

**Fall 2004**

**Kadenza**

**ΚΚΨ/TΒΣ**

**Presented by the Twin Alpha Delta  
Chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and  
Tau Beta Sigma at Ohio University**

## Message from the Editors:

Brothers and Sisters of the NCD,

The editors at Alpha Delta would like to thank all of the chapters of the NCD for the opportunity to publish the Kadenza this year.

This issue has been a learning experience for the twin chapters of Alpha Delta. Balancing the busy schedule of the Marching 110, regular class schedules and editing sessions has been a task in and of itself. Every day we're learning something new about the Kadenza and about ourselves as brothers and sisters.

We'd like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to leave us feedback. Tell us what you love about Kadenza or what you wish would change. We cannot grow without your input. As always, you can reach us at [NCD\\_Kadenza@yahoo.com](mailto:NCD_Kadenza@yahoo.com).

We look forward to the next two issues of Kadenza and all of the experiences they will bring. Keep sending in your submissions, we enjoy reading them!

Submitted In the Bond,

The Brothers and Sisters of the twin chapters of Alpha Delta at Ohio University.

# KKΨ Articles

Malinda M. Matney, Ph.D.

District Governor

## **Prepare to Vote – in 2005??**

By now, you have probably received several promptings to register to vote, and then go to the polls in November for our upcoming presidential election. Some of those promptings were from me, undoubtedly. (Go vote November 2!) When you are a citizen, participation is a responsibility – paying your taxes isn't enough.

Involvement in the process is part of our responsibility as Brothers as well. We know in Kappa Kappa Psi, as in the US, the easier approach is to complain loudly about those who take a chance to run for office, or to complain about those who hold office and work to try to help the Fraternity meet the needs of college bands today. Often, people will justify this complaining behavior by saying, "I paid my dues." Payment is one part of your obligation as a Brother. Participation is another part of your obligation.

If chapters recruited, educated, and retained members well, our Fraternity is full of current and future leaders, all continuing to develop and strengthen their leadership skills. Some of these leaders will emerge as candidates for National Council in the coming weeks. Others will throw their hats in the ring for District Council. These Brothers do this in spite of the fact that taking a step forward to try to lead isn't always a popular course of action. It isn't comfortable. It challenges what you think your skills are and what you think Kappa Kappa Psi is. However, for those leaders who have the drive, discipline, and determination, the experience of running for and serving in office can transform these individuals into more productive leaders in every other area of their lives. At the same time, Kappa Kappa Psi is enriched with new perspectives, new ideas, and new ways to enliven college bands.

At District Convention and National Convention, selecting leaders is only a part of the event. Much of the effort of these conventions is about planning, education, and strengthening our skills to promote our college bands in the best way possible. These efforts need your participation as well. When you participate actively in workshops, perform in a reading band, or have an extended conversation with a Brother or Sister from another chapter, you are making this Fraternity better for those Brothers who follow you. You are continuing Kappa Kappa Psi's forward movement, as well as your own development and education.

The officers of Kappa Kappa Psi, as well as our policies and programs, are determined by our student membership. Your action becomes our future. Make sure that you are a part of the future of the Brotherhood.

Democracy is about action. Get involved!

## Marco Krcatovich II

### District President

#### **Re-evaluating Membership Traditions**

It seems lately a lot of brothers have been complaining about the membership process at their chapter. Sometimes it's concerns about the Vice President of Membership. Other times it's worry about how to teach all the history and pertinent information. Lately, it has been concern over a gulf that opens up between the class and the rest of the active brotherhood. The "class system" in which a prospective membership class forms or is formed into a smaller fraternal unit leads to more problems than it is worth.

The class system, many will argue, is a way to help the class bond together during the membership process. Indeed, during ritual and membership education, it is common that a group effort and "one voice" are critical. These future brothers can act as one unit to perform service activities, fundraisers and have social experiences. However, the conflict comes in the actual purpose of the class system.

While it is helpful to separate the prospective class during the membership process, the group remains completely separated during its active career. Classes bond together to vote, act as one unit in chapter decisions and create division in a chapter, not harmony. Another term for this should be one every musician and certainly every brother should know very well: discord. In music it is not the individual instruments or instrument groups (low brass, upper winds, saxophones) that make a musical piece great, but instead it is the harmony of those parts working together to strengthen a common theme. Let us reach toward harmony and not discord.

Some may argue that the class system has been around forever and it is a tradition of not only your chapter, but the fraternity as well. As the saying goes, "Do something twice and it's tradition, do it three times and it's the way it's always been done, and do it four times and it is the way Boh meant it to be done when he created the fraternity." These systems are not as old as many would attest and frankly, any argument that uses "tradition" as its basis tends to be pretty weak to begin with.

Instead of membership classes, try to do more chapter activities as a whole. While these prospectives are not brothers in full standing, they are still future brothers and the work we do now during membership education to bring them into the fold will provide far more benefit in the future. Yes, classes can do

separate activities apart from the chapter as a whole, but we can not institutionalize and encourage membership classes (either during initiation or throughout the active period) to act always as one group.

I wish all brothers the best of luck in the coming year and can not wait to hear about your membership processes, chapter operations and your service to your bands and to bands everywhere.

Go Blue and AEA!

## Chris Graves

### District VP Colonization and Membership

#### **As I Leave Membership Education Retreat...**

I think of what a great time I had, and how memorable it was. I want to personally thank everyone who made the weekend memorable, including Jennifer Scanlan (Mid West District Vice President for Colonization and Membership) for coming from Nebraska to attend an event, Christine Schneider, Jon Jones, the NCD Council, Bernie Williams, Chip Humphries, Jeff Carlson and the brothers of Beta Rho for planning and executing an awesome event and ritual, the Tiffin and Central State Colonists, the brothers of Beta Kappa for a wonderful ritual Sunday night, Mike Osborn, Derrick Mills and anyone else in attendance. You all helped to make the weekend an outstanding time for everyone in attendance.

As a sort of reflection upon the agenda for the day, I want to remind all of the vice presidents across the district that I promised to send out a lot of information regarding collection of membership education packets and other items we discussed throughout the day. We generated a lot of ideas and I will be compiling them into many emails throughout the semester, so check your mail! You may have already received something!

Beyond business, another observation I made was the level of brotherhood between brothers and sisters from similar chapters as well as other chapters around the district. Throughout the day, brothers bonded with each other, and expanded on their relationships. With every activity that we did, we moved around the room, and were “forced” to talk to new and different people each time. This helped everyone get a fresh perspective on their own chapter, as well as an adequate glimpse of what the rest of our district has to offer. I personally have come away with many new friendships that I hope to further over the course of the next year.

Speaking of “brotherhood” and “relationships,” how are your own chapters? In regard to our theme of “membership,” I am curious as to what many chapters do inside and outside of meetings to continue bonding with each other. College is only a minor portion of our lives, but we build some of the most lasting relationships during it. How do we do this? It is through our fifth purpose that we understand the

importance of a social side to our organization, but those are just words on a page. How are we becoming more social with each other? I want to know!

The only other thing on my mind right now is that membership education packets are due to me by December 1. In my many emails to the district, I will be including exactly what I am looking for, and how I would like them submitted. Also, if you would like a visit from me or any of the other district officers for a specific event, please don't hesitate to ask! That's what we're here for!

Thanks again for a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing all of you around the District over the course of the next year.

## Michelle Wedster

### District VP for Programs

So you have this great chapter with awesome brothers, but something is not right. Brothers are getting burnt out on service projects and learning about the chapter. What do you do? How do you keep your membership excited about the little things?

Many chapters face this problem every semester. Lugging water to practices, setting up for ensembles, checking out uniforms, cleaning instruments...sometimes it seems like a lot of hard work for little reward. Now these may seem like little kid ideas, but keep in mind when you see a brother drifting away you need to pull out all the stops to make him see how much the chapter needs him.

\* When you have a large project to do split up the tasks and times brothers have to be there; time flies by when people work in shifts for a couple hours instead of slaving away all day. That way there are always fresh ideas and faces coming into the project. It also helps the problem of the same people always doing everything when you split up tasks. Sometimes a project does not require an entire chapter to be at a certain place all day.

\* Bring snacks to longer projects like a bag of carrots, juice or even doughnuts for an early mornings. Believe it or not brothers who are working hard to help service the bands get hungry too. Providing just little snacks shows how much you appreciate their help and who doesn't love to be appreciated.

\* Another idea for daylong projects like instrument cleaning, library filing, or cleaning out the uniform/guard closets is to being a CD player or radio and keep music playing. Not only will it keep people happy to be listening to music, but also it lends way to pretty interesting sing-a-longs.

\* Does your chapter have a point or reward system for brothers attending events and projects? If not, perhaps your chapter might think about creating one. If so, take a look at the system. Is it helping or

hurting the chapter? Maybe you need to rethink certain policies that are just not working anymore, just something to think about.

\* Has your chapter been doing the same service projects for years? While the projects being done I'm sure are great and help the bands out tremendously, maybe it is time to brainstorm other projects. Take five or ten minutes in a chapter or committee meeting and have brothers shout out project ideas. Do not rule anything out and believe anything is possible. By trying new projects every once in a while you can help different areas of the band program and community.

It is every brother's responsibility to make sure another does not fall away from the brotherhood and fraternity altogether. The things I mentioned are just a few ways to keep people interested in doing the service aspect of Kappa Kappa Psi. Think about the brothers in your chapter and the projects you do for the band program. Do brothers enjoy servicing the bands? Spice it up because sometimes you have to. Like always if you have any questions do not hesitate to email me at [alktriorckr83@yahoo.com](mailto:alktriorckr83@yahoo.com)

Sarah Newton,  
District Secretary/Treasurer

Hello NCD land,

We are lucky enough right now to be the district that hosts the 2005 National Convention. This is an opportunity not only for us to learn about the fraternity, but also each other. July 26-31 2005 may seem like a long way off, but now is the time to plan. We know that Kappa Kappa Psi is a national organization, but how many people really understand that Psi does not only exist in the bubble of their own school? National Convention is not just for those who travel, the old brothers of the chapter or officers. It is for all brothers during all parts of their membership processes, regardless of officer status, age or type of active status.

Financially, National Convention is not something to procrastinate about until May. Registration costs are slightly over \$100 and hotel costs for five days is even more. I know, you're saying, "Oh, hell no. I don't have that kind of money and my chapter's broke."

Well, there are options to cut costs without forking over your own money. Delegate grants offered by the National Alumni Association and our local group, the NCDAA, go unused simply because chapters don't fill out paperwork. Any contributions towards registration can be considered as donations for tax purposes. This helps when asking local businesses to sponsor a brother by paying his/her registration fee (hint, hint). Many schools have funds for "leadership development" offered to school organizations. Honorary Greek does not mean we have less resources available. Talk to the individual in charge of student life or student activities. If anything, these people can point you in the direction you should go. There is no reason why these options should not be explored, but they will not cover the whole amount.

There is a Tau Beta Sigma chapter that deserves recognition for pre-planning for national convention, and it is the Eta Eta chapter at Central State. Every meeting for the academic year, they gave some of their own money to go towards National Convention. Five dollars per week from now until the registration deadline would pay the whole registration fee, with some extra money for fun. Pass a hat to collect spare change at meetings and events, reserve this money to help send a brother to Lexington, Kentucky.

National Convention is not just about fun, we are shaping the future of this fraternity. Every chapter has a voice that needs to be heard. That voice resonates with your fellow North Central District voices to show why we are the district to set the future of this fraternity. Put aside a percentage of your fundraisers, part with that spare change in your pants and look towards your school and town for help. Even if your chapter can only afford to send your delegate, know that no one is alone. The district becomes just as close as your chapter, if only for week, but it is a feeling that cannot be described nor duplicated. Start planning now and I hope to see as many of you as possible in Lexington.

Submitted with the utmost respect,  
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## Michael Osborn

### National President

Brothers of the NCD,

Now is a truly exciting time for the North Central District, with your continued growth through colonization, leadership in meeting national obligations, development of new ideas and programs and work to incorporate music into your activities. With these areas of leadership and fun, this is a wonderful time to be a member of the North Central District.

In 2004, the NCD Officers and Brothers had the distinction of creating the most groundbreaking mission and purposes driven district convention in my memory. You are among the fastest growing districts in the country with three current colonies and the outstanding new chapters this district sponsored last biennium. Your chapters represent some of the historically significant and outstanding band programs in the country, and you represent a district membership that is driven to striving for the highest in so many ways. As this year continues, the opportunities to shine as a district will multiply and become more apparent.



Having the National Convention in your district gives you a unique opportunity to share your talents and Brotherhood with the entire nation. Hosting the convention is only one area of sharing that you as the NCD are doing this year. The NCD is providing the National Intercollegiate Band Conductor, award to Michael Haithcock, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan and honorary member of the Nu Chapter. You have two National Council members who are native sons and former officers of the NCD. Not since 1993 has the National Convention come to the North Central District. I hope that you will take every advantage of opportunities to not only attend this convention, but also to enjoy the national limelight.

I tell you these things not just to make you feel proud, but also to encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities ahead and become part of our NCD and National history. Volunteer to help at National Convention, audition for the National Intercollegiate Band, attend NCD Convention, meet your NCD and National leadership, visit a chapter near you (or not so near you), help a colony, submit your paperwork on time and attend National Convention. Do the work to make your band program meet its maximum potential, and continue to show leadership in so many ways within our bands and our Brotherhood.

This is truly a special time for the Fraternity and the North Central District, and you have so much to share with the nation. Will you be part of the excitement? I look forward to finding out!

## Rod Chesnutt, Ph.D. National VP for Colonization and Membership

### **“What are we selling?”**

It's a great idea to address some component of membership and expansion. It seems we focus much of our discussions on recruiting or colonizing, which are not really dissimilar topics. However, membership and the act of being a member is the most defining component of who we are.

I participated in a recruitment seminar this summer that targeted college fraternities and sororities. As the only non-social representative, I was uniquely involved in these discussions. Social fraternities have a difficult time recruiting because they have to define why they exist. We don't! The most difficult component of recruiting is getting non-members to want to be a part of the organization. The key to recruitment for our organizations is what we do as members.

The members of our chapters define who we are on campus. People choose to be members based on whether we are who we say we are, not how we recruit. We have the best, most positive product one

could ask for: service to college bands! If our members are not actively enjoying and providing service to our bands, we send a mixed message and non-members question whether this is a viable group to join. As a national organization, we have a wonderful and positive message that is committed to all members of college band regardless of how we are defined by society. The band is the tie that binds us, and we as members should be representative, or the “face,” of the band.

As I read the listservs, it seems we get bogged down with organizational/interpretative discussions. What excites me is when I read about a project or activity that someone has done on their campus that made the band experience better for all band members. I can guarantee there is a commensurate membership interest on that campus.

So the key question for us as we get further into the semester is: “What is our chapter selling?” Whatever it is, be it a positive or negative image, that image is what the other students on our campus are buying. If we don’t have a lot of people breaking down the doors to be a part of us, we need to evaluate what perceptions have been developed about us. Perception becomes reality for non-members and we want to change that perception if it is inaccurate or inappropriate. Membership is a fulltime responsibility and how we approach our personal membership is what really recruits members.

We have a great product; let’s make sure we’re selling that product!

## Derrick Mills

### National VP for Student Affairs

#### **Recruiting “Psi-cology”**

Recruiting members is always a challenge. With the beginning of a new school year, there is excitement and anticipation with a fresh start. As you begin each new class, there is a chance to get an A. If you’ve moved into a new place, there is a hope it will stay clean. The beginning of the school year is exciting for many different reasons.

In the band, there are many things to be excited about. All the new music that you will be learning to perform is exciting. If you are in a marching band, learning new shows can be rewarding as well. Being a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi makes this an even more exciting time. Being able to start serving the bands after the downtime of summer is fulfilling. This is a pivotal time for the fraternity to shine. You have the opportunity to set the tone for your entire band program’s season.

This is the most critical time for chapters to sustain existence. Many incoming freshmen have never heard of KKΨ. We have the unique advantage over other organizations. New band members can see brothers leading and serving; whereas, in most fraternities and student organizations, you hear about them walking around campus. KKΨ works to make its band’s experience better. This is where recruiting is extremely important. Listed below are some of my methods of “Psi-cology” recruiting.

1. Make people excited about KΚΨ - It is vital to show non-κκψ band members how exciting it is to be a brother of KΚΨ. It's not about being cocky or arrogant. It's about having fun with your brothers and making the band better. That is why we are here and if non-κκψ band members see that, then they would be more interested in membership.
2. It's more than the letters – I know that many chapters wear letters on certain days of the week. I think that is great for recruiting. I also know that non-κκψ band members are going to learn quickly who brothers are, whether they wear letters or not. My hope is that on your campus wearing letters only further distinguishes who the leaders are in band.
3. It's not all about the pizza – Many chapters have socials and rush functions that involve food, which is great for recruiting. Just keep in mind that these events are your first time to really talk with band members. Be prepared after the food to talk about the fraternity and what it is really about.
4. Bring Kappa Kappa Psi to the recruits – It is truly an honor to be selected to serve. We need to let band members know why during the recruiting process. As active members, you are always watched by the rest of the band. Make sure they are seeing a positive organization. Invite non-κκψ band members to your service projects and let them see firsthand the impact you are having.
5. It's okay if they say no – If a member of the band turns down your bid invitation then you should not have any hard feelings. I am sure that they had their reasons. KΚΨ is not for everyone. Just because someone doesn't want to join doesn't mean you should stop being friends.

## Nu

### **Diversity Around the District**

The North Central District is a group of very diverse chapters, schools and band programs. As brothers, we can learn a lot about others and ourselves by looking around the district, but this is often overlooked or forgotten. As you go through the membership education process, you tend to focus most of your energy on the history of the fraternity, your chapter and what it means to be a brother. It is not to easy to fully appreciate the uniqueness of your chapter unless you look at the diversity around the district.

I remember attending my first district event and being completely shocked about the diversity of chapter projects chapters around the district enable depending on the size of their chapter, their band program, and their school. This experience can be overwhelming for the new member who may have the in his/her head that all chapters are just like his/her home chapter.

This year, we are adding a new aspect to our membership education process that will expose the new members to this diversity before they attend their first district event. The goal is to bring in brothers from

nearby chapters to talk about their chapters and what they do throughout the year, so the MECs can get a feel for how diverse the chapters in our district are. We feel that by bringing in other chapters to talk, the MECs will have the opportunity to ask questions and get a good feel for the differences around the district and how that works to our benefit. All of the projects that one school does may not apply to another school. They may be able to take the ideas and goals of a project and change it so that it will work for them. By learning what a diverse group of chapters does for its respective band programs and schools, we can make sure that our own individual chapters are the best that they can be.

Heidi Gilbert  
Nu Chapter VP

## Sigma

Greetings from soybean country! The marching band season has begun and the Sigma Brothers are off to a rolling start! We opened our marching season with a BRAND NEW STADIUM, and you can often find our non-marching brothers and sisters chilling in the end zone on a pullout sofa! (Yes, we can wheel couches into the end of the stadium.) With a trip to Canada in the future, the Star of Northwest Ohio continues to strive for the highest. Our symphonic band just completed its annual Americana concert, featuring the music of American composers from the past 150 years. Up and coming; Fall Band-O-Rama, a joint concert of our marching and symphonic bands.

With fall coming to a close, Sigma is looking forward to an exciting year ahead, and is looking forward to starting the education of a new membership class!

77 years and still kicking!

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Brodbeck  
κκψ-Sigma Historian

## Upsilon

Greetings to the NCD.

Although this is only the second full week of classes for the University of Cincinnati, Upsilon and our sisters of Theta have been working steadily over the past month and a half to prepare the Bearcat Bands for yet another successful season.

Our summer was marked with an occasional fundraiser, the always necessary maintenance to our band facility, and of course some much needed rest and relaxation for many brothers. As we got back into the swing of things over a month ago, our service and fundraising have ramped up and we've been able to do some good things. Our service, thus far, has consisted of feeding the band during mini-camps, providing apples during all of our home games, purchasing a fourth Drum Major podium for our backfield, managing and maintaining our equipment and facilities and helping to contribute \$4,500 between Upsilon and Theta towards the purchase of our new marching baritones. Fundraising has been successful over the past couple months as well bringing in an estimated \$2,500. Finally, we've been working to improve our relations in the district by meeting with the brothers of Eta and Epsilon Xi during our common football games, having a friendly game of football (The Toilet Bowl) between the brothers of Upsilon and Epsilon Xi and attending MER this past weekend.

The remainder of this year promises to lend itself to a few new fundraising opportunities, a great new membership class, and plenty of service as we plan to move into our brand new multi-million dollar band room scheduled to open during this coming winter quarter. I am positive that my fellow brothers and our sisters of Theta would join me in saying that we are in for a great and potentially exciting year to come. We've been working through our traditional rough spots that surface as we get back into the grind and are well on our way to ironing out those creases.

Among other things, our main areas of focus this year are improving relations and cooperation between our chapters here at UC as well as being more involved in district and national events. As always we welcome correspondence and meetings with other chapters, so by all means, contact Dominic Barone at [baronedl@email.uc.edu](mailto:baronedl@email.uc.edu) or myself at [ryan\\_leitz@kkpsi.org](mailto:ryan_leitz@kkpsi.org).

Have a great autumn and we'll be seeing you around as the year goes on!

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan J. Leitz  
Upsilon Chapter President 2004 – 2005

## Alpha Beta

### **The Dreaded Question**

Greetings from Indianapolis! The Brothers of Alpha Beta are up and running with marching band, wind ensemble, jazz and percussion ensembles, and of course, fall rush. Because we are a school with both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, we have to deal with "The Dreaded Question." We have been working hard and have a plan of action on how to answer this question. So far, things have gone smoothly and wish the best to everyone else during their rush seasons as well!

Recruitment season can be rough for freshman. At schools like Butler where Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma both exist as co-ed organizations with similar purposes, the recruitment process can be even more stressful and confusing for prospectives.

Common questions include:

“KKΨ? TBΣ? What are those?” The band service fraternity/sorority

“Are they both co-ed?” Yes

“So...what’s the difference?” Well...ah...

Yes, the two organizations are very similar and often serve side-by-side like at Butler. How do you describe two organizations without disrespecting or playing favorites to one organization or the other? You want to help the prospective members understand their choices, but sometimes the difference is simply undecipherable. An old favorite response was “It’s a personality difference. If you spend enough time with the actives, you can tell.” Though this might be true, it takes much involvement to really learn the personality of an organization. This answer doesn’t help when someone has to choose within a matter of days or weeks.

Now it seems we’ve discovered the best answer- which isn’t an answer at all. Like other questions during recruitment, this dreaded question needs to be treated as an opportunity to talk about your organization, not the other. When asked why you like being a member of KKΨ or TBΣ. Explain to the prospective what things you enjoy doing with your brothers/sisters. It’s the prospective’s job to compare the two organizations, not the active’s. Consider sending the rookie to a trusted brother or sister of the other organization. This is also a great opportunity to encourage freshmen to attend rush events for both groups. Potential members need to make an informed decision on their own as to which group is right for them.

Active brothers and sisters need to work together to support the other organization. Both organizations share the same goal of recruitment: Find eager band members who want to dedicate themselves to service and promotion of the bands. If we stay focused on our purposes, especially service, everyone wins.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Gilliam

Megan Sawusch

## Alpha Delta

Not many chapters get to experience the initiation process of an entire brotherhood at once. Kappa Kappa Psi Alpha Delta has been working with potential brothers of Central State University, guiding them through the colonization of brotherhood. Over the summer, Holly Prouty, Alpha Delta president, helped to inform our colony of the history, goals, and missions of □□□. Because of her dedication in helping form this new brotherhood, Ohio University’s □□□ has been able to form lasting friendships with our

colony. Nearly fifteen of our colony members traveled the three-hour distance to Ohio University to learn about our chapter and take fresh ideas about forming a brotherhood home. Alpha Delta members went to Central State University and performed the Second Degree ritual with the future brothers of CSU.

We would like to be the first to welcome these potential brothers into the North Central District of Kappa Kappa Psi. The Alpha Delta brothers would like to congratulate them on the successful completion of second degrees, we look forward to this new addition to our brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Rosecrants and Rachel Wilson

## Alpha Zeta

The cool chill that marks the end of sunny summer days has finally fallen upon Bloomington, changing the once lush greenery into a dramatic palette of ambers, russets, and browns. The Alpha Zeta chapter at Indiana University is changing too. With the addition of our new service coordinator, Steven Meyer, the chapter is looking to the future with an open mind and a hunger for change.

Recently, the Alpha Zeta chapter has been active in both service and social settings. For those of you unfamiliar with the tradition of bridge painting, you should know that there are two bridges on Jordan Avenue, the main north/south road through campus. The bridges are painted by whomever wants to write a message teams welcoming recruits, happy birthday messages, call-out meetings and barbecues. Alpha Zeta holds a seasonal tradition of painting the two bridges on campus, advertising for the game, but more importantly, the half-time show. This service has been continuing each week, with a better design covering the one prior for each football game.

Socially, the chapter held a barbecue at Bryan Park in September to welcome and feed the new prospective members. Several pounds of hamburgers and hot dogs met their end that day. But afterward, a well-fed chapter enjoyed some relaxing Frisbee, football and a new game called “throw the leftover chunks of ice over the shelter and watch it hail on the other side.”

Whatever Alpha Zeta does to entertain themselves, you know that everyone is going to have a great time. The chapter is looking to the future with the bright eyes of its new class and the seasoned, experienced eyes of its older members. Just like the seasons of the year, the only constant with the Alpha Zeta chapter is change itself.

Respectfully submitted,  
Will Stubbs  
AZ Historian  
Indiana University

# Beta Kappa

## **What's Happening at Beta Kappa**

With the school year back in full swing and the mid-term of the fall semester approaching, the brothers of Beta Kappa are busy meeting the needs of the bands at Bowling Green State University.

The year started early with the annual marching band clothing sale, sponsored by Beta Kappa. In this sale, marching band members can order t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, hats and sweatpants. This year was a special year for the clothing sale with the commemorative sweatshirt marking the 80th year of the Falcon Marching Band on campus at BGSU.

Earlier in the fall, Beta Kappa hosted a reunion for all BK alumni. The alumni were treated to refreshments and food at a tent provided by Beta Kappa at the first home football game, reduced price tickets, a concert by the Falcon Marching Band displaying their brand new uniforms and their names put on the brand new Jumbo-Tron at Doyt Perry Stadium. About 35 Beta Kappa alumni showed up for the event, which was deemed a success by alumni, public relations and outreach chairs Jeff Carlson and Michael Smith.

The brothers of Beta Kappa also hosted a fundraiser to pay for new, permanent scaffolding at the marching band rehearsal fields. This project was headed up by Beta Kappa President Bernard Williams and approved by director of bands, Dr. Bruce Moss and director of the Falcon Marching Band, Dr. Carol Hayward. The scaffolding will be installed later this semester.

On October 3, 2004, Beta Kappa held their First Degree for 16 new membership candidates. The MC's started the membership process mid-September with vice-president of membership Glenn Bailey and will go active after third degree at the end of the fall semester. Dates for Beta Kappa rituals are:

Joint Degree with TBS – November 3rd

Third Degree – December 8th

If anyone is interested in attending one of these dates, feel free to make a visit to BGSU. For more information you can contact myself, [ryahl@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:ryahl@bgnet.bgsu.edu), or check out the chapter website at [www.kkpsibk.com](http://www.kkpsibk.com).

Beta Kappa is also putting through two honorary brothers this year. The brothers invited Dr. Carol Hayward, director of athletic bands and Mr. Ryan Nowlin, assistant director of athletic bands and alumni of BGSU. If you are ever in the area and want to visit sometime, feel free to do so. Our regular meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 p.m. and we would love to see some visitors at our functions. Maybe we'll take you out for breadsticks afterwards. Come see us.



Respectfully in the bond,  
Ryan M. Yahl

## Beta Rho

Fall semester is proving to be an exciting one for Beta Rho. As noted in our spring Kadenza submission, we revamped our membership process last school year and now we are finally able to see it in action!

At the beginning of the year we made all members of UT bands aware of our open Kappa Kappa Psi info night (free pizza and pop helped to lure them). By observing who showed up to info night, we were able to get a clear view of who was interested in Kappa Kappa Psi. During info night rushees listened as brothers of Beta Rho explained why they had joined Psi and why they still remain actively involved in Psi. At the end of the evening we invited all the rushees to come hang out with us over the next week at some rush week activities planned by our social committee.

Brothers of Beta Rho bonded with the rushees at a game night, rec. night, movie night, and an ice cream social. In having an open rush week we were able to meet rushees whom we normally wouldn't have considered (such as transfer students).

Beta Rho is very happy with the turn-out of the open rush week, and looks forward to introducing all of the NCD to our upcoming Phi class.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Bradley Whittington  
Corresponding Secretary  
Beta Rho Chapter  
The University of Toledo

## Beta Psi

The Beta Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi is currently in the process of putting through the Beta Chi class, or as they like to call themselves, "HOMESLICES." This class consists of eight truly unique individuals. They try to get together and spend time with each other a few times a week. These "kids" are making an amazing class of candidate brothers.

As their candidate educator, I have seen how close these eight candidates have come the past few weeks since 1st degree. The candidates that were close before this process began welcomed the others with open arms, embraced their diversity and have become a "true class".

Although the active chapter may see this class as a bunch of kids who LOVE moving stands and carrying band equipment to the loading dock, I see them as a candidate class that desperately longs to be called “brothers” by the active chapter someday. When the Beta Chi “HOMESLICES” go active, the Chapter will lovingly welcome each and every one of them to OUR circle, and proudly call them “BROTHERS.”

Respectfully Submitted in the Bond Of Brotherhood,  
Aimee (MA) Dudas  
“Blown Beaver”  
KKPSI, VPM 2004

## Gamma Pi

“Full Steam Ahead” is not only this season’s Boilermaker football slogan, but the mindset of the brothers of Gamma Pi. The school year is fully underway and we have picked up steam and are moving along at a steady pace. Providing the Purdue band members with two cookouts and a dance were just a few events to start the new year. Looking ahead, we are anticipating many train stops including rush functions and service projects, but we will still reach our destination by providing our band department with exemplary service.

The fall is a very important time for our chapter because it is when we do all of our recruiting. After nearly doubling our size with the activation of last year’s class, we are excited to see what this year has in store. We have already hosted an ice cream social and a night of ultimate frisbee, both of which were a success. Future stops include a night of pumpkin carving, trivia and buffalo wings at BW3’s, an evening at our recreational sports center and a service rush function to incorporate our strong culture of service into recruiting. We will conclude our rush functions with an information session to inform interested students of what it means to be a brother.

Although much of the semester is focused on recruitment, we are also incorporating something new into meetings. As the newly activated class receives their post-membership education, many of the older brothers have come to realize that they could use a refresher course of chapter history. Each meeting there is a special time for “Kim’s Education Corner.” Kim Conrad, our executive officer for membership, takes this time to go over many of the housekeeping skills one must possess to prevent Gamma Pi from derailing.

Along with all our other activities, Gamma Pi is beginning to prepare for its fiftieth anniversary in March of 2006. We are excited to have the opportunity to meet the brothers that have laid the tracks for our future. In closing, the brothers of Gamma Pi would like to offer our best wishes to those of you who are graduating this December and to the rest of you, good luck on finals! Happy Holidays!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth A. Harrod

<http://.expert.ics.purdue.edu/~kkpsi>

# Delta Upsilon

Greetings NCD!

This semester has gotten off to a great start and has the makings of a very productive semester for Delta Upsilon. Thanks to the hard work of many of our brothers over the summer, our annual March-a-thon was a total success, earning roughly \$2,800 for the EMU band program. The March-a-thon also won an Outstanding Service Project Award worth \$600 overall earning \$3,400 for the university bands. Although nothing has been committed, some possibilities for the money include new drum major podiums and new cymbals for the marching band.

But our service plans don't stop there! The service committee is making plans to have the Band Director's scaffolding repainted from a faded yellow to green and white. This will not only make it look nicer, but make it fit our school colors.

And who better to help us with these service projects than the new members? Well, we're working on that one. So far we've had three rush events: an ice cream social, a game of capture-the-flag, and a potluck dinner. Our next event is a formal rush on November 4. The Ritual of the First Degree is going to be held at 8pm on December 5, and the Membership Education process will begin.

Exciting changes are taking effect here at Delta Upsilon, and like our brothers across the country, we can't wait to see where this semester will take us!

AEA,  
Karl Stein  
Corresponding Secretary  
Delta Upsilon  
Eastern Michigan University

# Epsilon Xi

As our marching band season is concluding, excitement is just beginning for Epsilon Xi. We have just begun our rush process, and have already completed two of our four rush parties. The first party was informal as we got together at a house where four of our brothers live. We grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and enjoyed getting to know the rushees in a relaxed setting. For our second party we played capture the flag. The last two parties will become more formal, with the third being a question-and-answer session and the fourth being very formal and by invitation only.

The year has gotten off to a great start with many service projects, including a highway clean-up with Tau Beta Sigma, band camp and game day activities, such as providing pop and water for all of the band members, and three high school band outreaches. At these outreaches we pick a high school in the area with a very small music program, and go to one of their football games and play in the stands with them. We usually double the size of their band, and the students, directors and fans are elated to have us there. It is a very rewarding service that we look forward to each fall! One of the highlights of our fall season is our annual football game with our rival chapter, University of Cincinnati. This year, for the third consecutive year in a row, Cincinnati claimed the victory. This is a great experience for chapter bonding and getting to know members at another university.

Epsilon Xi is thrilled that we will be hosting the 2005 District Convention, and we are working diligently on the plans to make it the most exciting convention yet! The whole chapter has put their heads together to come up with some plans that will be unique to Miami University this year. We look forward to seeing you at our District Convention in April!!

## Zeta Epsilon

Fall is now upon us and as any enthusiastic band member will remind you: it's football time! The brothers of Zeta Epsilon have been busy helping our Spartan Marching Band complete a successful pre-season and transition smoothly into the season.

Brothers helped with pre-season by checking in members, providing packets including a pencil, highlighter and nail apron (for charts and music) to freshmen, handing out fruit and water for freshman marching rehearsals and preparing a picnic for our over 300-member marching band at the end of the week.

We also helped the band staff sort music and pass out the new set of band uniforms during preseason and the first few weeks of school. Currently we're making the final plans for a reception for our first visiting band, Illinois, for the game on October 9. We're also planning a special Michigan Week with many fun activities.

The brothers of Zeta Epsilon wish your bands good luck this season and Go Green!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Serena Bearman  
Corresponding Secretary  
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## Zeta Lambda

Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi, Zeta Lambda would like to share our exciting news. For the Fall 2004 semester, we have a new class of 11 members. This is considerably more than our average of around five per class. We have 13 active members in our chapter; therefore, our chapter will almost double in size. Zeta Lambda will soon have 24 members to help our college bands and community this is truly something

to be looking forward to. The entire membership of Zeta Lambda is nothing but good attitudes and motivation for our new class and each other. I couldn't be more proud. Throughout the three years that I have been a member of Zeta Lambda, I have witnessed my brothers work hard and strive to be what we are today.

Our membership rocks!

AEA,  
Leanna Michelle Hankins  
Zeta Lambda Sec/Tres  
GO HERD!

## Zeta Omicron

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the North Central District!

This year Zeta Omicron has been working hard to strive for the highest. We are currently working on recruiting new members while helping our bands. Our largest project to date has been the new concert podium for our concert bands. This project was lost of fun.

Lumber for podium: \$100  
Flooring for podium:\$20  
Stain: \$4.00  
Brushes for stain: \$3.00  
Sand paper: \$2.00  
Spending time with your brothers  
staining a new podium on a two foot  
wide balcony four stories up:  
PRICELESS

We look forward to the rest of the semester.

Striving for the Highest  
Zeta Omicron, University of Akron

## Eta Delta

Greetings to the NCD.

The Eta Delta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi would like to welcome everyone back for the fall semester. We hope everyone is enjoying their time back at school, our chapter is.

As usual, our semester is filled with marching band. Three days a week, members of Psi help to make sure the band members have plenty of water, chairs and stands for the bands performance. We also help haul equipment to and from the stadium and to any away performance. Also, in the mornings we do set-up and tear down for the wind ensemble.

Our brotherhood is being strengthened with new candidates, work and visiting chapters. This semester we are putting three candidates through rituals. This is very exciting for our chapter because we took a year off from candidates to improve our brotherly ties. Like I had mentioned, we have three candidates this year and they have completed their first degree and begun their classes. We also held our big brother ceremony. This year we have plans for better big-brother bonding. Our recruitment for candidates went smoothly this year. We had many joint socials/informationals and made sure our active brothers talked with as many band members as possible so band members understood what Psi is all about. We wish our candidates the best of luck.

For the social aspect of our brotherhood, our meetings started without a hitch and we already had several joint socials with Tau Beta Sigma during the candidate recruiting process. We are looking forward to the Sigma Alpha Iota formal this year, which is always enjoyable. We also enjoy running our own semi-formal which we co-host with Tau Beta Sigma every fall for the marching band. Although the chapter has not had a chance for a social get-together this semester, we hope to have a few. Our social committee has many ideas brewing.

For the marching band's first performance on September 11, Eastern Illinois University played against Indiana State University. We invited the Indiana State University Marching Band to come play with us. After our morning rehearsal with ISU, the band hosted a cook-out where our Psi members helped pick up the food, and set up and tear down the event. Our chapter also donated a paddle to the new ISU colony of Kappa Kappa Psi and took several pictures.

In order to make the bond stronger with us and our brother chapters (aside from ISU) we made sure to get our degree dates and times out as early as possible this year to ensure that other chapters from our district can come and enjoy the festivities. We already heard the good news from several chapters of brothers wanting to attend. This would be a great experience for our incoming candidates.

## Theta Zeta

Rush week is here! Games, bowling, and decorating practice rooms... Does it get any better? The brotherhood bond is out and in full swing. We are halfway through marching season and the fact that we don't feel like killing each other yet is a good sign. New members of the marching band comprise about one third of our ensemble. The chapter is excited to see what great things this class will do.

While in the midst of getting new blood involved, we are recruiting for the marching band. Typically we try to get some high school seniors to come visit for a day and see what we are all about. Usually a couple of people come, but it's not a big thing. This year, we opened it to juniors as well and are calling it AUMB Preview Day (Ashland University Marching Band, that is). We have had more people respond

this year than ever before, at least to our knowledge. The fact that our chapter is having a hand in not just servicing the band, but encouraging it to grow makes us feel downright proud of ourselves.

We have several projects in the works here: fundraising, service and formal. So far, it looks to be an exciting year with lots of new activities. We take the 'strive for the highest' motto seriously as we work together to make our chapter stronger.

Bethel Schiefer  
Corresponding Secretary  
Ashland University, Theta Zeta

## Theta Eta

The Kappa Nu chapter of □□□ at Northern Illinois University has been very busy with the start of a new semester. Before the semester even started, the brothers of KN were hard at work. Because the marching band members get to move in early, we stationed ourselves at all the dorms and helped new band students move in. During band camp, we helped out by watering the band and doing uniform fittings. We ended band camp with an ice cream social, which was as much fun for the brothers as it was for the marching band. When the semester finally started, we kicked it off by cleaning the highway. Nothing eases one into a new semester like picking up rotting trash! Right now, we're in the process of planning a band formal with □□□ and □□□. We're also getting ready for Road Rally, which is a huge scavenger hunt we put on for the marching band. Speaking of the marching band, we've been on hand at all the football games providing water and snacks for the band.

Since the theme of this issue of Kadenza is "membership" I suppose I should share some bits of info. This year, we've changed the way our membership education program runs. We used to welcome a new class each semester, but this year we're only doing one class for the entire school year. This has given us more opportunities to hold social events where we can hang out with prospective members. They can get to know us and we can get to know them. Another benefit of one class is that we're now able to devote more time to the mem ed program, which we hope will lead to a better appreciation for our organization. In an effort to make sure our members don't forget what they learned during mem ed, our sergeant at arms has been encouraging our chapter to come up with creative ways to remember the constitution. You should hear the preamble, which sounds a lot like "Sing, Sing, Sing." Overall, we've just been really stressing the importance of mem ed as a continuous process.

On behalf of the brothers of Kappa Nu, HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!!

Respectfully submitted by:  
Elizabeth Schroeder  
Corresponding/Alumni Secretary

## Kappa Chi

Membership; so many aspects of that word shapes and defines Kappa Chi. We may only be two-and-a-half years old, but some brothers might say that we've got "skillz" when it comes to the membership portion of our Brotherhood.

Take a look at our numbers: In 2002 when we were a colony, there were nine of us. The Alpha class brought in 11 members and more than doubled the size of our chapter. This past February, we initiated nine more members. Such high numbers brought us excitement and enthusiasm, but the hype eventually died when we lost members to graduation, deactivation and transfers. However, it doesn't get us down. Through all of the trials and errors, the Kappa Chi chapter currently is composed of 21 devoted, talented, and all-around amazing brothers. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Speaking of awesome brothers, Danae Willenberg was quite busy this past summer with her new position in office as Vice President of Membership. Danae devoted a huge chunk of her summer to restoring and revising our Membership Education Process and debuted it at our second annual summer retreat. Danae did an amazing job tweaking the different aspects and adding new ones to the MEP, we are all really anxious to start using it with the Gamma class this November.

Another excellent way for Kappa Chi to improve membership, whether through gaining new members or educating current members, is through Chris Graves. Chris is currently the NCD's Vice President for Colonization and Membership, and it's pretty nice to have him as a member of our chapter. Chris has been traveling around the district often this semester, and he's been picking up bits and pieces of information that he's brought back to our chapter to help us with all the aspects of membership. Chris did a wonderful job at MER and with us having Chris as a brother, we took his thoughts and ideas even further to install them into our chapter.

Active brothers are a great help when it comes to training our potential new members. Actives are encouraged to come to potential new member education sessions and bond with their little ones, show them the ropes, teach them even more about the fraternity, and create a great bond in general. It's amazing to see the overwhelming response from the actives when it comes to wanting to educate the prospective new members and prepare them for the brotherhood.

All in all, Kappa Chi seems to be on the right track when it comes to membership. We're experiencing all of the ups and downs. We're still experimenting with ideas and concepts regarding membership and it's going to allow us to tweak ideas until we find the things that will define us as Kappa Chi.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sobel  
Corresponding Secretary  
Kappa Chi



# TBS Articles

Stacey Neeley

District Counselor

## **Are you the model member?**

Greetings NCD! As we return to school and gear up for another exciting season of recruiting fresh, new prospective members, I encourage you to take a look at yourself and determine if you are living up to the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. Are you the model member that your chapter tends to recruit? Do you strive for the highest degree of professionalism within your chapter and music program, while also providing service to your collegiate bands?

First, I encourage you to review the five qualities to be observed by Tau Beta Sigma members at all times. The five qualities are the main ingredients to being a model member. As a member of  $\tau\beta\sigma$ , we should constantly work towards the development of ourselves physically and intellectually. Physical and intellectual development will help you be a strong member within your chapter. Once you have confidence in yourself and in your abilities, you will be a true asset to your chapter. Next, you should review the morals and spiritual ideals in which you believe. Are you maintaining high moral standards for yourself and your chapter? Hold yourself accountable to maintaining the highest level of moral standards and spiritual ideals. Set your sights high. Finally, take a look at your emotional poise. Do you fly off the handle when someone makes you angry? Do your eyes flood with tears when someone is providing you with constructive criticism? By cultivating and maintaining your emotional poise, you will earn the respect you deserve from others within your chapter and elsewhere.

Next, I encourage you to review the eight essential factors which promote friendship and respect among you and your sisters. The eight essential factors are pertinent in the development of a well rounded member of  $\tau\beta\sigma$ . Do you demonstrate loyalty and dependability to your band programs and your chapter? Are you honest and truthful at all times? Can you remain cheerful while facing great trial? Do you display a generous mind heart and hand at all times? Do you use your courage to see an ideal, seize upon it and follow it wherever it may lead you? By abiding by the eight essential factors, you will be that model member that all chapters are looking for. The type of member I am speaking of is one who is trustworthy, dependable, courageous, generous, kind, loyal and cheerful at all times. Finally, this member will also share a mutual interest in the art of music, which is what this sorority is essentially all about. Are you this person?

Finally, I encourage you to go forth and recruit! Look for new members who are quality musicians and are eager to serve your chapter and your bands. Keep in mind the ideals of  $\tau\beta\sigma$  while you are out recruiting. This will help you to attract those model members your chapters deserve. Happy hunting!

# William “Chip” Humphries III

## District President

What up NCD?! Since the last Kadenza, tons of awesome stuff has happened in the world of Tau Beta Sigma. Let’s sift through the wreckage, I mean history, that we have created since convention.

One of the more obvious events over this summer was our district summer FUNction. This year it was held near Cincinnati. I am sure that many of you have heard of the exciting adventures that took place during our time in southwestern Ohio. Because of this, I won’t bore you with all the stories of the fun we had but rather just send a shout out to everyone who I was able to bond with in the middle of the woods.

Also this summer, Stacey and I were able to go to National Headquarters as part of the District Leadership Conference. In Stillwater, we met many of the District Officers from across the country as well as the National Officers and Headquarters Staff. Needless to say, the weekend was not only informational but a lot of fun. I encourage everyone to make the “pilgrimage” to National Headquarters if given the opportunity.

In the beginning of October, our Membership Education Retreat was held at the University of Toledo. Thank you to all of the sisters who drove some long distances at crazy times to join us.

I am sure that by now, many of you have heard about the newest project in our district. Project D.O.V.E stands for District Officers Visit Everyone. In the absence of a National Chapter Field Representative, your District Officers would like to visit as many chapters as possible. Truthfully, we are open to just about any reason to come visit. We would love to come see your bands perform, assist with a service project or just hangout with the sisters of the NCD. Please keep us updated throughout the year of activities going on with your chapter.

Finally, I want to make sure that everyone knows that they are more than welcome to drop me a line to ask a question or just say hi. For those of you who don’t know it already, here is my contact info:

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Phone – (412) 760-5786 (after 9pm) or (419) 772-3314 (whenever)

That is all for now. Hope to hear from everyone sometime soon!

## Theresa Graves

### District VP Expansion and

# Membership

Greetings sisters and brothers of the NCD!

If you couldn't make it to MER on October 3, you missed out. We had a great time in beautiful Toledo strengthening our sisterhood and brotherhood while gaining great information about how to improve our chapters and our district. Eight chapters of Tau Beta Sigma were represented: Theta, Lambda, Alpha Delta, Alpha Xi, Gamma Mu, Delta Epsilon, Eta Eta, and Theta Psi.

The sisters had a great time learning about recruitment and retention from the help of our favorite NCD President, Chip Humphries. We shared great ideas on how to recruit new members in the sisterhood such as information meetings and chapter T-shirts. We also explored ways to keep members interested in the sisterhood, such as chapter outings and complete chapter involvement in committees.

Education was also an important topic at this year's MER. I presented a workshop on how to complete your chapter Membership Education Packet with a handy outline to go home with everyone in attendance. We discussed great ways to customize your MEP such as including chapter functions, awards, projects, and any information that is special to your individual chapter.

So, if you didn't make it to Toledo for MER, don't fret. You'll have more chances to learn all you can about education later this year. I'd like to thank the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi, Beta Rho at the University of Toledo for their cooperation to make MER a great success.

I wish you and your chapter luck in the coming year, and hope to see many of you at one of the upcoming district events.

**Kim Mai**

**District VP for Special Projects**

Greetings everyone!

I hope school has gotten off to a great start. I wanted to take a moment to offer everyone my updated contact information in case anyone needs to get ahold of me. I've also included pictures from Summer FUNction for everyone to enjoy!

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Good luck with midterms!

# Emily Fraizer

## District Secretary/Treasurer

Hey NCD!

Wow, October already! For many of you, this means that marching band is in full swing. For me, it means I only have a few games left in my collegiate marching career (and most importantly, it means I only have to avoid having my dingy shoes pointed out four more times before they can officially retire to Dinkle heaven). I want to give a special shout out to Toledo for being wonderful Membership Education Retreat hosts, and to all the MER attendees for being such an awesome bunch. After such a dynamic weekend, I'm pumped for block season- and you should be too!!!

One of the reasons I'm so pumped for blocks is that I'll get to hang with lots of cool people. With that being said, one of my goals for this year is to get on the road and visit some of the chapters I've never visited before block season begins. This district is chock full of awesome brothers and sisters that I've yet to meet and I definitely need to meet. I would like to challenge the NCD to join me in my goal and make an effort to visit at least one other chapter before block season begins. Go to a meeting, have a cookout, go bowling, and get to know the other people you share a bond with.

Before I end my ramblings, I'd like to remind everyone that if you are having trouble with a fundraiser, need help with getting your chapter more financially stable, or just want to chat it up (because I'm just that cool) I'm here in Oxford waiting to jump in my mom-mobile and go road tripping!

# Nicole Burdick

## Southwest District VP of Colonization and Membership

**We May be BIG, but . . .**

The Southwest District (SWD) is a big district from many angles. We have the largest number of chapters, comprise the largest portion of Tau Beta Sigma members nationwide and for those of you who attended the 2003 National Convention in Norfolk, Va., the "Spicy Southwest" has the most spirit.

But my purpose here isn't to tell you how great the Southwest District is. Just like all districts, we have problems. And just like other districts, we have areas in which we can improve.

When I stepped into the office of VPCM in April of this year, my goal was to colonize, colonize and colonize! I created objectives and ideas on how to colonize new chapters and how to re-colonize inactive chapters; however, I got a big eye-opener with my visit to Stillwater, Okla. in July for the District Leadership Conference. I was so focused on the "colonization" part of my office I failed to acknowledge

the “membership” part. The dilemma I faced was how to colonize new chapters and members without a strong current member base? This is something both districts and chapters can ask of themselves. Does our district have chapters strong enough to lead new colonies? Does our chapter have members strong enough to maintain our activity and recruit new members?

After speaking with my fellow district officers, our district counselor and the national officers, I began a new plan of action – promote colonization with a focus on membership! But how? Where does membership start? For this we looked to the district chapters. Chapter officers lead the chapter’s membership, right? One great way to kindle membership is through leadership retreats. Many SWD chapters have leadership retreats with their officers before the school year begins. This gives them time to build a bond and initiate communication between the officers. It also allows time for planning chapter goals and ideas for the year. Perhaps the chapter would like to increase membership by 10 percent. Maybe the chapter would like to earn \$500 in fundraising to pay for new practice pads for percussion class. This type of planning needs to start here before the year begins, not after.

So, how else can we improve membership? Communication! In the past few years the communication possibilities have skyrocketed! Between email, cell phones and instant messaging, it is hard not to deliver a message. Yet many chapters are communication-challenged. To help with this problem, many chapters in our district, such as my own chapter, have established chapter listservs. Other chapters encourage members to join the SWD and national listservs to maintain focus on district and national events.

Another method chapters can adopt is the pen-pal program. Pick a chapter in your district, close or far, and keep in contact. This doesn’t have to be on a daily or weekly basis. Just remind each other when district and national paperwork is due, or when chapter, district and national activities occur. The possibilities are endless!

Lastly, remember sitting at district convention and waiting for the proxies to fill the seats of chapters who did not send a delegate? Remembers how difficult it was to hold a fundraiser when only 60 percent of the chapter showed up? It is difficult to achieve 100 percent participation, yet together with active chapters and communication this problem, too, can be solved! At the SWD Chapter Presidents’ Retreat this past June, the district council encouraged everyone to bring a friend to an event. If you are going to an area workshop and a chapter you have not seen in a while is en route, pick up someone to go with you! For some people this gesture may seem out of the ordinary; however, it only takes one person to be interested to start the flame. Spark one person’s interest and it is easy to stimulate the others to participate. I have seen proof of this within our district’s chapters.

The Southwest District is big, but it doesn’t mean that we are different or that we don’t have the same problems. Every district and chapter handles situations differently. I hope that I have been able to open your eyes to new answers to old problems. Together we can work towards a common goal. Together we will be able to build better bands and shape new leaders.

# Epsilon

Greetings to the brothers and sisters of the NCD.

The sisters of the Epsilon chapter of □□□ geared up for an exciting rush season this fall. August 23, before school even started, we held Game Night, a joint rush event with our brothers of Alpha Beta. Many actives and prospectives turned out to play games including euchre, word association, and spoons.

We held a separate service rush event on Labor Day. Sewing Night was about showing prospectives the service aspect of being in □□□. We spent the evening hemming marching band pants and jackets and fixing missing and loose buttons. We also watched Finding Nemo as we worked.

The following day, we held our first interest meeting. The brothers and sisters of Butler University joined together to eat pizza and play a game to inform the prospectives about our organizations.

On September 12, we had the □□□ Progressive Dinner. The dinner was held at the apartment of our president and sisterhood chair, and it was very successful. Many of the sisters helped prepare food, and fifteen prospectives joined us. Everyone was excited to enjoy non-cafeteria food.

We held our annual scavenger hunt on September 17. The sisters and prospectives formed groups and set off to find different things on the list, either on campus or off campus, and take pictures of them. Some things on the list included Butler University President Bobby Fong and the Carillon, as well as many sites around downtown Indianapolis.

Rush this year did have many hardships. The following day, we planned to have a canoeing trip at Turkey Run as a joint rush event with the brothers. Unfortunately, on the way there, one of the cars got in an accident. Two sisters, two brothers, and a prospective were in the car. They were taken to a hospital, and all but one were released that day. We are happy and relieved to say that they are all doing better now.

The rest of the group went ahead with the plans to canoe, and they managed to have fun. After we returned to campus, many of the brothers and sisters that had been canoeing met to carpool to the hospital to visit those that had been in the accident.

Our rush schedule hit another bump when, on September 24, one of our campus police officers was fatally shot on campus at about 10:10 a.m. We went into lockdown as the police searched for the suspect. Once they found him, we were released from lockdown, but classes had been cancelled. Out of respect, we decided to postpone our sleepover rush event. It was rescheduled for September 30, but was changed to a “pseudo-sleepover” – we were unable to spend the night.

We held interviews on October 3. A total of thirteen prospectives interviewed. Through the good times and the bad, we held ourselves together. The joy of rush this year was seeing how supportive and caring our brothers and sisters are in the face of trial.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Wilhelm and Jennifer Sherbak  
Tau Beta Sigma, Epsilon  
Butler University

## Theta

The Theta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Cincinnati has done a lot this summer in order to improve the conditions within the Bearcat Bands. Although this is a constant project, one thing Theta recently purchased should help maintain instruments and prolong the life of the bleachers where the band sits at football games.

Theta bought bleacher covers for football games in order to prevent damage to the instruments that members of the band lay down on the metal bleachers. A group of our sisters and brothers of the Upsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi go to the field one hour before report time to put the bleacher covers on and stay after each game to take them off and wash them.

Theta was able to pay for the bleacher covers by holding many fundraising events this summer, but our main source of money for this donation to the band was made by working at the Great American Ballpark. This took a lot of effort from our sisters considering most of them are not from the Cincinnati area which meant a lot of car rides back and forth from home. The work was hard, and a lot of time was spent researching the bleacher covers but the band was very appreciative which made it all worth while.

Submitted by,  
Adrienne Wilson  
Adriane Burton  
Anne Kessler  
Tricia Sickinger

## Lambda

Brothers and sisters of the NCD, it's great to be starting the new year off in such an awesome way! After several successful summer activities with our brothers in Nu, including Summer Orientation for new band members, Freshman Move-In, Labor Day Picnic, and Ice Cream Social, we've been given the OK from our director to begin recruiting activities! In anticipation of our first informational meeting on October

11, many of the sisters have taken to active recruiting after the success we've had in the past. Actives are approaching members throughout the marching band that they feel would make a great contribution to Lambda and are extending them personal invitations to the meeting.

We are also anxiously anticipating our First Degree on November 7. After the first ritual, Lambda will be focusing on the Big Sister-Little Sister relationship and continuing to make improvements in the program to help foster closer relationships between the Bigs and Littles. Last year, we started with the Big-Little pledge: a promise signed by Big Sisters that committed them to a relationship with their Little Sister based on sisterhood activities and communication.

Big-Little activities have always been required, but this year there is an exciting new addition to the Big-Little program. Shortly following First Degree, Bigs and Littles will be required to attend a mandatory Big-Little Social. The purpose of this event will be to provide a comfortable jumping-off point for the Big-Little relationship and a casual atmosphere where Bigs and Littles can get to know each other. Lambda will also be emphasizing using community service projects as Big-Little activities, so that the Bigs and Littles get to know each other while benefiting the community.

We're looking forward to another great year of sisterhood and service at Lambda and another fun year with the brothers and sisters of the NCD!

Respectfully Submitted In the Bond,  
Vika Campbell, Corresponding Secretary  
Tau Beta Sigma-Lambda

## Rho

### **Change Can Be Good**

Greetings from the Rho Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma! This fall brought a lot of changes for Rho, as last spring we saw a huge class of seniors graduate. Consequentially, our chapter is much smaller and younger now. However, we have been discovering it is quality, not quantity, that matters! Echoing that sentiment, we have a class of two wonderful prospective members this fall. They have shown incredible amounts of enthusiasm and initiative, volunteering to start tasks and requirements ahead of schedule, and participating as fully as they can in our activities and projects. It's hard to believe they are only prospective members! They went through their First Degree October 11, and we will keep you informed about upcoming degrees.

As we saw a rift being created between the few remaining old members of the chapter and the younger members, we decided on an innovative way to bring the chapter closer together. We call them "US" meetings, for Unity and Service. Every other week, we shorten the business portion of the meeting and



work on a service project during our regularly scheduled meeting time. So far, we have made ribbons for alumni TBS members returning for the Homecoming football game, and made goody bags of candy for the Marching Hundred trip to Northwestern. The US meetings are more than just a mere arts and crafts time; we bring up discussions about the chapter, such as where we are now and where we are heading. We created an excellent list of new service projects at one such meeting, which should be exciting to implement!

We have discovered communication is key to running an effective chapter, and everyone, no matter how long they have been in the chapter or what position they hold, has a say in how the chapter should function. In the process, we have been learning the proper balance between innovative solutions and holding on to tradition. We wish all of you luck in your own chapters, and hope to see some of you later this year.

Respectfully Submitted In The Bond,

Wendy Freeman  
President, Rho Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma  
Indiana University

## Alpha Delta

This year is the year of changes at the Tau Beta Sigma chapter in Ohio University. We have installed a Parliamentarian, created office hours in the School of Music to be better known through out the university, restructured our constitution, new fundraisers and we have also adjusted how we are re-educating ourselves.

As the Vice-President of Membership for the Alpha Delta chapter, I started to re-educate the sisters at the first meeting of the year. Each quarter has a different theme for education; this quarter's theme is "Where We Come From." The structure is broken down so that every other week is a new story, and the week following the story is a quiz about the information given within that story. With only ten weeks in each quarter the educational stories are based on how the sorority is broken up starting with National information, followed by information about the District, then Local history, and concluding with a quiz similar to a final exam, but with a lot less stress. I decided to do most of the re-education during fall quarter because when we have our first rush class next quarter I wanted the entire chapter to be comfortable assisting the next generation, for we can only lead as far as we've gone.

The theme for winter quarter is "Why We Do What We Do," focusing on the ideals of the sorority. We will also be continuing what we call the "8 and 5 beads" during this quarter. The "8 and 5 beads" were started by the former VPM Christy Eken and revised by last year's VPM, Theresa Graves. Each 8 and 5 is different colored bead and is given to the sister(s) who demonstrate that particular ideal(s). We will also focus on what the 8 and 5 mean beyond just the words so that we can truly understand what Tau Beta Sigma stands for beyond being for greater bands.

Spring quarter carries the theme “We cannot do it alone” in which we will learn about our brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi and how the two organizations work together. This will also assist us the following fall quarter because by having both chapters at Ohio University we are asked what the difference(s) are between □□□ and □□□. We will be better prepared to answer those questions as well as have a better appreciation and understanding for our brothers.

The sisters of Alpha Delta hope that your year is just as exciting as ours and that it is filled with best.

Submitted in the bond,  
Ann Cugliari  
VP of Membership  
Ohio University  
Alpha Delta

## Alpha Xi

Hey everyone! I hope the new school year is going great for everyone. We are off to a wonderful start here at BGSU. The Falcon Marching Band is busier than ever. We just performed at Sydney High School band festival and the Cincinnati Bengals game at the end of September. With the help of our wonderful brothers and sisters on the truck crew, we had a truly rewarding, and glitch free, experience. Also, our university band, concert band, and wind ensemble all put on a concert together on October 15th. Here are some other dates to mark on your calendar:

November 6th-BGSU home football game vs.	Western Mich. 4PM
November 13th- BGSU home football game	vs. Marshall 4PM
November 20th-Concert 8:00 PM	
November 21st-Falcon Marching Band sounds	of the stadium concert 3PM

Service wise, we are currently raising money to buy a new scaffolding for the marching band practice field. We are also keeping busy by setting up for bands and thinking of some fundraisers to raise money for the new scaffolding.

This fall we are very excited about our membership class. We have 25 prospectives!! This is one of the biggest classes we have had in a couple years. We held our games week, which includes the sisters as well as the prospectives. Every night we go out someplace, like Sunday night we went to Dairy Queen, Monday was outdoor games night, Tuesday we went to Pollyeyes, and Wednesday we had a PJ party in our music building where we got to play get to know you games! It was a lot of fun getting to know all the new girls! This year for recruiting new members, our Vice President of membership decided to make t-shirts. This was a wonderful idea and played a huge roll in how many prospectives we have! Finally, we would like to see YOU at one of our degrees! Here are the dates:

Joint Degree with the Brothers-  
November 3rd @ 9:30  
3rd Degree- December 8th time TBA

If you can't make it to one of our degrees, you are more than welcome to visit us anytime!

In addition to recruiting new members, we have some fun activities in store for the sisters. Our social chair is planning a sleepover at her apartment this fall as well as other activities over the year.

Overall, here at BGSU, we are super excited about this year and we hope to see some of you either here or we will come visit you!! Good luck to each and every chapter this year!

LITB,  
Megan Stangelo  
Corresponding Secretary, Alpha XI  
Chapter-Bowling Green State University

## Beta Sigma

Welcome back to school everyone! Now that you all have gotten at least a few weeks of school under your belt, it's time to spend a few moments with your chapter and get those rush functions going!

This year in Beta Sigma we are striving to increase our numbers, and have a lot of rush functions planned. Our membership committee has been very creative in finding activities that will appeal to many different people, and hopefully draw in potential members.

First, we had a joint function with our brothers from Gamma Pi. It was the traditional ice cream social, with lots of ice cream, lots of social and lots of people. Definitely a huge hit on a hot, steamy night in West Lafayette. Our next function was Goofy Olympics. Crazy games and team names made us feel closer and helped us bond with potential members. It gave us all a chance to run around, look foolish and have a blast.

Our last few rush functions also look promising. In November we are holding a chocolate party. Apparently we like to entice our newbies with exercise and food, which leads us to our Progressive Dinner in December. So if you have a hankering for some free food, come visit us.

In closing, good luck to all you football fans out there. Have fun this semester and keep recruiting people to join the bond.

ITB,  
Marissa Combs  
Corresponding Secretary Fall 2004  
TBΣ-BΣ

## Gamma Mu

### **On the Mooove with Gamma Mu!!!**

Greetings from Gamma Mu! After celebrating our 40th anniversary this spring and keeping ourselves busy this summer, Gamma Mu has returned this fall stronger and busier than ever! Our chapter sponsored painting our rehearsal hall after years of wear, tear and water damage last summer. The music department didn't have the money in their budget to paint the rehearsal hall, so the sisters stepped up to the challenge and raised the money painted it. Our vice president of financial affairs was impressed by our initiative and it is our understanding that we are the first student-based, honorary organization to attempt such a venture, which is very exciting and an honor.

We had many tasks waiting for us, including a marching band of more than 140 members to fit with uniforms, planning activities for band camp week, making survivor kits for the incoming members, baking cookies for the band, ushering recitals and participating for the first time in a band buddy program where we "adopt" a first time marcher, mentor them and make them feel welcome. We have also had our first info night with a good turn-out. Excitement is rising in anticipation for new membership. In October, our marching band traveled to Toronto, Canada to perform our halftime show in the Sky Dome and at the University of Guelph. This is refreshing and very exciting for our band since there are no marching bands in Canada.

As for our symphonic band, they finished an inspiring Americana concert and will debut a special piece in honor of our sister that we lost last December, Erin Dillon, at the Band-o-Rama in November. Our main fundraiser for this quarter is making ornaments for the Women's Craft Show and a t-shirt/sweatshirt sale to all marching band members and their parents.

As for things we have done with other bands, we marched in the Sidney Sensational Sounds Festival, where Bowling Green also performed. Bearing cookies, we were able to visit some of the Alpha Xi sisters and had a Great time! Also, we are planning to get together with our rotating sister chapter, Lambda, some time in the future. At our last game, John Carroll's pep band came and we were able to talk to them and tell them how awesome Tau Beta Sigma is (something that our chapter loves to do). We are also starting a program called Operation Building Bonds. This program is a contest and a way to get to know all of our sisters! We also had a few of our sisters attend MER, which is always a blast. It's

great to see sisters from other chapters and see what everyone does for membership education! Some of our upcoming events are:

November 5: Women's Craft Show

November 7: Band-o-rama

November 13: Rose Tea

If you ever feel like visiting or attending our functions, let me know at [s-mraz@onu.edu](mailto:s-mraz@onu.edu) and we will make sure that we give you a royal welcome! Love you guys! See ya soon!

In the Bond,  
Sara Mraz

## Gamma Rho

School has commenced once again with the start of the fall semester, but activities for the sisters of Gamma Rho have merely continued. During the summer months, we conducted several car washes to raise money for the bands. In September, we held a March-A-Thon, a walk around the community for which we accepted pledges and donations. Both were joint efforts organized along with our brothers in Delta Upsilon. We earned approximately \$600 from the car washes, \$2,800 from the March-A-Thon and were awarded a \$600 Outstanding Service Project Award.

Our sisters will continue to have bi-weekly bake sales in our university's music building and we hope to soon expand to other, higher-traffic buildings on our campus. Other fundraisers we may do include selling tie-dyed drawstring bags sporting the "EMU Bands" logo and selling scratch-off cards asking patrons to donate up to \$3 in exchange for eight coupons redeemable at local businesses. We would like to soon purchase new instruments for our drumline and perhaps sponsor Euphrosyne, our winterguard, or help fundraise for our colorguard.

As we are currently in the midst of football season, the sisters have been doing our part to help make the marching band members days a bit brighter. We provide our marchers with apples following each of their half-time performances, created "Band Camp Survival Kits" for rookie marchers and will soon compile Halloween goodie bags for everyone. We continue to serve our other university bands by ushering the concerts of the wind symphony, symphonic band, jazz band, and percussion ensembles and by cleaning the band and orchestra rooms once a month. In October, we will also take part in an all-day cleaning endeavor, along with our Brothers in Delta Upsilon and members of Mu Phi Epsilon and ASTA, to make our entire music building sparkle and shine.

Our sorority and chapter histories are important to us and our historian has been giving us “Star Sister” quizzes to keep us on our toes. Each week, we memorize a historical fact and are quizzed the following week. The winner at the end of the semester receives a prize and the satisfaction that she knows where our sorority and chapter have been and are going.

We were pleased to welcome 19 Gamma Rho alumni to our university’s homecoming football game this year. The returning sisters were given blue and white carnation boutonnieres to show them how happy we were to have them with us. We have also sent out an alumni newsletter this semester and are currently working on creating a more complete alumni contact information database.

Also this semester, we will be revising our chapter’s constitution and will be organizing a chamber ensemble concert, asking music students to form small ensembles and perform chamber music in front of faculty adjudicators.

We have been very pleased thus far with the results of our rush events. Most recently, we held a potluck dinner and invited prospective candidates to attend our business meeting later that night. September’s rush events included an introductory ice cream social and a friendly game of capture-the-flag. We plan to have a Mardi Gras theme night and two other rush events, including formal rush.

Gamma Rho would like to invite all sisters from the NCD to attend our degrees and show our candidates your care and support. Our first degree will be held at 8 p.m. 5 December, Second degree at 8 p.m. 30 January, and third degree at 4 p.m. 27 February. If anyone needs directions to our university, please do not hesitate to contact me!

The Sisters of Gamma Rho send warm wishes to you all for a successful fall semester!

In The Bond,  
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Corresponding Secretary  
Gamma Rho  
Eastern Michigan University

## Delta Epsilon

Delta Epsilon is surviving the preppy, popped collar world of Miami University while continuing to serve the band. Spring semester was incredibly successful in terms of membership. Sixteen new members, nine girls and seven boys, joined into our chapter on April first. Their influence on Delta Epsilon is immense. During their education process they raised money through late night bake sales and a fifty/fifty raffle. Joining efforts with Alpha Upsilon of □□□, the membership candidates provided the hockey and basketball pep bands with newly organized and laminated music. While bonding at on-calls, MC Overnight, and weekly meetings, the spring class discovered the true meaning of “In the Bond.”

The MUMB season is well on its way and the rush process has commenced. Delta Epsilon is looking forward to meeting the prospective members at our four rush parties. The first was formal and informed them of the purpose of each of our seven committees. The next were more informal and fun including a Halloween costume party and game night. We are all looking forward to the rest of the band season and introducing a new MC class to our crazy, hard-working chapter.

Respectfully submitted in the bond,  
Delta Epsilon

## Epsilon Iota

Here at Akron at the end of our membership education program we do a “Rec Week,” which is designed to help our membership candidates feel like they are a part of our chapter. One of the activities that we do is a people hunt. The candidates are given a clue like, “Go to the building that sounds like a country in Europe with Mucho Caliente Hombres” which would be our Polsky Building that houses our fire prevention. A few other buildings are included and finally we end up back at a house where we hold memory night. Memory night is where we show the incoming members our history, such as our heavy memory book and “fuzzy wonderment.”

Finally, one of the longest-standing traditions is the painting of our rock. Everyone in the chapter goes up to the rock on campus and paint it with their class slogans, the □□□ letters, and anything else that is relevant or special to them. This is in my opinion the event other than third degree that really brings the incoming members as well as the rest of the chapter together.

These are some of the events we do during Rec. Week to help bring the candidates and the chapter together.

In the bond,  
Epsilon Iota  
The University of Akron

## Zeta Gamma

□□□: **Welcome To The Ride Of Your Life!**

Wow! What an exciting year it has already been! It is already time for fall break and it seems like just yesterday was band camp. The Zeta Gamma chapter again helped run band camp at registration on the first day and throughout band camp by supplying things like cups for water. At the conclusion of band camp, our lovely chapter provided the food for the end of camp pool party. It was such a fun time because a lot of the new members were talking and asking questions about those funny symbols and our t-shirts. Our rush shirts this year said TBΣ Rules (on the front) and Destination TBΣ: Welcome To The Ride Of Your Life! (on the back).

Three must be Zeta Gamma's lucky number as we attracted three quality candidates from our informationals. Again, we have had three in every candidate class since Fall 2002. Our informationals were (in case any other chapter might want to use them): A Root Beer Float informational, a game night, and a B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Banana). To Katie, Rachel, and BreAnne(our three wonderful candidates): I speak for everyone when I say "Good Luck on all of your tests!" and "We can't wait until we can call you a fellow sister in the bond!!!"

Our chapter fundraiser for this semester was such a hit that we will be doing it again next fall. You might ask "What was your fundraiser?" Well, we raffled off tickets to anyone in the band so that a lucky band member could be "Christine For A Day". Christine Beason is our marching band director. In return, Christine would march in the spot of the winner.

The annual PMB high school marching band festival is this Saturday(October 9th), and the ladies and men of the chapter will be aiding the judges and other band directors by giving them a reception full of yummy food to eat. It will be hard work I'm sure, but the day will go well because we are also working hand in hand with our brothers of the Eta Delta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Two service projects that are in the works for the Zeta Gamma chapter are Letters To Troops and Valentines For Veterans. These are both great ways to reach outside the community of Charleston, to try and help the troops that are and have helped our country stay free ! If your chapter would like to do this, contact your local ROTC and they should have addresses of troops overseas. They would greatly appreciate a letter from people here so they know that people care about their hard work. The valentines could be delivered to a veteran's hospital.

Another way we aid the bands is with the painting of the zero points (for marching band season), helping Eta Delta with setting up for wind ensemble concerts and practices, and finally putting on the annual PMB Semi Formal, also with Eta Delta. This year our theme will be "Mardi Gras" and we are already excited for it. If you would like to come to our semi formal dance...it is November 13, 2004 @ 7pm in the Grand Ballroom. If you plan on coming and need directions to get here or a place to stay, email me at missr41@yahoo.com . We would love to have you.

I believe that is it for now! I would love if anyone has questions about what our chapter does or anything else to please ask.



If anyone is ever in or near Charleston, Illinois...please drop any one of the sisters here a line! We would love to have any visitors!!!

Everyone have a fantastic fall and hopefully the Zeta Gamma chapter will see you at convention!!!!

Respectfully Submitted/In The Bond,

Becca Henry  
Corresponding Secretary  
Zeta Gamma-Eastern Illinois University

## Zeta Epsilon

The Zeta Epsilon chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Michigan State University has had its hands full since coming back from summer break. We started things off with the summer “adopt-a-freshman” campaign, in which each member writes letters to incoming band members. It went very well, and many of the freshmen were glad and excited to know that people were waiting to meet and help them.

We started our campus efforts early with a registration table at our marching band freshman orientation. Many of our members moved in early and helped out, answering questions about what we do, handing out “freshman survival packs”, which were donated to us through the Student Book Store, and enjoyed catching up after the summer months. Pre-season is a busy time for Zeta Epsilon as we also helped with out with freshman orientation.

Orientation is a physically daunting task, and many of the ZE sisters volunteered to hand out fruit, water, and encouragement to the newbies. We were also generously donated nail belts, which are very convenient for storing drills and high-lighters, from Ace Hardware. They were given by the twin ZE chapters of □□□ and □□□ to very happy and better organized freshmen.

Pre-season is also when the band has its traditional picnic, organized and funded by the twin ZEs. We ordered subs, chips, and what turned out to be about enough cookies to feed every band in the Big Ten. After handing out boxes and stacks of extra cookies to a very grateful marching band, it was back to work!

We have had a lot to work on since the end of pre-season. The Spartan Marching Band is fortunate to host some great bands this season, and the first is Illinois. We have been planning a visiting band reception and can't wait to meet them!

We have also been planning this year's Sparty Watch. Every year the band traditionally guards our statue of Sparty from potential attacks from the school down the road. We, along with KKP, are planning fun, and some top secret, activities for the band to get them through the cold Michigan nights, such as handing out free hot chocolate.

The sisters of Zeta Epsilon have also begun plans for the annual marching band formal, The Huddle. It is an event put on entirely by Tau Beta Sigma which involves lots of hard work and results in lots of fun! The Huddle will take place in February or March.

At the beginning of the season, Tau Beta Sigma held two information nights where band members were invited to ask questions, get info, and hang out and eat some pizza. We are now glad to have a new perspective class of two great and enthusiastic girls.

Our pledges have begun their membership education classes and their first ritual is in two weeks. Our membership class is small, but it ensures that we will be able to get to know the pledges very well and grow as a sorority.

## Eta Zeta

### **TWENTY YEARS STRONG...**

Greetings from the heart of the bluegrass!

This fall has been a busy one for the Eta Zeta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Here at the University of Kentucky we have been preparing for our twentieth year of service as a chapter. Along with our brothers we planned out a week-long celebration filled with many different events to celebrate our sisterhood and brotherhood. On the days we have band practice, everyone wore letters and clothing showing their Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi pride. We spent one day celebrating second degree with our brothers. On our actual birthday, October 6, all brothers and sisters dressed in an identical shirt to show our band program how great a force we truly have become within the Wildcat marching band. Our Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma have amazing numbers this season, reaching a combined total of almost 60 people. The week concluded with a joint ritual. It was the first time at UK the brothers and sisters ever joined together for a ritual. It was a bonding experience for everyone involved.

Another milestone for the sisters here at the University of Kentucky-our first pledge class to have, as we have come to call them, "mister sisters." In our class of 13, the two men will be the first that we pass into our bond of sisterhood. As a chapter, we are very excited about embracing this new experience and using the change to bring us all closer together in the bond of sisterhood!

Please join me in welcoming our 13 new baby zebras to the bond this semester, at third degree will be on November 12, 2004.

Along with the exceptional job our chapter has done at recruiting new sisters, we have been more visual within our band program. During our early week we held several fundraisers as well as maintaining of and organizing our WMB wear. It can easily be one of our chapter's most successful weeks to date. Not only did our band members start to realize how truly important and essential we are (as an organization)

to the program, but with the band members' help, we were able to raise a considerable amount of money for our chapter for service projects this upcoming fall.

This year looks to be a promising one for the sisters of Eta Zeta! With our chapter growing in numbers every year and our bond becoming even stronger, we are excited about what is to come this year!

Respectfully Submitted In the Bond,  
Katie Grossman  
Alumni/Corresponding Secretary  
Tau Beta Sigma- Eta Zeta  
University of Kentucky

## Theta Psi

The sisters of Theta Psi are very excited about our year ahead. We have lots of activities planned for the fall semester. We, along with many other chapters, are putting through another class. We are very proud that this will be our sixth rush class for our young chapter. We have 8 great girls who will develop into wonderful sisters. We are keeping our current actives involved in the chapter through little games and quizzes during our chapter meetings. Our VPEM asks us a question about the chapter and sorority history and the first to answer it correct gets a prize. It's a great way to always remember our history so we can help teach our new members.

This semester our service projects include helping out a Girl Scout troop earn a badge, raising money for the Breast Cancer Foundation, and of course our normal band duties and ushering concerts. Raising money for the Breast Cancer Walk was done in a fun way. We sponsored a penny war between the sections. This fundraiser managed to raise over \$500 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. We are very proud of the efforts from the band and are grateful we can offer that money. We are also working on planning the band banquet and this is sure to be the best one yet. Everything is going well for Theta Psi this semester and we are very proud of all of our accomplishments.

Theta Psi is also working on putting together a bid for District Convention 2006. Be on the look out for information in the future. We are planning what we think will be a great convention! We hope that each chapter is having as good of a semester as we are.

Respectfully submitted in the bond,  
Laura Buttes  
Corresponding Secretary