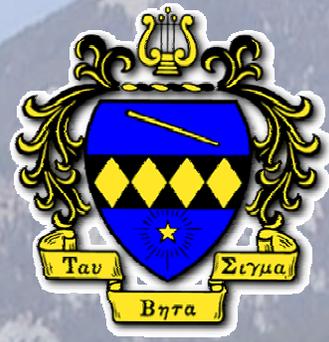
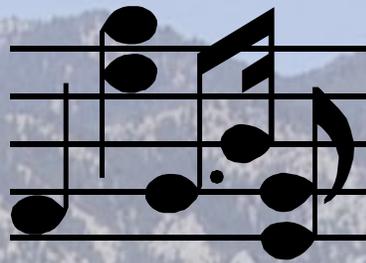


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Chris Colvin Rob Morrison
Midwest District Publications Committee

Officer and Chair transitions, this is a time the chapter can easily have knowledge loss. I keep using historian as an example, and I'll do it again. Today while we're finishing up Notes, I'm also getting ready to hand my 1.5 years worth of hard work on our chapter's history over to the next historian. Unlike when I took over and was given a box full of loose photos, I'm hoping this will go more smoothly. I've done my best to create a book in parallel with our archive holding some of the papers I've collected about preservation and also the Chapter Historian's guide from National HQ. I've been preparing printouts of my datasets, and am making sure there are as few strange things as possible.

The new historian and I are going to get together and spend an hour or two going over what I've been up to and some of the ways I've done those tasks. She will probably take things in a slightly different direction, that's fine, but I'm going to do my best that we have good enough communication so she doesn't have to re-invent the wheel. All officers should do a similar thing. Get together for a bit, maybe over a sandwich or coffee or something and go over the officers/committee books. Turn officer transitions into a brother/sisterhood event!

The IΩ Temporary Committee for Midwest District Publications is very excited to start our second year, please continue to send us comments, complements, and yes, even complaints to mwdnotes@iastate.edu. We are here to serve the whole district and we like to know what everyone is thinking.

AEA,
Chris Colvin
Notes Editor & Committee Chair
Iota Omega, ISU

Hi-didilly-ho Sistahs and Bros!

It is with great pleasure that I announce a new addition to our district webpage, the Midwest District Bulletin Board. 🤖

Our vision is that this forum will help facilitate communication between members of Kappa Kappa Psi's and Tau Beta Sigma's chapters in our district. This will also lower the power-distance between District Officers and chapter members... anyone can talk to everyone at anytime from anywhere!

Discussion topics are currently in two categories: General and Midwest District. The latter is intended to be slightly more formal with topics aimed at officers or district-wide events such as convention. Keep in mind that Midwest Notes submissions should still be sent to mwdnotes@iastate.edu, not posted online. The General Forum is for everything else... from history to announcements of what will be... from new ways of serving the bands to old ways of kicking your car to make her take your brothers on chapters visits. Remember to HAVE FUN!



Midwest District Bulletin Board
<http://www.kkytbs.org/mwd/bb/>

The Midwest District Publications Committee hopes you get as excited about this as we are!

ITB and Go Cyclones!
Rob Morrison
Iota Omega chapter
Iowa State University
Midwest District Publications Committee



Brian Dorn
Midwest District E-mail List Administrator

Everyone's Favorite Email Address:
Mwd-list@kkytbs.org

At district convention this year it was my pleasure to unveil (metaphorically speaking) the new Midwest District List Serve. I had been appointed to seek out a permanent, non-university based list serve host over the course of the year. Following a recommendation from the national council, Colonel Bonner and I worked out the details regarding the list finding a new home on the national server. It was only a matter of weeks following that conversation that the list was up and running.

While it may not seem like a huge change, the MWD is once again breaking new ground. We have been asked by Col. Bonner to serve as guinea pigs, testing whether the kkytbs.org server is adequate for list hosting. The end goal is to consolidate many of the KKY/TBS list serves hosted on various sites around the country to the main server.

Below is a copy of the current mwd-list Frequently Asked Questions. If you or any of your chapter members would like to join the list, please follow the directions in the next column.



Dorn and other "horn types"
at Reading Band in Bozeman

mwd-list FAQ

- Q: *How do I get subscribed to the list?*
- A: Send an email to mwd-list-owner@kkytbs.org containing your Name, University, Chapter Affiliation, and KKY/TBS. The administrator will add you to the list.

- Q: *How do I send a message to the list?*
- A: Just send an email to mwd-list@kkytbs.org.

- Q: *How do I unsubscribe myself from the list?*
- A: Send an email to the administrator (mwd-list-owner@kkytbs.org) and they will remove you.

- Q: *How can I get the FAQ if I forget all of this?*
- A: Send an email to imailsrv@kkytbs.org containing the text:
help mwd-list

- Q: *How can I setup/disable my list serve address so I get messages combined together (Digest) rather than individually?*
- A: Contact the list administrator and he/she can change your subscription method.

- Q: *What do I do if my question isn't listed here?*
- A: Email the administrator at:
mwd-list-owner@kkytbs.org



Deborah Baker
National President, Tau Beta Sigma
Time Goes By

I was once asked why I was still active in Tau Beta Sigma. At first, I thought what an odd question and then I realized, they were right. Why stay active in an organization for college students? Well, first of all, understand that I am not an active member, I am a life member. Many would argue there is not a difference. But there is a HUGE DIFFERENCE and everyone needs to understand their role in our organization.

An active member gives service directly to their local university, is a member of their university band, has direct input into the Sorority. A life member has paid money to stay in contact with the Sorority, helps facilitate service to universities, helps financially with our programs, and on some level is still connected to the Sorority motto "For Greater Bands."

Tau Beta Sigma needs you as a life member of our organization. If you graduate as a music education major, you will now be "building better bands" at the elementary, middle school, or high school level. If you graduate with a music performance degree, you will be "building better bands" in the groups you perform. If you are not a music major, you will now be "building better bands" as an advocate of music. Each of these roles are important in today's world.

If you never play your instrument again, understand that you will still be a true advocate of tomorrow's bands. My dentist was a member of the University of Georgia band while in college. He makes a huge difference to the children who come through his office. He talks about the great experiences, the great music, and even the hard work. And then he tells them there is nothing better than being in a band!

Life moves on and so will your priorities. When you find that music is once again high on that list- run with it. You might even be surprised at where it takes you. Some of you will become the next district counselors or national officers. Some of you will be the next senators and governors. We need you to be our voice. Many of you will become parents of band members. What a noble position!! And through it all, remember to "BUILD BETTER BANDS!."

Best wishes to all our graduating seniors! Tau Beta Sigma will always be a part of your life, so why not make a commitment and become a Life Member of the Sorority!

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Web Design Internship, Tau Beta Sigma
Summer 2004 at National Headquarters
<http://www.kkvtbs.org/tbs/InternshipApplication.pdf>

A summer internship is available for an active member of Tau Beta Sigma. At least two years of study in a Web/Graphic Design field is preferred. You must be enrolled at a University at time of application.



Kevin Nelson
Board of Directors, National Alumni Association
A Life Long Commitment

For those of you graduating in the next few weeks, a lot of things are about to change in your life. Hopefully most of you will be beginning your profession or continuing on to graduate school. Many of you, may be moving away from where you attended college. You may be saying good-bye to family and friends. While most of you will rejoice in the fact that you will never have to cram for another Chemistry final or pull the all nighter trying to finish that English paper that is due at 8:00 tomorrow morning, evidentially you will miss some of the other parts of your college life.

For most of us (myself included), the most cherished college memory we have is our college band experience. It was in our college band that we met many of our closest friends, spent countless hours in rehearsal, but most importantly it was through our college band that we were introduced to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

All college and universities have an alumni association that allows you to keep in touch with events going on at your alma matter. If you are fortunate enough to be part of a band program that has a band alumni association, you may be able to come back to campus once a year and relive your marching band experience by marching in the alumni band but how can you keep Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma a part of your post-college life?

That is where the National Alumni Association (NAA) comes in. The NAA allows brothers and sisters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma to continue their involvement in the organizations long past graduation. It includes brothers and sisters from across the nation and from almost every profession imaginable. The NAA provides support to the National organizations and supports programs and activities that are important to alumni. Most importantly, membership in the NAA is just another way to show our commitment to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and our love for band.

Every chapter should be receiving a graduating senior packet from the NAA that includes a membership form to the NAA. Talk to your chapter President and they can provide you this form or you can go to our website at <http://www.kkptsnaa.org/> or e-mail me at knelson@kkpsi.org if you need a membership form or have additional questions about the NAA.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Alumni Association, congratulations to all of our graduating seniors and I encourage each and every one of you to consider membership in the NAA and making Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma a life long commitment!!

Kevin R. Nelson
Board of Directors - NAA

**Public Service Announcement
from the MWDA**

Mark your calendars now for the
2nd Annual Midwest District Social
Weekend in Denver, Colorado!!!

Friday, August 6th - Sunday, August 8th

Tentative Events:
DCI Semifinals
Six Flags - Elitch Gardens
Colorado Rockies vs. Cincinnati Reds

Be watching the Midwest District
listserv for more information.



Wendy McCann
Midwest District Counselor, Tau Beta Sigma

It is almost SUMMER! It is time to wish all those graduating seniors congratulations and good luck! And what about those who aren't graduating?!? You may think of summer as a time to play ~ after all, you've worked hard all year, so you should enjoy some time off, right? True enough, but summer is a great time to get a jump start on the next year! Here are some ideas to prepare your chapter for the next year:

Meet all deadlines! June 1: Chapter Summary Reports (CSR), scholarship applications, and academic certificate applications are due to National Headquarters! More info on the National website. (Please send me a copy of your CSR!)

Have a new/old officers meeting to exchange officer materials and information. Outgoing officers should come with good documentation on how things have been done in the past. New officers should come with lots of questions! If you don't have officer notebooks, now would be a great time to create them, combining the knowledge of the outgoing officers with the ideas and fresh enthusiasm of the newer officers!

Set summer meeting dates. If your chapter members will be roaming the world during the summer, perhaps an online meeting would be best - or maybe just a date when you'll all check in via e-mail. Make sure everyone knows when things will start up in the fall.

Get out those calendars! Look at the fall schedule - summer band, games, concerts, district retreats, etc. Plan your fall activities! If you are planning a Membership Education Program, set the dates now and review them with your Sponsor/Director. Don't forget fundraisers!

Plan now to attend upcoming district events: Retreats will be held September 25-26 in Lincoln, NE and October 30-31 in Maryville, MO. District Convention, April 2005 in Boulder, CO.

Review your Membership Education Program, budget, chapter web site, constitution, (You don't have a chapter budget? Or web site? No time like the present to create one!)

Come to DCI Finals in Denver, August 6-8th
(okay, that's a shameless plug to come visit me!)

Summer is a time to relax and enjoy. Just try to spend a little bit of your time and energy thinking about and planning for the upcoming year!

A note about the past seven months: my first "term" as Counselor has been quite a ride! I have very much enjoyed working with and getting to know the 2003-04 District Officers - thanks for everything! My thanks to each member who attended District Convention. Y'all are truly amazing, and I am honored to have the chance to work with you! I hope you had as much fun as I did in Montana! For the future...I am excited to be starting from the beginning with new district councils! You should expect - no, demand - great things from this group! Rest assured, we will be working hard this summer to plan a fantastic year!

Love in the Bond,
Wendy =)

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John Wyman
Midwest District President, Kappa Kappa Psi

I would like to start off by welcoming all of the new officers and thanking the district for giving us a chance to serve you. We have already been busy working on convention for next year, which you should all attend. While some people think it might be a bit far, I encourage you to just read through the rest of this publication. I bet there are a couple of fun stories about the road trip out there. Anyway, now I would like to spend some time expanding on some of my ideas for the next year.

One of the main goals of mine is to increase communication between the officers and the rest of the district. I think this is something that we need to change that way we increase our closeness with our brothers/sisters which I feel we are lacking currently. One way I am going to try and do this is by having us hold region/state days. These would be events before convention where people would meet with a few chapters from the surrounding area or state. While I feel this will take everyone's work to be successful, I believe this is something we can do. This would help us meet possible district officer candidates and thus would help everyone make more informed decisions at district convention. Another change I would like to see happen is for each of our officers to hold office hours. This would simply be a time during the week that we as officers would reserve for you the district. It would allow us to be available and at your mercy.

In terms of projects I would like to see the "DOings" continued for a third year. I hope many of you have already read the newest edition. If you have not received a copy, contact me and I will e-mail one to you. The calling program I believe is also a powerful tool. This is something that I will definitely be working on so that we as officers have frequent contact with all chapters across the district.

During this next year I would like to see a lot of things done. While these may seem like lofty goals, these are all things I would like to try or at least look into. I am here to serve the bands and as district president I am also here to communicate thoughts you all have to the appropriate person or group. Therefore, feel free to send me any thoughts or ideas you have about our district. I think we have great officers this year and I remind you again to use us – we are all great resources.

ITB,
John T. Wyman
MWD KKY President



Brett Kisker
Midwest District Immediate-Past President, Kappa Kappa Psi

I tried a funny thing the other day. I was in a bad mood; it was cold out and I was walking between classes by myself thinking about all the stuff I had to do to finish out the school year. Life after the Presidency hadn't calmed down at all like I had hoped it would, and things were looking dim for the next couple of weeks. Then a thought came into my head: somebody had told me that doing something as simple as smiling could actually put people in better moods.

I smiled. It was amazing the kind of effect it had; suddenly the sun was shining a little brighter, it wasn't quite as cold outside, and the day's activities didn't seem nearly as monstrous as they had 30 seconds earlier. Interesting stuff, but this led me to another thought: life is what you make of it.

As goes Kappa Kappa Psi. I know that when I joined I really didn't have a clue what the organization was all about. I just thought that they were the ones that helped set up before band practices and wore the cool blue-and-yellow sweatshirts around. In our prospective membership process, we have to individually interview every single active member in our chapter; cool idea, but when there are 42 actives this looked like quite the chore.

Turns out it took me about 10 interviews to truly enjoy what I was doing and really start to get an idea of what we were all about. Now, I have to admit that Dorn was my big bro...my education was quite a bit more extensive than most PM's because of that. I heard all sorts of random historical facts, listened to stories about people that I had never heard of (even though they were

being told to me like I should be good buddies with them), and really started to gain an appreciation of what Kappa Kappa Psi was. Then I became an active; perspectives really change quickly, don't they?

Ask yourself a couple of questions, just to humor me (and answer *honestly* to yourself): why are you in Kappa? What are you doing to take advantage of Kappa and all the opportunities it has? (Can you serve as a chapter officer? Can you help set up the marching band field before practice? Do you have a cool idea for a service project, fundraiser, or brotherhood event that you would like to share?) To kind of quote the band Switchfoot, *are you who you ought to be?*

It can be pretty tough to answer these questions honestly, and it's easy to lie and make excuses for not accomplishing what we had wanted. But the good news, there's no reason that things can't change. A little change is necessary for improvement; remember that if you're not moving ahead, then you're falling behind – moving ahead is as much a process involving change as anything else.

I'll wrap it up with a few simple requests: regain that enthusiasm that you had as a PM; take advantage of all the opportunities that the organization can offer and grow as a human being; don't be afraid to change your ways to be yourself; and of course, AEA! Because Kappa Kappa Psi is 100% what you make of it!

Brett Kisker
Immediate-Past President



Jon Nevins
Vice President for Special Projects, Tau Beta Sigma

Okay, they said these were notes, right?

Success in 2004-2005 MWD

For the next year I will be your VP SP
About Me

Microbiology/Pre-vet Major
Alpha Theta Chapter
North Dakota State University
Oh...Jon Nevins is my name

Desires

You elected me, so I'm here for you
No matter what!
Even if I have to drive through the night!
Create useful tools for Chapters
Service Project Database
Put together an awesome scrap book
Learn HOW to scrapbook
Make sure Chapters are recognized
Awards for YOU
See what Chapters are doing
visits
phone calls
e-mails

I believe that is enough of my "MWD Notes"... now I would just like to comment on how greatly honored I am to represent my organization of Tau Beta Sigma at the district level. I consider being where I am such a privilege because I know that almost every one of my "sisters" (sorry I went to the "Men in Tau Beta Sigma" workshop but I am still getting used to it) could be in my position, so while I have this privilege I hope to make the most of it. I awe in the thought of our organization one year from now, and I dream that everyone has grown for the better. I say so sincerely that I hope to make my sisters proud, and hope to help everyone grow and gain for themselves throughout the year. Tau Beta Sigma, although

a service sorority with the ultimate goal of service for the band, is a group of individuals with a common bond...we are all like the keys of a piano; we are each beautiful when played alone, some of us conflict, but in the end we are all necessary to make something ultimately beautiful. I say, "Lets make beautiful music in 2004-2005"

Ultimately in the bond,
Jonathan Nevins
Tau Beta Sigma
VP SP



Alpha Tau chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
University of Wyoming



Jennifer Scanlan
Midwest District Vice President, Kappa Kappa Psi

Greetings Brothers of the Midwest District,

It's hard to believe another Midwest District Convention is over. Just a few weeks ago most of us were anticipating this fabulous event. By now, I hope, we are all back in the swing of things at our respective schools full of excitement and energy. We can't let this excitement fade. We are back with our chapters and we need to keep our ideas and motivation from Convention fresh. I hope most of the District does this already, but make sure to share with those members of your chapter who could not go to convention. I know they can read the minutes and find out what happened but the minutes don't include any of those awesome personal stories that brought on all of our excitement. Give presentations during a few meetings. Please don't try to get through all of Convention in one meeting. How can we expect to pack three fabulous fun filled days of events into one meeting? Also, the more we spread it out, the more we keep our energy up. I keep saying, "keep the energy up", many of you might be thinking "keep it up for what?" Well, I believe that Fall; with schools starting new and a fresh slate of potential new recruits, it is the most crucial time for BIG energy from the chapters. It is hard to come off of a big break from the summer and have the same intensity of excitement as we have right now. But, I know we can all do it. Make it a point to attend as many summer activities as possible. The Alumni Association has planned a phenomenal weekend for us in August. What a way to get that excitement back up there and keep the energy going right before most of us head off to Band Camp.

To make a long story short, keep up the "Convention High!" You will definitely notice a difference in the fall. If you have any questions or want some ideas, make sure to contact me. I'm here to help!

In the Bonds,

Jennifer Scanlan
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Leslie Twite
Midwest District Secretary Treasurer, Tau Beta Sigma

Dear sisters and brothers
of the Midwest District,

Hiya! I would like to take this page of valuable notes space to introduce myself, tell you what I'm all about with Tau Beta Sigma. My name is Leslie Twite, and I am your newly appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the district! I know, it was a shock to me too! I am finishing up my sophomore year here at the University of Northern Iowa, majoring in Music Education and horn performance. I have been a member of the Zeta Nu chapter for two years now, having held the offices of Ritualist and currently holding the office of Corresponding Secretary. Our brother chapter of Kappa, Eta Pi, is simply awesome. My love shows by renting a duplex my three best friends next year; Chelsea, Leslie, and Jill, who just happen to be the President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Eta Pi chapter! I love my sisters and brothers of Zeta Nu and Eta Pi more than anything in the world, and I just can't believe how fortunate I am to be a part of such a great group of people. Just don't ask the sorority how I came into becoming a sister; Katie Wendt will lie to you about it. (I love you Katie!).

The first activity I was able to experience as a freshman here at UNI was marching band. I saw a lot of the leadership had funny Greek letters on their shirts. I was confused, but not enough to become interested to investigate. I soon found myself attending the Kappa and Tau Beta recruiting events, and it was amazing. Everyone there was incredible, and it was a great change from being around bitter music majors constantly (we have a lot of stuff to do, it's a good excuse to be angry). I soon joined, and the past two years have been the best experience of my life. From endless nights of organizing

music, to sleeping 4 hours total the weekend of Greeley, to experiencing third degree for the first time, to playing in the NIB band in Virginia, to getting to see, talk to, and hug Wava all in the same hour (I had to breathe into a paper bag into that), to being honored by serving as your Secretary/Treasurer, the best moments of my life are attributed to the sisterhood.

I feel that Tau Beta has given so much to me that I needed to find a way to give back to the sorority. I am so excited that you have enabled me to give my all, and I promise from the bottom of my heart that your district council will not let you down! Megan, Amber, and Jon are the coolest people ever, and I'm just on top of the world because it feels so great to be a part of such a great group of colleagues. One of my goals besides staying up to date with the minutes and finances is that I want to be able to meet as many of my sisters and brothers as possible, so if you see a crazy little red-headed girl running up to you ready for a hug, please be ready and willing, because I want to get to know all of you! It will be a pleasure serving you in the next year, and I thank you once again for this opportunity.

ITB,
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Beth Ratay
Midwest District Secretary Treasurer, Kappa Kappa Psi

Dear Brothers of the Midwest District,

I am so excited and honored that you have chosen me to be your 2004-2005 Secretary/Treasurer. It places me in a line of very distinguished brothers. I'm looking forward to a year filled with service and fun.

First, several thanks are in order. To Beta, for an insanely wonderful convention, I can't believe how much time and effort you put into this convention, you did a fabulous job. Now Alpha Iota has to live up to your standards. To Alpha Iota, my home chapter, I love you guys so very much. You have supported me through many, many challenges, and you always believed in me. I realized at convention what a tight chapter bond we have, don't ever lose it! To Alpha Theta, I love all of you, and so does my chapter. You don't have to steal Bantha in order to have us visit! To Alpha Nu, you are so fun! I really enjoyed caravanning with you through Wyoming. To Cassie, Amanda and Sharleen, we had the best car ever! Between broken gas pumps, lost wallets, pictures with State Troopers and fun at Wendy's, you guys were an endless source of entertainment. Thanks for laughing with me (not at me!). Finally, thanks to Chris (Froth) for your endless support during convention. You were my rock. I'm so sorry that your District officer run didn't work out for you, I would have enjoyed working with you. But that doesn't mean I'm not going to come visit Iota Omega!

I'm looking forward to a great year with the Midwest District, starting with the social activity sponsored by the Midwest District Alumni, here in Denver, CO. DCI finals and Elitch's, could Denver be any more fun? I'd like to extend a

personal invitation to all my brothers and sisters from Alpha Iota. Come stay with us during that weekend, we would love to have you sleeping on our floors and couches. I'm also looking forward to some fun-filled but educational retreats, a district fundraiser and of course, Mile High Mardi Gras next spring. This year is going to be awesome!

Lastly, please feel free to contact me at any time, even if it's just to say hi. I always have time for my brothers!

In the bonds,
Beth Ratay
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The Kappa Secretary/Treasurer and Notes Editor give everyone in the hallway a good example of brotherhood.



Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Psi
University of Northern Colorado

Hello from cow-town USA!! It's been a while since we've submitted and as the Corresponding Secretary elect, I'm making a few changes! The chapter has been ultra busy this year, but not as busy as last year when we were hosting convention. Speaking of convention, can I just say holy cow?! That was a rockin' good time!! Six of the eight new officer core went and it was definitely a bonding experience!!

Anyway, the week after we got back from convention started a whole new busy week. We hosted the 53rd Annual Colorado All-State Bands. Students from all Colorado high schools audition and then are asked to spend their first weekend of April in Greeley!! We have a Concert band and a Symphonic band each accompanied by a guest conductor. This year we had James Saker, Director of Bands from the University of Nebraska - Omaha and Richard Floyd, Director from the University Interscholastic League - Texas. It's tons of fun for the high schoolers, directors, and any music or non-music educators who want to come watch. On the first night (Thursday) we have a small ensembles concert. Friday night, the UNC bands perform a few specially selected pieces individually and a mass band piece (about 250 people on stage at once)!!! For the final day, the students have one last rehearsal before they perform for their parents, directors, and the community. We give them a pizza party and a luncheon for the directors. It's a load of fun and an experience to last a lifetime!! It is Kappa's biggest event and we LOVE it!!

We are getting ready to install new officers, myself included, and everyone is so excited for the summer and next year!! One major goal is to strengthen the bond with our Alumni. We hope to travel to the schools of all those alumni who have become band directors and help them out with their receptions and festivals. If you have ideas that have worked real well, feel free to email me (Tazzdevil@aol.com).

I believe that's all from Greeley, Colorado. Keep striving. Love cherish your past, present, and future brethren!! Do it up Kappa Style!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Christie Smigiel
Corr. Sec. Elect-KKY
Alpha Theta



Zeta Nu, Tau Beta Sigma University of Northern Iowa

Hello from the Zeta Nu chapter from the University of Northern Iowa! We sisters have been keeping very busy with our chapter, and we would like to tell everyone in the district what our chapter has been up to.

Spring semester denotes a lack of marching band and less activity from the chapter for most schools, but Zeta Nu just kept plugging along! We have donated time and money for the Humane Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the American Cancer Society. Eight of our sisters just spent a night at our school's Relay for Life event, and raised over \$600 for the ACS.

One big goal we have taken as a sorority is to become more active in our school of music. Our hard work has been successful so far, by doing such things as organizing music, providing cough drops for all major concerts, and helping our brothers Eta Pi run the Northern Festival of bands, an honor band for local high school students.

Two of our members, president Katie Wendt, and newly appointed Historian Mike Verlo, attended the MWD convention in Bozeman, and they had a blast! This was Katie's last convention, and she is the proud co-winner of the 1st annual Red Rose award. We congratulate Katie for all of her hard work with our chapter, and thank the district council to awarding her with this well-earned honor.

We are also proud to honor our sister Leslie Twite in her recent election to be the new Secretary/Treasurer of the Midwest District! It's been a while since we have had a member active in the district council, and we as a chapter are excited about the benefits this position will receive for our sisterhood.

Last but not least, we are proud to announce our newly appointed executive committee for the year of 2004-2005. First though, we'd like to thank our committee from this year for all their hard work and wish them the best:

President: Katie Wendt
Vice President: Jennie Morton
Treasurer: Paul Grammens
Recording Secretary: Sara Robbel
Corr. Secretary: James Dean
Historian: Julie Brown
Ritualist: Leslie Twite

We welcome our newly appointed committee and wish for them a great future:

President: Mike Rundall
Vice President: Jennie Morton
Treasurer: Paul Grammens
Rec. Secretary: Sara Robbel
Corr. Secretary: Leslie Twite
Historian: Mike Verlo
Ritualist: Michelle Pothast
Parliamentarian: Amanda Hahn

Also, we'd like to extend a district wide invitation. We challenge your chapter to make the trek to Cedar Falls, Iowa over this next year! We're patiently awaiting your arrival, and hope everyone has a great summer.

In the Bonds,
Jennie Morton
Vice President, Zeta Nu
Leslie Twite
Corr. Secretary, Zeta Nu



Iota Omega, Kappa Kappa Psi Iowa State University

Ten Years and Still Growing

Iota Omega's tenth year has been a busy one. We implemented a budget, revised our prospective member education, and even found some time to do more service.

Between our fall and spring classes, we've added twenty new brothers to Iota Omega. I often have trouble remembering that they have been members less than a year. They have already taken important roles in our chapter and I am certain they will continue to amaze me in the years to come.

Our Nu class, initiated just a week before convention, has taken on the task of researching the history of the bands at Iowa State. Their project was so massive that members helped them go through the university archives. The project was practically another class. They had designated times to research, written reports, and several presentations to the chapter.

With two strong classes, we are going into the next ten years with a very bright future.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Saillard
Iota Omega President



Brotherhood

This past year has been arguably the hardest year of my life. Whether it was personal reasons, school troubles, or financial problems, it was a very difficult year. When I look back at it all, I think to myself, "How did I get through that?" The answer is clear as day: the Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi.

No matter what challenge I faced, I had my brothers there behind me the whole way through. It didn't matter if I needed support, advice, or to just get away from my room for a few hours, they were there every time. They also would give me a call out of the blue to see if I wanted some lunch, or to go to a movie. These little things may not seem like much, but they were huge in turning my life around again.

While I don't wish the difficulties that I faced on anyone, I am somewhat glad they happened to me. During all of this, I was able to get to know some of the best people I have ever met and established some of the strongest bonds with people that I have ever had. I just want to thank Iota Omega for everything that they did for me and helping me become the better person that I am today.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Brennan
Iota Omega Membership Chair

Iota Omega in Bozeman



Epsilon Psi, Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest Missouri State University

Greetings Mid-West District!

We hope this edition of the Mid-West Notes finds you all doing well. The Epsilon Psi Chapter has been busy this past semester. We have been had our hands full with both band and our new PM class. We currently have a spring class of five members, all of which have been doing well with their tests and plans for the next degree and initiation are in the works.

For convention this year, we were only able to send two people from our chapter: Tanya Adkins and Stephanie Bagby. They brought back several new ideas and had great things to say about Beta. The trip was a long one but well worth the drive. Congratulations Beta on a job well done.

One our alumni members, Nate Gay, received a national award this past month. He won the Music Teachers National Association Competition. He started working towards this last October and is very honored and excited to have gone this far. He has made the chapter and SMSU band program proud. He and his wife, Arah, also an alumna, currently reside in Kansas City, MO.

Unfortunately, over spring break two of our brothers were in a serious car accident while coming back from their home in St. Louis. Jamie and Julia Alonzo both were injured in the accident and while Jamie sustained moderate injuries and is doing well, her twin sister, Julia was hurt more seriously. She had three broken ribs and three broken bones in her pelvis. Both are back in class now, Julia was out for about two weeks but is now getting along okay. Both girls showed a lot of courage and strength after the accident and our chapter is very glad to have them back.

In March we hosted the MCCGA Winter Guard Festival. We are pleased to announce that our three Winter Guards and Drumline won their respective classes. The Pride, National Avenue and the Drumline will be performing in the WGI Championships in San Diego in April. All the groups have had great seasons this past semester and will continue to make us proud.

In the beginning of April, Springfield experienced a ground breaking for a new Krispy Kreme. We had two representatives for Kappa: Brett Harbur for our Relay for Life team and Maggie Knopf for Kappa. At the ground breaking there was a competition to win Krispy Kreme Fundraising cards. Brett won 25 cards which equal to \$250. Maggie found the grand prize ticket which was for 200 cards, and when sold for \$10 a piece equals \$2000. The way they work is when you buy one card for \$10; you can then buy one dozen doughnuts for the regular price and get one dozen free with the card. The card can be used ten times and does not expire until 2008. If any one would like a card let us know. We have lots to sell.

As if we have not been busy enough, Epsilon Psi has also elected our new officers. They are: Brett Harbur- President; Alisha Williams- Vice-President; Jessica Foree- Secretary; Jay Wilkins- Treasurer; Jennifer Swofford- Historian; Matt Little- Sergeant at Arms; Maggie Knopf- Corresponding Secretary. We expect great things from them next year.

Epsilon Psi wishes everyone a quick and happy semester. Good luck with your classes and bands. Be sure to go to class and do not let senioritis strike too bad. Congratulations to all the new and out-going Chapter and District Officers. Have a safe and fun summer.

Respectively Submitted,

Jessica Foree
KKPsi-Epsilon Psi
SMSU Pride Band
Trumpet Section
Corresponding Secretary 2002-2004



Beta, Kappa Kappa Psi Montana State University

The official meeting time for the start of our road trip was 7:00pm, of course the time then had to be adjusted to meet Kappa Standard Time. This means the actually meeting time was somewhere around 7:15pm. After we got everything loaded into the cars and more or less set, Chris realized that he had forgotten the maps, and the Kappa Kappa Money for the trip. Which meant that he had to go back to his house and pick it up. From some quick thinking it was decided that Chris would then be picked up as the other car went to Costco. Upon arriving at Costco the members in Karl's car (Amanda, Chris, Karl, Morgan) entered the store and began looking for the other group, Matt's car (Debbie, Kaylee, Matt, Ted). Getting into Costco turned into much more of a task, as the one of them with a cell phone, Ted, had already turned his phone off for the trip. Morgan was then sent to the front of the store to wait for the others to arrive. Amanda, Chris, and Karl went shopping for the supplies needed for the trip. In this shopping two new radio's were purchased, trail mix, crackers, cheese, muffins, and various other food. The other car arrived at Costco and then couldn't manage a way to get through the door, which apparently as easy as saying you are going to purchase alcohol. This posed a real dilemma, and the other car's members never did get into Costco. We then repacked the cars with the new additions of food, and drink, and made our way to the interstate, headed for Billings.

Upon leaving our gas stop in Glendive, MT, Karl's car (Karl driving) was pulled over. The very nice highway patrol officer wrote a \$20 ticket, for Karl who was apparently driving a green 2002 Dodge Intrepid. Karl paid the ticket even with the fact that he was in fact driving a silver 2000 Oldsmobile Intrigue. Karl's car decided highway patrol is not the most intelligent person. The other car went passed while the process of getting the ticket occurred then Matt's car proceeded to the next exit, where they waited for Karl's car. Karl's car, after getting back on the way proceeded to catch the other car, take the same exit, and pull up behind them. Then over the radio told them we had not seen them and drove past the exit. Then Matt's car, sat there for a moment,

then proceeded to almost drive away, then stop, then almost drive away, then finally did dive on. Karl's car proceeded to follow Matt's car, and over the radio made them think that Karl's car was in fact in front of them. During this time we first few miles Karl's car played the game of stay behind the other car. Then Karl's car started telling them that we were a mile ahead of their location. Very soon, Karl's car had them convinced that we were the car in front of them, and that Karl's car was highway patrol following them. As Matt's car started to worry about being followed by the cops the quote "We smell bacon" came over the radio. The highway patrol was the car that they believed was Karl's car in front of them. We drove for almost 45 miles that way, keeping up the police gag the whole time. After following them across the North Dakota border, Karl's car turned on the hazard lights, and flicked the lights between high and low beam to simulate a police car. Never mind Karl's car didn't have any blue or red flashing lights, and Karl has personalized license plate saying KKYBETA. Once we had them pulled over Karl got out of the car, and ran up to Matt's car holding a digital camera. Karl was then nearly killed by the occupants of that car. Whom we learned later though that when Karl got out of the car and ran up to Matt's car, that he was holding a gun.

As we traveled across the state of boredom, also known as North Dakota we stopped at the 'Worlds Largest Cow.' It was really exciting, we parked at the road, and then we walked up the rest of the snow, ice, and mud covered road to the cow. Then in the pitch black of 3am we took pictures under the udder of the cow.

Thirty miles down the road in Bismarck, ND at 6am (central time) after filling up with gas Karl's car failed to start. After a bit of worrying we got a hold of a tow truck, and had the car towed to Mandan, ND 10 miles back down the road, where there was a GM dealer would open at 8am (central time). The tow truck driver was a real red neck. The service center said they had a very nice electric pusher to move the car into the shop, we were all excited to see this



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pusher. Thirty minutes later a beat up truck arrived, with a steel bumper welded to the front and a very worn looking tow strop, this was the pusher they used to move the car. After having the car pulled into their shop the shop guy came back and said the problem was a faulty ignition switch, and would be ~\$350 and would take 2.5 hours. During the wait for the dealer while the other car was sleeping Karl and Morgan went out to talk to them, as they approached the car Chris pulled out the spare set of keys for Matt's car and just as Karl tapped on the glass the alarm was set off. This caused for a great reaction from the other car and Karl and Morgan as they jumped from the loud noise and lights flashing. This puts us off schedule, but only to the point that now we will not be able to make a visit with the Fargo TBS chapter, who we would have visited in the Mall of America.

We ate dinner just south of Minneapolis at a Famous Dave's BBQ. The food was very good, the service was only fair. However the waitress was semi-attractive, we are fairly sure that although she was attractive, she was probably too old for Karl and that is the reason he didn't try to hit on her.

We stopped at a rest stop just north of the Minnesota/Iowa the car died. Unsure of what to do about this we fiddled with the car for a while, then worried around what to do about the car not starting. Eventually Karl got fed up with the car and kicked the ignition switch.



After kicking the car he then tries the key again, and all of a sudden the car works. We now realize that the shop in M a n d a n / Bismarck did not install a

new ignition switch, they installed a new security feature into the car.

Now back on the road and into Iowa. The interstate system in Iowa is very well marked, the highways, however are not. As we make our way to Cedar Falls

we took three or four wrong exits, as the signs all said that the road was off the exit, when in fact we were already on it.

We met the Cedar Falls TBS and KKY chapters, found where we were sleeping, and then went out with their chapters bowling. This proved to be an interesting evening, and we all had a good time, or as good of a time as possible when we had just driven through from Bozeman. After bowling we then went out to Perkins where we ate food and talked with their chapter. We then went to the house where we were to stay the night and promptly went to bed. During the night one of the breakers in the house tripped, turning off all the power in the house.

Sunday morning we woke up, on time!!! Amazing because we are on Kappa Standard Time, we lost an hour of sleep due to the switch to Central Time, and the power outage. Got into the showers which were cold from the power outage, cleaned, fed, and packed. Said good bye to our hosts and drove down the road to Ames. On the trip to Ames there was lots of high wind on the road, this called for drafting. Karl who was driving worked most of the time to keep the car as close to other cars as possible, as to eliminate the headwind. Matt's car didn't pick up that little trick quite as fast.

Once in Ames we met three of their chapter members at Applebee's had a very good time talking with the part of their chapter that was there. We had wished their



entire chapter would have been there, especially Dorn. But they were in Stillwater while we were visiting Ames. After eating we said goodbye to two of their



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members and with the third went to Best Buy. Nothing exciting, just some backwoods Montana kids wandering around Best Buy.

Next it was off to Maryville. Maryville is a very tinny town, and is kind of out of the way. We took what was probably the slow route into town. On this driving along two lane highway Karl's car driven by Chris almost got ran off the road by white pickup, because he was on a CB and drinking Coffee. Exciting times.

When we arrived in Maryville we made our way to their music building, played the game Scene It with their PM class. Then we went out to eat Pizza. Next we went to Carrie Shuck's place, played Cranium and Moods. And checked lots and lots of e-mail. Matt's car was sent to the other house for the evening. Karl's cars members got ready for bed and then found out they have a hot tub! The tub was started heating, watched Signs, woke up at 4am, were suppose to be on the road at 4am, and it is apparently all Karl's fault. So shucky darn no hot tub today. Although Matt's car was told that Carrie's house did have a hot tub. No wonder it was called 'The Spa House'. Today we did not do as well with the getting up on time thing, as Karl's car woke up late. Waking up late was not exactly an issue due to the fact that the other car did not even show up till about 4:20am. But all is well, and we hit the road.

Side notes:

-As we made our way to Rolla via Kansas City (KC)

-Karl's car had decided that it was now time to officially name the cars on the trip.

-Matt's car is now R.I.D.I.C.U.L.O.U.S

Radio Incompetent Driver Inept Cataclysmically Useless Loud Obnoxious Unquestioning Simpletons

-Karl's car is now O.L.D. R.E.L.I.A.B.L.E.

Omnipotent Laudable Deities Relishing Evermore in Laughter Incapable of Automotive Blunders with Lofty Expectations

A ways past KC, Karl decided that he no longer wanted to drive so Chris got in the drivers seat turned the key and, NOTHING, once the laughter subsided. Chris entered the secret kick into the previously installed security feature of OLD RELIABLE. We

then proceeded to Columbia. To make sure we knew where we were going, the onboard navigation system (Chris' laptop) was referenced to obtain the correct route. Now that the computer was up and running, Karl decided to work on the report some more. Being that at that time, the cars had still not been named, Karl's car decided that the other car should be called RIDICULOUS. Now only to come up with the acronym. Hmmmm, Oh crap, was that our exit, oops. On realizing we had completely blown the exit to the correct fastest route to Rolla, because we were more concerned with coming up with the acronym, we reference the onboard navigation system to find an alternate route so as to not let the other car know anything was up. With out even hesitating we took the very next exit and hoped that it would take us somewhere. The computer told us that it was "possible" to get to Rolla from our current location. We got on route J and passed through many little towns that are not even on the map. Does RIDICULOUS even have the slightest clue as to what is going on? Now smoothly onto a 4 lane major highway and into Jefferson City, onto the highway we should have exited to, and onto Rolla, with out even a single radio transmission, how RIDICULOUS.

Oh and apparently from some of the local road signage, Rolla is the middle of everywhere.

Rolla was visited, printed name tags, made us breakfast, gave us a campus tour, campus was well color coordinated, lots of engineering buildings, has a half scale Stonehenge, kinda neat. Ok, on with the story. We also learned in Rolla that in Ames there was a snow of about 18'' of snow with a 3'' accumulation with in hours of our leaving.

We leave Rolla. Chris says "Oops". We reenter Rolla, and are now going the CORRECT direction, Oh and it is entirely Chris "little Bitches" Fault. Karl doesn't know what exactly is Chris's fault, so Karl is assuming that everything is. But mostly Karl is blaming Chris for OLD RELIABLE's problems.

On the trip to Springfield we encountered a rain storm, and a convoy of trucks. It was exciting, right until the semi cut off OLD RELIABLE and then swerved around a lot and almost killed the members



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of OLD RELIABLE. But thanks to some skilled driving and a cool head Chris managed to make it through.

Springfield was its self an interesting time. We arrived on campus and where we were taken to their student union for lunch. Then back to their music building to waste some time, we were then able to go to one of their PM classes, and then off to 'The Ranch' where we had a chance to play some foosball. Next we were taken back to their music building and to one of their meeting, and their first ritual. Then it was off to a local dinner for the after ritual meal. We good a good chance to talk to some of their chapter members and interact with them.

Side Note:

Joke from Amanda while in Springfield

Q: "What is a relative minor?"

A: "Karl's taste in women."

Driving, Driving, Driving, oh look Tulsa, OK. More driving, driving and driving. Oklahoma is kind of a boring state, not quite as bad as North Dakota was.

So now that we know absolutely where we are going and exactly how to get to Stillwater, the other car is constantly asking us if we know where we are going, how RIDICULOUS. Apparently they do not like the



idea of taking the faster tool road.

Upon arriving in Stillwater we made our way to Stillwater Station, having problems with RIDICULOUS making their way though lights, as apparently OLD RELIABLE made the lights change to yellow as it drove through the light. We arrived at

Stillwater Station and were promptly hustled off to get food, as apparently there were some 'issues' that had to be worked out at the time we arrived. So we were taken by Adam Cantley to Eskimo Joe's, an infamous restaurant in Stillwater. They had very, very good bacon, and okay burgers, and kind of a good gift shop. We visited the KKY shrine, which had recently been defaced and part of the plaque was being repaired. Next we went to a Greek store who had a very small selection of KKY logo stuff. Then we went to the cemetery where Haston, Martin, and Boh are buried. Then back to National Headquarters where there were now two fewer employees, than when we had first arrived. We then started looking though the archives at national headquarters. Soon we found some new and exciting information. As we had been teaching it there have been four founding fathers of KKY-Beta, and then there has been a question as to how many founding fathers there actually were as we had information for 14 people. Upon looking through some paperwork we learned there are apparently 15 founding fathers of the Beta chapter, and that Lou Howard was made an honorary member at that time also. We now have a mission when we get back to Bozeman, to make a case for altering the national records to show that there are in fact 15 founding fathers. This should be a very interesting task. For the next time any Beta members are in Stillwater a good idea would be to go through the Montana State TBS chapters boxes to see if they have anything of any interest.

After a few hours of pouring over the archives we were taken to the CFR house where the passengers of OLD RELIABLE promptly passed out, the riders of RIDICULOUS promptly went to playing video games. After an hour or so of this we decided to that we NEEDED a hotel, and more so a hot tub. We left the CFR house and first went to Wal-Mart, the riders were dropped off and Chris went off to find a hotel. That was an adventure all in its self. The first option was a Best Western, which had a very nice suite available, but unfortunately their hot tub was broken. Next would have been a Hampton Inn but they were full. So it was off to a Fairfield in, which turned out to be the better deal, as they had the cheapest room rates, and the longest hours of operation for their pool and hot tub. The sleeping arrangements for the night



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were that OLD RELIABLE took a non-smoking room with a queen size bed, and RIDICULOUS took a room that was smoking and had two king beds. Sleeping arrangements, the room that the OLD RELIABLE stayed in had one queen size bed. So what is the logical choice? Have all four members of the car sleep in the bed!!! That may have been a mistake, as there was almost enough room for them to all lay down.

Stillwater Station in the morning was very exciting, OLD RELIABLE woke up early to get through all the Beta Chapter records. After arriving at the station Amanda, Chris, Karl, and Morgan got right to work pouring over old chapter files, old copies of the Baton and Podium and any other information we could get our hands on. This was an exciting thing, as some of the archived records that we were allowed to look over are not usually available to chapters. We now have a ton of digital pictures of old documents, and notes of many of the oldest paperwork. RIDICULOUS arrived at the station and we all decided that because it was such a nice day we should have a picnic lunch. We invited Col. Bonner and the rest of the National Headquarters staff to come eat lunch with us. Only Adam, and Col. Bonner joined us, it was a good time, as we got to hear some stories from Col. Bonner.

As we left Stillwater we decided that we should mix up the cars a little bit, now in REDICULOUS were the girls (Amanda, Debbie, Kayle, and Morgan), and in OLD RELIABLE where the guys (Chris, Karl, Matt, and Ted). This made the traveling more interesting as the girls seemed to feel the increased estrogen concentration seemed to do strange things to the riders of RIDICULOUS, enough said...

We arrived in Manhattan, KS and went to dinner with a portion of their chapter. This was an exciting experience as we went to the bar district near campus, and it is the night of St. Patrick's Day. After dinner we went with them to their student union. Wow, this was a nice building, the most impressive feature was that in the restrooms their soap dispensers, sink, and air dryers were all built into one unit. Must be some kind of liberal hippy tree hugger thing. In the KSU student union we played pool, air hockey, and some

video games. We then all made our way back to the house for the night where we stayed up to the wee hours of the night swapping stories with the KSU members.

As we entered Lincoln on the way to Omaha we passed a teal Ford Tempo with a Kappa Kappa Psi static in their window. This was exciting for the better part of ten minutes, but soon the novelty wore off, although we did hope that we would get to see that car later on when we came back to Lincoln.

In Omaha we met with some of their chapter, as the school was on spring break. We were given a short campus tour looking for a non-existent band football game. Their campus although not much bigger than the Rolla, MO campus, and much smaller than Bozeman has a student population of near 20,000 people. We were all very impressed, shocked, and amazed by this, especially from the tinny size of their football stadium. During our chapter visit we sat around in their performing arts center watched some comedy from the internet, all in all a good relaxing time.

Now off to find some food. We drive back up the street from campus and to the mall, which had a food court, but only 6 open restaurants. We ate and got back on the road. Now for the amazingly long trip back to Lincoln from Omaha. All 50 minutes. We are all very jealous of chapters that are that close together.

We arrive in Lincoln, or more so we arrive at the beginning of town when we would normally call chapters and get directions. Just after getting the set of directions we got to the exit we needed, OLD RELIABLE cut off a semi, and RIDICULOUS missed the exit and had to turn around. This was only the beginning of the driving in Lincoln. As we neared the campus and our rendezvous point with the Lincoln chapter OLD RELIABLE missed a turn, however RIDICULOUS could have made the turn, were told to turn, and didn't. This situation was then more complicated as OLD RELIABLE did a u-turn, and RIDICULOUS who was told to stop still was 'following' OLD RELIABLE. This caused for a fair amount of excitement, and eventually was resolved 5



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or 6 blocks from where the cars got separated. Now on to the rendezvous. We meet the Lincoln member, and are taken to the restaurant Old Chicago. Then off to the apartment we were to stay at for the night. The evening was concluded with talking with two of their chapter members, very good times.

We made our way to Boulder, wow Nebraska is an exciting state to drive across. It's almost more boring than North Dakota, and in fact was, as there were no exciting car adventures to report. We made it to Boulder, had some very good pizza with two members of their chapter, and then attempted to get out of the city of Boulder. Which was a relatively easy task, assuming you could read road signs, navigate one way streets, and realize that some streets may be closed due to fire. So 30 minutes later we are out of Boulder, and on the way to I-25. OLD RELIABLE begins having some troubles and we pulled over into an industrial park, found a place we could pull the car up on the curb to look under the car. A few minutes later a sheriff pulled up, and went in the building. We assumed that there was nothing wrong and we sat around waiting for the car to cool down. Just as we were getting in the car's a man came out of the building followed by the sheriff and started yelling at us for destroying his property, he used some very choice word, we got in the cars and drove away.

We arrive in Laramie, WY early....by a day, because apparently Chris miss communicated the day that we would be arriving. This worked out okay, as we still had a place to stay, and visited with approximately the same people as if we had shown up on the correct day.

After Chris Mann cooked us some yummy pancakes for breakfast we headed out to Utah and to the new adventures. We arrived in Logan, met the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Chapter there. They fed us spaghetti and we had a great time learning about the operations of the Western District.

Then it was back in the cars and home to Bozeman. If you can't tell by this point the trip has taken it toll on everyone, especially in the writing on this report. Everyone who went on the trip learned a great deal

about Kappa Kappa Psi and their selves. We would encourage everyone to take a trip such as this at least once in their life.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Johns
Beta Chapter
Kappa Kappa Psi

Graduation

The Beta Chapter would like to congratulate the four outstanding members as the graduate from Montana State University. Jeremy 'Hobbes' Hayden came to Montana State University from Coal Strip, MT in 1998, he will receive a B.S. in Construction Engineering Technology. Hobbes has played trombone in the Spirit Of The West marching band for his entire tenure at Montana State, he has also been a member of the Jazz Ensemble, and Bob Cat Pep Band. Christopher Johns came to Montana State University from Missoula, MT in 1999, he will receive a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. Chris has played oboe in the Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, and a variety of small ensembles. He has also played saxophone in the Spirit Of The West, Bob Cat Pep Band, and Studio Lab Jazz Band. Christopher is a recent recipient of the J. Lee Burke Student Achievement Award. Briana Johnson came to Montana State University from Highwood, MT in 1999, she graduated in December with a B.S. in Business Marketing. Briana has played trumpet in the Spirit Of The West marching band and in the Bobcat Pep Band. Briana stayed in Bozeman after completing her degree to finish her commitments as the Beta Chapters Convention Committee Chair person. Jeffery Douglas 'J.D.' McCrumb came to Montana State in 1999 from Littleton, CO, he will receive a B.A. in Political Science. J.D. has played percussion in the Spirit Of The West marching band, and has played in the Percussion Ensemble. J.D. is a recent recipient of the J. Lee Burke Student Achievement Award. The Beta Chapter wishes all of these members the best as they journey into the next stage of their life.