

# Beta Omicron

We dedicate ourselves  
to the Sun Devil  
Pride



*Actives and prospectives at Second Degree.*

I present you with the Spring edition of the BOMAN. January and February were full of exciting things and the chapter has started off the new semester with a bang! Patrick Hadley and Nickolai Derry have been actively planning Western District Convention which will be held in Tempe this year, and Alison Stackhouse has planned an amazing State Days. Alumni Leslie

Anderson gave her incredibly beautiful A mountain lesson to the prospectives detailing the great history of the Sun Devil Marching Band and her time as an active Brother. Finally, over 40 prospectives went through Second Degree. We are so proud of all that they have done and all that they will do as the semester continues.



## Spring Events

**March 29th-** Third Degree 7:30pm

**April 10-12th-** WDC



## COMMITTEE UPDATES



## NEW SERVICE:

Alyssa Hansen has begun setting up a service opportunity with Sun Devil Athletics called Sparky's Tour. Members of the band put on hilarious costumes and go to schools encouraging and supporting healthy living!

S-Self Discipline

P-Positive

A-Active

R-Respect

K-Knowledge

Y-Yourself

## SERVICE:

Hey bros! It's a new year and the service committee has been up to new and exciting things! In January, the Service Committee did a great job of setting up and preparing for this upcoming semester! We have actively been participating in setting up and tearing down for pep band games and rehearsals. On top of that, we had to come to a consensus on what we wanted the service requirements for this semester to be. We determined 20 hours of service, 1 set-up/tear-down credit, 1 administrative credit, and 1 concert attendance credit. The requirements we determined are a perfect balance of achievable and striving for the highest! On another note, Anthony Manluccia, the Leadership Chair, has been contacting a few high school band programs to continue the SDMB recruitment visits. We have 2 upcoming visits in early February, and we look forward to sharing our love for music with high schoolers in hopes that they continue when they get to college...ideally in the SDMB. ;) We have a ton of service opportunities coming up this semester with AMEA Conference help, hosting and running AZ State Days and WDC, and the prospective Delta Omicron class's projects. I am excited for all of the upcoming service opportunities!

-Erin "RAP" Laughlin



### LEARN THROUGH MEMBERSHIP

Membership committee has taught me how important and strenuous the committee can be. Of course, our main goal is to serve our university band, but as it grows, our chapter has to grow too. We cannot grow if we don't do our job of putting our name out there to the band and the School of Music. And that can put a lot of stress on us, so stress management is something else I've learned lol. But the most important thing that I've taken away so far is relationships between the Big and Little and how precious it can be. All the stress from the pairing meeting is all worth it when you see Bigs connect with their Littles and go from being just that to best friends or Brothers and Sisters. I've personally felt this with my Littles and I wouldn't trade them for anything in the world. Except maybe a burrito. Kidding, but that's the feeling I would love to give to Bigs and Littles. Membership only has one shot at this.

Ayo Gurls,

With this incoming Prospective class going through 2nd degree at the beginning of the Semester, we still have one of the largest classes to go through our chapter. You think that may produce some interviewing problems, but with our MEP rolling and the Pros hopping on board, the Prospectives are right with us and even ahead. Since the beginning of semester, Prospectives have been messaging, texting and asking left and right for interviews. I am personally being spammed and I love it. Not only are they are getting on top of their interviews, they've also been really helpful with Basketball band and doing extra service with the Superbowl. They just went through the A Mountain lesson and I heard so much positive things about it from them, such as that it made them feel like they belonged here or it was just what they needed to start up the semester again. So as we start up February, I expect Delta Omicron to kick major tail and become one of the most successful class we've put through since...I don't know...Delta Kappa \*cough\* best class ever \*cough\*.

AEA

MLITB

DK All Day

MBF

Brandon "(Keripik)" Chung

**2014: A YEAR IN REVIEW**

2014 was a really big year for me! It was a year of many firsts and growing moments for myself as I come to realize that now we're in 2015 and I will be graduating in a year.

This was the year that I really ventured out to push myself and explore my limits. I learned that going on 9 hour road trips spontaneously and independently is fun. But, preparation is important and this was a moment that I learned the importance of having a good night's rest before heading out on such an adventure. I also did my first half-marathon in the beginning of March. It was a pretty good experience, but it left me wanting more. To further challenge myself I registered for my first (and what would be my last) 50K Ultra-Marathon. And on that day on September 14th, I learned my limits as a runner and the importance of training for such a feat. It was literally the hardest thing I have ever done in my life (middle of the desert on trails, 80% soft sand/hills, 10% like legit rock climbing, 10% pure Hell). Maybe when I'm older I'll venture into that spectrum of my running career again.

This was also the year that I chose to try new things. I was willing to go out and run for an executive council position in BO. I've always enjoyed observing politics in the chapter setting, but putting myself in that arena was a completely different experience that really made me appreciate more of the way our chapter functions and the importance of elections. I also went out and auditioned for my first top-12 drum corps. What an experience that was! Through that audition process it truly made me appreciate, even more, of the performance activity that I have enjoyed so much.

But the most important thing that I came to learn and understand was the importance of family and friends in my life that I was able to share these experiences with. For that I am truly grateful!  
Layson "REED" Heugly



### THINKING FORWARD

Once that ball drops on New Years Eve, everyone is already thinking about the future and the upcoming year that is approaching. I was no different, and I was already thinking about what silly thing I wanted to make my resolution and to strive for in the New Year. I ultimately decided on something that would make me healthier. I plan to start running and working out more to help me get in shape, and this will in the end help me with the next band season coming up. Besides this little New Years resolution, I do have a few hopes for myself and for the band in general. Recently, the SDMB had the opportunity to perform in the Super Bowl Pregame show, and then a select few got to perform the halftime as well with Katy Perry. I hope that this will give the SDMB some great media coverage and place us in a greater viewpoint with the general public. We are the face of ASU and there is no one that has better school spirit than the marching band. With this huge opportunity, I hope more gigs and events like this one show up for years to come. It was an amazing experience that everyone should be able to have at least once in their life.

As for myself, there are several things this year that are lining 2015 up to be the best year I have had in my twenty two years. I started training to become a Team Leader at my job, I performed pregame and halftime at the Super Bowl, I will get to meet my favorite actors in my favorite TV show at the end of February, I get to travel to Europe in June for three weeks with my best friend, it's the 100th anniversary of the SDMB next season, and I will finally start my student teaching next Fall. All of these things are extremely exciting for me and I am looking forward to it. I also hope to just be happy and in good spirits in general for the New Year.

-Serena Kaua



### HOPES FOR THE SEMESTER

Coming off of a wonderful Fall semester, it is easy to have high hopes for this Spring, especially with so many exciting events planned. Our chapter has a plethora of fun things to look forward to this semester, specifically our hosting of Arizona State Days and Western District Convention. In addition to that, we have the Delta Omicron class' Third Degree happening in conjunction with State Days. Western District Convention provides our chapter with the unique opportunity to work with the TBS Omega Chapter from the University of Arizona in co-hosting that event. For me personally, I have high hopes for this New Year in that the Delta Omicron class will achieve great things as they advance further into their process, and that we will be prolific and successful in the events that we host this Spring. I look forward for what is to come, and am very excited to meet Brothers from chapters around the state, and the Western District.

-Ashlyn Anderson



### 3 PILLARS FOR THE FUTURE

As I begin my second full semester as an active, I look forward to continuing the incredible experience I have had so far as a Brother, and increasing my contribution to the Fraternity. Three of the most common categories of New Year's resolutions are fitness, relationships, and career, and I find that my hopes for  $KK\Psi$  this year parallel this. With regard to career, I hope to help the chapter run more smoothly through my contributions to the website. Service is a large part of what we do, and I hope to make improvements that will lead to greater efficiency in our chapter operations. As a computer science major, I frequently create programs as class assignments, but the ability to contribute my skills to an organization for which I care deeply is a unique opportunity. Fitness resolutions can often be summarized by "Strive for the Highest," regardless of specifics, as people aim for greater physical performance. While this applies to all aspects of  $KK\Psi$ , remembering the second purpose and the pillar of music as I play my instrument

endows the activity with a deeper meaning. As my involvement in band becomes more limited, I hope to remember to appreciate excellence in music in all settings, and push myself towards perfection, even when alone in the practice room. Relationships resolutions, of course, parallel Brotherhood. I look forward to bonding with brothers from around the

district, which is something I have not yet experienced. In the process of preparing to host Western District Convention and State Days, I hope that our chapter can increase the strength of our bonds and appreciation for our diverse talents.

-Alex Porter





### MUSHY BROTHERLY LOVE

February, at least for me, is a pretty tough time of year for multiple reasons. When it comes to balancing personal issues, school, work, and trying to maintain healthy relationships with those around me, I seem to get a little lost, and I'm sure I'm not the only one. I tend to get pretty distant during those times. One thing I greatly admire about Kappa Kappa Psi, and our chapter, Beta Omicron, is each individual person's capacity to love. Recognizing when a Brother is going through a difficult time can sometimes be hard, and getting people to snap back to thinking of the good things in life can even be harder. However, I see it every single day. Brothers, and Sisters coming together to help each other out—it really makes being in this organization that much better. I am inspired everyday by the compassion my Brothers show for each other, whether it be making Valentines for everyone, or getting a cup of coffee and sharing some laughs and tears. I don't know where I would be without all of these people I've grown so close to, and I don't want to know, honestly. But for each and every person taking the time to read this, just know that you have a special place in my heart, and you all mean the world to me!

AEA, MLITB

-Kaylea Kobayashi Payne

## Being a Big Brother

Dedicated to (symbol)NNerroo, Kobaya (symbol)hi, Sting(symbol), and Jon (it's still a secret)

I am Kameron, also known as brother Wa . This is my 7th year at ASU, and as of March 6th, 2015, it will be my 6th year as an active brother. Over the years, I have had three Little Brothers make it through the process, and I currently have one who is a prospective member. A couple weeks ago, another brother asked me, "How do you do it? It seems like you always have a great relationship with your littles and everything in between. Is there a special secret to it?" The only "secret" I could think of was to keep communication with your Little Brother. Something as simple as a text saying, "Hey! How's your day going?" can lead to so many deep conversations. Once your Little Brother goes through and becomes a Brother, don't stop the communicating. You will always be their Big Brother, regardless of your membership in the chapter. Three of my Little Brothers are still at ASU, and I try to interact with them as much as possible every time I see them.

Another thing to remember about being a Big Brother is very simple. You really do become as close as family, so treat each other as such. Personally, I am the oldest of four children in my family, so I have plenty of practice. Everyone knows that a Big Brother is a mentor, and a guide through the prospective process. Some people forget that a Big Brother (in a real family) will pick on their younger siblings and tease them. They will share experiences and teach younger siblings new things. They will be a mentor in life. An older sibling will do anything and everything to protect and care for their younger siblings. I believe that this is what the Big/Little relationship should become. I believe that this is the true "secret" to being a great Big Brother in Kappa Kappa Psi.





District Season is upon us! You know what that means? It means... well, it's district season! Much like how birds will fly south for the winter, Brothers and Sisters from all around gather at different events to "serve the bands!" Okay, terrible analogy, but I'm sure you get my point. It's a wonderful time of year that everyone really should make time for. There are plenty of opportunities, too. Each state has its own version of State Days and the conventions are spread out that it shouldn't be too much travel to make it to something? Unlike the five of us that decided it would be a good idea to drive to Oregon from Arizona... but that's a different story.

Anyway, silliness aside, this time of year is very important to me. The best advice I give to Prospectives during our interviews is simple: go to things. "Things" meaning service events, social events, bonding nights, and anything else that involves the Brotherhood or Sisterhood. It's so important to understand that

everyone involved is here for the same reasons. Although we come from different backgrounds, it's astonishing what can be accomplished when we work together. Also, considering Beta Omicron is such a large chapter, understanding that there are others in the state that do similarly to what we do, followed by the entire district and nation, is a real eye-opener. You really start to appreciate the organizations when you get to meet the people from hundreds of miles away and find you have basically everything in common. I think it's something that all Brothers and Sisters really need to experience at least once a year. Although the ideas are similar, what actually happens at the events is altogether different every time. It's a great refresher to be reminded of why you are here in the first place!

Happy District Season, and hopefully see you at WDC!

- Mark "AFFLECK" Almeida



This February we celebrated Brother-Tine's week! For a lot of brothers this was a very special time as we have the opportunity to remind each other of how much we care. My Little, Abigail Lomas, was extremely sick during the week of Valentine's Day. She left her residence hall on campus so that she could spend the week at home getting better. When I found out she was sick I was pretty bummed out because she was so miserable. I knew I wasn't going to have the opportunity to see her during the week since she was back at home, but I still wanted to be able to do something for her. About half way through that week she texted me and asked me to get her marching band clarinet out of her dorm room. I realized that this was the perfect opportunity to do something special for her! I work at Build-A-Bear Workshop and Abby had told me

that she really wanted to make an animal there so I made a giraffe for her! When I went to her dorm room to get her clarinet I left the giraffe there for her so when she came back to campus she would be surprised! We talk almost every day so keeping that secret from her was very difficult, but I'm so glad that I was able to keep it a surprise because she loved her giraffe. Even though Abby was so sick it great to be able to do something special for her.

-Molly Housenga

What I do at MCC is work as the Band admin. Handle the day to day details of the band that need to get done, which is actually a lot or at least a wide amount of small things. It can be from just giving people a quick tour of our new Arts Center, to copy sight reading music that a student will conduct. The people I work with are high energy and constantly working to give students a great education, and this has affected me. I am constantly reminded that no task is too small, or that someone's needs are unimportant. People need to be taken care of so that they can continue with their education uninterrupted is a philosophy I carry in my work at the College. I make it my goal to be as fast and efficient as possible so that people can get on with their education and get the most out of their experience. This has lead me to do things I never would have expected like staying late to keep the building unlocked for someone to practice, getting permission to be able to leave and pick up a someone who needed a ride to class, and organizing volunteers for a DCI show. Some of these seemingly random acts have shown me that maybe I shouldn't be getting paid for doing this, but I should be doing this because it is the right thing. This thought is why I wanted to join the Fraternity, so that I can help people who need it, do good work that is needed, and somehow make someone's life easier.

-Nolan Coody



Hi. My name is Jon Hunsaker and I'm a prospective in the Delta Omicron class of Kappa Kappa Psi. I'm a senior here at ASU and my major is Electrical Engineering. I've been passionate about band since I first started playing trumpet in 4th grade. Upon entering high school, I switched to French Horn/Mellophone and have played that ever since. Aside from Horn and Trumpet, I play Guitar, Bass, Drumset/Percussion, and Piano/Keys.

For recreation (and work a little bit) I do live sound engineering and do gigs. I've been involved in professional production for about 7 years and have made great friends and memories. Of note, I've been published in a case study done by Martin Audio of London and worked closely with some major names in the industry. Hopefully, I'll be able to make a career out of this field. Apart from that, I am a manager at Harkins Theatres and have a deep passion for the film industry. I've been in leadership at work since I was hired and look to use my skills to help anything I am a part of run smoothly.

One of the things that drew me to Kappa Kappa Psi here is my love of service. Growing up, my dad was a pastor at my church and my mom was a teacher at my elementary school, so it was natural for me to help them out. Growing up in this environment, I grew to love service and have continued doing it. Other than serving the bands, I volunteer at my church frequently as well as with a local boy scout troop. Service is one of my favorite things to do and I leap at any opportunity to serve.

## MEET THE PROS!



Hello! My name is Eryn Streeter and I am currently a prospective member in the Beta Omicron chapter for Kappa Kappa Psi. I am in the Color Guard for the Arizona State University Marching Band and for FeniX Independent A. I have been twirling equipment since I was a sophomore in high school. My Big's name is Nickolai "CLIICK" Derry and he has helped me through a lot of my process. He has encouraged me to attend most meetings and to be on top of all of my interviews. He is the best big anyone could ask for and I'm thankful that if anyone was chosen to be my big, it was him.

Mitchell Vareldzis: I graduated from Rock Canyon High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. I was a very active member of my high school's performing arts department. Now I am here; Arizona State University. I am the lone soul from my graduating class across the entire four campuses. My Band Camp experience was weird. I accidentally signed up for Alto Sax, but I wanted to play Bari Sax, so at the last minute I switched, and after the audition I was placed on Tenor Sax. I knew no one and was practically afraid of everyone. After hearing about KKPsi, I found the perfect opportunity to meet some awesome and devoted individuals that I could call friends. I certainly did. My big is probably one of the greatest brothers ever, and I can't imagine this process with anyone else. My family within is awesome and I am greatly looking forward to becoming part of the Eternal Tree. This organization is one giant bond of individuals all working together and showing great cooperation and I am excited to hopefully be a part of it come third degree.



Hello! My name is Pamela Castillo and I am a Peruvian from Arizona. I was born in New York but was raised in Arizona for all of my life. I have played the flute for 10 years and piccolo for 3. I am currently attending Arizona State University in Tempe and majoring in Animal Physiology. Next semester I will be double minoring in music performance and art studio. My goal for the future is to become a successful marine biologist since it has always been my passion. My hobbies include drawing, listening to music, sports, and community service/helping others.

## MEET THE PROS!



Hello, my name is Emily Ford and I am a prospective member! I am a part of the GHETTO family and my wonderful Big is Serena Kaua. Here is an easy way to learn about me:

E- Erudite. That means a lover of knowledge and learning. A.k.a. A total International Baccalaureate Diploma/Advanced Placement/Barrette nerd. I also love to tutor so if anyone ever needs help please feel free to talk to me!

M- Maniac. I may not seem like it all the time, but I can get really excitable and fun and bouncy when I am around people that I care about, so I cannot wait to share that side of myself with all of you!

I- Industrious. I am always working hard with my nose in a book, bringing homework with me everywhere I go. Plus, I think a Civil Engineering major is supposed to be pretty dedicated to their work anyway! For this

letter I could have also used: impatient, intelligent, or independent.

L- Lovely. Yes, I like to think of myself as a lovely person (and hopefully you will too). Physically and in my personality, I know how to let my beauty shine through.

Y- Yearful. I am always making goals and setting standards for myself, yearning to achieve them, like my hope to one day become a Doctor of Civil Engineering. My personal life motto is "Do your best, and you will always succeed".



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