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Delta Chapter Celebrates 80 Years

January 16th marks a Mu Beta Psi milestone anniversary at
Clemson University

"We hope this publication will be an inspiration for active members to continue carrying on the objectives of Mu Beta Psi and will provide an incentive for inactive members and alumni to take a renewed effort in our organization"

-Ted Halverson, first National Editor of The Clef.

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What does the National President DO, anyway?

Chrissy Fleming, National President
Alumni Association / Mu Chapter



If you haven't been snuggling up with our national policies for some bedtime reading, the office of National President may seem like a bit of a mystery. Even if you do read all the policies that mention responsibilities of the National President including the National Constitution, Legislative Council Policy, NEC Policy, National Office Operations Policy, to name just a few - it's hard to get a complete picture of what the job really is. Every Brother who has held this office has their own take on the job; here's mine.

I think the most important part of my job is to set the tone, pace, and vision for the Fraternity during my term. With just a year to accomplish my goals, I have to be focused and keep everyone moving forward towards common goals. Before I dove into the day-to-day activities of the Fraternity, I started by having every National Officer and Committee Chair read all of our policies and set goals with me, so we could all be on the same page and work together. A lot of the challenge for focus is saying "no" to some really great ideas, because we only have so much time, resources, and attention from the Chapters to spend, and it has to be spent on things that matter most this year.

My day-to-day duties might involve having an online chat with an NO in the morning, answering a few email questions from committee chairs and chapters throughout the day, putting together the agenda for the next NEC meeting, and calling an officer or two at night to see how things are going. I attend BoT meetings when they're called and try to check in on the progress of other National Committees. I occasionally hold officer hangouts and office hours--some of my favorite opportunities to relax and talk to Brothers. Doing the job well also means taking an interest in the diverse activities we take on--everything from how to promote the expansion of Fraternity to reducing the mailing costs of shingles.

In addition to all the NEC responsibilities, I'm responsible for setting the agenda and helping to plan Convention. I kicked-off conversations Alpha Chapter back in March, and we'll be working very closely together as Convention draws near. This an exciting year for us because Alpha Chapter and I want to try a lot of new things!

Probably my most cherished responsibility is being a role model and encouraging the spirit Brotherhood throughout the year. That might mean sending out an April Fool's prank or an email about the importance of respectful dialogue, or getting Brothers to share more of their activities on Facebook. Sure, there's a lot of work to be done, but none of it is worth anything if we don't genuinely being Brothers.

It's a challenging office, but also such wonderful privilege. If you're thinking you might like National President someday, please reach out to me!



Every year in December, my friends and I do a cookie bake-a-thon where we make hundreds of cookies in a single day. Here's one of our most popular cookies:

Peanut Blossom Cookies

(All measurements are for a double batch, because trust me, you'll want more than a single)

- 3 ½ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 cup Crisco
- 1 cup peanut butter (I recommend Jif)
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- Lots of Hershey kisses

Mix thoroughly. Form into small balls (smaller than you'd think--golf balls are too big). Bake at 350 until slightly golden (12ish minutes). Remove from oven and place a Hershey kiss in the center of each ball. They're delicious!



Colonization 101

Andy Bronson, National Vice President of Expansion
Alumni Association / Nu Chapter



It's been awhile since our last training semester for colonization, so in this edition of The Clef, I thought that I'd talk a little bit about the procedures involved when we get into the training of members at new Colonies.

These are the procedures we follow after a Colony's petition has been approved. One of the biggest things done early on is the appointment of big Brothers. The National Vice President of Expansion (NVPE) works with the host pledgemasters to determine the best fit. During Tau's training, each colonist had a Big Brother from Pi Chapter and from the Alumni Association. These Big Brothers are required to attend initiations and keep weekly contact with their colonists.

The training period lasts between eight and ten weeks as outlined in our colonization procedures, which Brothers can access at any time on the Intranet. It's much like a pledging semester, and colonists even get tested on things ranging from the basics of our Fraternity to the Greek alphabet and our Chapters, to their own school's alma mater and fight songs. The training program is developed by the NVPE and the Host Pledgemasters, working in conjunction with the National Committee on Expansion. The tests are administered by the Colony's Pledgemaster, who takes the test first and is graded before given the answer key. This helps the Colony be ready for an active pledging semester right from the get-go. The Colony's Pledgemaster won't be given any privileged information until after initiations, though.

During this training period, the Colony will have weekly meetings, just like our Chapter meetings, where they discuss more ideas for service and are administered the week's test of information. During these meetings, they will also make any changes to their Bylaws that the Board of Trustees may require.

During this semester, the colonists will wear pins and carry their training books at their own discretion, because we can't be positive at what their campus would and wouldn't allow. Colonists are also required to develop a points system to ensure that they're studying and are participating in service. They are required to create paddles as well.

While the Colony trains, the NVPE presents a petition for a Charter, which would make the colony a Chapter. The approval of the Charter is contingent upon at least twelve of the trainees passing their final test and is voted upon by the Legislative Council at their next scheduled meeting.

At the end of the training semester, the NVPE and Host Pledgemasters work on the initiation ceremony, usually with a weekend of activities planned. During Tau's installation, the training staff created activities for Brothers to do around the Washington, D.C. area, and the activities culminated with the final ceremonies.

There are a few things I've omitted in order to keep this a manageable length, but if this article piqued your curiosity, please feel free to reach out to me – all of my contact info can be found in the address list. Happy holidays to you and yours!



The National Treasurer Position – Is it Abominable?

Tyler Jensen, National Treasurer
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter



The year is quickly coming to a close and there is only three months left until Convention! This is an even shorter time for those who have an interest in running for any position, especially National Treasurer (NT). What I hope to accomplish in this article is not only provide insight to what this position is all about, but to hopefully abolish the fears of any who are uncertain as to whether they want to run for this position.

Let's dive into whether or not you should consider running for this position. If you're thinking about it, OF COURSE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING! Let me give you some advice: NEVER compare yourself to your competition and make that a factor in your decision on whether to run or not. If you think you're qualified, have the time and the desire to run, then do it. You don't have to major in finance or accounting to be qualified for National Treasurer. You are also not required to have prior experience with fraternity finances to run. Sure, these experiences can help prove your case as to why you are qualified to handle the responsibilities of NT, but they are not requirements. Anyone can be trained to do this job. Here is a list of the top four characteristics that any person considering the position should embody:

1. Detail-orientated and meticulous: You can look at this position as that of a financial historian. We have records that need to be updated regularly to reflect the flow of finances in the Fraternity during your time in the position. You want to be as detailed as possible when recording these transactions because if you leave them vague you are setting up future NTs for failure. Five, or even seven years down the road, people should be able to look back and understand what the line-items represent- I say seven because you only need to maintain records up to seven years back. Anything older can be destroyed.
2. Transparent: Be as transparent as possible with the current state of finances of the organization. There is nothing confidential about our practices or finances. Even though it isn't required, provide an update to your fellow Brothers at least every month. This practice brings everyone up to speed with the current financial state of the organization. They may even catch something you missed that could be of concern. This way, you are not the sole person responsible and it allows everyone to be informed and held accountable.
3. Excellent communicator: To have excellent transparency, you need to be an excellent communicator. Most of the time, you are speaking with individuals who are not financially savvy. You'll need to be able to explain concepts and terms in a fashion that everyone can pick up on quickly, instead of having to explain every single term over and over again. Honestly, this requirement is a necessity for any position, but it is always worth emphasizing.
4. Willing to learn: This position is not rocket science- thank goodness or I would be in trouble. If you have a good head on your shoulders you can handle this position.

There are many different types of experience in your personal and fraternal life that can refine and exemplify the traits needed for this position. I could go on for hours about necessary traits and how they benefit one's ability to hold this position, but I'm not ready to write a book just yet. If you ever want me to expand on anything I mentioned above, give me a call!

Now, let's cover some of the more frequent responsibilities of the National Treasurer. There is a document on the intranet called the NEC Policy Manual that outlines every responsibility of the NT. Many of these are broad and don't give specific details to the actual tasks, but that is why there is a transitioning period where the previous NT works to bring the new NT up to speed on their responsibilities. If I were to give an overview, I would put the responsibilities into four major categories: national submissions, the NFC, managing the Psi Pstore, and managing/handling the finances. These of course branch out into more detailed tasks, but this at least gives you an idea of the most common requirements of the position. If you ever want a more detailed breakdown of what is included in each category, again just give me a shout! I would be more than happy to give a more in-depth explanation.

What am I trying to get at by typing all of this? ANYONE in this organization could hold this position. It doesn't matter what degree you pursue or already have. You are not required to have prior experience with our organization's finances.

If you are serious about wanting to take on this position, then I am confident that you will have taken the necessary steps to address any shortcomings that could inhibit your ability to handle this job. If you're not sure, then reach out! I hadn't considered running until I spoke with Jen Staten (the current NT at the time). I can work with you to figure out whether or not this is something you can see yourself in. So, back to my original question: The National Treasurer Position – Is it really abominable? Only if you perceive it as abominable.

MU BETA PSI STORE

Are you a Brother looking for a snazzy accent to your business suit? Something eye catching that you can utilize to spark conversations with potential employers? Try out one of the professional apparel from the Psi Pstore! We have tons of different accents from tie tacks, tie bars, pins, cuff links, etc.

At the moment we have a limited time item: The silver plated Coat of Arms pendant!

If you are looking for something a little more personal, the lavalier with a crystal is the right choice for you! You can personalize it with a birth stone, school colors, or a pearl! Order it with a silver or gold plated chain or on its own!



Brother's pin cufflinks.



Brother's pin cufflinks.



Brother's key tie bar

Did You Know?

Danielle Booms, National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter

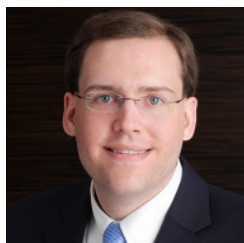


All of Mu Beta Psi's governing documents and even a few useful guides are available on the intranet. Just click on Knowledgebase and peruse through the "Governing Documents" and "Guides" subfolders. The table below provides a quick list of just some of the items available in the knowledgebase:

Document	Document	Primary Users	Additional Users
Constitution	National Constitution	All Brothers	All Brothers
Behavior Policies	Hazing Policy	All Brothers	All Brothers
	Sexual Harassment Policy	All Brothers	
Governing Documents	Substance Abuse Policy	All Brothers	All Brothers
	Board of Trustees (BOT) policy manual	BOT	
	National Officer Installation	CBOT	
	Legislative Council (LC) Policy	MALS and MAL-Es	
	Chapter Maintenance (CM) Policy Manual	NCCM	
	Expansion Policy	NCE	
	Colonization Procedures	NCE, HPMs	
	Strategic Planning Policy	NEC	
	National Office Operations Policy (NOOP)	NEC	
	National Executive Committee Policy Manual	NEC	
	Resignation, Indisposition, and Default (RID) Policy	NEC, BOT	
	Non-Functioning Chapter and Reinstatement Policy	NEC, PBOT	
	Finance Policy	NFC	
	National History and Archives (NHAC) Committee Policy	NHAC	
	Information Technology (IT) Policy	NITC	
	National Scholarship Policy	NSMC	
	National Scholarship Management Committee (NSMC) Policy	NSMC	
Guides	Branding, Style, and Identity Guide	All Brothers	All Brothers
	Emergency Communication Plan	All Brothers	
	Inter-Chapter Incentive Program Guidelines	All Brothers	
	Intranet Meeting Tips	All Brothers	
	Online Representation Guidelines	All Brothers	
	Guide on Approved, Restricted, and Prohibited Content	All Brothers	

Angels in the Snow

Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian
Alumni Association / Xi Chapter



From the Recorded Minutes of Alpha Chapter, dated November 28, 1956:

"The president called the meeting to order at 7:40. Rehearsal of Christmas songs was the main topic of the night. It was decided that a one hour Monday night (Dec. 10) rehearsal and a short rehearsal after the next meeting (Dec. 12) would suffice for Christmas caroling Thursday night Dec. 13. Since the girls from neither Meredith nor St. Mary's could participate in the event, members from the Glee Club will be asked to join us."

"Angels in the Snow"

Music and Lyrics by Rev. Ernest K. Emurian, Brother of Beta Chapter.

How I remember, long ago December,

Happy children making angels in the snow

While we were sleighing, we would see them playing

Happy children making angels in the snow!

Christmas chimes were ringing, heavenly choirs were singing,

Santa's toys were bringing joy to every heart!

How I remember, long ago December,

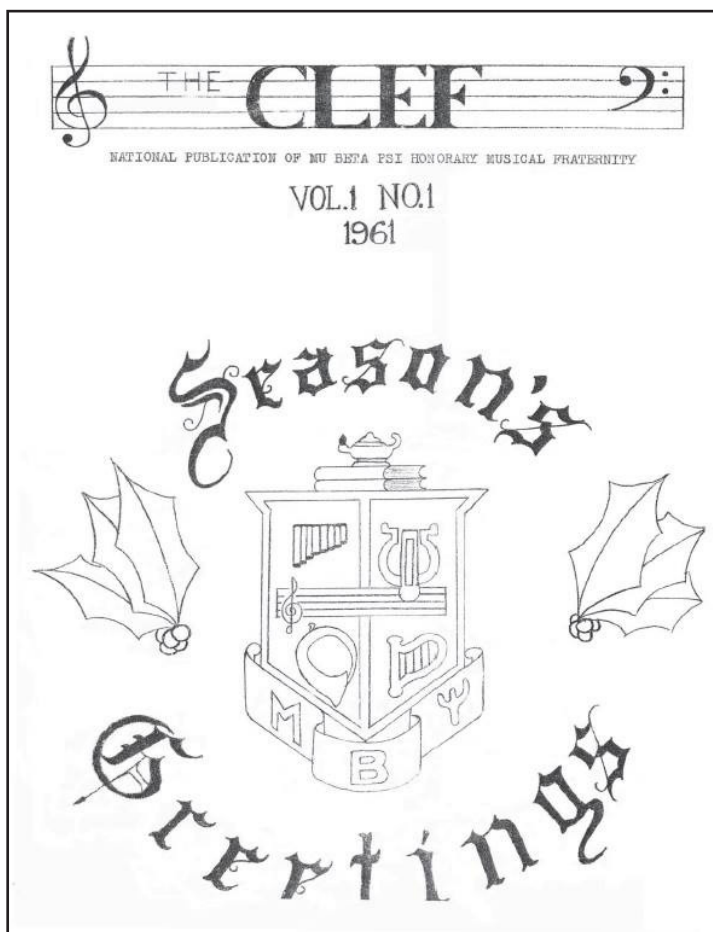
Happy children making angels in the snow!

From the Recorded Minutes of Alpha Chapter, dated November 26, 1963:

The Christmas Party Committee gave a report on its findings. It was suggested that the party be held in Pullen Hall and an admission fee be charged. The Committee was also asked to work out a date for the party and other details.

December 10, 1963:

A report was given on the Christmas Party. It was decided to have the party on Wednesday, December 18, at 8 PM. Several members were appointed to determine how many member will be present, then additional plans will be made.



Editor's Note: When I asked Nathaniel what kind of historical information he had for a holiday edition, he mentioned he could look in the archives. He also informed me that this wouldn't be the first holiday edition- the first ever edition of The Clef was a holiday edition! I have read over the first edition multiple times for inspiration and never connected that fact. Maybe this subconsciously prompted me to push for a winter edition of The Clef.

Meet Our Board of Trustees

Andrew Fleming



Greetings from NYC! It's been a much quieter year for me in the Fraternity; after four years of serving as Chairman of the Board, I've been happy to focus more on my advisory role this year. I hold the Standards Advisor position, concerned with the usage, display, history, and preservation of our Fraternal symbols. What does this mean? It means I work with Chapters when they have questions about whether they should display the Coat of Arms in a certain way, or helping them learn why we do some things the way we do.

Outside of the advisory position, I'm also thinking a lot about the future structure of the Fraternity. Do we have the right Board we need? Do we have the right National Officer positions to move forward? What does this Fraternity look like in the future? If you're interested in these things too, or have some ideas, come chat with me!

In between Psi meetings, I live in Brooklyn with current National President Chrissy and our two-year-old daughter Kaylee. I work in technology for The Wall Street Journal, generally trying to create better ways for people to get information and learn about what's happening in the world. I enjoy traveling whenever and wherever possible and am looking forward to seeing everyone in Raleigh in the spring!

-Andrew Fleming, PBOT Standards Advisor

Ben Griffith



My role on the Board of Trustees is to review proposals for changes and usages of the name and images of the Fraternity to ensure the most freedom while continuing our traditions and reputation. Along with several other "oldsters," I also serve as a repository of long dead decisions, facts and fictions about our Fraternity.

In the "real world", I remain the Vice Chair of Psychiatry for Academics at the Greenville Health System. I was recently promoted to Captain in the Navy Reserve where I am the Senior Medical Executive for the Reserve component of Navy Hospital Jacksonville, FL. I also continue to sing with the Greenville Chorale having recently completed Bloch's Avodath Hakodesh and the Bernstein Chicester Psalms.

Allie continues to stress. It is college application time and she does not know where she wants to live and work 35 years from now.

Owen still has not figured out that we can monitor his homework completion on the computer. He is amazed that we still have the ability to catch him dodging.

And so the season turns to mid school-year. The drone of consistent work and lost weeks to homework and on call and practices, only occasionally punctuated by sickness or concerts or Navy Reserve work.

In one of the best things in my life, I will celebrate the 24th anniversary of my marriage to fellow Kappa Founding Father, Amanda in December.

Chris Ciarlariello



I pledged Mu Upsilon Alpha (now Pi Chapter) in Spring 2006. There I served as Music Chair and Chapter President. I have also served as the Vice President of the Alumni Association and as National President. I am currently the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. As such, I oversee our National Goals. My personal goals for this year include revising our current National Goals to make them understandable by all Brothers and putting them into a uniform format. I am also working on assessing our current goals and creating new goals to better meet the needs and function of our Fraternity.

Now on to a little bit about me. I am married to my Pledge Brother, Molly (Wood) Ciarlariello, and have a beautiful baby boy, Mason. I am an instrumental music teacher in New Jersey teaching grades 4-12 and also serve as the Assistant Marching Band Director for our High School. I enjoy performing as a woodwind doubler whenever the opportunity arises and playing whenever I can. I also enjoy cooking and acting. Please feel free to reach out to me if you ever have any questions or need any advice.

Matt Zander



As the PBoT Membership Advisor, I am responsible for ensuring that pledging and initiation rituals are carried out in accordance with national policies. I act as a primary support for the two National Vice Presidents, assisting them with their maintenance and expansion efforts and serving as an advisor to their committees.

I currently work as a Senior Supplier Quality Engineer at Boston Scientific Corporation in Maple Grove, MN, and next year I'll be celebrating 10 years there. BSC is a medical device manufacturer specializing in minimally invasive devices, and I work with our component suppliers, particularly our injection molded plastic and electronic suppliers, to assure that they provide BSC with good materials.

My wife Andrea, also a Zeta alum, and I celebrated our 20th anniversary last June with a weeklong trip to Victoria, BC where we went whale watching, explored tide pools, and visited the Royal British Columbia Museum. We have two daughters at home, Olivia (11) and Fern (2), as well as a small menagerie (3 cats, rabbit, 2 lizards, 3 birds, many fish). Olivia has started on string bass this year now that she can join orchestra, and Fern has just discovered the joy of ice cream.

Bryan Reamer



As the PBoT Records Management Advisor, Bryan Reamer oversees the National Officers to ensure that records are properly preserved. In this role, he acts as an advisor to the National Historian and the National Secretary and assists them with their specific duties as requested. He sits on the National History and Archives Committee as a non-voting member. Bryan has held this advisory role since 2007.

SHARE YOUR MOMENT

The moments that make our Brotherhood strong are happening every day. You can help others experience what matters most to you. Capture your moment and send it to the official publication of our fraternity. Send your pictures and captions to theclef@mubetapsi.org anytime.

Delta Chapter: 80 Years of Brotherhood

By Katelynne Hendrick, Technical Writer

Special Thanks to Nathaniel Kulyk (National Historian) and Ryan Hauck (Delta, Fall 1993)

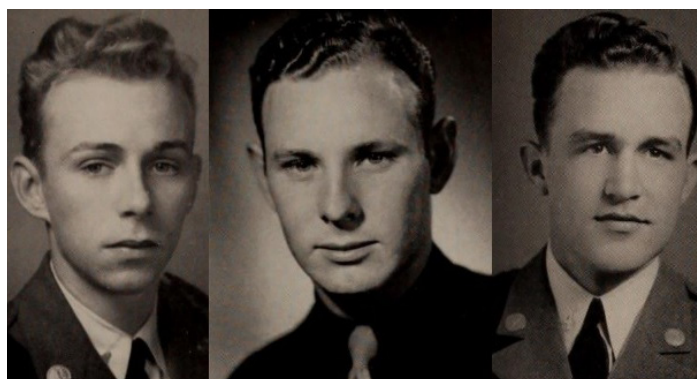
Amid the numerous holiday celebrations, Mu Beta Psi is also celebrating another milestone: the 80th anniversary of Delta Chapter's founding.

A letter dated September 29, 1930 was exchanged between Robert Orr (Beta) and Charles Pace. Pace was the manager and director for The Jungaleers, a famous jazz group at Clemson College (it became Clemson University in 1964). Though Pace felt it was "an opportune time for the installation of such an organization," the chapter was not established until 1937.

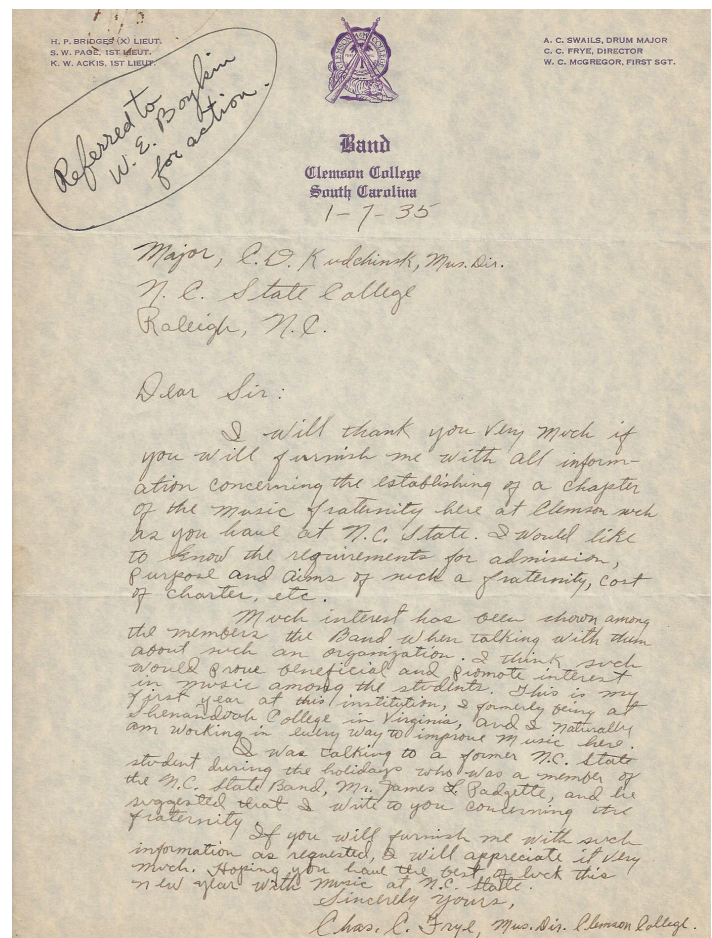
On January 7, 1935, Clemson Music Director C.C. "Toby" Frye (considered the Father of Delta Chapter) contacted Major Kutchinski to express interest. 18 founding Brothers of Delta established Delta chapter on January 16, 1937.

Delta Chapter was inactive during World War II, but on March 7, 1946, a letter was sent to Major Kutchinski to reorganize the chapter. The senders were Delta Brothers Charles A. Spencer (Class of 1943), Joseph C. Simmons (Class of 1944) and George Bonnette (Class of 1941).

Mu Beta Psi was involved in band, glee club, and founded the Jazz Ensemble. Nathaniel Kulyk adds, "The marching band was also well-populated with Brothers who filled leadership roles and helped Tiger Band become one of the University's most recognizable symbols." Additionally, Delta was involved in orchestra and the gospel choir. "Mu Beta Psi was synonymous with the band," explained Hauck,



Charles A. Spencer (Class of 1943), Joseph C. Simmons (Class of 1944) and George Bonnette (Class of 1941).



The letter exchanged between Robert Orr and Charles Pace regarding expansion of Mu Beta Psi.

due to their heavy involvement in music organizations and that "for decades, almost every band officer was a Delta."

After 40 years as an all-male fraternity, Delta merged with Psi Mu Psi, a sister sorority, in March 1976, creating an organization of almost 50 individuals.

Hauck explained that during his time as an active at Delta, the chapter was large and diverse, both musically and in regards to people. Kulyk adds, "Delta Chapter's legacy was a group that was, along with the rest of the fraternity, co-ed, multi-cultural, multi-racial, and cross-ensemble. Delta was at times the most diverse organization at Clemson University."

Hauck describes the chapter culture as "very hardcore in both business and fun. We had the business sense of Alpha and the laid-back sense of Mu and we took

Charter members, Delta Chapter, Mu Beta Psi, Clemson College,
Installed Jan. 16, 1939.
37 - Abbeville, S.C.

1 C.C. Frye	
2 H.C. Acrean	38 - Florence, S.C.
3 J.K. Chapman	38 - Greenwood, S.C.
4 G.H. Galhoun	37 - Greenwood, S.C.
5 A.C. Patterson, Jr.	37 - Rock Hill, S.C.
6 S.E. Campbell	37 - Fairhaven, Mass.
7 F.E. All	38 (Abbeville, S.C.)
8 H.M. Faris	38 - Clowee, S.C.
9 R.S. Witherspoon	38 - Safford, Pa.
10 R.M. Murray	38 - Spartanburg, S.C.
11 D.C. Meyer	38 - Greenville, S.C.
12 W.E. Duvall, Jr.	38 - Charon, S.C.
13 R.H.C. Steever	37 - Lybourn, Penna.
14 S.T. Rogers	37 - Mauldin, S.C.
15 R.M. Denny	38 - Bishopville, S.C.
16 A.W. Gumbinger	39 - Orangeburg, S.C.
17 D.N. Starr	40 - Walterboro, S.C.
18 L.A. Paeitzel	41 - Beaufort, S.C.
19	

The list of the Delta Chapter charter members.
both parts of our brotherhood very seriously."

Fifteen Delta Brothers have served as National President, and several notable alumni have come from Delta Chapter. Dr. Timothy Bennett (Fall, 1983) continues to incorporate music and service in his life as a Contemporary worship singer-songwriter. He performs under the stage-name T. Culler and is an artist for "Mission of Mercy" to address homelessness and hunger. Edwin J. Freeman (May 1939) composed

"Tiger Rah!" (Clemson's official fight song 1935-1947), founded the Industrial Engineering department, and was a professor and band advisor. The legacy continued when his son, Edwin A. Freeman, became a Brother in October 1947. He was also a music professor and served as an advisor through the early 2000s.

For decades, Mu Beta Psi-Delta Chapter was the oldest active greek organization at Clemson, but despite admirable effort, it became inactive in 2005. Despite this, many Delta alumni are still actively involved in the fraternity and regularly attend homecoming, musical events and more at Clemson. In fact, some Delta

B r o t h e r s
are still
employed
by the
University.
T h o u g h
there is
no longer
an active
chapter at
C l e m s o n ,
the spirit
of Mu Beta
Psi's Delta
chapter still
runs deep.



Clemson Music Direction C.C. "Toby" Frye; he was considered the father of Delta Chapter.

DELTA BRICK DEDICATION

BY RYAN HAUCK

Several months ago CUTBA ("Clemson University Tiger Band Association", the alumni band booster organization for the marching band) re-announced a fundraiser idea where individuals or groups could purchase engraved bricks for the new(ish) Tiger Band plaza. The plaza is a huge project that enhances the band rehearsal field.

I thought a brick would be a great way to permanently put Delta's name on campus around the music program; other than a few small scholarships and awards every year, Mu Beta Psi does not have a permanent or noticeable presence at Clemson. So I polled the Delta alumni and got a great response. We raised the first \$500 almost immediately and then over the next few months raised an additional \$500 for a bonus second brick. I thought that was pretty neat. Delta alumni have always shown willingness to help raise money when needed--this is at least the third fundraiser effort I've asked for help with in the last 15 years--and I got some contributions from alumni all through the decades. It was really neat. I'm hoping one day I can show a revived Delta those bricks.

Incidentally, both John Butler and Bruce Cook are Delta honorary brothers. Butler was also NES for a few years in the 60's. Of the names of major donors in the former article, several of them are Delta alumni: Mike Schwehr, LeRoy Adams, Teresa Betsill, Hank Owen, Tony and Debbie Stapleton [Tony is a former NP], and Dave McGregor.

Snowy Updates from Zeta Chapter

By Hannah Kowalewsky

Zeta Chapter

We are living in an interactive snow globe once again here in Zeta Country. In three days we went from green grass to about two feet of snow! The weather hasn't stopped us from keeping busy here. From hosting our spaghetti supper fundraiser, having a pledge class of three (Baby Got Bach), pep band craziness, Wind Symphony tour fun, Tuba Christmas (where some of our Rho Bros played as well), Bone Choir Showcase, The Messiah with the Orchestra and Choirs, and so much more, we have had a non-stop semester! Many visitors have come up to Houghton (including many Alumni) and also back and forth visits with our amazing Rho Bros! We even have ZetaCon planning in full swing; we are going to make sure it isn't a minor event in your calendar for 2018! The Huskies Pep Band had its now annual "fashion show", or what is to be described as...well...no words can really describe the experience. During our finals week, we have time to spend time at our Alumni Potluck, where we have our annual Secret Brother, and gather one final time before break at one of our Advisor's houses for a meal and caroling. We hope the best of holiday spirit and best wishes into 2017 to all of our amazing Brothers!



Zetas after Wind Symphony concert Nov. 12th. Premiered Honorary Brother, Libby Meyer, piece.



Lots of numbers Our three lovely new Brothers at Zeta from "Baby got Bach"



Rhos and Zetas at NMU for football! Nov. 5th

Nu Chapter has some Visitors

By Andy Pullen

Nu Chapter MAL and Vice President

Dani Booms had come to visit Nu chapter here in Oswego from November 4th through November 6th. She was able to be a part of one important event for our chapter, "Overnight". The event is a tradition that helps create a stronger bond between the pledges and the Brothers. With it being a mock pledge event due to not having an actual pledge class this semester, it was a bit different for everyone, but we executed the event as normal and had a critical discussion about its purpose and ways to improve it. Dani was also informed of our previous event where we had a critical discussion about changing a major part of a ritual, due to complication of multiple pledge classes with a specific part of it. Dani had major input not only as a national officer, but a loving Brother with concerns and pointers of how to take in the situation and going about to correct it for future pledge classes. All the Brother listened intently and took every bit of advice to heart, having another Brothers opinion from outside our chapter was a huge eye opener and allowed us to take on new perspectives of the event. After the "Overnight" event is a social bonding event afterwards where all the Brothers stay at a Brothers house for an after party, including the Pledges. The night always consists of card games, movies, food, jokes, and a conglomerate of memories to be shared. Dani and Julia both partook in every aspect, from beating us in games, to socially inclining everyone to have fun. The Entire Brotherhood had a wonderful times making memories and inside jokes with Dani and Julia. They even gave us a few pointers while playing an intense game of tossing a Frisbee around.

Our chapter had welcomed Dani and Julia with open arms, and they had graciously accepted us as easily as we did them! Not only was the advice from a national officer in person a new experience to others, it helped weigh in our chapters decisions and thought process to our events. The majority of the Brotherhood loved being able to just hang out with them as just Brothers and people. There was an air of high respectability to having a national officer at our events, but the level of friendship that all Brothers in the bond feel was well demonstrated. The "Overnight" party is when the majority of the Brothers came to realize how individualized a national officer really is, they are Brothers just like everyone else.

Dani Booms' and Julia Kester's visit to Nu was meant to help alleviate the pressure of tension between Brothers in the Fraternity. Many of the Brothers had a personal experience that helped bond them with the Brotherhood, achieving the goal of spreading Brotherhood love. Nu chapter always welcomes our national officers and can't wait to have any one of them back at any time!



National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Dani Booms in Nu chapters Trads, holding the beloved mascot "Lady Lumps"



Webmaster Julia Kester, a Nu Alumni, wearing her Trads

Soup Bowl: Marching Band vs. Glee Club

An annual football game between the Rutgers Marching Band and the Rutgers Glee Club; who will come out on top?

By Michael Rehorn

MAL, Pi Chapter

The annual Soup Bowl is a wonderful tradition that goes on here at Rutgers. It is a full-contact flag football game played between the Marching Band and the Glee Club at the end of every fall semester, and it has been played every year since 1971. The tradition began when the two organizations were confronted with a problem: there was only time for one group to perform during that season's homecoming game. Being that both organizations were under the direction of Austin "Soup" Walter, they decided that a game of football between the two would be the best way to decide who would get to perform. And thus, Soup Bowl was born! The game no longer holds the same stakes, but has been played every year and still fuels a friendly rivalry between the two groups.



Pi Chapter Brother Michael 'Smiley' Vera and Joe Unkel on the defensive line for the Marching Band

This year, the Soup Bowl (colloquially known as "Soup") was played on November 13th, 2016. The Glee Club came out on top this year, winning 33-7. This was their third win in a row, following a 4 year winning streak held by the Marching Band. There were only 2 current Brothers who played on the Marching Band team this year, myself (Mike Rehorn) and Christian Rios, along with alumni Brothers, Michael 'Smiley' Vera and Todd Vaccaro Jr., (who are on the band's staff) coming back to help coach and play when needed.

Pi Chapter came up with a new idea this year for the game as well. In addition to the MBΨ Store we usually run (selling snacks, drinks, hot chocolate, ramen, etc.), we decided to hold a secondary contest to see whether the Marching Band or the Glee Club could collect more canned/non-perishable foods in the weeks leading up to the game. The Marching Band won this contest, and in total 171 pounds of food were donated to Franklin Food Bank as a result of the collection. This is definitely something we would like to continue in the future, seeing how successful it was after just one year!



Nearest to farthest: Mike Rehorn (Pi Brother), Topher Farmer, Lukas House, and Dom DeLorenzo rush to recover a fumble on defense

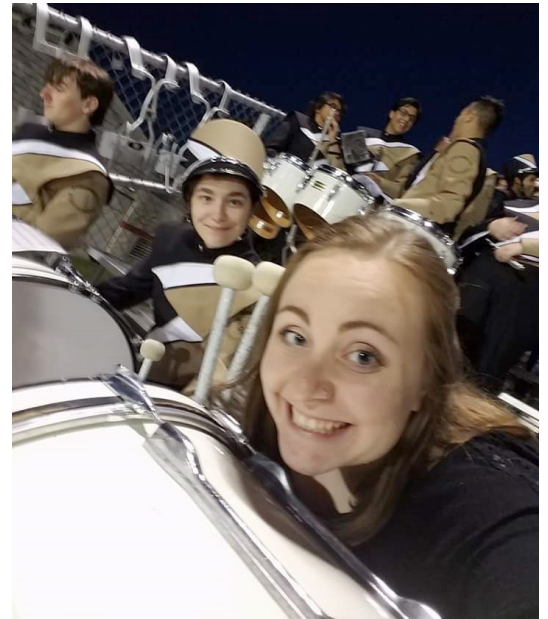
When Do You Stop Being A Brother?

By Sarah Gardner
Rho Chapter MAL

When I went to my first convention, I was very confused by the amount of older people there. I thought Fraternities were for college students only, and that you kind of just quit after you graduate. To my surprise, the vast majority of Brothers involved at the national level have been graduated for a few years. Since then, I have discovered that graduating doesn't mean that you stop being a Brother, or that you stop participating in music ensembles and service events. Actually, it means that you can sometimes do even more, as evidenced by our esteemed Rho alumni.

Rho founders Dylan Smith and Steve Losiewicz play in rock bands, Thundergrater and Kerry O'Key respectively. Robb Strieter, Jade Crispell, Sarah Azevedo, and Steve Losiewicz teach music across the country. Ryan Ansorge directs a high school marching band and teaches private lessons. Tyler Scott performs in WhoDat Brass, a swing band in Marquette, Mich. Amanda Fliflet is in the marching band at Ole Miss, where she's attending grad school for music. She also does all the audio/video for every concert Ole Miss puts on. Rachael Dzbanski and Jill Paul, two more Rho founders, perform in the Royal Oak Concert Band, and Rachael also plays in the Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra. And, of course, the alumni still rock out to music in their car. Or, if you're Katie Mazurowski, you serenade your house plants.

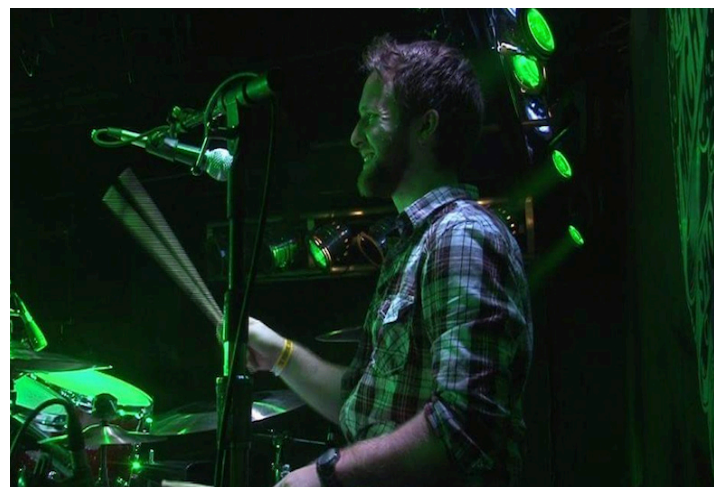
However you look at it, even graduated Brothers still embody what Psi is about: a love for music, service, and Brotherhood. The answer to my initial question, when do you stop being a Brother, is really simple: never. You are forever and always a Brother of Mu Beta Psi. The time you spend in college going to concerts, performing in ensembles, and going to service events gets you into a lifelong habit. You never stop being a Brother, and you never stop participating. I am so proud to call all of these Rho Chapter Alumni my Brothers, and I hope that one day I'll be the alumni who is still so involved with music and service.



Rho Alumnus and NEOTC Natalie Holbrook helping the Streamwood High School marching band at a football game



Alumnus Tyler Scott (second from the right) in the promotional picture for Whodat Brass



Rho Chapter Founder Dylan Smith rocking the drums for his band, Thundergrater

Tau Chapter hosts the Fall Gala 2016

By Dani Fiondella

Tau Chapter Service Chair



Tau Chapter brothers supported the Washington, D.C. arts community through a gala fundraiser on October 1, 2016. Through multiple different genres of performing arts, American University

students performed for friends, family, AU faculty, and fellow D.C. musicians. There were numerous Brother performances as well as a variety of non-Brother acts including a string quartet, original music, and a powerful student poet. All money raised throughout the evening went to the Sitar Arts Center, which gives performance opportunities in music, visual art, and theatre to underprivileged youth in the D.C. area. The evening concluded with a reception that featured raffle baskets generously donated by local businesses and organizations, including tickets to the Kennedy Center. The event raised over \$1,500 to support the arts and promoted music throughout American University, as well as serving the Washington D.C. arts community. We are incredibly proud of the success we found with this event, and we hope to continue with similar gala fundraisers in the future!



Tau Chapter Service Chairs, Dani Fiondella and Ariel Michaelson.



Brothers performing original songs. Left to right: Danny O'Rourke, Gastón Reboledo (alumnus) Matt Wright, Dani Fiondella.



Brothers Val Ciskowski and Emmie Chipps (who was the head photographer for the evening).



Brothers in the audience at the Gala! Front row: Tim Madden, Peter Mastrippolito, Jenna Fink. Second row: Nick Bohmann (alumnus), Julia Fishman (alumnus), Erin Campbell, Laura Sholtz, Sam Garzillo.

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Chapter Involvement	Associate	Active
Attend Chapter meetings	♪	<i>Required</i>
Participate in Chapter Discussions	♪	♪
Vote on Chapter issues, like where to host Midyear		♪
Join a committee, like the Gathering committee	♪	♪
Chair a committee		♪
Hold an office, like Chapter President		♪
National Involvement	Associate	Active
Attend the MBΨ National Convention	♪	♪
Be active nationally		♪
Vote on national issues		♪
Volunteer as a big Brother during colonizations		♪
Staying in Touch	Associate	Active
Included in MBΨ National Address List	♪	♪
Receive a copy of Alumni Association minutes	♪	♪
Subscribe to the Alumni Newsletter	♪	♪
Subscribe to the alumtalk listserv	♪	♪
Subscribe to alumni association listserv	♪	♪
Saving Money	Associate	Active
Save 10% on purchases from the Alumni Store	♪	♪
Earn discounts on Avis Car Rentals	♪	♪
Earn discounts on Alumni Association group activities	♪	♪
Price	Associate	Active
Chapter Dues / Year	\$25.00	\$25.00
National Dues / Semester	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total Price	\$25.00	\$105.00

(1) We're a mixture.

We're comprised of brand-new graduates and old standbys from a variety of Chapters, put together into something new. We are simultaneously southern and northern; we lean this way and that. But we all love music in academia and the public square – and we love our Brotherhood.

(2) We move at a different pace.

We don't push ourselves unrealistically; we're willing to pause and take care of life as it occurs. Our Chapter business can be accomplished over a conversation in a hot tub, if the need strikes.

(3) We like to help.

As a Chapter, we focus on giving what we have to help others succeed. We give money toward grants and budget items that further the mission of Mu Beta Psi, and we show our devotion to music, education, and our Brothers. Many of us continue to serve music and education in daily life long after graduation, and our Chapter provides support whenever we can. As a group of mentors, we are a presence for our collegiate Brothers to provide guidance for getting through life's obstacles.

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Letter from the Editor

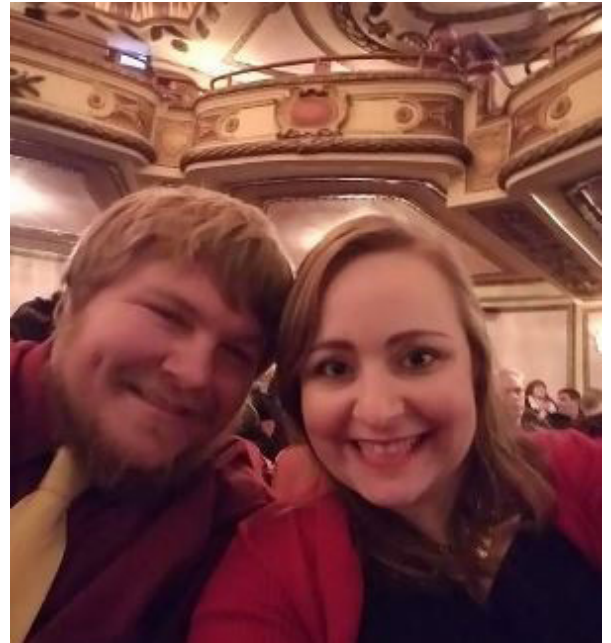
Natalie Holbrook, National Editor of *The Clef*
Rho Chapter

Hello everyone! I hope you have really enjoyed this edition so far. This extra edition was created because we have so much to say about our organization. The point of this holiday Clef was to especially focus on our Brothers and Chapters. I thought this edition would be a great place to mix up our ways of communicating with other Brothers, as well as those outside our organization. I am so very proud of everything in this publication, especially the pieces from people who don't think of themselves as writers. I can't believe the extremely solid work that has been done not only on these articles, but more importantly the content of the articles, what we are actually accomplishing. Thanks to my lovely Clef Advisory Committee who, as usual, went above and beyond, and thanks to everyone who took the survey. We can't make a good publication without cooperation and teamwork!

In case you were wondering what the National Editor of The Clef does when I'm not actively making our publication, now is the time for you to find out. Some of the things I do to get ready for each edition include talking to lots of people nationally, having a one-on-one with the MALs and other Officers, surfing Facebook for glimpses into the lives of many Brothers, and searching our Facebook group to see what everyone is talking about.

I see the National Editor of The Clef as the person who facilitates communication in our fraternity. I have been trying to do this through the articles and stories we put in The Clef. I believe stories are great communication tools to provide current information, and to reflect upon later as a historical recollection. One thing I have been working extremely hard to do with my committee is to spotlight individual brothers and, in this issue, to also discuss what the chapters are doing to a better extent so we can really get a solid view of all that we accomplished in a year.

I thought it was extremely important for the national officers to put in something about their position that was not a report. National officers are people too, trust me, I am one. We are extremely approachable and would love to talk



NEOTC Natalie Holbrook and pledge Brother Shawn DeYoung at Phantom of the Opera in Chicago



NEOTC Natalie Holbrook (middle) and her siblings pictured at the Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert

to any of you at any time. Never hesitate to go to a national officer, not just when things have escalated. We like to hear from Brothers from time to time. We are not just a resource for improving but to help you see your strengths from an outside perspective. I also thought it was important for each of the permanent members of the Board of Trustees to dispel any mystery surrounding them. They are all such fun, lovely, dedicated, talented and approachable people. I wanted them to reflect how approachable they are in their own words. I hope this edition finds you having a lovely winter, whatever that means to you!

Please save the date to attend

A stylized illustration of a ladybug with a red body and black spots, perched on a white flower with yellow centers. The flower is on a green stem with a single green leaf and a curly vine. The background is a solid light teal color.

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