

MBΨ Zeta Chapter

Alumni Newsletter ~~2006~~ Spring 2005



Greetings Alumni!

The students' feet are making a crunching sound, with the snow on the ground here in the Keweenaw. The wind bites at our faces, but as we all return to the classroom we pause to enjoy the cold beauty of this area, while it lasts. Here at Zeta Chapter, we are doing well. After a year of turbulence and worry, and the heartbreak of seeing Delta Chapter go inactive, we have turned inward to focus on the future of our Brotherhood.

Last school year, we had faced two semesters without a pledge class and worked towards reigniting ourselves and getting back to a healthy number of actives. We now stand at over twenty actives, and that number is sure to increase even further. We have a healthy group of prospectives from the Pep Band and other groups on campus. The outsider's view of us as a Greek Organization is very positive and that should lead to a steady flow of new friendships and talent for the Brotherhood.

Our involvement in musical activities is improving as well. Last year, we had only two or three Brothers attending Pep Band, and that number has more than doubled. We also have more Brothers in the Choir and the Wind Symphony. But even as we become more involved in music again, we are venturing out into other areas of the MTU campus. We have Brothers who are Orientation Team Leaders, hockey players, and learning center coaches. We had Sandy Orlowski run as a finalist for Homecoming Queen, and Shawna Welsh try to run for Winter Carnival Queen. Over winter break we sent five Brothers to LeaderShape, Tech's annual leadership conference.

The Brotherhood is strong. We are taking on new projects, while still maintaining respect for the proud history of Zeta Chapter. We have high hopes for this year, and it's all thanks to the many years of dedication you have shown to us. As the snows fall once again, I extend to you the best regards from the far North.

Nick Rosencrans President, Zeta Chapter

Years (and therefore pages) of Brotherly Additions

Hello! I'm Derek Chapel, one of The Accidentals who pledged in the fall of 2003. We named ourselves The Accidentals because four of us are left handed and Nick is not so he's the accidental. I know, four lefties...that has to be a statistical anomaly or something. Anyway, we also only have one girl so maybe Melissa is the accidental, but either way we thought it was a good name for us. All five of us were juniors when we pledged so we knew the ropes pretty well and we wanted to make our pledging a fun time for all the Brothers. We were constantly piss-calling, kidnapping, and pimping the Brothers. They could tell you funny stories about The Accidentals Fish Pimp (the fish from which are now on their third generation), the alarm clock monkey, the paper punches hidden in Erin M. Bates' car, and many many more! We also kidnapped Chrissy Bischoff from Mu chapter and Ryan Hauck from Delta who was the National President at the time.



Hi, I'm Nick Rosencrans. I'm originally from the middle of a cornfield in lower Michigan, just an hour north of Lansing. I now study Scientific and Technical Communication here at Michigan Tech, and I'm in my 5th year of study. I've been toying with the idea of a minor in Music, as well. I joined Mu Beta Psi a year ago with The Accidentals, a great group of 5 people who all seemed to have one thing in common: we always had one "outlier" in our similarities.



I'm Robert and I'm a graduate in Chemical Engineering major from Maple, WI. I pledged during the Fall of 2003 with The Accidentals. My Big Brother is the fabulous Abra Seelig. I've participated with the Concert Choir and plays the saxophone. Currently I'm attending Northwestern University for my PhD in Chemical Engineering



My name is Derek Chapel. I pledged with the Accidentals in the fall class of 2003. I'm a 5th year EE major with a concentration in photonics. I love music but don't play any instruments. I'm an avid hockey player. I play ice hockey and roller hockey. I play many other sports too. I'm also the publicity chair. I really enjoy doing service activities and helping Zeta's sports teams make records!

The Accidentals
Fall 2003

Melissa Masucci. A transplanted Yooper, I was born in California but moved to the UP at a young age. I grew up in Ontonagon, and I've always hated winter. I'm currently 21 years old, in my fifth year at MTU, dual-majoring in Psychology and the Social Sciences. I pledged in my third year, and my big was the infamous "Red". I'm the Editor of the Daily Bull Entertainment Press and a member of the Undergraduate Student Government.



Hi. This is swinger, (aka Andrew Spina) I came to this earth December 6th 1982. I was given my name 20 years later by one Leslie Brown. She, a member of the porn family, was twin to my Big Brother Andrew J. Fleming also known as Player. My name originates in my freedom with my sexuality. Wait! Not sexuality, dancing. I dance, it is my musical passion (aside from the music itself.) I'm an eagle scout, vigil member from Oxford, Michigan. My cause was lost after high school, but three years into Tech I found my trail. As I'd expected, it will not involve my degree in Electrical Engineering, but the application of my scouting experience. I expect when I settle down that I will be steward for a Boy Scout camp. I spent spring 2005 in Australia. After that I'll be mobile and nomadic until I've gotten over my loose feet. Peace.



Short Staffed, Spring 2005

The first of our test run of having two pledge classes per semester, Short Staffed pledged brilliantly and exceeded the Brotherhood's expectations every step of the way, and unlike their name, were never short of anything, except maybe height.

Hello all, my name is Kirsten Holmlund. I graduated in Biological Sciences this past April, but I'm currently taking classes for enrichment at Tech. I enjoy working with animals and am looking for a career in Veterinary Medicine. Last year I played on the MTU Women's Hockey club team, and have played on Mu Beta Psi's intramural team for three seasons. I have also been a season ticket holder for Michigan Tech's men's hockey for 6 years (yes, I am a glutton for punishment). I would play this year, but I am expecting a bundle of joy around March 1st. I have been involved with Mu Beta Psi for about 5 years, as Zeta chapter has graciously allowed me to be a groupie, and then accepted me as an "in-law" upon my marriage to John Holmlund in September of 2002. I am looking forward to continued service within the Brotherhood in any way that I am needed.



Alex Kiheri, Lila Flaherty, and Kirsten Holmlund

Hi, I'm Lila Rose Flaherty. I'm a second year forestry major from Adams, MN. I like to read, watch TV and movies and hang out with friends. I'm into Sci-fi and Fantasy stuff. I like conversation, I'm open to pretty much anything. I'm also involved with Keweenaw Pride. I love music and to sing. I like to play board games and card games.

My name is Alex Kiheri. I'm a sophomore studying civil engineering here at Tech. I am originally from Minnesota, near the Twin Cities area. I have an avid love of music and have particular interest in combinations of it with visual arts. I am your typical nerd, interested in computers and high end electronics, but I balance this out with a love of sports, helping others and school. Contemplation and conversation are some of my favorite hobbies and I consider myself a scholar of the mind wishing to understand the quintessence of the human being. In music as in all aspects of my life I have an open mind and a love of exploration.

Slightly Off Beat, Spring 2005

The second pledge class of Spring 2005 was Slightly off Beat, or as the Brothers liked to put it "Our favorite SOB's!" A varied group ranging from first years to third years, psychology majors (yes, we have those at Tech now) to engineers, this group had a blast pledging. Their many exploits included the first pimp (to our knowledge) with pistachio nuts, and many other creative endeavors.

Ira W. Hall III, Bryan Sebeck, and Nate Wiley did not submit bios.



Top Row Left to Right: Ira Hall, Nate Wiley, Michael Senkow Bottom Row Left to Right: John Buzzo, Bryan Sebeck, Sandy Orlowski

Hey there, my name is Sandy Orlowski. I am a second year chemistry major from Gladstone, MI. I like to run marathons and have completed 2 of them so far. i also love playing my flute and playing volleyball. The best part of pledging for me was meeting all the awesome people and making so many amazing lifelong friends. After college, i want to go into forensics, and work in a laboratory running tests on evidence samples brought to me. =)

Hello, I am Michael Senkow, a member of the spring 2005 pledge class. I am currently a 2nd year civil engineer with a music minor in the jazz requiem. I hail from the town of Emmett, Mi, in the lower peninsula. My interests include reading as much as I can, messing around with my computer, long walks on the beach (really, I love walking down by the Portage), and playing piano. That is my main musical goal, playing piano and learning as much about the different styles as I can. So far I've taken part in MTU's R and D band and a separate group called "The Brewster's". I think I enjoyed simply meeting the various brothers most of all during pledging, interviewing a person and asking random questions is always fun. My plans for after college are still a bit hazy, but I would like to go to graduate school no matter what major I end up in.

My name is John Reino Buzzo. I'm a 2nd year Biological Science major, concentrating in pre-health professions from Ontonagon, Michigan. I enjoy traveling, being with friends, hiking, going out for coffee and music. My favorite band is Alkaline Trio, but I like many different genres. The best part about pledging was getting closer to the friends I already had as pledge brothers, and getting to know everyone else in the fraternity. My plans for after graduation are either to continue my education by going to medical school or enroll in a masters program.

Abstract Harmony Fall 2005

These six intrepid and slightly odd souls (plus one) made up a different kind of pledge class in Fall 2005, known as Abstract Harmony. They approached pledging wholeheartedly and rose to each challenge presented by the Brotherhood (And they actually kidnapped AJ!) and were a joy to have around. They represent the newest addition to the Brotherhood.



Dave, Shawna, Scott, Katie, Nic, Danielle, and Nick Enz (honorary)

Hi, my name is Nicolas L. Leatherman. I'm a Scientific and Technical Arts Major and concussionist. I was born in 1986. I have been in music since as long as I can remember. If you want to know anything else about me, instant message me at Mrarcticpenguin.

Lee David Klemens "Dave" did not submit a bio.

My name is Shawna Patricia Welsh. I was born and raised in Ferndale Michigan. I have two sisters, one older and one younger. I'm a third year and majoring in Biological Sciences. I have no clue what I plan to do after college. I'm considering some sort of teaching or maybe plant sciences. My hobbies include music—playing the trombone and baritone, reading, photography, spending time with my friends and meeting new people, and exploring.

My name is Danielle LaLonde and I am a junior at Michigan Tech. I am currently pursuing a business degree with a concentration in accounting. I will be taking classes to be eligible for the CPA exam, although I might go into corporate accounting. In regards to Mu Beta Psi, I joined because I want to be active in the community and it is a great way to overcome my shyness, so hopefully I can help implement some of my ideas and others'. Also, I would like to be an officer in the next couple of years to gain more experience in leadership roles."

Scott Nelson has been involved in music all of his life. Scott enjoys volunteering most of his time to playing in and the upkeep of musical organizations wherever he is located. Lately, he has been a volunteer staff member for his high school band in Lakewood, CO as the High Brass Tech and as Music Librarian. He has also worked as a counselor and instructor for 8 years at the Front Range Music Theory Camp. Scott loves to perform in all genres of instrumental music, especially Jazz and Modern Classical. He has marched with the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps for the 2004 season and he is currently playing with the Pep Band in the Trumpet ('Rumpet) section. He later hopes to branch out into many more musical ensembles at Michigan Tech. He also enjoys writing about himself in the third person.

Hi I'm Katie Becker! I was born in Denver, CO, and grew up about 1 hour away in Pine. I started choir in third grade, and started playing instruments in 6th grade. In high school, I was in the Bengal Regiment marching band for four years, and winter percussion for two, competing at a state and national level. I graduated from the International Baccalaureate Program in '05 from Lakewood High School. I am currently majoring in Materials Science and Engineering, with an emphasis on research, although I also write and paint.

Updates on MTU Music Groups

This year has a lot of exciting experiences occurring in the Fine Arts department at MTU. The Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra has four AMAZING concerts scheduled for this year. The second performance this school year is with pianist, Ralph Votapek, and the Keweenaw Youth Symphony. This year the KSO will be performing during Winter Carnival (Friday, 2/10 @ 7:30pm, Sat., 2/11 @ 8:30pm) with world renowned Alan Parsons Live! The final concert of the KSO season is a joined concert with the Michigan Tech Concert Choir; they will be performing Brahms Requiem on April 15. Note: All KSO performances are at 7:30 pm in the Rozsa center, unless otherwise noted.

The Concert Choir has an excellent year ahead of them as well. On November 13th they performed with Brazeal Dennard Chorale, this concert proved to be one of the most awe-inspiring concerts to date. More importantly than its two concerts this season, the Concert Choir is doing another tour this summer. From Aug 1 – 14 the choir will be heading to CHINA! All interested choir alumni are encouraged to join them, just contact Milt at miolsson@mtu.edu.

Another first for the Fine Arts department is a year-long Campus Concert Band. They will be having two concerts this year with the MTU Wind Symphony. The next concert is April 19th. Mike Irish has another fun-filled season this school year. In January, they start the new year off right with the Jazz Club Cabaret on the 27th and 28th in McArdle. March 15th is the traditional Home and Home Jazz concert with NMU and MTU Jazz bands performing in the Rozsa Center. And, of course, how could any of us forget the Don Keranen Memorial Concert, where one lucky talented player will be given the Don Keranen award for most improved Jazz artist!! April 22nd, Rozsa Center.

The University Theatre has some very intriguing events this year as well. In the spring, the University Theatre will be presenting Shakespeare's Henry V, directed by Christopher Plummer. The set for this performance is going to be a modern/non-period setting, certain to be a unique experience. Performance dates are March 22-25th in McArdle Theatre (Wed-Sat - 7:30 pm, Sun – 3:00pm).

Other events this spring are:

Chamber Music Series – January 15th and April 23rd – 3:00 PM – McArdle

Troupe's Campus Comedy Show – March 31st – April 1st – 7:30 pm – McArdle

Mid-Day at the Rozsa – April 3rd – 7th – 12 Noon – Rozsa Lobby

Michigan Tech Dance Company – April 8th – 7:30 pm – Rozsa Center

The last event that may interest you as alumni is the return of EXCURSIONS IN SOUND! Sponsored by Michigan Tech Fine Arts dept and MU BETA PSI!! The concert will be April 7th in McArdle Theatre. CDs of the performance will also be available.

Don't forget about the Alumni Banquet during Winter Carnival contact our Alumni Archives chair to get all the details. Email Kirsten Holmlund at klswanso@mtu.edu

Coming to the Rosza during Winter Carnival 2006 is the Alan Parson's Project! We'd love to see all of you for Carni!

Winter Carnival Report 2005

As expected, Winter Carnival 2005 was a blast. This year's theme, "A Frozen Commotion from the Depths of the Ocean" gave rise to an awesome theme... music of course!

Mu Beta Psi placed well in many of the competitions. Our one-nighter statue received first place. The statue entitled Hey Hey we're the Ice-Sea Monkeys, included a band of frozen ocean dwellers playing a variety of musical instruments in an oyster shell bandstand. We placed third in the Beards competition with a musical number written by Mark Andrasko. The hilarious skit was performed by Derek Chapel, Michael Toles and Mark Andrasko. Two of the other competitions we fared well in were Skating and Ice bowling. We took first place in skating and second place in ice bowling. Overall we took 7th place in the student organizations category.

Gary Tunstall put on an amazing show this year at the Franklin Square Inn on Friday of Carni. Gary had a special opening act this year, with Mu Beta Psi's own Mark Andrasko performing a hilarious set to kick start the evening. This year with Gary's help we raised almost \$1000 to go towards scholarships for the fine arts department. This event was a fantastic success.

Thanks to all the alumni that came up to celebrate Carnival with us this year. We hope to see all of you again as well as many more next year. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the Brothers still at Tech.

Notes from the Alumni Archives Chair

Greetings Alumni!

I would first like to take this opportunity to apologize for not getting this out sooner. There's no excuse for not getting you a newsletter for the past 3 years, so I won't try to offer one. Please know that I am truly sorry, and I hope this does not happen again.

Zeta Chapter has an alumni email list. We would like to utilize this email list more, especially with the rising cost of using the Postal Service. If you would like to be informed via email (and hopefully receive future newsletters with COLOR pictures) please email me at the address below and I will have you added to the list. You will have the added bonus of more updates (at least as long as I can help it!), and the ability send to this list if you have any news you would like to share.

I would like to take a moment and personally thank Wes Adkins, Kevin Britton, and Alice Gerhardt for all their help with getting this newsletter out, and addresses updated. You three have been invaluable! Thank you so much.

Unfortunately we still don't have updated information for all of our Alumni. If you are interested in helping to find Brothers, or know of a Brother who did not receive this newsletter, please email me at the address below.

In Brotherhood,

Kirsten L. Holmlund (klswanso@mtu.edu)

Shout Outs!

Hi Becca, we miss you!
Chris and Abra

Jonathan Kovarik
How's it going?
Andy Stephens

Hi Chuck!
Andrew Stephens

Andy, Chris, and Dan, Jack
And then there was one
Nate

Sandra Repar
Hope you like your mug! Glad
we could finally get it for you.
-Zeta Chapter

Erin! I'm so glad Minneapolis is
treating you well. Maybe I can come
see you sometime this spring or
summer? Have a good one gal.
Nick R

Doug S, Alice G, and Drew B
The Tree Grows!
Ariana J & Nick R

Seize the Day! $E=mc^2$

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