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## **Submissions from Nationals**

### **TALKING BACK TO BULLIES: Preserving the Honor of the Fraternity**

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

This is an article that sickens me to write.

I would like to be writing about the history of college band, your great band accomplishments, or the Brothers and Sisters I've enjoyed meeting lately. There are so many beautiful aspects of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Unfortunately, a few are scarring the legacy of all of our Brothers over the years.

Hazing is wrong. There is no excuse.

Several excuses have been offered to us in recent days, so let's go through them:

**HAZING TOUGHENS CANDIDATES:** For what exactly? I have heard in a recent podcast that this can prepare people to fight other bands. This concept violates our purposes in a very direct way. Rather than fighting bands, one important foundational purpose of Kappa Kappa Psi is to bring bands together.

**HAZING IS A GOOD TEACHING TOOL:** Hazing teaches candidates hatred, as well as direct hazing techniques. It does not serve as an incentive to learn information or skills. Sure, someone will memorize a list to avoid more trouble for a time, but if they remember that information in the future, it will forever be associated with the hazing. I, for one, do not want our landmark dates or our special Brothers we learn to be associated with hazing.

**THE HAZING POLICY IS FLAWED BECAUSE I KNOW SOMEONE WHO LIKES TO DO NUMBER X:** What people do in their own lives, apart from pressure of others, is quite one thing. What they are coerced to do in order to gain or retain membership is our business. All the legalese in the world will not take away this coercive fact.

**HAZING FIXES PAMPERED STUDENTS:** Really, do you want to be the one to call the mother and tell her that her child is hospitalized because you were fixing her parenting? "Fixing" the parenting of others is not our work. If someone is not ready for Kappa Kappa Psi, the correct answer is not hazing, but rather to not select that person for membership.

**HAZING IS CULTURAL:** I am happy that some of our greatest leaders in our society didn't fall back on this excuse. (Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. received a lot of resistance as well.) Start being leaders in fixing any culture that allows hazing, if one even exists. If you can't be a leader in the culture, did hazing really toughen you in the ways you claim?

**THERE NEEDS TO BE DUE PROCESS:** The National Council does investigate before acting. That said, where was the due process for the first hazing act you put candidates through? Or the second? Or the third? Did you ask them about the impact on them before you proceeded? Did you care about them at all?

**FAMILY DOESN'T EXPEL:** Family doesn't beat those who can't talk back. Someone who beats should be removed from future contact, whether in a nuclear family or in KKPsi.

Why expel the members in chapters involved in severe hazing? Two reasons:

- (1) Because the National Council saw the tendency when we didn't do so for these people to show up at other chapters, events, and conventions, and work to recruit others to their way of behavior. Some of the messages on the unmoderated list give you a taste of the kind of bullying behavior that goes with this belief system.
- (2) When things rise to this level, all in the chapter are involved in some fashion, even if they are just pretending not to know and are letting these candidates experience this behavior at someone else's hands. Outsourcing the hazing doesn't make it less the individual's responsibility. These people simply should never be labeled as Kappa Kappa Psi again.



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When severe incidents occur, often people will cover for others or pretend not to know what is happening. In those cases, there is a willingness to allow others to haze that is as much a violation of our Ritualistic values as direct participation.

Ask yourself this: If the action you are doing results in injury that needs immediate care, do you try to delay medical treatment so nobody will find out what is going on, rather than take the candidate directly to the hospital? Do you ask the candidate to stay silent or make up a story? If either of these is true, you already know what you are doing is wrong.

I wish none of us never had to worry about these things. I cannot help but wonder about the welfare of candidates who confront hazing at any level. In all of the talk about "family" that hazers like to do, they don't care for those who need the most care -- a key responsibility of family. That lack of regard sickens me. As time passes, the pattern is that they will lean on these folks to try to appeal to get the charter back. I find this cynical and disgusting.

Folks, it is time to focus on our purposes, and to articulate them to all who speak to the contrary. To shirk is to betray the trust.

### Got Goals?

Meredith Brazzell  
Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Field Representative

#### Spring 2008 Goals

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Chapters are progressing only when they are looking forward. Here's a project for you: as a group, determine three goals you want your chapter to accomplish by the end of this school year, three goals by the end of next school year, and three goals by the year 2013. These can relate to service, music, leadership, anything! Write them down and put them in prominent places so you will refer to them when making decisions!

#### 2008-2009 Goals

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### 2009-2013 Goals

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### TBΣ CDP!

Melanie Meehan  
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

What is TBΣ CDP? The Capital Development Campaign (CDP) is for development of the Trust Fund, which supports the valuable long-term programs of the Sorority. Development is an effort that touches all aspects of our organization, from our current membership to alumni, to even those who are friends of our Sorority. As an Active Member, you can contribute to the growth and prosperity of our Trust Fund through your everyday activities:

#### GoodSearch to Support TBΣ

Everyone searches the Internet! Designate Tau Beta Sigma as your cause at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and start using this Yahoo! powered search engine every time you search the Internet. The Sorority earns \$0.01 for each search designated to Tau Beta Sigma.

#### Join the Tau Beta Sigma Cause on Facebook

Everyone is a member of Facebook! OK, so that's not entirely true, but wouldn't it be amazing if every TBΣ member was linked to our Cause on Facebook? 770+ members have joined since our launch in November 2007. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and join the Cause today. With your help, we can recruit alumni, friends and other active members to support TBΣ.

#### Shop to Support TBΣ

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### Can you do more?

#### **Purchase a Scholarship Tribute Pin**

Contribute \$10 to the Board of Trustees Scholarship Fund by purchasing one of the few remaining 2007 Limited Edition Commemorative Pins at your District Convention. This pin makes a wonderful gift for bigs, littles, honoraries...though once you see it, you'll want one for yourself.

### Go Life!

Over 900 Active members are eligible to become Life Members today. Are you one of them? (Hint: If you're graduating this year, then the answer is YES!) Life Membership is a very important way for you to participate in the future of our Sorority. Download the Life Membership Application at [www.tbsigma.org](http://www.tbsigma.org) and apply today.

Anything you CAN do is appreciated. The most important part is that we EDUCATE our members, alumni and friends on the importance of giving back to this wonderful organization (when you can). Make a commitment to being a part of the Legacy of TBΣ today.

## Balancing Act

Deena Smith

Tau Beta Sigma National VP for Communication & Recognition

You wear so many hats: college student, band member, Sister of Tau Beta Sigma. You're probably also involved in other things –holding leadership positions in various campus organizations, participating in religious activities, maintaining personal relationships. All this and you still find time to maintain a good GPA! People always say, “When do you find time to do it all?” Whether you feel drained or invigorated, you simply smile and keep going.

You stay involved because you enjoy being busy. Or you do everything because you figure it will never get done if **you** don't do it. Whether you have a heart for service or you're just a busy body – here are some strategies that will help you balance it all. After reading this article, I hope you will have some tips to help you make the most of the 525,600 minutes we are granted each year. Three important tools of time management / keeping sane for busy college students are (1) Setting goals, (2) Learning to Delegate, and (3) Implementing Realistic Scheduling.

Think about your regular schedule and identify the longest day of your week. Take a sheet of paper and draw a large circle that represents this day. Now, draw smaller circles inside the large one to show your commitments. In each smaller circle, write the name of each class, rehearsal, study group, meeting, or hours at work that you have on that day. Still have room? Now draw circles for and label the other things you have going on. Is it someone's birthday? Will you have a paper due? Do you have to meet with an advisor or talk with someone in administration? Still have room? Or are you drawing circles on top of each other... have some circles expanded beyond the borders of the original sphere?

Now take a look and think about what you are really doing with your days? Can some things be combined, scaled back, or eliminated all together? You are in college to get an education and position yourself for a great life AFTER this brief time in school. Make the most of your collegiate experience by studying hard, participating in meaningful activities, making friends, and creating great memories. Although college life might seem like a whirlwind, don't get so caught up that you don't enjoy yourself, and don't run so fast that you miss what's going on around you. You CAN do it all, if you prioritize and follow the three steps of setting goals, delegating responsibilities, and setting a realistic schedule.

Go beyond making lists, but set goals and a plan of action for achieving each one. For example, a goal might be to complete a project so you can present it on a certain date in class. To achieve that goal, you'll need to perform research, purchase supplies, create a PowerPoint, make copies for handouts, etc. You have a goal and now know the steps to complete to achieve that goal. Set a timeline and plan of action. If you break your overall goal down into steps, you will see instead of “April 17: Project Due” your calendar will have a series of steps and due dates that correspond with completing the project. Take it a step further and perform short-term and long-term planning for your classes and Chapter on a regular basis. Review and adjust these plans as necessary.



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Whether it's a class project or you're in charge of a fundraiser for the Chapter, learn to delegate responsibilities and keep your counterparts in the loop. Use this as a courtesy to make sure no one is overloaded, but also as an accountability / continuity tool. What if you're the president or a committee chair and you get sick? Does that mean everything comes to a standstill, or have you previously delegated and involved your officers enough so the ball can keep rolling? As a leader, it is your responsibility to offer focused guidance and work towards a shared vision – not to micromanage. Everyone in the chapter should be taking ownership of its programs and activities, so no one person is worked to death. Being a leader doesn't mean having your hands in everything. Assign tasks, provide direction, set due dates, and keep it moving!

Finally, you should implement realistic scheduling. Yes, there are 24 hours in a day, but can you get everything you need to get done in a day? Know what the day holds by reviewing all of your upcoming commitments and events for the day in the morning. Do things hang over or drag on beyond your intended schedule? If you try detailed goal-setting, your scheduling will be much more effective. Don't be afraid to use the calendar function on your cell phone. Synchronize your written calendar and electronic calendar / PDA on a regular basis so nothing slips through the cracks. Also have a Plan B to deal with life when conflicts arise (scheduling, personal, etc), your car might break down, or if you happen to get stranded somewhere due to weather. Plan your travel routes to be productive. Don't waste time by running back and forth from place to place. There is more to scheduling than plopping events on a box in your planner. The ultimate step in effective time management / maintaining sanity for busy college students is to schedule enough time in between activities and deadlines to allow room for error.

On those long days, how do you feel when you wake up? How do you feel as you keep going? And what's on your mind when you (finally) get back to your bed and can crash for a few hours before you have to start it up all over again? Remember your main circle from the exercise above... how much can you really cram into a day? Try keeping a calendar, updating it regularly and allowing time in between engagements. Don't run things together so close that there's no cushion. Think about what really keeps you going, and don't over extend yourself! Share the load and delegate - it promotes a sense of ownership and allows more people to be responsible for the outcome of that project. Live up to your commitments by being a person of character. Honor yourself and those around you by giving your 100% to the activities and organizations that rely upon you. However, don't be afraid to say no. If you feel yourself being worn down or stretched too thin, step back. There is nothing wrong with scaling back or rotating responsibilities. The key is not to prioritize what is on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.

### **Tau Beta Sigma Recruiting Best Practices**

Dollie O'Neil

Tau Beta Sigma, National VPCM

Here is a fundamental breakdown of tips your chapter can do, evaluate and review for your recruiting practices.

- **Personality:** Are you personable? Are you fun to be around? Being fun, personable, or simply polite can be a great tip in trying to recruit for new members. Let's face it, most people like to be around fun people whether it is in an organization or even later down the road in their career. Creating a positive work environment and being personable to potential members can be very powerful in the first step of their interest.
- **Benefits:** What is in it for your member? Not everyone thinks this way of "what is in it for me," but to be honest some people do think this way. I see a great benefit of being a member of Tau Beta Sigma. Service. Music. Friendship. Leadership. Involvement. Networking. Membership after college. The list goes on with all of the great membership. The best way to let your potential new members know about the benefits, are to physically show the great benefits and lead by example.
- **Promote:** Potential candidates need to know who you are, so creating a presence and promoting what your organization is all about is a great step of recruiting. No one will join if they don't know who you are. So the more they know about you, the organization, service, missions statement and what everything "is all about" will help your chances. The individual will then have the choice, but provide that choice for them. Provide the great information of what Tau Beta Sigma is all about.
- **Lead by Example:** Some of the best recruiting comes from when potential candidates watch all of the service and leadership provided by the chapter members. Everyone makes an impression one way or another, so ensure your chapter is making a good when in leadership roles & service provided to your bands.

**Tau Beta Sigma For Greater Bands!**



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### Fitting It All In

Dawn Farmer

Tau Beta Sigma National VPSP

In the Spring semester, our chapters tend to do more service projects. Since marching band dominates the fall semester in many of our schools, the lack of uniforms and equipment needs in this part of the year frees up time to pursue other activities. With more options, however, comes the problem with trying to balance all of what our chapters want *and need* to do. This article will help delineate the different types of projects and programs available and suggest ways to incorporate multiple levels of involvement.

At the most personal level, an individual chapter performs tasks unique to their band, music program, school, and community. Many schools have projects that are particular to their chapter. These projects may be tradition or brand new ideas brought to the floor by active members. Due to chapter size, location, funds, or other logistics, these activities vary greatly. I have seen chapters host high school band festivals, attend television show tapings, plant a garden at a school, and participate in a Breast Cancer Walk, among many other things. These chapters, like most of our schools, have core ideals and projects that are meaningful to the members of their group.

Then there are also district-level programs. The Sisters that have been elected to district office by the Active membership have projects and goals that reach beyond the scope of one school and encompass several schools in a region. These leaders have chosen projects that will shape and strengthen the quality of their district. Such district projects are communicated through listservs, emails, Facebook, and the mail. Many of these projects are advertised and communicated in these district newsletters (so read the whole thing! ☺). Your district council has worked hard to create activities that benefit the Sisterhood and help unite the District in a common goal. If you are not sure what your district is doing in regards to projects and programs, email them and ask.

And finally there are projects that are carried out on a National level. The NVPSP creates programs that all chapters in the entire nation are asked to participate in. These events support the Ideals of Tau Beta Sigma and many times answer the expressed desires of Active members. Some projects carry over from biennium to biennium and some are short-term programs. The needs of TBS dictate the shape of such projects. Right now, National Level Projects include the Scouting for Music Program in which chapters work with area Girl Scout Troops and Composing Our Future which is a search for a new additional official song for the Sorority. These two are the current 'biggies' for National Projects.

Now it is your task as a chapter to find ways to 'fit it all in.' When planning the semester or year events, take into consideration the needs of your chapter as well as the district and nation. Find ways to balance tradition with new ideas. Are there ways for district events to go alongside with chapter or national activities? Can a chapter combine one local program with ideas from a national program? Be creative and think outside the box. Most importantly, though, is to not try to do *everything*. Larger chapters that can delegate more committee work may find it easier to complete more programs, especially if every member is not responsible to participate in every activity. Smaller chapters, however, may have a more difficult time doing every project under the sun. If your chapter is having issues with balance, start with selecting one project from each level (chapter, district, and national) that you would like to participate in. Then, if you have room, prioritize based on the interests of the Active members. With a little work and thought, there are definite ways to incorporate all levels of service into your chapter.

I wish everyone a solid and project-filled semester! If you have any questions or comments regarding programs/projects, please feel free to contact me at [dawn@tbsigma.org](mailto:dawn@tbsigma.org). Yay band!

ITB,  
Dawn



## **Notes From Around the District**

### **A Year in Review**

Stacy Laue  
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So many days have gone by this year with snow storms blowing past and tests taken since Theta Mu has seen many of our sisters and brothers. We hope everyone has enjoyed this school year so far. My sisters and I are winding down from a fun-filled year serving our community and band.

Over the past two years we have been running an instrument drive. We contacted as many media sources as possible and asked the community for help collecting used instruments or good will donations. Outside of our local Wal-Mart, we played pep band tunes a few hours while members of the community brought their old instruments for us to use. In the fall semester, we wrapped everything up by fixing up all the instruments we were given and donated them to local schools that were in need of instruments for their music programs.

Theta Mu also adopted a family for the holidays. We all pitched in a little money so that we could provide the family with a Christmas they would never forget. We bought the children toys and educational items to be able to use for school. The mother also received gifts from our chapter. Each year we have done this because it is so humbling to see a family become so excited when opening presents. Our annual Christmas party took place right before finals week. Many sisters participated in a fun gift exchange game we play each year. With so many holiday activities, our fall semester was extremely busy.

This semester, we planned a joint service project with our brother Kappa chapter, Iota Psi. Theta Mu and Iota Psi were asked to help repaint our music stands. Members of both groups hope to make the stands look like new, as well as tighten up some other ones. In February, we also sponsored a band unity night at a local hockey game. The band was an instant attraction for the cameras. What can we say? We love band. Theta Mu has also been extremely excited about attending the MWD Convention coming up in a few weeks. 20 members will be in attendance. For many of our sisters, this will be their first convention. They can't wait to meet other Tau Beta Sigma members from around our district.

This year has turned out to be one of the best in Theta Mu's history. Marching Band went by in a blur, much to the dismay of many sisters. Our holiday concert was there and gone in a flash. Many sisters traveled to Wyoming to visit our sister chapter, Alpha Tau, for a weekend. Now it is close to the end of the semester and we are all getting ready for convention while trying to finish up class projects.

From all the sisters of Theta Mu, we wish everyone a stress-free end of the semester and look forward to meeting everyone soon!

### **Team Efforts**

Vanessa Macias Palomar  
Vice President of Service, Kappa Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi

Brothers,

Recently, the University of Omaha was asked to host the College Band Directors National Association North Central Divisional Conference. Our sponsor, Dr. James Saker asked the Kappa Iota chapter to assist with the conference. We were given a rough copy of the schedule and needs for the conference. I was pretty much put in charge of it, and I felt a bit stressed. However, I was relieved when our chapter pulled through and truly acted as a team. A few of us did more work than others, but if it was not for the help of every individual -- including the PMs -- the whole event could have been much more stressful and could have ended up quite disorganized and confusing for all participants. However, with everyone working together and sacrificing hours and hours (especially our president who worked closely with Dr. Saker about every day), we made the whole event go through without a problem.

I was happy when we had a problem of too many helpers and not enough jobs. (That is one of the best problems to have!) I just wanted to stress the importance of team work. Nobody complained afterwards about helping more than another person. Nobody complained during the time about people not showing up to do their job. Everybody had a job to do, and everybody



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did it. Everyone was eager to help out and make this a successful and educational event.

Imagine what each chapter could accomplish (even with much smaller service projects) if everyone entered into the project without reservation. I was also the third reader for third degree. If you all remember, we are to enter into a life of service and duty cheerfully and willingly, even at personal sacrifice. Our presence and help are sorely needed, and not everyone realizes just how important they are to the success of a chapter. Just remember brothers, teamwork can make a chapter stronger. Teamwork will help us strive for the highest!

### **Blueprint for a Rockin' Road Trip.**

Matt Thompson  
Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer  
Kappa Kappa Psi- Beta

Hey Brothers, over the last five years I have accumulated over 8,000 miles in college road trips. Traveling from Montana I have visited many states and numerous chapters, neat places, and brothers. So I had been thinking of what to write about for this edition of the Notes, and I realized that road trips were a perfect topic. Here are some of my thoughts on what really makes a good road trip, and a break down of the types of trips I've been on.

#### 1) No destination!

With this type of trip you just get in the car and drive. See where the road takes you and enjoy the trip! Set a day, drive as far as you can by that day; then work your way back. Stop to see the sights. The best part of this trip is the spontaneity. Don't make any plans, just go. Feel like stopping at the Corn Palace? Wall Drug? The World's Largest Ball of Twine? Go for it!

#### 2) The Whirlwind!

With this type of trip the goal is to visit the most of something you can in a set time. How many Kappa or Tau Chapters can you visit in a week? I set the bar at 11 as a freshman. Let me know if you can do better. The charm of this trip is that you feel like you have achieved something when you are done. Not to mention the great stories you get from driving for three straight nights.

#### 3) The Destination!

This trip is all about one thing, the final destination. Your only reason to go on this trip is where you are going. Headquarters, Convention, a Chapter Visit, or an Away Game. All of these make for a good Kappa themed trip.

#### Matt's Accumulated Travel Tips!

- 1) Have a spare set of keys. Nothing kills a road trip like calling the locksmith while in a city you don't know.
- 2) Know what the weather is where you are going, and in between. Nothing is more awesome than looking like an Eskimo in 60 degree weather.
- 3) Cell-phone charger. 'Nuff said.
- 4) Bring a tent. KOA Kampgrounds can put people up for around \$16 a night. This helps save more money for gas.
- 5) Always have a camera near. You never know what weird things you will see, or what your travel buddies will do! Sleeping people are great victims!
- 6) Tunes! A good trip becomes a GREAT trip when it has a rockin' soundtrack. Would *Easy Rider* have been as good without the music? I submit to you that it would not.
- 7) Pick your travel buddies wisely. Remember, you are going to be around them for the duration of your trip. Most likely you will not be able to escape them. This can either enhance your friendship, or tear it apart.
- 8) Go somewhere you have never been! Why go to Padre Island for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time for spring break, when you can visit somewhere new and exciting.
- 9) Brothers and Sisters everywhere are willing to bunk someone for a night, or show you their town. They can tell you the neat - local places to eat.
- 10) A cooler in your car is your best friend! Even better than squeezing that fourth person into the car is squeezing a cooler filled with cold drinks and sandwich meats. Not only does this help reduce stops, it reduces cost. You can buy drinks in bulk and make your own sandwiches, much cheaper than McDonalds and it can be fun too!



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- 11) Create a road trip tradition for your chapter/ friends. Here at Beta, all of our cars must have a nickname. We have had "Ol' Blue", "HMS Dorn's Mom", "Car-force One", "The Van" (Ok, some are not so imaginative, but it works), and my car "The Prairie Schooner".
- 12) Imagine games to keep you entertained. We made our own version of *Apples to Apples* called "Kappas to Kappas". Some note cards and crayons are all you need. A list of Kappa and band related terms, along with some of our favorite adjectives created hours of fun. Try this one at home!
- 13) Most of all, personalize your trip. Find something creative about your trip that will create memories for a lifetime!

AEA,  
Matt Thompson  
Road Trip Aficionado

### What should I bring to District Convention?

Wendy McCann  
MWD Counselor

Tau Beta Sigma Members - have you packed for convention yet? (MWD Convention, Cedar Falls, Iowa; April 18-20!). Ok, well maybe not yet, but there are some things you should be preparing now, in order to be ready for convention!

In addition to clothes, munchies, and the regular travel stuff, don't forget:

- 1) Yourself and all of your chapter members (better company on the road trip AND gets you more points for awards!)
- 2) Chapter Report (a summary of the year-on disk & printed): send this to Amanda Clark at [mwdsectreas@tbsigma.org](mailto:mwdsectreas@tbsigma.org) ahead of time!
- 3) Chapter or Joint Display
- 4) Chapter or Joint Scrapbook & other pages
- 5) Award Applications
- 6) Directions & hotel info (<http://www.uni.edu/studentorgs/kkyetapi/convention.htm>)
- 7) Your instrument for Reading Band (DO IT! Tons of fun!) or your spirit for the Guard Clinic
- 8) Membership Card (for check-in at registration)
- 9) Chapter Mascot (Keep it close so it doesn't get "lost"!)
- 10) Camera
- 11) Travel games for the car/bus
- 12) Your Enthusiasm & Spirit!

See you soon!

Questions? Contact your District President, Carissa Hanschu ([mwdpres@tbsigma.org](mailto:mwdpres@tbsigma.org)) or Counselor ([wmccann@tbsigma.org](mailto:wmccann@tbsigma.org)).

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### District Convention 2008

Jeff Waldschmitt, President - Eta Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi  
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Hello Midwest District!

Your 2008 Convention Host Chapters of Tau Beta Sigma Zeta Nu and Kappa Kappa Psi Eta Pi are very excited to see you in a little over a week in Cedar Falls, IA! We've been extremely busy planning this year's convention and we are certain you will all have a great time.

We have a lot of the traditional happenings of District Convention happening this year, as well as a few new things. As you may know from your registration packets and posts on the listserv, we are starting a new "Block Party" event. District officer candidates and chapters bidding for convention, publications, or awards will be on display for you to check them out and ask questions. The goal is for this to be much more fun and interesting than sitting in a meeting would be. We hope you agree!

On Friday night, we hope you have your pie throwing arm warmed up as we will be hosting a pie throwing contest immediately following the concert. Bring money and your aim so you can throw those pies at District and National officers, directors, sponsors, or anyone else who doesn't mind a pie in the face! All proceeds from this event will be used to help YOU go to future conventions! Following dessert, there will be a poolside viewing of the *Blues Brothers*, the movie that inspired our theme for the weekend. There will also be a lounge set up for people who just want to chat or play games.

Between meetings and workshops on Saturday afternoon, you can look forward to a few of the University of Northern Iowa's chamber ensembles performing in a series of Lobby Concerts. There will be a brass quintet, tuba-euphonium quartet, and a couple others for your musical enjoyment! Saturday night will be ritual and banquet. After dinner, UNI's own, Jazz II, will be performing music from the *Blues Brothers* and other big band charts.

We hope you are all as excited about coming to UNI as we are about having you! Good luck to those running for District Office or those chapters bidding for convention, publications, or any awards. Please drive safely next week so we that we can see you all on April 18!

In the Bonds,  
Jeff Waldschmitt  
Jason Dornbush

### Mackenzie Cochran

Theta Mu – MWD VPM, Tau Beta Sigma

Hello to all Sisters and Brothers of the Midwest District,

I just wanted to say I hope everyone's semester is going amazing. I can't wait to see everyone at convention. I wanted to also thank the sisters of Theta Mu for all their support this past year. As I wind down my term as TBS VPM, I also wanted to thank the rest of the council, THIS YEAR HAS ROCKED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I will keep this short and sweet, because I'm sure everyone is really busy finishing up the semester. (Or possibly getting ready for convention)

As you're getting ready to pack for convention, we have a couple suggestions for what to wear to find your brothers and sisters:

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>: Wear your letters to find other sisters and brothers.

Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>: Wear your District Apparel to show your MWD Pride.

Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>: SCHOOL PRIDE!!! Wear your university apparel to show your school spirit.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE IN JUST A FEW DAYS IN CEDAR FALLS!!

LITB,  
Mackenzie Cochran



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### **Bearcats Ring in the New Year in London**

Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi

Caryl Terry, Alumni Relations Officer of KKY – Kappa Delta

The Kappa Delta chapter at Northwest Missouri State University spent some of their winter break in London, England this winter, staying from December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Bearcat Marching Band was invited to march in the New Years Day Parade and the Northwest Wind Symphony along with the Northwest Jazz Ensemble was invited to perform as part of the Gala Concert series. This is the first international appearance of these ensembles ever. Northwest is also the only university from the United States that participated in the parade.

Besides performing in the parade and concert series, members of all three ensembles traveled to Oxford, Windsor, and Hampton Court Palace. Also, free time was given to students to see the sites around London.

In order to help raise funds for the trip, our chapter came up with some fundraising ideas. Our first fundraising option was providing clothing for students, parents, and supporters of the Bearcat Marching Band. This included windbreaker jackets, T-shirts featuring a “Ring in the New Year With Big Ben” design, and Bearcat Marching Band parent shirt. Another product sold was a cookbook filled with recipes submitted by brothers and other band members. Also, on October 12, 2007, we held a Big Band Dance, which was a great success. While the Northwest Jazz Ensemble played swing music hits like “In the Mood” and “Pennsylvania 6500,” students and community members were dancing and having a good time. The chapter raised over \$600 from the dance and donations are still coming in to support our bands.

Overall, everyone seemed to have a great experience on this trip, and we hope to do more trips in the future.

Our chapter has upcoming events for the rest of the semester that you all are welcome to attend. On Friday April 11, 2008, we will be initiating ten prospective members as actives of the Kappa Delta Chapter in the ritual of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. This begins at 8 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theatre on Northwest’s campus. The following day, April 12, we are having our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beef, Buns, and Balls softball game and cookout. This starts at 4 p.m. If you are interested in attending any of these events and need a place to stay please contact myself at [s276645@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:s276645@nwmissouri.edu) or our chapter president, Kyle Dreessen at [s270103@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:s270103@nwmissouri.edu). I look forward to meeting some of you at convention!

### **Are YOU Ready? We are. We are on a mission for music!**

Zeta Nu, Tau Beta Sigma

Hello sisters and brothers of the MWD. We hope everyone is ready or getting ready for an electrifying convention in Cedar Falls, Iowa. We know it is a very busy time in the year when you are cramming an entire semesters worth of work in to four weeks. With all that stress we want to send you friendly reminder that convention is April 18-20, 2008. Our chapter and the Eta Pi chapter of KKY have been extremely busy organizing the events. Some of which include a Float-In viewing of *The Blues Brothers*, a pie throwing fundraiser, and the addition of the MWD Blockparty.

In addition to planning for convention our chapter has participated in Bowling for Brest, and we helped our color guard, by purchasing and assembling racks for their flags. We are proud to congratulate our newest members: Larry Kirkland, Justin Simmons, Jacob Wessling, and Jennifer Miller. We also would like to congratulate Jennie Morton for her recent marriage to Mike Wood.

We look forward to many new memories and new friends when everyone travels to Cedar Falls this month.

Hope to see you all soon,  
Jason Dornbush  
President and Convention Cochairman  
Tau Beta Sigma, Zeta Nu  
University of Northern Iowa



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### **Jeff Waldschmitt**

President – Eta Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi

Greetings!

As you may have seen on the District Listserve and Facebook, I, Jeff Waldschmitt am running for the office of District President of Kappa Kappa Psi at this year's convention. I am very excited to be running as it has been something I've wanted to do for quite some time.

I believe a lot of good things have been happening in our district over the last few years and my goal is to continue that and take it to the next level. The stronger point of my platform is communication. I strongly believe that communication is what will bring this district together and help it grow. Last fall, I received a phone call from current District President, Emily Rogers. Emily was simply calling to see how things were going and just checking up on us. I appreciated this phone call and I'm sure others did as well. This is something I'd like to continue doing once in the fall and once in the spring. I plan on utilizing online resources such as the listserv, Facebook, e-mail, and instant messaging to keep in contact with chapters and other officers.

I also want to see as many people going to District and National events such as conventions, symposiums, and Region days as possible. I think events like these are sure-fire ways to get people fired up about Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, and band in general.

I plan on having my packet available on the web this week so that you may read more about me, my platform, experience, and the kind of references I've received. It will be available on [www.uni.edu/studentorgs/kkyetapi/convention](http://www.uni.edu/studentorgs/kkyetapi/convention).

As Chapter president at the University of Northern Iowa, I've been able to make a lot of changes and get our chapter much more involved in our band program and School of Music. I hope that you, the Midwest District, will give me the opportunity to do the same on a district level.

Thanks to those that have supported me thus far. I look forward to seeing everyone next week and good luck to everyone running for District office!

ITB and AEA,  
Jeff Waldschmitt

### **Jason Dornbush**

Zeta Nu, Tau Beta Sigma

My name is Jason Dornbush. I am from the Zeta Nu Chapter at the University of Northern Iowa. I would like to announce my candidacy for Tau Beta Sigma President of the Midwest District. This is my fourth year in Tau Beta Sigma. I am currently the Zeta Nu President and I would like to further my involvement in Tau Beta by serving as your MWD President. If you have any questions or would like an early copy of my bid packet, please do not hesitate to contact me. Through Facebook or email me at [jldornbu@uni.edu](mailto:jldornbu@uni.edu).