

Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma

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Letter From The Editor



Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

Fall is my second favorite season of the year, and is a time for change. Fall is when a new school year starts. It is time to pick that instrument back up after practicing all summer long

like a good band member does. It is time for many of us to start marching on the fields again. For me, it's a time sport a new look.

In other words, I love fall.

So how many of you made it to Orlando? I made it there and had a blast! It was good to see all of you again. I'd like to thank my brothers of the Midwest for nominating both my big

brother, Stefanie, and myself as Mr. and Miss Kappa Kappa Psi of the Midwest District. It was a blast to get up on stage and "strut my stuff".

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Notes as much as I enjoyed putting it together! In the future, if you have any pictures you'd like included with your article, feel free to send them to me. I welcome pictures! You'll also find that I have a habit of stealing pictures off of Facebook for inclusion.

AEA and ITB,
Mike Shoup
MWD Notes Editor
MWD Vice President
Xi Chapter, CSM, KKΨ



Just a few of the attendees of the 2007 National Convention in Orlando



Submissions from National Officers

Teamwork Activity

By Kimbi Sigle
Tau Beta Sigma
National President

We've all heard them, the buzzwords for effective personal skills... "communication", "active listening", "collaboration" and "teamwork". We've probably heard them so many times in our chapter meetings, leadership conferences and district conventions that we stop paying attention to what they actually mean to us in our daily lives.

We know what communication is because we do it everyday. We actively listen when we answer the telephone. We communicate when we write emails, talk to professors and relate to our families on a daily basis. We collaborate with our sorority sisters during meetings and speak with them daily at school. We communicate with the drive-through window guy more often than we should. But do we actually know how to communicate effectively?

Here is a fun activity that your chapter and membership candidate class can try. See where your level of skill lies. Once you have determined any weaknesses try to improve upon them. If you find strengths, build on them.

This Teamwork Activity requires the following:

- Teams of 6 members each (as many as you have supplies for)
- A LEGO model with at least 15 pieces
- Sandwich baggies with the exact same pieces to make the model (1 per team)
- Tall poster board to create a shields (1 for each team and the master model)
- Someone to guide activity and watch the clock.
- A location to set the master model so it's not visible to anyone except the Lookers and Feedbackers. A head table works well.
- Locations to build the team models (use shields for privacy).
- Set a time limit of 5-10 minutes depending on how difficult your master model is to replicate.
- Follow directions carefully and see how good your teamwork and communication skills really are. Have fun!!



Tau Beta Sigma Has a Win/Win Membership!

By Dollie McDonald

Tau Beta Sigma

National VP for Colonization & Membership

Hey Tau Beta Sigma, Let's Get **Fired Up** about our
WIN/WIN MEMBERSHIP!!!

Your band Wins by growing the TBS Sisterhood and your chapter becomes eligible to Win a Paid Registration for your 2008 District Convention delegate! If you have not received your form yet, please feel free to contact Dollie McDonald, NVPCM or you District Council for a copy of your Win/Win form!

Qualifications: For every 10% increase of your registered membership, your chapter will enter the drawing for a **PAID** registration for your district convention! Initiate 20% of your total membership, your chapter will be entered twice, for 30%, your chapter entered 3 times, etc.

*** Must pay dues, file Chapter Personnel Report and Initiate Registration Forms on time to National Headquarters in order to qualify for drawing.**

Formula: Number of Initiated Members **divided by** total Chapter Members.

Reminder: All numbers based on forms received at NHQ. For example:

$$4 \text{ new initiates} / 20 \text{ Chapter Members} = 20\%$$

Deadline: The form must be received two weeks (14 days) prior to your district convention. **If your chapter initiates after the 2008 District Convention, you will be entered in the drawing for the 2009 District Convention Season.*

Please send form to:

Dollie McDonald at dolliemcdonald@tbsigma.org

AND

Mail to NHQ - PO Box 849 Stillwater, OK 74076

All Chapters that participate will be recognized with a certificate at the 2009 National Convention!



How's Your Internet Reputation?

By Deena Smith

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How many times have you performed an Internet search for your own name? What will you find? What will potential employers, long-lost friends, or elderly family members new to the Internet find out about you if they randomly typed in your name in a search engine?

I think about this every day, as there are thousands of web pages devoted to Tau Beta Sigma. Now, I cannot visit each and every one of those web pages (nor do I have the desire to be an Internet Sisterhood Safety Patrol officer)... but take a minute to ponder. What would be found if someone Googled your chapter name? What pictures, comments, or stories would pop up?

This fall, as you travel to games, meet new people, and reconnect with friends from various chapters, please keep a few things in mind. When we take a million pictures and tell people "tag me"... what are you being linked to? Does it reflect you in a positive light? Are you sharing TMI? If you were a freshman considering joining Tau Beta Sigma once eligible, would your chapters' Internet Reputation convince them to join our Sisterhood... or make them run the other way?

I love social networking sites, I frequently visit message boards, and I even occasionally post pictures or talk smack on a few online communities. However, we need to be cognizant that we will be remembered by our online actions. Recent news coverage has shown that individuals have been fired or even been brought up on criminal charges for activities shown on their social networking profiles. The questionable content usually provides proof that immoral or illegal activity has taken place, and forever memorializes the actions of and participants in what might have been a temporary lapse in judgment.

Enjoy your collegiate experience, but please remember the things you do in college have a way of finding you when you least expect it. Just as in real life, when online you represent yourself, your band program, and Tau Beta Sigma. Be proud!



Scouting for Music ~ A Special Project

By Dawn Farmer

Tau Beta Sigma

National Vice President for Special Projects

It's the fall semester. There is lots of homework, classes, work, band, and chapter to keep you busy. For most of us, marching band season is the busiest time of year. We are always setting up or tearing down fields, lugging water coolers across campus, hemming uniforms, and erecting podiums. It seems like every weekend is blocked out for a home game, an exhibition, a degree date, or a bus trip to another stadium. In the midst of all of this activity, we strive to find time to participate in rewarding projects for Tau Beta Sigma.

This biennium, one of our projects to focus on is the Scouting for Music project. We are asking every chapter to become involved with local Girl Scout or Boy Scout troops. Ideally, we want to show them the importance and joy of music through working with them on music badges, and in the process, we become mentors to children who will end up be future members of our band programs. I know this sounds like a lot of work...and not all of us have a lot of free time in the fall semester. To make it simpler, I have outlined a goal for chapters for the Fall semester.

Goal for Fall 2007: Campus Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scouts of America have a special membership level called "Campus Girl Scouts." This is reserved for women and men on college campuses who want to be involved with the Girl Scouts. By joining these groups, you will be connected with area troops. Then you can give as much or as little time as you are able. This network is designed for busy college students who want to help out. Some campuses we have chapters at already have established groups at their school. For those schools that do not, starting a Campus Girl Scouts group is easy! Either way, at least one member of your chapter should join Campus Girl Scouts *or* a few of your members should start one at your school. To see the list of schools that have programs already established or to see how easy (and minimal time needed) to start Campus Girl Scouts on your campus, visit:

<http://www.girlscouts.org/join/campus/>

This semester, your chapter should reach the goal of establishing contact with the local Campus Girl Scouts or starting a Campus Girl Scouts at your school. This way, once spring semester rolls around, we can all get on board with participating in activities with local Girl Scout Troops. If your chapter already is working with local area troops, that is great! See if there is CGS on your campus and let them know what you are doing! If you have any questions or comments about this or other National Projects, contact me at dawn@tbsigma.org. Have a great fall!!



Why a National Fraternity?

By Malinda Matney, Ph.D.
Kappa Kappa Psi
National President

As I write this article, it is early fall. I am hearing the sounds of band rehearsal coming through my office window, and that makes so much seem right in the world. It is amazing how that first blast of sound officially makes fall seem real.

As we continue through the year, you'll hear the question from time to time of "why are we a national fraternity?" The extended version, if we'd ask, would likely be "why do we extend beyond our own campus?"

The first answer is that band programs are stronger when we support each other. It is no mystery that our band programs are facing budget challenges throughout the nation. Demonstrating the national impact of band, and the impact across our whole lifespan, is vital to our ability to continue receiving funding.

Beyond making sure we have a band, we make sure the bands we have are better when we work together. We bring together great ideas, and we bring together competition to challenge us to improve our performance. While the award shouldn't be the ultimate goal, it is a great incentive to challenge us to be our best.

At the heart of all of this is networking and making that network visible. By connecting with others in this work, and telling the world what we find so great about bands together, we build an audience that is both eager to hear bands and eager to support bands. Now is not the time to be shy about sharing your love of band and what you do to support band.

So, how do you network? Reading this article, and writing for this publication is a start. You should also:

- Subscribe to both the district and national listservs, and get others in your chapter to subscribe. Both help you know what is going on locally and in the bigger picture.
- Travel to chapters in the area. Support their performances and enjoy their events.
- Go to district and national events. This year brings both a District Convention and a KKPsi National Leadership Symposium for Brothers.
- Bring more Brothers along when you travel.

Staying home and wondering what the big deal could be is not a good strategy. These are events and resources made at student request, and with a lot of student input. Enjoy, and then provide your input into the future of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Throughout this involvement, you'll have the opportunity to meet great people, and experience a variety of different band traditions. One of the benefits you'll find is more support for the band you love most at home, and what could be better?

We will end this biennium by celebrating our 90th Anniversary as a Fraternity. We have made it through all of these years by working "shoulder to shoulder," to quote Past National President Hugh McMillen's words in the University of Colorado fight song. I encourage you to join your Brothers as we all work shoulder to shoulder through this biennium to continue our great tradition of college bands.



Submissions from District Officers

The Venture to Missouri

By Carissa Hanschu

A few weeks ago, I jumped in the car with a friend and headed out to Missouri on a last-minute chapter visit to Delta Xi. I must admit, I was a bit nervous as this was my first chapter visit as District President to a school that I knew little of. However, from the moment I walked in, arms were opened wide. The chapter members of both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma were absolutely amazing! I had so much fun over my weekend stay and learned so much. I was lucky enough to attend both the joint smoker (bar-be-que) and a high-energy game. The energy and excitement among this group of people was absolutely incredible. They treated me to the best cheesecake I have ever experienced, tasty cheese balls, and even a bit of Mario. The memories I left Rolla with are ones to be cherished. On the way home, I kept chatting about what an amazing experience I had. I am so excited to go out on my next chapter visit. I cannot express how beneficial it is for everyone to bounce ideas back and forth to find ways to better a chapter. I encourage everyone to find a chapter they know little about and make a road trip over to broaden your horizons. It is an experience beyond words, as the bond is really alive!

Also, I have to put in a shameless plug to remind you to pay your chapter fees and dues on time! At National Convention I was awarded a mock-check totaling over \$300.00 to show the money the district lost as a result of late chapter fees and dues. Ouch! Please turn the Chapter Personnel Reports in asap! Remember, they must be POSTMARKED by September 30th!!!! Thanks~!

LITB,
Carissa Hanschu
MWD President
Tau Beta Sigma – Gamma Zeta

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From Mackenzie Cochran

Hello to Everyone in the Midwest,

I hope your year is off to an amazing start. I'm sure that everyone is really busy this time of the year. As a district officer, I've gotten to meet so many new people in the last few months. Going to National Convention and meeting other officers from all the districts was simply AWESOME!!!!!! Although I couldn't be as involved in the District Leadership Conference as much as I would've liked too, a lot of my time went to being a participant in the National Intercollegiate Band. Playing in this year's group was simply incredible and I had a great time working with all the talented musicians. Well, I will keep this article short because I'm sure there is practicing to be done or theory to be studied. Remember your district officers are here if you need us. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help out or answer any questions.

In the Bond,
Mackenzie Cochran
Vice President of Membership
Tau Beta Sigma – Theta Mu Chapter



We are only Brothers in meetings, right?

By Emily Rogers

Sometimes it seems that people feel like their bonds of Brotherhood only exist within chapter meetings, ceremonies, and at conventions. These are the only times that our vows count right? When we are on “Kappa (or K Psi) time”? They only cover what we say to our Brother’s face, don’t they? Do they only count when we are playing music together? It often appears that we consider our vows to have a start and a stop time. We clock on to “Kappa time”, and that is when we should follow the rules and act brotherly. When we go home for the day, we can “clock out” and the rules (or vows) no longer apply. We do not usually see this sort of proviso in other forms of vows. People do not usually stop being married at the end of the day. Doctors often find themselves saving lives when they are off the clock. Why then, should our oaths only count on “Kappa time?”

I propose that we make “Kappa time” all the time. Let us strive to be there for our Brothers **WHENEVER** and **WHEREVER** they might need us. Let us help them get their car to a repair shop when it is malfunctioning. Let us drive into the middle of nowhere at 3 am to pick them up if they are stranded. Let us invite them over for supper if they are having a rough day. Let our commitment to our Brothers know no bounds. **WHENEVER** and **WHEREVER**. Let us speak only words we would say to their faces (even if they aren’t around). Let us speak up for them if someone is being unkind to them. Let us help them with their theory/calculus/chemistry/music history homework if they need it. Let us drive halfway across the country for a visit just because we miss them. **WHENEVER** and **WHEREVER**.

This may be challenging since our lives are so enmeshed (often overlapping roommates, co-workers, significant others, etc), but I challenge every member of this district to be a better Brother this year. What actions can we take that will makes us better Brothers? In an effort to **STEP IT UP**, let us make some goals for ourselves. If there are situations that we have faced in the past that have made it difficult for us to be good Brothers, let us work on letting it go so we can focus on what is going on at present. If we have differences in opinions, let us agree to disagree so that we may co-exist in a cooperative manner. Let us try to think of our Brothers first and ourselves second. I challenge us all to be better Brothers.

ITB from UNC,
Emily P. Rogers
President-Midwest District
Kappa Kappa Psi- Alpha Theta
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“Let’s Build an Interactive Community!”



Midwest District Moneymakers

By Matt Thompson

Hello Brothers of the Midwest District,

I am honored that I have been selected to serve you for the remainder of the school year as your Secretary-Treasurer. For those of you who do not know me, I am a fifth year senior here at Montana State University and have been a member of the Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi since March of 2004. I am truly excited to be allowed this opportunity to work with the Fraternity outside the Chapter level and have some great ideas that I would like to present to you.

Over the course of the next semester I will be laying the groundwork on a new project that will serve as a way for us to show what we have been up to as chapters. This will help us gather ideas from each other and to prove that over this year we have 'Stepped It Up'. Specifically, I want to help everyone show off their fundraising. And towards this I have envisioned a new program called *Midwest District Moneymakers*.

Here is what it will look like:

Midwest District Moneymakers will be a publication in which the fundraising efforts of the chapters of the Midwest District will be displayed as a way to communicate what ideas are out there. Tired of inventing new ways to make money? Chances are that some chapter out there has an idea that would work for your chapter at your school! There is no need for us to constantly reinvent the wheel when we can ask our neighbor to show us their designs.

Over the semester I will get in contact with the Presidents and Treasurers of each chapter and ask for three different fundraisers: Your chapter's most profitable fundraiser, your most consistent fundraiser, and your newest fundraiser.

Hopefully we will get submissions from all chapters and eventually use this as a platform to showoff to the whole nation exactly how awesome the Midwest District is.

AEA,
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Midwest District Secretary Treasurer
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KKΨ & TBΣ Midwest District Notes Fall 2007 Edition



A New Biennium!

By Wendy McCann

Another summer and national convention have come and gone, and now we're all back to school/marching band/meetings/studying/service projects...whew! So much to do and so little time! I want to encourage you to get this biennium off to a good start! I know that all of our Midwest District Chapters do some fabulous things throughout the year, but in order to be recognized at National Convention for the Chapter Leadership and other awards, every chapter needs to be sure to get all required documents in on time – for the entire biennium! Please make it your goal to be sure this happens for your chapter! Ensure that you allow time for your Sponsor to look over them and sign them (if necessary) in plenty of time to mail them before the deadlines. Below is a quick reference list of these dates for the entire year.

I don't have to worry about those! That's the Chapter President's job... isn't it?

Well, no, not exclusively. Yes, most forms require the President's signature, and in most cases the President will fill them out...but I would like to encourage each of you to ensure that your Chapter President is aware of the National Deadlines, as well as your chapter's eligibility for all National and District Awards. After all, you are a contributing member of your chapter. Don't you want to know if your chapter is meeting its obligations? Hold your Chapter President responsible for making sure these deadlines are met!

Also, make sure you **KEEP A COPY** for your chapter files. When sending money, write a CHECK and be sure to **request "Return Receipt"** from the Postal Service - or any option that confirms delivery of your money!

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 15: Annual chapter fee and dues for each Early Bird Deadline member due to National Headquarters (NHQ)

Did you know...chapters that submit by the Early Bird Deadline automatically receive certificates! (Okay, so you missed that but...)

SEPTEMBER 30: Annual chapter fee and dues for each member must be submitted no later than this date!
Did you know...chapters that submit on time are eligible to apply for a National Service Certificate! Also, this is the easiest way to raise funds for the district. A portion of your dues goes into the district account!

OCTOBER 31: Member dues submitted this late must now include 25% late fee

NOVEMBER 1: Articles for the National Publication, *The Podium*, must be submitted

DECEMBER 1: Postmark deadline for Fall Activity Report

Chapter Presidents should complete this report, and submit to sponsors for approval and signature in time to meet deadlines

DECEMBER 1: Deadline for TBS Paula Crider Award, Wava Baner Turner Award, Service Certificate, and "The Baton" applications (<http://www.tbsigma.org/awards.html> or <http://www.kkpsi.org/fraternityawards.asp>)

MAY 1: Articles for the National Publication, *The Podium*, must be submitted

JUNE 1: Postmark deadline for Chapter Summary Reports and TBS Scholarship applications

THINGS TO REMEMBER

CHAPTER EMAIL ADDRESS: All chapters have an email address reserved for them. Please make sure your chapter takes advantage of this opportunity. Contact NHQ for more information.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY: All chapters should check this regularly, to ensure that NHQ has the most current info. Change form available within the directory. Link from <http://www.kkytbs.org/>

CHAPTER OFFICERS FORM: This form should be completed after officers have been elected. Chapters can do this via the website: <http://www.kkytbs.org/infochange.html>

INITIATE REPORTING: New Initiates should be reported and dues paid to NHQ within 30 days of initiation. Otherwise, late fees apply!

Don't hesitate to contact your Counselor/Governors/District Officers if you have questions!



Love in the Bond,
Wendy =)

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How About Next Week?

By Denali Alt

Greetings brothers and sisters of the Midwest District! I hope that the beginning of this school year finds you happy and healthy. Just a quick question – what are you doing next week?

If you are anything like I was in college, next week would be uber busy with all of the things I am putting off this week (and things I put off last week).

“This week I have this HUGE project, this HUGE test, a HUGE number of rehearsals. This week is just HUGE! But next week, oh next week will be a breeze! I will have plenty of time to do it all next week.”

HA! Not buying it! You know that next week will be full of a HUGE midterm, a HUGE paper, and a HUGE problem of your car breaking down. Or some other assorted drama. Then add on all the things you were supposed to do last week and the week before. All of a sudden you *do* have too much.

This time of year is a great time to get ahead! Make a plan for yourself and for your chapter. If you are an officer or a committee chair, plan out goals and a timeline for meeting them. Whatever you do, just make sure you do something! It is amazing how much work you can get done during the commercials of your favorite shows!!! Try it sometime (I am the queen of it!).

Remember, we all have the same 24 hours in a day; it all just depends on what we do with them. Make good choices. Be responsible. Be thorough. Strive for product that makes you proud.

Just a friendly reminder, please bid for district workshops! These are a great opportunity and came from feedback from you, the active members of the Midwest District! And get your dues in! Sept 30!! Ahhh!!!

ITB,
Denali Alt
MWD Governor
Life member – Epsilon Psi – Kappa Kappa Psi

P.S. I went to KU band day. What a blast! And my bad, I should have let Eta Zeta Delta know I was coming.



Individual/Chapter Submissions

The Life of the 1st Year Band Director

By Leslie Twite

Hiya Midwest district!

Hope everyone is doing well this football season, and that everyone is plenty busy. I have just started a new life, and want to talk about it a little bit, if you don't mind.

During my whole college career, I looked forward to getting to the end of that path, to become a band teacher. Here I am. I am the 5-12 band director at a little place in Western Iowa called Adair-Casey, and it's been a roller-coaster of awesomeness. I am in charge of an 8-12 marching band, a 7th grade band, a 6th grade band, a 5th grade band, supervising a study hall, lunch duty for the 7th and 8th graders, and most surprisingly, an exploratory drama class that's required for all 8th graders. My life is never a dull moment. When I'm not teaching class or teaching lessons, I'm at meetings after school or cheering on my students at volleyball, football games, or cross country meets. I have gotten used to the fact that I no longer have a personal life, and my first name no longer exists. I miss you guys. But I just want to stress how much your local school band directors need your support.

If you haven't yet, go as a chapter and introduce yourself to the music program, and offer to help in any way. Sort music, sell concessions at the marching band festival, come and teach lessons after school. WE NEED AS MUCH HELP AS WE CAN GET. This is one of the greatest service projects you can do. Not only will this help you future band directors see what you're getting into, you're serving music. It rocks.

I am proud to display my greek pride at any chance I can get. My students were at first confused why my water bottle and briefcase had weird letters on it, but they've gotten used to the fact that I was such a band nerd in college that I joined a sorority to hang out with other band nerds. They see my life membership shingle next to my diploma in my office, and smile politely. One of the things that I am most happy about my experience from college was the fact that I was so involved in Tau Beta Sigma, and have that network of great people to turn to when I need it. I am so happy to hear about the great things you guys continue to do, and want you to know that if there's any way to help you that I can, I will do it in a second. If any future band directors or lovers of music want to travel here whenever to get a feel on how things work, or do a service project, my door is always open. You need to support the school music programs!

Thanks for letting me talk at you for a bit, and just know that life after college isn't so bad. Continue your support in the organizations, and know that we all must work together to make the world work great!

In the bonds FOREVER,

Leslie Twite
Alumni, Zeta Nu, UNI
5-12 Band Director
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Can You Feel the Love?

By Stacy Laue

Hey everyone!

From the Theta Mu chapter of TBS here at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, we sincerely hope you are having a fantastic band season and a dynamic first semester. We started off our year with the most infamous activity...the legendary Band Camp. Here, we spent many grueling hours of sweat, tears, and stench preparing for our exhibition night and our first football game of the season. Both the Taus and Kappas of UNK hosted various events during this week to help welcome our new members and get to know everyone. The Kappas planned their annual football game and the Taus hosted a movie night at a local movie theater. The highlight of our week was the Band Camp Dance. This gives everyone a chance to boogie down, even a director, if he or she so chooses. With many incoming freshmen each year, we felt that the best ways for everyone to meet were at fun, social activities after a long day at Band Camp. We've had great feedback from all these activities.

Theta Mu highly values the bonds of our sisterhood. If you need any help or just want to chat, don't hesitate to call or send us a message. We would love to visit other chapters or host chapters who want to come see us. Some of our sisters have all ready paid visits to a few chapters and hope to make more visits this year. If you don't have a lot of time to visit, but would still like to keep in touch with Tau or Kappa chapters (whether in the MWD or in our Nation) we have a ton of suggestions for you. Send random cards to other chapters just for fun, or theme them after a holiday. Choose a chapter from outside your district and write to them about things going on in your chapter; you may even want to include a random joke. Make a video highlighting some of your favorite chapter moments and send them to everyone in your district. These are just a few ideas that we would like to offer to everyone, as we know how cherished our relationships with each other are. We can't wait to hear from you!

We're excited to get the ball rolling this year on some thrilling projects and activities we have planned for the band. With a large class full of creative PM's, this year is bound to be a success!

Warmest wishes,

Stacy Laue
Corresponding Secretary
Tau Beta Sigma, Theta Mu
University of Nebraska at Kearney



From Gamma Zeta - TBΣ

Emporia State University is very excited about the upcoming year! Our music department is bringing in more and more talented musicians each year. This year, we were thrilled to invite many new members of our band into Tau Beta Sigma! Gamma Zeta will be holding first degree soon and would love to have other sisters in the district join us! The magical date is October 5th, 2007! Feel free to contact Carissa Hanschu with any questions at chanschu@emporia.edu! Hope to see you soon!

MOTS,
Carissa Hanschu
Vice-President
Tau Beta Sigma – Gamma Zeta



From Zeta NU - TBΣ

Greetings from the Zeta Nu chapter of TBS at the University of Northern Iowa! This school year has gotten off to an exciting and busy start. Our chapter, along with our brother chapter KKY—Eta Pi, have been working hard to get everything in order for this year's convention. Both chapters are learning a lot about being flexible while getting everything organized, but are extremely excited about hosting this year's convention, "On a Mission for Music", on our campus April 18th – 20th 2008. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Besides working to get convention ready our band and football team has started off with a great season. Band camp went extremely well this year as we welcomed our new marching band director, Dr. Stephen "Danny" Galyen into the Panther Marching Band. During band camp week both chapters (TBS and KKY) worked together to hold an activity each night of the week to help the members get to know each other better. Some highlights included movie night, s'mores, section night, and "Pantherpalooza", a skit night that has become a tradition for the PMB.

After memorizing halftime *and* pre-game during band camp, the marching band opened our first game against Minnesota State with an 80's show medley, fun dance moves, and our first win. We continued our success as we brought the same show to Iowa St. to cheer our team on to another victory (24-13). We took a few minutes after the game to meet up with our sister chapter at ISU to sing the TBS loyalty song and take a picture (in front of the scoreboard). Our chapter, along with our brother chapter, has been helping out at games and during band camp by providing water coolers during the games and soda after the games for marching band members.

In addition to getting back in the swing of the school year and preparing for convention our chapter has been working hard to recruit new members. We put together a notecard that states TBS's purpose and includes the dates and recruitment events for the season on it to have out to perspective members. This is something that we came up with last year, but have found to work really well. We started off our recruiting jointly with a game night which went over very well. Our chapter began our solo recruiting events with a TBS-ZN tradition, the progressive dinner. This sets up a very relaxed time to get to know new band members and enjoy different parts of a meal all over campus. The next week we had another hit event when we went bowling on "quarter mania" night (\$0.25 hotdogs and pop). We are looking forward to our upcoming events including Sundaes on Sunday, black light mini-golf, and S'mores in the



park. It's always exciting to see fellow band members begin to seriously think about including Tau Beta as a part of their college experience.

We hope all of your chapters have had a great start to the 2007-2008 school year. We'll see you all in April at UNI for your "Mission for Music."

In the bonds,

TJ Haislet
Tau Beta Sigma-ZN
Corresponding Secretary
University of Northern Iowa



Midwest District Alumni: Old and Improved

By Matt Richardson

After a year of uncertainty and changes, the Midwest District Alumni Association is excited to be coming back with a new outlook and a new direction. This will be the third distinct version of the MWDA since at least 1991 thanks to ongoing changes to the alumni structures of the Fraternity and Sorority. With new programs and activities on the drawing board, we hope that it will be the best one yet and that this time we'll stick around for a long time to come.

Having a district-wide alumni association parallels the structure that you, the active members, have in the Fraternity and Sorority. All of us are continually forming friendships from across the district year after year as we travel to conventions, workshops, and retreats. We share our bonds of Brotherhood and Sisterhood not just with our own chapters, but with everyone we meet. Continuing to join in Brotherhood and Sisterhood with everyone is exactly what the Midwest District Alumni Association is all about and as we move forward that will be our guiding principle.

In the coming months we're looking to announce many new and exciting events and programs. Our first new event will look to immediately build upon our guiding principle by organizing a series of alumni weekends around the District. These may be anything from backyard barbeques to ball games to skiing trips. These weekends will not center on meetings or workshops; instead, they'll be all about having fun in the bonds of Brotherhood and Sisterhood and will serve to extend those bonds long beyond



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graduation. Look for the first weekend to be announced soon and to occur sometime in October or November.

Beyond that, we will be continuing our proud tradition of serving and supporting the Midwest District. The Mascot Penny War will be back this year, after a short hiatus, with new surprises in the year-round competition. All funds raised from the competition will be turned around and given back to the District to be used for commissioned pieces, workshops, and other programs.

We'll be supporting individual Chapters and the District by compiling the ultimate listing of workshop presenters and speakers from right here in the Midwest District. In the short term, we hope to list presenters and a brief synopsis of their program. In the long term, we hope to go far beyond that by also offering grant funds to defray the costs that both the presenters and the hosts must bear.

We'll be supporting future alumni by offering regular networking socials at district events and by holding workshops on working-world issues like interviews and resumes. Our members represent a broad cross-section of society and include teachers, engineers, project managers, financial advisors, and political activists just to name a few. Their level of responsibility ranges from entry-level positions to upper-level managers.

We are truly excited about what the future holds for the Midwest District Alumni Association. Please feel free to contact myself or any of our other officers if you have any questions: Adrienne Olin Rall, Clayton Applegate, or Shannon Watson-Borden. We're looking forward to working with you all again this year!

In the Bonds,
Matt "Spacely" Richardson, MWDA A President
Life Member, KKΨ-IA, University of Minnesota
Honorary Member, KKΨ & TBΣ, Midwest District
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From Eta Pi - KKΨ

Greetings and Salutations Midwest District!

The Eta Pi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi is quickly having a very exciting semester! We've been busy this fall doing our usual service projects for the marching band (supplying water, pop, and entertainment) as well as busying ourselves with recruitment, a reading band, and preparations for the 2008 Midwest District Convention being hosted here at the University of Northern Iowa. We've also been fortunate this year to begin work with our new band director and sponsor, Dr. Danny Galyen. Dr. Galyen hails from Virginia and has brought new life to the Panther Marching Band, becoming a major asset for Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma at UNI.

I'd like to say hello to everyone that was in Orlando for National Convention and thank you for such a great time! I had a blast being in the National Intercollegiate Band, attending the workshops, and enjoying the many conversations I had with brothers from all over the country. It was a most excellent experience and I encourage everyone to try to go to the next national convention!



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This November, in celebration of the National Month of Musicianship, our chapter is sponsoring a reading band for the school of music. We have invited everyone in our school of music to come play on primary or secondary instruments and are giving them the opportunity to conduct as well! We will also be inviting high school band directors to give pointers and short lectures on teaching in the public school system. After the reading band we will have a reception for all those who participated. I'm really enjoying the planning process of this event and believe it will be a great success that will grow to become a program we do annually.

Most importantly, preparations are underway for the Midwest District Convention in 2008. If you hadn't heard yet, the dates are set for April 18-20, 2008. Meeting spaces have been confirmed, hotels are set, and our Friday night concert will feature the Northern Iowa Wind Symphony and Northern Iowa New Horizons Band. Things are going very well and our chapter, along with the Zeta Nu chapter of Tau Beta Sigma is working very hard to make this the best MWD Convention yet! If you want more information or want to stay updated, feel free to join our Facebook group, "On a Mission for Music: KKY/TBS Midwest District Convention 2008".

I hope everyone had a great summer, a great start to the new school year, and I look forward to seeing you all in Cedar Falls in April. Good luck to everyone and keep striving for the highest!

AEA! And In the Bonds,
Jeffrey T. Waldschmitt
President, Kappa Kappa Psi – Eta Pi
University of Northern Iowa



From Beta - KKY

Greeting from the Beta Chapter:

The Beta Chapter is looking forward to and getting ready for an exciting and fun year. We are 27 members strong this year and working hard. We are especially excited for celebrating our band's Centennial this year. We are having an alumni function on Oct. 6 and Kappa is sponsoring an alumni float in the Homecoming Parade. Also, our fundraiser, Cans for Bands, is still doing well and we are continuing it. We are exploring a few new fundraiser ideas for the year that we predict will do well. Our marching band has grown by 20 members this year and includes many good candidates for Kappa Kappa Psi. It looks to be a good year for the Beta Chapter.



Announcements

**Congratulations to the new Secretary / Treasurer of
the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi:**



Matt Thompson from Beta

What if **Tau Beta Sigma** got a penny every time you searched the Internet?



What Is GoodSearch?

GoodSearch is an internet search engine, powered by Yahoo!, which donates a percentage of its revenue to the charities designated by its users.

How Does it Work?

The Sorority earns \$0.01 for each search designated to Tau Beta Sigma.

All funds received from GoodSearch will be placed in our Trust Fund and redistributed to support our valuable Sorority programs.

Actives, Alumni, friends and families are encouraged to GoodSearch for TBΣ

Here's how to GoodSearch for TBΣ and earn!

- Go to www.goodsearch.com
- Designate Tau Beta Sigma to receive contributions (Charity ID: 592152)
- Set GoodSearch as your homepage: Tools/Options/Location:
<http://www.goodsearch.com/default.aspx>

Why GoodSearch?

- GoodSearch provides you a way to support TBΣ at no cost
- Click on the "Amount Raised" button to see the number of searches & money raised in real-time!
- GoodSearch.com is powered by Yahoo!
- Last year, search engines generated almost \$6 billion through searches.

Start Searching for TBΣ Today!



eScrip

What Is eScrip?

eScrip is a hassle free way for Tau Beta Sigma to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip Merchants.

How Does it Work?

eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to Tau Beta Sigma.

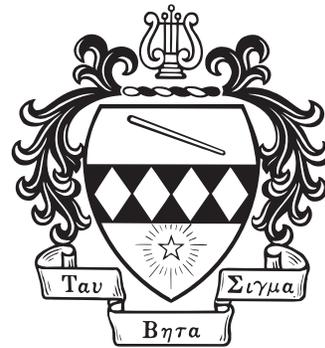
Actives, Alumni, friends and families are encouraged to register their credit, debit and grocery club cards as supporters with the eScrip program.

Upon receipt of registration, a percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to Tau Beta Sigma.

Simple Registration:

- Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to "sign up".
- Designate Tau Beta Sigma to receive contributions.
- Register your grocery club card from a participating merchant and your debit/credit cards.

That's it! Visit eScrip merchants to shop and earn.



Here's what TBS can earn:

Annual Activity Highlights

1 family = \$144 per year*

10 families = \$1,440 per year

100 families = \$14,440 per year

** Based on averages.*

eScrip Advantage

- *Ease of use - simply swipe your registered cards at time of purchase*
- *Participation from a broad and growing base of national and local merchant partners*
- *Online access for supporter registration*
- *Monthly funds distribution and reports*
- *Contributions based on "everyday" purchases*