

# Epsilon Nus

## State of the Chapter

By President Guy Mundelboim (Fall 2009)

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We have just passed the half-way mark of the first semester, and Epsilon Nu has been going strong. This band season has been relatively low key; the games at Gillette have cut down on the amount of trips we take. We have used our free weekends well. There is hardly a weekend where we don't have at least a service project or a fundraising project scheduled.

Of course, even when the weekends are busy, there is never a dull moment. The Brotherhood is as strong as I have seen it in my time as a Brother. As tasking as a service project can be, we always enjoy ourselves because at the end of the day, we are simply spending time together as Brothers of Epsilon Nu.

As Brothers, I believe that we have done an exemplary job in setting the example of outstanding band members. It is not enough that twelve of our eighteen active Brothers are a part of the band administrative staff and field staff. We bring to rehearsals and performances the energy, enthusiasm, and excellence that only a Brother can. Our personal connections with people in

the band that are not affiliated with the Brotherhood or with Tau Beta Sigma is at its highest point since I have been around, and that has had a positive influence on our nine initiates. Our relationship with the Sisters is also among the best that I have seen. They have been working hard to follow the example the Brothers have been providing them, and it has shown in their journey to becoming Brothers.

I am not much of a writer, and I certainly do not have the ability to fully represent what Epsilon Nu is doing into words. What I can do is simply state that as my time as an active Brother is coming to an end in my last academic year, I am very happy with the chapter that I will be leaving physically, but never emotionally. As long as Epsilon Nu keeps doing what it does best, striving for the highest, I know I have nothing to truly worry about.

AEA,

Guy Mundelboim  
EN-KKΨ President  
Fall 2009



Pictured from left to right:

President Guy Mundelboim, Brother Greg Haungs,  
and VPM Dan Weaver (Fall 2009)

## *What's Yet to Come*

**By Brother Gregory Haungs (Fall 2009)**

As I begin to think about the Spring semester, I am overwhelmed with conflicting emotions and countless thoughts about graduation and the rest of my life. I do not think that I have fully grasped that I will be graduating and have to move out into the real world, yet somehow I feel like I am ready for it. My involvement with the Brotherhood has helped me to grow into the person who I am and helped provide a support system for me if I ever needed it. My Brothers are always available for me and have been very supportive of me in my activities and adventures through college. I think it is these thoughts that are what unconsciously help me to come to terms with leaving this University and all that it has provided me over the past few years.

As I look past the spring, I see myself looking for a job. At this point, I do not know where I will be. I do not know where in the country I will be living, or if I will be in the country still. While I don't know where my new home will be, I will always know that I have a home here with my Brothers for years to come.

Never be afraid to come home,  
Gregory J.P. Haungs  
Fall '09

## *Some Things Will Never Change*

**By VPM Daniel Weaver (Fall 2009)**

With three years behind me in the blink of an eye, it's strange to think that this is my final year as an active Brother here at Epsilon Nu. Over the years, a lot has happened, and I find myself with many fond memories that I know I'll cherish forever. I must say, however, one of the neatest things about being an older member of the active chapter is watching how it changes from the time that you're a freshman to the time you're a senior. People come, people go, and people grow. Since the day I became an active Brother of Kappa Kappa Psi in the Fall of 2009, the dynamic of the chapter has completely changed. The personalities are different, the chemistry is different, and the way that the chapter functions is different.

The exemplary thing about all this change is that through it all, there is one thing that has remained; the sense of brotherhood. Even though the people I see before me today in my active chapter are different, I feel just as close with every Brother as I did from day one. I still feel like I can talk to any Brother about anything, and I trust each and every one of them fully. It's truly an incredible thing, and it results from our strong tradition of brotherhood that has been in practice since our chapter was founded in 1969. Some things simply never change, and the brotherhood in this chapter is one of those things.

AEA,

Dan Weaver

Fall 2009

Vice President of Membership

## *No Brother Left Behind*

*By Parliamentarian Michael Cortina (Fall 2009)*

As my senior year progresses on, I've become more weary of the inevitable truth: I'm running out of time with my initiate class. I can still remember the look on Fall '09 faces when the Chapter made us all Brothers, those many semesters ago. Since that memorable day we all started our journey, John Rafferty, Tony Foye, Guy Mundelboim, Dave Thaller, Greg Haungs, Dan Weaver, Dave Morris, and myself have come a long way. As a collective, we've held plenty of offices, chaired committees, travelled all around the Northeast District, and shared countless experiences together. Three years later, we're coming around the home stretch. As seniors, we've seen the chapter grow and adapt to the changes that keep us and the band fresh and modern. Soon, though, we'll all be graduating in the spring, moving on to bigger and better things.

Well, most of us, anyway.

As a Music Education major, I was already behind when I began the track in my sophomore year. This, unfortunately, puts me graduating a year later, not allowing me to walk at commencement with my class that I've come to know so well. As it stands, next year I will not only be the oldest Brother in the Chapter, but also the remaining member from Fall '09. Even now I can barely imagine what it will be like next year without all of them here to stick it out with me to the very end of my this portion of my life. How can I keep going?

The Brotherhood. I know that the Chapter next year will be strong, with many strong, active Brothers (that I helped put through, mind you) that have all have everyone's best interests in mind. And while I know I'll be missing my class very much so next year, I will still have my Brothers to keep me going, even when times get tough.

I will miss Fall '09 dearly, and I will not forget the memories we've shared together. I look forward to sharing this final year with them, not looking back.

Faternally,

Michael Cortina

EN-KKΨ

Fall 2009

## *Reflections and Looking Forward*

*By Alumni Relations Officer Dave Morris (Fall 2009)*

Senior year 2012-2013 is upon me here at the University and I couldn't be more excited for what lies ahead. I finish up a performance degree this Spring and am very close to contacting other music educators in the state about student teaching next Fall. Finally after four long years of hard work I can almost taste the fruits of my labor. However, the very 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes I came to the realization that this is my last year as an Active Brother of the Epsilon Nu chapter; I'm the old guy. While I try not to think about it often, it dwells on me when I have free time to myself. I think about the things I have done with my Brothers; the service projects, the activities, retreats, weekends at GH, band trips, and even my pledge process in the Fall of 2009. When I think of those things, I smile and have a great sense of overwhelming happiness. Then comes the rollercoaster ride and I begin to feel a deep sadness; Sadness that my days here at Amherst at starting to slowly wind down to the point where I will be elsewhere either working in the field or at grad school God knows where.

I assume this is all part of the transition from Active to Alumni. I'm incredibly grateful for everything I have had the privilege to be a part of in my short time as an Active and I plan to make the very most of these last few months. To quote another Active Brother, "Sometimes I catch myself humming the hymn and I get to the words 'I am a Brother of KKPsi'. I *am* a Brother and that's enough." At the end of it all, I am still and always will be a Brother of Epsilon Nu- Kappa Kappa Psi.

Faternally and with Love,

Dave Morris

EN-KKPsi

Alumni Relations Officer

# Missing McGuirk

By Brother Carl Mead (Fall 2008)

On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated “Homecoming” with a football game two hours from home. When the band first started playing games at Gillette Stadium a few years ago, I remember just how psyched everyone was. We got to play where the Pats play. We got to play in a real stadium. And I was excited for it right along with everyone else. Now, for the time being anyway, we play all our home games there.

At “Homecoming,” a game that started at noon, another Brother pointed out to me how nice it was to have a game ending around three instead of late at night (or how nice it would have been, but the band had another performance later on that day). And I remembered that my freshman year was the first year our old and to-be-improved stadium, the Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium, had permanent field lights put in. It was a season where the schedule was still being adjusted to the ability to host night games, so most of our games started around

noon or one, rather than three or six as they’d quickly become. We’d rehearse in the morning, change in a parking lot, march down to the stadium, do our thing there, and have the rest of the day to do as we pleased: homework, hang out, whatever. And that’s an experience the band has lost in the last few years.

I miss that experience. I miss McGuirk. I miss playing at a stadium that doesn’t look more huge from being a quarter full, if that. Gillette has a capacity of about 60,000. When the renovations on McGuirk are complete, it’ll have around 25,000 seats, which sounds to me like it won’t be too much larger. But what I really miss is playing at a place like McGuirk. McGuirk was simple and wasn’t flashy. McGuirk had no delusions of itself or its size. After UMass spends \$20,000,000 on 8,000 more seats, I don’t see how we’re not going to lose that stadium.

Just as I am now in band and miss the band that used to be, I know that in a few years, I will return to the new McGuirk and long for my old stadium.





## *What Does My Last Season Mean?*

*By Brother Robert Sims (Fall 2010)*

As all alumni know, their last season can be bittersweet. It's amazing to look at the band and realize how much of it will be carrying on after you're gone. To realize that you no longer are a freshman, who has to spend the next few years of your life watching everybody else leave. Now you're the "old" one. You're the one leaving. The majority of the band will be here next year. You will not. You can let this put you into a somber mood when you think about if, or you can choose not to look at the bitter part of your last season.

I've chosen the latter. Something I've learned from day one in band is how to have fun. That's what I've been doing this season. Coming off of a high of a summer of marching, getting to enjoy the relaxed and fun nature of the UMBB is a great feeling. Sure I could sit back and realize that my time in it is now short, but why bother? Why worry about what I can't control, and instead hang on for the ride that is my last season. I know that I have plenty to be excited about now that I'm in the middle of the season. More than enough to not spend my time depressed about what I won't be doing next year.

This season I have the ability to be on field staff, to help and hopefully inspire my section to keep carrying on everything we do. Along with my 2 other friends who are seniors on field staff, we get to see what this section that we've devoted ourselves to for four years will become. And I think we're all happy at the result. As a Brother, I get to do the same. I don't have this concern about what the chapter that I'm active in will become. I, along with the rest of the seniors, have set it in motion and will soon get to watch it from the outside. Again, I think we're happy with the results so far.

My biggest thing about the band though, is being friends with the people in it. When I came in as a freshman, I barely knew anybody. I even struggled with knowing people in my section. The older members would call people from other sections by



name, and I had no idea how I'd ever get to that point. But now here I am. I know almost everybody in the band. When I refer to someone by name while talking to a rookie, they don't know who I'm talking about. That's when it hits me that I reached this point. And I'm happy I have.

When I came in as a freshman, everyone in the band was always so happy. Especially on the hot days of band camp, when we had no other care in the world but what we were doing at that moment, everyone was just having fun with each other. They were the best of friends. And now I'm in that position, and I know I'll keep that forever.

These are the reasons I don't worry about what I won't have in the future, or the fact that I won't be around the people I've built friendships with over the four years. I know that I can always come back and those friendships will be there. But right now I'm taking an active part in it, and there's nothing else to worry about when you're doing that.

***You can let this put you into a somber mood when you think about if, or you can choose not to look at the bitter part of your last season. I've chosen the latter.***

# *Beasts of Burden*

By VPS Christopher Moehringer (Fall 2010)

This year has been a strange one. In one hand, we have been the least busy on weekends as any year ever! Having on average two home games a month has eased the burden of our Saturdays, as I am sure most Brothers and “bando’s” would agree.

At the same time, this move to Gillette adds many more burdens to our otherwise free schedule:

- Saturday football games means this: You have a football game on Saturday, therefore nothing else can be done. Period.
- This football game on Saturday has now extended to Sunday, because you still hear the band echoing in your head from the previous day/evening/every time of day.
- Change is hard!
- “Bandover’s” continue until the next Wednesday.

These free weekends also come in droves, and we don’t know what to do with ourselves, so we find ourselves building podium after podium, and drilling holes where they may not need to be drilled, but we thought it would be somewhat kind of useful.

Seriously though, we’ve gotten countless hours of service done. Not to toot my own horn, but we’ve made the most of our free weekends with service days, where the entire chapter congregates drinks a cup of coffee, and does things that make the band run a little bit smoother.

That’s what makes it for all of us. Making it go that much smoother. Whether it’s one person coming up to us, saying how they noticed the thing in the closet and it was nice, or the entire snare line saying from Grinnell, “Who fixed the snare harness rack? It’s cool!” is what makes it for the entire brotherhood.

We’ve taken huge steps towards getting a commission written for the late George N. Parks, and are on the brink of a really wonderful announcement to have a piece written for this man who has influenced us all in a fantastic way.

As a chapter, we’ve taken all the changes that are occurring in our lovable, gigantic, terrifyingly bandy, marching band, and showed our true colors (blue and white, not white and blue), and taken the phrase “Strive for the Highest,” to a new level.

Fraternally,  
Chris Moehringer  
EN-KKΨ  
Vice President of Service

***Not to toot  
my own  
horn, . . .***

## *Neophyte (Big) Brother*

**By Brother Andrew deMelo (Fall 2011)**

I went through the membership process last fall, I never thought that exactly a year from then, I would be where I am today. I was excited to see this year's process from the other side, but what I did not expect is that I would find myself with a Little Brother. And not only do I have a Little Brother, but that individual happens to be the first female membership candidate this organization has seen in ten years.

When the choice came down to whether or not I wanted to take a Little Brother, I was a bit nervous, at first. Heck, I'm still nervous. It seems like only yesterday I was going through the same process myself, and now I have to help someone else through it. It's a lot of responsibility, and one that I didn't know if I was ready to take. But when push came to shove, I knew I wanted to help my Little Brother, Katie Wheeler, through this process. Having a female membership candidate hasn't gone without its challenges. It's not something any of us have ever had to face before, but we are all trying not to let it change who we are. I think one of the best things about that is that Katie feels the same way. She doesn't want to be treated any differently than anybody else who's ever gone through this process, and I think that is making it a lot easier for us to adjust to it.

Overall, being a Big Brother is an intimidating task. It's a learning process, just like the one I went through in the Fall of 2011. I like to think that this experience is helping me grow as a Brother, and as a person. Katie is doing a fine job, and I know that if she keeps up the good work, she will go very far.

Fraternally,

Andrew deMelo

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## *Double Duty*

**By Treasurer Eddie Rouxinol (Fall 2010)**

Being a member of Kappa Kappa Psi means a lot in a band program, committing your all to promoting the existence and welfare of the band and servicing the music programs. Myself as well as Andrew Lyczmanenko, serve double duty for the UMMB being members of the student-run administrative staff where we handle the inside operations of the band. We are on the equipment staff which is a solid chunk of the service that needs to be done on gameday, and being a member of that helps us to get the rest of the chapter involved to make sure everything runs smoothly and that we divide the work among the chapter. Coming to band camp 4 days early and going through some leadership training workshops has really helped me these past two years become comfortable with my position in the band. This preparation helps me relay those experiences learned into other aspects of my life including other organizations and schoolwork. Being in that type of leadership role takes a special kind of ambition and attitude to get people to listen to you and work with you. Having energy and enthusiasm when completing the work makes service go a lot smoother and not even seem like work, it becomes something that we love to do rather than have to do. When other members of the band see the work ethic and teamwork of our Brotherhood in all aspects of the band, it gives us the opportunity to affect the band in a positive way in addition to the service we do.

Fraternally,

Eddie Rouxinol

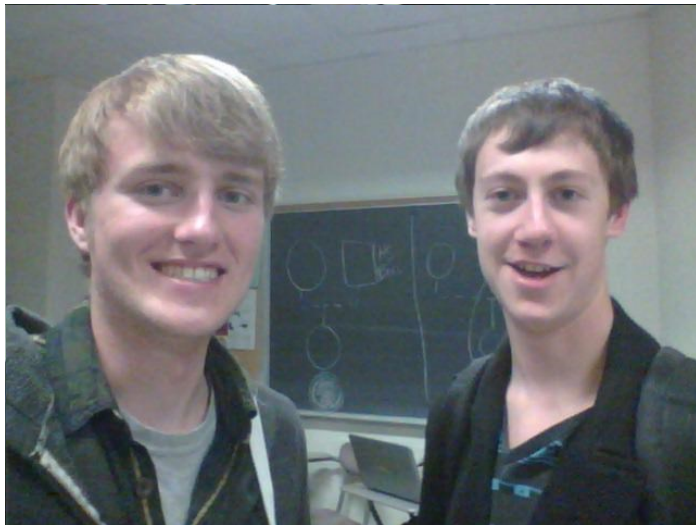
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## *Leadership*

**By Brother Michael Bates (Fall 2011)**

Taking leadership within the band is one of the most important things a Brother can do as it allows us to work towards the five purposes. Showing enthusiasm in rehearsal no matter the circumstance makes you a role model to all of the other band members and shows why Epsilon Nu is made of outstanding band members. We can apply our enthusiasm towards the band both on the field during rehearsals and off the field through service. With the attitude to get things done in a fast and efficient manner we help to make rehearsals and performances run as smoothly as possible. The rest of the band notices how hard we work and it builds us the reputation that we strive for. Not only do we receive the respect from the band for the work we do, we all know that we are making a difference and striving for the highest in achieving our chapters goals towards service.



Pictured from left to right:

Brother Adam Whitcomb and Brother Michael Bates [Fall 2011]

## *Becoming the Catalyst*

**By Brother Adam Whitcomb (Fall 2011)**

As Brothers, we tell others and ourselves that we strive for the highest, but that is simpler in theory than in practice. How does one perform to the best of their ability, what is the process that leads to this? I believe that each individual Brother of our chapter has a unique skill or personality trait that add to the chemistry of our brotherhood. However only when everyone is using their skill can the chapter as a whole strive for the highest.

Some Brothers are physically talented, others have great enthusiasm, and each talent can fill a role, both in service and in band. But when not everyone participates or contributes to a project our potential is squandered. For instance, it's very useful to have Brothers who have carpentry or craftsman skills at service days, but those who aren't play an equally valued part. They can be a morale and enthusiasm boost or even supervise work. Thusly, with the cooperation of everyone our chapter can strive for the highest for service and promoting college bands.

Now some of us haven't yet discovered our unique ability yet. And I used to feel like that, but as long as we see ourselves to our true potential, our talent can be found. It took me a long time to find my talent, or roll to fill, but now that I have I feel of value to the chapter. Because I may be the Brother that the chapter deserves, but not the one that it needs right now...because I'm not a hero, a silent guardian, a watchful protector...a Dark Knight.



# The Journey

**By the potential Class of Fall 2012**

As cliché as the title may be, it is very much representative of what we, the potential Class of Fall 2012, have chosen to undertake. As we prepare for the beginning of week 5, the past few weeks have been a whole different experience for us. Sure rushing was fun, playing football and Frisbee, watching games, and eating food. Now there is a lot more on the table; getting to band earlier to help set-up, staying late after practice to help put away sound, and meeting with Brothers every week to learn about the Fraternity. The responsibilities we now hold are different than before. Although, the majority of us Prospective Members (PMs) seem to be handling the transition positively. We all have become a lot closer than we were at first. The awkward small talk made sitting in the lobby of the Campus Center has changed to great conversations about school, sports, and our personal lives. It is beginning to come full circle for what we must do to become Brothers, as we are all ready and eager to

take the steps necessary to do so.

One big question still remains from us PMs, what will the starting line-ups look like for the annual football games with the Alumni, PhiBD, and Phi Mu Alpha? The winning tradition from Kappa Kappa Psi can only be enhanced with some of the talent of this incoming class. I don't know about you, but the thought of Ryan Barry as Running Back or Linebacker is enough to make some drop out of the game! While we've heard that usually PMs are put on the Offensive Line, if that happens this year it'd be a waste of too much talent! Regardless of football, or anything else that is in store, we all couldn't be more proud to be Prospective Members of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Written by,

Ethan Miller, Dave Orleck, Katie Wheeler, Matt Chastain, Joey Goguen, Owen Kerrigan, and Ryan Barry (pictured left to right respectively below)



# First

**An article and notes by Corresponding Secretary Charles Urbanowski (Fall 2011)**

Even though this is not my first semester as a Brother, there are still plenty of "Firsts" for me this semester. It's not just my first semester on Field Staff for Marching Band, or as an Officer of Epsilon Nu, and it is not just my first semester to be part of the membership process as a Brother. In addition to all of these, it is my first semester living with Brothers.

For my previous two years, I have lived with other Engineering-majors. During my Freshman Year, I lived with someone who had a blood brother in the Minuteman Marching Band, but did not take part in it so I couldn't really talk about very many Band activities with him. A year later, I roomed with an engineer who was (and is still) a member of the UMMB so that particular hole in conversation was filled. But alas that year began with the semester I decided to pledge myself to the Brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi, and as much as I would have liked to talk about the particulars of all that I had learned with each and every night's passing, I realized that an understanding could not be made.

While it was interesting to live with gentlemen who were taking similar classes as me, living with Brothers feels like something different entirely. In part, living with seven other Brothers at our storied and revered establishment, GH, almost brings me back to my membership process last Fall 2011. During those Fall nights, I could talk to my other classmates about almost anything, and I can do the same thing now that I have Brothers just a couple of feet from my door.

But I know that GH comes with more than just people to talk to. Within the doors of that household are seven gentlemen that I truly care about and

respect, and even though I am a neophyte Brother of the Fraternity and the household they have shown me an almost surreal amount of kindness and respect. While there are plenty of things I miss about living on campus, like being a hop-skip-and-a-jump away from the libraries and labs and learning commons, coming back to GH every night into an welcome and warm environment is something I enjoy. While I did not grow up there, it nonetheless feels like home.

## Notes from the Editor:

I want to thank you all personally, whether you may be a Brother of Epsilon Nu or Kappa Kappa Psi or just a casual reader, for reading this issue of Epsilon Nus. I also want to personally thank the current Active and Alumni Brothers of Epsilon Nu—Kappa Kappa Psi for their patience concerning this issue. This issue took a near absurd amount of time to finish and was made with a considerable level of care. The past Corresponding Secretaries of Epsilon Nu did such a good job when it came to making each issue of Epsilon Nus, that I too wanted to make an issue with a level of quality of issues' past. I hope you enjoyed reading it. Thank you and have a good day.

Fraternally,

Charles Urbanowski

EN-KKΨ Fall 2011

Corresponding Secretary

