

# Omicron Alumni Newsletter

*Kappa Kappa Psi- Omicron*

Spring 2009

## A Chapter in Good Hands

By Carla Adams

This past semester has been a great one in Omicron's History. We have put the George Mason Colony through their first and second degrees and they are only a petitioning document keeping them from their active status. We were selected as one of the five Top Chapters in the Northeast District. We were once again the recipient of the Chapter Leadership Award and the only chapter in the Northeast District to be eligible for the William Scroggs Founders Trophy this summer in Arizona. We had an excellent showing at District convention in Massachusetts where Omicron brought home the TOP CHAPTER award for the Nation's Elite District.

Brothers are pulling all the strings to get prepared for the upcoming national convention; there is no stopping this chapter when we try and strive for the highest. As this year's past President, I've seen the hard work that this chapter has put in this past semester and as exiting President, I am positive the chapter is being left in the best qualified peoples hand to ensure that more excellent progress is made. It is my pleasure to introduce the executive board that will continue Omicrons mission to be the best in the nation, no matter what trophy we may or may not receive.

Our new officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

President- Ryan Mould

Vice President of Membership- Jason Bennett

Vice President of Service- Chris Carpenter

Secretary- Lucas Miller

Treasurer- Aaron Dean

Fundraising Chair- Justin Roth

Historian- Alyssa Neel

Parliamentarian- Jeremy Combs

Alumni Relations Officer- Sara Boppe

Scholarship Chair- Sarah Litton

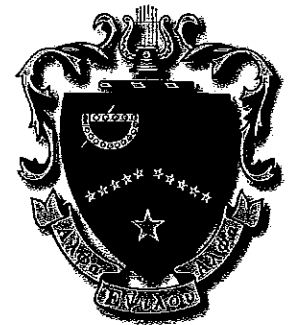
## Welcome From the New President

Hello! My name is Ryan Mould and I will be serving as president this upcoming year. It looks to be a very promising and exciting year for the Omicron chapter! We recently won the out-

standing chapter award at District Convention and we hope to build on what we have already accomplished. I hope to meet many of you throughout my term this year

and can't wait to get things going for this chapter of outstanding history, service, and brotherhood!

AEA,  
Ryan Mould



### Upcoming Events:

- National Convention:  
\*July 21-25
- Band Camp 2009:  
\*August 16-22
- Band Picnic:  
\*August 18 at Krepps Park  
at 5 p.m. Set up before.
- Homecoming Weekend  
\* October 23-25

### 2009 WVU Football Schedule

- Saturday, September 6- Liberty (Home)
- Saturday, September 12- East Carolina (Home)
- Saturday, September 19- Auburn (Away)
- Thursday, October 1- Colorado (Home)  
at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 10- Syracuse (Away)
- Saturday, October 17- Marshall (Home)
- Saturday, October 24- Connecticut (Home)- *HOMECOMING*
- Friday, October 30- South Florida (Away)
- Saturday, November 7- Louisville (Home)- *Mountaineer Week*
- Friday, November 13- Cincinnati (Away)
- Friday, November 27- Pitt (Home)
- Saturday, December 5- Rutgers (Away)

## George Mason University Colony

By Meaghan Allain

Over the spring semester the GMU colony has gone through first and second degree. First degree was attended by over 60 brothers from across the Northeast District. Before first degree we got the opportunity to meet and socialize with the colony over dinner and a game of laser tag. The second degree had a handful of Omicron Alumni in attendance

and we appreciate you all taking time to take part in such an exciting event. After the GMU second degree, our chapter and the colony went to show off our singing talents at a live band karaoke event. One of the guitar players of the band was a colonist, so we got to have fun and show our support while socializing with the colony.

The GMU colony is on their way to being installed in

the fall semester. They are currently working on their petitioning document and are extremely excited and enthusiastic to be fully instated as brothers. We hope to keep you informed as their colonization process continues, and hope you can all meet them soon.

## Hello, Alumni!

By Sara Boppe

Welcome to the Spring 2009 edition of the Alumni Newsletter. My name is Sara Boppe, and I am your new Alumni Relations Officer. I look forward to working with all of the Alumni

over the next calendar year. I hope to get to know many of you much better. I plan on keeping you all up to date on all of Omicron's many activities throughout the year, as well as try to have more activities which involve you all.

I also encourage you all to, if you haven't already, join one of the KKPsi Alumni Organizations. If you all have any questions about them, or questions in general, feel free to contact me at sboppe@mix.wvu.edu

## Kappa Adopts

By Lorraine Carter-Lovejoy

Adopt-a-Street utilizes local organizations to help keep our town clean and beautiful by picking up roadside trash at least four times a year. Omicron has now adopted a section of Willow-

dale Road between McCullough Street to Stewart Street. Although this is a long stretch, we feel that our 30+ members (and help from alumni—hint, hint!) won't have a problem to do this. Our reward: KKY-O's name on a blue sign in a high-profile

area, a beautiful town, and the feeling that we've accomplished something great. If you're interested, keep your calendars open for the middle of August; we're planning our first clean up the week before Band Camp.



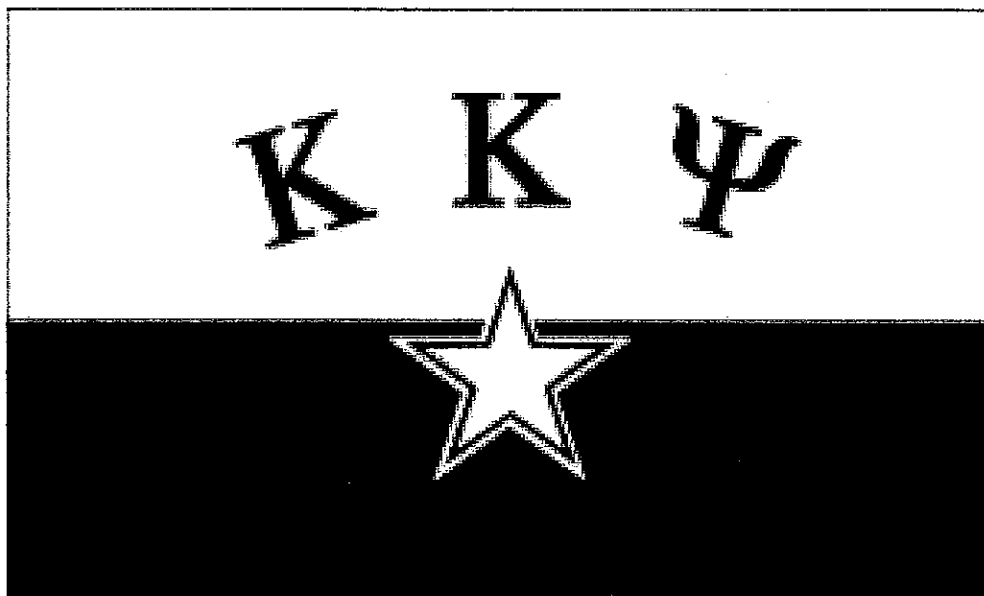
# The Fun and Fear of Going Alumni

By Nancy Confalone

It's been years in the making, but graduation is finally here. Along with that comes the heartbreaking task of saying goodbye. I joined this chapter as a freshman, not knowing a lot about what Kappa Kappa Psi was and did, but knowing that I liked the people that were in it. Even-

tually I learned about all the fun and amazing things this chapter was a part of and it's going to be hard to leave it behind. These people have been my family for 5 years and I couldn't have imagined how much fun this ride has been, and all the wonderful brothers I've had the opportunity to meet. Luckily I get to

share going alumni with 3 others girls and I wouldn't have wanted anyone else by my side than Carla, Lauren and Marissa. I'm excited to graduate, move on to a 'big girl' job and taking tons of great memories with me.



# Omicron Lab Band

By Chris Carpenter

This past semester, Omicron developed a lab band as a new way to expand our service to the bands at WVU. Each week, music majors have the opportunity to work with a small ensemble on everything from their con-

ducting to their arranging. The chapter provides custom instrumentation and lab band participants provide personal feedback to the major. We are hoping to kick off the final product in the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester. Because Omicron only has thirty brothers, we are look-

ing to invite community bandsmen, members of other musical organizations such as Sigma Alpha Iota and MENC, brothers of other chapters, and, of course, our alumni, to participate in our lab band. Look for email invites beginning Fall 2009. We hope to see you there!



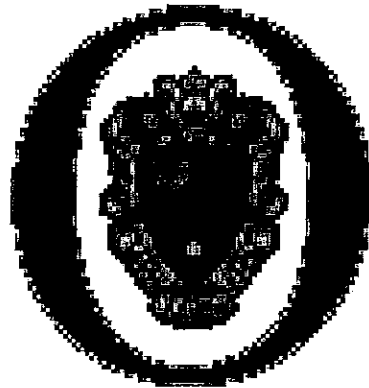
## Kappa in "Kolorguard"

By Joe Martin

When I decided to join Kappa Kappa Psi as a sophomore, I had no idea what wonderful experiences I would encounter and all of the friends I would meet. However, I did have an idea about one thing: I was the only member in the colorguard! If any of you reading this don't know, the colorguard is certainly a part of the band, but not always in all

of the same places as the band at the same time. Our rehearsal space is by the coliseum, and we come down to the field to join the band when drill rehearsal starts, typically around 4:45. I have been to the Northeast Districts Convention and have also met other chapters at football games and have been pleasantly surprised to see that most other chapters have a few if not several brothers who are members of their

band's colorguard. I was happy this past fall to spark the interest of Kappa in a freshman colorguard member, Katherine Beverage, and I am proud that she is my little brother. I could not be more proud. I intend to spread the ideals and beliefs of Kappa Kappa Psi again this fall and hopefully get some more colorguard members as brothers!



## Omicron— Excited for National Convention

By Natasha Catino

This year, Brothers of the Omicron Chapter will travel to Phoenix, Arizona for the 2009 Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma National Convention. The chapter has been nominated for Top Chapter in the Nation, one of eleven chapters chosen for this high honor. Omicron has

always held its Brothers to a high standard and being recognized, not only in the Northeast District, but on the National Level is a true reward for our dedication and service to our bands at West Virginia University. Of those going, Lauren Eakins states, "I'm so excited for my last National Convention as an active Brother. To be able to

participate is a mark of distinction that all of us are truly proud of. The fact that we are up for Top Chapter in the Nation is a true honor for all of us. Just to be nominated is amazing, but to win would be the ultimate way to end my career as an active Brother."





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We, the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi, believe that service to college or university band program foster 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 arts; and through fraternal participation each member will **strive for the highest.**



