

# Beta Omicron Active Alumni Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!!

Hello and welcome to another exciting issues of the Beta Omicron Active Alumni Newsletter. I hope this article finds you well. As you read you will find articles from the chairs of various committees, a calendar of events, and information about the upcoming conventions. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to email me Lilbudi77@cox.net.

Enjoy!

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## The Website: [www.asu.edu/clubs/kkpsi](http://www.asu.edu/clubs/kkpsi)

The website this year has come a long way - we have a brand new layout from last year! If anyone needs updates on our activities, we have added a calendar for each month posting each event. Get to know each Active Member by checking out our member profiles (with pictures)! Soon our prospective profiles for Spring 2005 will be

posted. Our newest addition soon to come is our alumni page, so if anyone has any ideas regarding content please log onto the website and post us a suggestion!

Michelle "Roxy" Soper  
ΓΦ, Fall 2003

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Reception March 31<sup>st</sup>
- District Convention April 1-3
- Recording session April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Reception April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Fling April 22
- HAFD April 30
- Spring Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Alumni Degree May 7<sup>th</sup>
- National Convention July 26-31

## Meet the Prospectives

This spring semester we have 6 prospective members in the program. Robyn Buehrle is a freshman trombone player. She is a Secondary Education Major, who hopes to teach students to like literature. Stefanie Handrick is a sophomore flute/piccolo player. She is a Computer Systems Engineering major, because she likes computers "a LOT". Nicole Swanson is a freshman French horn player. She is a music education major, and hopes to teach at the

elementary education level because she loves little kids. Stephanie Taber is in her first year of band at ASU, but a junior transfer student. She plays clarinet, and is an accounting major. Rob Wilson is a sophomore baritone player. He is an elementary education major, because he wants to give back to the community. Mike Wittas is in his fifth year of band at ASU. He was trumpet section leader in the marching band this past

fall, and received the Outstanding Bandsman award. He is a computer science major, and has been very active in the marching, concert, and pep bands throughout his collegiate career. These six individuals have great leadership qualities and take-charge attitudes, making the actives of Beta Omicron very optimistic for the future.

Katie Mael  
VP of Membership  
FO, Fall 2000

## Here to Serve

Instead of talking about our service credit system, I will talk about something I have given a lot of thought to recently, that is WHY we do service as the central part of being in Kappa Kappa Psi.

In 2003, I had the privilege of sitting on the Strategic Planning committee at district convention. Kirk Randazzo, then National President, was the advisor for the committee. He brought up a point that I still remember. He said that when Boh and the Oklahoma A&M band members started Kappa Kappa Psi, their idea if service was not doing BBQs or band days or a lot of the things we do now, but simply dedicated participation. That was the essence of band service. You ensure the existence of the university band by playing in it at the best of your ability. Obviously, Kappa Kappa Psi has grown since then, and we do a lot of service projects. Our bands have greater physical needs than the bands then did. We have long rang-

ers, towers on the band field, computer databases, program printing, CDs, and the list goes on and on. All these things help ensure the survival and success of the bands here at ASU, but still, our band is nothing without its members. As a chapter, we do a large

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number of service projects for the bands, especially the ones we participate most actively, the athletic bands. And one of my goals as VPS has been to maintain and expand these projects. But as the spring semester passes by, I see clearly again that there are amazing bands at this school being neglected by Beta Omicron. The only contact we have with our Wind Symphony is the occasional receptions we hold for their concerts. While this is obviously a good project, there is SO much more we can do. We have tried and failed before

though. I think more projects are not the answer. It goes further. Not just recruitment. Our purposes mention that members of the fraternity are to strive for greater musical achievement. While I don't know that we can have members audition and make Wind Symphony, we CAN have our members audition. Right now I am encouraging my brothers to audition for NIB and to keep playing over the summer to audition for concert bands in the fall. Obviously, my committee is also working on more immediate projects as well as looking ahead to marching band in the fall, but this is a long-term issue and it needs a long-term solution. I firmly believe though that the best way to serve our higher bands is to show interest in being members. Even if we don't succeed, we will be better musicians because of it.

Ivan Pour  
VP of Service  
FT, Fall 2002

## “Don’t lots of outstanding band members join KΚΨ?”

Well, it’s finally happened. No, I haven’t started practicing every day. No, we still can’t play Dr. Who at official sporting events. No, Marty hasn’t given up his stylish pith helmet. I’ve joined Kappa Kappa Psi.

I know what you’re thinking. “Don’t lots of upstanding band members join KΚΨ? Why are you making a big deal out of this?” The big deal isn’t that I’ve decided to become a Brother—it’s that I’m a fifth year band member, going on six. So, as you would expect, I’m a little bit older—OK, maybe more than a little bit older—than your typical prospective and I have experienced much of what the Sun Devil band has to offer already.

This brings up the obvious question: “Why did you wait so long to join?” Well, the thought of joining has been present since I joined the SDMB in the fall of 2000, but becoming a brother didn’t interest me. For five years now I’ve been told KΚΨ was right up my alley, and with all I did for the

band I’d fit right in—but I suppose I always seemed happy enough just playing my trumpet, doing my thing and helping out however I could.

A spontaneous invitation to the Spring 2005 First Degree changed this. I didn’t go with the intent to join, but to check things out—after all, who wouldn’t be curious to see the inner workings of a fraternity? Little did I know what was in store that night. After going through the ritual I felt obliged to continue on—I was flattered to be invited, and everyone was so happy to see me that night. However, I still wasn’t moved to join—I hadn’t found my reason to become a brother. Or rather, I hadn’t yet noticed what was right in front of my eyes.

After all, I already loved contributing to the band, and I figured, why put myself in a position where I’ll

have to spend extra time to do what I was going to do anyways, and maybe even have to change how I do things? These and other questions buzzed in my head after the First Degree.

My doubts receded, however, as I began my interviews (after a little nudge from a friend to continue on). As I talked to people that I have been marching beside for years, it hit me. I’d never really taken the time in all my years in band to truly get to know the people I have been sharing some of the best times of my life with.

So after a long night at Wendy’s (and a lot of interviews), I finally put my indecision to rest. It’s interesting being an older prospective, but I imagine it’s not too different from what the younger prospectives are going through. We share a lot of the same questions, we share the love for our band, and we share the hope that the relationships forged in band and tempered by KΚΨ will last well beyond our inevitable departure from ASU.

Mike Wittas  
ΓΩ Prospective Member  
Spring 2005

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## Enhancing the Bond with a Few Stitches

This year’s display is, in my opinion a very different endeavor than in previous years. We are creating a keepsake, rather than just a throw away display. A blanket is this year’s creation. It will be made with blue and white, and maroon and gold squares, with a big white center spelling out Kappa Kappa Psi. We’re also going to put pictures onto fabric to make it even more of a keepsake, and something than can be added to each year. Fortunately for me, many people within the chapter are helping me with a lot of the tedious work that I just can’t do, and it just proves again that the chapter always comes together when it’s needed. Hopefully this year will be a success compared to last year’s DNA model, however, even if it is not, we will still have the display to enjoy for a lot of years.

Tasha “Teddy Bear” Dupuis  
ΓT, Fall 2003

## A Note From the (Off) White House

The Beta Omicron Chapter has once again awarded the Chapter Leadership Award for the 2003-2005 Biennium! This marks the eleventh time Beta Omicron has received this award, earning it previously in '73-'75, '83-'85, '85-'87, '87-'89, '89-'91, '91-'93, '95-'97, '97-'99, '99-'01, '01-'03, and now once again in '03-'05! The award, renamed from the "Top Ten" Chapters award in 1991, is presented to the chapters that exemplify the ideals of the fraternity by their outstanding service to Kappa Kappa Psi and college bands. The most outstanding chapters in the nation are selected to receive the award, and then put together a presentation for the Leadership Awards Committee at National Convention. The committee reviews each of the Chapter Leadership finalists, then chooses the top chapter to be awarded the William Scroggs Founder's Trophy. This is a great distinction, as it identifies Beta Omicron as one of the best of the around 175 active chapters in the nation. Two other chapters from the Western District were also selected to receive the award - Iota Kappa at Boise State University, and Iota Pi at Cal Poly. Beta Omicron was the Founder's Trophy recipient in 1985 and also at the last National Convention in 2003. The chapter is preparing our presentation for this year's convention in Lexington, Kentucky, and we would welcome any input, especially from anyone with Chapter Leadership presentation experience.

This award is a credit to all of the great service that every one of our members has contributed. I wish to congratulate all members of our chapter, past and present. The hard work and dedication you have all put in to Beta Omicron have built such a great solid foundation that have put us in the position we are today. I am so proud to be a member of Beta Omicron because of the outstanding legacy that all of you have been a part of. National Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington, Kentucky from July 26-31, 2005. We would love to see you there - if you need more information please contact us.

On a sadder note, Brad McDavid, our longtime Western District Governor has resigned from his position. Some of you may remember Brad when he was a T.A. with the marching band here at Arizona State. The Director of Bands from Washington State University, Don Hower has taken over in his stead. Although we will all miss Brad, we look forward to working with Mr. Hower. If you would like to contact him, he can be reached at [howerde@wsu.edu](mailto:howerde@wsu.edu).

Congratulations Beta Omicron! I hope to see some of you show your support by coming to Districts or Nationals!


TJ Witucky  
President 2004-2005  
ΓΞ, Spring 2000

*Go to District Convention!*

...Because you get to meet awesome people!

...Because you can buy cool KKY / TBS merchandise!

>>> BECAUSE IT'S FUN! <<<



DISTRICT:  
Tucson, AZ  
April 1-3  
Omega - Kappa Kappa Psi  
Tau Beta Sigma

NATIONALS:  
July 26-31, 2005  
Hyatt Regency  
Lexington, Kentucky

*GO TO NATIONALS!*



## Notes from the Social Committee

Social committee has had a fun semester, and there's still more to come for us. This year, for Valentine's Day we decided to spend the evening with brothers. Katie Mauel graciously offered her home and social committee provided a variety of homemade Italian dishes. We crammed 31 people around 3 small tables and everyone had a blast. In the planning stages we have set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Spring Fling, which will be open to all marching band, pep band, and all concert band members. It will include a night of deserts, music, dancing and karaoke. Money will be raised at District Convention where the social committee plans to sell past district t-shirts. We are also looking forward to Happy Action Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, with the possibility of events scheduled on Friday evening and Sunday morning. HAFD includes breakfast and a small hike (location TBA), roller-skating, and then dinner at "Rustle's Rooste" at South Mountain. After dinner, we will be playing an intriguing game of Capture the Flag on campus. The social committee is always striving to make events for the chapter that are new and exciting; we will keep you updated on our new endeavors.

Tasha "Teddy Bear" Dupuis  
 GT, Fall 2002



## Victory at the Sun Bowl

Well, this was the year I was waiting for. The big trip. The one game that I wanted to remember forever in my mind. The only reason for this was because two years earlier we lost at the Holiday Bowl. For those Alumni that were there, you know what I'm talking about. That was a great trip as well, but victory makes it that much sweeter. We left bright and early that morning, knowing the six-hour ride ahead of us was going to be a tough one. After all, it was El Paso Texas, how exciting could it be. Let me tell you, not that exciting. So we had to make the best of it. The hotel was nice enough, and we all had rooms next to each other for the most part. I don't know about the ladies, they all stayed on the other side of the hotel away from us guys. Trust me, we still had fun. Battle of the bands the night before the game was a sight. Purdue's band was

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not a band to be taken for granted. That was a great band. I always get this sense however that our band has more fun then other bands, and on that night, I was sure it was true. While all the old fans of Purdue quietly clapped, our fans cheered loud throwing pitchforks in the air with all their might. The fireworks show at the end was a nice touch; all the maroon and gold. Game day, we marched proudly into the stadium, even though there really wasn't anyone there. Pre game, we went first. Once again our exploding ASU got the fans attention and it was a great pre-game. Half time we played probably our most fan friendly show ever, our video game show. Trust me, everyone was cheering at the end, and the band looked great. Back-up quarterback Sam Keller was in as well as Rudy Burgess. With those two, the game came down to the wire, and in the last 2 min-

utes, we pulled off one of the greatest win I've ever seen in ASU history. The best part was when the whole football team came over to the band and sang for us. I never felt so proud to be a member in the marching band in my life. That night, we partied about 20 yards away from Mexico, and we all karaoke'd our hearts out. Even MRP got into it with a fantastic version of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia". Priceless! We all brought in the New Year together and we all sang the Alma Mater with pride that night. The trip back was just the same as the trip there, only in reverse. The crap town that we had entered had now become a conquered land for the Sun Devils. And so with our leaving Texas, another chapter in the Sun Devil Marching band book was over and forever will this Sun Devil remember what it means to have Sun Devil Pride. EGT!

Alex Raines  
 ΓΦ, Fall 2003

## Will there be a CD this year?

Do not fear there will be a CD with the music from the 2004 season. So first, what went wrong followed directly by what the heck is being done about it.

The recording made at the Pass in Review concert was unusable because it was recorded, through a combination of operator and equipment error, at very low levels, minus 60 decibels if that means anything to you. The recording was of such poor quality that in order to even hear it we had to crank the volume way up; making the whole thing sound like a "Fight Songs of the West" record that had been left in the Arizona sun for 10 years.

2004 was just too good of a year to just let this slip by and not remember the music so the chapter spent several weeks in discussion about what would be involved in

re-recording the concert with the entire band as soon as possible. However, because of winter break and the Lion King's two-month death grip on Gammage we have had to push the timeline back.

The recording, with a professional sound engineer this time, is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> in Gammage Auditorium at 3pm. Then we will have the CD mastered and pressed as quick as humanly possible, and barring any other catastrophe, they should be in for the Spring Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jessica Eagon  
ΓΦ, Fall 2003

## Hospitality Events

Hello! Good news from your friendly neighborhood Hospitality Chair! Concert season has been very exciting and our first reception for the Wind Symphony and Choral Union on the 26<sup>th</sup> went extremely well! This year our committee has made an effort to improve relations between Kappa Kappa Psi and the higher bands in the school of music, and as part of that effort I would love to officially invite you to our remaining receptions.

The dates are:  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 2005  
April 29<sup>th</sup> 2005

Ashton Jackson  
ΓΦ, Fall 2003



## \* Sigma database, where did you go? \*

Let me first introduce myself since I am a new active. My name is Deanna "DOC" York and I went through third degree in the fall of 2004 as part of the ΓΨ class. I joined the Alumni Committee and was given the task of creating an alumni database for the Sigma chapter of Tau Beta Sigma that was active at ASU until 1975.

The first step in under taking this project was to contact National Headquarters for a copy of the Sigma roster (I have yet to receive a response). I then took five hours and perused their scrapbook looking for names of members, positions held and the years that they were active in the chapter. The scrapbook has really held up and has been kept in shape over the decades. While going through it, I developed a feeling of brotherhood/sisterhood that has inspired me to not only contact these people, but to finish the history of Sigma that was started a few years ago. Once I receive the official roster, I am going to seek the help of my brothers in contacting these alumni sisters with the ultimate goal of keeping them in touch with them, notifying them of activities of Beta Omicron, and a possible social gathering.

If you have any contact information, information on the history, etc. please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated!

Deanna "DOC" York  
ΓΨ, Fall 2004



Hello Alumni Brothers and Sisters of the Beta Omicron Chapter-

It has officially been two years since I graduated from the greatest university in the country - Arizona State University - GO DEVILS! I enjoyed my time dearly as an active member at Arizona State University in the Beta Omicron Chapter. This organization helped changed my life, attitudes, and experiences throughout college, and then after many years came the all too common burnout period. The time we use to reflect on our fun adventures as college students, and then are hit with the scary reality that we just entered the "real world", which is more frightening than reality TV. After this period of reflection, I found myself in a scary place - I had a mortgage, a husband, a dog, a career, and people who depended on me to help take care of them! Many of us have found ourselves in similar situations in the last few years, as we look around and find the innocent experiences (or not so innocent) of college have been stripped away from us, and replaced by rules and responsibilities. Well, maybe its not that dramatic, but I did find a bit of solace in another group that I shared so many other life moments with. They were my partners in crime, shoulders to cry on, people to laugh with (or at) , and a comfortable group of people where I could gain back a bit of my confidence in facing the trials and tribulations of the "real world" - this group was (much as it was through school) my alumni brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi!

As a Life Member of the award winning ☺ Beta Omicron chapter, I am truly excited about the alumni group that has been produced by our great chapter! I remember people who were mentors to me and were exceptional brothers that I looked up to. As an alumnus, we all know that it is hard to remain involved and sometimes we aren't really sure how we can be helpful. Many of us know we would love to help benefit the active members, but may not be able to participate in the same manner as an active. However, we all know that we have resources and abilities to continue the attachment to serving music in our communities. The Beta Omicron chapter has truly epitomized the meaning of "Strive for the Highest" due to the hard work of many of YOU out there! Our chapter is looked upon throughout the country as a chapter that really is successful and constantly serves their bands in the highest manner! A focus of this article is the beginning process to solidify our relations as alumni members and strive to provide a stronger foundation for our alumni group. The first step we can take is by getting involved with the current active membership through events such as Western District Convention and degrees. Of course, much of the responsibility relies on the active membership giving notice of these events to the alumni ☺. But I will do my best to bring you up to speed on some of the upcoming events.

The Beta Omicron actives have elected to put their prospectives through the Third Degree at the 2005 Western District Convention. This is a great honor for the prospectives because they will be initiated in front of brothers from across the Western District! Also, it's a great opportunity for alumni participation because you not only get to see the initiation of these newest members, but you can attend a great convention and network with people you may not have seen in many years! Here are the details: 2005 Western District Convention will be held from April 1-3 in Tucson, Arizona. The event will take place at the Tucson Hilton East - (520)721-5600. The great news is that convention is only TWO HOURS away this year! Registration cost is only \$60 (up until March 18<sup>th</sup>, then it goes to \$70) - this will gain you access to the full convention (ritual, meetings, banquet, etc.) BUT THERE IS AN EVEN BETTER OFFER! If you would like to come to the banquet on Saturday, you can pay the Banquet Only fee of \$26 - and you could drive down to the convention for just a day! It's a quick trip and a great way to see some old friends and meet some new brothers! Please go to the convention web site for more information and registration directions: <http://wdc2005.thewest.kkkytbs.net/>. I hope to see many of you there!

Its time to create that united core group of alumni to provide a strong support system for our active members. Music in some way has touched us all, and many of us battle daily with that missing part in our heart as we head off to our desks, cubicles, and other careers when we get struck with a strong sense of nostalgia as we drive by a freshly cut football field, see a pair of Dinkles, or see a young child pick up an instrument for the first time. (well, unless of course you became a band director and get to be involved in music everyday!) This is our time to give back to the organizations that gave us so much and return to the roots of our ambition and camaraderie to continue service to the greatest of all the arts!

In the bond,  
Tanya Cherie Marsh  
Life Member - Beta Omicron Chapter  
Arizona State University

## Meet Your Brother

Last year, the Historian report of Beta Omicron meetings took on a new look. Our historian at that time, Marlo McKinley, came up with the idea of Meet Your Brother. The thought is to have one or two brothers present something special or interesting about themselves at each meeting. I remember the first few quite clearly. The first brother to participate was Amanda Turner and she shared about her passion for rocks and fossils. She brought some of her collection, told us amazing facts about it, and passed them around. I remember how impressed I was with how much she knew and how excited she was about geology. I also remember Elizabeth Kiley's Meet Your Brother soon after. She had the whole chapter up out of our seats doing stretching exercises and telling us the names of muscles we did not know we had! Some other memorable experiences in my mind include Matt Horne's recording of his awesome saxophone playing, Liz Salazar's roommates visiting, and Sammi Adameak's scrapbook of her family's trip to Hawaii.

Having Meet Your Brother every week not only provides the chapter with opportunities to learn about their fellow brothers, but it also gives each person some much needed individual attention. In a school like Arizona State University, it is easy to feel lost in the crowd. I felt significant and loved when I have had my turns to do Meet Your Brother and I have often been touched by the trust my brothers' put in their fellow chapter members when they share something very close to their heart. There is a great feeling inside you when 30 people are listening intently to your stories, laughing at your baby pictures, and asking genuine questions about some of your most important life experiences. Some people might not think an activity like this should have a place in a business meeting, but I think it is absolutely necessary. As much as we sometimes like to think so, we do not know some of our brothers as well as we should. And with a chapter our size, it is hard to accomplish this. But with seemingly little things like Meet Your Brother once a week, we are reminded that each member of Beta Omicron has something wonderful to contribute to our brotherhood.

Jennifer Mitchell  
 ΓT, Fall 2002

Greetings, one and all!  
 Now that it's springtime all over again, it's time for yet another trek into the untamed wilderness... and by that, I mean another semester filled with sumptuous opportunities for hyperactive fundraising!! Thanks to a stellar Fundraising & Budget Committee to help keep me on task, no fundraiser is safe as we seek to boost our fiscal power in preparation for this year's District and National Conventions. As a Chapter, we have a lot of great ideas planned, and I am very excited to see some of these ideas become a reality over the coming months. In fact, don't be surprised if you see an e-mail (or ten) from me saying that we've got something really neat planned, and we want -YOU- to help us out! Until that happens, keep an eye on those inboxes and have a great spring semester!!

Oh, and let's go ahead and whip the dead horse just a few more times:  
 GO TO DISTRICT CONVENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 GO TO NATIONAL CONVENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chris "BG Caterpillar" Boccuzzo  
 Treasurer 2004-2005  
 ΓΦ, Fall 2003

## Activating Active Actions

When I thought about writing this article, I was torn between what I could say and what I should say. But either way, something needed to be said... what is our definition of an Active member? This question is not a National question, nor is it a District question, but simply a Beta Omicron question.

What is Beta Omicron's definition of an Active member? Some of you may be thinking that this is a rhetorical question that is intended to make you think. Maybe, on some level, it is. But on the other hand, I believe we need to outline what the characteristics are of our Active members. Let's actually have a conversation. I'll go first...

When I joined Kappa Kappa Psi, I joined with a textbook understanding of what the different membership classifications were. As I continued my involvement, I began to understand the Chapter's interpretations of those definitions. Now, I feel like I am of the experience that I can have my own expectations of those definitions. The first concept to grasp is that to be an Active member, you must be active. Now, this is not active by classification, but by actions. Put simply, you must be involved. At meetings, you are expected and required to participate with your thoughts, opinions, and feelings. Those ideas are why you were asked to join this organization. To sit through a meeting and take on the stance of "I don't care, so therefore I agree with what everyone is saying" or "that decision bothers me, but I just don't want to bring it up... it's probably just me" contributes to complacency, not progress.

Each person in Beta Omicron has a responsibility to hold each other to a high standard. If we are all going to be the same, then we all become obsolete. That's right, we don't need to be there. If two people always agree, then one of them is obsolete. It is that simple. Your background, visions, goals, experiences, skills, emotions, and opinions are what make you who you are. If your intention is to make this Chapter and this Fraternity better, then it is your duty to express all of it.

Now, the heavy topic that needs to be addressed is Service. There have been many conversations about service in this Chapter. From those conversations, the idea of a credit system was born. My understanding is that this system is a tool to hold members accountable for their actions as an Active member. If you do not measure up to the tool, then... what? Does anyone else think this is a ridiculous plan? Now, I supported the development of this tool because the Chapter seemed complacent about its individual's participation. The big picture is that I think it is absurd that we even need to have the conversation. Why should an organization that is founded on service have to talk about and develop a tool to hold members accountable for their level of service? Follow the logic... no? There isn't any... hence this article.

Each Active member of Beta Omicron must consistently and constantly rise above and beyond the expectations. Not the National, District, or fellow Chapter expectations... but our own. If we cannot maintain an upward momentum, then we are doing something wrong. Should other Chapters approach this the same way? Absolutely! But it isn't fair for us to impose that upon them. They must realize this for themselves. I challenge Beta Omicron to reorganize and rise to the level of Beta Omicron's expectations.

Throughout all of this, I am thinking of the leaders of Beta Omicron (past, present, and future). How difficult is it to be a leader in an organization of leaders? What characteristics must you have to set yourself apart as a leader's leader? I don't know that I can answer that. I look back on my time as an Active member and leader within Beta Omicron and I wonder if I did my job... what the Chapter needed. But that is not something for me to decide. Only time will tell. What I do know is that I always held myself and others in the Chapter to a high standard at all times. Was that fair? I think so. After all, I was elected to do that. Do the leaders do that now? Will the leaders of the future do that? Only you Actives can decide to what level this Chapter will rise to.

Be one of those *admiring* the best.  
Be *one* of the best.  
Be *the* best.

A former Active officer, current Conditional, future Alumni, and always leading...  
Nathan "Geezer" Johnston  
ΓT, Fall 2002

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