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On the Cover: The Brothers of Beta Chi enjoy lunch on Alumni Day in Garden V.

ABOUT BX CHRONICLE

Beta Chi Chronicle is a seasonal newsletter that features articles written by current Kappa Kappa Psi Brothers and Alumni. Articles are written on a volunteer basis and are collected by the Beta Chi Historian. This issue, in particular, was a collaborative project between the Historian Emeritus, Emily Wrona, and the current Historian.

If you would like to write for a future issue of the Chronicle, please contact Ryan Yowell, the Chapter Historian, at try3hy@virginia.edu

ABOUT BETA CHI

Originally founded on September 23, 1950, and active until 1962, the Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi was re-founded on April 23, 2005. The original chapter supplied the first President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Northeast District in 1958 and hosted the first annual District Convention that same year. Today, Beta Chi provides support for the Cavalier Marching Band and other ensembles in the Charlottesville community. The oldest active chapter in the Southern Precinct, Beta Chi has welcomed over 240 well-qualified musicians into the Brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi.

FRATERNITY CREED

We, the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi, believe that service to the college or university band program fosters responsibility, loyalty, and leadership; that a spirit of brotherhood is enhanced by the participation in a band program; that music is a universal language and truly the greatest of the arts; and that through fraternal participation, each member will strive for the highest.

FRATERNITY PURPOSES

TO PROMOTE the existence and welfare of the college and university bands and to cultivate at large a wholesome respect for their activities and achievements.

TO HONOR outstanding band members through privilege of membership extended as a reward for technical achievement and appreciation for the best in music.

TO STIMULATE campus leadership and promulgate an uncompromising respect through the medium of the college band for gracious conduct, good taste, and unswerving loyalty.

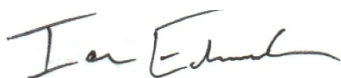
TO FOSTER a close relationship between college bands and to promote a high average of attainment by the performance of good music and the selection of worthwhile projects.

TO PROVIDE a pleasant and helpful social experience for all engaged in college band work and to cooperate with other musical organizations in any manner consistent with the purposes of the institution at which chapters are located.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers and Friends of Beta Chi,

Another school year is coming to a close and our chapter is in a period of transition. As we say goodbye to graduating brothers and welcome in the Phi Class we must remember the ideals that bind us. We have spent our time at the University cultivating relationships which we all value dearly. Though we will be separated by oceans and state lines, let us not forget our home in Beta Chi. Continued contact with each other throughout the summer will play an integral role in our ability to greet the new marching band season with confidence and preparedness. So go out, enjoy your summer and get ready for another great year in the Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.



Ian Edwards
President, Beta Chi

CHARGES TO THE CHAPTER

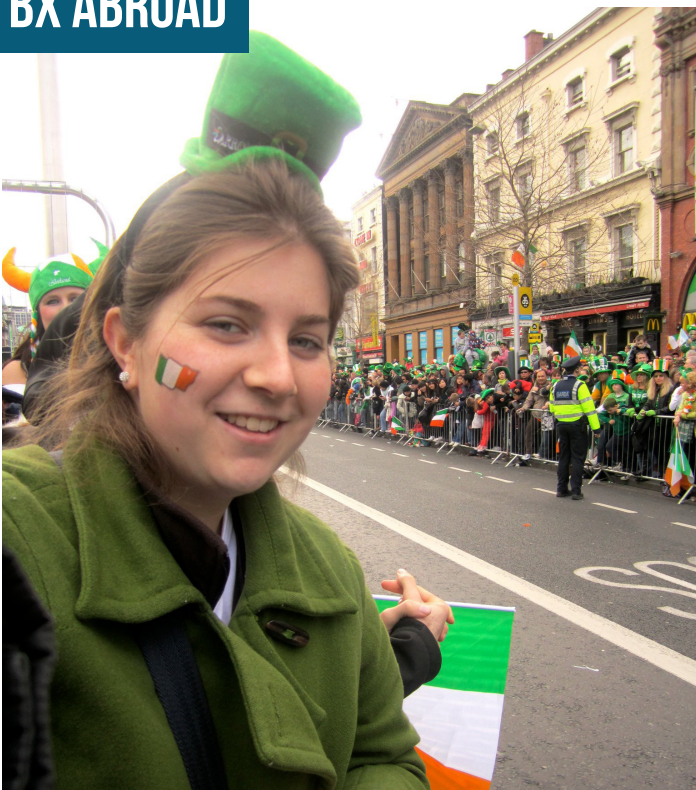
- First and foremost, be your Brother's keeper. Lean on and depend upon each other. Work together for our common purposes and pick each other up in times of need.
- Communicate with each other openly and respectfully.
- Find effective ways to communicate with the band as a whole to promote projects and activities. In addition take on projects that will make KKPsi more visible on Grounds and in the Charlottesville community.
- Let your voice be heard. Each Brother is an integral piece of this Brotherhood and his or her ideas and opinions matter. Participate in discussions with the general body and within committees.
- Set goals and have a vision for the Chapter.
- Continue to look for new pathways to achieve growth--new projects, an expanded view on Brotherhood. Never settle and always strive for the highest.

Keirstin McCambridge
President Emeritus, Beta Chi



ABOVE: The 2011 and 2012 Executive Board on the steps of the Rotunda
Not Pictured: Christina McLeod and Kellen Lauer

BX ABROAD



ABOVE: Christina McLeod attends the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin while studying abroad

Being abroad has been the opportunity of a lifetime. I've loved being able to travel and experience so many different cultures. A few weeks ago I visited the Musical Instruments Museum (MIM) in Brussels, Belgium and truly got to appreciate music as the universal language in a unique situation.

Belgium has three official languages: French, Dutch (Belgian Dutch is usually called Flemish), and German. The vast majority of the country speaks French or Dutch, with a small percentage speaking German (less than 1% speak it natively).

At most museums in Europe the signs are printed in the country's language as well as English and sometimes another language. With two prevalent languages, the Musical Instruments Museum descriptions were only offered in French and Dutch. Thankfully, the museum also offered audio guides.

When taking an audio guide, we inquired whether or not they would be in English. The lady replied that the guides were musical tracks featuring the instruments we would be seeing and thus would be the

same for everyone.

Although I have little idea what was written on the signs around the instruments, I am certain that I learned far more from the musical tracks than I could have from the signs. The musical tracks communicated the sound of the instrument and the music conveyed the feelings of the period in which the music was played.

I thoroughly enjoyed the few hours we spent in the museum and left with more of an appreciation of music as the universal language. Music makes it possible for the museum to welcome people from around

the world and effectively convey to each visitor the instruments presented, all using the same audio guide.

As my time here grows shorter, I've been trying to make the most of it. Being away from everything for so long gives one perspective on what's important. I am truly grateful to have you all as brothers. I've loved the conversations I've been able to have with some of you and I miss you all. Congratulations to the Phi class and best wishes for all of the graduating brothers. Enjoy the last few weeks of the semester!

Christina McLeod

DEPARTING BROTHER ADVICE

"Let the brotherhood be your light when you find yourself in the dark." --*Caitlin Campbell*

"Continue to grow in the relationships you have with your brothers even after the MC process." --*Emily Wrona*

"Take at least one gym class before you graduate! Also, make the most of the new band building!" --*Kara Graber*

"Learn how you interact with music and how you can utilize that talent for the best in the fraternity." --*Matthew Gillwald*

"You are the driving force behind making the most of any experience so take advantage of that ability!" --*Christine Nguyen*

"The ritual and its lessons are what keeps us together; look to the ritual for guidance on how to manage conflict within the chapter and without." --*Max Friedfeld*

"Everywhere you go you embody the Brotherhood; therefore always carry yourself with dignity, respect and humility." --*Keirstin McCambridge*

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." - Eleanor Roosevelt --*Hilary Bleier*

"It's so important to maintain and make as many connections with your brothers as you can. You never know how much your brothers will be able to help you, or how much you will be able to help your brothers later on. Make sure the brothers you don't know as well have a place in your heart. Also, enjoy every moment you have at UVA and in this fraternity. Although the moment will end, the memories will last for a lifetime." --*Tabitha Reddick*

"Never let yesterday use up too much of today." --*Annie Brickates*

"Take the time to converse with the rushees in a one-on-one setting, especially if only a few Brothers know them." --*Travis Cook*

"Whatever you want to do, do it now. For life is time and time is all there is. Also, continue to F.S.U., Beta Chi." --*Shantira Higgins*



ABOVE: Fourth-Year Brothers following the Departing Brothers Ceremony

THE SEASON IN PHOTOGRAPHS



ABOVE: “Say Beta Chi!” The Chapter welcomes the Phi Class into the Brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi

BELOW: Emily Sharp takes control during a Chapter game of Broomball

RIGHT: Beta Chi steps for the Membership Candidates on Bid Night

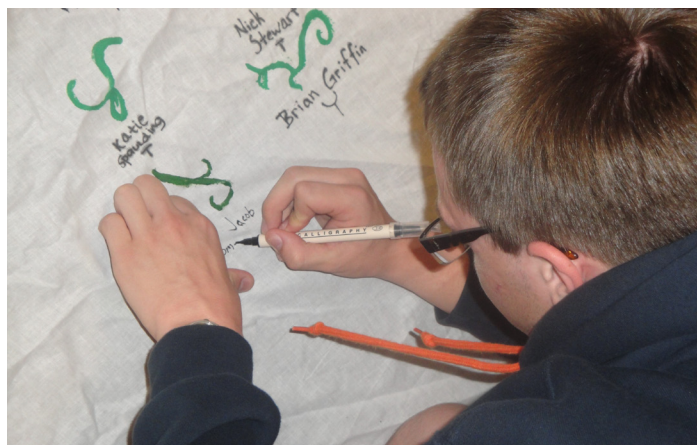
BOTTOM-RIGHT: Tabitha Reddick at the Virginia Discovery Museum’s “Instrument Petting Zoo”

Credit: Va. Discovery Museum, facebook.com/VADiscoveryMuseum





TOP-RIGHT: Members of the new Executive Board awkwardly jump in front of the Rotunda
TOP-LEFT: Brothers and then-rushes take part in a service activity during Rush
ABOVE: VP of Membership John Bonanno greets Aurelia Khorsand on Bid Day morning.
LEFT: Beta Chi and prospective Brothers after a game of Broomball
BOTTOM-LEFT: Chistina McLeod in front of the London Eye
BELOW: Jacob Smearman adds his name to the Chapter Crest



THE ABC'S OF BETA CHI *A Collective Article by The Phi Class*

Article - We wrote this article to share some of the experiences we have had so far with Kappa Kappa Psi.
Burning Sands - We crossed many obstacles during our MC process, but now we are brothers. -- *Kyla Arager*

Crossroads - We all approached a crossroad specific to us individually in our journey. Here, we had to decide whether to proceed, turn back, or veer in a new direction. We "**Discovered**" new ways to pursue and involve music in our lives. -- *Elizabeth Bickley*

End. To learning, brotherhood, service, music, and love, there is none.
Friendship - before we were brothers, we were friends. Before we were MCs, we were friends. Even before we rushed, the bonds of friendship already tied us and can only grow stronger as we grow as brothers. -- *Sarah Clements*

Gaining knowledge - Throughout the MC process, every step gained was a step towards the knowledge of brotherhood. Even though the MC process has ended, our learning never will.
Hungry for more; to be a better musician, brother, friend, example, and individual. You learn to feel this hunger from deep within, a hunger to show everyone what you're made of, and to share your love of music with the world. -- *Jackie Donovan*

Learn to **Inquire** and never to **Ire**. Never retire but always **Inspire**.
Junction of thirteen individuals who, after ten weeks of joint collaboration and jollity, joined together to form the jovial Phi Class of BX of KKPsi. -- *Stephanie Faires*

"**Kappa Kappa Psi**, National Fraternity for College Bandsmen: Our foundation of brotherhood in which we share our passion for music, service, and achieving the best."
Love. The fundamental element which encompasses our understand of brotherhood. Our passionate drive that allows us to do our best. -- *Alyssa Loyola*

Meet with all the Brothers you've never met before, and you will learn from all of them.
Never lose sight of the reason you are in Kappa Kappa Psi, through thick and thin. -- *Aurelia Massoudi-Khorsand*

Opening your heart and mind to new people and experiences is the only way to fully live, to fully understand the meaning of brotherhood and to truly hear all the music around you.
Promulgate - You know what it is ;) -- *Amelia Nystrom*

Quest - our journey has just begun and although we have come far as individuals and as a class, we have so much more to learn, discover, and understand.



ABOVE: The Phi Class on the steps of the Rotunda following Third Degree

Respect each other. Every great idea starts with one person, but you need to work together as a team and as brothers to get the most out of life. -- *Kyle Ruempler*

Strive for the highest in all your endeavors.
Through the medium of the college band we have found each other, this group of friends we can now call Brother. -- *Seth Sacher*

Unity - Our common interests in music, in leadership, in dedication and in welfare for each other unite us in the bond of brotherhood.
Virginia - Our university and our state have brought us together so that we may share with each other and have provided the kind of environment that fosters our activities and opportunities. -- *Jacob Smearman*

"**WE**" -- without each other, there is no fraternity. Without each other, there is no brotherhood, for to be a brother, we must have one another.
X for the unknown; we don't know what the future holds for us, but we do know, if we must die, that we are brothers of KKPsi. -- *Eric Tyler*

Yesterday is not a day we forget, but one we use to grow and inspire us to have an even better tomorrow.
Zig-zagging through the gardens: don't allow yourself to stray from the path, but understand it may take you in any direction. -- *Celeste Walker*

MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

As a fourth year, it is difficult to look back and remember every single thing that happened while I was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, but there are a few things I will never forget. My favorite activity has been attending the picnic on the DC mall the past two summers. This activity is very meaningful because it is a time to reconvene with BX brothers during the middle of the summer and catch up with one another. Additionally, this is also a great way to learn about other chapters and how we are similar and different from them. The timing of the picnic could not be more perfect; it is about a month after classes end and serves a great purpose in getting so many of the BX brothers together in one place to spend time with one another. I will also never forget the subsequent events to follow the picnic: exploring the museums and the monuments (the TJ monument included!), eating at restaurants downtown, and of course enjoying the company of brothers on the trips home. This is one event I plan to make a priority to attend even after my graduation.

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The other memory is less concrete but involves all the connections I have made with people over the past two and a half years and the friendships I cherish. I cannot express how much Kappa Kappa Psi has meant to me during my time at U.Va. The people have definitely made it what it is today and what it meant to me. I am especially grateful to have a big with such passion and enthusiasm for all things KKY and a little with such curiosity about the brotherhood around him. During the journey, the Taus have always been there to share in similar experiences. I will not forget the times shared, the challenges met, and the things learned from these friends. The

following quote I find to be representative of how brothers act towards one another: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" –Maya Angelou.

Kara Graber

CURRENT BROTHER UPDATES

The Brothers of Beta Chi Expect a Rewarding Summer of Work, Travel, Leadership, and Education

- Brother Mattaliano will be returning for another summer of being an Orientation Leader and will serve as a Senior Leader
- Brother Lauer will be traveling to Australia and Fiji this summer with International Student Volunteers to work on an ecological conservation project as well as travel around the country
- Brother Walker will be doing research in the Department of Chemical Engineering
- Brother Khorsand is working as an assistant to the executive director of a non-profit organization and as a research assistant in the UVA Politics Department
- Brother Smearman will be studying physics at home in Ohio this summer
- Brother Stewart is going to the Kappa Kappa Psi National Convention
- Brother Sacher will be interning at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ
- Brother Yowell will be studying sustainable transportation planning and economic development policies in Switzerland this summer
- Brother Edwards will be doing research in the Virginia Environmentally Sustainable Technologies (VEST) laboratory
- Brother Carney will be climbing Mt. Rainier in Washington this summer
- Brother Schmidt will be working at Cracker Barrel as a server this summer
- Brother Heider will be traveling to Minnesota to be the Maid of Honor in her best friend's wedding
- Brother Donovan couldn't get enough of Charlottesville in her first year at UVA, so she will be studying Chemistry there this summer

- Brother McClintic will be working in a lab at the U.Va. Medical School doing cancer research.
- Brother Ruempler will be traveling to Costa Rica with the CMB, and then plans to be a math tutor in Northern Virginia
- Brother McLeod will spend half of the summer traveling in the UK and Europe before she has to face reality and work at the law office for the remainder of the summer.
- Brother Nystrom will be chillin' in Cville this summer and scooping gelato on the downtown mall
- Brother Collins will be researching the development of seagrass as well as selling shoes at Finish Line; get money, get paid
- Brother Jacobs will be shadowing a veterinarian this summer
- Brother Loyola (aka Broyola) will be visiting Europe and beach hopping this summer
- Brother Howdershell will be returning to Northern Virginia and working
- Brother Arager will be working at Busch Gardens this summer
- Brother Faires will be completing the very crucial and mentally-stimulating task of bagging groceries at the Commissary for tips
- Brother Sharp will be working with the Chaco Research Archive this summer
- Brother Laffey will be working in NOVA for the Federal Highway Administration
- Brother Vallorano will be interning in Washington this summer with Congressman Robert Dold (IL-10)
- Brother Ngai will be taking Physics over the summer and learning how to properly use a lighter
- Brother Clements apparently isn't doing anything exciting because she can't think of anything about which to update [Editor's note: #wompwomp]
- Brother Graham will be selling lotion to woman off all ages at Bath and Body Works
- Brother Hall will be running a branch of an SAT Prep company this summer
- Brother Spaulding will be working at the Cognitive Aging Lab over the summer
- Brother Ogden will be working in a boutique in Colonial Williamsburg this summer and trying to avoid tourists, because they are terrible drivers
- Brother Bonanno is thinking about learning how to do stand up this summer
- Brother Mauney will be working for Conference Services, studying for the LSAT, and writing a documentary

BELOW: The \$10.7 million Hunter Smith Band Building nears its completion in the Casteen Arts Grounds



ALUMNI UPDATE

Hey BX! Things are keeping busy here on the other side of the pond! My course is a Master of Philosophy, which incorporates only 4 classes and a dissertation. The classes have been really cool, except for Research Skills (worthless - how many classes on proper font and margin size do you really need??), but Hieroglyphs is amazing. Every once in a while I'm like wow! I'm totally gonna get eaten alive by a mummy. I'm going to write my master's dissertation on the accessibility of religion in ancient Egypt. If all goes well (aka my college gives me moolah), I may be able to go visit in person this summer!

On the fun side of things (which you've probably all seen on FB) I've had quite the introduction to British society! I do indulge in the graduate Formal Halls once every fortnight, which are fancy 3 course dinners in dress robes! My roommate Mollie, my boyfriend Chris, and I spent St. Patrick's Day trooping about the ol' isle of Ireland. We went to Blarney Castle and kissed the stone there, which is supposed to give you the gift of eloquence. And my father took me on a whirlwind tour of England and Scotland (and I mean whirlwind, the itinerary was 21 pages!).

I miss you guys all very much and will hopefully get to see you when I come home in late June/early July. My new email is kellyannaccetta@gmail.com. If you ever find your way to London, Cambridge is a \$20, 45 minute trip away, and I've got floorspace!

Kelly Accetta



ABOVE: Brother Accetta in her dress robe at Cambridge University

IOTA KAPPA UPDATE

Tau Beta Sigma's Iota Kappa Chapter at the University of Virginia had a very successful and fulfilling 2010-2011 year. Beginning in summer by helping during band camp, the chapter provided ice pops during breaks and assembled drill books for the upcoming marching season. The chapter also enjoyed displaying



ABOVE: Iota Kappa's Delta Class
Credit: Paige Phoebus

their pride for the sorority and its sacred principles by ordering chapter tee shirts that were design by Lauren Breedon. Holiday parties, secret sister gift exchange, apple picking, participation in Relay for Life on Grounds, joint social and service activities with Kappa Kappa Psi, as well as White and Blue Spirit Week were all highlights of the year and events in which sisters bonded and strengthened the foundation of the chapter.

In addition, the Delta class became sisters on April 10, 2011, and was warmly greeted by both members of Kappa Kappa Psi and James Madison's Eta Rho Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Iota Kappa also communicated with band directors and the University's McIntire Music Department to better fulfill their ultimate goal of serving the band and the immediate music community.

Vanessa Fleming

Corresponding Secretary, Iota Kappa of Tau Beta Sigma



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