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Omicron Chapter hosts Convention 2012: A Touch of Class

March 9–11, 2012

Roanoke College, Salem, VA

This March, Brothers from every Chapter will descend upon Salem, VA (population 25,000) for a weekend of Brotherhood-ly bonding. Convention is the in-person meeting place for all of our national committees, and we look to be fully represented!

Every national committee (except for National History & Archives Committee) and the National Scholarship Test Group will be meeting at Convention. New National Officers will also be elected. After the business has ended, an awards banquet rewards hard-working Brothers and Chapters for their efforts.

The Convention planning committee has pulled out all the stops to plan a fun, busy weekend. For those who arrive early, Thursday night will have Capture the Flag! Roanoke's sprawling, grassy campus is perfect, since there are many fences and statues to hide behind. On Friday, treat yourself to a show of your Brothers' impressive talents—last year's hugely popular Talent Show is returning! Saturday features karaoke (just watch for the Key of Zeta) and a walking tour of downtown historic Salem.

There is no official Convention hotel, but the Alumni Association has reserved rooms at the Quality Inn. If you're interested in carpooling, access the rideshare forum on the Intranet.



Application Deadline for National Awards

The Alumni Association gives two awards on a merit basis: Ralph W. Daniel National Brother of the Year award and the Major Christian D. Kutschinski Award for Outstanding Chapter. These awards distinguish extraordinary Brothers and Chapters. To nominate a Brother or Chapter for one of these awards, send your nomination to Tara Waybrant Smith by January 31st, 2012.

Current Events

Alumni Association Creates Associate Status

The Alumni Association has created a new status of membership: Associate.

Beginning with this term's dues, alumni Brothers can choose to be an Active or Associate Member. Associate membership is designed for those who want to try out the AA before joining fully, or for those who cannot afford full membership but want to stay "in the loop." Please share the news with your chapter's recent graduates!

Active Members:

- Vote on national issues
- Vote on AA issues (like the location of Mid-Year)
- Can hold office
- Can be a Big Brother for colonizations
- Pay both AA and national dues

Associate Members:

- Get membership benefits (alumni email lists, 10% off at the alumni store, etc) without the meetings
- Pay only AA dues

Pi Chapter Hosts "Snowball" Charity Dance

Pi Chapter will host its second Snow Ball dance on January 27th. Snowball is a semi-formal charity event. Its original purpose was to raise money for a family services agency that helped a Pi Chapter Brother with health expenses. This year, the selected charity is VH1's Save the Music Foundation. We hope to see Brothers from across the country come visit for such a great cause!

Mu Chapter Gets An Office

Mu Chapter has been granted space in a joint musical fraternity room in the music department and have used this room to sort out our archives. We now have access to almost every scrapbook since the chapter was founded as well as an organized archive which is a definite success. We are continuing work on updating and creating the notebooks for all offices.

New Webpage for "The Clef"


At long last, dear reader, you can now read *The Clef* online!

<http://www.mubetapsi.org/clef>

The website comes in both full browser and mobile versions, so you can get your Mu Beta Psi updates on the go. All new articles will be cross-posted between the print and online versions. Additional periodic updates throughout the semester will keep the content fresh! You can also download PDF copies of old issues or just use the tags to read your Chapter's older articles.

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A Preview of Convention 2012

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Brotherly Events of Summer / Fall 2011

Six Flags Great Adventure

Summer is typically a downtime for the Fraternity, but it doesn't mean your bonds of Brotherhood should wane. Vacation is the perfect time to rekindle long-distance friendships. Alumni and collegiate Brothers from across the country gathered in New Jersey this summer for a trip to Six Flags Great Adventure. Great Adventure is arguably the best roller coaster amusement park in the country, and it did not disappoint!

The group gathered at the local Wawa gas station to pick up lunch, then headed into the park. Brothers from Pi Chapter (Rutgers) were stoked to show guests around their favorite rides, and they went on all of them! Waiting in line for the bigger rides gave Brothers one-on-one time to catch up. After half of the group continued on to the waterpark. Seventeen Brothers came, and 6 different Chapters were represented! The group finally reconvened near closing time at Green Lantern for a last hurrah ride together.

Stoked about this great turnout, more gatherings in central locations such as Buffalo, NY were organized.

Brothers gather at Six Flags Great Adventure

Founders Day

Sarah Flourance and Andrew Stephens hosted a Founder's Day dinner for Minneapolis-area Brothers on November 5th. Everyone brought dishes to share in the best Minnesotan tradition, along with a main course of Carolina-style pulled pork (remember the UNConvention banquet?) and dessert of red velvet cake with white frosting. We represented five Chapters: Z, N, O, Π, and AA.

In Detroit, alumni Brothers attended the Michigan High School Band Association's state championships at Ford Field. They were surprised to discover that a fellow Mu Beta Psi alumni was the band director of one of the competing high schools! After a quick stop by to say hello, they had dinner at Lafayette Coney Island, the famous Detroit coney-dog joint.



Rho Chapter Featured on TV6 for Service

Rho Chapter was featured by the local TV station of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, TV6 FoxUP, for its volunteer service at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum. For the second year in a row, Rho Chapter sang Christmas carols and helped organize activities for the children. Watch a video about the event at <http://tinyurl.com/6qwjtgc>



Mid-Year 2011: Minneapolis

The Alumni Association's annual Mid-Year meeting was held July 16–17th in Minneapolis, MN. Mid-Year is an all-inclusive event for Brothers and their families. Attending Mid-Year is the best way to get decide if the AA is right for you (we hope it is!)

This year's Mid-Year was kicked off by an outdoor dinner party hosted by Erin and Drew Barwis. The Barwises graciously gifted visitors with a CD of local Minneapolis bands, some of which contained surprise gifts—vouchers for a bike rental from the Nice Ride bike-sharing program!

Saturday morning was spent planning the chapter's future—elections, strategic planning, and bylaws/policy amendments. The chapter elected new officers and approved a new Associate Member status.

After lunch at Irish pub The Local, groups of alumni visited an outdoor jazz festival, went on a bike tour of Minneapolis/St. Paul, and toured the acclaimed Guthrie Theater. These types of activities bring out the real purpose of Mid-Year: to allow alumni of different ages and backgrounds, who attended different universities, to reconnect as a Brotherhood. Because the Alumni Association only meets in person twice a year, Mid-Year offers the opportunity for members to become more cohesive as a Chapter.

National Scholarship Begins Final Stages of Development

NVPCM Cooperman is planning a test run for the national scholarship. The national scholarship is in its final stages of development. It will be awarded to a deserving student musician who upholds our Purposes. Please start thinking about students you know who may benefit from this scholarship!

The test run needs one Brother from each Chapter to serve on a testing committee during its trial run. The representatives will be responsible for reviewing the scholarship's application materials, testing the selection process with candidate personas, and attending three meetings (Jan, Feb, and March).

This is a short term committee that will finish at Convention. Their results will be announced at a Convention meeting.

Left: Nick Rosencrans takes a group on a bike tour of Minneapolis; Right: Alumni have lunch at The Local



National President Report

Christopher Ciarlariello, Π Alumnus (NP 2011-2012)

Brotherhood is something that, without Brothers, would not exist. Along the same lines, the same thing can be said about a presidency. Without people to work and collaborate with, the position of National President would not exist. Much of what I do comes from helping fellow officers and Brothers achieve their goals while encouraging the Fraternity at large to work toward some larger, over-arching goals. In addition to that, I had a few goals that I hoped to complete as well.

Soon after Convention I organized a National Officer Powwow to allow us to candidly discuss our goals and any other issues that may be apparent. I was happy to see how well our goals meshed together and that these were ideas that, with the proper handling, would be achievable, in part or in entirety, during the officers' terms. I will allow my fellow officers to share their progress in their reports.

I am happy to say that some of the goals I had set have been either achieved or set into motion. One of the goals was to hold a MAL and Chapter Representative workshop to examine the expectations and responsibilities for someone who represents their Chapter. Despite some technical difficulties, the workshop was very well received. Even those who had held a representative position in a previous term still expressed that they had learned something new. I hope that this or similar workshops can be held in the future so that representatives have a better understanding of their positions (especially if these workshops are available before someone decides to take on a position). We sometimes underestimate how much is involved with these positions.

My other major goal was to create a greater sense of unity throughout Mu Beta Psi. Establishing a larger sense of Brotherhood not only allows us to meet and get to know other Brothers, but allows Brothers additional resources when it comes to Fraternal and non-Fraternal matters. I want Brothers to be comfortable reaching out other Brothers to say "come [up, down, over] for this event" or "let's get together for a weekend." I also want Brothers to be able to pick up the phone and ask for help. I have definitely seen this aspect of the Brotherhood expand this year, but I am confident that we can go even further.

To help keep Brothers up to date, I have been speaking with and encouraging Brothers to announce and publish their Chapter's events, not just pledging and initiation related, so that Brothers from other Chapters can attend. I believe I have seen more events being announced, but there are so many things that happen that no one knows about. You never know when a Brother will be in town and would have appeared if they had known about the event. I have asked that MALs discuss the future when they submit their reports so that other Chapters not only know about what is going on, but may be able to assist or attend. I still look forward to the days when Chapters host events with other Chapters and take on projects as teams. I know we can get there!

And, as I finish my report on Thanksgiving Day, I cannot help but reflect on how thankful I am for all of you, my Brothers! My life most certainly would not be what it is today without all of you and I think about that each and every day. Thank you, Brothers, for all that you do and all that you are. May you never forget that your Brothers will always be there for you.



National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

Garrett Cooperman, N Alumnus (NVPCM 2011-2013)

The office of the NVPCM has been moving along steadily these past several months. The NCCM has been meeting and going over a number of important Chapter maintenance issues, including (but never limited to) pledging, fundraising, public relations/recruitment, inter-Chapter support, alumni contacts, and general bookkeeping. We're going forward with that bookkeeping bit shortly – our next meeting will include discussions on the upcoming revamp of the Chapter Maintenance wiki beginning this weekend.

Attendance has been fairly consistent this semester, something for which I am incredibly grateful to you Chapters (and especially my reps)! Keep up the good work. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to suggest more consistent check-ins at the Chapter level to be sure all reps are attending and submitting accordingly – to be a well-oiled, music-making, service-doing machine, we need all the parts to be in perfect, synchronous working order.

One thing I'd like to see more of as we move into the second half of our Fraternal year is a heavy push to emphasize service. I know it often seems like we have a whole lot to do between all of the things I mentioned above that we discuss in our NCCM meetings, on top of our other obligations as students and Brothers, but here's the trick: doing service with the right attitude and the proper positive habits can actually help a lot of that stuff become a lot easier. For instance, wearing letters or Brother's pins at service events is a great way to demonstrate pride in your organization, but will also frequently spur conversations with strangers, faculty members, and potential future pledges as well. You may find opportunities to do service and fundraising at the same time – for instance, allowing half or more of your proceeds to go to some music cause. There are a ton of ideas for this kind of proactive perspective (call it multitasking, if you like) generated and documented by the NCCM. Ask your friendly neighborhood rep if you're curious, or if you've

forgotten what they said in their Chapter meeting report last time.

On my end as NVPCM, I recently made it to Zeta Chapter where I was welcomed with open arms and lots of hijinks, but no snow. It was a very successful trip; their tactics for managing unexpected difficulties continue to pay off. I also visited Nu Chapter where I helped to run a lock-in which I hope will prove a useful template for future such events. There I demonstrated tactics for intra-Chapter dispute resolution, Brotherhood bonding, developing and following protocols (not the same as policy), and a fine example of cookie-baking.

I've spent a lot of effort working with the Tau Chapter leadership to ensure a smooth transition into functioning Chapterhood. They're doing very well over there in D.C., and as I submit this I'm preparing to travel to help them welcome a few new Brothers –their first pledge class! Claire Radziwon (Tau President), Annija Kerno (Tau VP), and Joe Guidice (Tau Pledge Master) deserve a round of applause for their substantial work in creating a viable, stable pledge season and helping their Chapter prepare for future generations. We're still working together to solidify (as much as possible) their program for the future and to build an infrastructure to balance out their high abroad-travel rate, but I have no doubt that Tau is more than capable of handling all of this with deft suavitude. Yes, I just made up that portmanteau. No, portmanteau is actually a real word.

Up here in the Buffalo/Niagara area, I continue to slave away at my Master's thesis (oh, no... writing about teaching and -gasp- videogames!), and I'm still learning and teaching at Kenpo Self-Defense Studio. I hope everyone is having a fantastic winter. I wish you all the best and cannot wait to see you again (*shameless plug for "Buffalo buffalo Buffalo Brothers buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo" event* #lastparentheticalstatement).

National Vice President of Expansion Report

Andrew Stephens, Z Alumnus (NVPE 2010-2012)

The National Committee on Expansion had some good plans set up this term... though we haven't accomplished many of them. We do have a few bright spots though, and are planning for next term.

Firstly, we went to a non-weekly meeting format - this was to allow flexibility for reps, and give us something of a breather after the last several terms of solid colonization. We definitely got a breather when we went for a couple of months without meeting! To help me and the committee stay on top of business, I'd like to tighten up the time between meetings next term. However, we'll also be having a meeting this upcoming week (we had a meeting this week on XXX day) to discuss some of our other goals this term.

During the term, we divided our group into subcommittees to accomplish back-burner projects. Of these, the Skeletal Bylaws Subcommittee led by Nathan Booms (Z) has gotten a few kinks ironed out of the skeletal that gave us a lot of headaches during the Tau colonization process. The Website/Publicity Subcommittee (Beth Schermerhorn, N) and College Database Subcommittee (Angela White, A) haven't done as much, through no fault of their own. We also examined how subcommittees have worked at the past meeting.

One thing I've been following is Tau's inaugural pledging season. Congratulations to their new Brothers, and to Grant Shea and Andrew Bronson for helping them through that first term!

Finally, I'm not planning to run for NVPE again at this upcoming Convention. If you're interested in the role, I'd recommend you come to Expansion meetings (there will be more this next term, honest!) and that you drop me a line. I'd be happy to talk to you!

National Secretary Report

Christopher Bork, Z Alumnus (NS 2011-2013)

I hope all our Collegiate Brothers have had a great fall semester, and everyone has had a great second half of 2011. Since summer began, the National Secretary office has been business as usual as far as that is concerned. However, I would like to say how much I've enjoyed my many Brotherly adventures in that time. Between Midyear, a trip back to Minneapolis, a trip to visit Brothers in lower Michigan, via Rho Chapter, (always amazed at how long it takes to travel end-to-end through Michigan..), and many visitors up to the Houghton area, I've had the joy of seeing many of you that I don't usually see. On that note, I would like to say this to everyone: If you ever have a reasonable chance to visit Brothers in other places, take it. Visiting and road trips are some of the more fulfilling experiences I have. It gives a true sense of how not only is Brotherhood a local thing at your collegiate Chapter, but a lifelong opportunity for friendships across the Nation. After all, it never hurts to have friends in more places.

Back to business. I would like to thank everyone for being prompt and helpful for the fall National Deadlines. I hope I'll be able to say the same as the January deadlines come and go. One of the things I will be working on between now and Convention is to fully reassemble the various documents our National Policies state the NS should have copies of. While it looks like I have many of them, it does seem I am missing some, specifically Chapter documents. If I discover it necessary, I will be asking for help from the Chapters to get me the various documents I need at Convention.

As always, I welcome any conversation and/or inquiries from everyone. While it is easiest to reach me by email (secretary@mubetapsi.org), I am reachable by the various methods provided on the address list as well. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention! In the meantime, have a fun and safe winter season.

National Historian Report

Nathaniel Kulyk, Ξ Alumnus (NH 2007-present)

This semester has been rather quiet and not very eventful, at least on the Mu Beta Psi front. At the start of the semester, I received notification from the Management at Storage Village in Chantilly, VA that the cost of the storage rental for the Archives would be increasing by \$1.00 per month. Fortunately, that is not a huge increase and will not break the bank. Per NT Staten's request, I am keeping all of the monthly invoices and will submit those to her and the NFC at the end of the year. In September, I had the opportunity to participate in NP Ciarlariello's MAL Workshop, which I think was a great success.

With regards to the 2012 National Convention, it is highly likely that I will not be able to attend in person. If this turns out to be the case, I will have an online meeting of the NHAC before Convention. Chapters remain encouraged to contact me if they have any issues that they would like to see addressed in the NHAC and I will also look to reach out to everyone in the coming weeks as well!

In the coming months, I hope to continue to take steps to establish the Historian's webpage. I have a number of scanned documents and pdf copies of historical issues of *The Clef* which I am looking forward to sharing with the Fraternity, as well as a lot of other historical information. The webpage will likely be a work in progress even after it is established, but I am confident that it is something that we will all be able to take a great deal of pride in once it is completed.

Finally, I am pleased to share that Melissa and I gave birth to our first child, Richard John Kulyk, on September 30, 2011. At birth, he weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Now, at a little over two months old, I can definitely say that he is growing and he is very chatty! He continues to be very happy, very healthy and he loves to listen to music and to be sung to.

I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

National Treasurer Report

Jennifer Staten, O Brother (NT 2008-2014)

The NFC had a productive meeting last week, from which two seconded motions were forwarded to the NEC and BoT. I hope to meet again in October to discuss changing the fine policy as we had discussed at the Convention 2011 meeting.

Things have been a little rocky in the office of the National Treasurer. Unfortunately, with the conversion of Wachovia to Wells Fargo there has been a lot to sort out, including one of our accounts being closed, new fees, online access shut down, online BillPay records deleted, etc. I have been working with Wells Fargo to get this all rectified, but it seems to be a slow process that is taking multiple hours-long phone calls to customer support and hours-long visits to the local branch. I have hope that everything will be settled in the coming month.

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National Editor of "The Clef" Report

Haley Vingsness, Z Alumna (NEOTC 2011-2012)

Welcome to your fall issue of *The Clef*! This semester I have been busily working on *The Clef*'s webpage. It's about time this publication moved into the digital age.

Many of you read periodicals on your tablet or smartphone (fun fact: 40% of Americans now have smartphones), so the new webpage has been optimized for mobile use. It's your hub for Brotherly news and updates. Hopefully the site will be updated more often than your once-per-semester issue of *The Clef*, so you can get your fix anytime.

Publication-wise, this issue is not as ambitious; I've realized the cost-prohibitive nature of printing short runs of newsletters with tons of pages. Hopefully the digital edition will salve the wound.

National Information and Technology Committee Report

Julia Kester, N Alumnus (NITC Chair 2011-future)

Since taking over as Chief Technology Officer, my main goal has been to redesign our website - to make it both more visually appealing and more user friendly. It's been a slow process, but the public site is coming along well and will be done before Christmas. If anyone wants to check out the redesign, you can find it at mubetapsi.org/redesign.

The intranet will unfortunately be taking more time; because most of the content on the website pulls information from a database, there is a lot of PHP code for me to go through. I'm only somewhat familiar with PHP, so it's a learning process at the moment. If anyone has PHP skills and is interested in working with me to make changes, I would appreciate the help!

As discussed with my committee, changes that I am planning on making to the intranet are as follows: a more organized home page, new chatroom and calendar implementations, updating profiles to get rid of the unnecessary information and make them easier to edit (this includes family trees!), and restructuring the knowledgebase. Those are the main areas that I will be focusing on, though general ease of use will be kept in mind for the entire site. Thank you to everyone that filled out my survey, the feedback was extremely useful.

I would also like to remind Chapters to go over the IT Policy with new Brothers. It's common sense for a lot of us what we can and can't transmit online, but it may not be so obvious to newer members.

Alpha Chapter Report

Elizabeth Bryant, A Brother

It has been a semester of epic proportion at Alpha chapter; we have gained two great brothers over the course of this semester: Hannah Mostellar and Elizabeth Brown. At first our rush events were a little slow, however, we did successfully recruit 3 pledges. Unfortunately, early on into pledging our third pledge had to de-pledge due to mono. Nevertheless, on November 12, we welcomed two new brothers to Alpha. Throughout the semester we held successful brotherhood events and continued to aide the Music Department.

One of our more successful brotherhood events included an inactives night, when Matt Zander came to town, we all met at Hot Box pizza for a night of great pizza and catching up. Another brotherhood event that went swimmingly was when we took our pledges to the fair. It was great we ate food, rode rides, got sick, all that good stuff. As far as our service events go we have helped to strike, usher, and set-up multiple concerts for groups on campus, including: Raleigh Civic Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Bands,



Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and the various chorales.

Sadly, Angela White will be graduating this semester, and Ashleigh Lumpkin will be becoming inactive after this semester, but I am pleased to report that everyone else will be remaining active this coming semester. Overall, it has been a very fabulous and productive semester.

New Alpha Brothers

Elizabeth Brown
Hannah Mostellar

Alpha Graduates

Angela White

Zeta Chapter Report

Katrina Swanson, Z Brother

Greetings, Brothers! Zeta Chapter has been very busy with our usual fall activities this semester. We've spent a lot of time ushering concerts for our Visual and Performing Arts Department, as well as selling programs for various sporting events. This semester Zeta and Michigan Tech got a special opportunity to host conductor and composer Eric Whitacre. Mr. Whitacre worked with our band and choir to put on an amazing concert, after which Zeta sponsored a dinner so the students would have an opportunity to meet him personally. All in all the experience was very fulfilling for all students of music on our campus!

Zeta had a larger-than-average pledge class this semester. On November 13th, we were pleased to welcome six new Brothers to Mu Beta Psi. However, Brothers graduate even as they join. This semester we wish the best of luck to Alex Aiello as he graduates and moves on from Michigan Tech.

picks up Zeta Sledge

So far this winter, Zeta has received an astonishing lack of snow. It seems winter is reluctant to start properly in the Keweenaw this year, as we have only received 20" of snow so far this winter. However, we are hopeful that winter will now start to make up for lost time, as it is currently snowing as I write this report.

New Zeta Brothers

Travis Grace
Kimberly Grigg
Jackie Harms
Charlie Hayes
John Ozoga IV
Veronica Tabor

Zeta Graduates

Alex Aiello

Mu Chapter Report

Lane Turbyfill, M Brother

This semester, after a rocky attempt at starting a pledge season, Mu chapter decided to focus on the active Brothers, relations with our Neighboring Alpha chapter, and also our relations with the musical groups on campus we serve. As such, we've had several interest and informal gatherings where we have invited some of our friends to come and get to know the other brothers as well as taking time out of the week to have fun Brother bonding events, such as breakfast at Elmo's or movie night after a long week of tests.

This year we have decided to create a new tradition that will hopefully prosper. After our Thanksgiving break, we had a joint post-Thanksgiving potluck with the Brothers of Alpha chapter. Attendance was small, but we are hoping that this becomes a chance for our two chapters to become closer.

We have recently been very busy with ushering concerts for the a Cappella groups on campus. Just in the last month we have ushered for the Loreleis and the Achordants, and have plans to usher concerts for Psalm 100 and Harmonyx as well.

This month was also memorable for Mu chapter because one of our alumni Brothers, Brittany Huie, had her lovely baby girl, Vivian Huie Wagner, on November 17, 2011. Mother and daughter were home the next day and are doing wonderful.

Mu Chapter Retreat



Nu Chapter Report

Erik Hubbard, N Brother

Hope things have been going well, a lot has been happening here at Nu Chapter. Last spring semester we initiated two Brothers, and this past fall we initiated two more. On top of these, we have added two new honorary Brothers to our ranks. We are so glad to have these awesome new brothers join us here at Nu.

In a collaborative effort with music students and staff, we were able to clean out a room that is now a place for all music students to use. The space has not only turned into a general lounge but can be used for practices, small performances as well as a place for us to use for rush events or meetings. It's nice to have a place in our music building that music students can use.

We have also been working with our music faculty to accomplish a recruitment project for the music department. We have been compiling a list of information on community colleges with strong music departments and music related degrees to prepare visits so as to get new students interested in SUNY Oswego as a potential option. The faculty collected information from current Oswego students about whether or not they would want to be contacted with more information about the music department, which Beth Schermerhorn and Rachel Walerstein have been organizing.

On top of working with the music department, we have been doing different fundraising events. We had a booth at the Pumpkin Festival where we sold handmade hats and scarves made by Brother Amber Farrell as well as candy for the children. We have also had a can and bottle drive as well as a bake sale both of which did very well.

As we round the last bend of the semester we are all excited to see what the next semester will bring us. We had our second annual Mu Beta Psi holiday party where we celebrated the holidays, holiday birthdays, the birth of Brother Crystal Rowland's baby Ian, and the brothers who will be graduating or student teaching next semester. We can't wait to see what the next semester will bring.

Omicron Chapter Report

Caitlin Connolly, O Brother

Omicron Chapter has had an interesting fall. We kicked off the new semester without a pledge class and raised dues. Worried that our image on campus was to blame for the lack of interest, we created a Public Relations committee. This committee's responsibility is to come up with fun ways to get us more known on campus.

We chose Wednesday as our letter shirt day, as most other Greek organizations do this on Friday. We also painted The Rock to advertise band and choir concerts on campus. To show our bond as Brothers, we're having a Brother Brunch or Dinner at least once a semester. We've been working diligently to turn this negative into a positive.

We held our almost-annual Haunted House and it was a huge success! We couldn't be happier. We also raised money for VH1's Save the Music Foundation by raffling off a basket filled with certificates and items from local businesses around Roanoke College.

We added a new "Advisor" clause to our by-laws and corrected our policy. We've elected new officers who will take over after this upcoming Convention. They are: President Rachel Keck, VPCM Rebecca Ward, Treasurer Coleen Weber, MAL Elizabeth Ciskowski, and Secretary Elyse Teeney. They are very excited about their new positions. Our Pledge Master for next semester is Elizabeth Ciskowski. We are looking forward to a decent sized pledge class next semester.

As a result of some of our activities on campus we have garnered some interest, which has pleased us all. Last but certainly not least, we're all excited to be holding Convention here this year and can't wait for the arrival of the Brothers.

New Nu Brothers

Rebecca "HEDWIG" Laghezza (spring)

Rachel "HICCUP 626" Walerstein (spring)

Trevor "HERC" Jorgenson (honorary, spring)

William "ZEAL BEAT" Smithson (fall)

Lindsey "DOBY" Blum (fall)

Rebecca "RHAPSODY" Horning (honorary, fall)

Pi Chapter Report

Katherine Petschauer, *Π* Brother

Pi Chapter dove headfirst into the semester with a BBQ for Active Brothers. It was a fabulous way to get everyone together to start ideas and sort goals for the upcoming year. There were many adventures as well, including a trip for many Brothers, both Pi and not, to Great Adventure. All who attended had a superb time. There were many times for Brothers to socialize and get bubble tea and to catch up. Some Brothers also left for adventures outside of the Banks of the Raritan as Kevin Cosman ventured off for a semester in Australia and Krissy Newcomer traveled to Germany and Sarah Flourence moved to continue her education out west in Minnesota.

Toward the end of the summer, most Brothers traveled out to Lake Greeley for band camp as members of the Marching Scarlet Knights. While there, many events were held by the Brotherhood, including a talent show, dodge ball, a bonfire complete with s'mores, and a party on the last night for all to enjoy.



Eventually all returned to New Jersey and were warmly welcomed by Hurricane Irene causing the Raritan to flood. Thankfully, all were safe and school started on a somewhat normal routine. With that came various service projects. Brothers helped a local high school with its yearly marching competition. Fun was had by all in attendance as Brothers helped with selling tickets, escorting bands, preparing food, and keeping traffic under control. Brothers also helped the Alumni Association with a picnic held at the Rutgers Gardens. The event included pumpkin picking and decorating, pumpkin bowling, and a scavenger hunt for the children of Rutgers Alumni. Brothers also participated in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash to raise money for a charity. Pi won first place for the belly flop, and synchronized swimming and came out third overall. All who either attended or participated had a great time.

Aside from service, Brothers have been busy as performers. Most Brothers are active members of the Marching Scarlet Knights, but there are many other ensembles. Danielle Hawley shared her vocal talents with the Vorhees' Choir, Brian Eichert is a member of the Symphony Band, and Danielle Durso has been a participant in the Livingston Theater Company. Her latest performance was in Rocky Horror this past November.

A huge upcoming event for Pi Chapter is Snowball which is quickly on the horizon. It is going to be held on January 27th, 2012 in the Cook Campus Center on Rutgers Campus at 7pm. This year, the Brotherhood has decided to raise money for Vh1's Save the Music Foundation. Tickets are currently being sold for \$25 which includes dinner and performances. Last year, the event was a huge success and all who attended had a fabulous time gathering with friends and family.

As the fall semester draws to a conclusion, Brothers continue to work whether it be with school work or with band, or with the other numerous activities and remain busy and we wish all the best of luck on exams and work as we near the holiday season.

Rho Chapter Report

Zac Dowd, P Brother

This has been a successful, though rather busy, semester for us here at Rho. It started off a bit slow at the beginning, but has picked up more and more as the semester goes on. We participated in Make A Difference Day again this year and helped clean up yards for two elderly ladies in the Marquette community. In addition to that, we have helped set up for performances at Reynold's Recital Hall when asked to and have plans to go to the Children's Museum at the end of this semester to sing/play Christmas music and make crafts.

We recently established a few new committees, one of which is the Social Committee. This committee has been very busy this semester putting on events for Brothers to hang out and get to know each other more. One of the most successful events so far was our potluck Thanksgiving dinner. Not only did it go well, but we were blessed with the presence of some ten Zetas as well.

Rho Chapter will very soon be welcoming our newest pledge class called the "Dzfunksional Dozen." Yes, that is twelve, our biggest pledge class excluding our Founders. For those who like numbers, that is a 60% increase in the number of active Brothers here at Rho. This has been a great pledge class and they will make great Brothers. With such a big pledge class, we know that next semester may hold some challenges, but we have discussed this on more than one occasion and we're prepared to figure it out.

New Rho Brothers

Katie Cybulski	Jesse Meyer
Jake Edwards	Meg Rice
Lauren Erdmann	Kayleigh Salazar
Ashley Felicelli	Rachel Schultz
Amanda Fiflet	Tyler Scott
Kasey Hall	Lindsay Uribe

Alumni Association Report

Tara Waybrant, Z Alumna

Lots has been going on with the Alumni Association over the past several months. During our MidYear meeting in July, we had a lot of fun in Minneapolis, MN! Brothers were elected to almost all our officer positions: Chrissy Fleming (Mu) was re-elected to President, Nick Rosencrans (Zeta) was elected to Vice President, Tara Waybrant (Zeta) was elected to Secretary/Historian/MAL, and Sherri Brigden (Nu) was elected to Assistant MAL.

Not only was there lots of partying at Mid-Year, but there have been several other social events over the past several months... a Six-Flags Great Adventure (NJ) trip in August, a backyard bonfire at the Zanders' in October, and a Founder's Day dinner in November. In January, Garrett Cooperman is planning a social for the Brothers in the New York area, feel free to check out the details on Facebook!

Business-wise, in September, AA passed amendments and policy changes to incorporate a new membership status to allow a less expensive opportunity to stay involved with the Brotherhood after graduation. Also, our Website Committee has been putting together a new website! Feel free to check it out at <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org>. Please keep in mind, some items are still a work in progress.

Also, please keep in mind that any Brother that wants to nominate a Chapter for the Major Cristian D. Kutschinski Award for Outstanding Chapter or a Brother for The Ralph W. Daniel National Brother of the Year Award should e-mail Tara Waybrant (neosmith42@gmail.com) by January 31st! Feel free to contact us or take a look at our website <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org> for more information.

Tau Chapter Report

Marley Cook, T Brother

As the colonists of Tau, the Spring 2011 Founding Class was faced with many challenges, both external and internal, when seeking to achieve Brotherhood. At the end of our long and arduous journey, we came out victorious, and entered a new Chapter into the book of Mu Beta Psi history.

The challenges of maintaining effective Brotherhood have stayed with us, but have not hindered us. The Fall 2011 semester has been a learning process, and has helped shape many personalities and leaders in our small Chapter. We began planning early in the semester, with two weeks of rush in August and both a soft and hard pinning ceremony. The extra time in-between gave the Big Brothers adequate time to get to know the pledges, and to really bond before initiating a Big-Little relationship.

We took three pledges under our wing to become the first pledge class of Tau Chapter. The pledges participated in many projects as part of their process, including a service project in benefit of the Sitar Arts Center, a DC-based organization that offers free lessons in the arts to underserved youth. The Brotherhood helped set-up and tear-down at various events for the Department of Performing Arts, as well as beginning the initial stages of our music drive in the spring.

We took part in fundraisers Halloween Weekend, hanging out together in costume while selling pizza and raising awareness of whom we are.

On the evening of December 3rd, 2011, and into the morning of December 4th, 2011, we initiated

the very first pledge class of Mu Beta Psi's Tau Chapter. National Brothers joined us for a very special and historic evening. We are all extremely proud of Nicole Del Casale, Rebecca Rutkovsky, and Benjamin Scaldini for all of their hard work throughout the semester. We know they will be invaluable assets to the Chapter, to the National Brotherhood, and to all who seek out knowledge and love in music and service. We look forward to the next semester and what it holds for our budding Chapter.

*Top: New Tau Brothers
Bottom: Tau Chapter*



New Tau Brothers

Nicole Del Casale
REbecca Rutkovsky
Benjamin Scaldini

Brotherly News

Engagements

Drew Dickens (A) is engaged to Samantha Kennedy. The wedding is set for June 2, 2012.

Melisa Erwin (N) and Jennie McCarthy (N) were engaged on October 16th. They are moving to New York City.

Ryan Owczarzak (P) proposed to Trista Zdroik (P) on August 1st.

Mary Kennedy (Z) became engaged to Matthew Villa on September 12th. The wedding is set for summer 2014.

Morgan Snyder (N) became engaged to Charlie Distacamento on July 1st in Quezon City, Philippines.

Bryce Wolfe (Π) proposed to Alison Andrews (AA/ Π) on August 26th. They plan to wed in August 2013 in Virginia.

Births

Stephanie (Bernat) Smith (N) and husband Travis welcomed Karen on July 27th. She was 21" long and weighed 7lb 14oz.

Richard John Kulyk, son of Nathaniel (AA/Ξ) and Melissa Kulyk, was born on September 30, 2011. At birth, he was 6 lb. 10 oz. and 20" long.

Crystal Rowland (N) and Dustin Hamilton welcomed son Ian on October 24th.

Brittany Huie (M) and Ben Wagner had a baby girl, Vivian Huie Wagner, on November 17, 2011.

Other News

Jennie McCarthy (N) graduated from the College of St Rose with a Masters in Early Childhood Education.

Andrew Stephens (AA/Z) participated in TubaChristmas in St Paul.

Garrett Cooperman (AA/N) is graduating with his MA in English after this semester. He's also now an instructor at Kenpo Self-Defense Studio.

Victoria Demers (Z) is moving to eastern Texas to work as a Mechanical Engineering Associate with Union Pacific.

Joshua Farrell (N) is attending SUNY Oswego for a Masters in Human-Computer Interaction.

Adam Gardner (AA/O) is super excited to start a new full-time job at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis as a Development Data Coordinator.

Aaleeya Gopalani (T) is interning at the DC Jazz Festival, DC's biggest live music festival.

Mary Kennedy (Z) is earning her MBA from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Jennie McCarthy (N) graduated from the College of St Rose with a Masters in Early Childhood Education.

Melissa Lachi Offoha (M)'s band Lachi & Meridian dropped a single and music video for "Bug Out," which was followed by a South Atlantic tour. They're recording a new album. See lachimusic.com.

Beth Schermerhorn (N) will be working in Walt Disney World as a Costumer.

Annie Trent (O) is graduating with a second bachelors' degree this spring and will be moving to New Jersey.

Tara (AA/Z) and Nate Waybrant moved to Fort Hood, TX and closed on a house.



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