

THE OMICHRONICLE

Message from the President

It's another great month at Omicron. Here in the crossroads of the west, we have been busily carrying out plans for a great October. Upcoming events include our Annual Band Halloween Party sponsored by TBS, service opportunities at Northwest Middle School and a bonfire sisterhood activity (which I'm sure means small campfire due to the drought).

We have the most amazing candidates this fall. It seems as though the caliber goes up with each class. We were so pleased to be able to put 13 through first degree. We had a great time with alumni and candidates alike at our traditional "cheap-o-dinner" after first. We are scheduled to put our candidates through 2nd degree on October 9th at 8PM and through 3rd on October 29th (details on the website).

I can't say enough good things about our chapter. We are working so hard together to serve the bands at the University of Utah. All of our members are so good at making TBS work when school is in full swing. Good luck to everyone with midterms, and get some good rest during Fall Break.

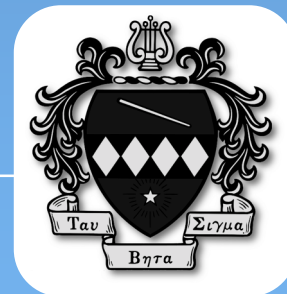
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Joshlyn "Zapastrella" Carmona
El Presidente 2010-2011

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Tau Beta Sigma For Greater Bands!

Fall Degrees 2010 – Ritual Update

The Omicron chapter is in the process of cultivating the incoming Fall 2010 Omicron Class. On September 24th we sent the class through First Degree and enjoyed a fabulous dinner at Taco Bell afterward.

Second Degree will take place on **Friday October 8th** at 8960 South 3200 West in West Jordan. Set-up will be at 6:45pm, and Second Degree will be at 8:00pm. We will be enjoying dinner afterward with the Omicron class; details on dinner will be announced after ritual.

Third Degree will be on **Friday October 22nd**. Set-up will likely commence at 7:00pm with Third Degree beginning at 8:00pm and dinner afterward. A location has not yet been decided. We have considered the idea of a secluded outdoor venue. We are also looking for volunteers to provide music during ritual (any reasonable ensemble or instrumentation will be



considered). If you have any suggestions for locations or would like to be involved in ritual by providing music, please contact Sergeant at Arms Erik Wieben at erik.wieben@gmail.com.

Traditionally, Omicron ritual attire has been all white, a tradition passed to us from our mother chapter, Omega. In the past this tradition has not been uniformly applied to all members. In order to reaffirm this heirloom from our mother chapter, and to make our rituals unique to the Omicron chapter, predominantly white ritual clothing is being required for all Sisters and Brothers who wish to participate in ritual and suggested for all in attendance.

It Has Begun! – Historian Update



During the past month, we began our great scrapbooking quest. We have three scrapbooks to finish in the next year and we are well on our way to reaching that goal. In the summer, the chapter received a donation of over \$200 worth of scrapbooking supplies, and we are very grateful to have them. We held a scrapbooking party the first Sunday of October and had a good turnout. The most exciting part for me was the Membership Candidates that came to help. They did not know many of the people in these pictures, but it meant a lot that they were interested in our history and wanted to learn who they were.

I would like to introduce a new format for the scrapbooks. If there are specific pictures or events you would like put into the scrapbook please shoot me an email with the picture or the event so I can make sure it gets included. If we plan the scrapbook as the year goes, it will be more accurate when it is completed. I want to make sure that what we do now is preserved so that future Omicronians will have our example to follow. It is sad that we have lost so much of our history, and it is essential that this does not happen again.

Hope Bird
Historian
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Time Well Spent

My Dearest Sisters,

Life is really busy. Midterms are upon us. Homework sucks. Work is a drag. What about groceries? Gotta find time for family, friends, and the occasional nap... well, gotta find time for any sleep at all. Freshman year has been eye-opening. Junior year is the busiest year ever. Being a senior, super-senior, or super-super-senior is not as cool as we thought it would be. It is that time of the year when our routine is in full swing. Just when you thought you were ahead of your schedule, you realize you forgot ten more things on the to-do list. As we have been noticing the past few days, the sun has decided to whither behind some looming clouds. It can be said we are all feeling a little distracted, a little overwhelmed, feeling some domineering anxiety over what is next to come.

In addition to all the complexities of our days, we must deal with upcoming chapter events and activities; volunteering for Northwest Middle School, cookies for concert receptions, fundraisers, Halloween Party, State Days, and, of course, candidate degrees. There seems to be an overbearing amount of blood, sweat, tears, and time put into our humble little chapter. Amongst all this stress and domineering anxiety, we sometimes forget the purpose of the sorority; we sometimes forget much of the love.

Tau Beta Sigma, Omicron is a sisterhood whose bond is strengthened by many things. It can be said that the events and activities we create are the embodiment and realization of our purpose. It can also be said that the bond between us is cultivated and cared for only in the time we spend together. Our sisterhood develops strengths through those bonds we create. Within the upcoming month, I hope we are able to see past our schedule and reignite our passion for Tau Beta Sigma. The bond shared

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between us may serve as respite from the hectic and the mundane, if you allow yourself to let go.

Much love,

Sean Sekino

Vice President of Special Projects



The Omicron Class

We are so excited to present the Omicron class of the Omicron chapter! There are 13 candidates this semester: Alyse Mourdock, Amberly Motz, Ashley Porter, Chandra Young, Dallon Gordon, Hans Heath, Jason Weimer, Jessica Bleyl, Kurtis Livingston, Rebecca Shillander, RiliAnne Williams, Sifa Uesi, and Tevita Uesi. They started their candidacy process almost a month ago and are getting ready to go through Second Degrees on Friday October 8.

This is the most excited and organized class I have seen in my two terms as Vice President of Membership. They are doing well on all of their assignments and are constantly asking for more details about the concepts taught in classes. They are also actively getting ready for their fundraiser and service project. I am excited to see them as Active members because they have such great leadership potential and are going to be great assets to our Organization. They will be going through Third Degree on Friday October 22nd and I am very excited to see everyone there, helping the candidates on their way!

- Eva Neves
Vice President of Membership

Alumnus Column



Meet Hallie "Akai" Portz

CLASS: Alpha ('03)

GRADUATION: 2004 in History

INSTRUMENT: Trombone

BIG SIB: Rachel Peterson (Omega)

WHAT IS HALLIE DOING NOW?

Just started grad. school at the University of Washington in the Masters of Library and Information Science Program. She is a Coast Guard Reservist and will head to Kuwait at the end of the year. Hallie also volunteers at the Fiske Genealogy Library in Seattle.

SOME OF HER BEST TBS MEMORIES:

District Convention in '03! The drive to San Diego, the utter confusion of the Omicronians (we were only a colony at the time), hearing the combined WD singing the TBS song for the first time, and Sam hiding in the closet!

ADVICE TO HER SISTERS:

Don't believe anybody who tells you that you'll never accomplish your goals - even if that person is yourself!

HALLIE WANTS US TO KNOW:

"I'm so proud of all of you for the amazing work you've been doing. You've far exceeded anything we (the second alpha class) expected of the chapter after we graduated. Also, the website and newsletter are awesome!"

**DON'T FORGET ALL
WHITE ATTIRE FOR
DEGREE
CEREMONIES!**

Service Update

The end of the summer has been officially established. TBS Service Committee has survived the transition!

September's main service project was writing the missionaries from TBS and the University Marching Band. We made cards to send to four of our missionaries to cheer them up as two of them leave for foreign countries. One will be serving in France and the other in Mexico. Our sisters were very creative in designing the cards; we had Ninja Turtles and mosaic block Us! Another project for September was baking our frozen cookie dough for our first cookie receptions of the year.

The dough survived the frozen tundra of Andrew's freezer and warmed up quite nicely to provide a tasty treat for the concert attendees. Several wonderful sisters volunteered to bake the cookies and man the reception tables to promote TBS and the University's music ensembles. As September closes, we look forward to October and our next project - helping middle school children!!

- Kathryn Rodgers
Service Committee Head

Sisterhood Update

I love October. Not just for Oktoberfest and Halloween, but also because it's the time when we can all love autumn without the bitterness of the cold. What better way to bring the sisters together than with a bonfire! We will be roasting marshmallows, hot dogs, and anything else you can put on a stick. Our bonfire activity will also include playing games such as the "What If" game and the "I've never..." game. It will be held at **Hope Bird's House** (3200 West 9000 South in West Jordan) on **October 15th, at 7pm**. Membership Candidates and Alumni are also encouraged to participate. ☺ Nothing's better than creating lasting memories with your sisters than a warm fire, food, and fun. Come join us!

MLITB

Ashley "Kiwi" Hadean
Head of Sisterhood Committee

Treasurer's Two Cents

What a fantastic month for the Omicron Chapter! All members' dues were turned and sent in on time. WOOT! Our first round of Lincoln for Lincoln has been sent out, and we are now in the process of planning for the rest of the year.

Coming up in October is our Membership Candidate run bake sale outside of the music building (weather permitting). This will feature our member's favorite Halloween goodies. Check the website for more details. It should be scary good!

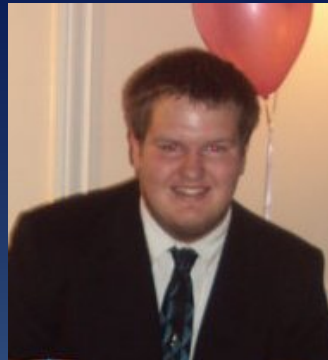
In November, we are gearing up to sell homemade pumpkin pies from a recipe originating from the former cook for the President of the United States of America. Prices will be announced soon, and the delivery will take place the week of Thanksgiving. This should be another great fundraiser for our sisters.

Other than that, our financial state is great, and our chapter is stronger than ever. Love to all those who have made this possible.

MLITB

Andrew "Latka" Cortes
Treasurer

Member Column



Meet
Josh
"Panda"
Weight

CLASS: Xi

MAJOR: Undeclared

INSTRUMENT: Tuba

BIG SIB: Andrew Vaughn

BIRTHDAY: March 29, 1989

INTERESTING FACT:

Josh once sang a song with Weird Al in Disneyland!

FAVORITES:

COLOR: Turquoise

TV SHOWS: Avatar : The Last Airbender and Psych

MOVIES: Lord of the Rings and the Emperor's New Groove

MUSIC: Rock with a little classical, country, and pop.

FOOD: Anything Italian

FAVORITE TBS MEMORY:
Spring TBS retreat.

FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORY:
Eating a 44" pizza with the rest of the Tuba section that made all of us sick afterwards.

Social Update



This summer my committee decided on fantastic party opportunities for this upcoming year!! I am so impressed how hard my committee works to make things happen. Our first activity is the Halloween party on October 30th. We are still determining a venue, but as soon as we know more information we will get it to you.

Our next party is the Thanksgiving dinner for those who can't go home during that holiday. Band members are always thankful that we think and care about them enough to do this. It is always great to know the band members a little more in a calmer setting. This activity will be the day after Thanksgiving, so don't forget to put it in your calendars!

We always make sure that we consider every person party-wise and make it fun for all! It is always a pleasure planning social events so band members can get more acquainted! I can't wait to report nothing but good things next month!

Marie "Pop Rocks" Howell
Social Committee Chair

IMPORTANT EVENTS

2 nd Degrees	Oct. 8 th
Service @ Northwest Middle	Oct. 11 th
Omicron Bonfire	Oct. 15 th
3 rd Degrees	Oct. 22 nd
Phil. Halloween Concert	Oct. 29 th and 30 th
Halloween Party	Oct. 30 th
Thanksgiving Meal	Nov. 26 th

Remember to always check
www.tbsomicron.org for more
information!