

Membership Education

In order to be eligible to receive a bid to enter membership education, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1) You must be enrolled in a band ensemble in both the fall and spring semesters. Court Jesters does not count as an enrolled band ensemble.
- 2) You must maintain at least a minimum GPA of 2.00.
- 3) You must attend at least eight of the ten scheduled fall rush functions. If you are unable to attend any rush function for any reason, you must present the Rush or Assistant Rush Chairman with a written excuse by hand or by email before the scheduled rush event.
- 4) You must complete the Instrumental Playing Proficiency audition.
- 5) You must attend the Formal Rush and Bid Selection at the end of the rush season with your official Texas Tech University Transcript.

If you are offered a bid to enter membership education and you accept the bid, you will become a candidate for membership in the fraternity. During the spring 2009 semester, you will be expected to meet a few chapter requirements including tests over fraternity and band history, and the completion of a project that benefits the band program. In addition to these requirements, you will be expected to maintain all fraternity standards and requirements in order to remain an active member in the fraternity once you have been fully initiated.

Service through brotherhood is our promise. For our brotherhood, the most challenging aspect is combining individual efforts to serve one common goal and interest: **BAND**. In Kappa Kappa Psi, we know each other as fellow band members, friends, and brothers.

We are looking for outstanding band members to join us in our quest for a better band. It is your final decision whether or not to become a membership candidate for Kappa Kappa Psi. You will make no official commitment until January of 2009.

If you chose to commit yourself to Kappa Kappa Psi, you will enjoy lasting memories, brotherhood, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are a part of the guiding force behind the Texas Tech University Band Program.

We hope that you will join us in the experience of a lifetime!

~The Brothers of Alpha Omicron

2008-2009

Scheduled Rush Functions (Dates subject to change)

- 1) **Introduction Rush**.....Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008
- 2) **Beach Party Rush**.....Friday, Aug. 29, 2008
- 3) **Information Rush**..... Sunday, Sep. 7, 2008
- 4) **Ropes HS Service Rush**.....Friday, Sept. 12, 2008
- 5) **Bachelor Party Rush**.....Friday, Sept. 19, 2008
- 6) **Silverton HS Service Rush**.....Friday, Sept. 26, 2008
- 7) **Corn Maize Rush**.....Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008
- 8) **Playing Proficiency***.....Mon. Oct. 20 - Fri. Oct.24, 2008
- 9) **Alfred Reed Music Rush**.....Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008
- 10) **Formal Rush and Bid Selection***.....TBA

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*Instrumental Playing Proficiency

The Instrumental Playing Proficiency auditions are a required part of the rush process for Alpha Omicron. This process requires the rushee to sign up for an indicated time slot to demonstrate a proficient level of musicianship on his instrument by playing predetermined audition music before the Director of Bands and/or chapter sponsors. This audition must be completed in order for the rushee to be eligible to receive a bid.

*Formal Rush and Bid Selection

The Formal Rush and Bid Selection is the final event in the rush season. The rushee must be in attendance in order to be eligible to receive a bid. The rushee must also bring with them their **Official Texas Tech University Transcript**. A failure to bring an official transcript will result in the rushee not receiving a bid, and therefore, not being eligible to become a Membership Candidate.

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Kappa Kappa Psi

Alpha Omicron Chapter

National Honorary Band Fraternity



Honoring Outstanding Band Members
and
Providing Service
to the
Texas Tech Band Program
Since 1938

The Creed of Kappa Kappa Psi

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

Preamble To the National Constitution of Kappa Kappa Psi

Be it known that Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Fraternity for College Band Members, is an organization operating exclusively in the field of the college and university bands, and for the following several purposes:

- 1) To promote the existence and welfare of the college and university bands and to cultivate at large a wholesome respect for their activities and achievements.
- 2) To honor outstanding band members through privilege of membership extended as a reward for technical achievement and appreciation for the best in music.
- 3) To stimulate campus leadership and promulgate an uncompromising respect through the medium of the college band for gracious conduct, good taste, and unswerving loyalty.
- 4) To foster a close relationship between college bands and promote a high average of attainment by the performance of good music and selection of worthwhile projects.
- 5) To provide a pleasant and helpful social experience for all engaged in college band work and to cooperate with other musical organizations in any manner consistent with the purposes of the institution at which chapters are located.

What is Kappa Kappa Psi

Kappa Kappa Psi operates primarily as a student service and leadership recognition society whose chief aim is to assist the Band Directors in developing the leadership and enthusiasm that is required of their band. Our goals are to provide the band not only with organized and concentrated service activities, but to give our members valid and wholesome experiences in an organization as well as a sense of leadership and numerous social contacts. The honorary nature of membership is based on the premise that “it is an honor to be selected to serve” this band, its department of music, its sponsoring institution, its surrounding community, and the cause of band music in the nation’s colleges and universities.

The Fraternity is currently located in over 150 colleges and universities throughout the nation. Since 1938, more than 1,200 band members at Texas Tech have devoted their efforts to strengthening bands through group and individual service projects. Since 1919, there have been more than 50,000 members nationally. The fraternity’s program of continued service to music has attracted the attention of the best in the American band tradition. We number among our ranks John Philip Sousa, Karl King, William D. Revelli, Francis McBeth, James Sudduth, Keith Bearden, Gary Lewis, Mr. Christopher M. Anderson, Dr. Keith Dye, Dr. Sarah McKoin, Mr. William Ballenger, as well as many other contemporary composers, conductors, and music educators.

Through its commissioning program, the fraternity has presented such noted works as Francis McBeth’s “*The Seventh Seal*,” Claude T. Smith’s “*Symphony #1 for Band*,” and Fisher Tull’s “*Prelude & Double Fugue*.”

The educational value to the student of participating in a smaller group’s activities cannot be overemphasized. Experience in planning, organizing, and carrying through projects to benefit the band program is necessary if a well-rounded and responsible student leader is to be trained. The fraternal group, as bodied by our active chapters, provides this needed training group for the student by establishing both worthy goals and worthwhile guideposts for a meaningful college experience. Students involved with Kappa Kappa Psi have gone on to pursue very successful careers in their given fields and many remain active in the fraternity as members of the National Alumni Association and as Life Members.

Welcome to the Fall 2006 Rush of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

Membership in Kappa Kappa Psi is one of the greatest educational experiences offered by the Texas Tech Band Program. The pure joy that one can receive from service, selfless dedication to music, and the betterment of the band can make the college band experience even more memorable. The social aspect of the fraternity is unlike any other student organization on campus. The activities participated by each and every member are designed to improve the sense of brotherhood created through the sacred bond that each and every member shares with one another. These kinds of activities are what sharpen an appreciation for the best in band music and what it takes to achieve it. It is to this end that our National Fraternity is dedicated, and we cordially invite your participation in this effort.

The Texas Tech Chapter, Alpha Omicron, renders valuable service to the Texas Tech Band Program through a united effort on the part of the brotherhood striving to provide a memorable experience for all Texas Tech Band Members. To this end, several service activities, which Alpha Omicron members organize and participate in, include: hosting the Texas Tech Goin’ Band Golf Classic, to raise additional funds for the Goin’ Band; assisting with UIL events hosted by the Texas Tech School of Music; aiding in year-round preparation for the Texas Tech Band and Orchestra Camp; and providing community service for various local school systems and charities. Kappa Kappa Psi provides daily service and essential operational needs to the band, such as providing water, equipment setup, band hall maintenance, active recruiting for the band program, and providing fundraising for equipment, endowed scholarship funds, and various other scholarships for the Band and Orchestra Camp through individual chapter efforts and joint efforts with Tau Beta Sigma. Along with these activities, Alpha Omicron also participates with various high school bands at their home football games.

From a social aspect, Kappa Kappa Psi provides a wide variety of activities for its members ranging from nightly social events during summer band, participation in university intramural sports, hosting receptions after band concerts, hosting the Band Banquet and Barn Dance, hosting parties for visiting bands after football games, and having weekly post meeting social gatherings. We also host, with Tau Beta Sigma, an annual Thanksgiving party, Christmas party, and a Spring Formal for our members.