7, and we contributed to making an active Brotherhood of more than 15 at the time. I doubt I'm the only one who has some concerns about the upcoming Convention, but I'm reserving judgment. I might be a little different from some other alums, in that I've been active a few different times, so I got to see more than "my own" spate of Brothers.

MU: *If you could change one thing about the Brotherhood as you know it, what would it be?*

JG: As I know it (bearing in mind that I may be wrong here) there has been a difficulty in gathering the Brothers together as often as we seemed to. It was tough to find many of us walking around campus without running into another Brother and joining them for food, a movie, hanging out, what have you. I don't know if it's still like this, but the more recent meetings and brothers in general that I've experienced seem to be so over-extended that they either can't or won't make Psi one of their priorities, and that's sad to me. I totally get needing to do other stuff. It was somewhat like that when I first started, but we've definitely started doing a lot more together. It helps that we're involved in a lot of the same organizations. <voice age="old">When I was *your* age,</voice> that was one of the things I really enjoyed about Psi: it was hard to be somewhere and NOT see one of my Brothers around. We ate together, had some classes together, were in some clubs/organizations together (Pauper Players), and hung out in each others' dorms/apartments/libraries/the union together. It made for constant

the Past, Guides to the Future

Nu Chapter interviewed Sara Loiacono.

NU: *Do you keep up with goings-on in the Fraternity?*

SL: Yes! I have tons of friends who are active Brothers. The Brothers are trying super hard to be on top of their requirements and make sure we're taking quality pledges who will benefit the organization. I see things differently now that I'm an alumna. As an active Brother, every little thing that happened seemed like the end of the world, but now I see the big picture. I come to the events to see everyone that I miss, not for the logistics. Sometimes, though, people get distracted by little things that aren't important. I also think the active Brothers should do more to include their alumni, because we want to feel involved even though we don't always have time to be.

NU: *If you could change one thing about the Brotherhood as you know it, what would it be?*

SL: I think the Brotherhood is founded on some really amazing things that I would never want to change. The only improvement I could make is to give everyone a sense of unity, because ultimately, every member of Mu Beta Psi has the same goal.

NU: *Do you think the Brotherhood has changed for the better or for the worse since you stopped being active? Why?*

SL: In all honesty I think there are a few things have changed for the worse since I was last active. Since a ton of Brothers left Nu Chapter at the same time, it left holes that special active Brothers had to fill. Because we have special active Brothers sitting on committees, it is harder for those committees to meet and do their assigned jobs.

In the last few years I have noticed that the feeling of family and unity has declined. There has been a shift in the atmosphere surrounding meetings and the Brotherhood in general since I became a Brother and I know many alumni see this too. There are many Nu Chapter alums who are not interested in keeping up with the Fraternity for a number of reasons. I think this is one of this Chapter's biggest downfalls. I know what it's like to get busy and have a lot going on outside of Psi, but when alumni completely give up on the Fraternity, that is a problem that needs to be addressed ASAP. We need our alumni in order to understand our history, which is essential to improving things for the future.

Brotherhood, loyalty and trust are the virtues that we hold dear in this organization and they must be at the core of everything that we do. We need to uphold the four purposes in the most brotherly way possible, while keeping traditions that are dear to many Brothers and helping to give the future Brothers the best possible experience they can have in Psi. The Fraternity is a Brotherhood, not just an organization, and it is not about anyone's personal agenda; it is about the group as a whole.

NU: *Do you think we should continue our expansion efforts? What do you think is a good size for the Fraternity?*

SL: As a proud Brother, I don't think we should ever stop expanding. As long as we have Brothers willing to help with the expansion, it can only be a positive thing. We are trying to create brotherhood among musicians. This Fraternity changes people and gives people a voice when they might have never had one. We should never set a limit on how many Chapters should be installed (obviously there needs to be a limit on the amount within a short period of time). I will never look at expansion in a negative way. 🎵

Mu Chapter, cont'd

bonding without as much bickering as I seem to remember from some crowds.

MU: *Do you think we should continue our expansion efforts? Why? What do you think is a good size for the Fraternity?*

JG: I think expansion is all well and good, but if we're losing chapters while we're expanding, the net result is nil. I think we need to work on strengthening our foothold in existing universities as much as possible, *then* branch out to other areas. I know we've kind of allowed expansion to happen when folks come to us with interest, but I think we'd be better served to try to be a little more geographically discriminating, to allow there to be "strength in numbers", for lack of a better term. For example we have 2 chapters in the RDU area. Who else can we attempt to add there? We have a strong chapter in the UP of Michigan. Who else could we talk to up there? It's hard to expand when your base isn't stable.

MU: *What is your view on the current debate in the Alumni Association regarding whether AA should stay as a Chapter or should lose its chapter status and become a diffuse organization of alumni?*

JG: I think I would ask the question "What does AA *gain* from being a full Chapter? What would it *lose* from not being a full Chapter? Which benefits the Brotherhood (both active and alum) more?" and then move to meet the needs best. But hell, there's no reason that the chapters shouldn't be using the alums more as a resource than they do.

MU: *Brother Gloege, what does Brotherhood mean to you?*

JG: "It's an energy field created by all living things. It surrounds us and penetrates us. It binds the galaxy together." There you go! 🎵

Omicron Chapter interviewed Tammy Guile.

O: *Do you keep up with goings-on in the Fraternity?*

TG: I mostly keep up with my fellow Omicrons. I think the Fraternity is doing well, but it would be nice if more Brothers were active on the Intranet. That is a huge improvement from when I became a Brother. Also, it's nice to see that where things have gone wrong in the past, there are Brothers trying to fix the problems. For example, Jen Staten has improved the office of National Treasurer a great deal. As a former treasurer of Omicron Chapter, I can say that it helps the individual Chapters quite a bit.

O: *Which aspect of this Fraternity do you think needs the Brotherhood's attention most urgently?*

TG: I think it differs for different Chapters as we're likely all weaker on different things. So when it comes to the Brotherhood as a whole, it seems like sometimes we end up covering each others' weaknesses. But if I had to pick something, it'd be initiative. I'm really happy that SLU got through the installment process. I know there was a great deal of work that went with that, and I know that when I was an active Brother of Omicron we went through some scrutiny for not being able to step up to a challenge. So I guess that makes it initiative and following through on promises.

O: *Do you think we should continue our expansion efforts? Why? What do you think is a good size for the Fraternity?*

TG: Yes and no. There are positives and negatives to both. It's nice being a small Fraternity. When I went to convention in spring '08, not everyone in the Fraternity was there, but I felt like I got to know more people with only six active Chapters at the time plus some of the alumni from various Chapters there. And with me being a rather shy and introverted individual, that number of people versus some of the numbers of larger groups is a lot more comfortable and more like family. At the same time, expansion would be nice as well with spreading our values and what the Fraternity is about to other schools and regions that have not had opportunity to interact with us in the past. Having more chapters brings in more people with more ideas and opinions about things. This would help us strengthen ourselves. 🎵

Rho Chapter interviewed Andrew Smith.

RHO: *What do you think the Fraternity is handling well? What could we be doing better?*

AS: I dig that both the Chapter and the Fraternity as a whole are expanding, I'm very excited to see more and

more people getting involved. I'd like to see more service functions in general. I think it's important we make opportunities to give back and get some positive publicity in the process. That being said, it looks like Rho is doing a better job already of increasing service opportunities since I've been there — I just want to see more!

RHO: *If you could change one thing about the Brotherhood as you know it, what would it be?*

AS: I'd make it somewhat more visible to the public. You know, sponsor more concerts and functions, maybe even taking a role in advocating for music education in front of a state Legislature. Flex some muscle.

RHO: *Which aspect of this Fraternity do you think needs the Brotherhood's attention most urgently?*

AS: Music advocacy is definitely a huge thing right now, especially as schools lose more and more money and start eyeing budget cuts. Done properly, I think Mu Beta Psi could have a real chance to make a difference for a lot of young people. Which, in the long term, means great recruiting opportunities down the line, but let's go one step at a time here.

RHO: *Do you think we should continue our expansion efforts? Why? What do you think is a good size for the Fraternity?*

AS: I dig expansion. We're a fairly small Fraternity thus far and I would love to see more people getting the chance to see what we're about. That being said, I don't want to see Mu Beta Psi growing to the point of becoming a party culture and drawing negative attention to itself — just big enough to have a big impact on campus and in the community. 🎵

Pi Chapter interviewed Ivan Chen and Chris Leong.

Pi Chapter has a unique story, just as each Chapter of Mu Beta Psi does. Like Zeta Chapter, Pi was once a stand-alone organization (Mu Upsilon Alpha), but in the fall of 2007, we merged with Mu Beta Psi to make a name for Psi at Rutgers University. I decided to give my discussions with fellow Pi alums a distinctive taste of Pi by structuring these discussions around these Brothers' first encounters with the Brothers of Mu Beta Psi as well as their thoughts on how far we've come since deciding to make ourselves a part of the extended, loving family of this national Fraternity.

My first subject was one of the first Pi Brothers to acquaint himself with the Brothers of MBPsi while MYA was looking for a national home. Ivan Chen (pledged spring '06) was one of the party to travel down to National Convention at Delta

Chapter in 2007, and shared his first impressions of what was then a group of incredibly welcoming strangers—strangers who would soon become his Brothers.

PI: So, tell me about some of your memories of Convention in 2007. What sticks out?

IC: I remember being serenaded by the Zeta Brothers. They sang “You Are My Sunshine” to us. That was so cool. I also remember sitting in on a meeting and being shown the actual crest.

PI: What were your first impressions of the Brothers?

IC: Everyone was real warm and welcoming. Very friendly in all respects. Sarah (the NVPE) was our guide and we clung to her like a lifeline whenever we felt lost

PI: What were your expectations going into this situation? You were traveling to a strange place, about to meet a bunch of people you didn’t know, and you didn’t know how they would receive you either.

IC: I wasn’t really expecting too much, because a previous meeting with another fraternity we were considering (Kappa Kappa Psi) hadn’t gone so well. But I’d heard good things about Mu Beta Psi prior to the trip. Still, I didn’t keep any hopes up and I didn’t know how much we would be able to see. I was pleasantly surprised by the amount of access we had at Convention. I wanted to understand what they were all about and what they were doing as an organization.

PI: Right. I can understand why you were holding back, since Chris and Christian had come back from the Kappa Kappa Psi convention with tales of being barred from several meetings to which they’d originally been invited. And we were really looking for a group that shared our values. Anything else that sticks in your mind from that first Convention?

IC: Mascot wars! They hid a rubber chicken from the President.

Ivan’s experience encapsulates a difficult and ambivalent time for those at Rutgers. We were looking for a national home and scared to put ourselves out on a limb for Mu Beta Psi after being coolly welcomed at the Kappa Kappa Psi convention. But Ivan’s fears were dispelled by the Psi Brothers, who welcomed those from MYA as their own.

My next discussion was with Chris Leong, a longtime Brother of Pi Chapter, who is still a striking presence around Pi and an asset to younger Brothers seeking advice from an older Brother who pledged back in the fall of 2001. Chris represents a bridge between times: before installation and after installation. I specifically sought him out for his thoughts on Psi. It also helped that he was a friend ages before I became his fellow Brother.

PI: What were your thoughts on the merger?

CL: It was a difficult situation for me, not being active at the time. There were times where it was an effort to understand the difficulties involved. Overall, though, I wanted whatever the active community felt was best for the future of our Chapter.

PI: Did you have any hopes or misgivings/suspensions about handing ourselves over to Mu Beta Psi?

CL: I wanted to know that despite the name and affiliation change, that day-to-day life with my Brothers would be pretty much the same.

PI: What have you seen change since we became Pi Chapter?

CL: Hmm. I’ve had to become used to the fact that I have Brothers from out of state, which is a change for me and for the rest of Pi. I’ve seen my younger Brothers meet the out-of-state Brothers with such enthusiasm—it’s very uplifting. There’s more procedure with a national [organization], but that’s to be expected and when I sit down and actually take the time to understand it, it’s all very functional.

PI: What was it like to meet non-Pi Chapter Brothers?

CL: It was a little strange, but at the same time very encouraging. You have to remember: the time while I was pledging and active there was no national, so the pool of Brothers was much smaller and the experiences much more similar. Between the merger process and Convention there was an amusing barrage of encouragement and curiosity. The Brothers I met at convention were all so excited and curious to learn about us as a new chapter. To meet new Brothers from other colleges and experiences was a little overwhelming, but everyone was so welcoming that despite the differences, it still felt very familiar. Except for all the abbreviations. Like NEC or...

PI: NEC, NCE, NCCM, BOT, NFC, etc., etc., etc.

CL: It was a blur of faces and abbreviations, I had no idea what any of these meant so I felt like people were speaking another language at first. My first memory was being yanked into the Alumni Association meeting with Christian on an hour’s sleep and being talked into activity despite having no idea what I was getting into.

Overall, my discussions revealed personal insights that I hadn’t previously known and gave me a new understanding of how these two particular Pi Brothers experienced our chapter’s first year as a part of Mu Beta Psi. 🎵

Alumni Association interviewed Kappa Alumnus Crorey Lawton.

AA: *Why did you become inactive?*

CL: Lots of moves made it hard to keep in touch. I am an archaeologist; I spend a lot of time out of the country. A lot of my organizational ties went out the window. I have been out of music while I finish my dissertation, but I plan to be a musician—it keeps me sane.

AA: *Do you keep up with goings-on in the Fraternity?*

CL: Through Ben and Amanda Griffeth, and a few friends immediately after graduation, but it's been minimal. They provide the opportunity for continued participation, Brotherhood and fellowship. The interview jogged my memory for others.

AA: *What do you think the Brotherhood has improved on since you were active?*

CL: The Fraternity has a large presence online.

AA: *If you could change one thing about the Brotherhood as you know it, what would it be?*

CL: I would focus more on alumni. Reaching out to them is really important to me. It's good to see a rekindling of interest in something that has long been dormant.

AA: *What lessons do you think the Fraternity should take from Kappa Chapter's life?*

CL: Kappa and Mu Beta Psi would have been well-served to reach out to the alums right afterwards and forge a strong link. The Kappas were so involved in developing the Chapter that they didn't have a focus on alums, and they didn't have alums at the time. Developing a sense of history would have been huge – sustained growth won't happen, but can be well-served to develop the institutional memory.

AA: *Do you think we should continue our expansion efforts? Why? What do you think is a good size for the Fraternity?*

CL: Strictly for entertainment (insert a Pinky and the Brain moment): yes, expansion is the only way to go. CM becomes a social exercise in maintaining the status quo, and Expansion brings in fresh blood. First Kappa, then the world! Clemson was a huge help to Wofford in expansion – they helped with growing pains. They made sure that several Chapters are in each region to help each other. The question comes down to how much mentoring can each Chapter provide to each colony? It has to be viewed on a regional level, meaning what can each Chapter do and what can each region sustain?

AA: *Should we colonize new, or recolonize?*

CL: If the program wasn't strong enough to sustain a chapter in the past, then keep checking on it to make sure there's no new interest (AA should be on this) but focus on new colleges.

AA: *What is your view on the current debate in the Alumni Association regarding whether AA should stay as a Chapter or should lose its chapter status and become a diffuse organization of alumni?*

CL: I have seen organizations where alumni have much more power—that's the wrong way to go. A simple confederacy of alumni is also the wrong way to go. A separate Chapter might be the right way to go, as long as the amount of influence is limited, but someone needs to maintain the institutional knowledge. It has to go beyond being just like college. If alumni of one of the active chapters are able to visit, it gives them a bit more influence. There's not a lot of focus for inactive chapter alumni to rejoin the group.

AA: *What is your favorite Mu Beta Psi moment?*

CL: The trip to Houghton for National Convention in 1991ish!

AA: *Do you think the Brotherhood does an effective job of communicating with its Alumni? What would you like to improve? Do you stay current with your fellow Alumni, and would you like help doing so?*

CL: I haven't heard anything except through Ben, so no. I would definitely like to be more connected. I was surprised that it was on Facebook – social networking helps, and I haven't had the idea to reconnect with the group until I thought about it now.

AA: *Within the AA, should there be a committee to focus on each individual chapter's alumni?*

CL: No – no need to Balkanize the AA, since it's a national group. 🎵

The Roots of Country Music

By Logan Brackett, Mu Brother

Country Music is the red-headed step child of the music world. It is the exception, as many people "like pretty much any kind of music except for Country" (though to be fair, rap will usually be included in the exceptions list) and Country tends to have a stigma attached: people assume Country Music is for uneducated Southern hicks and cannot possibly be *real* music.

Let's take a trip back in time, shall we? It's the 1920s, and the music industry has stumbled across an untapped resource: Hillbilly music. Test recording sales show that there if records are produced, they will be bought, and suddenly the Blue Ridge Mountains are flooded with talent scouts looking for "authentic" mountain music. Thus the founding fathers (and mothers) of what we today call Country Music were discovered, and thus many of the stereotypes of Country Music were born.

As the industry picks up steam, we start to have a bit more diversity. We now have hillbilly recordings, singing cowboys, and brother duets. We see common lyri-

cal content with the African-American music style of Blues, and in fact, in the 1920s and 1930s, there wasn't much of a distinction between Blues and certain Hillbilly recordings; the concept of music genres belonging to a particular race came much later. We see a mythological element arising in the biography/hagiography of artists where, in their youth, an old African-American Blues singer or guitarist takes the artist under his wing and teaches him how to sing and play guitar, the most famous of these young artists being Hank Williams, Sr.

Now in the mid 1930s, Western elements started becoming more central to the slightly more cohesive Country genre. This is where the term Country-Western comes from, which applies only to this time period, not to the modern genre of Country. This is also the era of Western Swing, a new style combining swung eighth notes, rhythmic upright bass, melodic violin, and in some cases, a brass line.

From this style, a new, more edgy style is born, called Rockabilly. Rockabilly uses something previ-

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian

Reflections from Christian D. Kutschinski in a letter to Louie M. Wigington, Treasurer of Delta Chapter, dated October 19, 1942:

"The fall term is always a hectic one for me, but this year seems to be the worst one ever. I have seldom been able to retire with a clear conscience before 1 or 2 p.m. since school opened. How much longer I can stand the pace I don't know, but soon the football season will be over, when I hope I can slacken up to a human pace.

"I am proud of my band boys. They have made a wonderful start this year, and I believe it is the best State College Band I have ever had. The spirit is the most wonderful I have ever known, and I give Mu Beta Psi credit for this unusual spirit, for they are the back-bone of the leadership among the band boys, and they certainly have done wonders in developing this fine spirit which is providing the finest cooperation I have ever had here. Do you blame me for being willing to sit up will 2 "peeyem" night after night working out spectacular shows for them to put on when they are so willing to stick by me to put them across with such precision as to cause everyone to sit up and take notice and talk about their fine work as they have during the last two weeks -- (it was called to my attention that Wade in the Charlotte Observer this morning in his "Monday Morning Quarterback" column credited the band with "grabbing highest honors" or "stealing the show" or something like that). I just can't seem to get time during the day to concentrate on working out these maneuvers for them, so there is nothing to do but tackle the job when I am through with everything else. (Only trouble is I never really get through, but at least I can stick with a job without being interrupted by conferences, phone calls, rehearsals, etc.).

Welcome New Brothers!

Alpha

Natasha Nowlen

Zeta

Chris Bork

Trevor Kuehl

Christina Van Dyke

Chris Vallier

Mu

Marcia Blackstock

Meredith Hawley

Nu

Amber Archambo

Adam Donovan

Josh Farrell

Alex Resila

Beth Schermerhorn

Omicron

Caitlin Connolly

Jennifer Spence

Tory Weiss

Pi

Steffanie Bicskei

Matthew Leddin

Geoffrey Lazar

Jennifer Lee

Trina Chan

Padma Schwenzer

Katherine Petschauer

Rho

Adlen Bishop

Crystal Cooper

Jill VanLandghen

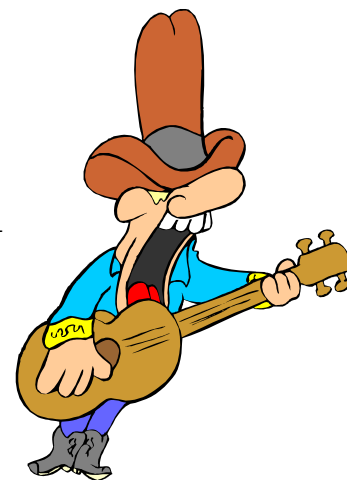
Trista Zdroik

And a special welcome to
all the Sigmas!

Country Music, cont'd from page 15

ously unseen in all of the proto-country styles: percussion! It maintains the swung rhythm of Western Swing, but adds more horns as well as piano. And just like anything that goes against tradition, the youth loved this music. It was the best dancing music around. Take, for example, the repetitive yet catchy song from the Vonage commercials, "Woo-Hoo." This is a remake of a rockabilly song by the Rock-a-teens. How about Bill Haley and The Comets' "Rock Around the Clock?" Don't forget the man in black, Mr. Johnny Cash. And I'm sure everyone's listened to Elvis Presley before. Most people don't know that The King, at his start, was technically a member of the Rockabilly genre. Rock 'n Roll was born from Rockabilly. What many scholars will point to as the first Rock 'n Roll recording ("Rocket 88" by Jackie Brenston) was, in its time, a rockabilly hit.

As you follow the history of Country music, you see the same things found in other genres' histories. The struggle for "what is authentic" is the same struggle that bore the Punk Rock movement (which originated at a Country, Bluegrass, and Blues bar), and for a brief period of time, there existed a hybrid of Punk Rock and Country called Alt Country. So the next time you turn on your radio and listen to Zeppelin, be sure to think of and thank Johnny Cash, Bob Wills, and Jimmie Rogers for laying the groundwork. And the next time you start to scoff at Country, pause and think about the common roots it shares with Blues and Rock. 🎵



The love-child of Garth Brooks and Yosemite Sam.



Why Can't I...?

By Kevin Britton, NITC Chair

In this section, the NITC Chair answers some common questions about the Intranet.

...change my email address on the Intranet?

Because the Intranet requires you to have a valid email address on file, in order to change your primary email address, you have to first add a new email address using *MyProfile*, and make it your primary email address using *MyAccount*. Your password will be reset and a new one sent to the new email. Once you log back in, you can delete the old email address.

...receive messages from the National Listserv?

Subscription to the national listserv is NOT automatic. Because of our Privacy Policy, each user must request to be subscribed to the national listserv. You can do this in *MySubscriptions* in your intranet profile. You can also unsubscribe from here as well.

...ever find out about when my committee meeting is? I'm the rep, but I don't get emails.

You may not be listed as your Chapter's rep on the Intranet. Check out the "Email Who's Who" link to see whether you're set up as your Chapter's rep. If not, contact your Chapter President, MAL, or NITC rep and ask them to fix it under **User Manager -> Chapter Officers**

...change the list of who is active at my Chapter within User Manager? I'm the MAL but I can't submit the changes! Unfortunately, the algorithm that handles the "make active / make inactive" feature for multiple users is not functioning. You can, however, click any user's name to view their profile in another window. You can then edit their activity within their profile by clicking the icons next to their Chapter info.

...get a response to my emailed question?

If you've emailed webmaster@mubetapsi.org and haven't gotten a response within 24 hours, one of two things likely happened: 1) I'm swamped and haven't gotten to your message yet, or 2) I didn't see it. I get a LOT of email (including a lot of spam!), which unfortunately requires that most of my email go through my spam folder. Sometimes I miss them. Sometimes my email volume is such that your message dropped off page 1 very quickly. For this reason, help requests are best sent through the Intranet **Helpdesk**. You can access it by clicking on the "?" icon in the upper right of any page. If your problem involves not being able to access the intranet, then please send a follow-up message. If you still don't get a timely response, sic the National President on me
(president@mubetapsi.org).🎵

Brotherly News

Weddings

Sean-Michael Galgano (Mu) to Julia Pfeuffer (non-Brother) on May 15th, 2010
Josh Farrell (Nu) to Amber Archambo (Nu) on August 8, 2010

New Arrivals

William ("Liam") Warren Evaul (2lbs 8 ounces), August 8, 2009 to Mark Evaul and Katharine Morrison Evaul (Mu). Liam came home on October 27, 2009!



A-mu-sements

WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS TO FIND:

Alpha
Zeta
Mu
Nu
Omicron
Pi
Rho
Brother
Alumni Association
Midyear

Support
Advice
Involvement
Experience
Mentor
Graduate
History
Founding Father
Daddy Price

This word search brought to you by JC Peterson (Mu) and the letter Q.



A-Mu-sements

Mu Beta MAD LIBS

Instructions: Blank spaces have word descriptions under them. Players fill in these blank spaces with words that match the descriptions.

National Convention

Once upon a _____, Mu Beta Psi Brothers gathered from all over the country to hold their annual _____
noun

National Convention. Brothers from _____ Chapter brought their _____ with them, and
noun plural noun

Brothers from _____ Chapter shared stories about the music activities they had and all the service
noun

they did for _____ during the previous year. On Thursday night, everyone gathered at _____'s,
plural noun name

a local bar and grill, for a relaxed dinner and some catching up.

Friday saw some _____ meetings for the Brothers. The NFC had a(n) _____ discussion
adjective adjective

before voting on a motion to _____ the National budget. The NCCM had a wonderful powwow
verb

about proper _____ decorum and passed a motion to support _____ the Chapter
noun verb ending in "-ing"

Maintenance handbook. The Board of Trustees voted to _____ the National Goals, and this motion
verb

was forwarded to the Legislative Council with a recommendation for _____
adverb verb ending in "-ing"

Even the NEC was intensely busy restructuring the National _____ and reviewing the previous year's
noun

endeavors with _____.
noun

After a rather _____ party the night before, some of the Brothers seemed a bit
adverb adjective

_____ as Legislative Council gathered on Saturday morning. The only business for the day was
adjective

approving a charter for _____ colony at _____ University to become a Chapter,
Greek letter Greek letter noun

but there were a few elections to take care of, as well. Brother _____ was elected National
Brother's name

Vice President of Chapter _____, and Brother _____ was elected National Editor of the
noun Brother's name

_____. After LC, everyone _____ to the banquet at the lovely _____ hotel.
noun verb (past tense) adjective noun

The banquet was _____, but alas, it marked the end of another great National Convention. The
adjective

Brothers from _____ Chapter said they had the best time; _____ Chapter claimed to have
noun Greek letter

_____ the most mascots, but in all, everyone agreed that it was a wonderful year for Mu Beta Psi.
verb (past tense)

Here's to next year, Brothers!

Lyric Challenge

This Lyric Challenge features songs relating to the South (because your Southern-born NEOTC feels nostalgic up in NY). The first person to email the NEOTC with the correct words to fill in the blanks will be printed in the next issue. For an extra challenge, name the song and author! Answers to the last lyric challenge are printed below.

"I'm gone to _____ in my mind."

"Sweet home _____, where the skies are so blue!"

"Although we had no _____, I was rich as I could be in my _____ of many colors my momma made for me."

"I am a man of constant _____; I've seen _____ all my days."

The correct answers to last issue's Challenge:

"You are my *sunshine*, my only *sunshine*. You make me happy when *skies* are grey."
 ~ "You Are My Sunshine" by Oliver Wood
 "Whenever it's a *rainy* day, I pack my troubles up in my room. I chase all the *clouds* away."
 ~ "Rainy Day" by America
 "I read the *weather* page today, just to see how you are."
 ~ "Weather Page" by Gretchen Lieberum
 "I can see clearly now the *rain* is gone."
 ~ "I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash
 "I'm walking on *sunshine*, whoa oh!"
 ~ "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina and the Waves

This mad lib brought to you by Garrett Cooperman (Nu/AA) and the letter Z.

“Music is enough for a life-
time, but a lifetime is not
enough for music.”
~Sergei Rachmaninov

Calling all Chapter Newsletters!

Does your Chapter create and distribute a newsletter? If so, please send a (digital or hard) copy to your friendly neighborhood NEOTC.

If your Chapter doesn't make one, give it some thought. Even if it's just one or two pages, it's an easy way to share Brotherhood and fun with your alumni and advisors as well as the rest of the Brotherhood. I am also planning to devote a section of the new Clef website to all Chapter newsletters! 🎵



National Editor of *The Clef*
20 E. Van Buren St.
Oswego, NY 13126

Writers and Ideas Needed!

Contact me if you want to:

- 🎵 Share short fiction, poetry, artwork or other creative works (they don't have to be music-related).
- 🎵 Submit new games, activities or humorous tidbits for the A-Mu-sements section
- 🎵 Contribute photos from Fraternity or Chapter events (please ID everyone in the photo).
- 🎵 Report on Convention 2010, held at Mu Chapter.
- 🎵 Write an editorial/opinion piece on Mu Beta Psi's upcoming 85th Anniversary.

If you would like to contribute but don't know what to write, contact me (SheRa.kdc@gmail.com) and we'll brainstorm. Also, if you have a brilliant idea for an article, theme or other piece, send it my way!

In Brotherhood, Music and Love,
Kate Capehart, National Editor of the Clef 🎵

