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DEAR BROTHERS:

Its fairly obvious from the flood of letters I have received lately that you like the 'GRIP'. Many thanks for each one of them. I held this issue until after the Northern & Central district rally so I could tell you about that. Read on and send in the items you want included.

GARNET & SILVER:

Al Smith, the Editor, wants it known to all that the deadline for news this issue is MARCH 15 - all pictures and articles should be mailed to him at 100 George Street, Mimico, Ontario. Al is presently in Teachers College and is writing off university subjects for his high school teachers degree. If he gets lots of news it is much easier for him to put out this mag. Lets get behind him and fill those empty pages.

CORRESPONDENCE:

I don't know about anybody else but I've been swamped. Here's a new wrinkle for you - I would like everybody to sit down and write a letter to Eric Snyder, 35 Allendale Drive, North Haven, Conn. Eric is a brother of Alpha Omega chapter who moved there with his parents in the fall last year and so has been isolated from the active brothers. It is impossible to start a chapter there due to anti-fraternity legislation but he has continued to write Bro. Smith and myself and has collected various documents for our national history from New Haven. Now he is still in school so don't expect an immediate reply. I ask Eric to please let me know how many letters he receives so I can put in a report in the next GRIP. There should be at least forty.

EXPANSION:

From visits by myself and sponsoring chapters, I can see us adding two chapters in mid-March. I know many of you have received letters from Hamilton - Mr. Rich Binns has really been slopping the ink around.

Thanks to Beta Beta for the contact in London, Ontario but I haven't had time to follow it up yet. More on this later.

INTER-FRATERNITY CONGRESS:

This begins the first of several articles on the Congress explaining its make-up and functions.

WHAT IS THE CONGRESS? The I.F.C. is an organization started 15 years ago by members of four fraternities that felt more could be accomplished by concerted action for fraternities in general than by isolated efforts. Since then it has expanded to its present size and dimensions through the constant efforts of national fraternities' executives to receive recognition of Secondary school fraternities.

The I.F.C. is made up of 16 High School fraternities at the present time ranging in size from 5 to 40 chapters spread from California to Texas to Canada under an executive council similar to our I.B.C. All fraternities in the Congress abide by the 'I.F.C. Code of Ethics' which stresses scholarship, adult guidance, discouragement of drinking and gambling among minors and responsible pledge periods. The Congress is dedicated to the protection of fraternities and the education of the public to the fact that membership in a fraternity is, far from being bad are really a rewarding and educational experience in a young man's life.

Gamma Delta Psi is a fraternity in good standing in the I.F.C. and as such she must always try to prove herself a capable national leader. Abide by the 'Code of Ethics' and support you national officers for the benefit of all.

ALUMNUS ACTIVITY:

I write this in enthusiasm after reading a letter sent by Brother Louis J. Witherby - Alpha Epsilon 1907-09 who received my address through Ray N. Spooner with whom I had previously corresponded. He enclosed a photograph of a group of some five Brothers of his chapter who met at the Columbia University club on the 15th of December last year in New York City. He also sent along a Garnet & Silver subscription for his Brother, also a Delt', in Hollywood, Calif. Alpha Epsilon, which was banned in New York city with all other fraternities in 1913, has continued to meet for an annual dinner with Eta Chapter every year up to the present. This year will be Eta's 66th annual.

Eric Snyder has written saying he has recovered Alpha Chapters treasurers book and has hopes of finding much more. He has contacted several members of Alpha and hopes to have more soon.

COMING EVENTS:

The Hamilton Crescent club is holding a dance at the Brant Inn in Burlington, Ontario on APRIL 14th. This, A semi-formal affair, is being held as a conclusion to a raffle they have been holding. You will dance from 9 to 1 am in the Terrace room to the music of Fred Pursur and the Washingtons. Here's your chance to attend a good dance - tickets \$3.00 couple.

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Tickets are going fast for the dance at Casa Loma MARCH 10th. Beta Zeta Plays host at this open dance - invite all your friends.

Alpha Phi's first annual alumnus dinner is being held at the Flame Steak house in Port Credit, Ontario on March 17/61. Letters have gone out to all alumnus who could be contacted and it promises to be a tremendous first in functions for Alpha Phi.

Rumors of a Southern District Rally have been filtering into letters lately. It should come off during the Easter week and would include Zeta, Beta Alpha and Beta Gamma chapters. Lets get it going - many a flame has been fanned with the letter.

NORTHERN & CENTRAL DISTRICT RALLY:

Here was an affair worth waiting for. With all but one chapter represented, our numbers were bolstered by two crescent clubs who gave full reports on their progress. Approximately 80 brothers were in attendance and all I talked to were having a great time. After a meeting which was filled with little gems like shingles and chapters equipment and officer and chapter reports, all congregated at a restaurant for a few laughs and some 'Rally Special' dinners. A great deal of the credit for this affair must go to Ken Marskell who took complete charge of announcements and really did a sterling job. The more of this kind of function the better.

SUMMARY:

I have increased the circulation to somewhere around 65 now so more and more alumnus are being kept informed. I hope they send in some news about themselves so all may keep track of each other.

Congratulations to Michael Wright of Beta Beta chapter who was married a few weeks ago

More Congrats to Ken Skeoch of Alpha Phi who also joined the ranks of the marital army. To both Brothers we wish the best always.

Thought for this month "If you think you know everything - your'e off your flippin' cookie"

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