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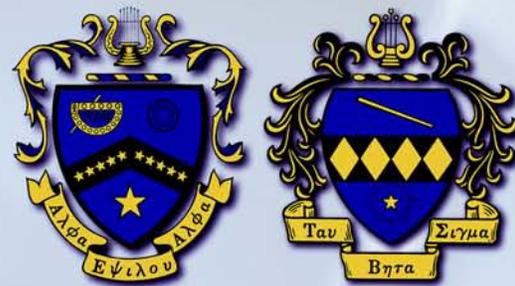
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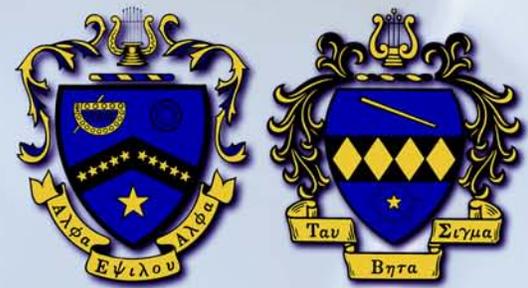


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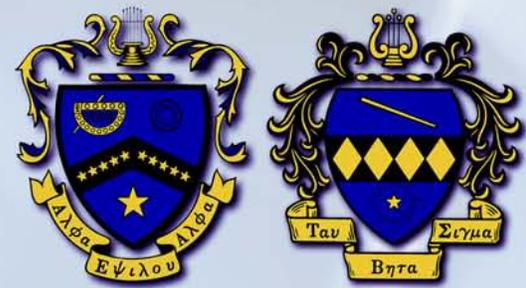
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Road Trip

In the early morning hours of March 24, 2009, seven members of the Northwest Missouri State University Wind Symphony left Maryville to attend the Small College Intercollegiate Band, which took place at the College Band Directors National Association National Convention in Austin, Texas. After many hours of driving, we arrived in Austin that evening. The next day marked auditions for chair placement. After the completion of auditions, we began rehearsals in the afternoon. 90 musicians representing universities in the United States and Canada were selected to participate in the band. Our guest conductor for the band was Virginia Allen, who is a member of the faculty at The Julliard School in New York City. We began rehearsals at 9am and went until 5pm with a lunch break. For the concert, our ensemble performed Masque by Kenneth Hesketh, Symphony for Band by Morton Gould, Farewell to Gray by Donald Grantham, Radiant Joy by Steven Bryant, and Three Dances of Enchantment by Luigi Zaninelli. Donald Grantham, Steven Bryant, and Luigi Zaninelli were able to attend the conference and they also came to our rehearsal to hear the group perform their music and offer insight to how to perform it at a higher level. It was a great learning experience to be able to have the composers attend our rehearsal and to talk about their experience in writing their music. When we were not in rehearsal, we were able to attend performances of the University of North Texas Wind Ensemble, Oklahoma State University Wind Ensemble, and University of Texas-Austin Wind Ensemble at the convention. Many of the composers who had one of their pieces performed during one of the concerts were in attendance at the convention. All of the performances were exceptional. Our Small College Intercollegiate Band concert took place on March 29, 2009. The concert was well attended and received. After the concert, we left Austin and returned safely to Maryville.

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Northwest Missouri State University
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Kyle Dreessen
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Jessica Nance
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Program Notes for a Biennium: Celebrating the History of the College Band

This is a season when many chapter and district officers reflect on their years. For many of you, you are about to end a term of office. For National Council members, that is equally true. This is the season when the final work of a biennium becomes reality.

As I was at a Symphonic Band concert at the University of Michigan this month, we had the opportunity to witness the premiere of William Bolcom's First Symphony for Band. This was a commission of the Big Ten Band Directors Association, and one that will be performed at every Big Ten campus over the next calendar year. William Bolcom is a Pulitzer Prize winning composer who has written for many different types of ensembles. In addressing why to call this a First Symphony for Band, instead of his ninth symphony overall, he focused on what is special about band, and why band is valued by so many composers:

"Band players seem now to be mostly of college age; there are very few professional non-university bands today, nothing analogous to the Sousa and Goldman outfits of my youth. The resonance of a long history like that of the orchestra is largely lacking. Against this – and I think this is why more and more composers of art music are turning to the band – is the fact that band people work hard and long on a new piece. They will spend weeks in rehearsal perfecting and internalizing it. And there is something infectious about the youthful enthusiasm a good college band will put into a performance."

Thinking about these program notes, they really form the foundation for why this biennium has been focused on the history of the college band. This is not just a convention theme. So many chapters have taken this moment as a time to learn about (or create) their own band histories. This is very right. We can, and should, cherish what makes Kappa Kappa Psi different from other fraternities. Our commitment to college band is what provides our substance. Without it, we are generic, and the leadership and service would have no foundation.

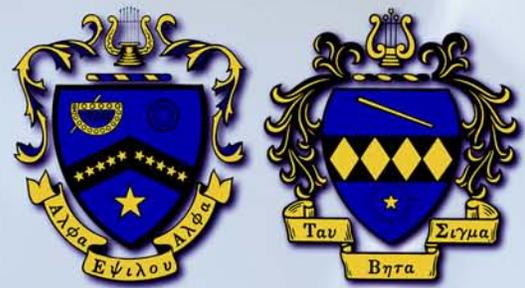
We have a special art, and one in which college bands are the major leagues. I hope we have a moment again in which community and professional bands flourish. However, to get to that day, our college bands must thrive; we are the foundation for the United States band effort. We must create an art of joy and celebration. We must exude excitement for our bands. Each person's attitude matters.

Our bands would be weakened substantially without the work and love provided by Kappa Kappa Psi over our nearly ninety-year history. We all know of examples of band programs that lived for another year only by the sweat, fund raising, and hell raising of the students and alumni of those bands. While we didn't predict a major national economic catastrophe at the beginning of this biennium, this moment makes our work especially necessary.

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Our first line of work is to be members of the college band. Not a week passes when I don't hear an appeal from a chapter as to why to bring in a member who is not a college band member. They will refer to "passion" or to "general love of music," but forget our specific commitment to college bands. "Passion" and "love of music" are necessary, but not enough. We are special because of our focus. What would it be like to have so many passionate people – only on the sideline, not in the midst of the activity? To not be a member of your band is to endanger both your chapter and your band's existence. One person matters. All the fund raising and hell raising doesn't matter if the chapter members are not, themselves, college band members. For alumni, words matter more if you can talk, specifically, about how college bands helped you achieve (in teamwork, in academics, to graduation). Each person's membership matters.

As I have thought about what brought me through college, through graduate school, and to the career I enjoy today, my band membership was central. It created drive, the ability to work in a team, an appreciation and thirst for excellence, and a love for music of all kinds that has enhanced my enjoyment of arts of all kinds. Kappa Kappa Psi helped provide that band moment, but college band was the driving force. This is the opportunity I hope that Kappa Kappa Psi will continue to fight to provide for many decades to come.

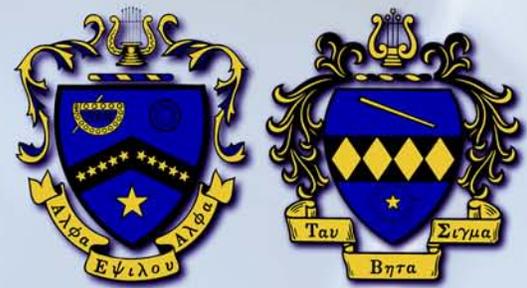
At the coming National Convention, we'll embrace the history of the band at every level. We will look at the contributions of 90 years, and the start of history in the making. You'll have the opportunity to experience workshops from a variety of perspectives, with the goals of creating better musicians and better chapters. We want you (yes, you) to have a great individual experience, and some great learning opportunities to bring home to your chapter and band. You'll learn more about these elements in the coming weeks and months, but do make plans now to join us in Phoenix.

Thanks to each and every one of you for how you have shared in the making of this biennium. Each person's contribution matters, to this Fraternity and to college bands everywhere.

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

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Region Days 2009!

I am proud to report that the Midwest District hosted not just one, but two region days in early 2009! The first of these was the Show-Me Region Day held on February 21, 2009 and hosted by Missouri State University's Epsilon Psi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. I was in attendance at this workshop day and it proved to be a great success. Workshops were presented on ritual, brotherhood, the district, and many other topics. We were even visited by the director of bands, Jerry Hoover. Overall there were nearly 40 people at the event.

The second was Rocky Mountain Region Day and was held on February 28, 2009 and was hosted by Alpha Nu – Kappa Kappa Psi and Alpha Tau – Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Wyoming. While I was unable to attend this event, I am pleased to report that it happened!

Way to go Midwest District! I am very excited to see this program up and running. It has taken a lot of work over many years to lay the groundwork. I encourage all of you who can to bid to host a region day. And if you can't, at the very least attend one. This came out of what YOU said YOU wanted. Be sure to support your district events and district officers!

If you have any questions about how to host a region day, please contact me at denali529@sbcglobal.net

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Denali Alt
MWD Governor
Life Member – Epsilon Psi – Kappa Kappa Psi
Honorary MWD Tau Beta Sigma

News from the Sisters of Zeta Delta at the University of Kansas.

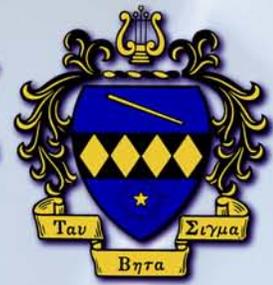
This year was an outstanding year for the Zeta Delta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. First of all we more than doubled our members this fall when we had the pleasure of initiating eleven wonderful new members. From that point on it has just been a whirl wind of new ideas and projects. The biggest issue we have had to deal with is how to handle the growing pains we find ourselves having. Things are much different when you go from six active members to a total of seventeen active members. This year has shown us what are capabilities are, and I have much faith that in the years to come the Midwest district will see more to come from the sisters of Zeta Delta.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Pennuto
Zeta Delta President

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Hello all!

I'm down to my last week as Midwest District President and I like to start off this letter by thanking everyone for a great year! I've really enjoyed serving the district over the last twelve months and I look forward to continue serving as an alumnus in the near future.

I hope everyone is getting geared up for district convention this weekend. There are lots of great workshops and activities planned. For those of you have never been to a district convention, there are a few things you will want to be sure to bring.

- Membership card is a MUST! You can't get into convention without it!
- Pin
- Formal clothes for ritual/banquet
- KKY/TBS t-shirts/apparel
- Items to sell in the marketplace
- Displays
- Scrapbooks
- Normal travel gear (clothes, toiletries, etc...)
- Notebook for taking notes in workshops in meetings and a pencil
- Instrument for Reading Band

While at convention this weekend, I encourage everyone to try talking to someone they have never talked to before. Branch out and make friends from other chapters. The more people you know at these district wide events, the more enjoyable they are going to be for you.

If you enjoy district convention, consider going to National Convention in Phoenix! Heck, try out for the National Intercollegiate Band while you're at it! There is still time to send in your audition CDs. Recordings and applications are due April 15, 2009. Applications are available online and in the most recent issue of The Podium.

Good luck to those chapters bidding to host district convention and publications for 2010 and good luck to those individuals running for district office. Thanks again for a great year and I'll see you all in Manhattan!

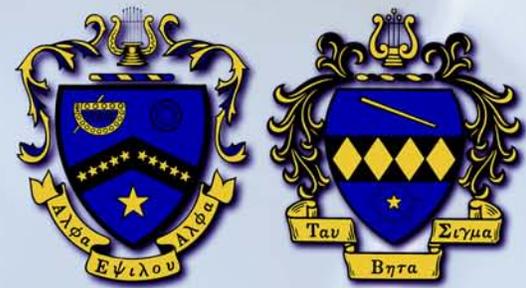
In the Bonds,

Jeff Waldschmitt
Midwest District President
Kappa Kappa Psi – Eta Pi
University of Northern Iowa

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Counselor's Corner

It is hard to believe that nearly a year has passed since the 2008 Midwest District Convention. I can't wait to see all of you next week on the campus of Kansas State University for "Music in Manhattan." I look forward to creating memories with you!

Through several conversations I've had recently, I've realized that I often take for granted that you are aware of all of the resources available to you. I mistakenly believe that many of our members can easily find information about the Sorority when they need it. Now, I'm wondering if that is true. So, let's review!

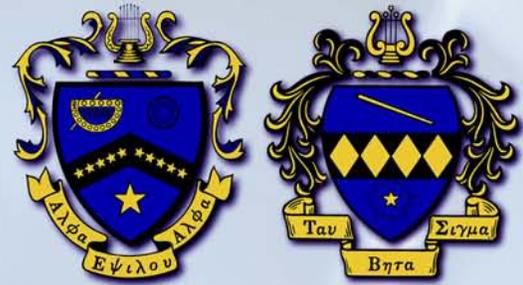
Did you know...?

- We have a joint National Website (<http://www.kkytbs.org/>) that includes a Chapter Directory, information on National Convention, forms and merchandise (including banners, jewelry, flags, clothing and graduation cords) links?
- Tau Beta Sigma has our own website (<http://www.tbsigma.org/>) that includes information about our programs, deadlines, scholarships, resources, publications, leadership, songs and more?
- We have a district website (<http://www.kkytbs.org/mwd/>) that contains contact info for district officers and a list of chapters in the district, a link to the district convention website, our district joint publication, Midwest Notes and the TBS district publication The Resource?
- You can sign up for one or both National listservs to connect with Sisters and Brothers across the nation (<http://www.kkytbs.org/listserve/>). All members who join must be subscribed to the moderated list. You can choose if you want to receive messages from the unmoderated list, which can get quite busy (but that's what email filters are for!).
- Our District listserv (<http://www.kkytbs.org/listserve/>) is one of the primary ways we communicate information about events and programs to you. This list is generally not used as a discussion forum (though I'd love to see that!) but is primarily announcements, so it doesn't usually add too much to your inbox.
- The Chapter Operations Handbook and Guide to Membership Education (GME) can be found on the TBS Resources page of the National Website (<http://www.tbsigma.org/resources.html>) In Chapter Ops, you'll find detailed information on how to run the chapter, from officer duties to committees, service, fundraising and recruitment projects to our hazing, discrimination and controlled substances policies. All officers – really all members – need to utilize this resource. In the GME, you'll find our policies again (because they are important!) and guidance on how to run your membership education program, plus great information that all members should know about the national level of the Sorority, our history, traditions and programs, along with some info on our Brother organization, Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Your chapter can have a consistent email address. See the information in the Chapter Operations Handbook for more info. Get your account activated, and just have it forwarded to an officer. Be sure to change the forwarding as your officer corps changes! Let your district and national leadership know that you've made the change by updating your info in the Chapter Directory (see the National website) and using the new address on any reports you fill out (Fall Activity Report and Chapter Summary Report).

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- To contact your District Council and Counselor easily, you can simply email all of us through our group email address: mwdcouncil@tbsigma.org.
- You can find your district and national officers and events like national and district convention on Facebook Do a search!

These are just a few of the great resources you'll find online. Please be sure that at least one member of your chapter subscribes to the District Listserv and the Moderated National Listserv. This is a great thing for your Corresponding Secretary. The member who subscribes needs to be sure to update the chapter on important announcements from the listservs.

If you have trouble finding information, please let me know, and I'll do my best to help you. I want you to excel, and exploring the above resources often can help!

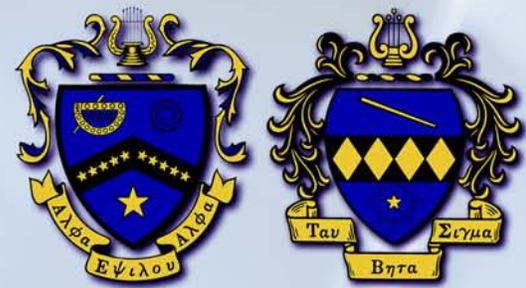
Love in the Bond,
Wendy

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MWD Convention 2009: Kansas State University, April 3-5!
National Convention 2009: Phoenix, Arizona, July 21-26! Get excited!

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Hello All,

It is that time of year again. The weather is starting to get warmer and summer is getting closer by the day. Which makes sitting in a stuffy classroom that much harder. But even though you might not be looking forward to classes, we can look forward to....CONVENTION!!

I'm sure that you have all been busy with pre-convention preparations as well as your regular chapter functions. I know at Theta Mu, there is hardly ever a dull moment. On February 28th, we hosted the Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Spring Summit and it was a blast. We had the pleasure of welcoming, our Midwest District Counselor Wendy McCann, Midwest District President Jason Dornbush, Midwest District VPSP Mackenzie Cochran, as well as active members John "Ziggy" Ziegler from Missouri University of Science and Technology and Jo-Jo from University of Northern Iowa.

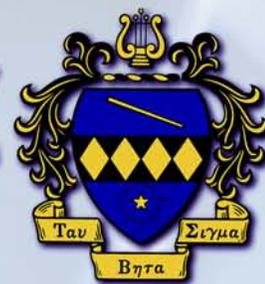
We started the day off with donuts and workshops. Then before we went to lunch we got to practice singing our songs. After lunch we went to a Tri-City Storm hockey game all decked out in purple and white. As a "thanks for coming gift", Theta Mu supplied purple bandanas and paint so that people could decorate if they wanted to. As a group we made friends with a Storm fan in our section. She let us use her Storm fan gear including flags, signs and of course cowbells. So with our purple bandanas and borrowed fan gear, we helped cheer the Tri-City Storm to victory. After the game we went to dinner and then it was back to UNK to wrap up the day with leadership games and fun. I know that our chapter not only enjoyed hosting the event but, we also learned some things too. We were able to take the things we learned and use them to help improve our chapter. So thank you for all that made this event a success.

Not only have we been keeping busy with hosting summit, we have also been using our service to help our music department in anyway needed. We have also recently experimented with one of our local high schools. (Don't worry no chemicals were involved just instruments and lots of fun). We decided as a chapter to go play with the high school's pep band at one of their basketball games. In turn we invited the Senior band members (since we wouldn't be able to accommodate the whole band) to play with our pep band at one of our basketball games. We received great feedback from not only students but from the faculty that were involved as well. It was a fun experience for both the high school and the college students.

Well it's about time for me to close but there is one very important thing I must mention... Midwest District Convention 2010! The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Kappa Kappa Psi chapter, Iota Psi and Tau Beta Sigma chapter, Theta Mu would love to make your next year's district convention one you will never forget. Midwest Mascot Mystery Mayhem, or what we like to call M^4, would be a weekend with a continuous game of "Who done it?" There will also be even more fun to be had with other games such as a life size billiard game. So when you're thinking where you want to go next year for convention, please keep Kearney, Nebraska in mind.

But until then, I can't wait to see you all in Manhattan, Kansas because it is sure to be a blast.
ENTHUSIASM!

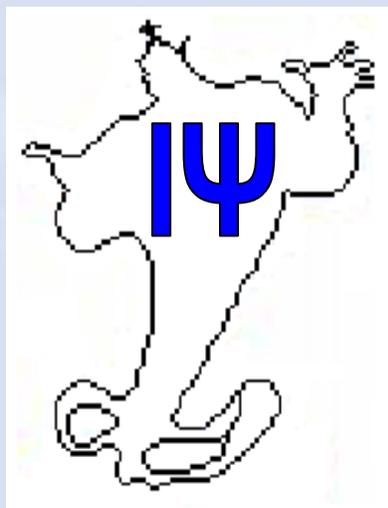
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Tau Beta Sigma-Theta Mu
University of Nebraska at Kearney



Midwest Mascot Mystery Mayhem

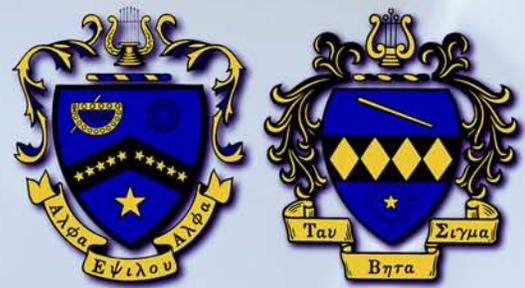
The Theta Mu chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and Iota Psi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi are excited to welcome you to the University of Nebraska at Kearney for the 2010 Midwest District Convention!! We're certain you'll have a mysteriously good time at The Midwest Mascot Mystery Mayhem district convention.

Our theme, "Midwest Mascot Mystery Mayhem" or M4 as we like to call it, will take the district through a weekend of unity building, chapter bonding, and mascot misplacement fun. Be ready for a weekend exploring different rooms in our Mystery Mansion. The weekend activities will keep you guessing, "Who-Dun-It?". Whether deciphering clues as to which mascot is missing or relaxing in the lounge, we're sure you'll have a great time furthering your bonds with brothers and sisters from all over the district.



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April 15

Postmark Deadline for National Intercollegiate Band audition tapes
Deadline for applications to the ΚΚΨ Keynote Speaker Contest

May 1

Postmark Deadline for articles being submitted to the Fall 2009 issue of [*The PODIUM*](#)

June 1

Postmark Deadline for submitting the 2009 Chapter Delegate Form
Postmark Deadline for Chapter Summary Reports
Deadline for the Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees Scholarship Application

June 7

Postmark Deadline for submitting the 2009 Letter of Proxy

June 15

Postmark Deadline for the 2009 National Convention registration forms.
No refunds will be available and forms submitted after this date will incur a 25% late fee.

July 1

Only on-line and on-site registration for the 2009 National Convention will be accepted at this point.
Deadline for notifying the National Headquarters of any donations being made to the 2009 National Convention Silent Auction

July 19-21

National Intercollegiate Band
2009 District Leadership Conference, Phoenix, Arizona

July 21-25

National Convention at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, Phoenix, Arizona