The Object of this Fraternity shall be: for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit, the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students, the advancement of music in America, and a loyalty to the Alma Mater.
Greetings Brothers!

As the Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha’s 65th year at the University of Georgia comes to a close, I am proud to present this edition of our chapter’s official newsletter: “Fraternal Spirit.” Inside this issue, we welcome 14 new initiates, say farewell to our graduating brothers, highlight the chapter’s tri-fraternal efforts, and review some of the events that took place throughout the year. Looking into the year ahead, our incoming Executive Team has a long list of projects in the works. One exciting project is our application to perform the National Anthem at a UGA Baseball and Basketball game, along with a Braves Game! We are also planning to sponsor information nights for UGA’s renowned Music Business Certificate Program and a local music charity, Nuci’s Space. This summer, specifically July 8th - 12th, the 55th National Convention of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will take place in New Orleans. Several brothers from Epsilon Lambda plan to attend this event. We are looking forward to using what we learn in New Orleans to improve our chapter over the coming year!

As we plan for the coming year, we reflect on our chapter’s rich history at UGA. Without the hard work and dedication of the brothers who have come before us, our chapter would cease to exist. We thank you for your contributions to our chapter over the years, and we hope that the accounts found in this issue of “Fraternal Spirit” will make you proud. From the first brothers initiated at UGA in 1950 to the 14 new brothers introduced in this publication, we are all bound together by one Object. We will strive to honor our alumni in the coming year by continuing to uphold those ideals to the best of our abilities.

Once and Always,

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Gentlemen,

As the newest Alumni Relations Officer, my goal is to get a larger list of alumni into our database. We are in the process of cataloging a huge list that we got from Nationals, but if you know brothers with whom you were in school that are still in the area or would like to be in the loop, please don’t hesitate to send me their information or have them contact me at warrenlamarlawson@gmail.com.

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Warren Lawson
We initiated fourteen new Sinfonians on February 28th, 2015. This pledge class, one of the largest in recent memory, consists of nine freshmen, a sophomore, three juniors, and a graduate student. The class consists of (from left to right): Paul Nelson (Junior; Music Education), Jack Eaddy (Masters in Conducting), Joel Garcia (Freshman; Music Education), Matt Vu (Junior; Music Education), Jacob Weinstein (Freshman; Political Science), Jacob Ambrose (Freshman; Computer Science), Dustin Breitkreuz (Freshman; History), Josh Klein (Freshman; Music Education), Esa Serog (Junior; Computer Science), Cooper Casale (Sophomore; English), Ryan Oxyer (Freshman; Astronomy and Physics), Adrien Sandercock (Freshman; Political Science and International Affairs), John Brocksmith (Freshman; Business and Sports Management), and Michael Quinton (Freshman; Business). We are proud of the way that this pledge class grew together throughout their process. They have already made great contributions to our chapter and we are thrilled to have them.

With this school year winding down, we are already preparing for our recruitment period in the fall. If you are aware of any incoming students who would make a good addition to our chapter, please let us know!

As always, the PM Recital was a highlight of this year’s Spring Process. Performances included a saxophone quartet; a trumpet quartet (Buglers’ Holiday); fraternity songs; and an arrangement of Oh Comely, originally by Neutral Milk Hotel. This final piece (pictured here) was arranged by Cooper Casale, and involved the entire pledge class.
Graduating Brothers

We have eight brothers who will be graduating, all of whom will be missed dearly. We are grateful for their contributions to our chapter, and we look forward to seeing their success beyond UGA. We also look forward to having them back at our events as alumni!

Ian Labreck will graduate this semester with a degree in Music Education. His goal is to teach either middle school or high school.

Michael Kobito will graduate this semester with a degree in Music Education. In the fall, he will become the Assistant Director of Bands at Newnan High School.

Brian Walker will graduate this semester with a degree in Music Education. He hopes to teach band and one day be a college director.

Phong (Alex) Tran will graduate this semester with a degree in Music Composition. He intends to continue his composition studies at NYU as a graduate student.

Joe Powell will graduate with degrees in Statistics and Economics, a minor in Mathematics, and a certificate in Actuarial Science. He plans to attend graduate school at Georgia State University, studying Actuarial Science and Mathematical Risk Management.

Robert Dann will graduate this semester with an ABJ in Mass Media Arts. He intends to work in the world of visual media and hopes to be a producer.

Evan Harger will graduate this semester with a Masters in Wind Conducting. Next year, he will attend the University of Oregon to study orchestral conducting.

Greg Hanft will graduate in the Fall semester with a degree in Finance. He plans on moving to New York, but his end goal is working for a sports group.
Over the past year, we have made great strides in strengthening the bonds between the three musical Greek organizations at the university. Our chapter, along with the Iota Zeta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, and the Kappa Mu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi have formed a tri-fraternal council, which has worked to plan events for all three groups.

1. Last Spring, on April 28th, 2014, our chapter took part in the first ever Tri-Fraternal Formal. This event was held in the Sky Club at Sanford Stadium. Members of all three chapters enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship high above the famed Sanford Stadium.

2. In the Fall of 2014 we co-hosted a joint Musicale with SAI. This traditionally held event featured a program of all American music.

3. Our Semi-Formal for Fall 2014 was also held with the sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota. An awesome night of friendship and food was enjoyed at The Foundry in Athens.

4. For the first time ever, our three organizations hosted a Tri-Fraternal Musicale. It took place on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church and included a full choir of all three organizations, the choirs of the individual organizations, and several smaller ensembles, including the Phi Mu Alpha Stage Band.

5. As always, we have continued the tradition of holding a Tri-Fraternal Picnic during Redcoat Band Camp, which is an informational mixer that allows Redcoats to learn about our organizations and decide which one is right for them.
This semester we had the pleasure of performing with the University Band. Jack Eaddy, one of our new brothers, asked us to sing on “With Greater Things From The Ramparts” by Clifton Williams. The picture above shows brothers from Epsilon Lambda singing in the balcony of Hugh Hodgson, conducted by Hunter Hulsey, our music chair. Our chapter was also represented by several brothers playing with the band on stage.

We had a wonderful time on April 25th, 2015 at our Spring Formal. It was held at The Graduate Athens, and we had an evening full of good food and fellowship. Ian Labreck was awarded Sinfonian of the Year, and Robert Chambers received the Workhorse award.
Thank you for reading this year’s edition of “Fraternal Spirit.” We look forward to making new memories over the coming year and continuing the traditions of Epsilon Lambda here at UGA. Whether you’re an alumnus, a faculty member, a current brother, or a friend of the chapter, we thank you for supporting our chapter and fraternity! Go Dawgs!

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