



**YEAR IN REVIEW**

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED 3RD DEGREE IN THE FALL**

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Wow. What can I say...It has been a great year for Eta Sigma and UCF. This years Marching Season went extremely well with Eta Sigma continuing to make the band operations run smoothly. We were able to reload the equipment for the band as to fit on one truck instead of two, thereby saving the band about \$300 a game. We, along with Brother Lewk Petzold (Fall '89), were able to supply, not only our band this year but visiting bands as well, with water for after halftime performances. The Band traveled to Tampa to play USF and traveled to Birmingham to face off against UAB. For the first time in several years, we were able to visit with other bands (and chapters) and see them perform as well. We were also fortunate to be able to participate in the ESP halftime show for the Capitol One Bowl again this year. This is one of the biggest fundraisers we have and this year we were able to receive \$1500 from our participation.

In regards to our membership, it was also a great year. We were able to initiate 9 new members in the Fall and 6 members in the Spring. The Ritual of 3rd Degree in the Fall was a huge success in that there were over 65 brothers in attendance, 30 of which were alumni, one of the largest gatherings of alumni in many years. We hope to be able to continue this trend into the next year. Thank you all for attending and making the night so special.

As always we invite you to come out to any events that you can make it to, We would love for you to join us.

AEA,  
David Jones  
Alumni Secretary

The Eta Sigma Chapter would like to thank everyone who attended 3rd Degree on November 18th, 2005. It was a huge success and a memorable night for all thanks in large part to your attendance. Those who attended were as follows:

Jeff Chisholm (Founding Brother), Jeff Polk (84), Lewk Petzold (89), Brad Hudson (89), John Dogaer (91), Brian Paster (91), Morgan Kamp (91), David Bauer (92), Mike Cunningham (92), David Cooper (95), Abdiel Rosario (96), Bryan Garcia (96), Charley Cartee (96), Chris Luongo (97), Rusty Phillips (97), David Szumlanski (98), Charles Mason (98), Gary Hernandez (98), Steve Allianiello (99), Ryan Hilton (99), Andy Schwartz (00), Stephanie Macek (00), Jill Lawson (00), Leroy Richards (00), Ryan Price (01), Jon Wehking (Spring 02), John Raible (Spring 02), Richard Greenwood (Honorary and Sponsor), Barbara Kelly (Honorary), Laszlo Marosi (Honorary), Kirk Gay (Honorary), Mr. Hooten (Founding Brother from Troy University), Brothers of the Alpha Eta Chapter of KKPsi at UF.

We sincerely thank everyone who was able to attend and hope that we can continue to provide opportunities for our alumni to return and be a part of the this wonderful organization that you help to build.



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## MEET THE NEWEST HONORARY



This past year, the Eta Sigma chapter was proud to award Honorary status to another UCF Faculty Member, Mr. Kirk Gay.

Kirk Gay obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Percussion Performance from Northern Illinois University. He later went on to study with Paul Yancich and Richard Weiner at the Cleveland Institute of Music where he received his Master's Degree in Timpani Performance.

Mr. Gay marched in Star of Indiana Drum & Bugle Corps from 1986 - 1989 where he was 1989 DCI Timpani Individuals Champion and two time DCM Timpani Individuals Champion. He has taught and written for many drum and bugle corps including The Crossmen, Phantom Regiment, Magic of Orlando and The Yokohama Inspires from Japan. Mr. Gay was head arranger and caption head with Phantom Regiment in 1996 when they were DCI Champions. He has also written for many bands across the country including Cypress Creek H.S. (FL), Churchill H.S. (TX) and Northrop H.S. (IN).

In 1998, Mr. Gay toured Europe with the New World Symphony under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas. He has performed with the Walt Disney World Orchestra, The Fort Wayne Philharmonic, The Orlando Philharmonic and currently is the Principal Percussionist with The Brevard Symphony Orchestra.

At UCF, Mr. Gay is the Assistant Director of Athletic Bands, teaches student lessons and is the director of "Black Steel", the UCF steel drum ensemble and is also the Percussion Instructor for the UCF Marching Knights. He is an endorser and clinician for Pro-Mark sticks and Sabian Cymbals.

## RECENT GRADUATES

Eta Sigma would like to recognize and congratulate our brothers who recently graduated from UCF this year.

### Fall Graduates

#### **Lauren Burkett– Fall 1999**

**Major-** Elementary Education

**Currently–** Teaching Kindergarten at Conway Elementary School in Orlando, FL

#### **Ryan Hilton– Fall 1999**

**Major-** Mechanical Engineering– Mechanical Systems

**Currently–** Working at Beaumont & Associates residential design and engineering firm.

#### **Mike Mekker– Fall 2002**

**Major–** Computer Engineering

**Currently–** Working for Lockheed-Martin and attending Graduate School at UCF

#### **Melvin Oxendine– Fall 1997**

**Major–** Liberal Studies

**Minor–** Sociology

**Currently–** Hospital Services Specialist at Florida's Blood Centers-Main Branch. Has applied to Physician Assistant School and hopes to work in the surgical field.

### Spring Graduates

#### **Adam John (AJ) Gris– Fall 2001**

**Major-** Advertising

**Currently-** Recently married and is looking to be employed in the Orlando Area

#### **Christopher Scott– Fall 2000**

**Major–** Social Science Education

**Currently-** Attending Grad School at UCF

### Summer Graduates

#### **Caroline Bloom– Fall 2002**

**Major-** Music Education

**Minor–** American Sign Language

**Currently–** Music Teacher for Riverdale Elementary

#### **Paulina Burdge-Small– Spring 2004**

**Major–** Political Science

**Currently–** attending UCF as a Graduate Student.

#### **Brian Schappacher– Fall 2002**

**Major–** Electrical Engineering

**Currently-** Systems Engineer at Lockheed Martin

## Congratulations!

### Engagement and Weddings

Eta Sigma would like to congratulate the following brothers on their recent Engagements and Marriages:

**Christopher Luongo** (Fall '97) was married to Jecca Lynn Masters (TBS, Fall '00) on April 22nd, 2006

**Charley Cartee** (Fall '96) was married to Renee' Fish (TBS, Fall '96) on December 18th, 2005

**Barbara Kelly** (TBS, Fall '84/ KKY Honorary Fall '99) was married to David Hursey on January 15th, 2006

**AJ Gris** (Fall '01) was married to Becky Keifer (TBS, Fall '99) on July 15, 2006

**Sean Osmond** (Fall '00) and **Stephanie Macek** (Fall '00) were married on July 22, 2006

Congratulations to **Chris Scott** (Fall '00) on his recent engagement to Emily Soucie (TBS, Fall '02).

We wish all of these brothers and their partners the best in their new lives together.

### New Brothers

The Brothers of Eta Sigma would like to congratulate the members of the classes of Tau Lambda Chi, Fall 2005, and Beta Beta Eta, Spring 2006 on the completion of their membership process and their recent initiation into the brotherhood. May you all continue to Strive for the Highest!

#### Tau Lambda Chi

Jenny Childs  
Jenna Fread  
Stephanie Hill  
Chris Moxey  
Will Dufresne  
Chris Parker  
Mikey Sheres  
Taylor Hooten  
Tyler Fisher

#### Beta Beta Eta

Nick Arnold  
Sheila Fulmer  
Kyle Myers  
Kara Downs  
Cristina Venturini  
Beth Philips

## Faculty News

There have been a few changes in the Music Department and especially in the Marching Knights that are newsworthy. First, the Brothers of Eta Sigma would like to congratulate **Mr. Ron Ellis (Honorary)** on his new appointment as **Director of Athletic Bands** and **Director of the Marching Knights**. We would also like to congratulate **Mr. Kirk Gay (Honorary)** on his appointment to **Assistant Director of Athletic Bands** and **Assistant Director of the Marching Knights**.

## 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

This year, Eta sigma will be celebrating a milestone, 25 years of service, brotherhood, and music.

That's right, on April 23, 2007, Eta Sigma will turn 25! There will be a few things happening within the next year to help commemorate this event. One of the great things that will be happening is the commissioning of a piece for concert band, in honor of all the brothers who have served over the years. The UCF Wind Ensemble is scheduled to premiere this piece during the November 9th concert. Other events that are in the works include a small reception during homecoming for alumni of both KKY and TBS, and a KKY 25th Anniversary Reunion Gala in the summer as well as many other events throughout the year. Keep an eye out as we continue to make plans and send out updates.



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The Psi-Note is the Official Newsletter of the Eta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, serving all its members both past and present. If you would like to contribute to the Psi-Note in any way, please send your submissions to the Alumni Secretary. We are always looking for great Articles to publish and share with the brotherhood.

Kappa Kappa Psi was founded at the Oklahoma A&M in 1919 and was chartered at the University of Central Florida in 1982. Since then, this organization, made of great musicians and leaders, has served the Band Program continuously in many facets. Our purpose here is to serve the band program by promoting its existence, honoring its members, stimulating leadership, fostering relationships between college bands, and help provide a great experience for all band members.

It is a privilege to serve.

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[www.etasigma.com](http://www.etasigma.com)