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MARCH EVENTS

**MARCH 7TH
ROSIE'S HOUSE SERVICE
PROJECT**

**9-16TH
SPRING BREAK**

**MARCH 22
ALAINA PETER'S
RECITAL
JENNY HUETL'S RECITAL**

**MARCH 22-30TH
SOUTHWESTERN
COLORGUARD
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MARCH 28-30TH
WESTERN DISTRICT
CONVENTION**

Hello from Beta Omicron!

BO has been hard at work this month, recruiting at local high schools, getting a prospective class through, and starting off their academic semester the right way. Brothers have gotten internships, performed concerts, cheered on a winning Women and Men's basketball team, and travelled all around the Western District.

This month we have decided to focus on our love for our fellow Brothers and Sisters. Since this month properly kicked-off District Season, we have had, and will have, plenty of opportunities to share the love.

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Many of us braved the weather this past weekend and travelled up to the rainy and snowy land of Flagstaff for Arizona State Days.

Committee Updates

Beta Omicron Doing Stuff

SERVICE:

The Beta Omicron service committee has certainly been hard at work this semester. With the new service plan for actives in play, the chapter has been engaged with various activities to foster a wholesome sense of service throughout the organization. Their goal as a committee during the spring semester is to heavily focus on high school musical outreach. The committee started off strong this semester by having actives visit local high school to help boost their music programs by showing kids the joy of band. In addition to these visits the service committee added BO manpower to the Brothers and Sisters of NAU to help them run the Arizona Music Educator's Association at the end of January. This committee clearly has been the heart of service inspiration and joint relation projects this past month, and I can't wait to see what's in store to come. Great job service committee, and keep ever striving.

-Jade Mirasol

BROTHERHOOD:

This past month, Brotherhood Committee has been hard at work putting on fun and exciting bonding events for the band and the chapter. One event that happened was Capture the Flag. Actives, prospectives, alumni, and band members all participated in a fun night of Capture the Flag on campus. Another big event brotherhood committee put on this month was a Facebook event. It was called "Bro-tines" Week in honor of Valentine's Day. People throughout the chapter shared memories, and pictures of things that happened or people that influenced them in becoming a brother. It even spread to brothers and sisters outside of the chapter and was a really touching experience.

Brotherhood committee has more things planned for later this semester, so be on the lookout for those!

-Sam "Mulan" Vest

HISTORIAN:

New year, new semester, new committee members! The 2013-2014 Historian Committee has been hard at work, from planning future social events throughout the semester and creating a family tree for Beta Omicron. Let's start by introducing members for this year's Historian Committee... Viviana

Zapata (Delta Kappa), the committee head. Bry Gardner (Delta Mu) heads secretary, and other members include James White (Delta Theta), Serena Kaua (Delta Mu), Brandon Chung (Delta Kappa), Jenny Huettl (Delta Mu), Heidi Hearter (Delta Mu), Jojo Younan (Delta Kappa), Madison Haase (Delta Mu), and introducing two Delta Nu prospective members. Shout out to Molly Housenga, and Elspeth Edgar! The committee has been hard at work this semester to bring a special gift for each new upcoming brother this year. Ritual of the Third Degree will be held on March 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Union of ASU. Among other things, committee is working on updating the BO scrapbook. Madison is upgrading and improving the family trees of Beta Omicron while Jenny is creating a slideshow to recruit students for the School of Music!

Archived information of ASU mascots are currently being reviewed for presentation to the chapter by Serena. And as always, the Historian Committee is focused on continuing documentation of service events, social activities, and archived artifacts. Check out next month's article and see what Artifact we will present!

-Edgar "RADAR" Martinez



**2014 DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
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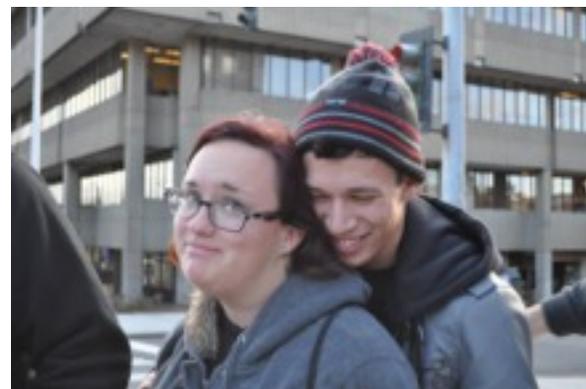


**Alison Stackhouse
Seattle**

This February I was lucky enough to travel to the 2014 District Leadership Conference hosted by the Gamma chapter of KKPsi at the University of Washington.

Although I was inspired by many different people, the ideas that I truly took away from the weekend were about Brotherhood. Two of our lovely District officers hosted a workshop about Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and the differences and similarities between KKPsi and Tau Beta Sigma.

Although our organizations have slightly different missions, we are united under the same honest bond that is so unique to groups such as ours. I became aware of how grateful I am for the Sisters in my life, and appreciated the fact that I have been able to create close relationships with Sisters despite the absence of our TBS chapter. I realized that I am incredibly lucky to be able to have such a large group of people that I can consider my extended family; a group that encompasses two fantastic organizations consisting of many wonderful people.





Madison Haase

Gamma Kappa's First Degree

On February 8, 2014 I had the great experience of attending Gamma Kappa's first degree with Tegan and Viviana, both also active brothers of Beta Omicron. After first degree was over we got to experience a joint degree with Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi (the Tau Beta Sigma sister chapter at NAU). This was a great experience for us because we don't have joint degrees because we don't have a Tau Beta Sigma sister chapter. Both Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi put through one prospective each. I thought it was very cool how each prospective gets a big brother and a big sister to guide them through the process. It was also very cool how after the degree both chapters came together to sing the joint hymn. I really enjoyed meeting all the brothers and sisters and seeing how they work together. I look forward to attending more degrees at other schools and especially joint degrees with Tau Beta Sigma chapters.

Stephanie "Rosie" Nawrocki

Velit: Esse Molestiae

Over the summer, I attended Southwest Corps Connection and had the opportunity to see Carolina Crown's Championship winning show live. Their show included Einstein on the Beach by Phillip Glass, a piece I hadn't heard in a very long time. It's the story of love. And while it may be about "two lovers sitting on a park bench," hearing my favorite quote from the piece reminded me instantly of my Brothers and Sisters.

"My love for you is higher than the heavens, deeper than Hades, and broader than the earth. It has no limits, no bounds. Everything must have an ending except my love for you."

This summer was very different from the one before it. I was on break from a different school, living in a

different city, and spending my time with different people. But even though so much changed, there was still a constant. That constant was the bond I share with a wonderful group of people. There are still moments when I miss my old chapters. I miss having a sister chapter and being able to see them regularly. I miss the "kids" that I watched go through after me. I miss having my family line at Degree with me. But when I miss them, I think of how lucky I am that I was able to transfer to a school with another chapter. One that was willing to accept me in heartbeat and make me feel like I belonged.

That is the thing that I love and hold most dear. That this bond spans across more than just the chapters we reside at. It crosses state and district borders to the Brothers and Sister you meet at events or ones you have never met that offer to help you or house you anyways. It's a unique bond that I am constantly grateful for and am so glad I am able to experience, especially in the way that I have. Transferring has taught me so much about our organization and people in general that I never would have learned otherwise. It has helped me become more open minded and made me think outside of how I normally would. Something I try to encourage in the people around me. All of this wouldn't have been learned without the love of a chapter I barely knew.

So even when we differ, don't get along, frustrate each other or are having a rough day, remember:

"My love for you is higher than the heavens, deeper than Hades, and broader than the earth. It has no limits, no bounds. Everything must have an ending except my love for you."

James White

Brotines

The brotherhood committee charged us with the task of showing off our brotherly love during the week of Valentine's Day. Each day throughout that entire week, we posted about a brother, from either BO or any other chapter, and we talked about them in relation to that day's specific topic. Topics included and were not limited to, throwback Thursday, wacky Wednesday etc. For those that are friends with all of us on Facebook, you may have seen the love being shared. People were posting about who they looked up to most, and pictures of simple wacky times with brothers.

So I just have to give my love to the brotherhood committee of Beta Omicron for not only helping show off our love for each other to the Western District, but helping us remember the definition of brotherhood. I'm very glad the pros were able to be a part of this, and were able to see the lovely chapter they are to enter.

Mark Almeida

Relationships

What I love most about Kappa Kappa Psi, as great as it feels to do service for the bands, is the relationships we hold with one another. I typically explain to our prospectives, that the thing that keeps me going more than any other is Brotherhood. It's a fancy little word that squeezes itself right in the middle of what is a friend and what is family; it's both. When I was rushing last year, I noticed something special within the band. I explain it as, "Although people may be on

opposite sides of the field during rehearsal, they are the closest of friends at home." You see baritone players matched as Big Brothers with saxophones, piccolos and mellophones, clarinets and trombones; and the list goes on! In my high school, you wouldn't normally see a saxophone hang out with a trumpet, because apparently they were arch rivals! In college, no one cares about anything from high school, and I love it the most when I see, what might appear to be very different people, get along so well.



Alyssa Hansen

Moments

As I'm sitting on my computer writing this article the day before it's due, I try to remind myself of what brotherhood or sisterhood is. Is becoming a "brother" or "sister" simply a title that you receive after going through degrees and taking classes?

The short answer is, no. We all know that. Duh.

But the long answer is this: Brotherhood or sisterhood can be defined by moments.

It's when you perform with your brothers and sisters on the football field during halftime. It's

that time you were having a bad day, and your brother decides to buy you an ice cream cone to make you smile. It's when you had to get a ride to the airport at four in the morning and your brother or sister woke up so that they could drive you. It's the inside jokes. It's the chapter meetings that run far too long. It's the Facebook posts. It's the coffee trips to Dutch Bros.

It's love. It's not the mushy annoying couples sort of love because that's gross. Brotherhood and sisterhood is straight up unconditional love that we have for one another. And when you have unconditional love for someone, you cherish it because it's special.

That's what brotherhood and sisterhood is.



Jenny Huettl Bry Gardner

Brotherly Love

Flashback to one year ago when I went through third degree with the Delta Mu class. I remember the chills that rushed over my body when our chapter gathered in a circle and sang Nationals. "I am a brother of KKPSI"... At that moment when I sang those lyrics, I finally participated in squeezing the hands of the brothers next to me. I remember the excitement I had realizing that I was now a member of this fraternity. I WAS NOW A BROTHER.

Becoming a brother of this fraternity was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

I love my brothers and I am so grateful for the support system, friendships, and memories that have come out of joining Kappa Kappa Psi.

One of my favorite memories that I had with a brother was traveling with Alaina Peters last summer to Belgium for the Belgian Clarinet Academy. Alaina and I stayed with the same host family and got to sightsee some really awesome places in Belgium. Not to mention we also got to study clarinet with some amazing professors! It was a wonderful experience getting to bond with Alaina overseas!



I am so thankful that I got to go through the Delta Mu process with other Music Education Major Prospectives: Alaina Peters, Anthony Manluccia, Kristina Misch, and Layson Heugly. Freshman year was very overwhelming, but luckily we took many of the same classes and supported each other through everything! I know that in our future years as educators we will all be there to still help a brother out!



My big, Karli Smith, is literally the most caring, supportive, and might I add beautiful person that I know. I look up to her still, even after becoming an active. She will always be my big brother and lifelong friend. I can only hope that I can pass on the tradition of being a big that I learned from Karli on to my current little Ashlyn Anderson. I am so excited for Ashlyn to go through third degree!!!! I am also very proud of her and all that she has accomplished throughout her prospective process.



I am going to miss many of the brothers who are going alumni after this semester is over with. For example, Mark Martinez and Kira Assad. The past two years getting to know them have been the best two years of my life. We have made so many wonderful memories and have shared way too many laughs! I love all of my brothers and look forward to making even memories!



Bry Gardner

Caught Up

As a busy college student, I find it distressingly easy to get caught up in my responsibilities to school and to my home life, and though these things, in many people's minds, are the top priorities in their young life, I have been realizing just how crucial it is to spend time bonding with my brothers.

Since arriving at the university, I developed an unfortunate tendency for pushing aside my personal life or isolating myself in attempts to cope with the stress of schoolwork, jobs, family issues, or any other obligations that have arisen since then. However, this proved as counter-productive and self-destructive as any other extreme to be reached in coping with stress.

The realization that I have slowly began to internalize is that I need the support and motivation from my peers in order to succeed in other areas of my life.

Occasionally, if I find myself with unexpected free time, as well as enough energy and good mood to spare, I'll go out with my brothers, even if just for a little while. I'm always taken aback by how much love and support I can feel from just a few hours or even a few minutes spent with any of my brothers from Beta Omicron, and by comparison, just how often I am deny myself the happiness of a strong bond and ever present friendship with this group of incredible individuals.

By extension, I've learned that it is just as important to make a habit out of taking care of the priceless bonds with the people

in my chapter, as it is for putting time and effort into any other part of my life.



Brittney Moore

Love

Recently I have been thinking about how incredibly special our brotherhood is and how awesome it is that we are all connected by something as beautiful as music. When third degrees for Beta Omicron role around, it always makes me super nostalgic and I think about all the memories and experiences I have been afforded because of this organization and also from being apart of the Sun Devil Marching Band.

I never would have imagined that in my college career my life would have been so full of adventure, love and happiness. That feeling of what it was like to be given your bid, or going through each degree. Learning the greek alphabet and doing your class projects. Then being able to watch the degrees for the first time as a new active. How excited you were to go to band camp (at least I always

am...mostly) because it was the first time you got to see your brothers in three months. Looking up at that EGT sign and being so proud to be standing on that field. Retreats, State Days, district events, basketball trips, band day and more.

Even in the times that are not so happy, which I'm sure you can picture too, I am still and always will be proud to be a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, because I have had the opportunity to serve one of the best bands in the nation. And I have been able to serve hand in hand with my best friends, my family, my brothers.

So my hope is that if you are an Alum, you look back and remember your times here fondly, and thank you for everything you taught us and passed down. If you are active, remember that these will be some of the greatest memories of your life, so make them count, and help our new brothers make great memories of their own. And to our newest brothers, Delta Nu, remember that you get out of this experience what you put in, so give it your all and you will have one of the most rewarding times of your life.

Thank you to all of the brothers who have made an impact on my life and who have been apart of all my favorite memories. I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to be apart of this organization.



Kappa Kappa Psi-Beta Omicron

Kaila Shaw



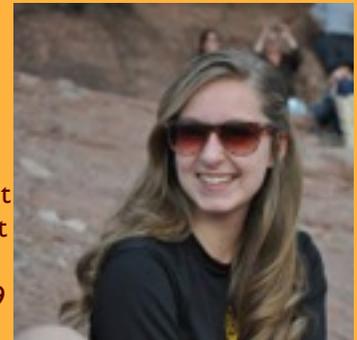
Good afternoon, or こんにちは!

I'm a freshman prospective member and my major is Global Health. I want to add a concurrent degree of Japanese. The Japanese culture is extremely fascinating to me, as is the Health field. I want to travel abroad to Japan and hopefully live there for a year. At the end of my college career, I want to be a Hospital Administrator and run a hospital. I play the flute, which is my main instrument, and I play the alto sax in all the ASU bands that I'm in. Kappa Kappa Psi has been an amazing door opener for me because normally I'm very quiet when I first meet people. The Brothers have helped me transition to college life and I couldn't have made it through my first semester without them.

じゃあ、また or see you later!

Jackie Stokes

This is my second semester as a biomedical engineering major at ASU. I joined KKY because, like most freshman, I was incredibly shy and wanted an easy transition into college with plenty of people to connect with, and that is exactly what I got! I tend to take on an overwhelming amount of classes, but to keep myself sane I spend time with friends and take time out of my day to do things like hiking, crafting, and music. I love 80's movies, cats, and Spiderman (Tobey Maguire, not Andrew Garfield). I have a fat, orange kitty named Cheeto but unfortunately I had to leave him at home in Anthem. The most difficult part about moving into the dorms on campus was leaving my little brother, who means the world to me. My main instrument is the alto saxophone which I have played for 9 years, but I switched to mellophone just before band camp this year because I wanted to march brass, but next year I plan to learn trombone and march that!



Nathan Nawrocki



I'm 20 years old, 21 in August, I am a Junior (apparently little known fact) and an Economics major. I play Mello for Marching but have been playing flute since 4th grade. I have a mildly gigantic addiction to Game of Thrones, Disney movies, and chocolate. I mean if I'm not talking about a Disney movie, Game of Thrones, or drum corps, then it's weird. Fun Fact: I was that idiot that played an extra note at the end of the opener in the band day show this year...yeah that was me. I also really like sports, and you will often see me getting very angry or excited at various games including all ASU athletics and Chicago sports teams. GO DEVILS!

Elspeth Edgar



My name is Elspeth Edgar and I am a member of the prospective class, Delta Nu. I attend Mesa Community College, majoring in Early Childhood Education with a minor in sustainability. After my scholarship is up I plan on attending ASU. I play clarinet in the marching band.

I am a Sophomore majoring in Design Management and minoring in Business. I'm from Las Vegas, Nevada, but eventually I plan on moving to New York City, where most of my family lives, to work for a magazine firm doing marketing, layouts, design, etc. I intend to explore my Italian and Irish heritage, by backpacking across Europe. I love fashion, handbags and shoes girl! My favorite television shows are The Vampire Diaries and Reign because they are drama and romance filled. As a hopeless romantic I want the characters to find their true love, just as I plan on finding mine one day. As an only child my main reason for joining KKPSI is to have people I can rely on and call Brothers. I enjoy service, working with local senior centers in Las Vegas to cook breakfast and volunteering to help clean local Tempe Libraries. As a member of the Fall and Winter Color Guard programs at ASU I enjoy expressing myself through music and movement. Joining the Sun Devil Marching Band was the best decision I made in college!!!

Kaitlyn Keating



Alex Porter



My name is Alex and I'm majoring in computer science with a minor in percussion performance. I'm a freshman and was in pit for marching band this year. I'm excited to become a brother because I love the people and the unique opportunities for service.

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WE ARE **COLLABORATIVE**

WE ARE **CONNECTED**

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