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A Letter from the President

Dear Sisters,

Welcome to a brand new semester, "Fall 2007". Whenever someone mentions a past semester, there are certain events from that semester that immediately come to mind.

"Fall 2007" will leave us as quickly as it approached us, so we only have so much time to fill it with memories. Epsilon Epsilon is in a very good position because of our large membership full of talented women, respectable faculty members who are interested in furthering the aims of our fraternity, a location near a city of opportunities, and a membership that is a strong family based on the love of music.

As you go about your daily routine throughout the semester, I suggest you evaluate the time you have been spending. As a sisterhood, we can fill "Fall 2007" with many different kinds of memories as long as we are conscientious in our approach. I will leave you with a quote from SAI Honorary Member, Marian Anderson. "There are many persons ready to do what is right because in their hearts they know it is right. But they hesitate, waiting for the other fellow to make the make the first move - and he, in turn, waits for you."

Sisters, let us take the initiative to fill "Fall 2007" with many accomplishments and memories.

Fraternally yours,
Katie Capasso



West Side Story

Leonard Bernstein's musical was even better with three Epsilon Epsilon sisters taking part in it!

Heather Bostic
Editor

When the school year ended, three sisters were still hard at work preparing for Center Stage Productions' rendition of *West Side Story*. The show ran from June 21-24 at Neumann College.

Melissa Castillo starred in the performance as 'Maria.' She did a fantastic job of acting, dancing, and of course, singing! The audience was truly captivated by her wonderful performance.

Dawn Sheppard landed a supporting role as one of Maria's cousins, Rosalia. Dawn too wowed the crowd with her spectacular dancing and was also given opportunity to shine vocally in the song "America." Watching Dawn and Melissa perform together during this song was a real treat, especially to all of the sisters in the audience!

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Summer Snippets

This summer a lot of us managed to keep in touch and even coordinate service projects, performances, and general hang-out time together. However, not everyone in the sisterhood attended each event, so this section, entitled 'Summer Snippets' details how several Epsilon Epsilon sisters, and one of our patronesses spent their summers.

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Kelly McConahy went to Buxton England where she took part in the Buxton Gilbert and Sullivan Festival, held August 2-6. Kelly got to learn an entire opera role in only five rehearsals before traveling to an adjudicated festival in Buxton. Once there she helped with lighting, stage crew, and make-up. Kelly became a fairy and an honorary peer and had an overall fantastic time.

In July **Christine Fisher** and **Erin Harvey** played at a wedding, held in a beautiful hotel. Christine played piano, set in a little garden atmosphere and Erin stood in front of it playing violin. They performed prelude, processional and exit music, including *Canon in D*, *Jesu*, and Wedding Celebration music.

From June 25-July 4, SAI patroness **Leslie Papuga** visited Rome, Sorrento, Capri, Florence, and Venice, Italy. She traveled with three other chaperones and twenty-five high school students. The best day came when a student was too sick to take a walking tour in Capri. Leslie volunteered to sit with him on the beach and managed to soak up the sun in the most beautiful place she's ever seen.

Erica Klamer worked at ESF Summer Camp from June 18-August 10. The camp was held at the Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown, New Jersey. Erica was able to do an "On the Job Experience," where employees can fill a higher position for one day. Erica served as the specialist for the day camp's creative and performing arts department that day, and loved it. The experience inspired her to work with younger children and further excited her about becoming a teacher.

Jen Smollinger and **Heather Bostic** went to a Japanese anime convention in Baltimore, Maryland, July 20-22. Heather enjoyed dressing up and Jen bought a gorgeous wedding kimono.

Steph Shirk interned in the Aerospace and Government/Defense Engineering sections of B.W. Elliott Manufacturing company during July and August. In addition to working, Steph got to eat lunch with her dad everyday. Though she hated working with Excel, she loved the business atmosphere and chance to spend time with her dad. Steph also went to Lake Ontario on weekends and saw "Spring Awakening" in New York City. ❖

Summer Service

Heather Siegfried

Corresponding Secretary

This summer, seven sisters were involved with a service project initiated by Lauren Dezeeuw. A very gifted blind woman named Carol, who received her undergraduate at the University of the Arts playing piano, decided to take a two-week course at West Chester for level 1 Orff this summer. She needed assistance during those two weeks, and these sisters were available to come with her to class from 8:00am-4:45pm. The following sisters assisted Carol beginning July 30 through August 10: Lauren Dezeeuw, Kat McDonald, Felicia Reilly, Allie Bell, Jen Smollinger, Amanda Rash, and Heather Siegfried. Allie Bell spent two days with Carol in the class while the remaining sisters each spent one day in the class.

While attending class with Carol, each sister was asked to tape record the sessions so Carol could refer back to them. A binder was also given to Carol with the syllabus, songs to learn, and all of the activities and concepts of the Orff method. Each sister recorded approximately twenty pages from the binder. Also, the sisters assisted Carol during the movement activities. During the recorder class, Carol successfully played the recorder by listening to the other students around her and eventually memorizing the melodies. Some sisters were able to help Carol with homework assignments during the lunch breaks as well.

This experience with Carol was extremely rewarding. Not only did these sisters learn more about the Orff method, but they also met an incredibly talented woman who has dedicated her life to music. Her perseverance is admirable, and each sister made a wonderful new companion. Meeting someone with such a positive outlook on life and its gifts made the experience more memorable. Carol, who lives with her mother in Frazer, truly enjoyed meeting the professors even outside of the

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Orff class and showed much appreciation for giving her the opportunity to take the class. She gave a lot of input during class and expressed great ideas in any creative activity. Carol hopes to stay in contact with our sisterhood. As she has touched so many hearts, she has also expressed that no obstacle should prevent anyone from following their dream. ❖

DCI Star and SAI President!

Katie Capasso is the girl who does it all! Besides serving Epsilon Epsilon as president for the 2007-2008 school year, student teaching in the spring, and keeping busy with the hundreds of hours of school performances, observations, and homework, Katie also marched junior drum and bugle corps for three consecutive summers.

Katie auditioned and was accepted to the Cadets Drum and Bugle Corp in 2005, following her freshmen year and initiation into SAI. That year the Cadets became World Champions, winning DCI finals with a spectacular show.

The following summer, 2006, Katie and the Cadets placed fifth.

Summer 2007 was Katie's age-out summer with the Cadets. They placed second with their 2007 production entitled, "This I Believe" which was about the lessons learned through marching drum corps.

"I could not think of a better show to age out with than one that is innovative, challenging, and about the members of drum corps. I learned a great deal about myself through marching drum corps and am thankful for the experience."

-Katie Capasso

Congratulations on your three years with the Cadets. You make us all so proud! ❖

A bit more behind the scenes, Melissa and Dawn were accompanied by violinist Heather Siegfried. Heather took part in the orchestra, which was made up of mostly West Chester University students, and run by alumni Michael Medvidik.



In this photo (left to right) Dawn Sheppard, Heather Bostic, Jacki Howell, Lauren Dezeuw, Caroline Stitt, Heather Siegfried, Kristi DeFuso. Center, star Melissa Castillo

All who attended the performance enjoyed watching these girls perform. They brought West Side Story to life and it was easy to see their immense love of musical performance.

Congratulations on a wonderful job! ❖



Sisters came out to the Allentown show to support Katie!

