



BETA OMICRON

“We dedicate ourselves to the Sun Devil Pride”



Hello Alumni and welcome to Homecoming with the 101st edition of the Pride of the Southwest! It is my pleasure to present to you the October 2016 edition of the Beta Omicron Monthly Alumni Newsletter.

We are honored to have you here with us and happy to see familiar faces once again. Since the previous BOMAN in September Beta Omicron has had an eventful month: Brothers had helped host the very first Junior High Band night where

over 30 schools across Arizona attended, the prospective class of Delta Sigma was put through the ritual of First Degree, and Brothers, Prospectives and Alumni came together to host the 68th ASU Band Day.

For this BOMAN Brothers were asked to write about their greatest recovery moments in band and what Kappa Kappa Psi means to them. Alumni were invited to talk about how Kappa Kappa Psi has helped them now that they have graduated.

Thank you and welcome back

Nolan 'Pod' Coody



Stories from Brothers

My Running Partner “Beav”

One of my best recovery moments was catching my breath while regaining my passion for leadership and band. This recovery was inspired by one of the greatest section leaders of my high school career- a trumpet by the name of Joseph “Beaver”.

As a freshman starting my very first summer band camp, I was excited, intimidated and terrified at the same time. I have never been a very athletic person, so the prospect of marching hundreds of yards in the span of a few minutes was both inspiring and frightening. When my band began our daily jogging regimen, my heart fell to my stomach. As a former asthmatic, running and I did not have the greatest history and I was soon falling behind the pack.

Looking at the backs of your fellow marchers, with a growing distance between you, a person begins to reconsider their ability and decision to be in marching band. It is a moment of weakness that can lead to a life-changing decision. Then along came a “Beaver”.

I looked up in confusion trying to understand why Beav, the tall, athletic, trumpet section leader and senior, was slowing down to just to jog beside me. Beav just looked over at me and smiled, asking if I was doing alright. “I... Don’t... Run” I explained between huffs, still eyeing the growing

distance between the band and myself. Beav laughed and immediately reassured me that we were band nerds and that we did not run very well. Frustrated, I gave him a doubtful look. Beav just smiled and said that I would get better at it, suggesting that I try controlling my breathing to stay relaxed while running.

Never once did I feel judged or unwanted during my conversation with Beav. Instead, I truly appreciated his efforts to make me feel included, to remind me that I had not just signed myself up for torture in the sun- I had joined a family. By this time we had almost caught up with the rest of the band so Beav had to quickly return to his section at the front. Before he left though, he waved good-bye, and I said my thanks.

Trying to follow Beav’s advice I began to slowly recover my breath as well as my burning desire to be in band. From that point onwards I vowed to better myself so I never had to feel left out again - so I would deserve the kindness that I had received that day. Most importantly, I wanted to be better so that one day I could be the Beav in someone else’s life. Now, as I begin my journey as a first time Big, I hope that I can instill the bonds of Brotherhood and the importance of small acts of kindness into my Little the same way Beav did for me.

- Emily ‘RORRY’ Ford



My greatest recovery

In high school, we had a halftime performance during a decently ridiculous dust storm. Our show drill included a portion of the show where the color guard and trombones pass through one another. That set change always needed everyone focused and dialed in, but I'm sure you can understand how the words flag, windy, trombone slide, and close proximity all relate in this scenario. As we were in the middle of performing during this dust storm, my spit valve was randomly caught onto a color guard flag that someone was holding and unknowingly walking away with. I ended up following the color guard member for a few steps in the completely opposite direction that I needed to be going, and sporadically untangled my trombone from her flag while leaping back into my spot in the drill as everything was still moving and all. I look back on this as a funny experience, but in the moment I was caught off-guard and freaked out a tiny bit. Moral of the story, make sure ya'll are ready for anything and know how to best handle weird scenarios and always be able to look back on it all and laugh about it.

- Thomas 'BATT' Ramson

Hey Bros,

Kappa Kappa Psi has impacted my life in many ways. It has helped learn and improve leadership skills, how to communicate with others, organize different events and, it has also helped me make many life long friends. All of these skills that I have learned from this chapter will really help me once I graduate next semester. After college, I want to own my own successful cosmetics company. This would involve leading a team of people and being able to communicate with the people on the team. I am very grateful to this chapter for all the skills it has taught me and, I am really excited to see what the future holds for me.

- Erin 'RAP' Laughlin



Stories from Alumni

Expect Great Things and

Expect the Unexpected

I'd like to propose an amendment to our "Expect Great Things" saying. To be honest, after four years of being a part of the marching band and being a part of KKPsi it becomes commonplace or easy to expect great things. The hard part is when things don't go your way and when you try and try but you don't necessarily get the outcome you want. It's hard to expect the unexpected.

So here's my status update for what happened to me after I graduated from ASU in 2015. Immediately following graduation I was interviewed by Maker Studios, which is a Youtube/Social Media company owned by Disney. I cried when they offered me the internship! After three months of that internship and after doing my best everyday at work, they asked me to continue my internship for another three months, which means I interned for about six months. It was an amazing opportunity and a great experience. I expected great things of myself everyday and I contributed as much as I could to the company. Some would say I was a flawless intern *insert hairflip emoji here*.

When 2016 rolled around, I was half expecting there to be full time job offers. I thought that normally after interning, full-time positions just roll in and you would get hired right away. But unfortunately I learned the hard way that the entertainment industry can be incredibly fickle and it can be difficult to get hired full time. It was completely unexpected to me.

100's of job applications later, I realized the best thing for me to do was to go back to school. Honestly, I never wanted to pursue a degree past a Bachelor's but I realized that getting a Master's would be best for my career. Long story short, I enrolled back into ASU and I'm currently taking classes online. By the summer of 2017, I should have a Master's Degree! How crazy is that? And thanks to going back to school, I became eligible for various graduate level internships in the entertainment industry. So now, I'm interning with NBCUniversal in the Cable Productions department in the chief content office! My internship is the absolute coolest and I'm having the time of my life.



I didn't think my life could get much better but about two weeks ago I received a completely unexpected phone call from the Walt Disney company. It turns out that they want to hire me to work part time at Disneyland! I am surprised and ecstatic: working for Disney is something I've always wanted to do and this is an open door into their company.

So basically, what I'm trying to say, is don't get frustrated when situations don't go your way. Real life, outside of college and outside of KKPsi, can be difficult. It's hard to find your path and establish yourself but if you keep expecting great things and expecting the unexpected you'll eventually find your way. "Expect Great Things" and "Expect the Unexpected."

- Alyssa Hansen

Utilizing KKPsi Through Disney

After just graduating from ASU this past May, I was fortunate enough to land a spot in the Disney College Program out in Walt Disney World. Currently, I work at Muppet*Vision 3D in Disney's Hollywood Studios. Although it is one of the simpler attractions available (in terms of operation), I have come to realize how important Kappa Kappa Psi has prepared me for my first real job and time away from home.

KKPsi takes what you think you've learned about leadership over the years and gives you many variations of practicality. Basically, there are so many ways to be involved that if you take advantage, it will give you a better head start into your future than those who don't. For example, having a tendency to always want to help or get things started. In band, that could mean showing up early and setting up the field or loading/unloading the buses at an away game. When I first would show up to work, with the way the buses worked, I would be there around 20 to 40 minutes before I had to clock-in. As much as I don't mind the wait now, back then I would get restless and ask if there was work that needed to be done or if my coworkers needed help. The sad part is that I'm really not allowed to do anything work-related until I am on the clock. Being my first job, and coming from a lifestyle that made me always want to be two steps ahead of the game, it was difficult to sit back and watch (and



assistance. It may seem dorky, but for those who also know of those band or chapter-related instances I'm talking about, I would hope you would be able to relate.

Another example would be the guest interactions. When I first started working in August, I related the experience to running Band Day in terms of the guests and operations. Disney guests are kind of like the crazy caffeine-triggered band moms that show up to the check-in table at Band Day, except they brought their whole family and then some. Some guests aren't too bad, but many wouldn't be able to find their way out of a paper bag; we are basically glorified sheep herders. It may seem exaggerated or mean, but you may be surprised with the interactions I have to deal with! But then you get the occasional adorable babies and make them smile and everything is okay in the world.

still is) when I could have easily been of any of The more meaningful relation between the two examples is that Band Day is really an attraction of its own. It requires so many people doing their respective jobs correctly in order to funnel the thousands of people in attendance into their respective places both safely and efficiently. Disney just adds on to those ideals with courtesy and show; service with a smile and never forgetting the magic!

Just a couple examples of how KKPsi has prepared me for being the best Cast Member with a can-do attitude that I can be. There are many more examples and fun stories with guests, so if anyone is ever interested I'd be happy to share! If you are Prospectives reading this that are unsure of how this organization may help you in the long run, just remember that the more you invest your time, the more benefits you'll receive!

AEA + MLITB,

- Mark "AFFLECK" Almeida



Meet Your Brothers!

Brothers were given questions created by *Megan 'GEMelody' Bromley* and asked to answer them to their heart's content, so here are some of their answers!

- 1.) What is your name?
- 2.) What will your costume be for Halloween?
- 3.) What's one short-term goal you'd like to share?
- 4.) a or b?
- 5.) What do you wish someone said to you today?
- 6.) Do you have any allergies?
- 7.) Share a fun phrase.
- 8.) What time are you typing this?
- 9.) Are you a morning person or a night owl?
- 10.) In six words or fewer, tell us your spookiest story.
- 11.) Favorite flavor of ice cream?
- 12.) What new song would you like us to listen to after we finish reading this?
- 13.) In six words or fewer, share a piece of advice with our new pros!

- 1.) Aliyah 'AYE' Qualls
- 2.) Beyoncé
- 3.) I want to arrange at least three more stand tunes before the end of the semester.
- 4.) what?
- 5.) Do you want me to buy you Chick-fil-A?
- 6.) I'm allergic to stupid.
- 7.) Amirite ladies?
- 8.) 10:47 am
- 9.) Both
- 10.) Almost fell down during explosion block.
- 11.) Cookies and Cream
- 12.) 24K Magic by Bruno Mars
- 13.) Do your Monday homework on Monday!

- 1.) Eryn Streeter
- 2.) BB-8
- 3.) Finish this semester strong with good grades
- 4.) B
- 5.) I appreciate everything you do
- 6.) Cats :(
- 7.) Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
- 8.) 10:49 am
- 9.) Morning person
- 10.) Dislocating shoulders are not fun.
- 11.) Birthday cake :)
- 12.) We Don't Talk Anymore - Charlie Puth
- 13.) Do your Monday homework on Monday.



- 1.) Nicky Redmond
 - 2.) Style Boyz
 - 3.) Finish this gee-diddly thesis
 - 4.) a
 - 5.) Wow, you're really, really, really ridiculously good-looking
 - 6.) None
 - 7.) Doink-de-doink!
 - 8.) 10:46 AM
 - 9.) Both. Sleep is for the weak
 - 11.) Neapolitan
 - 12.) I'm So Humble by Conner4Real
 - 13.) Do you
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- 1.) Alisa Rader
 - 2.) Not quite sure yet....maybe Sally from Nightmare Before Christmas?
 - 3.) Be accepted into the nursing program at ASU
 - 4.) B
 - 5.) You're doing a good job.
 - 6.) Oh totally. Not only am I gluten intolerant, but also lactose intolerant, I'm allergic to latex which is also related to melons and bananas, and I'm allergic to pistachios.
 - 7.) "You are my sunshine"
 - 8.) 11:19 a.m.
 - 9.) Honestly a little of both but for sure a night owl
 - 10.) "alone in bed. My blanket shifts."
 - 11.) Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
 - 12.) Lips by Marian Hill
 - 13.) Always give it your best shot!

- 1.) Cassie Barker
- 2.) Dead egg
- 3.) to finish The Office
- 4.) b
- 5.) "Take the day off of work!"
- 6.) Cats :-(
- 8.) 7:40 pm
- 9.) Night owl
- 11.) Chocolate
- 12.) In the Stone, because hype
- 13.) Learn as much as you can

- 1.) Chloe "Clarabell" Warpinski
- 2.) Im not really a huge Halloween fan (Although my mom is!!!) so to be honest I haven't really thought about it yet. Nothin too scary though :)
- 3.) I am hoping to publish on my thesis work soon!
- 4.) b
- 5.) Well I was on a plane all day today... so I wish someone had offered to buy lunch for me... its been a long day.
- 8.) 22:10 on a Wednesday
- 9.) Solidly middle of the day
- 10.) Come home, door already unlocked.
- 11.) Depends. Strawberry always holds my heart but there is something about a good chocolate w/ a little salt that never makes a bad choice either.
- 12.) Anything by Sam and Ruby
- 13.) Don't watch too much TV



- 1.) Alex "SUN" Vinger
 - 2.) Idubbbz with Conor Smith. He is a YouTuber. Check him out.
 - 3.) A short term goal for me is plant a kitchen garden with herbs like basil and parsley so I can cook with them.
 - 4.) b
 - 5.) aSuh dude
 - 6.) Nope
 - 7.) Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.
 - 8.) 11:43
 - 9.) Morning person!
 - 10.) The exam was due last night
 - 11.) Mint chocolate chip
 - 12.) I Feel the Weight - Miike Snow
 - 13.) Meet people, learn from people
- 1.) Gayle Hoefer
 - 2.) Pink power ranger
 - 3.) To go to bed at a reasonable time
 - 4.) B
 - 5.) You're beautiful
 - 6.) Cats and pollen
 - 7.) Live long and prosper
 - 8.) 10:43 am
 - 9.) Night owl
 - 10.) My thumb broke during marching season
 - 11.) Half bake
 - 12.) Anything by Hans Zimmer
 - 13.) Remember to breathe



Committee Updates

Music

Greetings brothers! The Music Committee has been doing a lot of really cool things since the start of the semester. Recently, we ran our first concert reception hosted after the Wind Ensemble and Wind Orchestra concert at the end of last month. Our receptions are strengthening connections and creating healthy relationships between our brothers and students in the School of Music, and we plan on doing two more this semester. Another cool thing we have started is the BOCK, Beta Omicron Carpool Karaoke. Brothers sign up for one of these and we drive around with them, ask them questions, and sing some of their favorite songs. These have been a fun way of bonding musically with our brothers and getting to know them better in an informal setting. Check out some of these videos on our Youtube channel if you get a chance!

AEA, Musically yours,
Aliyah 'AYE' Qualls

Historian

The History committee is going strong with the scrapbook! We have pages done from everything except this last month or two and for that time, pictures have been printed and pages are being worked on now. We are continuing our artifact of the week presentations during meetings and I am hoping to have some posted to the marching band page to share relevant history with the rest of the band. We also have weekly Meet Your Brother presentations during meetings and that has been successful. We also hope to have Meet Your Prospectives presentations during meetings once their classes start up.

As a committee we have some future goals and times when we would like to have those done by. We are going to continue keeping the scrapbook up to date and have it halfway done by the end of the semester. We also want to start designing our WDC board in January and start designing a NatCon board in April. A small side project that we have discussed is digitizing some VHS tapes we found of old ASU Band Day shows from the mid-1970's to about 2000.

-Alisa 'HIPSTAA' Rader



Membership

On October 9th, Beta Omicron had the pleasure of putting through seventeen new prospective members through the ritual of First Degree. Four more were also put through the following Friday during a makeup ritual, making for a total of 21 members of the new Delta Sigma Class. Please welcome our newest Prospective Members!

Ashley Aulicino - Emily Brzezinski - Connor Carmody - Sabrina Cyrus - Liz Delgado - Emily Edmonds - Maryl Harris - Chad Hauck - Sean Hazle - Kyle Horn - Julia King - Chance Michael Krason - Allie Kubiak - Mariah Leach - Zachary Lythgoe - Elisabeth Partin - Jordin Rossie - Alex Smith - Connor Sullivan - Joseph Vera - Millie Wollaston

We are excited to join and support our newest Prospective Members as they begin their journey through the Membership Education Process and wish them and their Big Brothers good luck as they continue to strive for the highest! For more pictures of the event, check out our Facebook Page! We start our Prospective Classes this week, and each class will be taught by different Active Brothers of BO!

On October 16th, Our VPM and a few Brothers took a trip to Tuscon to teach the new candidate class of Omega about KKPsi. Jenna Jorgensen taught an engaging and interactive lesson about the history of our fraternity, its purposes, and its relation to Tau Beta Sigma. It was a great day for strengthening our BOmega Bond, as many Brothers got to meet their new Little Sisters and hang out with several Omega Sisters and candidates.

In the past couple of months, many arrangements have been made to invite BO Alumni to conduct workshops with the chapter during meetings. We have many scheduled for later in the year, but so far Jenny McDaniel and Joshua Beedle have visited and offered some great advice to the chapter on leadership and pursuing your passion. Jenny had the whole chapter realize how there are many connotations to what a leader may be, but that everyone is an impactful leader in their own way. After the insightful discussion, we all participated in a bonding activity of finding numerous people and exchanging genuine words of affirmation to our fellow brothers. A couple weeks later, Josh guided the chapter through an invigorating presentation on what passion is, how it impacts our lives, and how to maintain and/or rekindle our passion(s). Everyone enjoyed it and by the end we were all reflective and empathetic to ourselves and those around us. These Alumni workshops have been, are, and will continue to be a positive impact on the Beta Omicron chapter here at ASU.



Membership Continued

To the Beta Omicron Alumni: we encourage you to come present a workshop for our chapter!! It's been a crazy couple months for the MemEd Committee, but we are still kicking and so excited to see where the future and where Delta Sigma takes us!"

Service and Awards

The Service and Awards committee continued their hard work throughout heading the team rotations for set up and tear down of the practice field, as well as the stadium for game day. The committee and chapter just completed Band Day, where our members worked at different stations throughout the entire event leading up to the SDMB performance. The SAA committee's focus will now be ending the season strong through service, creating awards for the band at banquet, and looking for service opportunities for next semester.



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