



*Mu Kappa Upsilon Honorary
Fraternity of the University of Pittsburgh Bands
Winter 2009 Newsletter*

Dear Brethren,

February 17th, 2009

I, as well as my fellow brothers, hope that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. It has been 31 years since the disbandment of Kappa Kappa Psi, and the formation Mu Kappa Upsilon, with the purpose to service and provide our services for the University of Pittsburgh Marching Band, the embodiment of spirit throughout the University of Pittsburgh. This letter is to notify the members of Mu Kappa Upsilon what the current members are doing for the band, and an update all around.

The Marching Band met in August 2008 for another year of band camp. Band camp provided the band with five days of excellent weather and five days of excellent preparation for what was to be an amazing season for Pitt football. The season was unlike the previous three seasons, as the Pittsburgh Panthers finished with a 9-3 regular season record. The Band traveled to Notre Dame for the away game, and with help from the band and our mind blowing performance, the Panthers defeated the Fighting Irish in four overtimes. Along with the victory at Notre Dame, Pitt defeated their bitter rival West Virginia again in the backyard brawl. For the first time in three seasons, Pitt went to a bowl game, playing Oregon State in El Paso, Texas. Despite Pitt's 3-0 loss, the band proved its greatness as the winner of the battle of the bands, and being proudly stated that on the live CBS sports broadcast. Not a bad end for a terrific season.

Mu Kappa Upsilon in 2008 provided another year of excellent service to the Band. The Brothers loaded and un-loaded the equipment truck every Saturday for home football games and for the Notre Dame trip. Also, the Brothers held the keg roll at band camp, provided the food for the freshman the day before band camp, season t-shirts, season photos, and help with the annual Band Auction. Mu Kappa Upsilon also inducted to two new brothers in the fall, and currently has three pledge brothers for the winter.

Upcoming events for Mu Kappa Upsilon are as follows:

February 27-March 1: Camping Trip at Tall Oaks

April 3 - 4th Degree (Time: TBA)

April 4-5th Degree (Time:TBA)

April 17: Alumni Banquet at Rock Bottom 5-8

All Alumni Brothers are invited to these events and are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend and have any questions about where, when, what, and how, please do not hesitate to contact me. I pleased to help out with whatever I can. I, as well as my fellow brothers hope for you to attend the alumni banquet which should be a great time. On behalf of myself along with my fellow active brothers, we appreciate having the opportunity to correspond with you and we hope to hear from you in the future.

Hail to Pitt!

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MU KAPPA UPSILON ALUMNI BANQUET

*WHERE: ROCK BOTTOM
Restaurant and Brewery
171 E. Bridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15120*

WHEN: April 17th, 2009

TIME: 5:00 PM to 8:00PM

MENU: ALL YOU CAN EAT!

*BBQ Chicken
BBQ Ribs
White cheddar Mashed Potatoes
Cole slaw
Baked Beans
Chocolate Brownies with Raspberry Sauce*

Price: \$35 for dinner, drinks, and pool

RSVP: 3/31/09

*Payment by check made out to Mu Kappa Upsilon before the Banquet
Send RSVP or any questions to:
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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!