



Spring 2003

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Mu Beta Psi, National Honorary Musical Fraternity

CONVENTION 2003

by Ryan Hauck

Convention 2003 was an absolute blast as Brothers from all over the country flocked to Chapel Hill to take part in the festivities on Feb 28-Mar 1. Attendance from the Chapters was higher than ever, as everyone brought large delegations with them. Most people arrived Thursday night and began pre-Convention festivities at the hotel, getting reacquainted with old friends and making new ones.

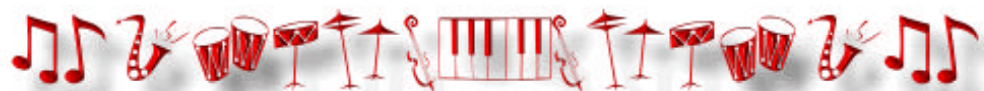
Friday began the usual full schedule of meetings, starting with Officer Roundtable at 8am and ending with NEC, which adjourned Saturday morning at 12:15am—a near-record early time! Major events on Friday included preliminary approval of Merger Guidelines by the NCE; discussion of cross-Chapter interaction at NCCM and MAL Roundtable; approval of the budget and several major financial requests in the NFC; appointment of a backup website administrator in NCEC; a successful “Town Meeting,” a new open-forum meeting attended by any interested Brothers; approval of national goals and decisions regarding the open National Secretary position by the BOT; and a coordinated effort by several committees including the NEC to overhaul our National Policies.

Saturday the Fraternity met for General Assembly to discuss the main business of Convention. The Legislative Council approved additional policy overhauls, received reports from officers and committees, and elected officers (see below). Saturday night Mu hosted a wonderful banquet at a museum in Durham, and then put on an awesome post-Convention party on Saturday night. Sunday the crowds began to disperse with hundreds of memories, laughs, and friendships new and re-made.

Congratulations to the Officers elected:

- NP: Ryan Hauck, Delta Alumni (term ends 2004)
- NVPCM: Wesley Meacombs, Alpha Alumni (term ends 2005)
- NS: Stephanie Miller, Alpha (term ends 2004; by interpretation of the BOT, the NS election was to fill the remainder of the 3-year term vacated by Ali Ely and a new 3-year NS will be elected in 2004)
- NEOTC: Erin Bates, Zeta (term ends 2004)
- Chair of the BOT (elected by BOT): Gayle Kriby, Zeta Alumni (term ends 2004)

These officers join NVPE Alana Kirby, NT Julie Lyon, and NH Shari Baxter as the 2003-2004 Officer Corps. In addition, the BOT also elected Ben Griffeth (Kappa Alumni) as Vice-Chair of the BOT for the 2003-2004 year.



National President Report

by Ryan Hauck

I am happy to report that the Fraternity has largely been stable and doing well since my last report in The Clef. Most of our Chapters are at a good size and expect to retain their numbers next year; the Chapters that may be a little bit smaller are already making plans to boost membership. This semester alone, Omicron increased its membership with 18 new Brothers in two pledge classes, and Alpha recently more than doubled their membership with a pledge class of 10. I challenge all Chapters to bring in similar numbers in the upcoming pledge seasons!

Convention 2003 was certainly one of the best Conventions in recent memory. Representation was high from all Chapters—it was wonderful to see so many attendees! The weekend went extremely well and almost all of the meetings ran on time. Even the dreaded NEC meeting was finished by 12:15am. This year the fraternity tried something new with a “Town Meeting”, where nearly 80 Brothers congregated to discuss anything that came to their minds—fraternity concerns, recruiting ideas, chapter cooperation, national-chapter interaction, anything. I think the Town Meeting was very successful and the Brotherhood was enthusiastic about repeating the idea next year. The social events on both Friday and Saturday nights were lots of fun and well-attended, especially the Saturday night party where The Gator made a comeback after a 3-year absence! Mu Chapter planned and executed an amazing Convention and are to be commended for their outstanding work.

Since Convention there hasn't been too much activity besides initiations; everyone's been taking time to recover and organize. The NEC has been holding monthly meetings, and the BOT and NVPCM are having Office Hours at regular intervals. The MALs have been meeting by themselves, a wonderful idea that I hope they continue. Chapters have initiated an unprecedented level of cross-chapter interaction. Our new officers have been easing into their newfound responsibilities and are ready to serve Mu Beta Psi. Our old officers are getting back into the groove too and will also be working hard to run your Fraternity! As for myself, I am currently working on committee goals/responsibilities as well as officer and Chapter goals. These will be coming out slowly over the next several weeks and into the summer. All the officers will be taking the summer to play a little bit of catch-up and should have lots of work for everyone to help with in the Fall.

I am very excited and optimistic about the Fall 2003 semester. I think all the Chapters have great opportunities and challenges ahead of them, and I know they will be successful in everything they do. As always, I and the other officers are at your disposal to help in any way possible. Please don't hesitate to track us down if we can be of any assistance. Good luck with end-of-semester activities, everyone, and have a wonderful summer! May Brotherhood Prevail!



National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

by Wesley Meacombs

The first semester has started off well. It was very interesting to be President for 3 hours. That was an awesome joke Ryan! You had me sweating for a while. I have gone to Alpha, Delta, and Omicron Initiations. All of the initiations were a blast to attend. It was great to see all the new and old brothers. Thanks to Omicron for making my birthday a good one. I turned 26 on March 22 which was the morning of their initiations. I apologize to all those chapters I did not make it to for a visit. I plan on going to Zeta, Mu, Nu, and Xi in the next two semesters. I plan on spending this summer reviewing the documents that I have and the documents I'm going to receive. At the start of next semester look for an email that lays out what I will need submitted and a schedule for during so. I hope everyone is pleased with my progress as an officer. I hope to improve in the future. I would like to add that if anyone has any concerns with me or criticisms, please let me know. I am not one to over react or take things in a bad way. Please be vocal. That's all I got. May Brotherhood Prevail!

National Treasurer Report

by Julie Lyon

Here are some reminders of impending deadlines:

- **April 30:** Last day to submit a reimbursement form and receipts for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- **April 30:** Last day to submit the New Initiate Form for the Brothers initiated this spring. Please submit this form plus the \$34 per initiate by the due date so that I can process shingle orders efficiently.

And now for the numbers:

- **Accounts:**
 - Checking: \$4,245.71
 - Savings: \$10,170.76
- **Funds:**
 - Undesignated: \$5,629.94
 - Maintenance: \$2,412.71
 - Expansion: \$2,681.82
 - Special Projects: \$562.00
 - Liability Insurance: \$3,130.00

I would like to discuss the **spring initiate fees** at an NFC meeting that I will be scheduling before the end of the school year. The issue is the fairness of charging the full amount of National dues (\$20) for those Brothers initiated in the spring as it may impose a financial hardship with few benefits to the Brother. I thought the Brothers made some excellent points and counter-points on this issue at Convention. I look forward to our continuing discussion!

I now have some new jobs based on changes that we made at Convention. Including these new duties, I am now the primary contact for the following items:

- **Semi-annual financial statements.** I solicit these financial reports from chapters, compile them, and distribute to the Fraternity. These financial reports should give us a feel for how the entire Fraternity stands financially.
- **New initiate reports.** Every semester, the Chapters are required to fill out a New Initiate Report form and submit it with one check for \$34 per initiate. The \$34 covers National dues (\$20), a shingle fee (\$4), and an initiation fee (\$10). Based on these forms, I order shingles and distribute them to the Chapters.
- **Jewelry orders.** If you have individual or Chapter jewelry orders, which includes items such as Brother and pledge pins, Brother key lapel pins and necklaces, name badges, and crest decals,

submit a jewelry form and check to me ("Mu Beta Psi, Inc.").

- **Reimbursements.** If you would like to get the money allotted to you in your budget, send me a reimbursement form and attach receipts.
- **Active Brother List.** Each semester, Chapters submit this form with their National dues.

Wrap-up items:

- As of Convention, I have established a **jewelry task force** to investigate new jewelry options. If you are interested in participating on the task force or in our discussions, please keep an eye out for emails on the mbpsi listserv.
- Tim Kudlock and I will be pursuing **tax-exempt status** this spring/summer. I will keep you updated on our progress.

Finally (and most importantly, I think), **as your Chapter elects a new Treasurer**, please let me know the Brother's name and summer contact information. Try to ensure a smooth transition – pass along any electronic and paper-based accounting systems, go to the bank and change the signature on the account to the new Treasurer and President, and please pass on the Treasurer notebook I gave out at Convention. I would like to communicate frequently with the Treasurers this summer, and updated contact info is the first step. **THANK YOU** to all of the Brothers who have worked so hard on the financial front this year. I enjoyed working with each of you and though I am sad that some of you are moving on to bigger and better things, I hope we can stay in touch! Have a great summer!

My **contact info** is: 7830 Hanover Pkwy #201, Greenbelt, MD 20770 treasurer@mubetapsi.org or jlyon@psyc.umd.edu (301) 325-8823 (home/cell) (301) 405-5934 (school/day).



Chair of the Board of Trustees Report

by Gayle Kirby

Is it time for another Clef already? My how time flies when things are getting done! The Board of Trustees has been very busy over the past quarter. Getting ready for Convention played a big role in our productiveness over the past quarter. It's funny how a deadline will get you to do things. Maybe that's why they call it a deadline? I'm sure you're all wondering what we've been up to over the past year, and more specifically over the past quarter. One of the main goals that the BOT had from President Hauck was to work with Jon Fielbrandt (AA) on his goal as past National President to streamline the National documents so that they are easier to read, and easier to find things in. Jon Fielbrandt (AA), Ryan Hauck (NP), Julie Lyon (NT) and I formed a small team for document modification, and worked through all the policies and National Constitution to reach a streamlined end. The changes were presented and approved at National Convention. Not only did we streamline the documents, but Tim Kudlock (PBOT/CFO) and Julie Lyon (NT) worked hard at restructuring where the Fraternity is financially, which included NEC Policy and Finance Policy changes, as well as preparing our financial statements for tax exempt application. Additionally, the BOT Policy Manual was revised to make the BOT Advisory positions more advisory in nature, as they were previously execution-based in nature.

Another goal we had was to make sure the Board of Trustees and the Fraternity was aware of the resolution passed regarding the Board of Trustees and the fact that it is an advisory body. Along those lines, I set up monthly PBOT Office Hours where you all can stop in online in the chat room and get to know us, ask us questions and for advice in any areas you may have difficulties.

A sampling of the other things that the PBOTs worked on this past year were that Ben Griffeth collected Fraternity goals for presentation and adoption at Convention, Bryan Reamer reviewed all of the Chapter Bylaws for compliance with the National documents, and Tim Kudlock (along with Julie Lyon) worked hard at getting our National financial records up to date, restructuring our financial processes, and getting us prepared for tax exempt status.

Other items that were accomplished at this Convention's Board of Trustees meeting were the adoption of 7 new National Goals for the Fraternity to execute over the next couple years, reimbursements from national funds for archival and historical operational items, discussion about a long term archive storage management proposal (which we're ***extremely*** excited about), where national funds are sure to be approved at our next meeting, discussion of a Formal Ritual change that was tabled to our next meeting pending research, and then finally the election of me, Gayle Kirby, as next year's Chairman of the Board, and Ben Griffeth as next year's Vice Chairman of the Board.

All in all, it was a very productive year for us, and I look forward to the same this coming year.

On a different note, we're all wishing Vice Chairman Ben Griffeth, or Lieutenant Commander as he's going by now, a speedy and safe return from the Iraq Conflict. He's currently on the USNS Comfort, comforting our troops. Take care, Ben, and hurry back!

National Vice President of Expansion Report

by Alana Kirby

For the majority of the time since Convention, there have been no new contacts and our previous contacts have dropped off the face of the earth. April 16th, however, I have heard of two nibbles on the expansion front. They are very vague right now, but I will let the Brotherhood know when I know more. I wish all Brothers a wonderful summer - come visit me in Michigan!

Letter from Overseas

Brothers,

Greetings from the Gulf. As the PBOT advising on Expansion, I have been on a field mission to attempt to charter our first international chapter. Unfortunately, Saddam Hussein University in Baghdad has suffered some impairment in their infrastructure and do not feel that they can support further American expansion at this time.

Seriously, the work with casualties goes well in the Gulf. As most know, I am aboard the USNS COMFORT, the only hospital ship in the Gulf, providing care and respite to the injured of both sides. Business, unfortunately, has been brisk at times but luckily less than for which we had prepared. I have two jobs, care of the patients and care of the staff. Know that your thoughts and prayers are felt here and cheer many painful souls.

Music remains the soul of life even here. Headphones are ubiquitous on the mess decks, in the casualty wards, and in the berthings. People find solace in the music of their minds and hearts. Even our "guests" appreciate the disco, Motown and R&B we play to break up the monotony of their (and our) day. In fact, there have been fewer complaints and less pain for those using music, regardless of nationality.

So when you find yourself questioning your commitment to music, to its service; look to what music provide you. Look to music's ability to soothe the burns, comfort the wounds, and relieve the suffering.

I look forward to coming home and hearing YOUR Music.

IBH,
LCDR Benjamin Griffeth

All the sounds of the Earth
are like music.

--Oscar Hammerstein II
Oklahoma!



Do you love to write? Love the Brotherhood? Or maybe you are a photographer who goes camera happy at Fraternity events?

Write for The Clef! Contribute your photographs, poetry, stories, articles, etc to YOUR Fraternity publication.

Article/picture submissions will be accepted until October 20, 2003 for the Fall edition. Send them to Erin M. Bates at embates@mtu.edu anytime before then!

Don't forget to check out the Clef online at <http://www.mubetapsi.org/Clef!>



Chapter Reports

Alpha Chapter

by Ted Geller, Alpha MAL

Alpha Chapter has mainly been focusing on the completion of this semester's Pledging season, initiating 10 new Brothers as part of the n³ Pledgeclass. This time around, many changes to the Pledging process were implemented—book-walking and conspiracies have been removed, while candy boxes have been replaced by Pledgeclass-designed and created containers. (The n³ Pledgeclass decided to employ Pringles cans stylized after the white and red-stripe of the Alpha Chapter paddles.) The Honorary Brothers have been changed from an info set to a listening session and the Scavenger Hunt has been re-structured to include a vocal clue given at the University's resonance or "Whisper" shells.

Aside from Pledging, two Alpha Brothers are beginning to work on a streamlining of Chapter By-Laws and Policies akin to the National streamlining that was effected at this year's National Convention. Alpha plans to take it a step further in implementing a policy revision history, which would explain each change and why it was made, to avoid questions, controversies, or contradictions in matters of policy in the future.

Mu Chapter

by Jonny Chen, Mu MAL

The chorus line for Mu this spring semester has been "Only Eight Active Brothers." Yet, despite it all, we have managed to accomplish a fair amount over the last few months.

In early January we pulled off the Second Annual Psi Jam, a benefit concert spanning over two nights and including the performances of nearly a dozen (predominantly a capella) groups from around campus. A portion of this year's proceeds will be going to VH1's Save the Music campaign, which lends a hand to music programs in schools across the country.

With one major event behind us, we went into the long stretch before convention. At the end of February, we

were proud to host National Convention 2003 in Chapel Hill. It was amazing seeing nearly a hundred Brothers representing decades of Psi history at our chapter. We enjoyed getting exposure to Mu Beta Psi on a national level and had a lot of fun getting to match faces with names. And of course, what could be more powerful than singing "Hail the Spirit" with giant conference room full of your Brothers? We hope the excitement and productivity from Convention drives us through the upcoming months. See everyone at Nu next year!

The rest of the semester we have spent being introspective. After a visit from BOT member Bryan Reamer, we re-visited with Psi's central themes of Music, Brotherhood, and Service. In terms of service, we have been working with Alpha Chapter this semester at the RBC Center in Raleigh. Not only providing a few extra hands to Alpha, but this has been a good money-making venture for us. Besides that, we have ushered quite a few concerts and hosted a good number of receptions this spring – both for musical organizations on campus and for recitals that our own inactive brothers have been involved in.

We also came to a major realization this semester that having so few active brothers had made us very work-driven. So this semester we have attempted to return our focus to Brotherhood. One of our major joys this semester was the initiation of new Brother Sean Galgano in the early morning of April 5, 2003. Hooray for our Upsilon ("Oops! Just Sean") class! This month we are also planning and looking forward to our Alumni Reunion. A couple of weeks ago we celebrated our ten-year anniversary. Hopefully that weekend will bring together all the Brothers that have contributed to Mu's history.

The end of the academic semester brought with it elections for our chapter. Some of our newly elected officers are: President Jonny Chen, Vice President Chrissy Bischoff, Secretary Sarah Morrison, Treasurer Jonny Chen, Pledgemaster John Dudley, Assistant Pledgemaster Sarah Morrison, and Historian Chrissy Bischoff.

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Just as with retiring of lots of officers, spring also means a lot of goodbyes in terms of graduating seniors. This spring we will be graduating half of our active Brotherhood: Hannah Johnson, Ryan Ong, Deidre Pinnix, and Misha Turner. We are proud to call them Brothers and sad to see them move on with their lives. Before they leave though, we plan on going on a weekend retreat to Brother John Dudley's beach house. It should be a good weekend of fun and transitions.

Without music, life would be a mistake.

--Nietzsche

Alumni Association

by Kevin Britton, AA President

As I write this, I'm working dilligently on the brand NEW home of the Alumni Association on the web. Hopefully the first phase, including the new look and a new edition of Alumni Notes, will be up by press time. Eventually, this site will serve as a central repository of online Brotherhood information. For now, though, there remains much work to do.

On other fronts, we're on the brink of migrating our email lists to the national web server. Alumni, be sure to check your email for new information regarding these lists. We've also set up a new email address for information and updates: alumni@mubetapsi.org

This year's alumni Midyear Weekend will be held the weekend of August 2, 2003, in the Detroit, MI area. Stay tuned for more info!

Finally, as we continue to work hard here, we offer our continued best wishes for Alumni Brother Ben Griffeth, currently serving on the USNS Comfort in the Persian Gulf. Hurry home, Ben!

Nu Chapter

by Emily Southworth, Nu MAL

Through the ice and snow, Nu prevails! Up until last week, the snow flew our way, but Ryan Hauck was kind enough to finally get the order correct with Fed Ex and send warm weather our way!

Nu as been very busy this semester. Everyone who attended Convention 2003 in Mu had a wonderful time and the entire chapter is ready to take on the exciting task of having Convention 2004 here! We are currently working on getting our name out more on campus and getting more people involved within the fraternity.

We have several brothers graduating this semester including our long time members, Jonathon Rowlands and Brian Culkin. They will be missed but promise to do all they can to help us out in their remaining time here. Find out who else is graduating

With fundraising, we are currently working on a talent show, which is being planned by our New Brother, Chris Kessler. It will be taking place this Wednesday, April 16 and looks to be a lot of fun, with Brothers performing in between acts. We are also going to be having several car washes now that the weather has cleared up and are still selling the discount cards and the cookbooks. If anyone would like to purchase a cookbook, just let us know! We have also been having a great time ushering the shows coming to Oswego as well as the music department concerts!

We would like to welcome in our New Brothers, Chris Kessler- per 4 mer, Jodi Castell- caution, Bob Purcell-foxy, and Rebekah Thompson- madonna. They were inducted on April 12th and did an incredible job throughout the entire night! We would also like to thank Mu's Ryan Ong and Alpha's Aaron McClannon for coming up for initiations as well as Xi's Nathaniel Kulyk, Matthew Kopchick and Matthew Davis, and Alpha's Aaron McClannon for coming up for the Overnight on March 15th. We've had a wonderful introducing our New Brothers to members of other chapters and welcome everyone up any time they want to see beautiful Lake Ontario!

Chapter Reports

Xi Chapter

by Nathaniel Kulyk, Xi MAL

The Spring 2003 semester has been both busy and productive for Xi Chapter. Most of January and February was spent on several fundraising activities in order for ten active Brothers and one pledge to attend Convention. Our efforts included two submarine sandwich sales, singing telegrams for Valentine's Day, and even selling Avon's products. Again, many thanks to Mu Chapter for an outstanding convention!

March and April were also busy months for Xi. On the weekend of March 15th, three Brothers, including Nathaniel Kulyk, Matt Davis, and Matt Kopchick, traveled up to SUNY Oswego for Nu Chapter's annual Overnight. Tons of fun was had by all, and our thanks go out to Nu Chapter for their invitation and their hospitality.

On the evening of April 4th, Xi Chapter held their Spring Initiations. We are pleased to welcome the brothers of Nu Class into the fraternity: Brother Jennifer Koury (Nightingale) and Brother Elizabeth Demharter (Snapshot). Many thanks to Brothers Molly Kuhns and Nicole Brush, alums of Xi Chapter, and Brother Aaron McClannon of Alpha Chapter for attending.

In between weekly meetings, several Xi Brothers participated in a production of "Children of Eden" put on by "The Company," an entirely student-run musical theater group. "Children of Eden" was performed on April 11-13th. "The Company" is currently under the leadership of Brother Jason Winters. Brothers that participated in the show include Dave Guthrie, Todd Barnett, Elizabeth Demharter, Jennifer Koury, Nathaniel Kulyk, Matt Davis, and Sweetheart Jason Huether. Participating in the orchestra was Brother Matt Kopchick. Brothers who also contributed to the success of the show include Laura Mallery who assisted with costume design, Drew DeCarlo who assisted in the pit, Sweetheart Bryan Abbot who was the Vocal Director, and several others assisted by ushering and selling concessions.

The weekend of April 26-27th is very important for Xi Chapter. Brothers will participate in the annual Saint Vincent College Spring Fest, in which all of the campus clubs and organizations offer fun activities for the students and off-campus visitors. On April 27th, Xi will hold "The Kelidescope of Music." Several Brothers and other musical students were invited to participate and share their music talents. Donations are to be collected to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Xi Chapter recently held elections for the 2003-2004 academic year. Our new officers are as follows: President - Laura Mallery, Vice-President - Jason Winters, Member-at-Large - Nathaniel Kulyk, Secretary - Stephanie Emery, Treasurer & 2nd Voting Delegate - Matt Kopchick, Music Activities Coordinator - Megan Roble, Pledgemaster - Jennifer Koury, Assistant Pledgemaster & Webmaster - Elizabeth Demharter, Sergeant at Arms - David Jozwiak, and Historian - Matt Davis. Congratulations and best of luck to our new officers!

Finally, May marks the end of the semester. This year at commencement, Xi will be saying farewell to several seniors, including Brothers Traci Lalli, David Guthrie, Todd Barnett, Mike Allen, Lucia Soltis, and Dawn Altman. They have all contributed greatly to our chapter and they will all be greatly missed. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

As we bring the Spring Semester to a close, we look forward to a bright future for Xi Chapter, filled with exciting opportunities to attract new brothers and continue to promote music on the campus of Saint Vincent College.

Brotherhood is the association of people united in a common interest, work, or creed, as a fraternity.

--Websters Dictionary (First printed as above in Dec 1988 edition of *The Clef*)

Chapter Reports

Zeta Chapter

by Erin M. Bates, Zeta

Holy wa! Have we've been busy beavers here in Houghton, eh?! Spring Semester has proved to be incredibly busy for Zeta Chapter as we took on the prodigious task of restructuring our responsibilities and committees. The Brotherhood worked together to create a brand new Committee Handbook to ensure the tasks and traditions of our Chapter will continue. We also took a close look at our By-Laws and policies - making appropriate changes. We have a brand new Attendance Policy to boot.

Zeta Chapter is ten Brothers stronger thanks to our Fall and Spring pledge classes, BASSic Treble and The Bandits respectively. Our newest Brothers are already jumping in for officer positions and committee chairs. They show such awesome potential!

This year's Winter Carnival was a huge success for the Chapter. We participated in nearly every event for the festival, earning Third Place overall and Second Place in the Stage Revue, or SKITS. The entire Brotherhood, including several alumni, helped put together our First Annual Evening with Gary Tunstall. Zeta had been looking for a new fund-raiser for our annual scholarships, so with the help of Honorary Brother Gary Tunstall we put together a concert at a local hotel. We earned a profit well over the amount of the scholarship, proving that we are able to concoct new annual fund-raisers. The plans have already begun for the Second Annual Evening with Gary Tunstall, tentatively scheduled for the Friday of Winter Carnival week.

Zeta recently held officer elections. Our new officers are as follows: President - Andrew Fleming, Vice-President - Ariana Jeske, Secretary - Nicole Milkovic, Treasurer - Jack McCaffery, MAL - Drew Barwis, MAL-elect - Chris Hill, Historian - Lizzy Siedlecki, Pledgemaster - Drew Barwis, Assistant Pledgemaster - Chuck Schulz. As outgoing President, I wish all the new officers to Zeta, as well as other Chapters, all the best of luck!

Omicron Chapter

by Nathaniel Kulyk, XI MAL

Upon arriving back to Roanoke for the new semester, we had to jump right into preparations for the upcoming initiations for our Beta pledge class. All of the pledges passed their final the first time around, and they even helped us conduct RUSH for our Gamma pledge class. After all was said and done, we initiated a wonderful Beta pledge class on January 24, 2003, and we have so far picked up 8 new pledges for our Gamma pledge class.

As for the rest of the semester, Janice Laccone led the Gamma pledge class as Pledge Master. There was a joint Beta/Gamma fundraiser, which consisted of making Musical Candy Bags which contained candy (duh!), a kazoo, and information about musical events on the Roanoke College Campus. We have helped assist music students at several senior recitals, student recitals, and musical productions. These activities, along with initiations of our gamma pledge class on March 21-22, have kept us busy since convention.

In the last few weeks we have been busy tying up some loose end before we break for the year. Some of these activities include a final fundraiser, which was a car wash near campus. We have also elected new officers. We have a new Secretary (Melissa Carr), MAL (Ryan Miller), Treasurer (Bryan Gibson), and Pledge Master (Kristen Jasper). The remaining offices are the same for this upcoming year. Omicron chapter wishes these new officers much luck in fulfilling their duties. On April 12 we presented the college with a memorial to the late Dr. Frank Williams, the composer of our school's Alma Mater, during the school's alumni weekend. We were joined by faculty, as well as students and family of Dr. Williams. In addition to these loose ends we have already started brainstorming for events for next year. These include ideas for our haunted house and activities such as a "Roanoke Idol" contest. Finally we would like to say that we have three great graduating seniors this year (Janice Laccone, Daniel Presgrave, and Jennifer Rose) and we wish them well and much success in their future endeavors.

PAM'S CRABS: What I Learned Up North!

by Aaron McLannon, Alpha

What in the world ever possessed me to take a Co-op in the blustery God-forsaken frozen North, I'll never know. But, what I gained over the past several weekends has redeemed the reasons behind my frozen extremities. I took the opportunity to do a once in a lifetime thing; over three consecutive weekends I attended the Informal and Formal initiations of Zeta, Nu, and Xi. The ramification of this has been to blow up my old balloon definition of brotherhood and, like a circus clown, shape it into something fabulous (a purple rabbit for example). In the following lines I hope to provide a few helpful pointers to any brother who may wish to visit three of the most WONDERFUL chapters I've had the pleasure of knowing.

First of all, if you're going to Zeta, I don't care what month it is bring blue jeans and a jacket. It would seem the Finnish God Ukko had an incredible sense of humor when the U.P. was being formed! Along that same lines, ice and steps DO NOT mix. There are only four flights a day in and out of Houghton; with U.P. weather, do NOT be surprised if you're bumped from a flight. In fact plan for it! You'll get a free ticket if you volunteer and possible overnight lodgings. At least Houghton is a well laid out place with an expert around everyone corner to point you the right way (granted that's because all of them have lived there their entire life). Emotional though they are, Zeta initiations are something to really behold. Go with an open mind and a brother's heart, and you'll be drained yet exuberant by the time the final order of Crab Rangoon hits the table at Mings. AND, if you ever get the chance, sleep on Erin's bed; TRUST ME IT'S WORTH IT! And, although we love Zeta dearly, they cannot carry a tune in a bucket of frozen water. So, just close your ears and try not to flinch through Hail the Spirit of Mu Beta Psi. If all else fails, get a pasty, by the time you finish you'll be grinning from ear to ear. Ultimately, a snow shovel is optional, but just try getting that through airport security!

My second weekend saw me in the little known town of Latrobe, PA. Wearing my bright orange letter shirt amidst tons of people sporting green and yellow, I stuck out like a sore thumb (doesn't mean I still wasn't relieved when Laura finally realized it was I staring at her from across the street!). Tip number one, DON'T DISS THE PASTA! If you're hungry, anything will go down well while chugging Mr. Ahhh. Stories about St. Vincent are extremely entertaining. If you have extra time, just ask

and see what happens. Sunday morning brunch is worth waking up for. Made to order omelets are yummy. St. Vincent also has the most beautiful campus grounds, assuming the never-ending construction does eventually end. On a breezy sunny day just lay on a hill and watch the clouds roll over the peaks and towers of the buildings. Finally, be prepared for the Darn Dr. Evil Rap, too bad it can't always be followed by a blood-curdling scream (gracefully bows). If all else fails, just grab the Xi-Goat and run quickly. That'll get some attention.

Finally, I ended up at Nu after a nice little five-hour drive and two 12' subs from Sheetz. Nu brothers are very...loving. We'll leave it at that just to guard against future blackmails. While referencing the Dorms just mumble something slightly incoherent and chances are you'll be right on target. Although the names are impossible to pronounce, Oswego has something more valuable than gold. The sunsets across Lake Ontario are breath-taking. Bring a blanket and a camera, sit on the shores of Lake Ontario, and watch the colors change. Oswego brothers are also very colorful. Let them regale you with stories regarding their friends and family. You'll be rolling for days. A smile still escapes my lips when I remember some of the anecdotes. Unlike Zeta, YOU WILL GET COLD DURING INFORMALS, think before you dress. Concrete is surprisingly acoustical. That camera from the sunset will come in handy later as the new brothers line up with their families and take their places. Speaking of the new brothers, go ahead and give 'em a hug. Brotherly hugs are a MUST; this is a universal truth. And I couldn't leave this paragraph without commenting on Pam's Crabs. Pam is the departmental secretary at Oswego State (once again proving my theory that every Music Department must have a secretary whose a Mom to any brother alive). Back to subject, she got them [the crabs] in Virginia, and for the last time I'm from North Carolina and she didn't get them from ME! But, if I say yes can I get another breakfast? Chocolate Chip Pancakes, please, and this time I'll save room. Just make Pam promise not to keep putting food on my plate (I'm cuddly enough, thank you). Point blank, meeting Pam is another MUST do. Ultimately, if you're going to Nu, just keep thinking to yourself that brothers can't kill you. But, you'd be surprised what you can live through.

In short, I had a blast over the past three restless weekends. Granted I'm sleep deprived, I'm still not sure

everything I ate, and I've laughed so hard I had to use the bathroom SEVERAL times, but it was all worth it. I'm energized with new ideas and ready to take on the Mu Beta Psi world after I return to Alpha next semester. I'd like to thank Mom, Toe Job, and Duckie for letting me stay in their rooms, and all the Brothers for their hospitality and warmth. I swear upon all that's holy, that I will definitely be back in the future, and Convention next year is going to be memorable. Of this, I have no doubts. Not to be cliché, but in summing my experiences I have this to say. Trip to Zeta=\$855.50, trip to Xi=\$40, and a trip to Nu=\$60: remembering why you joined Mu Beta Psi and meeting purely amazing brothers=PRICELESS. And, yes, Jon, I finally do agree. Mu Beta Psi is my family, howbeit dysfunctional, it is the largest group of people I've ever loved and cared for.

Mistaken Identity

Mu Chapter has spent the last year trying to collect aspects of its history that have, until now, been forgotten in the basements of our alumni. We have made many interesting discoveries but probably the most amusing was when we recovered our Charter. Too big to fit in our locker, the Charter for Mu Chapter has been passed along from Brother to Brother, and by the look of it, has spent most of its time in closets and basements.

At first, we were simply relieved to have such an important document back, but a second look showed the flaws of our Brotherhood. That's right, folks, there is a typo on our Charter! According to the Charter, we are students of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Gill! Although it seems like an honest mistake, theories are going around that imply our Alpha Brothers at the time were trying to play a trick on their rival school. If anything, this can teach us all that Brotherhood is never perfect, and that spellchecking is always important.

What Are Your Brothers Listening To?

Jonny Chen, Mu MAL

1. Coldplay – Parachutes
2. Cake – Comfort Eagle
3. [name an a capella CD and it fits here]
4. John Mayer – Inside Wants Out
5. Linkin Park – Hybrid Theory

Ariana Jeske, Zeta VP

1. Ani DiFranco – Little Plastic Castle
2. Tracy Chapman – Fast Car
3. Jewel – Pieces of You
4. The Beatles – Anthology I
5. Aimee Man – Stupid Thing

Ryan Hauck, National President

1. Evanescence – Fallen
2. Chevelle – Wonder What's Next
3. Iris DeMent – My Life
4. Missy Elliott – Under Construction
5. KMFDM – Adios

Julie Lyon, National Treasurer

1. Heart – Greatest Hits
2. The Best of Emerson, Lake, & Palmer
3. Moby – Play
4. I Am Sam Soundtrack
5. Best of the Cowboy Junkies

Aaron McLannon, Alpha

1. Stars: The Best of the Cranberries
2. Cher – Living Proof
3. Celine Dion – One Heart
4. Enya – Memory of Trees
5. Pink – Miz Undastood

Erin M. Bates, NEOTC

1. Paul Oakenfold – Tranceport
2. Postal Service – Give Up
3. Thievery Corporation – The Mirror Conspiracy
4. Alanis Morissette – Under Rug Swept
5. Janet Jackson – The Velvet Rope

Chapter Traditions

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising: The Money Question on Everyone's Mind

by Erin M. Bates, NEOTC

The economy is weak. Public universities are losing their state funding. Budget cuts cross over almost every area in American life. But we still have a Fraternity to run!

So how does a small, pseudo-non-profit organization go about earning a steady income? The following articles show a few ways the Chapters are raising funds, but there are many other avenues left for us as a Fraternity to explore. I started a bit of research once I received all the articles for this edition – totally out of personal curiosity on how other organizations do it. So here is a compiled list of hints for future fundraising endeavors:

1. Take a great one-time fundraiser and make it an annual event. People will come to expect the singing telegrams/candy boxes/carwashes.
2. Advertising is key. Utilize local radio stations and their offers for free public service announcements (PSAs). Advertise both on and off campus
3. Make smart banking choices. Endowments may not be the way to go – mutual funds or a CD may be better for you. Always do your research!
4. Utilize those around you – alumni, faculty, and others who interact with the Fraternity are probably willing to donate if you ask properly and ethically.
5. Do some research to see what's out there! Here are a few websites/organizations I found that appear useful: Charity Village: <http://www.charityvillage.com>, American Association of Fundraising Council: <http://www.aafrc.org>, and <http://www.fund-raising.com>.
6. Go through your Chapter's archives to see what was done in the past. Learn from the programs that didn't work, find out what went wonderfully and what failed and why.

And now on to individual Chapter fundraising efforts.

Alpha Chapter

by Ted Gellar, Alpha MAL

Alpha Chapter has three sources of fundraising: dues, MusicFEST, and the Royal Bank of Canada Center.

Active Brothers currently pay \$15 per semester to Alpha Chapter in dues. Special Active Brothers pay \$7.50. This money is used for various things, such as apples for the marching band, toner for the Chapter photocopier, and refreshments for pre-Pledging events. Pledges currently pay \$75 in dues, which covers the cost of a Brother's pin, nametag, initiation fee, paddle, and paddle-making materials.

MusicFEST, Alpha Chapter's annual music talent competition, is funded by advertisement sales—each Active Brother is required to raise \$45 in advertisement sales, or pay that money out-of-pocket. Each Special Active Brother is required to raise \$15 or do the same. This money generally covers the prize money (\$450 in total) as well as money for gifts for the judges and for any publicity or decorations used for the event. Ticket sales from the event, usually at \$3 per ticket, go to the Alpha Chapter scholarship annuity fund.

The mainstay of fundraising for the operations costs of the Chapter is found through work at the Royal Bank of Canada Center, where the NCSU men's basketball team and the Carolina Hurricanes play. By working a concession stand for an event, which could be either a sports game or a concert (or even Women's Empowerment!), the Brothers of Alpha Chapter generally raise \$300 or more. The scheduling of events, however, is difficult, as it requires at least five individuals working a five-hour block or longer. However, the Alpha Brotherhood is skilled at working the ESA (the Entertainment and Sports Arena, as it was called before the RBC takeover, and as we still affectionately call it), having done so since the ESA first opened for business three years ago.

Chapter Traditions

FUNDRAISING

Mu Chapter

by Jonny Chen, Mu MAL

In the past, Mu has relied heavily on individual chapter dues for money. This spring we have gone over to Raleigh to help Alpha work at the RBC Center at various and sundry events held there (athletic games and concerts, etc). And in the last two years we have held a raffle sale and sold boxes of donuts on campus, but until the spring of 2002 we had no large-scaled event with which to fundraise. However, after the success of the first Psi Jam in 2002, last fall we began planning and orchestrating another benefit concert for this spring.

Over the weekend of January 10-11, 2003 we held the Second Annual Psi Jam. Because it followed the events of September 11, a portion of last time's money went to the Red Cross. This year we decided to send our proceeds to VH1's "Save the Music" campaign. Over a dozen groups across campus were invited to participate. We decided to expand the premise of the original concert to cover two nights (instead of one) of performances from predominantly a capella groups from Carolina. We found that this instead increased our expenses because the production services had to work two nights to set up the sound equipment. However, it was great seeing lots of groups from around campus cooperate and come together in celebration of music.

We also tried to use the weekend's concerts to publicize our presence on campus. Posters for the weekend's concerts preceded posters for our rush week. And we also made t-shirts for the concert, which we hoped to use both for publicity and as a moneymaking venture. Unfortunately, that venture flopped since we still have more than half the t-shirts we bought.

We're looking to learn from our mistakes and hopefully next year's concerts will be an even larger success!

Nu Chapter

by Emily Southworth, Nu MAL

A favorite fundraiser of Nu's once the snow melts are bikini car washes at a local business in town. We are going to be holding at least one car wash before the semester concludes on May 4th at the Wal-Mart where our treasurer, Trina Taylor, is assistant manager. We find

that we usually do raise a good amount of money during the car washes and all have a wonderful time splashing each other with water and the hose!

We find that with the car washes, our name gets out to the community and we build as a brotherhood. We work together very well and we are able to have fun but accomplish great and wonderful things at the same time. We get to see each other having loads of fun. We also are usually able to get some help from our alumni, who love this fundraiser as well (especially if there are girls with bikinis on)!

Another very successful fundraiser of ours is the cookbook sale. If you have not heard about it, we collected recipes from current active brothers, special active brothers, community honoraries and our alumni. The cookbooks have since been sold at every concert and have been very successful to help us raise money.

Another easy way to make money that we have begun is the collection of cans from brothers and anyone who donates them to us. Another is having a coat rack available to people before concerts during the winter. We charge \$1 and usually end up making some quick and easy money that way as well as by selling soda and snacks during the intermissions.

Xi Chapter

by Megan Roble, Xi

Ding Dong...Avon calling. Well, no, actually it was *knock knock*, since dorm rooms don't have doorbells. This is the sound of "MB" with the latest in beauty supplies. This year, with a goal to send 90% of the chapter to convention, Xi had to come up with some new ways to fund the trip. Although the male Brothers were a bit embarrassed by this particular scheme, it worked out quite nicely. How else did you think we Xi girls looked so good this year? (just kidding). With about 40% profit, Avon sales were able to fund most of our convention costs. Without much financial support from the school and such a small alumni base, we concocted this and several other fundraisers.

Avon sales, however, are not what make Xi famous in the halls of SVC. Each Valentine's Day, we personally

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deliver fifty-cent singling telegrams anywhere on campus. While most of these are jovial gestures among friends or "sweet nothings" from a lover to his girl, public appearances in the cafeteria turn many faces red (including our own). Brother Traci Lalli had the pleasure of serenading a worker in the seminary dining room. This sweet old woman was boosted atop a chair in a room full of scheming monks to receive her telegram. Apparently, she is their "only sunshine." I personally find it hard to forget singing "The Love Boat" theme, solo and complete with gestures, in a fisherman's cap for a professor from Cairo. I also don't think I will forget him chasing me from his class with a yardstick after returning with "Walk Like an Egyptian." The Xi guys even had an off-campus delivery to a rather butch man who didn't seem to grasp the concept of Valentine's Day. While the telegrams aren't our major source of income, they do make for an interesting day. While reflecting on this year's fundraising endeavors, the brothers of Xi would like to leave our fellow chapters with some very important advice: No matter how many hoagies you plan on selling (or "big hot dogs," as the Irish exchange students call them), always divide the final number by two before placing the order. If not, your chapter will be eating soggy sandwiches for a very long time.

Omicron Chapter

by BreAnna Lawson, Omicron

Omicron is very enthusiastic when it comes to fundraisers! Although we have only been in existence for two years, we have completed at least four somewhat successful fundraisers. The first fundraiser that I can remember is the Alpha pledge class' project, the Christmas Sing-o-grams. This was difficult to organize, but we did manage to pull it off and make a \$75 profit while singing renditions of Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer and Silent Night. We were hoping to make it an annual tradition, but didn't manage to get it together this year due to the academic calendar.

Our next fundraiser/service project was our first annual haunted house. This took a lot

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of planning and time, but was one of the most fun things Omicron has ever done. Many people went through our psycho hospital of paranormal and gave us positive feedback. We also made \$85 from this donation-only event. We are excited to do it again this October 30 & 31 with a new theme. Our haunted opera house should be a frightening and musical experience. All brothers are welcome to come help!

The third fundraiser we completed this year was selling "musical" candy bags. We filled the candy bags with candy (of course), musical tidbits, music events happening that week, and a kazoo all for \$1.50. We wanted to make money and promote music on campus. Unfortunately, we picked a time in the semester that wasn't the most profitable, but still managed to make \$30. There is a lot of competition for students' money on our campus.

Our last fundraiser we just did this past weekend and it was a lot of fun. We had a "free" carwash early Saturday morning at the Advance Auto Parts store in Salem, who donated their hose, water, and suds. As it turned out, we weren't the only ones with that idea. The two area high schools were also washing cars, one at either end of West Main Street and we were right in the middle. We probably only washed about ten cars between 8am and noon and still made \$115 from donations. I'm sure our customers appreciated our attention to detail as we carefully cleaned their hubcaps and aluminum wheels, as well as Shelly sporting a lovely toga in preparation for next year's convention.

We're quickly finding our way to successful fundraisers and traditions. Omicron is full of creative thinkers who are constantly coming up with new ideas. In fact, we are planning to put on a Roanoke College version of American Idol in the fall as a fundraiser/service project, which will also serve to advertise our haunted house the following week. We work well together as a team to organize and get things done and will continue to grow and be successful at fundraisers and whatever else we put our minds to.

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