

**KAPPA KAPPA PSI AND TAU BETA SIGMA  
32<sup>nd</sup> BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Orlando, Florida  
July 24, 2007 – July 29, 2007**

**Joint Session #1**

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

1. The Joint National Leadership presented opening musical entertainment playing tunes arranged by KKΨ Board of Trustees chair Dr. Michael Golemo.
2. KKΨ National President Dr. Rod Chesnutt and TBΣ National President Kathy Godwin called the Opening Joint Session of the 2007 National Convention to order at 2:07 p.m. EDT.
3. National Executive Director Lt Col. Alan Bonner USAF (ret.) presented the Report of the National Executive Director (Appendix 1).
4. KKΨ National Vice President for Programs Derrick Mills and TBΣ National Vice President for Special Projects Dollie McDonald presented a Disaster Relief Fund Report (Appendix 2).
5. KKY National President Chesnutt and TBS National President Godwin introduced the following: The KKΨ and TBΣ National Councils, The KKΨ and TBΣ Board of Trustees, the KKΨ District Governors and the TBΣ District Counselors.
6. A member from the National Intercollegiate Band announced the band needs bass drum mallets.
7. KKΨ National President Chesnutt and TBΣ National President Godwin made general announcements.
8. KKΨ National President Chesnutt and TBΣ National President Godwin called the joint session to recess at 2:26pm.
9. KKΨ National President Chesnutt presented TBS National President Kathy Godwin with an Honorary Membership into the National Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.
10. TBΣ National President Godwin presented the 2007 – 2011 TBΣ Board of Trustees.
11. National Executive Director Lt Col. Alan Bonner announced over \$1,600.00 was raised in the silent auction to benefit National Headquarters.
12. The 2009 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma National Convention Site was announced as the Arizona Biltmore from July 21-29, 2009.
13. KKΨ National President Chesnutt and TBΣ National President Godwin made announcements.
14. The KKΨ Southeast District President moved to adjourn. The TBΣ Southeast District President seconded. Motion Passed.
15. The 2007 Joint National Convention of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma adjourned at 5:04 p.m. EDT.

**Joint Session #2**

*Saturday, July 28, 2007*

1. KKΨ National President Dr. Rod Chesnutt and TBΣ National President Kathy Godwin called the Second Joint Session of the 2007 National Convention to order at 4:45 p.m. EDT.
2. TBΣ National President Godwin introduced TBΣ Immediate Past National President Debbie Baker to recognize the National Alumni Association for its years of service. (Appendix 3).
3. KKΨ National President Chesnutt presented the 2007 – 2009 KKΨ National Council.
4. KKΨ National President Chesnutt made general announcements.

**APPENDIX 1**

*Report of the National Executive Director*

*Lt. Col Alan Bonner, UASF (Ret.), National Executive Director*

Brothers and Sisters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma,

It is an honor to welcome you to this 2007 National Convention of the Fraternity and Sorority this week. I am extremely proud to announce that this convention is the largest convention in terms of registrations, attendance, number of hotel nights booked and events scheduled in the history of our organizations. We have over 960 signed up for this convention. We contracted for 1,000 room nights and exceeded over 1,430! Finally, the hotel told me last week that our 3" stack of Banquet Event Orders totaled over 250, which is the largest number of BEOs they have ever handled! Simply put, from a numbers stand point, this convention is already a huge success, and thank you all for making it one!!

But, that's really only the beginning... the national presidents have made this convention really focused

on workshops, from a broad range of interests: the fraternal experience to music education; running chapter better to providing better service to your own college band! I strongly urge you to find ways to take advantage to attend at least one at every workshop session. Most of them are really offered to members in both organizations too, so regardless which group is presenting a forum or workshop, don't hesitate to attend if the topic interests you.

I am proud to report that the 2007 National Intercollegiate Band is really a strong musical ensemble; the best I've heard in my eleven years as national executive director. Conductor, Frank Wickes, from Louisiana State University, has brought his highly regarded talents to the NIB this year, and after listening to several rehearsals, I can report this program is going to be awesome! When you add commissioned composer, Eric Ewazen to the mix and his new work he has done for us, *Celestial Dancers*, you do not want to miss this concert tonight! Ladies & Gentlemen, make this your highest priority to attend tonight at 8PM in this very room! For those of you who may not have noticed, this is the concert stage right here and you are already in the audience seats!!! I'm counting on you to be there!!

Tomorrow, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a special masters class and concert by the world renowned, Boston Brass Quintet and both will be in this room too! They are an awesome group of brass fanatics that are impressive players and entertainers.... They know how to make music great and fun!

We have several featured speakers for both groups, but definitely put Thursday morning at 10AM on your calendar to catch Dr. Lori Ebert who makes a return engagement with us to talk about "How to Make KKPsi & TBS Great"! She is an expert, a superb speaker, and she has some awesome ideas you will want to hear!

Finally, you will be looking at some important issues on the separate dockets this week. Give them your serious consideration and evaluation. It is up to you delegates to determine what you believe is the best direction for both organizations. Certainly, the Boards & Councils have the dominant role in providing direction for us. However, you all have the opportunity to make major decisions on a broad range of topics that truly impact the future of KKPsi and TBS.

You demonstrate your love of our fraternity and sorority on a daily basis. You show it by your attendance at

national meetings like this, and there is no doubt in my mind that you have the genuine interests of the organizations at heart when you debate important and challenging issues as you seek to find the best solutions, to generate the widest and strongest support of our members across the country, and set the organization on the pathway of even better support to our university bands.

Talk to your brothers & sisters across the country; find out what is important in other districts than yours; and seek out national and district leaders to broaden your own perspective on the important issues at hand.

To our alumni present, I thank you for continuing to be a part of our great organizations and I strongly encourage you to keep your ties strong with us! We will be discussing the birth of new KKPsi and TBS alumni programs this week. If you have questions, talk to me or one of many here who have a vested interest in fostering a stronger relationship with you!

Ladies & Gentlemen, I want to remind you that in the past 10 years, we've never had a complaint levied against anyone in the fraternity or sorority while at a national convention hotel. Please do your part to keep that streak continuing!!! Keep in mind there are many people from across this land and in fact many from other nations who are vacationing along with all of us. Be courteous, friendly, represent your country and make them feel welcome, and be frankly, be thoughtful of all the guests in this hotel.

I hope that this week is life changing for you in a positive way. My personal goal is that you travel home with new skills that will enrich your life and help open doors as you move on from your collegiate chapter in life to the professional world soon! If the Headquarters staff or I can assist any of you, all you need do is ask!

Have a fantastic convention!!!

## APPENDIX 2

### *Disaster Relief Fund Report*

*By: Derrick Mills, Kappa Kappa Psi National Vice President for Programs & Dollie McDonald, Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Special Projects*

Following the tragic events of Hurricane Katrina and Rita, many active members asked the joint councils how can we help and contribute. The Joint National Councils of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma deliberated to

find a way that our organizations can be involved and aid in the rebuilding of this region and at the same time stay true to our unified mission: serve college bands and music! National Presidents Dr. Rod Chesnutt and Kathy Godwin appointed us to create such a program.

At the 2006 winter council meeting in San Antonio, Texas we presented the disaster relief fund. The Joint National Council approved this monetary drive so our organizations can donate towards natural and unnatural disasters that affect university band programs. Our first launch of this program was the The Katrina Challenge. We promoted this new program throughout the biennium through listserv email, district conventions, district publications and The PODIUM. We asked active, alumni or life members to contribute monetary donations towards the fund. As a result of your donations, we have raised over \$500.00 towards the Katrina Challenge.

We thank you for your donations. We are still accepting donations if you are still interested, we continue to challenge you to donate to this cause. Please remember that all donations to the disaster relief fund are tax deductible. The money collected will be distributed to university band programs affected in the gulf coast. If you have any questions about the Katrina Challenge or the disaster relief fund please don't hesitate to contact us. Thanks to Rod and Kathy for the opportunity to work on such a worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Derrick Mills KΚΨ National Vice President for Programs  
Dollie McDonald TΒΣ National Vice President for Special Projects

### APPENDIX 3

*Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees*

*By Debbie Baker, TBS Immediate Past National President*

Over the past 10 years, alumni of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi have continued to support the missions of our organizations. The National Alumni Association has made a difference to bands across the nation. The following is a list of accomplishments since its creation over 10 years ago:

- current membership of 600 annually
- 30 recognized Local Alumni Associations
- has sponsored over 30 delegate grants at \$3,000
- has given over \$2,200 towards the Special Project Assistance grant

- the NIB musician's folders
- the 2005 NIB polos
- in 2005, \$2000 to assist with the composer
- reception after each NIB, over \$30,000
- \$4,000 towards the computer server

As we end an era, we would be remiss not to recognize the NAA officers.

With pleasure and gratitude, on behalf of the Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees, we thank the NAA for their dedication and commitment.

Heather Mackey, chair  
Kelly Eidson  
Darius Cureton  
Lansing Dimon  
Amanda Grace  
Michelle Kinchloe  
Matt Drase

We thank you and commend you for the continued service you provide.

Thank you,  
Deborah L. Baker  
Immediate Past National President  
Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees