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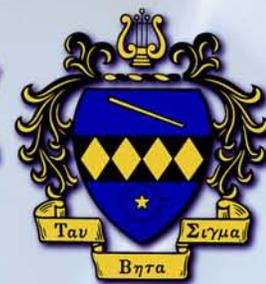
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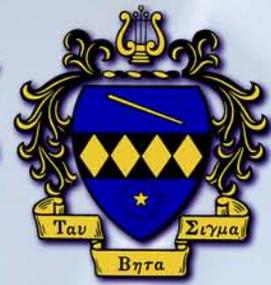
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Bearcat Football 2008

The 2008 Northwest Bearcat football season officially began for the BMB on August 19th as Rookies were welcomed when arriving in Maryville. With the season opener looming on August 30th, Rookies got a crash course in BMB marching styles and a review of fundamentals. BMB Veterans moved in a day later to join in the festivities. On August 30th #3 nationally ranked Abilene Christian came to town and to our disappointment, left Maryville after upsetting the #2 Bearcats 44-27. For many of us, it was only the second loss ever experienced at Bearcat Stadium.

A week later the football team had a chance at redemption, and took advantage of that chance, beating Southwest Baptist 63-28. Everyone expected the green Bearcats to win convincingly, and it was great to see the team bounce back from a tough loss the week before.

For a third week in a row, the BMB prepared for another football game. Saturday September 13th wasn't just another football game, however. Missouri Western came to town on Family Day hoping to upset the mighty Bearcats in front of our friends and family. They jumped out to a 14-0 lead early, but the Bearcats stayed calm and came back to win the game 42-35. In many fans' opinions, the comeback against Missouri Western was a turning point in the season.

After three straight weeks of Saturday game days, the Bearcats went on a three game road trip, leaving the BMB at home to cheer on the football team from home. The battle for the Hickory Stick became a lopsided affair as the defense found their rhythm in a 49-0 pounding of Truman State on Saturday September 20th. The defense stepped up yet again, as the Bearcats traveled to long time rival and new MIAA member UNO on Saturday September 27th. Favored to win at home, #5 UNO could do nothing right against the #8 Bearcats, who posted a huge 42-0 upset on the road.

Finally, the BMB had another game to prepare for: The Fall Classic at Arrowhead VII, played on October 4th. Every year we love marching through "The Tunnel" making all kinds of noise and getting our fan base and team pumped up for the game. It must have worked, as the #7 Bearcats rolled to a 35-10 victory (another upset) over #6 conference rival Pittsburg State.

The BMB had another week off as the #5 Bearcats traveled to #17 Central Missouri for an October 11th match up. Another spectacular performance by the defense, capped off by a 99-yard touchdown by LaRon Council, led the Bearcats to a 20-13 victory in Warrensburg.

Homecoming week came to the 'Ville, and as always it was a fun week for the BMB. With no Friday classes, the BMB squeezed in a rehearsal since Saturday morning's festivities meant one thing: The Homecoming Parade. With all the celebrations and hoopla surrounding what really was a true homecoming for the Cats (after four games played away from home), the football team still stepped up and got down to business, beating Fort Hays State 56-7.

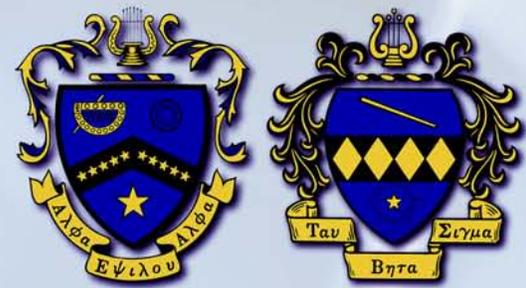
On the road again for an October 25th contest, the Bearcats managed to squeak out a 24-21 win against a tough Washburn team who had an upset on their minds. It wasn't pretty, but the Bearcats survived to uphold their sole possession of the top spot in the MIAA.

November 1st marked the last game day at home (of the regular season) for the Cats, and was also Senior Day. The football team recognized 13 seniors for their hard work and dedication, while many of the Bearcat Steppers and our fellow graduating members in the BMB were recognized at halftime for their contributions to each group. Emporia State was no match for the Cats, as the Hornets fell 56-7.

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On November 8th the football team traveled to Joplin, Missouri and had one goal in mind: Securing the sole possession of the 2008 MIAA crown. It was a sloppy start, but the Bearcats pulled away to a 48-24 win to end the regular season. For the third year in a row, the Bearcats became MIAA champs while going undefeated in MIAA play.

Of course, the most excited part of the season begins with the selection of seeds for the playoffs. The Bearcats gained a first round bye in Super Region 4 as a number two seed in the bracket. The BMB enjoyed a two-week break between the end of the regular season and the week of the first round bye, but we were eager to cheer on our Bearcats in the second round. As it played out, Pittsburg State beat UNO to get another shot at our Cats. On November 22nd, the Gorillas came to Bearcat stadium for the first time since the 2000 season. The Cats had a 31-13 lead at one point in the third quarter, but the Gorillas chipped away at the lead, taking a 35-31 lead for themselves with 3:34 remaining in the game. The Cats got a good kick return from Kendall Wright and what played out in the next few minutes became probably the greatest end to a football game that I, and many BMB members have ever seen in person: The Bearcats were down to 4th and 10 with a little over a minute left to play. Osborn scrambled and passed 27 yards to Nick Rhodes to keep all of our hopes alive. As if we couldn't get any crazier with excitement, on the very next play Osborn delivered a 15 yard touchdown pass to Wright to seal the deal. The Cats lived to fight another day, 38-35.

A familiar foe loomed in the distance. Abilene Christian defeated West Texas A&M that same day, 93-68, setting up a rematch down in Texas. On November 29th, the #3 Bearcats executed on both sides of the ball to upset #2 Abilene at home, 45-36. For the fourth year in a row, the Bearcats advanced to the semi-finals.

On December 6th, the Bearcats took on the Lions of North Alabama in front of a national audience as the game aired on ESPN 2. The Cats took control early, and never looked back. It was a freezing cold game for us in the BMB (above zero temperatures with below zero wind chills), but it was worth every second as we watched the Bearcats trounce the Lions 41-7. With the win, the Northwest Bearcat football team is only the second team in Division II history to reach the National Championship four years in a row. That would make the BMB the second marching band to attend the National Championship four years in a row!

We can't wait to head to Florence so we can support our Bearcats in the National Championship game, yet again. It makes for a long marching band season, but we wouldn't have it any other way! It's time for the title to come back to Maryville!

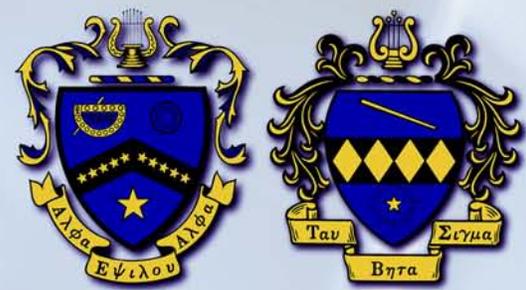
GO BEARCATS!

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Seven C's

I hope you all are ready for a nice break after a busy fall full of band and Kappa Kappa Psi activities. As many of you know I have started a new position at Virginia Tech this year in my professional life. One of the many things I have the chance to do is hear some amazing speakers from the ranks of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Recently, I attended a workshop on my campus and listened to Dr. Ed Spencer speak. Dr. Spencer is the associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia Tech and a proud member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He has been involved with them on the national level, and has one of their highest awards. He recently spoke concerning what he called the Standard of the Seven C's. When I heard these lessons they resonated with me and my involvement in Kappa Kappa Psi. I want to share them with you, and take them to heart concerning your KKPsi experience.

It is time for a fundamental **Change** in the culture of Kappa Kappa Psi. We need to return to the vision of founders. We need create the best possible bands and make that is the center of all of our works. It is time to **Care** about one another, our bands, and our chapters. We need to reinforce the importance of responsible/healthy choices, and that we genuinely care for each others safety. Now is the time for **Courage** to stand up and live the values of KKPsi. We must show we are members who live our ritual and the lessons it teaches. It is time to **Confront** one another and hold each other accountable when we are not living the life of a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi. Many situations in our organization can be avoided if one brother speaks up. A simple, "I am not so sure about this" can solve so many problems. One voice of reason can cause the change a chapter needs to achieve greatness. It is time to show **Conviction** to continue the strong values of our organization. Show conviction in your dedication to bands, music, and leadership. We are the premiere organization for collegiate band programs, we must live that example. It is time to **Commit** ourselves to the nobler purposes of our Fraternity. It is what our founders would expect from us. Finally, now is the time to strengthen our **Community**. This includes our bands, our sisters in TBS, and our campus communities. How are you and your chapter building up the entire collegiate band experience for members of the program?

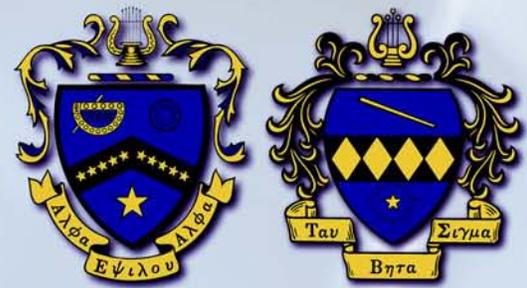
I hope you can reflect on these Seven C's. They helped me think about KKPsi and the work that we do. It is up to all of us to preserve honorable traditions of Kappa Kappa Psi alive and well.

The Seven C's
Adam D. Cantley
National Vice President for Programs
Kappa Kappa Psi

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Greetings from Theta Mu,

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the Midwest District. I hope you all had a great fall semester. I know we did because I look at our chapter and all I see are great things happening. On November 14th, we initiated 7 new members into our sorority!! For a new member service project they decided to go to a local middle school and talk with the music students to promote the love and continuation of music. They also got to play with them, it was a great experience for our new members and the students.

Another great thing that happened was last week on December 5th, the Theta Mu chapter as well as our Brother chapter, Iota Psi, celebrated our 15th Birthday!!! Iota Psi and Theta Mu exchanged gifts. The gifts symbolized the unity of our chapters and were fun gifts as well. The Theta Mu chapter celebrated by inviting alumni and having a small Birthday Party. At the Birthday Party we played a trivia game that had categories like Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi trivia, Sisterhood, Band and even a Randomology category. But of course there was also.... Birthday Cake!!! We ended the night by having a reflective circle which consisted of an open discussion about, what are the things we enjoy most about our chapter, and how we can improve for the future. It was a great night of sisterhood. A couple other great things that happened this semester were our visit from the Zeta Nu chapter and our trip to visit the Alpha Nu chapter. Both events were fun and filled with great experiences.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. A member of Theta Mu just released her own CD. Her name is Megan Theesen and she's a very talented musician and vocalist. We know she's going to be very successful, so be on the lookout for her name in the big lights.

For the rest of the semester we'll be completing our winter fundraiser, a service project, and wrapping up the year with our annual Christmas party. As we look toward next semester some of the things we are planning is an inner childhood night, some more service projects, a fundraiser and we're planning on bringing back Band Olympics. So Theta Mu is really excited for the New Year.

All of us at Theta Mu hope you all have a safe and happy Holiday season!

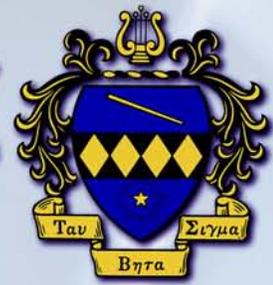
Love In The Bond,

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Greetings Sisters,

This semester has flown by, just as they all do. It is hard to believe that convention is just about 3 months away. As we do prepare for this next semester it is a fresh start, I am sure we all need it. This start as with every start it is a good idea to evaluate our goals. For this semester I would like to continue working on goals we set back in the fall. We have made some great strides and I am certain by convention we will have completed most if not all of them.

If this first paragraph sounds familiar that is great that means that you have read the MWD Resource, Congratulations! If you have not discovered the resource, you need to check it out. It is available on the MWD website.

In this next three months we will be planning for convention. If you have any ideas about convention please contact anyone on the council and we will work to make this convention the best yet. I am really excited for this convention; we are planning on having a presentation from Scott Stowell on risk management. He presented this to us at district leadership conference, it is awesome! His presentation gave us a lot to think about, it is a serious discussion in a relaxed atmosphere. I am sure it will be the highlight of your convention.

As I rap up I want to remind you of some things to watch for this semester... a spring summit at UNK, as MWD service week, district convention and of course this summer's national convention.

Hope your semester wraps up well,

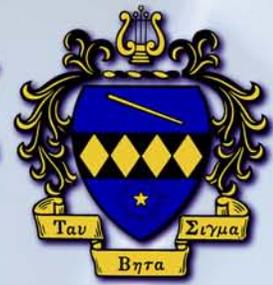
Go Panthers!

Jason Dornbush

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YOU asked for it, **YOU** got it!

YOU asked for Region Days, now is **YOUR** chance to make it happen! Send in **YOUR** bids for Spring Region Days by December 19th!

This is a program that the district officers and governors are excited to bring to **YOU** based on feedback of the kinds of activities **YOU** told us **YOU** wanted outside of convention. The goal of Region Days is to increase activities in the Midwest district and provide more opportunities for chapters to grow and improve service to the college and university band without having to travel across the district to do so. Hosting a Region Day is also great experience in planning events and can be great practice if your chapters are planning to bid for district convention.

Bidding is so simple! The application can be found on the district website and is only a couple of pages long. Give me one good reason why you think I am not talking to **YOU!!!** Don't think someone else is going to bid, **STRIVE FOR THE HIGHEST** and make that outstanding chapter **YOURS!!!** Show off what you do well!

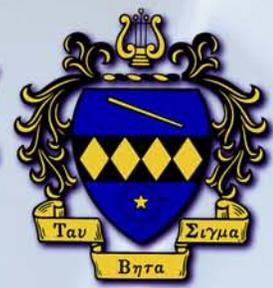
If **YOU** are not an officer, bring it up to **YOUR** chapter - even volunteer to prepare the bid **YOURSELF**. If **YOU** have any questions, please feel free to ask! That is what we are here for. We are very excited about seeing this event get off the ground, but we cannot do it without **YOUR** help! **YOU** make the difference! Bid today!

Denali D. Alt

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PUT YOUR BAND HISTORY ON DISPLAY AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

We want to hear about your bands! Kappa Kappa Psi wants to devote one session of Interactive Psi at National Convention to your college band histories. We ask active chapters to create proposals for us of what you plan to cover. Beyond these important discussions, we want you to look for historical items on your campus -- past letters, programs, pictures, tour details, whatever.

For those of you who remember Interactive Psi from Orlando, you know it is not an ordinary chapter display. The chapters, districts, and national officers who create tables take a lot of care to create impressive visual displays that tell a story. In your case, the story we want to see is the story about the history of your band program. Imagine the most impressive poster fair you've ever attended, but dedicated entirely to college bands.

To apply, send a message to writinghistory@kkpsi.org, letting us know:

- 1) The name of your band program.
- 2) The materials you are using to research your history (and particularly materials you could bring to Phoenix for National Convention showing).
- 3) The outline of what you've learned so far about your band's history. (200 words or less)

If you have more questions about this project, write to writinghistory@kkpsi.org.

Chapters submitting by 1 January 2009 will receive first consideration for this opportunity!

We know we have a great variety of band histories. Let's bring them together to tell the story of 90 years of Kappa Kappa Psi and college bands!

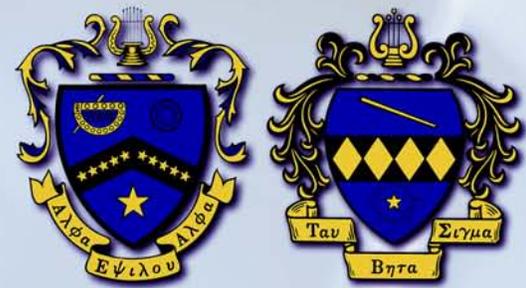
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Counselor's Corner

Are You a Top Chapter?

"During each biennium, outstanding chapters are selected by the National Council as Chapter Leadership Award Finalists and presented recognition plaques at the biennial convention. The chapters selected for the award are interviewed by a committee which is responsible for selecting the recipient of the outstanding chapter of the biennium. In order to be eligible for this award, chapters must meet all report and fee deadlines as well as demonstrating excellence within the ideals of the Sorority."

From www.tbsigma.org/awards.html

So, what does it take to be a top chapter? It starts with your chapter submitting all of the required paperwork on time *for two full years*. For one chapter in the nation, it ends when they receive the Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award trophy at National Convention. (Yes, a trophy!) Does that sound intriguing? Wouldn't it be great if your chapter was recognized as one of - or better yet - THE BEST chapter in Nation? It could happen, if you work together!

First, to meet the *minimum requirements*, your chapter must submit all required national documents by the respective deadlines (from National Convention to National Convention). There are four deadlines to remember:

September 30

Postmark Deadline for Chapter Personnel Reports (CPR), Chapter Fee and Membership Dues (for schools starting before September 15)

December 1

Postmark Deadline for Fall Activity Reports (FAR)

Postmark Deadline for Tau Beta Sigma Award Applications*

June 1

Postmark Deadline for Chapter Summary Reports (CSR)

Deadline for the Tau Beta Sigma Scholarship Applications*

Ongoing – 30 Days after Initiation of New Members

Deadline for Initiate Registration and Dues

*Awards and Scholarships submissions are not required of Chapter Leadership Finalists, but these are good deadlines to know. All chapters should be submitting applications for these recognitions!

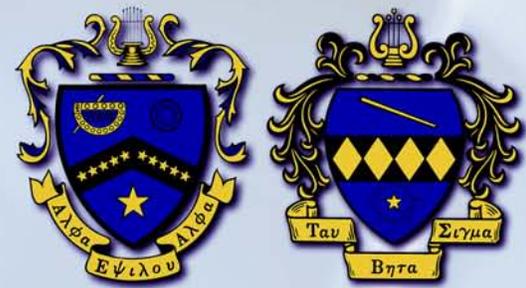
Since 1963, when the Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award was established, only one Midwest District chapter has received this honor. In 1991 the Delta Xi Chapter at the University of Missouri, Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) was recognized as the top chapter in the nation. It is time we add to that list for the MWD!

Has your chapter turned in every report on time for the past year and a half? Submitting reports and dues on time is important, not just for awards, but it is an easy way to help the district earn money because our annual allotment is given based on the dues received on time. Typically, with our district of twelve chapters, only a couple meet the minimum requirements each biennium. We can do so much better!

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Distinguishing your chapter as one of the best requires more than simply turning in paperwork on time. Reports need to be written well, not just in terms of spelling, grammar and legibility, but also content. Your reports serve as the primary source of information for the National Council when they select the Chapter Leadership Award Finalists.

The chapter activities you describe in your reports need to go beyond the ordinary. Providing water for the banpassing out uniforms and cleaning up the band hall are typical service activities; I think of them as the minimum requirements. Your chapter does more...and those are the things that need to be included in your reports. What do you do that is unique or outstanding? How do you “demonstrate excellence within the ideals of the Sorority”? Do you go above and beyond with a typical activity? Do you serve your bands or your community in a way that makes you stand out? Talk to other chapters about what they do; you may find that something your chapter has been doing for years is really special. If nothing currently falls into this category, then what *can* you do? Make it happen – and then write about it!

What do you think makes an outstanding chapter? Are you doing those things? Keep records of what your chapter is doing...and what those around you are doing. At a minimum, keep all those reports (turned in on time, of course!). Expand your vision and keep copies of all of the bids for office and convention that your delegate receives at district and national conventions; these are fabulous resources when a member of your chapter decides to run for office. Attend district and national events. Submit articles for Midwest Notes and the Podium. Participate in committees at convention. Encourage members of your chapter to run for office at all levels of the Sorority. Form and opinion; make suggestions; ask questions. Participate in moving Tau Beta Sigma forward!

Though the 2009 award is out of the reach for some, think now about what you can do to make your chapter stand out in the next biennium. Begin by educating yourself and your chapter on national deadlines, and then expand that to examining and improving upon your chapter activities. It is time to start *talking* (and writing) about all of the great things you do. Stand up and be recognized as the outstanding chapters I know you are!

Love in the Bond,
Wendy =)

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[Photo caption: Picture yourself here! Epsilon Kappa, University of California, Los Angeles. 2007 Grace and A. Frank Martin Award winners