

THE BETA CHI CHRONICLE



*A Look into the Life of our Chapter at the
University of Virginia, Spring 2023*



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About Beta Chi

The Beta Chi Chapter was originally founded on September 23, 1950 and was active until 1962, when the University's marching band program shut down after a decade of hardships. Without a marching band to serve, the chapter was unable to meet its goals and was disbanded. Over 40 years later, Carl and Hunter Smith donated enough money to establish the Cavalier Marching Band at UVA. With new instruments, uniforms, and spirit, the new marching band took to the field for its premier performance September 11th, 2004.

The Beta Chi Chapter was re-founded on April 23, 2005 with the help of our Big Brother Chapter, Eta Omicron of JMU. Today, Beta Chi provides support to the Cavalier Marching Band and other ensembles in the Charlottesville community. As the oldest active chapter in the Southern Precinct, Beta Chi has welcomed over 250 well-qualified musicians into the Brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi.

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Who is Kappa Kappa Psi?

Kappa Kappa Psi was founded in 1919 at Oklahoma State University as a *National Honorary Society for College Bandsmen*. Bohumil Makovsky, was the Band Director at Oklahoma State University, and came together with 10 of his students to create a fraternal organization based around their shared love of music. Since then, the fraternity has expanded to over 300 chapters and 50,000 Brothers in universities across the nation. Kappa Kappa Psi focuses on supporting college and university bands as well fostering responsibility, loyalty, and leadership in each member. Members focus on fulfilling the motto: "Strive for the Highest."

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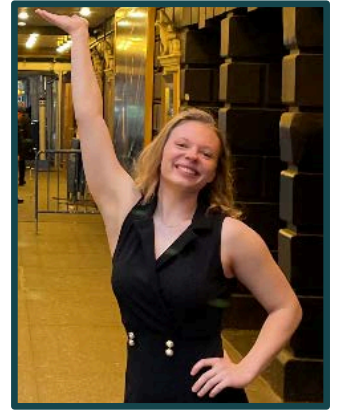
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Letter From the President Kristin Del Corso, Alpha Eta Class

Brothers,

Congratulations!! You survived another year! I'm proud of you all!! It certainly had its ups and downs, but together— through ✨brotherhood✨ — we managed to pull through. Now it's time for a fun summer of playing Tears of the Kingdom and reading fantasy novels! (...Or maybe that's just me?) Having ended the semester, I've been a little nostalgic for the year. Consider the time our president struck this pose when telling us about her deep dive internet stalking of Jake January's life. What a slay. Truly amazing. That's my president. (Also we were stuck in the multipurpose room that day which was messed up wtf)

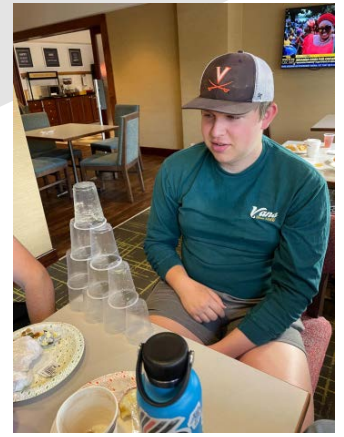


Who could forget **BID NIGHT**!!!!!! We decorated ourselves and looked pretty !!! Running around the MCs screaming and desperately trying not to run over each other is a highlight of the KKPsi experience.



Several brothers went to the ACC tournaments this Spring. Staying in a hotel together was fun! We had breakfast in the mornings together, played for the basketball team together, spent downtime together, and even mourned our loss against Duke together. Despite there being no "official" KKPsi gathering at the tournament, we still gravitated towards each other. I didn't take a *ton* of pictures, but I did take this one, where Ethan appears thoroughly unimpressed with his creation.

Almost immediately after the ACC tournament, we had our CFR visit in which The Guy™ himself got a whole tour of everything going on in our chapter. After painstakingly setting up every single detail, furiously emailing directors, and coordinating with the masses, Allison H set up a great visit with Jake January, and everything was a success! It was almost like we were disciples and she was Jesus and Jake January was God, and we were happy things were successful (IDK it's been a while since I've read the Bible). So, at the Dairy Market at our extra long table, we recreated the Last Supper (but I'm pretty sure Connor is Jesus for this one). I'm particularly a fan of the extra character we added played by Conrad.



Here's a cute picture of my line after first degree from "that stupid app" that makes you wait until 9AM for the pictures to develop. It's a great app.



I even took pictures during MC voting. A look into the secretive process.



Lara and I spent time together doing miscellaneous things like going to Target and going through EVERY aisle and going to Barnes and Noble and looking at all the fun books!

When Days on the Lawn came around, I organized our Conduct Us! Unfortunately, the calltime was during when I had *physics lab* 😞 This was evil, but thankfully I had an amazing committee to help me before the event. I received some pictures telling me all was well.



As a show of our sibling love, I drew this combining the TBS's mascot and our mascot. Perhaps the Mona Lisa of our time.



At the Spring Game, everyone got rained on and woodwinds fled, but the horn brothers had an innovative solution.



Ionic had a fun time making hash for our brunch House Progressive after Third Degree. I guess we all have different ideas of what to do when the camera comes on because the range of our faces is incredible.



That's about the extent of my photos. During this reflection, I learned a few things. One of them is that I need to take more pictures! Another is the pervasive nature of brotherhood. This photo reflection barely scratches the surface of our love and support for one another. In everything we do, brotherhood is present, even when we're not at KKPsi-specific sanctioned events, permeating every aspect of our lives. Brotherhood is not confined to Third Degree and chapter meetings, but is present in everyday moments. The trips to Barnes and Noble, the late night conversations, the spontaneous Newcomb lunches— sometimes it's just the frantic waving as we pass each other on McCormick road. Whether it's celebrating each other's achievements, offering a shoulder to lean on during difficult times, or simply lending a listening ear, our brotherhood remains a constant source of strength and support.

A final thing I realize is how excited I am to serve you as president this upcoming year. I am super lucky to be in the best chapter of KKPsi, and I'm excited to promote brotherhood and leadership in every one of you. I am always impressed by every one of your guys' compassion, intelligence, musical prowess, and drive to make a positive difference in the world. It is an honor to witness the incredible potential within each and every one of you, and I am genuinely thrilled to be a part of your journey as you achieve greatness. Let us continue to uplift, inspire, and support one another as we each strive for the highest.

AEA,

Kristin Del Corso

Highlights from the Semester



Brothers posing for the final stop of Bid Morning!



BX Softball



Brothers Cubstead and Palmer reposted on UVADine!



Brother Elliott caught on March Madness Cam!

Service 101



Brother Palmer tabling at Kidvention



Brothers Elliott, Woollacott, and Fisher after Joint TBS childrens concert at a local elementary school

KKProm



Brothers DiNatale and Baker pose under the constellations



Brothers McLellan, Shea, Furlick, and Probers smile brightly for the cameras!



Brother Bhogaraju trembling at fate

Welcoming our AIs



Brothers of the AI class photo



Chalking of the Clemons Chalk Wall congratulating our newest Brothers!

Graduating Brothers



Brothers Hazzard, Baetche, Fisher, Furlick, Woollacott, McLellan, and Prober show off their respective class hand signs at DBC

TL;DR: I love music a lot :) *Charlotte Baker, Alpha Theta Class*

I have a tendency to forget how much I love music. I get stressed out in band about memorizing music, when I feel like everyone is more talented than me, or even with finding time for band in my schedule. While I've never really wanted to quit band, sometimes I wonder why I devote so much time to an extracurricular that won't help me with any careers I might want to pursue. But this past semester I have been incredibly fortunate to have been to a number of musical performances that have helped to remind me of the beauty of music, and unsurprisingly, these memories include a number of brothers. I'm so fortunate to have a group of (very talented!) people who love music in the same way I do. So I guess I wanted to use this chronicle entry to reflect on some of my favorite musical memories of this past semester!

I was so excited when a couple months ago the UPC Instagram account started posting clues before announcing the Springfest comedian because they were obviously pointing to Lewberger. Lewberger is a comedic musical group composed of Alex Lewis, Hughie Stone Fish, and Keith Habersberger, of Try Guys fame. I'm a big fan of the Try Guys, but particularly of Keith because he happens to play French Horn like me, (but a lot better because he actually majored in French Horn performance.) I'd also heard some of their music and liked it so I knew immediately I wanted to go and I snapped up tickets as soon as they went live. Originally I thought there might be a group of horns going, but then I found out that my KKPsi twin (Connor) and one of my KKPsi littles (Mariel) were both going and so we went together! The line was ginormous and I think a couple hundred people who waited without tickets were turned away. But we had tickets so we got in!! The show was awesome, they're some very funny people, but also incredible musicians. Unfortunately, Keith didn't play French Horn during the show, but he did play trumpet, which I'll take as a partial victory, plus I got to talk to him after the show and he signed a mini french horn for me! The show was a lovely reminder that music doesn't have to be serious to be good.



Last year I went to the Percussion Ensemble to check the music task off in my MC Task Book and was blown away by the sheer talent and musical excellence I experienced, so I knew that I had to go again this year. I loved being able to hear so much about the pieces and the process of working on them from Leah, suffice to say that the Percussion Ensemble works very hard to do what they do. They played a lot of experimental pieces, which isn't something I normally seek out or listen to, so it was a very exciting concert. Pieces included elements like bowing cymbals, plastic bags, and using brushes to create the sound of flapping bird wings. I remember specifically sitting in the audience and thinking "wow, this is why I love music." It was truly an incredible concert, let me know if you want to go with me next Spring!

This past semester I was a member of the Wind Ensemble! I participated in Wind Ensemble in Spring my first year too, and while I love marching band and athletic band, I find a lot of comfort in being able to focus just on playing music and sounding really good rather than being worried about drill or bringing enough pep to a game. Every week I got two hours where I could ignore my other responsibilities and just get to play music. Additionally, it was also an honor to get to play Daniel's piece Echoes, which he worked on for many years. If you have time, watch the concert at this link! <https://youtube.com/live/ibw7PjoOqRg?feature=share>

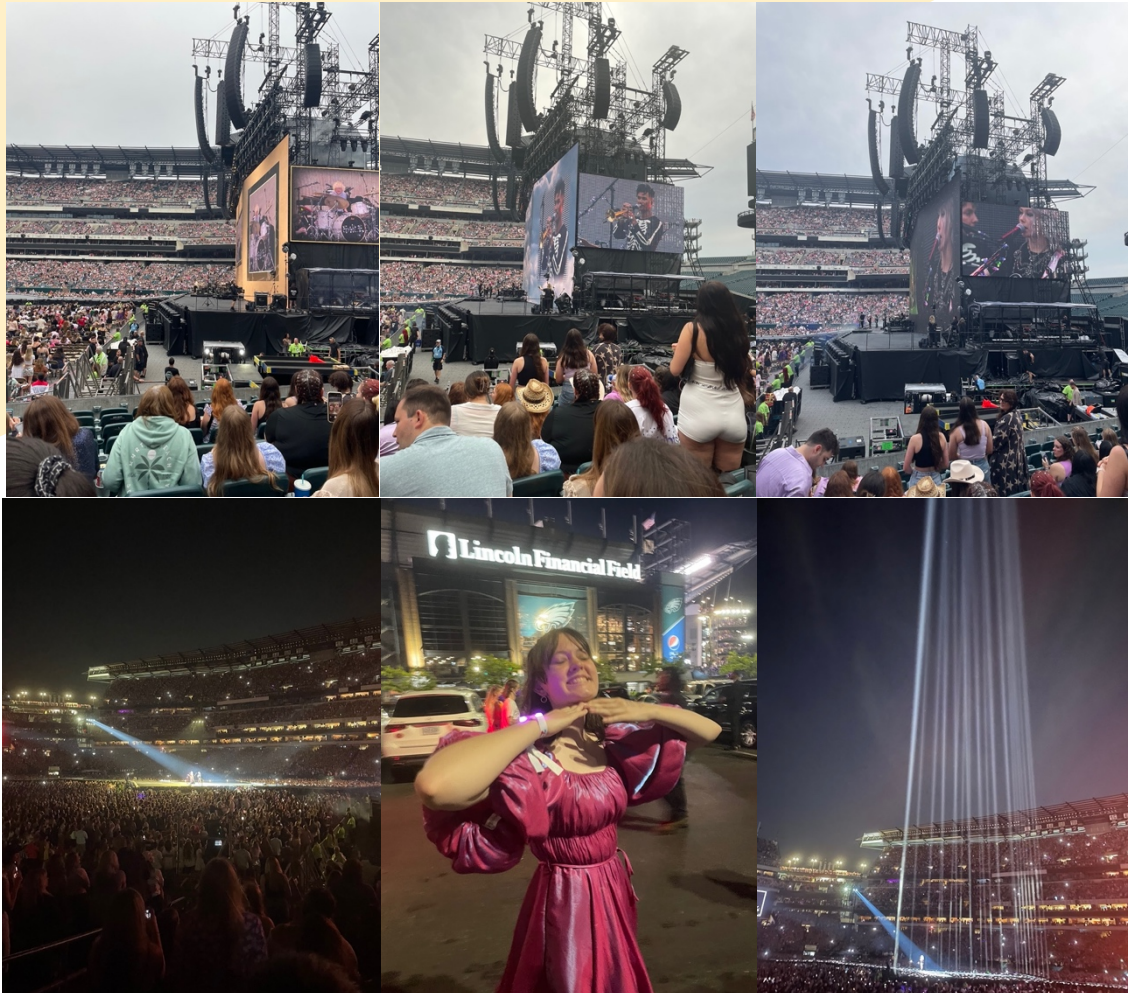
I went to the Concert Band performance towards the end of this past semester with the main goal of supporting my friends in the ensemble. It was towards the end of April and I was majorly stressed with papers

and finals coming up, and I was thinking about Concert Band as a bubble on my to-do list to check off. But then when I got to the concert I got to listen to an incredible performance. All of the pieces were amazing and the music was a lot of fun. Concert Band was a little oasis of music and happiness during my most stressful week of the past semester. Shout out to all the bros in Concert Band, you did amazing!!!



My last musical experience was technically right after my semester ended, but I'm going to include it anyways, just for fun. I was incredibly privileged and lucky to be able to see Taylor Swift's Era's Tour in Philadelphia on May 13th. It was actually my first real concert, not counting symphonies or small shows. I want to state how much privilege goes into being able to go to a show like this, specifically financially, before I delve into the musicality of the experience. Also shout out to Mariel for lending me your dress!! The first opener was Gayle, who's most famous for the song abcdefu. Honestly, her music isn't really my thing, but it was awesome to see how excited she was to be playing for us, and apparently she's only 18 which is crazy! The second opener was Phoebe Bridgers, and I like a few of her songs a lot, but I've yet to delve into her full catalog (but it's on my to-do list!). Her set was amazing though, and the trumpet player she had was a stand-out for the entire night. After that, Taylor Swift performed. It was an incredible show. Every dancer and musician was giving their all, and the production for the whole show was top-notch. So much work and time goes into putting something like this on, especially behind the scenes. I have two things to say to you if you worked on the Era's Tour, first, why are you reading our Chronicle/can I meet you? And second, your work was unbelievable. The most emotional part of the show was during Red where she brought Phoebe Bridgers out for Nothing New (a personal favorite song of mine) and followed that immediately with All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version) [From the Vault], and yes, that is the full name of the song. Just a full 15 minutes of musical devastation. I think there's something so magical about singing along with a crowd so

large, from abcdefu, to I Know the End, to Shake it Off. Music, through KKPsi or Stadium Tours, has such a distinct bonding power. It really is a universal language.



Thanks for going through that journey with me, there's no way to capture these performances with words, but hopefully I conveyed the emotions they gave me. This list is in no way exhaustive, so many brothers had performances I couldn't make, but I know they were amazing. I'm so ready for next semester and all of the opportunities to connect through music it will bring.

Beta Chi Graduating Bro Superlatives *Lara Forstner, Alpha Theta Class*

Hey hey hey! The year is over, and we have a whole batch of bros off to the real world :(I know we are all super proud of them, and I personally cannot wait to see what they get up to! In fact, I think I'd like to take a little guess as to what each bro is (and is not) capable of doing in adulthood. As such, I am proud to present:

Beta Chi Graduating Bros Superlatives!

I've assigned each graduating brother a superlative that I think best suits them, as well as my rationale and vision. I hope you all enjoy it! I did come up with these when in a febrile state, but I still think they are pretty solid.

Allison: Most likely to develop and coin a new dialect of the English language

Allison is now the proud holder of an English degree, so she definitely has the know how. But more importantly, every phrase that Allison says eventually spreads through the chapter like wildfire (ex. "slay," "a little treat," etc.), and with the proper funding and a little smidge of insanity, she could definitely get an entire region of the USA on board with a new dialect (I'd personally recommend starting in the Midwest). I think with a little time, this dialect would eventually spread throughout the nation. I suspect there will be the most resistance in Texas and New York, but Allison can use her Facebook stalking skills (perfected during her intense search for Jake January lore) to find some sort of blackmail on the state executive and legislative bodies to encourage the transition. Soon the rest of the world would replace their image of Americans being cowboys with an image of us as being simply *Haszardous™*.

Conrad: Most likely to join a pyramid scheme, somehow rise through the ranks and join the inner circle, and eventually take over the entire scheme and become a multimillionaire

I feel like Conrad could be convinced to join a pyramid scheme if it pretended to be for a good cause, like a percentage of money it makes goes to saving the polar bears or something, but is smart enough to realize that it is a pyramid scheme after some research. But instead of leaving it, I think he has the charisma and chaotic energy needed to usurp the whole thing and take it over, either through an intelligent, well thought-out, multifaceted plan, or maybe just by accidentally walking into the wrong meeting and pretending that he meant to be there. He would probably then use the money to actually do what was originally promised (yay for the polar bears). That being said, please consider donating some of your profit to the Cavalier Marching Band; we will happily hand-write you a thank you card, and I bet the polar bears will too.

Daniel: Least likely to survive a zombie apocalypse if I was one of the zombies

I remember that when Daniel and I went to Barracks once, he dragged me through some cooking store, and while I went to the knives like a normal person, he went to look at spices, so if I turned into a zombie I think I could take him because I would have weapons and I like spices. And when he went to Barnes and Noble with me (shoutout Reagan for the epic discount), he went to the gourmet cooking section and the manga section. Gourmet cooking is useless in the apocalypse, and I don't think manga will teach him the skills necessary to survive a zombie attack. If I were a zombie, I'd be dead so my survival skills would not matter. But I know where he lives in Charlottesville and in NOVA, and I possess the knowledge that I could lure him out of hiding with the promise of a seasoned cast-iron pan, gourmet spices, the crunchy peperoni sticks, and some form of vaguely lemony treat. Also, I told my mom about this superlative and she said "yeah that boy would be dead as a doornail in an apocalypse," so this one has Mother Forstner's approval. RIP Fisherman, you will be missed.

Ellie: Most likely to survive Jurassic Park

Only a few of you have ever had the privilege of seeing Ellie in her natural habitat of Dinoland, but it was an absolute delight to witness. Not only did Ellie successfully avoid starting a political argument with the lady who worked there (yay Ellie!), but she formed a kinship with those horrendously-designed dinosaurs like nothing I had seen before. I have photographic evidence of her dedication to the survival of the dinosaurs; she was even willing to sit on a nest of dinosaur eggs to help hatch them. Unfortunately, the eggs were plastic and did not hatch, but in Jurassic Park, I am sure that Ellie would succeed in her quest to hatch a dinosaur.

Mother dinosaurs are famous for being very nonchalant about their eggs, and I am sure that any tired Tyrannosaurus, beat-down Brachiosaurus, or stressed Stegosaurus would welcome the chance to leave their eggs with Ellie and get some much needed R&R. Undoubtedly, they would then grant Ellie protection from any other dinosaurs, and Ellie would ultimately become the dinosaur matriarch, with dinosaurs bringing offerings to Ellie in exchange for her blessing of their eggs.

Leah: Most likely to be a middle school substitute teacher for a day just for funsies and then cause a riot

Leah seems like she would one day wake up and go “hmm, I think I’ll go teach today!” She would get the credentials knocked out in record time, and get into the education system, probably wanting to substitute teach some advanced high school calculus class. BUT, the only opening is for middle schoolers. Leah is up to the challenge, goes to the middle school, and the students immediately love and respect her, because she is Leah and honestly who doesn’t? The day goes smoothly, until her last class when her true nature comes out and she unleashes a dad joke/pun capable of bringing a heathen god to its knees. If there is one thing middle schoolers hate more than homework, it is puns and dad jokes. The students immediately riot, bringing down the school in their horror, and refuse to speak of what occurred in their class. Leah gets off scott-free, and continues to teach at different schools as a little side gig, leaving a trail of destruction in her wake.

Miles: Least likely to win Masterchef

I can almost guarantee you that Gordon Ramsay would not go for colored pancakes, rainbow rice, or pasta cooked in any form of carbonated drink. Miles would be blacklisted from any cooking show, and most likely the entire United Kingdom. Miles, if you are going to visit London, I would do that before appearing on Masterchef. That being said, I will give Miles the second superlative of “Most likely to be a chef at Disney World” because I feel like kids would absolutely love the idea of rainbow rice or colorful pancakes (I would too). Please refrain from the soda pasta though, I think any reasonable person would serve you a lawsuit if you served them that.

Ryan: Most likely to successfully seduce the Chick-Fil-A cow

Ryan has more success than anyone I know at pulling restaurant mascots, so I think this is definitely possible. If and when this happens, I cannot wait to witness the love triangle between the cow, Twisty the Pretzel, and Ryan; it would be just like Twilight. I imagine that this plays out with Twisty trying to convince Ryan that he is bad for her and that she should forget about him and be with someone better for her, but when he sees her flirting with the cow he immediately changes his mind and realizes Ryan was the one for him all along. He incapacitates the cow by waving a pride flag at it matador-style, and while the cow writhes in agony, Twisty sweeps Ryan off her feet and introduces her to the elusive Auntie Anne herself. Auntie Anne sees that Ryan is capable of maintaining her empire, passes on the mantle to Ryan, and disappears Lorax-style. Ryan then takes over the business, becoming Auntie (Ry)Anne, and the CMB is given free pretzels at every football game.

KKPsi Poem *Gabby Niculescu, Alpha Theta Class*

In Charlottesville's embrace, fair and true,
Where knowledge blooms in Virginia's view,
The University of Virginia stands tall,
With Kappa Kappa Psi, answering the call.

Amidst Grounds, where much history resides,
Lies a brotherhood, which music abides,
Kappa Kappa Psi, a vibrant thread,
Of blue, white, and Carnations red.

From the Rotunda's glow to rolling hills,
Vibrant pride of Wahoos, the rhythm thrills,
Kappa Kappa Psi, their presence bright,
Uniting musicians, day and night.

In band halls and stages, they take the lead,
Breathing life into music's seed,
With passion and skill, they serenade,
University of Virginia, forever made.

So let the Cavaliers cheer, voices strong,
As Kappa Kappa Psi plays along,
That Good Ol Song of Wahoowa,
Voices pure and sweet orchestra.

Broth·er·hood *Melanie Palmer, Alpha Theta Class*

noun

1. an association or community of people linked by a common interest
2. the members of a particular organization
3. the quality of being brotherly; fellowship.
4. all those engaged in a particular trade or profession or sharing a common interest or quality.
5. the belief that all people should act with warmth and equality toward one another, regardless of differences in nationality, creed, ethnicity, etc.

I remember when I was a baby brother (like a year ago). I was asked to write my definition of brotherhood and I honestly didn't know what to put. No one had told me what brotherhood was, so I probably wrote something random about friendship and being a part of an organization. At the end of my MC process, I had to rewrite my definition of brotherhood, and how it had changed. I honestly don't remember what I put for this either, but it was very similar: brotherhood is about friendship and loyalty and all that lovely stuff.

These past two semesters at UVA didn't quite go the way I wanted them to. I often felt lost when it **came** to KKPsi, and unsure of my role within the chapter. I have always felt like I needed to do the most in every organization in order to be a part of it, but I didn't take on any leadership roles within KKPsi.

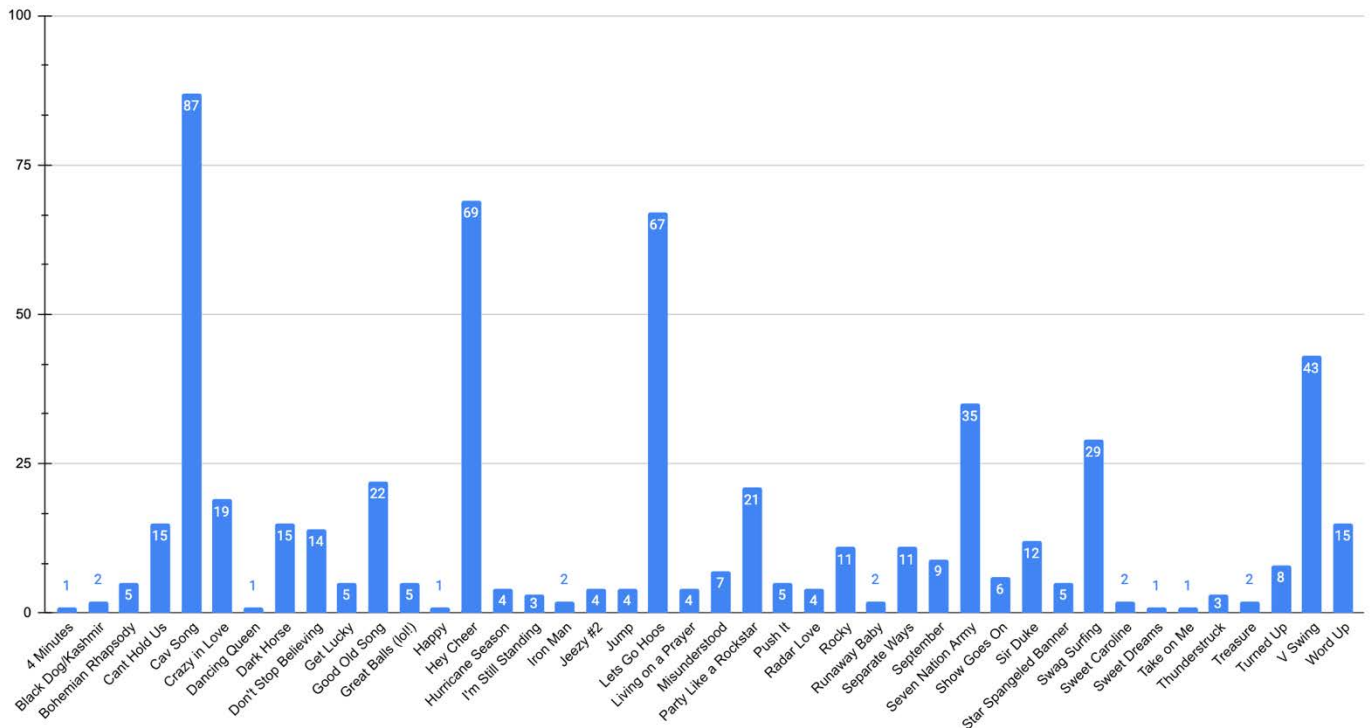
It took me more than **a** full semester of being a **brother** to realize my definition **of** brotherhood is much deeper than simple friendship. To me brotherhood is like the relationship I have with my (real) sister. We don't see each other often, we sometimes go weeks without talking to each other, but every time I see her we go right back to being sisters, the way it was when we were younger. For me, this is what it is to be a brother in **KKPsi**. It's unconditional love and acceptance from my peers. Even if I can't make it to every event, even if school gets in the way of things and I go weeks without seeing a brother, we will always be brothers **and** I will always be accepted by them. I noticed this a lot in the Alumni updates at chapter as well. Those alumni are and always will be brothers, even if they aren't the most active alumni ever.

Brotherhood *(according to Melanie World)*

noun

1. My definition of brotherhood is constantly changing and expanding as I have more and more interactions with brothers, alumni, and MCs. A year ago (when I was a baby) I thought I knew everything there was to know about brotherhood and KKPsi, but boy was I wrong. I now know that my definition of brotherhood will continue to change over the next two years as well as after I graduate. I also know that I will forever **love** and cherish all the wonderful memories I have with **my brothers** <3

Basketball Band Tune Statistics *Ethan Van Berkel, Alpha Theta Class*



Most Frequently Played Songs (of all season):

1. Cav Song
2. Hey Cheer
3. Lets Go Hoos
4. V Swing
5. Seven Nation Army
6. Swag Surfin'
7. Good Old Song
8. Party like a Rockstar
9. Crazy in Love
10. Can't Hold Us / Dark Horse / Word Up

Least Frequently Played Songs (of all season):

1. 4 Minutes
2. Dancing Queen
3. Sweet Dreams
4. Take on Me
5. Happy

Maahi's Spring '23 with BX



(am i a big kid now?)

BID NIGHT!



first degree!



welcome AIs 

JEFF HOUSE



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year one



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more like dead

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Keeping Up With BX

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