

**Mu Beta Psi**

# *The Clef*



*National Honorary Musical Fraternity*



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## Convention 2014: Take a Rhoad Trip

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Marquette, Michigan is home to snow, pasties, more snow, and of course, our beloved Rho Chapter. Brothers took a Rhoad Trip the first weekend of April (April 4 - 5) to attend Rho Chapter's first ever hosting of Convention! The day before Convention officially started, Brothers gathered together to visit the local restaurants to catch up before the festivities began. What a crowd! On April 4th, the first day of Convention, Marquette had a snow storm to test all of our driving skills—and cancel classes for the NMU Students. We spent the day in national committee meetings or workshops—including an eight hour BOT Meeting; so crazy! While most were in meetings/workshops, other Brothers had their fair share of fun from decorating their chapter's penny jar to playing Minute to Win It. Lunch time consisted of local food joints and the infamous pasties that all the Yoopers talk about. Friday's events ended with a talent show for the Chapters to show off their artistic sides. While there was not a Saturday (April 5) snow storm, there was still plenty of snow on the ground. We started the day off with Legislative Council which included reports and elections. The Brotherhood did not elect a new National Vice President of Expansion; this office will be up for election in Convention 2015. The Permanent Board of Trustees position also remains open, and will be considered again at Convention 2015. We ended Convention with a bang at banquet with awards, and the initiation of new officers.

Convention 2015 will be held at Tau Chapter ("The Chapter On Fire"), American University, Washington D.C. The finalized dates are soon to come!

**Highlight of Convention:** Motion to renamed the BOT "the Praiseworthy and Eternally Appreciated, Never-Underestimated, Talented Board Of Trustees, The Effusive Revelers, Jubilantly Exclaiming "Look! Look! Your Tintinabulations are Immensely, Magnificently Enjoyable!", aka PEANUT BOTTER JELLY TIME.

### New Officers:

*National President* Ian Schaefer (Rho)

*National Treasurer* Logan Brackett (Mu, AA)

*National Editor of The Clef* Lizzi Ciskowski (Omicron)

*Chairman of the Board of Trustees* Andrew Fleming (Zeta)

### Penny Wars:

*Best Jar:* Pi

*Most Negative:* Zeta

*Best Result (Least Negative):* Pi

**"Price"less Memories Scrapbook Award:** Pi





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Omicron Chapter



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Andrew Spina



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Matt and  
Andrea Zander



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Alex Dimitrijeski and  
Ariane Osterwald



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Erica St. Lawrence  
and Logan Brackett



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Rob Smith



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Andrew  
Fleming and  
Hannah  
Kowalewski



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Chris Ciarlariello  
and Molly Wood



Zeta Chapter

HK



AF

Andy Stephens

**MBΨ**



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Nu Chapter



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Pi Chapter



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# Letter from the Editor

My Dearest Brothers,

It has been quite an adjustment coming into Office, but I feel I am handling it well. We all make mistakes before we become masters of the trade. So far, I have learned to be more specific in my instructions, and that I must not assume certain details. In the coming months, I plan to work on this trait.

To make sure everyone is on the same page, I will discuss my intentions for *The Clef*. As NEOTC, I am required to produce two publications of *The Clef*. Respectfully, I refer to these editions as the “May Edition” (covering from January to April/May) and the “January Edition” (covering from May/June to December). The May/January editions will be full publications complete with at least: National Officer Reports, Chapter Reports, Submitted Articles, and Announcements. In between these editions, I would like to produce a monthly Clef Newsletter. These newsletters will be roughly a page or two that contain NO/Chapter “tweets”, submitted articles, and announcements. I hope this gives a general direction of where I plan to take this publication until Convention 2015.

In regards to article submissions, **any Brother can submit articles!** These articles can be long, short, funny, serious—something that is interesting. Ideally, it would be nice to have articles that relate to the purposes of Mu Beta Psi. If you have anything you’d like to submit, please email it to: [theclef@mubetapsi.org](mailto:theclef@mubetapsi.org)

Switching gears, outside of the Fraternity, a lot of life changing events have occurred since Convention 2014. I have graduated college with my Bachelor’s of Science in Physics woohoooo! I will also be moving to North Carolina as I am now a physics teacher at The O’Neal School in Southern Pines, NC! I’m very excited to take this leap into the next chapter of my life. :)

In Love & Brotherhood,

Lizzi Ciskowski

*National Editor of The Clef*

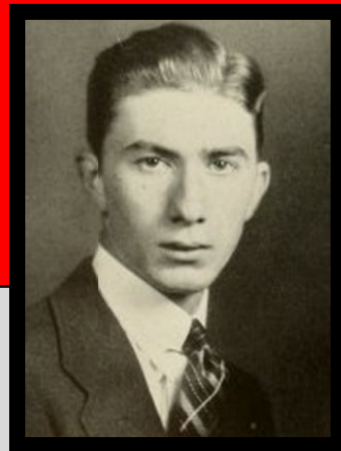


**National Office for 2014-2015**

L to R: CBOT Fleming, NP Schaefer, NVPCM Rosencrans, NT Brackett, NS Bork, Trustee Reamer, Trustee Zander, Webmaster Kester, NEOTC Ciskowski

# The Historian's Corner

By: Nathaniel Kulyk, NH



Historical research is often like a jigsaw puzzle. When you find and assemble the individual pieces, you are one step closer to having a complete picture. The interesting thing is that you don't have an illustration to work with that shows you what the final picture will look like.

Sometimes the final picture changes or is enhanced in detail when you discover more information than you originally thought possible. With that, I would like to share with all of you some research that I recently did at the request of the granddaughter of one of our Brothers.

In late February, I was contacted by an alumnus of Kappa Kappa Psi, named Diane. She told me that she has a key necklace that was given to her by her grandfather, Isaac William Thorn. The key has the Greek letters for Mu Beta Psi and the initials IWT and the number 37 engraved on the back. She was interested in trying to confirm whether or not he was a Brother of our Fraternity. Based on the description of the key, I had a good feeling that he was, as initiated Brothers at that time would receive a key with their initials and the year of their initiation engraved on them. However, I also wanted to try and find some more information about him.

North Carolina State University has

electronic copies of their yearbooks available online for public viewing. I reviewed the 1938 volume and quickly located Isaac Thorn's senior page, which included a picture and information about his major – which was Electrical Engineering – and his extracurricular activities included not only Mu Beta Psi, but the ROTC, band, orchestra, and being a baseball manager. I then went to the Mu Beta Psi page in the yearbook and quickly discovered that not only was he a Brother, but he was also the President of Alpha Chapter! I shared my findings with Diane, who was very happy that I was able to help connect some of the missing dots for her. She in return shared some additional information about his life, which I would like to pass along to you.

Isaac William Thorn was born in August 1915 and grew up in Rahway, New Jersey. Known as Bill, he played clarinet in the Rahway High School band. At North Carolina State, he played both the clarinet and violin. He graduated in 1938 and married Marion Neyen, a marriage that lasted over fifty years. They had two sons, William Richard, and Lawrence, as well as two grandchildren, Robert and Diane. During World War II, he was initially stationed in Fort Knox as a tank instruc-

tor. Later, he went to England

and served on General Dwight Eisenhower's staff as a member of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEP) in preparation for the D-Day invasion at Normandy. Before the war's conclusion, he served in both France and Germany. After briefly working for the Swift Meat Company and Bigelow Textiles, the family moved ultimately moved to Westfield, New Jersey in 1958. A fan of Dixieland music, college basketball, and the New York Yankees, he worked as an industrial engineer for F.M.C. Corporation until his retirement in 1982. He passed away at home in January 2001.

Brother Thorn is a wonderful example of the Greatest Generation, which grew up through the struggles of the Great Depression, sacrificed everything during World War II, and lived the American Dream in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, seeking to build a better life for their children and grandchildren. I am very glad that this piece of history has been found and added to the puzzle! **MBΨ**

## Hitting Close to Home: Vh1's Involvement in Roanoke City Public Schools

By: Lizzi Ciskowski, NEOTC



Patrick Henry High School Orchestra

ROANOKE, VA—VH1's Save the Music Foundation—an effort so near and dear to our hearts—has been working with Roanoke City Public Schools, a neighboring district to our Omicron Chapter, since 2009. They have donated roughly \$500,000 worth of materials and instruments to the City's elementary schools. This year, the orchestra at Patrick Henry High School competed at Festival of Gold, a music competition held in Chicago, and won first place! Why is this important? Well, first, while Patrick Henry does not necessarily receive the same benefits from VH1, the younger students involved would have been in elementary school at the time when Roanoke City Public Schools began the partnership with VH1's Save the Music Foundation. So, this partnership could have helped the students maintain an interest in music as well as give them the ability to continue playing—which is super cool! Secondly, it isn't every day that you get to see foundations in which you support, following through with their efforts in your hometown community. We can physically see our efforts helping others around us; I think it is truly an amazing sight. **MBΨ**

## Announcements!

♪ **MIDYEAR:** July 18-20th 2014 in Philadelphia, PA

Contact Erica St. Lawrence ([ericastlawrence@gmail.com](mailto:ericastlawrence@gmail.com)), or find the event on Facebook (MBPsi AA Midyear Meeting) for more information!

♪ **DISNEY:** Epcot Food and Wine Festival, Fall 2014

Like Disney? Brothers? Wine and food? This is the trip for you! Join several Brothers to visit an Omicron Brother working at Disney, and to enjoy Epcot's Food and Wine Festival this Fall! This trip requires a 4-person minimum, and is estimated at roughly \$1,000. Find the event on Facebook (Disney Trip during the Epcot Food and Wine Festival) for updated information!

♪ **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2014 GRADUATES!**

**Good luck with all your life endeavors!**



## A Friendly Reminder

Have you ever wanted to contact a Brother from another Chapter who serves a specific role? A few Brothers have come up to me recently asking if I knew who was the Brother serving as a National Committee representative for Chapter (pick one). I asked if they had tried the most recent Address List. Usually, this gets them the answer, but lately there have been times where the answer has been "Yes, but that Brother is no longer in that role and is currently away from the Chapter." Even after double-checking my records, we still came up with incorrect names.

I would like to remind every Chapter that the three National Deadline dates every year are only a minimum. The intranet email lists are not the only location that require constant updates. National Policy requires that whenever a Chapter Officer, National Committee Representative, or Chapter Committee Chair that is reported on the Address List submission changes, the Chapter has two weeks from the date of the change to submit an updated Address List to the National Secretary.

Please help the National Officers and your fellow Brothers by ensuring your Chapter has your updated contact information, and the National Organization has your Chapter's up-to-date address list. This way, when the need or desire to talk to a specific person arises, the time can be spent talking, and not trying to figure out who to talk to. **MBΨ**

In Love and Brotherhood,  
Christopher Bork  
National Secretary





# National Officer Reports

## *National President*

*Ian Schaefer · Rho*

In my first month as National President, things have been a bit slow to start, but I have not been without my fair share of tasks. As you may recall, we did not elect a National Vice President of Expansion this year at Convention. Therefore, I was charged with appointing a Brother to fill the position to which I have appointed Brother Andy Bronson. Pending approval of the Legislative Council, he will step into the role and fulfill the duties in the coming year. Similarly, NT Logan Brackett has stepped down as Chair of the National Scholarship Committee. Thus, I have appointed Former NT Jen Staten to take his place as Chair. She has accepted this appointment, and I look forward to the work she has planned. I have confidence she will continue to be an asset to the National Organization and Mu Beta Psi as a whole.

In other news, monthly NEC meetings have been reinstated, and I could not be more ecstatic about this! Turns out the other members of the NEC are pretty fond of the idea too. It should help us all stay connected on the “up and up” with pertinent information. Our first meeting was held Monday May 5, 2014 and I look forward to holding more in the future. Currently, the next meeting date for the NEC has not been determined.

Developed from plans outlined in my candidate forms, I am starting to work more diligently on the “Communication goals” I had expressed. Though I have been a bit preoccupied, I am preparing to align these tasks with our National goals in order to make them more achievable.

On a final note, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as National President. I look forward to what we can all accomplish together in the coming year. I wish you all the best for a safe and fun summer. **MBΨ**

Alpha Chapter Credit: Scott Bennett

## *Webmaster*

*Julia Kester · Nu, AA*

Rosencrans and AA Garrett Cooperman on restricted and prohibited content. The workshop required group participation from everyone, and went over extremely well. The NITC also met during Convention, and discussed changing the IT Policy to allow prohibited content be transmitted to National Officers in very extreme cases. The policy change was later passed at the NEC meeting.

I have been able to start a mockup of the intranet redesign after hitting a creative block for a while. The process, however, is slowing as summer approaches. I have two jobs, one of which gets very busy during the hot months (I work in an ice cream parlor). I will continue to respond to any help requests, but probably won't be able to put much work toward any projects until the fall.

I'm always up for suggestions for website changes and improvements. Please feel free to send me an email any time! I won't be able to do everything, but I will certainly take ideas into consideration. As always, I can be reached

at [webmaster@mubetapsi.org](mailto:webmaster@mubetapsi.org) or (585) 478-8710. **MBΨ**



Pi Chapter's  
Alumni Picnic  
Credit: An Le



## National Treasurer

*Logan Brackett · Mu, AA*

hearing from me soon. Similarly, several Chapters have still not taken advantage of their budgeted convention travel reimbursements and should be in contact with me soon.

I will be submitting a draft of the national budget by May 21st. Officers will be receiving an email from me tonight inviting feedback on their particular line items, response requested by May 12th. If anyone has questions or concerns regarding the budget, the office, or myself, please feel free to contact me at: [treasurer@mubetapsi.org](mailto:treasurer@mubetapsi.org). **MBΨ**



## Chairman of the Board of Trustees

*Andrew Fleming · Zeta, AA*

I'm glad to see everyone here in da UP. It has been a far busier year for the BOT than previous years, and that is not a bad thing. Though it feels like we've been talking a lot lately, our actual official last meeting was on November 7th, where we discussed much of the today's business in preparation. Since then, we have had several informal discussions in the intranet chat room since then, notably about the eligibility clause of the National Constitution and the appeal coming before the BOT in today's meeting. I'd like to thank everyone who came to those discussions and made them extremely useful, and recommend to the Chairman elected today to continue this mix of formal and informal meetings to promote activity on the Board.

For my Standards Advisory role. NVPCM Rosencrans has drafted an official Fraternity Seal, with the aim to reproduce and bring back to use this official symbol of the Fraternity. He and I have discussed it at length, and I've brought in NH Kulyk to help us determine the historicity of this Fraternal Seal. There is currently some discussion regarding the date, "April 1930," that appears on the seal. The assumption is that this is in reference to either the founding of Beta Chapter or the first National Constitution. The investigation into the correct date that should appear on the crest continues. I've also been watching closely the NITC continue to navigate the perils of living in the digital age, and advising on their policy changes and Convention workshop.

In our infinite spare time, I've been discussing the nature of the PBOT advisory roles with the other PBOTs. We're coming to the consensus that the roles ought to be updated and adapted to better serve the current Fraternity, but we're still working toward a recommendation to bring before this Board.

Finally, the topic of communication and education about the Board itself is currently on my mind. We've taken some steps this year to try and make the Board more visible to the active Brotherhood. For example, along with my policy-mandated letter of introduction in the fall, I also held an "Ask Me Anything" forum in the chat room. However, a common question we all continue to hear is "What does the BOT do?" I'd like to challenge all BOT members present, and those Chapter Presidents who be elected this year, to discuss how to make the BOT more visible to the Fraternity at large, and thus help the BOT execute its goals. **MBΨ**



L to R: Sean Weiser, Tim Kier, and Andrew Seimen

Credit: Scott Bennett



Nu Chapter

Credit: Kristen Stanton

# *National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance*

*Nick Rosencrans · Zeta, AA*

## **Brotherhood in Multitudes: Trust and Communication as the Basis for Chapter Stability**

Our fraternity is embodied by a landscape of people, who come to music from backgrounds too many to mention. Anytime I reconnect with Brothers on the other side of the country, or when I meet somebody who is just beginning their journey in Mu Beta Psi, I am struck by how we all bring a perspective to our fraternity that nobody could replace. And as time goes on — as each of us continues to grow into the people we are meant to be — that sense of depth expands even further.

Over the last year, I have led a few workshops as part of the committee that I lead, and I have learned some challenging truths about the state of our fraternity's stability: we don't always trust each other, and we're so overwhelmed that it's hard to transition from one role to the next without leaving something behind.

Fraternity is founded on trust.

Even in the first couple weeks of the year, Brothers from every Chapter told me that they were observing instances of distrust among our Fraternity—instances, though often small and easy to overlook, where we were either too busy or too afraid to depend on one another. Chapter reports aplenty are full of instances in which we dropped the ball, or tasks that a Chair was afraid to delegate, or an outgoing representative that didn't have materials (or the time) to equip the next Brother. Trust is easy to speak to, but hard to live: trust is founded on being vulnerable, of accepting the weaknesses we have. And only once we trust each other, as Brothers, can we go on to other challenges like open dialogue, expressing our fears, and in expressing them, allow one another to truly help.

Fraternity depends on this kind of dialogue. Each of our Chapters is taking on tremendous challenges on campus. And some Chapters are especially troubled by low resources, not always having enough funding or active members to perform at our best. I have found that these Chapters struggle to stay connected to the wider organization, dropping connection to the National Organization, and also to the other Chapters who share their struggle and might otherwise be able to offer advice. It's hard to find the energy to send a message out about new Chapter reps, or to remember who to notify.

But these two key points — that of trusting and of communicating — are the very basis on which all Chapter stability relies. No policy or rule can compel us to do these things. You see, notes on a staff are not music in themselves; they are merely a guide to how to realize that music in the open air. Similarly, our Brotherhood is not manifested in some set of deadlines or checkboxes ... our Fraternity matters too much to reduce our feelings for one another to ink. Our landscape of people, people who live out the purposes of Mu Beta Psi every day on campuses near and far, is the embodiment of our Brotherhood. And as we continue on this ever-growing, ever-changing journey together, I hope we all can find a deeper sense of fraternity.

If in the coming year, you encounter obstacles to the sense of fraternity that you desire, then I hope that you will reach out to your Brothers. Speak up about what's missing, so we can all continue to grow. **MBΨ**



L to R: Heather Vingsness, Katrina Swanson, and Julia Kester

Credit: Scott Bennett

Omicron Chapter with Sweetheart at Relay For Life



Credit: Dorothy Trigg



## National Secretary

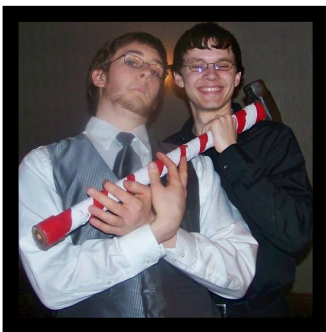
*Christopher Bork · Zeta, AA*

Hello Brothers! Since it's been awhile, I would like to start by reintroducing myself, and my position. My name is Chris Bork, and I pledged at Zeta Chapter in the fall of 2009. While there, I served as Chapter Treasurer and MAL in 2010-2011, and quickly became active in many of the National Committees. I was elected to the office of National Secretary at Nu Convention, 2011, to finish the last two years of a three year term, and was re-elected to a full three year term at Pi Convention, 2013. My wife, fellow Zeta Alumna Shawna (Welsh) and I now reside and work in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota.

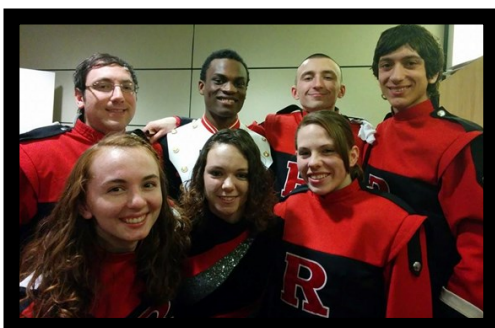
To sum up the position of National Secretary, its focus is to record and maintain the records of the present. I then help transition those records to the National Historian as they become more a part of our past than relevant to the proceedings of today. Duties include keeping minutes for the LC, NEC and BOT, collecting minutes of all other committees to have available for reference, and maintaining the most up-to-date set of National Policies. The position also collects and publishes some of the National Deadline materials due three times a year. With this behind-the-scenes activities covering much of what I am responsible for, many of you may not see much more from me than the updated address lists.

Since Convention 2013, I have not had much fraternal activity beyond the noted collecting deadline materials, and other expected duties. Much of my focus has been on my personal life. My wife, Shawna, and I are anxiously awaiting the birth of our first child in mid-late January 2014. The pregnancy itself has been quite the education, and I can only imagine it being even more after birth and the years to come.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions, comments, concerns, or even a simple hello at any time. I'm willing to address any topic. If I can't address it properly, I'll do what I can to find someone who can. **MBΨ**



L to R: Andrew  
Markel and  
Mathew Pirkola  
  
Credit Hannah  
Kowalewsky



L to R, Back: Christopher Mottes,  
Christiaan Credle, Jake McDonnell,  
Jason Petti  
L to R, Front: Caitlin Kober, Rachel  
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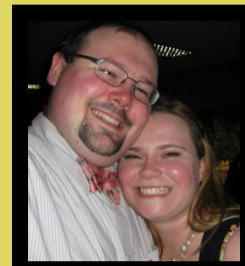


L to R: Tyler Jensen, Tessa Burgess, Jessica Montgomery, Angel Small, Michael Middleton

Credit: Hannah Kowalewsky

Scott Bennett  
and Heather  
Vingsness

Credit: Scott  
Bennett



Nu Chapter

Credit: Kristen Stanton

## *National Historian*

*Nathaniel Kulyk · Xi, AA*

The National History and Archives Committee met on March 18, 2014 in the Brother's Chatroom. We discussed several topics, including the Oral History Project, submissions for the Fraternity Archives which are due on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and the status of the Historian's Website. The committee approved the 2014 edition of the Mu Beta Psi Prospectus, and discussed the idea of allowing for the submission of digital scrapbooks for the "Price"less Memories Scrapbook competition. I was very pleased with the discussion, as all committee members contributed and shared the views of their respective Chapters. While there were different viewpoints, it was ultimately the majority opinion of the committee not to allow digital scrapbooks to be submitted for the competition.

Over the past several months, I assisted the Alumni Association with looking to try and identify Brothers from inactive Chapters. I initiated several discussions with the Music Departments of colleges and universities where we have had a Chapter in the past about best ways to get in contact with alumni. This approach has not been all that successful. The next approach will be to contact the school's Alumni Associations to see if there is information that can be provided. From the historical standpoint, while conducting my research, I found information regarding our Brothers from Beta Chapter and Eta Chapter, including several images from digital yearbooks which were available online. This remains a work in progress, and I would like to try find additional information where possible in the coming year, as well as additional images for the Archives.

I am also pleased to report that the Fraternity Archives has received some additional items over the past few months which were donated by Chris and Traci Rodkey, alumni of Xi Chapter. These include the first "Sounds of Xi" cassette tape, and Xi Goat, the Chapter's mascot. Chapters are encouraged to contact me if they have any documents or items that they would like to either donate to the Archives, or send along a digital copy or image. I will make sure that these are added to the Historian's Website once it is up and running.

Since Convention 2014, I have reached out to all of the National Officers to see how I can be of assistance during the coming year. I spoke with NVPCM Nick Rosencrans about designs for a new Fraternity Seal for the National Organization, and spoke with NT Logan Brackett about ensuring that direct deposits for the Archives storage unit are transferred over in a smooth and timely manner. Additionally, I spoke with Haley Vingsness about the Historian's Website about getting the website up and running this year.

Finally, many thanks to the Chapters for their timely submissions for the Archives on April 30th! **MBΨ**

# Chapter Reports

*Alpha*

*Ashley*

*Ford*

*MAL*

The beginning of the Spring Semester began with a trip to Spain for the Brothers in The Power Sound of the South, NC State's Marching Band from January 2-10, 2014. They performed in the Cabalgata de Reyes Parade in Madrid, and later performed in Toledo. This was definitely a trip that helped "to actively promote fellowship among musicians everywhere" as there were hundreds of thousands of people watching these performances.

The Chapter maintained its usual service responsibilities of setting up and striking for concerts as well as ushering and selling tickets.

Brothers Retreat was during Spring Break in Boone, NC. We rented a cabin in the mountains and spent the weekend enjoying the company of our Brothers. The chapter went hiking, played card games, and really got to enjoy each other's company before heading back to Raleigh.

Dr. Nathan Leaf, the choir conductor, was finally inducted as an Honorary Brother this semester. He is a vital part of our music department and is well known by many of our Brotherhood.

Convention was a 1,107 miles away this year! Due to this distance and there being a choir concert on April 4<sup>th</sup>, Alpha only sent 4 Brothers to "Take a Road Trip" in frosty Marquette, Michigan. Unfortunately, our beloved mascot, Alpha-ca, was stolen for the first (and second) time teaching us a much needed lesson about being aware of our surroundings.

AcapellaFest, a concert consisting of 8 A Capella groups from around the state, was on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the event was to raise money for VH1 Save the Music Foundation and to promote the Fraternity.

This year we have made a lot of changes and updates to our policies and guidelines. Most notably, the Brotherhood decided to delegate more tasks of the Vice President to the National Committee of Chapter Maintenance Representative, therefore adding more responsibility to the NCCM Representative, and promoting the previously appointed position to an elected position on Executive Committee. We are excited to see where this change is going to take the Brotherhood in the future.

Chester the Cheetah's Cheeto Children (affectionately nicknamed C4) were welcomed into the Brotherhood on April 11th. The State Chorale will be representing NC State this summer in Italy as they tour cities like Rome and even perform in the Vatican! From Spain to Italy to the Frozen Tundra, Alpha has been everywhere this semester from meeting Brothers, doing service and spreading the joy of music.

**MBW**

*New Brothers:* Azlyn Arnett, Larissa Jones, Daniel Miller, Sawyer Walters, and Kristen Young.

*New Officers:*

**President** Zach English

**Vice President** Haley Wells

**NCCM Rep** Meredith Stull

**Secretary** Kristen Young

**MAL** Ashley Ford

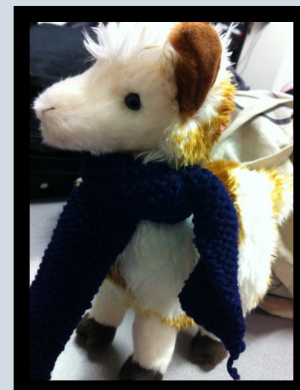
**Treasurer** Emily White

**Service Coordinator** Larissa Jones

**Historian** Ashley Ford

**Rules Committee Chair** Kevin Quick

*Graduating Brothers:* Jeffery Nesbit, Jasmin Telfer, Deion Oakes, Nick Roknich, and Nick Goble





## Zeta

Angela Small · MAL

**New Brothers:** Hannah Kowalewsky, Matthew Pirkola, Andrew Markel, and Trevyn Payne. We also initiated two honorary brothers: Nick Black and Michael Christianson

**New Officers:**

**President** Benjamin Hendrick

**Vice President** Jenna Crouch

**Secretary** Veronica Tabor

**Treasurer** Tyler Jensen

**Historian** Hannah Kowalewsky

**Graduating Brothers:** Alex Slepak, Rebecca Farrer, Andrew Siemen, Robert Smith, Katrina Swanson, and Michael Adler.

This semester Zeta chapter has been very busy. We have had many concerts: a jazz concert featuring Michigan Tech's lab band and R&D band, a double feature of Amahl and the Night Visitors and Swan Lake featuring the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra, a choir concert featuring Michigan Tech's Concert Choir and Chamber Choir, and a band concert featuring Michigan Tech's Wind Symphony and Concert Band. Outside of performing in the concerts, Brothers ushered these events, and hosted receptions for the performers with root beer floats!

Our chapter also volunteered in the community. We cleaned a section of US Highway 41 through Michigan Department of Transportation, and we hosted a Girl Scout Badge Day which involved teaching young girls STEM related skills. We also had fun at a swing dance social with Michigan Tech's chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity that our chapter often volunteers with.

Although Michigan Tech's Visual and Performing Arts events are done for the school year, Zeta chapter will still be volunteering for Club Indigo, a dinner and movie night supporting the local Calumet Theater, throughout the summer. **MBΨ**



Moo and Lizzi Ciskowski (O) photo-bomb Zeta's chapter photo.

Credit: Hannah Kowalewsky

## Omicron

Margaret Strakna · MAL

Omicron Chapter has been pretty busy since Convention! We have had many exciting service events. As always, we helped with several amazing Wind and Jazz Ensemble concerts, as well as Roanoke College Choir and Oriana concerts. We also were able to provide service at several senior projects.

This year's Relay for Life fundraising set a new record for the chapter! Our Relay Committee and two new brothers (Scott Swearingen and myself) were able to help the chapter raise approximately \$200 for the American Cancer Society! A fun time was had by all as we walked through the night to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

From what I've heard so far, this coming year is going to be an exciting and eventful one! It will be full of change for Omicron Chapter, and we are looking forward to it immensely! **MBΨ**

**New Brothers:** Maggie Strakna, Scott Swearingen, Ben Cohn, and Claudia James

**New Officers:**

**President** Natalie Wilkinson

**MAL** Maggie Strakna

**Historian** Claudia James

**Vice President** Christopher Davis

**Treasurer** Caitlyn Gaugler

**NCE Rep** Ben Cohn

**Secretary** Heather Woods

**SMAC** Carrie Dutcher

**Webmaster** Annie Trent

**Graduating Brothers:** Lizzi Ciskowski and Felicity Ratway

*Pi*

*An Le · MAC*

*New Brothers:* Anthony DeCristofano, Ashtyn Greenstein, Casey Lau, Christian Rios, Reuben Rios, Christina Vecchio, and Lindsay Wilkins

*Graduating Brothers:* Julie Manock, Alexandra Henniger, John Costello III, Donna Gomulka, Brandon Eberhardt, Emily Petrick, Ashley Pierce, Brian Eichert, Christian Credle, and Susan Eichert



Pi Chapter's graduating Brothers

At the start of the new year, Pi Chapter went into full blast organizing and hosting Snowball, an annual banquet that was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This year's proceeds went to Broadway Cares/Equity Fight Aids. In February, Pi Chapter had many Brothers perform on television, and at several very popular events such as the Pre-game show for the Super Bowl XL VIII, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon with U2, and Good Morning America for Colin's Birthday Surprise! The start of February was the beginning of our rush week, and we had a blast from building snowmen to karaoke! Thank you to Rachel Uhrig and Debbie Andres for coming up with ideas and making sure everything went smoothly. Later on in February, we had several Brothers perform and help with several theater productions and concerts. In March, we had a Big/Little picnic that was held at the Monster Mini Golf in Edison, NJ – it was scary, but everyone had a blast! Also in March, we held a bake sale, and supported a production in New York City as well as held a Zumba recruitment event!

April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> was Convention, where we won the "Price"less Memories Scrapbook competition and the penny wars for "Best Deco-

rated Jar" and "Least Negative"! Huge shout out to Rho Chapter for being great hosts! See you guys at Mid-Year in Philadelphia and for Convention 2015 at Tau Chapter. While some Brothers were in Marquette, MI, other Brothers performed for a dance marathon to raise funds "FTK" (For The Kids). Overall the Brothers really enjoyed being a part of this wonderful event, which raised \$622,533.98 this year, and will be donated to the Embrace Kids Foundation. Also in April, Brothers watched other Brothers in various performances – some of which were their last performances – as well as helped a few concerts. Brothers also fought against cancer in Relay for Life. April 26<sup>th</sup> was the annual Rutgers Day where Brothers helped and performed with the Marching Scarlet Knights during the parade down College Avenue as well as the Scarlet and White Game in our stadium. On April 27<sup>th</sup> we held our last recruitment event which was called MBoutPside (how punny!). We had barbecued food, volleyball and tie-dye!

During May, Brothers cheered on, and helped with the Symphony Band as well as the Wind Ensemble. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our own alumni picnic with our annual softball game. Of course, we did not keep score because we were having so much fun! Thank you for all that came out; we had a blast!

While new Brothers were being initiated, we discovered that Chrissy Fleming had taken our beloved Henry the Cannon! However, he safely returned at our alumni pic-

nic – traveling with his good friend BLT (AA's mascot)! See you guys at MidYear for more fun!

We do a lot, wear our letters with pride, and most importantly we have a blast doing it. **MBΨ**

**The Brothers of Pi wish all of you a great and joyous summer!**



Brothers performing at the Rutgers University Dance Marathon



*L to R, back:* Todd Vaccaro Jr., Caitlin Kober, Rebecca Hill, Donna Gomulka, An Le, Julie Manock, Emily Petrick  
*L to R, front:* Reuben Rios, Ashtyn Greenstein, Casey Lau, Lindsay Wilkins, Christina Vecchio, Anthony DeCristofano, Christian Rios

*New Officers:*

**President** Jessica Cesarek  
**Vice President** Robb Strieter  
**Secretary** Ashley Ede  
**Treasurer** Jordan Marquez  
**Historian** AnnMarie Ede  
**Assistant Pledge Master** Marissa Gillett-Behrens  
**Service Chair** Margaret Saelens

*Graduating Brothers:* Lindsay Luft, Sammi Quade, Cody Pajtas, and Kristy Priest

## *Rho*

### *Natalie Holbrook · MAL*

Rho Chapter was extremely busy this past semester planning our first ever Convention! We know it was a long trek up here, but we were thrilled to see so many Brothers make the journey through the snow and visit us all da way up in Marquette, eh. Thanks to Brother Katie Mazurowski and her committee for their hard work mapping out the 2014 Rhoad Trip.

Our entire Chapter was extremely pleased with how well Convention went over, and we were glad to hear that all of you, and our Rho Alumni, enjoyed it as well. After this time consuming endeavor, Rho Chapter tried to ease up our extraordinarily busy schedules and relax, but of course there were still things that needed to be done. Service chair Margaret Saelens and her committee organized an ensemble of Brothers to play music at the Children's Museum, where they did a super job playing music to go along with the April theme of super heroes. Rho Chapter was also very excited to present the museum with a xylophone made of wrenches for the kids to play! On April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Rho Brothers helped out at the annual Jazz Fest by handing out shirts, moving equipment, and guiding the middle school and high school bands that came to perform. The festival culminated in a combined performance featuring the winning visiting band, the NMU Jazz Band, and Stefon Harris, professional jazz vibraphonist. Another annual occurrence at Rho Chapter is our Boys vs. Girls Penny Wars to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The girls won this year and we raised \$43.49 total, almost all in coins.

On the social side of things, Brother Natalie Holbrook and her committee held the first ever Rho Spirit of Brotherhood contest (idea borrowed from Alpha Chapter). Throughout the semester, Brothers were awarded points for attending social committee events and completing their Daddy's Duos. The committee also hosted an end of the year cook-in as a final social event for the semester. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, and chatted to say our goodbyes for the summer. We wish everyone a wonderful summer full of music, service, Brotherhood, and of course, relaxation!

**MBΨ**

## *Tau*

### *Jarrett Murray · MAL*

Our Brothers volunteered in SingStrong as well as held an open mic night on campus. We are busy planning Convention 2015 for you guys; it should be the best one yet! We have had great attendance at our meetings. Many of our Brothers participate regularly with our school's concerts and recitals. We initiated seven new Brothers, which brings our chapter total to twenty-four. But as we bring them in we lose three Brothers to graduation. **MBΨ**

*New Officers:*

**President** Gaston Reboredo  
**Vice President** Catie DeLiso  
**Secretary** Laura Sholtz  
**MAL** Jarrett Murray  
**Treasurer** Alex Gilbert  
**Historian** Haley Nordeen  
**Pledge Master** Rachel Avery  
**Parliamentarian** Sierra Stratton  
**NITC Rep** Annika Bergstrom





*Nu*

*Kristen Stanton ·*

*MAŁ*

*New Brothers:* Rachel Bortin, Ellen Bryant, Cheryl Goewey, and Nicole Marlowe

It's been a busy semester at Nu Chapter! It's also been a very snowy semester here in Oswego, and afternoon classes were cancelled on the first day of classes! In February, several Brothers- both Active and Alumni- were involved in the SUNY Oswego production of *Rigoletto*. We also had several fun Rush events!

April was a busy month here at Nu Chapter. Several Nu Chapter Brothers made the trip to Marquette, Michigan and enjoyed meeting Brothers at Convention! A week later, we gained four new Brothers and later that weekend, some Brothers also were able to visit Pi Chapter. In late April and early May the spring musical, *Young Frankenstein*, took place. Several Brothers were also involved in the production, either backstage, in the pit, or onstage. Brothers were also in the starring roles of Frederick Frankenstein and Igor! In May, there were also several end-of-the-semester concerts that Brothers were a part of, or helped usher. The whole semester we helped usher concerts and events, in addition to helping the music department in any capacity they needed us in.

We all have learned a lot this year, and what a year it's been! As of April 10<sup>th</sup>, Nu Chapter is now 20 years old! In June, there is going to be a reunion that many Brothers plan on attending. This was also the last year for a few years that we were able to be in our music building, Tyler Hall. For the next few years it will be renovated and updated, and music classes will be held in other buildings on campus. **MBΨ**

## *Alumni Association*

Hello from the old people! We in the AA sometimes have trouble remembering what happens from year to year, but here's our best guess of what's been going on.

*Chrissy Fleming · President*

*Tara Waybrant · MAŁ*

The Alumni Association has been moseying on at its usual pace--casually moving forward to reach out to more Brothers and to provide more opportunities for Service and Brotherhood for alumni and collegiate Brothers alike. Our Thoughtfuleless Committee has been reaching out to Alumni in the form of celebration and support. Our Gathering Committee has been talking about how we can get social events to occur in different regions of the U.S. so that all Alumni Brothers have the opportunity to see their Brothers outside of Convention and MidYear. The AA has been making funds available for such events to take place. Our Service Committee is going through the growing pains of a restructure, and will be taking a more regional approach to keeping our members active in the fulfillment of our purposes. We are always looking for people to join committees and get involved in AA activities. If you are interested in joining a committee please contact our President Chrissy Fleming ([divabiscuit@gmail.com](mailto:divabiscuit@gmail.com)).

We also have a grant program called the Music Makers Fund, which we use to give money to musical organizations or



individuals in need across the country. If you know an organization who could use some extra funding, or if you would like to donate to the Music Makers Fund, you can find more information on our website.

The main Alumni Association event between Conventions, MidYear Weekend, took place in Charlotte, NC from Aug 23rd-25<sup>th</sup> 2013. Chrissy Fleming was elected for her 5th term as President, Chris Ciarlariello was elected (again) as VP, Ryan Hauck was re-elected for Treasurer, and Garrett Cooperman was elected as Assistant MAL, but mostly we enjoyed having a cookout, visiting an arcade, karaoke, poolside recreation, swarming a restaurant with Brothers (some things never change!) and generally just basking in the warmth of North Carolina with our beloved family of Brothers.

We have been working to update our alumni records to improve our outreach to ALL alumni Brothers. The AA wants to be more accessible to all Brothers so that the transition from collegiate Brother to Alumni is smoother and these younger Alumni remain involved in the Fraternity. If you are graduating in the near future or have recently graduated, CONGRATULATIONS and JOIN THE AA! The first year of Chapter dues is FREE! Check it out on our website or contact our Treasurer, Ryan Hauck ([Ryan.Hauck@gmail.com](mailto:Ryan.Hauck@gmail.com)).

We have added a fun new blog/special interest section to the homepage of our website, run by Brother Andy Bronson, which will feature meditations, ramblings, news, interviews, and updates. Everyone should absolutely check out [alumni.mubetapsi.org](http://alumni.mubetapsi.org) for the latest AA news and information on how to join the Alumni Association. **MBΨ**

**Our MidYear this year will be July 18-20 in Philadelphia, PA. This event is open to ALL BROTHERS AND BROTHERS' OTHERS (friends, family members, etc).**



*L to R, back:* Emily Petrick, Donna Gomulka, Caitlin Kober, Julie Manock, An Le, Todd Vaccaro Jr., Rebecca Hill

*L to R, front:* Christian Rios, Lindsay Wilkins, Ashtyn Greenstein, Anthony DeCristofano, Christina Vecchio, Reuben Rios, Casey Lau

Credit: An Le



Balls (Nu), BLT (AA), and Henry the Cannon (Pi) are hanging out.

Credit: Chrissy Fleming

*L to R:* Natalie Holbrook and Katie Mazurowski

Credit: Andrew Fleming



*L to R:* Daniel Miller, Larissa Jones, Kristen Young, Azlyn Arnett, Sawyer Walters

Credit: Ashley Ford



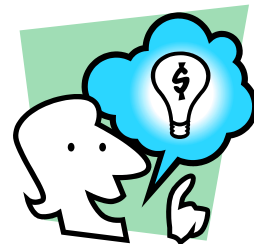
*L to R:* Dorothy Trigg, Maggie Strakna, and Moo

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