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Message from the Editors:

Dear brothers and sisters of the NCD,

Here it is at last, your Winter issue of the *Kadenza*. After weeks of hard work editing all of your submissions we are proud of the final product that we have come up with.

The best part was being able to get together in our joint committee and read over your submissions. Despite having to chase people out of our reserved conference room at the library and the uncontrollable giggle fits that seemed to overwhelm us, we managed to find a way to carry on and bring you what we believe to be the best issue yet.

We couldn't have asked for better articles than the ones you sent in and have come up with some new ideas for our chapters based on your suggestions. We can only hope that each of your chapters are able to take some useful ideas away from this issue of the *Kadenza* and can provide better service to your bands.

Thanks to all of the help from the brothers and sisters of Alpha Delta who worked on the *Kadenza* and all of their unbelievable patience as we worked out all of the kinks in our system.

As always, if you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions for the next issue of *Kadenza*, feel free to email us at NCD_Kadenza@yahoo.com

We'd like to wish you the best for the remainder of your semesters (or quarters)! See you at the next block and at district convention!

ITB,

The brothers and sisters of the twin chapters of Alpha Delta at Ohio University

We Have a New NCD Website!

Did you know that the North Central District has a new website? Well, we do! You can visit the site at it's permanent home at <http://www.kkytbsncd.org>. If you haven't visited let, let me tell you a little bit about the site.

Techie Side:

The new NCD website run a content management system called Geeklog. Geeklog is a highly customizable system that runs on PHP with a MySQL backend. Geeklog has many pre-written plug-ins that are being utilized on the site, as well as some custom modules. For more information on Geeklog you can visit <http://www.geeklog.net>

User Side:

The NCD website is truly dynamic allowing any registered member to submit news, events and links and have it appear on the site in a matter of minutes in most cases, 24 hours at the longest. There are also forums to post and chat with brothers and sisters as well as a live chat room. You can download the latest forms, and if you have a form or document that you think the district would find useful, you can upload it! There is also a picture gallery where you can upload pictures from your events! With this site, everyone is the Webmaster!

How do you get started? Go to the site and register for an account. Check your email for a randomly generated password. Come back to the site, log-in, change your password and fill out information in your profile (optional). After that you are good to go!

I hope you all enjoy the site, and it makes communication within the district even better then it was before

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ITB,

Mark Bradbourne
NCD WebGeek
Life Member – ZO/KKPsi @ The University of Akron
NCD TBSigma Honorary Member

KKΨ District/National Officers

Malinda M. Matney, Ph.D.
District Governor

“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.” ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As I write this article, we are beginning Martin Luther King, Jr. week. It doesn't take a scholar of history to recognize that this man had a vision and sparked the inspiration of many to join him in pursuit of this vision. We still have much to learn from Dr. King, both in the content of his message and in the ways he made his message live. There are both civil rights lessons and leadership lessons we should take from this movement.

Thinking about our own purposes for Kappa Kappa Psi, as stated in our preamble, we have so many ways to apply the leadership lessons of Dr. King:

Remember that many people bring gifts that can serve college bands.

As we see great people in our bands, we need to work to help them become the best band members they can be. There are many types of people who would be great brothers, whom we should recruit to Kappa Kappa Psi. Beyond these people, there are whole bands full of people who have the potential to grow into better musicians, better marchers, better leaders: better people. Whether or not they are brothers, we can develop their gifts for our college bands.

Challenge our Brothers to live to the fullest of their gifts.

It is tempting to do “just enough” in whatever field. However, we need to challenge our brothers to accomplish their dreams and stretch their abilities. Every brother should be working toward obtaining his or her college degree. Every active brother should be working to be the best musician he or she can be. The more we challenge each brother to develop his or her unique goals and talents, the better our bands and fraternity will be.

Invest time in making sure we are using our own gifts to the fullest.

It is easy to cheer everyone else on, and not invest the time needed for our own goals, vision and at times even rest. Nobody derives anything from our leadership if we are burned out, tired, broke or flunking out of school. Planning ahead in our lives to make sure that we have our studies done when a service project is waiting will make our service better.

Retain the clarity of vision: The five points of our preamble.

It is too easy to justify any activity as a “service” project, and slowly dissipate the energy available to truly promote our college bands. There are many fine activities in life. However, service as Kappa Kappa Psi needs to remain true to our preamble. This hardly restricts our work, but rather, expands our power. Promoting college bands, honoring band members, developing brothers' leadership skills, networking among bands and providing great social events for bands – there are limitless possibilities for great service to our college bands. If you are doing your service right, whether within your band building or on campus in another location, people should be able to identify immediately that this is a college band activity. If they can't, we're not promoting college bands, and not living up to our preamble.

Enjoy the fellowship of others invested in our cause.

As we do our work as Kappa Kappa Psi, sometimes that work will intersect with the work of others. The most obvious example is Tau Beta Sigma. When we work with Tau Beta Sigma, work near Tau Beta Sigma or see the positive work of Tau Beta Sigma, we should enjoy this relationship. This fellowship honors the causes of both KKΨ and TBΣ. This fellowship also honors all of the outstanding band members who are brothers of KKΨ or sisters of TBΣ. In our joint relations, as in every other facet of service, we need to remain true to our preamble. However, our preamble provides many great ways to enjoy this relationship.

Finally

Our service should honor our unique gifts. Service that isn't firmly rooted in our preamble should not be a top priority of our fraternity. Our most unique gift is our love of college bands. Let that be the first impression that others gain of our fraternity.

Marco Krcatovich II District President

For those who don't know me well, I have two weaknesses (like Superman's Kryptonite). One is really good Southern cooking and the second is "The West Wing." I have to watch nearly every episode they are replaying on Bravo and all the new ones on NBC. In the current season, the fictional president is in his final year of office after already completing seven years. He has just delivered his last "State of the Union" address to Congress and he spends more and more time talking about legacy and what has happened over the last seasons.

The most recent episode I saw prompted me to write this article. Following the State of the Union address, the President's staff (who is the centerpiece of the show) has decided to settle down in the last year and worry more about making the next President and everyone else happy rather than making a difference with the current one. In the end, the staff begins to realize that with 364 days left to make a difference in the world, they should be moving forward, not standing still.

So how long do you have left? I know for me, it is only a short time before I leave my university for graduate school and the world beyond. I spend some of my time thinking about what I have done, what I should have done, and how I can solidify the future for other brothers by not making waves. That is not "striving for the highest."

As you all begin the month of February and look at only a few months until district convention and graduation of some of your chapter, and a few months until national convention, have YOU been striving? What has changed in your chapter? What just isn't working? What are you proud of?

In this time remaining, we should all take time to make a lasting impact on our band programs. If that means extra time volunteering in the music building, so be it. If that means traveling to more district events and chapter rituals to see the bounty of your district and fraternity, so be it. If that means coming to your next business meeting with ideas for fundraisers and recruitment events for next year, so be it. It does not mean being stagnant. It does not mean doing things that make you look good and secure your legacy. It means doing WHATEVER IT TAKES to make things better and to support the things you believe in.

In the coming weeks you will see the ambitious program your district officers have come up with for your district convention. For two years, the NCD has led the nation in an innovative, educational, and efficient district convention, and the nation has noticed our work. We are pleased to welcome leaders from across our nation to our convention and I am excited to see your response to the dynamic workshops, efficient and educational committees, and investigative strategic committees on issues of importance for our district, plus, a reading band that continues to defy my wildest imagination.

We will enter Miami at Leadership the strongest we have ever been, and I hope your work in the coming weeks will confirm and surpass that, come convention. We will leave Northern Cincinnati ready to host the national convention in Lexington our second District convention, ready to be the best represented district there, with:

* EVERY CHAPTER REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THAT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

* THE HIGHEST TURNOUT IN THE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE BAND

* THE STRONGEST SUPPORT FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

and able to send our warmest wishes to one of the finest national presidents this fraternity will ever have.

My brothers, the days we have until the end of this district year are short indeed. Let us make the most of

them and truly strive for the highest.

Your brother,

Marco Krcatovich II

NCD President 2003-2005

Brother of Nu, the University of Michigan

For Your Information:

* The chapter delegate packets were distributed at Leadership and those chapters that weren't there received theirs in the mail along with the workshop outlines. These packets include the convention agenda, delegate/alternate delegate/general convention forms, reading band conductor/composer form, committee/workshop/strategic committee descriptions, and the report cover sheet.

* Make sure your chapter is represented in the Reading Band. This year there will also be a focus on our student conductor/composer program and the addition of a percussion clinic for all our brothers and sisters who are percussionists.

* If you are running for district office, make sure you talk to previous officers. They are a great resource. Also, the guidelines that are printed for district office in our constitution and bylaws are the only guidelines. Don't feel discouraged to run for office because you aren't a senior, or haven't been involved heavily in the district, or have never attended a national convention. If you are even remotely interested (for this year or the next), feel free to contact a district officer or Malinda. We are glad to offer advice, suggestions, and encouragement in your run for district office.

* DO NOT FORGET THE MAGIC DATE: March 8, 2005. Postmark your packet by then!

Chris Graves

District VP Colonization and Membership

Dear Brothers,

In the sense of service, we think of how we can and how we do serve the fraternity. What about the many ways that the fraternity serves us?

Reward: We are honored by the opportunity to become members in the organization. That is a status of recognition that helps us to realize what great people we are and give significance to our actions as outstanding band members and as great people. As we choose to accept the invitation to become brothers in this fraternity, we choose to accept an honor that was given to us for the many positive contributions we have already given the band, not to mention those that we will collectively give in the near future.

Leadership Experience: With the many opportunities that the fraternity provides us through becoming officers and completing projects, we gain the skills necessary to tackle any task that comes our way. We are the leaders of tomorrow being trained today. We learn how to fail, succeed, work with others, work alone, lead, follow and use skills that we didn't even know we had and inevitably grow because of it.

Brotherhood: There is nothing like meeting someone for the first time and knowing the common bond you instantly share. Expanding upon these friendships over the four (or so) years we are in college often becomes a lifelong friendship. Even if you choose to sever most ties with the fraternity upon graduation (DON'T!), you will always have those brothers that you never lose touch with. Those who were there for you when you needed someone most, and who will always be there until the day you die. That is brotherhood, plain and simple, and can't be matched by any other form of bond.

Resources: From social, to professional, to musical, Kappa Kappa Psi provides us with many opportunities to further our personal agenda in whatever means necessary. I am certain that every brother has 'exploited' the fraternity for a personal reference/unique opportunity of some sort at some point.

Memories: These last a lifetime...ask any alumni, and they will have story after story about their collegiate (and probably alumni) experience as a brother. Using all of the items listed above, we build these memories and share them with others.

Care to list any others? My list is short but not exhaustive; any brother can add PAGES of information

to what is listed above, if he or she chooses to be so dedicated.

Consider these ways in which the fraternity helps us develop, and how we use it to better ourselves as individuals. Consider these when you are working for the fraternity and unfortunately when others are questioning whether to join or remain in the fraternity.

REMEMBER, the fraternity can only work for you if you choose to work for it. Become involved. Expand your circle. Get to know others, even if it means sacrificing some of your personal time (trust me, the result is worth it!). Travel and meet new people, learn about other schools and other geographical areas as well! The opportunities are endless. A fraternity is not a four-year journey; it is a lifelong bond that you build with others. See what there is around you, and how you can get involved.

As a tag relating to my office, continue to explore the district website, specifically the forums and downloads related to Membership Education. As the semester continues, more will develop and some portions of chapter's MEPs that I would like to highlight will be presented on the website with testimonials from different chapter's VPs as means to further develop your own chapter's MEP.

Thanks! I hope to see you all around the district this block season and at NCD convention (and National Convention this summer)!

Chris Graves
NCD VP Colonization & Membership
Kappa Chi - $\text{KK}\Psi$
Albion College

Michelle Wedster District VP for Programs

Greetings NCD!
Happy second semester! (third quarter?)

Service, where do you start?

Most brothers think of service as what they can do for

someone else. There's everyone's favorite- serving the bands (who doesn't enjoy serving band members?). You can't forget about the college or university and keep in mind the service you can do for the surrounding community. So many options, so little time. There are so many projects to be done, so many you want to do, so many that sound good. How do you do all that you can without spreading yourself too thin?

It's good to do things for others, but what about the service your fraternity has done or can do for you?

One of the main things Kappa Kappa Psi provides to members is something we all boast about. When asked why we are still involved in the fraternity for three, four or five years (or even more for some older brothers) the answer is usually simple. For many of us this is where our closest friends are. I don't know about you, but I don't even know where I would be without my brothers here at Eta Delta. Brothers are not just around to throw things at meetings, make silly bylaws or second motions. Brothers are the ones you call when you need to get out of your house. Brothers are the ones who come over when you've had a terrible day and you need a rousing game of Trivial Pursuit. Brothers are the ones who will stay up with you when you can't fall asleep or bring you medicine when you're feeling ill. Brothers will take long road trips with you to the middle of nowhere Ohio. Brothers will give you a spot on their couch no matter what state or time. My brothers are my family and while they might be a little on the crazy side (no argument here) I wouldn't trade them for the world.

While some of you might think you would be the same person with or without Kappa Kappa Psi, I disagree. For many of us this has been a huge part of college life and for some, professional life as well. $\text{KK}\Psi$ can teach communication, leadership, teamwork, budgeting, interpersonal and even navigation skills for some. Hey, somebody has to be in charge of drawing the maps from university to university or reading the Map Quest printouts. How many brothers can say they are less shy because of being in Psi? I know quite a few, being one myself. I've seen Kappa Kappa Psi bring out the best in people and I'm sure you'll agree that when brothers get together, great things happen. Who else but brothers can turn a professor's toy-filled garage into a sacred ritual space?

One of the more overlooked services KΚΨ can provide you with is networking. The key to getting a job in this day is by knowing people. You have to get your foot in the door and work your way up from there. How better to do this than to use your resources. What about all of the friends you made across the district or even country in Kappa Kappa Psi or even Tau Beta Sigma. With so many connections you have so many more options when you graduate. Use what you have. You'll be amazed at how much your brothers and sisters might be able to help you in, dare I say it, the real world.

So while you are a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, continue to provide any and all services you can to the band program, community and chapter but do not forget what your fraternity can do for you along the way. Just when you think you are in it for fun, you find out that Kappa Kappa Psi is actually a learning experience. What a bummer...just kidding.

AEA,

Michelle Wedster
NCD Vice President for Programs
Brother of Eta Delta (webmistress)

Rod Chesnutt National VP for Colonization and Membership

Service Demands Support

As both a band director and brother, I believe Kappa Kappa Psi truly represents the ultimate commitment of band members to service. The first individual to volunteer is always a brother, often without regard to previous commitments and personal demands. However, those very conflicts create opportunity for failure. For each brother, service demands support from his/her brothers. Otherwise, there is opportunity for failure.

Regardless of the band association and/or level of fraternal affiliation, the most frustrating component of being a band director or brother is the failure of those volunteering to serve to follow through on that commitment. That is rarely due to a lack of intent; it is due to the unknown complications that arise in the process. As we approach the convention period, a great number of brothers have volunteered to serve the fraternity and need support from all their brothers to complete their tasks.

When volunteering to serve, remember there are a great number of resources to fall back upon when times are tough. We all know about the daily grind of classes and how the semester can suddenly 'sneak up' on us. We should not be afraid to ask for help. Sometimes it is difficult to accept that we cannot handle all the responsibility, but our brothers are there for us. The most effective leaders delegate those responsibilities and trust in their colleagues. Occasionally, family concerns become a tremendous weight. Our brothers don't require us to tell them everything, just our honesty.

While service requires accountability, we should take on that responsibility regardless of our position. For me, just knowing that someone asked how things are going, and if they can help, provides a better focus. In the next months, we should communicate often to see how things are progressing and if we can be of service. The phrase 'no man is an island' certainly holds true when planning service activities. There must be a substantial core of supporters constantly at hand to fulfill the slightest task to make the organizational components go smoothly. Our service activities do not belong to the individual, but to all of us. If we commit to each other, our service projects, conventions, etc, achieve a high level of success, and satisfaction for all concerned.

I look forward to seeing the result of this commitment as I move around the country this convention season. And, please stop me and ask 'how is it going and do you need any help.' It really makes a difference!

Michelle L. Kincheloe
National Vice President for Programs

Utilize Your National Programs

As an active member, you can have access to numerous programs and awards to reward your peers, band directors, sponsors and chapters. It is the distinct responsibility and honor of each individual chapter to seek out and recognize any and all individuals that go above and beyond for Kappa Kappa Psi and college and university bands! The following gives you a brief overview of what is available:

Scholarships:

* The AEA Scholarship rewards academic excellence of our membership. Up to one thousand dollars can be awarded annually to active or associate Kappa Kappa Psi members.

National Awards:

* Recognize your band director, sponsor, alumni and peers through nominating them for any of the following National Awards:

- * Distinguished Service to Music Medal
- * A. Frank Martin Award
- * Bohumil Mokovsky Memorial Award
- * J. Lee Burke Student Achievement
- * Citation of Excellence
- * Outstanding Chapter Sponsor Award
- * Silver Baton
- * Applications Due To National Headquarters:
January 1

* Additional information and applications are available at www.kkpsi.org.

Recognize Outstanding Service through the Service Showcase:

Service Showcase provides the culmination of the outstanding service that Kappa Kappa Psi provides to all facets of college and university bands. The following criteria must be met to be eligible:

- * Chapter is in good standing (meeting all national requirements)
- * Projects must have a positive impact on local band programs, (Habitat for Humanity or other charity events are not eligible).

Benefits to Your Local Band Program:

- * \$200.00 is awarded to the band program for up to six selected top chapters from each district.
- * All district selection featured in a national publication and recruiting materials available starting June 15, 2005.
- * Provides recognition by your peers as well as showcasing the work that Kappa Kappa Psi does to other college and university band programs.

For information on other National Programs, visit www.kkpsi.org or contact Michelle Kincheloe, National Vice President for Programs at enviromtch@kkpsi.com.



Have you checked out the new NCD Web site?

Read the latest news, find out what events are going on around the NCD and chat with other brothers and sisters at:

<http://kkytbsncd.org/>

KKΨ Chapters

Nu

Supporting a marching band program as large as the Michigan band is the first and foremost priority for Nu in the fall. As a result, the majority of our time is spent doing service for the bands; distributing apples to band members at halftime, hosting receptions with visiting bands, coordinating with the MMB equipment staff and parking cars on game days are all examples of services Nu does during football season.

In addition, fall is when we are most visible as a chapter; therefore, it is when we do all of our recruiting. While this is the most effective way to ensure a quality candidate class, recruiting, band commitments, and academics leave little time for brotherhood activities in the fall semester.

While we make sure to hold our annual fall brotherhood retreat, often it is difficult to plan many more brotherhood functions. While serving the band is still at the top of the priority list in the winter semester, there is far less work that needs to be done. Service projects this semester include working at the Michigan Music Education Conference here in Ann Arbor and playing at UofM's annual Dance Marathon. But the bulk of the year's time-consuming projects have already taken place. As a result, the brothers of Nu are committed to taking brotherhood more seriously this semester.

Plans for movie nights, poker nights and spending a day helping Habitat for Humanity are in the works. Our winter brotherhood retreat will be held in March, and we are excited to be able to include our then-newly-active MECs in this wonderful event. And of course, we will be playing Delta Upsilon in football once again – it was decided after last year's game to make this an annual event.

This semester promises to be one of strong brotherhood bonds while still maintaining the high level of service that the Michigan bands have come to expect from Nu. We look forward to seeing everyone at district events this semester, and especially at convention in April!

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Jensen
Corresponding Secretary

Sigma

Greetings from the North Pole!

Or...that's what it looks like up here at Ohio Northern University! Recent weather activity has caused rain, ice and snow; the Tundra is living up to its reputation of being a frozen wind tunnel! The college mascot is most definitely the Polar Bear, as one can see over 3000 of them shuffling between classes during the sub-zero wind chill days.

After surviving the "Ice Storm of 2005" which knocked out power on campus and gave the Sigma brothers a 5-day weekend, the chapter has been hard at work preparing for the initiation of 13 prospective members and two honoraries. Sigma is pleased to announce that Dr. Kendall and Toby Baker, President and First Lady of Ohio Northern University, will be bestowed with honorary membership of KKΨ this February.

Planning is in the works for the assistance of fundraising for the next marching band tour, slated for either Australia or Rome/Greece. Students are excited about the potential of visiting the Land Down Under or the Terra Sub Decensio. Oh! I'm sorry, was I speaking Latin again?

The brothers of Sigma are looking forward to seeing our fellow brothers and sisters at convention...pending the survival of this second ice age!

LXXVII, and still kicking!

Immito cum officio,
(Respectfully submitted),

Amy M. Brodbeck
KKΨ-Sigma Historian

Upsilon

Greetings NCD from the UPSILON Chapter down in Cincinnati!

So far this year has been a very busy one. Our marching season happily ended with a trip to Texas and a win in the Fort Worth Bowl. GO BEARCATS!!! While there, we got a chance to see our brothers from Marshall, which was fun (Yeah Billy Bobs). Our chapter worked very hard last quarter and is continuing that trend this Winter Quarter. Fall Quarter we made large boxes reinforced with steel for marching uniform storage and portability, with wheels and a numbering system for the band members to easily find their uniform. We finished them just in time to use them for the Fort Worth Bowl. The band was very grateful. Up until that point we used cardboard boxes with iron rods in them. The boxes were flimsy and our uniforms did not keep well in them. They also did not have room for their hats. Our boxes fixed that problem. With over two hundred man-hours we were able to make a big difference for our fellow band members.

This quarter we are pleased to have nine prospective members starting through our process to become newly inducted brothers. They are just starting, but the potential we see in them is very exciting for our chapter to realize. More updates to come about degrees and other such fun activities.

Starting soon we are going to build a stage for our continually growing jazz band(s), plural now because we have so much interest in our jazz band that we had to split it up and have multiple bands. So jointly with our sister Tau Beta Sigma chapter, Theta, we will be building a large, portable stage to bring to performances. That not only helps our band, but it also helps our two organizations by getting us to work together and become closer which will help us help the band in the future. That will be the biggest joint project we have done besides the yearly mulch/flower sale and delivery.

This looks to be a great year for our growing band (now 200+). With the start we have made and the goals and ideas we keep coming up and following through with, we are Striving for the Highest and proud to be a strong chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.

ITB,
Brother Thomas Daniel Francis Otermat
Historian – Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
2003-2005
Percussion Section Leader – UC Band 2004-05 season

Alpha Beta

Greetings to the NCD from Alpha Beta! This past fall was a busy and exciting one for the brothers as we finally held our 75th Anniversary Celebration on November 12, 2004. After much planning and overcoming quite a few obstacles, the event went smoothly and ended with Second Degree for our fall MC class. We would like to thank the brothers of Gamma Pi and Epsilon Xi that joined us in our celebration. If your chapter has an anniversary coming up, feel free to contact us for pointers!

As mentioned before, we also welcomed the 12-member Gamma Nu class to the brotherhood this past semester. They were one of the larger classes in Alpha Beta history; our newest brothers have an awesome amount of enthusiasm for service and music. This was evident in the large number who came back from break early to participate in our Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On the holiday we teamed up with our sister chapter Epsilon and accomplished much despite the VERY cold Indiana weather. At the end of the day our storage room in Hinkle Fieldhouse was back into working order for the basketball season with clean instruments and organized music (for the most part!). We also continued our tradition of Music Share for the Gamma Nu class, where we got together for food and each new brother shared their favorite song or piece of music. We are a service fraternity but sometimes it is necessary to step back and just do some group brotherhood bonding to enforce the strength of our purposes.

As for this semester, we are in the process of preparing for the election of new officers and we are excited for the block and convention season to begin. We look forward to seeing you this spring!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Meisinger
President- Alpha Beta

Alpha Delta

Elections, Recruitment and a Colony, Oh My!

The Alpha Delta brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi returned to Ohio University to start a fresh quarter of service to music in the Athens area. The brothers would like to congratulate its new set of officers and wish them luck in the upcoming year.

The brothers have been working to actively recruit new members to the bond. We are proud to announce that through various pre-rush activities and social events, Alpha Delta has successfully recruited 11 new pledges, its largest class in five years. The brothers are looking forward to working with those future members to help serve Ohio University and the surrounding band communities.

Alpha Delta is also excited to continue its work with the colony at Central State University. The prospective brothers are working hard to complete the necessary steps in order to become a full-fledged chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. The chapter would like to wish them the best of luck in the colonization process.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Wilson and Eric Rosecrants

PS: Herb sends best wishes!

Alpha Zeta

Greetings from the Alpha Zeta chapter at Indiana University. We've only been back to class for a week and the chapter is already full swing into recruitment for the spring semester. As always, Alpha Zeta is looking forward to seeing a bunch of fresh new faces ready to serve the bands here at IU.

During football season Alpha Zeta had a number of projects which served the Marching Hundred. Brothers were busy with uniform issue, passing out water and apples during the game, bridge painting (which you read about in the fall issue), and assisting with picture sales. The end of marching season of course brought uniform turn in and flip-folder cleanout time. Spats were re-introduced to the Marching Hundred this year

and the Delta Rho class scrubbed away during their joint pm spat cleaning service project.

Even with all the craziness of marching season, Alpha Zeta didn't forget about the other bands on campus. Brothers took part in ushering for the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band concerts and showed up to support fellow musicians. Anyone fortunate enough to attend a concert here at IU knows that listening to these performances is always a joy.

This semester Alpha Zeta is taking an active part in recruiting for the Marching Hundred since numbers for the group have been a little low recently. Brothers are doing their best to promote IU and the Marching Hundred among high school students both inside and outside of Indiana.

Alpha Zeta is also very excited to be hosting Block in early February. Brothers are busy scouting out rooms, organizing parking, making maps and planning activities. We can't wait to welcome fellow brothers to Bloomington and hope to see a bunch of you there!

Along with all the happy news comes some sadness. Ray E. Cramer, Director of Bands, is retiring this year and Alpha Zeta is planning a farewell reception for him after his last concert later this semester. We are all very sad to have to say goodbye to this amazingly talented man and wonderful friend to all the bands.

With each new semester comes a mountain of opportunities to serve and promote music on this campus. The brothers of Alpha Zeta are ready to jump into our normal service projects and are excited to hopefully try out some new ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonny Yeager
AZ Historian

Beta Kappa

How Beta Kappa Serves the Bands at Bowling Green State University and Around the Community.

The brothers of Beta Kappa serve the bands at Bowling Green in several ways. On a daily basis the

brothers of Beta Kappa work alongside the sisters of Alpha Xi to make sure that chairs and stands are set up for each rehearsal. In the fall we also helped set up the field every day for marching band rehearsal and helped with the truck crew on game days. The brothers took their service on the road this past semester when the Falcon Marching Band performed at a Cincinnati Bengals' game and to Mobile, Alabama when Bowling Green played Memphis at the GMAC Bowl. In the spring we will help with set-ups for each of the three athletic bands. The brothers also helped with the annual New Music Reading Clinic, which this year runs from January 20 through January 22. The brothers help with all rehearsal and concert set ups and tear downs, served meals to the high school students who came and performed in the honor bands, had a t-shirt sale and even housed the high school students during their stay at BGSU.

In the community, the brothers of Beta Kappa help with the Adopt-A-Highway program. Beta Kappa adopted a two mile stretch along OH-25 between Bowling Green and Perrysburg. The brothers also have an outreach program where we make visits to area high schools and encourage high school students to participate in band when they go to college. We also bring our instruments and play along with the high school students at athletic events.

These are just a few ways that the brothers of Beta Kappa help around Bowling Green and the community. We would like to wish everyone continued success with the remainder of the academic year and hope to see you at District Convention.

Respectfully in the bond,
Ryan M. Yahl

Beta Rho

As the football season has come to an end, Beta Rho looks, once again, for more ways to help service our bands; and with the addition of a new band director to our university, Dr. Jason Stumbo, we don't have to look very hard.

Beta Rho is extremely happy to have taken Dr. Stumbo as its sponsor. Already Dr. Stumbo has made it clear that he expects more from us, as far as service

and responsibility, than our previous sponsors ever did; and we're loving every bit of it! He holds us in high regards, inspiring us to do service better than we ever have before and to keep striving for the highest. His confidence in the brothers of Beta Rho has set the tone for what he expects from us; nothing but greatness.

Dr. Stumbo's influence on our chapter thus far has called to Beta Rho's attention that, while we have always done great service, having a great sponsor enriches our service that much more. Not only are we expected to do the same work we have always done, but we are now doing it with a better efficiency and attitude.

Beta Rho would like to use this Winter '05 Kadenza submission to extend its thanks to Dr. Jason Stumbo for stepping in as our new sponsor and for setting the stage for great service to come. (We also wanted to brag that we've got him and you don't!)

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Bradley Whittington
Corresponding Secretary

Beta Psi

With the winter break ending and the spring classes beginning, the Beta Psi chapter is back in full throttle. Though football season has ended, basketball season has just begun (GO FLASHES!!!). With most of our brothers involved in basketball band and taking full loads this semester our chapter's main focus is brotherhood. We are starting to implement new strategies to make our chapter stronger than ever. Furthermore we are trying to find ways to improve academics even though over half of our chapter made either Dean's list or President's lists in fall 2004. We want to continue our tradition of good academics with our future spring 2005 class, which will be going through first degree in early February.

Though we like to focus on our academics and service within the fraternity we also know how to have fun. With block slowly approaching so is NCD convention and then soon after the second annual Beta Psi hosted NCD war games.

We are also way excited about our sister chapter, Alpha Gamma, starting to re-colonize here at Kent State. Though we are way pumped we just wish as a chapter we knew how get them more motivated to perform service. Our service committee is working on new ideas to help the band program and beyond. . .

Respectfully Submitted in the bond,
CanDance Estrada – “Bloody Bailando Sausage”
Aimée Dudas – “Blown Beaver”



Last Football Game



Band Banquet

Gamma Pi

Hello from the Gamma Pi chapter at Purdue University. Although the weather isn't exactly up to par, things around here are really starting to heat up again after the much anticipated winter break. As we kick off another semester, we look back at all the things we've accomplished and begin planning for all the new things to come.

As part of our planning process for the spring semester, we look back at the progress that our organization has made throughout the fall. In early September, we began the planning stages of our upcoming service project for our band department, which included a detailed plan to construct a brand new drum cart to more

easily move percussion equipment. The planning stages for the cart have been completed and we are ready to tackle this project as one of our spring service goals. Our biggest project included the installation of the “Fiftieth Anniversary Committee,” which has recently been renamed the “Special Projects committee.” As Gamma Pi’s fiftieth anniversary quickly approaches, our chapter has taken some very large steps in preparing for the celebration. We have completed our preliminary planning and are currently working on securing the location and a speaker for the festivities. This past fall semester proved to be a successful one for Gamma Pi and we are very much looking forward to this upcoming spring and our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration in March 2006.

Martin Luther King Day gave way to the New Year as we held interviews and extended membership bids to eleven prospective members. After our first degree on Sunday, January 23, we began the membership education process for our brand new class of BITs (Brothers In Training); we are very much looking forward to watching them grow and learn more about Kappa Kappa Psi and what it means to be a brother. Good luck from Gamma Pi with continued success in your chapter. We look forward to hearing about your progress throughout the semester.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Donovan
Secretary, Gamma Pi
Kappa Kappa Psi
Purdue University

Delta Upsilon

Greetings NCD!

It's that time of year again, and our chapter is once again growing! On December fifth we passed five new MECs through First Degree. We are very excited that it is only a few short months before these outstanding students can be called brothers.

We've also conducted a fundraiser with Citi-bank that was extremely successful in expanding our financial resources. Brother Laurain's mother was kind enough to donate two musically themed fleece blankets to be raffled off at the annual marching band banquet.

Speaking of finances, we have completed the final steps to separate our bank account into two accounts for separates and one for the joint body.

Some improvements to the EMU band program include a remodeled band room and two new baritone sax cases. We are looking forward to a recital showcasing the musical talents of the active body sometime in March.

Keep in touch, NCD, and best wishes from Delta Upsilon in all your projects and activities this semester!

AEA,
Karl Stein
Corresponding Secretary

Epsilon Xi

Dear brothers,

As many of you know, Epsilon Xi has been busy this January by putting on Leadership Weekend. We are very excited to be hosting this event and to make it the best Leadership Weekend yet. We are diligently planning for convention, which is April 8-10. We will be sending out more details in late February/early March. Mark your calendars and prepare to have a fantastic bonding experience with the members of Epsilon Xi and our "Island in the Sun" theme.

In our free time, we are beginning our Probationary Member process with our new class for the spring. They are very excited and can hardly wait to begin their class service project. We are continuing to participate in highway cleanup, band outreaches and assisting the Athletic Bands in the winter months.

So, mark your calendars for Convention 2005, and be prepared to experience "Island in the Sun"!

Zeta Lambda

A Warm Hello From Zeta Lambda!

I hope that everyone is having a good and prosperous New Year. I know that here in good old Huntington, West Virginia, things are just peachy. We, brothers of Zeta Lambda, are off and running with the spring semester here at Marshall University. With the annual

North Central District Convention just a few months away, our chapter is pumped and ready to go. Good luck to everyone and hope to see you all there!

Because this edition's theme for the Kadenza is "service," our chapter thought that it was most appropriate to share with the district one of the biggest service projects of Marshall University, as well as our Tri-State area. Marshall's annual Tri-State Marching Band Festival is an overwhelming service to our community and our college bands, not to mention our university. Members of Zeta Lambda are up bright and early on the day of for an all day event that doesn't end until after the sun goes down. Our Tri-State Festival is the biggest band competition in West Virginia and brings in an average of \$10,000 every year. Each member of our chapter sets up and works this all day event, while proudly wearing KKΨ on their shirts to let people know who puts on the show.

Months before the big day, information packets and registration forms are dispersed to area high schools to enable them to prepare for this exciting event. We have so many schools wishing to participate every year that we unfortunately usually have to put a cut-off on the number of bands performing to a maximum of around 30 bands. There can only be so many bands in one day. However, we encourage participation from all schools. This is one of the main ways that we recruit new members for our fantastic music department here at Marshall. The area high school students get a taste of "The Marching Thunder" as well as Marshall University. This event also promotes more recruitment for the brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi. After this past year's competition, our college marching band increased in over 100 members as well as 13 new additions to our chapter. That's something to be proud of!

With all the jobs to perform for this event, members of The Marching Thunder volunteer their time and dedication to show our community what this school, this brotherhood and the passion of music truly means. Whether it is air-grams, T-shirt sales, judge running, announcing to band guides, CD sales, ticket sales and concession; we, Zeta Lambda and The Marching Thunder do it. It is truly an honor to serve our school and our LOVE for music. It's in all in a days work here at MU!

Proudly Submitted,
Leanna Michelle Hankins
Zeta Lambda Sec/Tres

Zeta Omicron

The Zeta Omicron Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi has had a very exciting and eventful year. With our numbers slowly dwindling, many were not sure how much longer we would be an active chapter.

Despite our temporary instability, the four remaining members didn't give up hope, nor did they give up their dedication of service. Zeta Omicron's four members have worked hard ushering at various band concerts, helping band members move in for band camp, providing certain meals at band camp and building a new podium for our recital hall.

Through all of this we initiated six new members with even more dedication than the original four. These initiates truly know the meaning of service. Before they even became actives our six new members were more than punctual with completing tasks for initiation they were going above and beyond their responsibility to their big brothers, and they were crucial and much needed help at our annual Ohio Band Director's Conference.

Three of our finest members graduated in December of 2004, but that hasn't stopped our chapter's will to keep rebuilding and serving. Future endeavors include continuance of volunteer work at many band functions, and various fundraisers to provide food and other treats to music students and patrons. We hope we have your support as we continue to better our organization in service.

Elizabeth Bardos
President

Eta Delta

Greetings to the NCD,

The wonderful brothers of the Eta Delta chapter would like to give hopeful wishes to all of their brothers for the spring semester, just as we hope our semester will turn out better than we planned!

At the end of our fall semester we put three candidates through. We were very excited seeing as how they were our first candidates in a year. They made it through the ritual process and still make us proud by attending all the meetings, attending any service projects we may take part in, and even stepping up and running for office. To help make their experience as candidates more brotherly, we had their big brothers house them for the weekend of their third degree. We also made sure to get the ritual dates out early in the semester so other brothers from other chapters could attend, such as Marco and Chris. As for candidates this semester, we already have several prospective candidates and hope to get the word out for even more.

Our chapter has already jumped into the spring semester. At the end of the fall semester we elected our new officers and it was at the first meeting this semester that they were sworn in. We are confident that our new officers will do a terrific job. Also, we are still very proud of our district officers Michelle Wedster and Sarah Newton!

Service wise, the chapter began setting up and tearing down for the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band on the first day of classes, just as we always do. We will continue to do so three days a week. We ended the fall semester by helping during the recording session for the Marching Band and making sure the fall Semi-Formal ran smoothly. We have not yet taken on any other service projects, but now that the new officers are settled in, I see our calendars filling up.

Because we are only two weeks into the spring semester, we have not yet had a chance for social get together either as a chapter or with our Tau Beta Sigma sisters although, we made sure to end the fall semester with a Christmas party/White Elephant for the chapter. There was great food, odd gifts, and Christmas movies. On the other hand, we have had our first meeting of the semester already, and several members of the chapter attended the Leadership conference at Miami.

Amber Phemister
Corresponding Secretary
Eta Delta Chapter
Eastern Illinois University

Theta Epsilon

Greetings from everyone at Theta Epsilon. Our prospective members are now actives, and we are just returning from our winter break. One of our service projects coming up will be a big one. There is a local Boy Scout Troop where a number of boys play musical instruments. On February 15, our chapter is going to visit this troop, talk about ourselves, play some and invite the boys in the troop to play a song with us.

One of our members is arranging music easy enough so that fifth graders can play it. We hope to encourage the boys in the troop to continue to play instruments and maybe one day join a $\text{KK}\Psi$ chapter in college. Well that's all except that we just named ourselves the Theta Epsilon Tigers before break.

Matt Beatty
Secretary

Theta Zeta

Wizards of OZ

The Theta Zeta "Wizards of OZ" have been as busy as ever. Before Winter Break we hosted our first ever Band Talent Show. It was a huge success with a great turnout in both the acts and audience. Over break, a few brothers were able to get together and go sledding. Recently we even had the great Marco Kractovich come stay with us. That was a great time for us and hopefully for him as we learned a lot about each other.

Our service skills have been well oiled lately. Our Jazz Band is going to Spain this summer and needed help with their fundraising so we joined in to help. The fundraiser was working at Brown's home games. For every home game a few of our brothers volunteered to tag along in order for the Jazz Band members to have a few games off. Nothing brings you closer than the cold and selling nachos all day long.

The reach of our service goes beyond the band. This year, the choir also enlisted our help in serving. Several brothers are already involved in the choir, so bringing on a few extra was an easy transition. Here the job was once again serving food, only this time for the annual Madrigal Feaste. Instead of nachos, we served meat and potatoes.

The upcoming semester looks to be just as busy. Pulitzer Prize winning composer Karel Husa is scheduled to conduct both the AU Concert Band and the University Choir on March 2. We are honored with his presence through our Resident Artist in Music Series grant. We also had our chapter's 20th Anniversary on February 2, which also happened to be the first degree for our fourteen prospective members currently going through the education process.

Bethel Schiefer
Corresponding Secretary

Theta Eta

From the Theta Eta chapter at the University of Louisville, we hope everyone had a great holiday season. I know we did, having had a great trip to Memphis for our victory at the Liberty Bowl. The highlight of the trip, however, was not the game but the night before when we had the chance to bond with our brothers from the Iota Kappa chapter at Boise State.

Never having met a chapter from that far from within the friendly confines of the NCD on a bowl trip, none of us knew exactly what to expect. As soon as we met in the lobby we knew we'd get along well. After a brief picture session at our hotel we found an empty room and had a great time introducing ourselves, trading songs and games, and finding out how similar we really were. That served as a reminder to all of us that one of the greatest advantages of brotherhood is sharing that bond with people from halfway across the country. The brothers of the NCD should make it a point to try and get out and share similar experiences with as many chapters as possible, regardless of distance.

AEA,
The brothers of Theta Eta

Kappa Nu

The Kappa Nu chapter here at Northern Illinois has seen quite a busy fall semester. We've definitely ended the semester with a bang. Since the subject of this addition is on service, I'll let you know what we've been up to!

A goal in our chapter has been to reach out and serve

the community more, not just focusing on the bands. The DeKalb High School marching band approached our chapter to help them raise money to buy new uniforms for a major parade they are in. We are in the process of donating them the money from a bake sale we had. We are also looking for other ways to raise money for them. We held another bake sale earlier in the semester and donated all proceeds to the breast cancer foundation. We've definitely been busy baking! Another way we like to serve the community is through our traditional service project- Adopt-a-Highway. A few times a year, we pick up trash along our stretch of highway.

As a chapter, we are also focusing on serving the NIU School of Music as well. The school recently asked the members of the Kappa Nu chapter to help with the installation of an addition on the stage in the concert hall. The brothers put in a lot of work throughout the day and proved to be a huge help. You also may have remembered hearing about the stand maintenance project we started last year. Every so often, a group from the chapter gets together and goes through all the major ensemble and practice rooms to repair the music stands. This proves to be a huge benefit to all music students.

Of course being a fraternity dedicated to serving the university bands, most of our time goes to serving the Huskie Marching Band. One new idea was to create an emergency backpack full of items such as safety pins, extra buttons, extra gloves, plumes and any other item that might be needed during a performance. The backpack proved to be a huge benefit for the members of the band as it was used often.

We are also in the process of planning an upcoming project that will provide a much needed service for the marching band- raising the money to purchase a new Megavox system. Kappa Nu held the annual Marching Band Formal in November and the money from that is currently being used to make the purchase. As usual the brothers have also continued the tradition of "watering" the members of the marching band. Whether it be hot or cold outside, the band is very grateful! The brothers also put in a lot of help during our annual High School Band Day. They helped with set up as well as assisted the visiting bands throughout the day. A member of our chapter also accompanied the march-

ing band on its band trip in October. She provided a great deal of help to the band. We're proud of all the work she did!

We also like to serve each other in the chapter; after all, we are about brotherhood! Kappa Nu has two brothers who are currently of serving our country. The other members of the chapter have brought items to create care packages to send to the boys so they can have a few extra things as well as reminding them of their times in KΚΨ!

With that being said, because most chapters are busy as well, I hope you all take some time to relax too. I hope everyone has a wonderful semester!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Haller

Kappa Chi

Kappa Chi is still young; we're still coming up with our own service events, and trying out ideas that come from other chapters.

We've found a few general projects that seem to work really well for us. One of those is a Music Department Cleanup Day. All of our brothers get down and dirty by mopping, sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, polishing and organizing the music department. We try to do this around Homecoming time so the department looks in good shape for those alumni who are returning.

We also have our annual Instrument Bath Party. Brothers offer band members the opportunity to bring in their uniforms and we will clean and polish their uniform, or help them do it. Band manager and Brother, Brenda Errichiello, also helped with some minor repairs that were needed. That event has always provided an excellent way for us to get our name out on campus and provide some great service at the same time.

The huge service project that we have helped to facilitate is the Albion College Honor Band. Just recently, we have been in charge of organizing about 90 percent of the event. Honor Band is a two-day event where we bring in between 50 and 60 talented high school musicians from bands all over the state for clinics and

a performance. In preparation for the event, brothers Kevin Ryan and Jenna Caponey took charge and sought out the help of actives and PNM's in order to organize music, rooming situations, dinner arrangements, and more. The honor band students came on a Friday where they rehearsed for a large portion of the day and night. In between practices brothers showed them around campus. For evening entertainment, we held movie showings and played Bingo and gave away Albion College British Eighth prizes to the winners. On Saturday, the weekend of hard work came together with a concert put on by both the Albion College Symphonic Band and the Honor Band. Both bands played the final piece together.

The Honor Band project has been our most original and successful service project and we hope that it continues to flourish and grow as it has been in its five-year running. With Kappa Chi being such a young chapter, however, we are always looking for more service projects to do, especially those that are geared toward smaller bands/schools. If anyone has any great ideas that they would like to share with us, by all means, please do!

We hope that everyone has a great second semester and good luck with all that you are doing. See you at convention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Sobel
Corresponding Secretary

Kappa Omega

Our Fall Semester

The Kappa Omega chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi opened the 2004-2005 school year with a few goals in mind: To be able to help the director of bands at Northern Kentucky University in any way, to be successful in the recruitment of the next class of Kappa Omega members, and to plan successful fundraisers in hopes of being able to make a financial contribution to the band program at NKU in the coming academic year.

Before the school year began, members of the Kappa Omega chapter began assisting the director with music folder preparation. Once the semester began, Kappa

Omega gave up occasional meeting nights to undergo the task of cleaning and reorganizing the university's music library. Over the course of the previous years, the library had deteriorated. As the semester continued, the chapter also volunteered time to help organize the pep band folders in preparation for the upcoming basketball season. Currently there are tentative plans for the chapter members to volunteer time after the holiday break to assist the director further by preparing the Kentucky Intercollegiate Band folders for the Kentucky Music Educators Association convention in February. Our chapter is also giving assistance to the director in preparation for the NKU Symphonic Wind Ensemble's performance in Louisville, Kentucky at the KMEA convention as well.

In September, plans began for recruiting the next class for Kappa Omega. It was determined that the best way to get our name out to band members at NKU was to get the name of Kappa Kappa Psi known throughout the entire music department through advertising and fundraising. We began by immediately distributing fliers to the bands at NKU with information about Kappa Kappa Psi. To show the band members that we are a productive, active organization, we began a new fundraiser. Instead of our usual bake sale we decided on a raffle, focusing primarily on the music department. Thanks to a generous donation from the music department we were able to offer two additional music prize packages in addition to our grand prize.

With all the advertising for the fundraisers and for the Kappa Kappa Psi informational meeting, we were sure that every band member at NKU knew about the organization and had the opportunity to join. The education process for our prospective members is already under way with our second degree on January 19, 2005 and our third degree planned for February 16.

Happy spring to everyone!

We would like to take one moment to welcome everyone to the beautiful Commonwealth of Kentucky for the 2005 Kappa Kappa Psi national convention in Lexington!

Elizabeth Rehnborg (Vice President of Kappa Omega)
Edited by Patrick Bauer (President of Kappa Omega)

Fun At MIER



TBΣ District/National Officers

Stacey Neeley
District Counselor

Service

With the theme for this issue of the Kadenza being service, I thought I would take a minute and look up the definition of service in good ole Webster's New World Dictionary. When I found the word service, I found 9 different definitions. Wow! After reading all nine, I decided that I would share with you the two most appropriate. Here they are:

Service: (sur'vis) n.

1. work done for others
2. a) benefit; advantage b) friendly help; also, professional aid

Service is such an important aspect of what we do as members of Tau Beta Sigma and the definition ties in so well to everything we believe in and do. Don't you think? Serving our bands and community is one of the greatest membership privileges we all share. It's that desire to serve that sets us apart from all the rest!

As I think back to my undergraduate Tau Beta Sigma years, I recall all of the great service projects that we accomplished during those years. These service projects helped our bands to grow and thrive and benefited our music department tremendously. Projects such as ushering and uniform collection/distribution were essential elements which Tau Beta Sigma oversaw in order to ensure smooth operations within our music department and our bands.

As I have read your Chapter Summary and Fall Activity Reports, I am amazed and proud of your continued dedication to service, your bands and your communities. Many of you spend long hours cleaning band equipment, closets and rehearsal halls, while others spend countless hours ushering and baking hundreds of cookies for the members of their bands. For your

communities, you spend time participating in highway cleanups, volunteering in soup kitchens and helping millions of girl scouts earn their music badges. All of these projects would not be as successful as they are without the commitment and dedication you provide to service. Bravo!!

In closing, I challenge you to discover new ways of serving your bands and communities. Talk to other chapters about the service they provide and build upon these ideas. By providing exceptional service to your bands and communities, you will be living up to the ideals and standards of Tau Beta Sigma. I dare you to go forth and SERVE!!!

Submitted by Stacey Neeley, NCD Counselor

William "Chip" Humphries IV
District President

The Lost Art of Degree Going

Numerous times over the last year and a half I have traveled many hours to visit degrees for other chapters. After my first experience visiting another chapter, I couldn't understand why I hadn't started doing it before and wanted to do it more often. The fun and excitement that degrees can be is almost at times overwhelming. However, most often when I go to a degree, I am one of the few people from "somewhere else" to attend. This leads me to my main point -- It strikes me as funny sometimes that some chapters publicize EVERY degree on the district listserv but they themselves have never visited someone else's degree.

I never thought much about this until January 12 when I went with Stacey Neeley to the first degree for the Capital University colony. For the first time I saw sisters from MANY different schools there. Lambda, Chi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Xi and Delta Epsilon were all in attendance and I realized what a fun, exciting atmosphere can be made when many sisters get together

even for just a few hours. Truthfully, I saw many sisters there that I had seen in the previous month but each of them brought someone who I hadn't seen at another chapter's degree.

Many of us have been to blocks, district conventions, and possibly even national conventions. We KNOW how much fun spending time with other sisters can be. However, we rarely take advantage of the opportunity to get out of our apartments and dorm rooms to enjoy a few hours with sisters only an hour down the road. Why is this? Are we scared to get out of our comfort zones? Maybe so... but chapters often welcome visitors with open arms. There is nothing more exciting for chapters than to be visited by other sisters.

So I am going to close this lil' ditty with a challenge. I challenge each sister and brother to go and visit a chapter before district convention. Not only will you make that chapter's week, you will have a wonderful opportunity to meet sisters before our convention in April (which you are all going to...). So go – get your gas filled – rev your engines and get out there and have fun with sisters you haven't met yet....

LITB,

William Henry Humphries IV

That being said, check out the new district website (www.kkytbsncd.org) for information about degrees, convention, pictures, random information and exciting fun. It will make all of your wildest dreams come true.

Theresa Graves District VP Expansion and Membership

Greetings sisters and brothers!

What kind of service do you do with your membership candidates? Is it fun? Is it worthwhile to everyone involved? These are all things to think about when helping to devise the service your chapter will be doing during the year. The service to which you expose your membership candidates will be their first and most important impression of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi. While you have candidates, do

your best to help them with their project as well as getting them involved in the service that the chapter does normally. This will make the transition into an active member much smoother for everybody. Service is what links our sisterhood and brotherhood. It's why we are who we are and why we do what we do. Show your candidates how exciting service is to your chapter! Excitement and positivity have a great effect on how involved your candidates will be when they become active sisters or brothers. So show them how much we love the service that we do for our bands and our community.

With that said, try to make the service you do with your candidates fun for them and your chapter. Get people involved in whatever capacity you can. Involvement and ownership make for great motivation and lasting memories!

I hope you're keeping warm in this weather! Mother Nature must be making up for that week of spring-like weather we had in Ohio a week or so ago. Stay warm and stay safe!

Kim Mai District VP for Special Projects

Greetings NCD!

By now every chapter should have received an awards packet. READ THROUGH IT! Your chapter may be eligible for several of the awards in the binder! Did you have a great service project this year? Do you need a little boost to help you finish a project or fundraiser? Apply for OSPA or SPAM!! (If you have no idea what OSPA and SPAM are, it's time for you to read through your awards packet!)

Are you visiting other chapters? Would you like a little "financial aid" to help you visit other chapters? Apply for the Sisterhood Travel Grant – all you need to do is email our District Counselor Stacey Neeley

s-neeley@onu.edu at least 48 hours prior to your travel, and you can receive up to \$50 (while money lasts!) per chapter for gas and food (but we're talking like fast food – no steaks!). The grant money is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so get it while it lasts!

While you're out visiting chapters, remember to document it! You can apply for the Sigma Suitcase Award. Did you know that last year, not a single chapter applied for it?? That's right, it's still sitting in my dorm room. Visit your fellow sisters around the district and you could get a super-fun award for it!

Below is the list of North Central District Awards that your chapter could apply for – the descriptions can be found in your awards packet. Don't miss this opportunity for a little recognition!

- * Chapter Display Award
- * Chapter Distance Award
- * Chapter Participation Award
- * Special Project Assistance Monies
- * Outstanding Service Project Award
- * Sisterhood Travel Award
- * Sigma Suitcase Award

Remember, the MAGIC DATE is MARCH 8! EVERYTHING must be postmarked by then! If you have any questions, need any extra forms, or need help filling out any forms don't hesitate to email me, kmai@umich.edu. I can't wait to see you all at convention!!

Emily Frazier
District Secretary/Treasurer

Hey NCD!

I hope that everyone is refreshed after a nice break and you've all reflected back and realized that you had amazing marching seasons. I'm excited to hear about all of the awesome things you are doing for your indoor bands this season, as well as what you're doing around campus. In order for me (and the rest of the district) to hear about all these wonderful things you're doing, you need to get the word out! The

district officers and host chapters have been working hard to plan blocks and convention and I hope to see you all there! In addition, if you haven't checked out the new NCD website, I strongly encourage you to do so... Mark Bradbourne has done a wonderful job creating and maintaining the site. Want to see what your District Officers have been up to this year? Check out the document download section of the website and download a copy of the minutes from our meetings! You'll get a preview of some of our new programs and fundraisers!

As always, I'm here for you guys and if you need anything or just feel like chatting (you'll quickly find out that I like to talk) drop me a line. If you've got an event going on, or even if you don't and there's a weekend you'd like to spend with a district officer, let me know! Also, in a shameless plug, Facebook me (ya'll know you're addicted too)!

See you at blocks!



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Epsilon

Greetings to the brothers and sisters of the NCD!

The sisters of Epsilon are looking forward to another busy semester. Second semester is a time to look forward to accomplishing a lot of service for the year. We would like to share some of our projects for this year with the district as well as let you know what the sisters have been up to.

The joint membership class has been hard at work this past semester. The Gamma Nu class for KKΨ Alpha Beta and the Beta Iota class for TBΣ Epsilon worked together on a service project with the marching band's stand books before being initiated near the end of last semester. There were about 100 stand books, many with missing music and mold from rainy game days. The new actives put in about 25 hours working on the stand books, cleaning out books and copying and replacing music for the next season.

The active members of both Alpha Beta and Epsilon got into the spirit of service right at the start of the new semester. Our chapters did service for the bands the day before school started. We accomplished a variety of jobs from cleaning the school's instruments to sorting music. It is a great feeling to come back to school and begin bonding with our brothers and sisters through the common bond of service.

We are excited about the service projects we have planned for this semester. The sisters of Epsilon help out with the Butler University Bassoon Day. The day is for auditioning prospective students and we help with the set-up and running of the event. We plan on once again helping Girl Scouts in Indianapolis earn their music badges. This semester, we also plan to help out a band at Indianapolis Public School #91. This is a middle school band program and we plan on helping out the director and doing sectionals with the students. Our final goal for the semester is to do service for our philanthropy of Cystic Fibrosis. It has

been a goal for many years and our resolution is to make it happen.

We hope that everyone in the NCD has a wonderful 2005!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sherbak and Marcy Wilhelm
Tau Beta Sigma, Epsilon

Theta

Greetings North Central District!

For the past three years, the Theta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has donated its time to the Ronald McDonald House. We have done various activities such as preparing meals for the residents staying at the house as well as collecting pop tabs.

The Ronald McDonald House is a "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. Families travel great distances in order for their children to get sufficient medical care. In-hospital treatment may last one day, to one year, and sometimes even longer. Accommodations can be difficult to come by and the options that are available can be very expensive or unbearable. Families also have the opportunity to become acquainted and find comfort with other families that are residing at the house.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a warm and welcoming environment for these families to stay at no cost but do request a donation between five and 20 dollars per day. If families cannot afford to make a donation then they may stay at no cost. Funding for

the Ronald McDonald house primarily generates from the collection and donation of pop tabs.

Theta has set up cardboard boxes around the band room to promote the collection as well as encourage members of the band to gather tabs at their own homes. The response that we have received since beginning this project has been astounding! We are constantly delivering bags of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

Aside from collecting pop tabs, we donate our time to prepare a meal for the residents at least once every quarter. We schedule a date for when we would like to help and then create a meal plan that we would like to serve. In the past we have prepared breakfast consisting of eggs, pancakes, muffins, bagels, fruit, bacon, and beverages. Once the families have been served we join them in their meal.

This is by far, one of the most popular and rewarding projects we have participated in. We encourage everyone to contact your local Ronald McDonald House and see what you can do to help the families that are enduring stress while their loved ones are receiving the proper care they need in order to return to their normal life as a family.

In The Bond,
Theta Chapter – Tau Beta Sigma
The University of Cincinnati

Candidate View

Greetings North Central District! We are the new Candidates for the Theta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. We just completed our first week of candidate education, and we are all very excited to complete this process. We have a large group of 12 strong candidates who are eager to become members of the sorority. We have been getting to know Theta and Upsilon through a series of interviews and have bonded with our prospective brothers through our joint lock-in. We want to paint a mural in our newly constructed band room as our service project for the quarter. We look forward to meeting everyone at convention in April!

Lambda

Holiday Helpers

Hello NCD! As we dive head-first into 2005, it's always great to take a look back on the past semester. Lambda had an incredibly successful Fall 2004, filled with spirit, fun, music and, of course, sisterhood.

Several of the sisters from our chapter have spent this year reaching out across the NCD, making the trips to degrees of chapters around the district. We have a wonderful class of 23 very excited and energetic MECs who sponsored a fabulous Masquerade Ball for the entire marching band in December. We also ended the year on a high note with the rare opportunity to meet and spend time with sisters from half way across the country — on the night of December 30, the sisters of Lambda and the sisters of Beta Gamma from the University of Texas gathered for bonding time at the Universal City Sheraton, and then the officer corps from both chapters met during the 3rd quarter of the Rose Bowl on January 1.

Prior to leaving Ann Arbor for the winter break, some of the sisters from our chapter were again offered the opportunity to serve as gift wrappers at a local shelter called SAFE House. 12 sisters were able to go two different evenings to SAFE House and wrap Christmas gifts for underprivileged families. The gifts themselves are donated to the shelter so that the mothers can come and pick out a set of presents (including clothes, books, and, of course, toys) for each of their children, and then volunteers wrap and tag the presents. The experience is a great one for us—paper cuts aside—and really offers a great opportunity to celebrate the holiday spirit with our sisters.

“With school ending so late and me being stuck in the dorms until December 23, the gift wrapping totally helped me get into the Christmas Spirit before I went home, because with finals and all, it's easy to forget that the holidays are even coming.” —Kim Mai, Senior

However, the rewards that we reap from this event are beyond the scope of fun and enjoyment.

“Being able to take part in an event like this really raises many issues that are important to women in our community. Knowing that single-mother families in our area would be able to celebrate a comfortable Christmas with our help makes all of the time completely worthwhile. And seeing the expressions on mothers’ faces when we hand them the giant bag of gifts for each child is priceless. I can’t wait to participate again next year, and I hope helping this organization becomes a year-round event for Lambda.” –Andrea Bolterstein, Junior

Working with SAFE House has become something many of the sisters in Lambda have become interested in, and something we continue to enjoy. We can only hope at this point that our partnership will grow and gift wrapping will be an annual service event for our chapter!

Good luck to everyone in 2005!

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



The officer corps of Lambda and Beta Gamma at the 91st Rose Bowl,
January 1, 2005

Rho

Greetings from Bloomington!

So far it’s been a great year here at the home of the Hoosiers. Last fall, Rho welcomed two new initiates into the chapter after the pair blazed through the prospective member requirements and Degrees with flying colors. The active Sisters of Rho also had a productive semester. The Sisters returned to IU in the fall looking to return Rho to its roots in service and get the chapter back on firm financial footing. The chapter accomplished both, organizing a toy drive for children at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and gaining an unexpected windfall from the sale of several boxes of extra T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and scrub pants which had been stored in the chapter room after their sales had ended. In one weekend of sales the chapter sold nearly the entire supply of leftover goods for pure profit gaining unexpected but much-needed funds.

As the spring semester begins amid sub-freezing temperatures and flooding, the Sisters once again look for a return to service within the band department and the Bloomington community. For the first time, joint recruitment week with our brothers of Alpha Zeta will feature a joint service project with our prospective members: gathering together to clean Marching Hundred Hall, which is in great need of some spit and polish after marching season. We have our work cut out for us! The executive board is united in its commitment to making service the central activity of our organization once again. We are even restructuring our exec board and committee chairs to make Music Service and Development an executive office, not just a committee chair. Plans are also being drawn up for major service projects for later in the semester. Some ideas in the works include building a house for Habitat for Humanity and possibly organizing a supply drive to help victims of the deadly tsunami that has ravaged Southeast Asia. All of this remains to be seen, of course, but the semester has only just begun and as the weeks go on the Rho chapter will only continue to make a difference in service, in the Department of Bands, Bloomington and the North Central District.

Respectfully Submitted in the Bond,
Catherine Page
Corresponding Secretary

Alpha Delta

Good Deeds Work

It will be an exciting year for Alpha Delta. From entertainment to teaching, our chapter is becoming more and more involved with the Athens, Ohio community and Ohio University's own School of Music.

Early in January we assisted with the Honor Band and Choir Festival hosted by the School of Music. In February we will be sponsoring our second annual Good Works Dinner. Native to this area, the Good Works program reaches out to the community and to those most in need. The dinner is as much of a service to us as it is to those who attend it. After cooking for over 120 friends and family members, we sit down and enjoy a meal. After making some new friends, many sisters will perform in small musical ensembles for the Good Works guests. It is a fun and self-rewarding experience for everyone.

We are currently raising money for a Tsunami fund, Ohio University Bands, and Nelsonville York's music programs. By Spring Quarter both Alpha Delta chapters will be underway with an after school music tutoring program at Nelsonville York Junior High School. Many of the students are not fortunate enough to have private lessons, and the music program's schedule does not allow time for the band directors to give extra individual help. However, the students are enthusiastic about learning more about music and their instrument. We look forward to helping them.

During the spring, TBΣ will be very active with young children. We are hosting a Girl Scouts Day in which we help them receive art badges through music, art and dance activities. We will also volunteer for Harry Potter Day. Both of these fun-filled days create constructive experiences for the area's youth; and they're fun for us, too!

As we all do good deeds through music and kindness, remember that you may receive more than you give. But do not fear: accept this gift with an open heart.

ITB,
Cathi Edwards

Alpha Xi

WOW! We really can't believe that it's 2005!

With a really busy fall, Alpha Xi at Bowling Green State University is ready to take on the New Year!

Over Christmas break, the Falcon Marching Band had the opportunity to travel to Mobile, Alabama, to play in the GMAC bowl! This trip required much help from the brothers and sisters. With this help, the trip ran smoothly and everyone had a great time!

This spring we have many things going on. We just got finished with the New Music Reading Clinic. This is one of our biggest events. Along with the brothers of Beta Kappa, we hosted approximately 120 high school students for the weekend. These three days required much work. Some brothers and sisters even hosted students in their apartments and dorm rooms for the weekend. As well as setting up for bands, we also sold reading clinic T-shirts, provided some refreshments, and made sure that everything ran smoothly. Though it was a very tiring weekend, I think that we all are very proud of the work that we accomplished!

Alpha Xi is also in the process of setting up a fundraiser with Max & Erma's. This fundraiser will help us pay for the scaffolding that we got last fall, as well as others things around the Music Building. Max & Erma's will give us 20% of their total sales for one day. All we have to do is pass out flyers. And when the customers bring in the flyers, that 20% goes to us! We will let you know when and where this will be taking place, in case anyone is interested in coming up and helping out!

The sisters of Alpha Xi are having a wonderful time here at Bowling Green. We love serving the bands here and working with our brothers! I hope all is going well elsewhere in the district and we hope to see you all at block and/or convention!!!

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

Gamma Mu

On the Mooove with Gamma Mu! Volume 2

Happy New Year! 2005 has come and it has already made an impact. Winter has arrived in Ada and in force, causing problems and even giving students an extended five –day break not seen in over 25 years. But for the Gamma Mu chapter, weather has not kept us from being active.

For the Women’s Craft Fair we made over 15 dozen hand-dipped buckeyes and over 50 hand-made ornaments to raise money for our chapter. The buckeyes sold like lightning and were gone in less than two hours! In addition to the regular ushering that is one of our main service projects during our winter quarter, we decided that we would try sharing our knowledge and expertise in music with the community. We are helping out Lima Senior High School with their Solo and Ensemble Contest and we are going to teach elementary school-aged children in a program called Ada Friends about music and about our instruments so that we can interest them in getting involved in music when they can start playing instruments. Service projects that we have done for the music department have included: making ornaments and cards for the faculty for Christmas and making cookies for the prospective students music auditions.

For the Christmas season, we wanted to spread a little holiday cheer to people that we knew. For our KΚΨ brothers, we surprised them at their Christmas meeting with cookies, cupcakes and ornaments to show them how much we appreciate and care for them. We also made ornaments for our permanent sister chapter, Epsilon Iota, our rotating sister chapter, Lambda and for the two colonies individual ornaments so that they would have something to remember this Christmas from our chapter. Christmas cards were also sent out to let everyone in our district know that we are thinking about them during this season of happiness. But Christmas is also a time for remembrance for our chapter, for one year ago we lost our sister Erin Dillon and this year, we also lost another important person, Dr. Sontag, our chapter’s first honorary member and advisor.

Right now, what our chapter is mainly concerned with is communicating with other chapters. We have started our biggest corresponding project yet with Operation Building Bonds (OBB). This is our letter writing campaign that helps our sisters get to know other sisters within the district. We are very excited to hear from you and hope that you participate.

Save our Sweethearts is another program that we are going to start in order to help save a music program and keep a special place open. Marimor School is a school for children that have special needs. They have music, fine arts, academic classes and learn how to adapt to their disabilities. These students come from places as far as Cleveland and Dayton to attend school. The school, because of funds, might be closing within the next two years and the music and all arts programs will be gone at the end of this year if we don’t do anything about it. So we are starting a letter-writing campaign to different news sources, talk show hosts and government officials to help save this school and we hope that the district would also be willing to help keep the music alive.

Upcoming event:

Feb. 12th: Solo & Ensemble Contest Service Project

Our officer elections will be taking place in the next few weeks. Very exciting. I can’t wait to see what happens! Anyway, hope to hear from you soon! Sisters ROCK!

Submitted in the Bond,
Sara A. Mraz
Corresponding Secretary

Gamma Rho

Greetings from the Sisters of Gamma Rho at Eastern Michigan University! Winter has blown in with all its might and despite the wintry banks of snow and perpetually icy roads; the semester is off to a successful start.

We finished off last semester with the welcoming of seven new Candidates for Membership. Their First Degree was December 7, 2004, and they started Membership Education classes January 10. Lead by a won-

derful VPM, they are learning quickly and are very excited about striving to uphold the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. Their enthusiasm for service and leadership within the band department will be a wonderful asset to our chapter. Second Degree was held on January 30, 2005, and we look forward to welcoming them as Sisters and Brothers in the bond on February 20, 2005, when we perform the Ritual of Third Degree.

So far this semester we have revised and revamped our chapter constitution in order to stay current with National and District standards. Jointly, with our Delta Upsilon counterparts, a Chapter Policy Handbook is being created in order to better inform and remind all members of parliamentary procedures, meeting etiquette and other basic dealings within the Sorority and Fraternity.

Service to the bands and to the community has deep ties in the hearts of the sisters of Gamma Rho. Along with our Brothers of Delta Upsilon, we have once again sponsored the William Stewart Soloist Competition. This includes a \$150.00 scholarship awarded to two outstanding musicians within the University ensembles and the opportunity to perform as featured soloists accompanied by one of the top two bands at our annual winter concert. As a joint body we have also helped sponsor the EMU Winterguard, Euphrosyne, by covering their performance fee at a local competition.

Separately, Gamma Rho sponsored an additional show for the Winterguard, helping to promote the Eastern Michigan University Bands and the advancement of women in all areas of music. We are currently in the process of pursuing several other service projects, including making blankets for Project Linus, an organization that donates comfort blankets to terminally ill children.

As a community outreach project we have also decided to write letters of gratitude and support to military men and women overseas thanking them for their dedication and bravery. Finally, we are discussing the possibility of promoting music in the community by helping a troop of local girl scouts to obtain their music badge. At the end of the fall semester, we started a "Women in Music Lecture Series" showcasing prestigious women band directors, professors and musicians

within the community. We are continuing this venture throughout the winter semester as well, hoping to further encourage young women to pursue their musical goals and dreams in a career field that for years has been dominated by males. Finally, we have continued our tradition of monthly Band and Orchestra room cleanings as well as providing stage hands or ushers at various concerts sponsored by the band department.

Areas of fundraising also continue to be a success. We have carried on the tradition of our bi-weekly bake sales, which have proven to be a reliable source of income for the chapter. In addition, we sold small bags with the EMU Bands logo on them, perfect for holding pens, pencils, reed cases, mouth pieces or other instrument parts and equipment. We also have started selling window clings featuring an EMU Music logo to cater to all areas of the music department. Jointly, at the end of the fall semester, we also completed a fundraiser with our brothers of Delta Upsilon raising almost \$1,800.00 for the band program to be used for the purchase of new instruments or equipment, as decided by the directors.

In addition, we are striving to improve sisterhood relations. We continue to hold bi-weekly sisterhood events and just before winter break participated in a progressive dinner and white elephant gift exchange. This was a fun time for all as we traveled to a different house for each course of the meal. At the end of the night, we found ourselves indulging in delicious desserts and trading such absurd items as a left-behind marching band shoe and horrible smelling perfume. It made for great stories and lots of laughs, not to mention a great bonding experience. We look forward to more sisterhood activities and our annual letter exchange in which each member of the chapter writes a letter of encouragement and appreciation to all other members of the chapter, and excerpts from the letters are read in a unification ceremony.

Gamma Rho is charging forward with a new sense of fervor and a renewed sense of identity, hoping to achieve all that we set our minds too. We are working each day to be the driving force behind the band program and the promotion of music, the union between women and melody and the ultimate combination of both friendship and excellence. We know that your

chapters are successfully doing the same and we wish you the best in all of your new projects, recent undertakings, and various achievements these next few months. Have a wonderful winter semester and hope to see you all in April at District Convention 2005!

In The Bond,
Laurie Cummins
President
Gamma Rho, Tau Beta Sigma
Eastern Michigan University



Sisters of Delta Epsilon aboard the Hooters jet

Delta Epsilon

Over winter break, our chapter was fortunate enough to get to go to Shreveport, Louisiana to support our football team in its pursuit of the Independence Bowl Championship, which we didn't get. But we didn't let one little loss get us down. We turned the trip into a chance to meet with some of our brothers and sisters from the Theta Chi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Iowa State. We not only got to hang out with them at a pep rally and the actual game, but we also attended a "Band Party" thrown for both bands. We laughed the night away, trading dance moves and crazy stories about our experiences in the bond. We gave everyone in Theta Chi handmade buttons to commemorate the meeting of our chapters. When we boarded the Hooters charter jet to return to the snow and ice of Ohio, we took more than just our luggage and random souvenirs with us, but also new friendships and memories of our brothers and sisters in Theta Chi. Oh, and about the Hooters plane, let's just say that when the brothers and sisters of Delta E travel, we go in style!

Respectfully submitted in the bond,

Delta Epsilon

Epsilon Iota

Here at the University of Akron, our service situation is a complicated one. In recent years, our band department has created band staff, who are students that are hired by the band department to make copies, set up for rehearsal and anything else that is needed by the directors. This effectively has cut down on the sorority's "traditional" roles in regards to service. Although the band staff has taken over many of these tasks, we have evolved and expanded into new areas that the staff is unable to do because of time constraints, or because of financial concerns.

A few of the new major service projects that we have done jointly with our Psi chapter are the restoration and purchase of new music stands for the department. Many of the stands that our department owns are in disrepair or are broken. With fundraisers we have committed to buying 10 new stands a year as well as repairing any stands that are salvageable.

Also, one of the major service projects we have planned over spring break is the repainting and refurbishing of the tuba studio cabinets, which are owned by the tuba professor. These cabinets hold students' tubas, equipment and personal belongings. Many of them are in dire need or repainting as well as minor repairs to doors, backs and surfaces.

Our chapter has also begun to help the band staff with tasks that once belonged to Psi/Sigma such as uniform check in, set up and tear down of rehearsals and concerts, as well as anything else that the staff needs assistance with.

Although our traditional roles in terms of band service have changed due to the addition of the band staff, this has given us the opportunity to explore new ways to serve the band and make an even bigger impact in the lives of the musicians we serve.

ITB
Ed Dubiel
TBS-Epsilon Iota
The University of Akron

Zeta Epsilon

This year's marching band season was exciting and eventful and the Zeta Epsilon chapter of Tau Beta Sigma was quite busy. When not at practice or working with the prospective members, we were involved in a number of service activities.

During the Spartan Marching Band's preseason, we held a picnic for the entire band. We provided them, over 320 members, with subs, chips, juice and all the cookies they could eat after a very long and hard day of practice. We also treated the band to cider and donuts on a chilly autumn day at the end of a rehearsal. This season, our band traveled down the road to Ann Arbor to perform at the Michigan game. We teamed up with the Zeta Epsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi here at Michigan State and put together bags filled with snacks and goodies for the road trip.

Speaking of Michigan, every year, the Spartan Marching Band gathers at night to guard our statue of Sparty during the week before the Michigan game to prevent any possible wrongdoing. While Sparty Watch has been incident-free for some years now, it is a tradition that we cherish and have a lot of fun with. This year, we instituted theme nights. We had games, a DJ and even a visit from our football coach, John L. Smith. Tau Beta Sigma also helped provide hot chocolate

to the members of the band to keep warm during the October nights.

The prospective member class this year was outstanding and participated in their own thoughtful service project. The girls decided to hand make holiday cards and distribute them in a local retirement community. They made lots of cards and helped to brighten the holiday season for many of the men and women living there.

The Zeta Epsilon chapter's big project for the winter is always Huddle, an annual formal dinner and dance held for the marching band. The event is put on entirely by our chapter and involves a lot of planning and fundraising. One project our members participate in very frequently is cleaning up the Breslin Center, the home of Spartan basketball. The Breslin Center also hosts concerts, cooking shows, seminars and children's events and our organization signs up to clean after many of these events. The money we make for cleaning goes directly toward Huddle as well as other service projects we wish to undertake or donations we make.

It has been a busy but fun filled year so far and our chapter has been very fortunate. We have been able to help out through our service activities and grow closer to one another in the process. We have more service projects in the works and our bond as sisters is sure to flourish as we work together.

Eta Zeta

Welcome back, from your southern most sisters in the NCD!

I hope everyone else's semesters (or quarters) are getting off to just as wonderfully a cold start as we are down here in Lexington!

This has been a busy year for the sisters of Eta Zeta, we spent much of the marching season clothing, watering and caring for our members and equipment.

Outside of the marching band we organized about a dozen receptions for various campus ensembles as

well as for the first time extending out receptions to the orchestra (our TBS punch is a big hit in the Fine Arts community).

Within the community, we have walked for several causes including breast cancer and several of our sisters spent an evening at the local Hospital Hospitality House cleaning, organizing and talking with the temporary tenants, doing whatever odd jobs around the house that were needed to keep the house orderly!

Our most exciting and successful service project this year was our annual 'clean the band room day.' Now before you say, hmmm how original (yes I can hear the sarcasm is your thoughts), we took our cleaning in a completely different direction. As we cleaned (like we do every year) the band room at the conclusion of marching season we did the basic moping, scrubbing and organizing...the things you would typically expect. Only this year as our sisters were poking through various cabinets and closets we stumbled upon a major find! Pictures, plaques and memorabilia that are major parts in our bands history. It was very exciting for us to come upon the pictures and other things because our service project turned out so well! We were able to hang many of the pictures in the band room and pull out many old copies of the *Podium*... many of our sisters were amazed at the items we pulled out of the band room. So, as we all embark on our routine service projects for our respective bands remember, you never know what bigger picture you will be contributing to!

We look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming districts season and even more so this summer when y'all get to come to Kentucky for nationals!

In The Bond on the behalf of the sisters of Eta Zeta,
Katie Grossman
2004-2005 Corresponding Secretary

Theta Psi

Greetings to everyone in the NCD from Theta Psi,

I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday break; I know everyone here had a lovely break, and got to end New Years on a GREAT note by marching in a win-

ning Liberty Bowl football game. Sadly, this might be our last Liberty Bowl because next year we will be in the Big East and hopefully will be playing in a BCS bowl. As stated in the last article, I wanted to welcome again our four new sisters to Theta Psi, you are all great girls, and we look forward to getting to know you all better! Some other bits of news, we had our elections and I would like to welcome the new officers, and let the old ones know that you will be missed and we are going to make you proud. This year, we have a rather large group of girls going alumni, so "CONGRADULATIONS" to you all, we are going to miss you all so much. As you know, we are such a young chapter, these girls have been around since the beginning, and it's going to seem so weird not having you here anymore.

Well, as far as spring goes, we are in the process of putting on our annual band banquet, which actually was a success. Everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed a night of dancing. We are also helping to coordinate and volunteer at two big School of Music functions that we host annually, University of Louisville's Honor band weekend, as well as the KMEA festival. They are both a lot of work, but are very rewarding. This is also the season for concerts here, so be looking for Theta Psi to be ushering and handing out programs. As you may, or may not know, our marching band season does not officially end until we have played "My Old Kentucky Home" for the Derby, so... that time is almost here as well. That is a long day, but filled with so much fun, and if you have never been to a Derby, it is an unusual experience.

I know we talked about this a long time ago, but we had tried to plan a joint retreat with our brothers, but due to scheduling conflicts, it really never happened...until now that is. We are in the process of trying to revive the retreat and go have some fun, so be looking out for more information about that. Also, just a reminder that we are also going to be placing a bid to host district convention here at "THE VILLE," so please, be looking out for information about that which should be coming soon. Other than that, I suppose Theta Psi will see you all at district convention!

Respectfully submitted in the Bond,
Elizabeth Shelton
Corresponding Secretary-Theta Psi

NEXT ISSUE:

Theme...

BROTHER/SISTERHOOD- TELL US ABOUT WHAT ACTIVITIES YOUR CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN TO PROMOTE BROTHER/SISTERHOOD. WHAT KIND OF FUN EXPERIENCES DO YOU SUGGEST TO THE REST OF THE NCD?

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