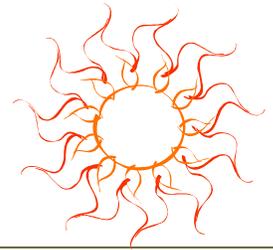




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National President Report

By Phillip Staten

We have reached an important milestone as an organization. At Convention 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a set of goals that will provide direction and guidance for the Fraternity for years to come. As any goal-oriented person will tell you, when you reach milestones, it's important to celebrate them and take note of the accomplishment.

But then you have to get back to work.

The gift and curse of non-profit service work like ours is that it doesn't end. There is no goal we can set to "complete the four purposes." They were designed to be unfulfillable so that we must always continue to strive for them. So long as we are resolute in our commitments and unfettered in our efforts, we stay on the narrow path. The goals that were approved at Convention are important, however, because where once we found the path only by luck or habit, now the path is laid out for us as plainly as if it were drawn on a map.

The first thing we learn as pledges are the four purposes of our Fraternity. They are why we exist. Some pretty smart folks sat down in North Carolina in

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the midst of great social advancements and extravagance and said, "There is something we need to do." As we develop as an organization, we must hold fast to those purposes. This sounds so apparent that I may come across as patronizing. What I mean is that at some point in the life of every organization, it may find itself doing things completely unrelated to its objectives. It's not a bad thing, though. It's natural. What's important is the realization of it and the resolve to get back to the good work we swore an oath to do.

And that is my challenge for you and for me. This is my last term as National President, and I have challenged myself to do nothing that does not further our Fraternity's purposes. They are pure and good and wholesome, and absolutely worth the effort. ♪

National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Report

By Christine Bischoff

So much has been going on since Convention; it's hard to believe that four months have already flown by! My main priorities since taking office have been to open the lines of communication between the NVPCM and all Chapters and to create a structure for the distribution of information relevant to the office.

Communication began as soon as I was elected, when I handed out information packets and questionnaires to all the Chapters at Convention. These were moderately successful, though the "changing of the guard" that inevitably happens at the end of spring semester led to some confusion and made it difficult to get the National Committee on Chapter

Maintenance meetings really rolling. The NCCM has now met twice and will continue to try and meet on a monthly basis.

In April I had the honor of visiting Xi Chapter for their spring initiations. It was my first time to St. Vincent's campus, and the Xi Brothers were wonderful hosts. I must say, one of the best perks of this office is that it's my job to visit and get to know as many Brothers as I can!

My second goal, creating a means to share maintenance-related information, is also well underway. The NCCM, some of my fellow officers, and

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National Editor of the Clef Report

By Andrea M. Zander

Welcome to the first issue of *The Clef* as edited by me. Since elections currently overlap with the production schedule, I chose to make this a summer supplemental—partly to test the waters and partly just to have something out there and available to the Brotherhood as the school year picked up again. Later issues will have additional articles and information in them. So if you submitted something for this issue and you don't see it here, there's no need to panic—I'm creating a file of such submissions to make sure every issue is packed with Psi goodness.

That said, I want to encourage everyone and anyone to contribute. Whether you have photos, an article, a poem, a song, feel free to send it along. I've included some guidelines on page six. Even if you don't feel writing is really "your thing," you may have an idea

for something you'd like to see on these pages. Please send that along. Same goes for if you want to write but don't have any ideas. I have some in mind that I can match to an interested person.

I want to thank everyone who confirmed my appointment to this position and apologize for not going through the regular election process. The truth is that I hadn't given it much thought until Phillip Staten asked, as I was more than a little busy with Olivia's first year. She's older and even more of a handful, but now that the NEOTC responsibilities are on my agenda, they'll get the time they deserve.

I'll be contacting the Chapter MALs soon to get things rolling for the next issue. Thanks again. ♪



Zeta Chapter alumni children (left to right) Nathan Vanity, Olivia Zander, and Morgan Bodway hanging out at Zeta alumnus Neil Duncan's wedding in June.

National Secretary Report

By Nathaniel Kulyk

Greetings!

Summer has returned to our nation's capital, with the temperature creeping up into the upper 80s and low 90s. Nevertheless, life inside the Beltway remains just as busy as ever. As I write this, I am still adjusting to being 24 years old and I think I can safely say that I'm now officially in the "old fart" category of Mu Beta Psi (*Editor's Note: If 24 is old, am I near death?*). Also, pending successful passage of the comprehensive examination, which I took on June 24th, I will have earned my Master's Degree in Public History from American University, and I will officially kick off the next 40 to 50 years of my life as a gainfully full-time employed citizen! As to where I will find myself in the

coming months I do not know. I nevertheless remain confident that the right opportunities will present themselves at the right time.

There is not a whole lot to report on the Fraternity end of things. Last week, I updated our contact information with The College Music Society (CMS), an organization that has an international database of musical organizations, of which we are members. The last time such an update occurred was sometime in 2001, when Jon Fielbrandt was serving as National President and Ali Ely was National Secretary. The mission of CMS is "to promote music teaching and learning, musical creativity and expression, research and dialogue,

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National Information Technology Committee Report

By Kevin Britton

I love summer.

Don't get me wrong....it's great when school is in session, and Psi business is in full swing. But for my money, nothing beats summer. It's a time to catch up on projects, delve into the wish lists, blaze some new trails, and even take a bit of a breather, all without the day to day grind.

Since last report, we've tackled a number of interesting projects.

As a result of an appropriation at the 2006 National Convention, we've purchased a digital camcorder. Our new toy is a JVC Everio G Digital camcorder. The tape-and disc-less design features a 20GB hard drive, lots of neat little features such as push-button battery and recording time monitor, fantastic zoom capability and very good low light recording. With it we've purchased an extended life battery, a tripod, and a carrying case. This gizmo will be dedicated to recording national fraternity events—such as National Convention, anniversary celebrations, and the like—and is well suited for web-based and digital storage of our records. This fall, the

NITC will establish specific criteria for the storage, distribution, and care of the unit.

Also as a result of Convention, the NITC has set to work making the national fraternity goals accessible to all Brothers. With luck, by press time you will see a National Goals forum on the intranet, with all you ever wanted to know about what we're planning and how we're doing in reaching our targets.

Elsewhere, NITC has assisted the National Committee on Chapter Maintenance obtain collaborative software for manual and policy writing. The new tool, called WakkaWiki, will allow the committee to interactively write and edit documents. We're still getting our feet wet, but it looks like a powerful new tool.

NITC is also embarking on a mission to automate a number of the required submissions from Chapters to the National Office. In the queue are online submissions for address lists, initiation reports, alumni reports, and more. Stay tuned for more details!

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Alumni Association Report

By Ryan Hauck

The Alumni Association has recently seen a surge in interest, as this year our membership grew to a record 42 active members. It was a diverse group of Brothers, ranging from new graduates to Brothers from the '50s. We have been thrilled to see so much participation and hope to keep up the interest throughout Mu Beta Psi.

At the time of this article's writing, the Alumni Association is in the final planning stages for our annual Mid-Year meeting. This year it's being held on July 14-16 in Charleston, W.V., and we are anticipating a successful meeting. The Chapter has many projects on its plate and this is our chance to keep our momentum rolling. Some of our major issues include a continuing effort to re-vamp the Chapter to be attractive to a broader segment of Alumni; tweaking our Bylaws; participating in the National Service Project; electing a new President and Vice President; and of course planning Convention 2007. These and other subjects will be discussed in detail at Mid-Year, but the Alumni also love to socialize and there are lots

of fun events planned....for those of us who don't have early bedtimes, that is!

Of course the biggest news out of the Alumni Association is Convention 2007, which we are hosting next spring in Clemson, S.C. The date has yet to be determined and we'll be gathering date feedback from Chapters, officers, and BOT members in the fall. We are hoping to honor the spirit of Delta Chapter—indeed, the spirit all of our inactive Chapters—by having a fantastic Convention. We're considering some unconventional (pardon the pun) activities such as a night-time campus tour, so come prepared to experience some true Southern hospitality. And don't forget to wear orange! As a Delta alumnus, I'm very excited at the chance to host my Brothers at my alma mater and show off my campus a little bit. Okay, a lot.

As always, the Alumni Association is looking to the fraternity's future graduates to become members of our organization. We don't hold pledge classes, so we

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I are all hard at work creating and expanding the Chapter Maintenance Handbook. This will be a guide for all Chapters with advice on everything from writing bylaws and policies to holding fundraisers and recruiting new members. Anyone with suggestions for this handbook is welcome to help!

Thanks to Andrew Fleming's hard work, we now have a Chapter Maintenance website! Check out www.mubetapsi.org/maintenance and see the new possibilities for online submissions, information sharing, and keeping Chapters updated. The site is still under construction, but I'm sure it will be a wonderful resource both now and as it grows.

As for my own life, I am currently between my first and second years as a grad student in Manhattan. When not compiling handbooks or e-mailing NCCM reps, I can be found traveling to weddings, singing, swing dancing, or wandering the streets of New York looking for the city's best margaritas. I'm looking forward to a relaxing summer and an exciting year ahead! ♪

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depend on you to keep the Chapter strong. If you are interested in joining the Association, please feel free to contact any of the AA's officers (new officers will be announced over the national e-mail listserv). We'll be happy to provide any information you need. And remember that the AA is here to serve Mu Beta Psi, so please—use us as a resource! If your Chapter has a question you think some "old fogies" might have some unique ideas about, lay it on us! We would love to assist you in any way we can. Everyone have a great summer, best of luck in the fall, and may Brotherhood prevail. ♪



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The committee has also fielded a request from Zeta Chapter to assist in keeping up-to-date with their alumni. We're still in the early stages, but the hope is to create a template for directly updating alumni information. More on this in future issues.

Safety and security remain top priorities for the committee. A number of security features have been added to the intranet to keep track of such things as password resets, protected content, and the like. The changes are also assisting me in optimizing some of the more time-consuming features of the site, such as RSS news headlines. If you have any questions about site security, particularly as it pertains to user information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Lastly, I continue to make updates and improvements to the site. Recent improvements include changes in the search feature, a handy reference guide to fraternity email aliases, and improved navigation.

And you thought summer was for taking it easy! ♪

Feedback Loop

Do you have an opinion on *The Clef*?

Love or hate

- ? the layout,
- ? the content,
- ? the font,
- ? the pictures?

What could be done better?

What else do you want to see?

I'm looking for your choicest words on **YOUR** newsletter so I can make it what **YOU** want to see. Please send your comments to

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and diversity and interdisciplinary interaction.” Its executive offices are in Missoula, Montana. Located in the central western part of the state, an hour or two from the Idaho border, it’s probably the LAST place in the world I would have expected their offices to be. For more information about the CMS, I encourage you to visit their website at www.music.org.

So far this summer, I have been making myself available for assistance whenever possible. I have been working with Chrissy Bischoff on her projects for Chapter Maintenance, offering feedback and additional suggestions when requested for the CM Handbook and the new webpage. I have also been working on some “quantitative history projects,” creating some charts detailing information such as Convention turnout over the years by Chapter, the increases and decreases of the various Chapter rosters over the years, and the number of new Brothers that each Chapter has initiated. Save a few gaps in the records here and there, these records go back approximately ten years, and in some cases even further. I hope to make these

charts available to anyone who wants them. Also this summer, I plan to continue work on the NS Notebook and hopefully have it completed before the fall semester begins. Finally, I plan to continue offering assistance to any of the National Officers, PBOTs, and Chapters if requested to do so.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer break! 🎵



New Chapter Officers

Note: This is everyone about whom I received notification. The latest information can be found online.

Alpha

President: Matt Wood
Vice President: Evan Graham
Secretary: Kim Tate
Member-At-Large: April Eason
Treasurer: Julie Cloninger
Service Coordinator: Drew Dickens
Historian: Lindsey Graham
Rules Committee Chair: Scott Bennett
Pledge Masters: April Eason, Kim Tate

Mu

Webmaster: Mary Buchanan
Historian: Meaghan Martin
Pledge Master: Chris Faulkenberry
Assistant Pledge Master: Stephen Smith

Nu

President: Terrell Mitchell
Vice President: Rachel Schoenfeld
Secretary: Dan Williams
Treasurer: Stephanie Bernat
Member-At-Large: Jennifer McCarthy
Member-At-Large Elect: Emily Sorriento
Service Coordinator: Suzayn Mackenzie
Historian: Jon Powers
Chapter Maintenance: Jenna Champion
Chapter Expansion: Kris Vicencio
e-Correspondence: Gerrit Goewey
Alumni: Monica Crandall
Pledge Master: Matt Waskiewicz
Assistant Pledge Master: Suzayn Mackenzie

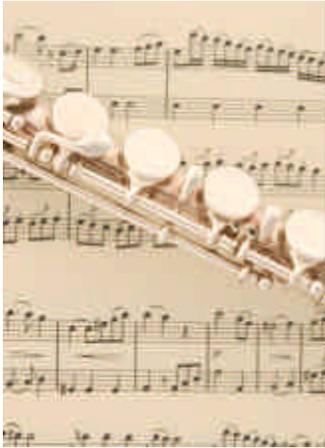
Xi

President: Teresa Paskonis
Vice President: Danielle Cartaxo
Member-At-Large: Alison Crotti
Secretary: Erin Langenbaucher

“Music can
change the
world.”
—Ludwig van
Beethoven

“Music is the language of
the spirit. It opens the
secret of life, bringing
peace, abolishing strife.”

—Kahlil Gibran
(1883-1931)



Wanted: Your Clef Contributions

This issue contains a number of filler pictures, or “stock footage,” to make use of the excess white space—places too small for an article but too large to be left alone. The summer issue is supplemental, but I fully expect the regular issues to be bursting at the seams.

Help make *The Clef* great by sending in articles, photos, article ideas, reports, tips, and anything else you’d like to see on these pages.

What won’t make the cut:

- ? Anything not originally yours, without the proper citations
- ? Anything I’ve received as spam (including bad jokes)
- ? Anything offensive or in poor taste

Some ideas to get you started:

- ? Thoughts on Brotherhood
- ? History of the Fraternity and individual Chapters
- ? How To...
- ? Musical instruments
- ? Music communities
- ? Music in our schools and how to keep it there

Send any ideas or articles directly to me. Thanks!



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