Dear Alumni,

This year is going exceptionally well musically speaking! The chapter is already planning for the spring recital, and we hope to premier a Chapter Song and possibly a Chapter Hymn. We’re in the process creating lyrics, and then adapting it to music. We have allocated monies to sponsor a horn day on campus, which will bring the horn teachers of major universities throughout the state to our campus, brightening UCF’s name as a constantly developing music program. We are also commissioning a work for Orchestra by Hudson Oguiera. Oguiera is a Brazilian composer, and the piece will feature a balance of classical style and Latin rhythms and harmonies. The piece is set to be premiered by the UCF Orchestra in February next year, and we will keep you informed so that you may come and hear the new work. We hope that this piece will serve as an educational project for high school orchestral programs in the central Floriday area, and perhaps throughout the state and nation.

The Eta Sigma chapter is hosting the District Convention this spring, so we’ll welcome more than 800 brothers and sisters to our campus. Since our chapter is hosting that, we hope that you’ll be able to attend.

In the works, we have a barbershop quartet starting up that hopes to sing the Star Spangled Banner at UCF athletic events, and other music as well. The district has accepted a district Song and Hymn, as well as a joint Hymn with Tau Beta Sigma. The Eta Sigma chapter will be working on these pieces, and will have them in wonderful condition by convention, as well as (hopefully) the chapter song!

All in all, we’re still serving the marching band heavily, and we continue to be recognized on the concert programs for the wind ensemble for our continual service in that area as well. Your comments and letters are always welcome. If you’d like to communicate anything to the brothers, please send me an email: DaveSzKKPsi@aol.com

In Brotherhood forever,
Dave Szumlanski (Alumni Secretary)
From the President:
Hey Ya’ll

Another year is already on the run, and we are all looking forward to the promise that it holds. There are many new things occurring this year that have not in recent history. The Eta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi along with the Zeta Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma are hosting the 2005 Southeastern District Convention this coming spring. The committees preparing for convention are currently in mid-stride, striving to pull off an extremely successful weekend for everyone involved. As for the fall, our biggest challenge will be the Marching Knight’s relocation across campus. Our new field, located between Academic Village and Research Park, is under construction at the moment and the new storage facility is on its way. The field is scheduled to be completed just before the start of band camp in August. We hope everyone marching or not will come out and support the Marching Knights this fall at our home games, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our Homecoming game against Miami of Ohio on November 6th. We have a new field, a new coach, and it’s a new year!

AEA,
Leslie L. Britt
President 2004-2005

What Brings You to Kappa Kappa Psi?

There seemed to be one question that was asked and re-asked when our chapter was putting through my class this spring. The answer was different for everyone, and I spent much time wondering what mine really was. “What brings you to KKPsi?” Some people said the social aspect, others said the brotherhood or the service, and just about everyone said the food. While they were true, these seemed like generic, run-of-the-mill answers, so I thought and thought about what my true answer would be, and I finally came up with one thing that stood above the rest: Eta Sigma is my home. Regardless of how much we like each other, we acknowledge every brother as a part of our family. We laugh together and have fun together. We share apartments, classrooms, and workplaces. Our whole lives revolve around our projects and events, and we spend lots of time making important decisions, like where to eat after our Friday night meetings.

Before I was sure that I wanted to join KKPsi I went to the spring rush and recognized quite a few faces. The people I knew the best were those who played saxophone with me in the fall, and all of the saxophone staff. It dawned on me that the people who had spent so much time helping me adjust and fit in to college life were all in KKPsi. Anytime I needed anything, it was a brother that helped me find it. To this day they continue to surprise me with their care and concern, and the humility they exhibit in serving the group they love. I love my brothers and am proud to be a member of Eta Sigma.

Paulina Burge-Small