



BETA OMICRON

“We dedicate ourselves to the Sun Devil Pride”



Hello, Brothers! I am elated to present to you the Beta Omicron Monthly Alumni Newsletter!

Beta Omicron has covered much ground in the time since the academic year has started. Since Mid-August the chapter has met regular once a week, served the Sun Devil Marching Band, held the first concert reception of the year, and is in the process of membership for the upcoming Delta Sigma class.

As we move into a full year of Music, Brotherhood and Service, we would like to take a moment to reminiscent about band.

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year!

Nolan 'POD' Coody



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My Freshman year in the Marching Band was the best year for after rehearsal memories. It was my first time being in Tempe and the Alto section made sure that I always had a ride to lunch/dinner and that I felt included. It was a great way to learn what was around me and how to navigate the campus. We always had a meal after blocks and there was always a plan to hang out. This has been something that I have tried to emulate that in the next three Band Camps that I have participated in. During my Freshman year of Band Camp when we were learning pregame is when I met one of my best friends.

We were right next to each other in pregame and she had pivoted to go clockwise when our square went counterclockwise. We locked eyes and shared this panicked expression for a minute before she pivoted as quickly as she could. When the rep was over I looked at her and started laughing because of the close call, she whispered fiercely “Don’t look at me!” I panicked and thought that this upperclassman hated me for catching her mistake and didn’t talk to her for the duration of Band Camp. It wasn’t till the end of the semester that I actually talked to her and figured out that she was joking and after we became really good friends.

- Kaila 'Pascal' Shaw





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I may have written about this before, but I think it’s worth reading a second time. I remember walking into the bubble for the first time and seeing all these new and unfamiliar faces. It was honestly one of the craziest moments of my life! I was used to the band size (I’m from Texas... go figure lol) but now I was in a whole other state. However, the moment I walked in people knew me and said hi, they included me in their conversations, and they made me feel at home. They made me feel accepted... more than I had in a very long time. That is the power of the SDMB. We are all connected by our love for marching band and our dedication to those around us. My first college band camp was a major success because of the Brothers of KKPsi and the members of the SDMB in general. I could not imagine myself anywhere else and I am proud to call myself a Sun Devil. Most of that pride comes from being in the SDMB and I am thankful everyday for that. Enjoy this service selfie from Band Camp 2k16... A year really does fly by!

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Until next time,

- *Will 'COGent' Everett*





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I've never really had any memories that carry with me through band camp, but this year was quite a different story. For some odd reason, my legs have never sunburned or tanned or anything of the matter. For as long as I can remember, they have been paper white and I sort of gave up on the idea of them ever having some sort of color. My arms and basically everything else have never had that problem so for me, summer has only offered me different shades of color on my skin. Since I knew my arms would burn easily, I never missed an application of sunscreen, SPF 70 to be exact.

Did that matter? No. To my surprise, my legs were going to be affected by the sun a lot more than I would've wished. No matter what I did, some days my legs would tan and others, they would burn. The result? I ended up looking like a Neapolitan ice cream sandwich. I guess the one lesson I learned this year is that I should probably stick to a more consistent length in pants/shorts. I still have the sun burns to prove that there is no such thing as too much sunscreen. Enjoy this picture of me this summer.

- *Maribel "Lilo" Hernandez*



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This one time at band camp.....

Nevermind, I won't be cliché.

Anyway, during this year's band camp I had some of the most fun experiences I've ever had in my entire life. There was a lot of adjustment for the mellophone section. Previously being one of the biggest sections in the band, we were initially only at 13 members. To say the least, I was a bit frightened at how low our numbers were, but I was going into it with an open mind and hoping for the best. Luckily, there were people from other sections willing to switch over to get our numbers up.

I am so happy that the mellophone section is how it is now, and we have been making great progress ever since the beginning of band camp. I am grateful that this has allowed me to make such great friends that I probably wouldn't have made had they not switched to mellophone. I love how close our section is, and I can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store for us!

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- *Aliyah 'AYE' Qualls*

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So this one time at band camp. Wait those stories aren't real, are they? Yes, indeed they are. This one time at band camp I missed the first two days and felt like I wasn't sufficiently prepared to begin teaching technique and guiding the trumpet section (with my fellow leaders) in an efficient way. I showed up and figured I'll just give it my best; and sure enough, the entire trumpet section was there with open arms. They were extremely receptive to information and showed great growth throughout all of band camp. We are about a month into the season now with multiple shows already completed and I couldn't be more proud of them.

- *Austin 'Maximus' Cahoon*



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The Sun Devils started off their season with three out of conference games. They had two consecutive home games against the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks and the Texas Tech Red Raiders, and then traveled to San Antonio to take on the University of Texas San Antonio Roadrunners.

In the season opener, the Devils took the victory 44-13. It was a team effort with scores from all around the offense, including three field goals from Zane Gonzalez and true freshman wide receiver N'Keal Harry's first collegiate touchdown; a 34-yard run. It was also quarterback Manny Wilkins first career start for ASU.

The last time the Sun Devils played against Texas Tech, it was in the 2013 Holiday Bowl. The Sun Devils lost 37-23. They got their revenge in an offensive blowout winning 68-55. Kalen Ballage, a third year running back scored a Pac-12 Conference record eight touchdowns with seven rushing and one receiving. Ballage also tied the FBS record for most touchdowns scored by an individual in a single game.

The Sun Devils then took their two wins to Texas, where they haven't had the greatest luck in previous years, including a loss to Notre Dame in AT&T Stadium and a loss to Texas A&M in NRG Stadium. This time however, their offense kept them in it and the Devils won 32-28. A late fourth quarter touchdown from Kalen Ballage was the push over the top and UTSA couldn't come back in time.

The Devils are home again to start conference play against the California-Berkeley Bears. Despite having a 3-0 record already, the Devils have to win tonight's game to be seen as competitors in the FBS. They are currently a few spots out of the top 25 and a win over Cal should be all the push they need. Keys to victory will have to come from all ends. Wilkins needs to manage the clock as well as he has the first three games. The defense needs to step up better. They have given up 96 points in the first three games which averages to about 32 points per game. Despite averaging 48 points per game, Cal has averaged 47 points per game. The true test for the defense is if they can hold Cal's offense to below their average.

If the Devils win this game, it is going to be a fun season for everyone at ASU.

- *Mitch 'Sovarós' Vareldzis*

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We, the Fudget committee have been incredibly busy in the new year! We started the semester out strong purchasing over \$2500 worth of merchandise and creating a website for sales. More importantly by the end of band camp we had already recouped over half the funds spent showing that we chose quality and desirable merchandise that appealed to a broad spectrum of students, fans, brothers and community members! We supplemented the merchandise sales during band camp with a set of profit shares. These were not quite as successful as we had hoped, however upon further reflection much of this was due to adequate advertising.

We are now looking towards the district and national season (its never too early to start preparing!). We have created a comprehensive Travel Merit scholarship to replace the 20% fund. This scholarship has been designed to further develop leadership and fundraising capacity within our chapter. We are confident our alumni and active brothers will greatly benefit from this program and that its implementation will ensure the continued success of Beta Omicron.

It has been a great first few weeks! We are now looking towards Band Day and our future events. The Fudget committee is committed to striving for the highest and innovation in fundraising, and chapter budgeting models. Please reach out if you have any questions or new ideas for us to try out!

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Submitted by Chloe Warpinski

BO Treasurer 2016-2017

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