The men of Lambda Chi Alpha welcome their new associate class:

Kelly Galster  Michael Shelton  Nathan Gibson  Matt Smith  Justin Weinrich  JoJo Jordan

Local blues bands play at Das Turkish Club

Weather Webb  Staff Reporter

Students said they have the chance to perform more music by some of their favorite professors, which has improved their confidence in second performances.

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The next weekend, the group performed at a student band festival, but it was a disaster. The band had only played all over Northeast Missouri. Cohen said DeWald has performed at University Union, local festivals and many other venues.

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The band performs blues music and Cohen writes most of the songs. He said the band also performs several cover songs in concerts. The band's style of music has helped its band build a following in the area. The band's sound is a mixture of the original music of Cohen, and its fans have a variety of tastes.

“Not that I don't love my day job, but it gives me a reason to live beyond just work and play.”

Cohen and DeWald also have big fans within the University's student body. Both have already heard from people who recognize them from their day jobs. DeWald was also able to hear music that makes him a better musician. DeWald has a CD release party March 1 in Wooden's Copies of the CD.

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