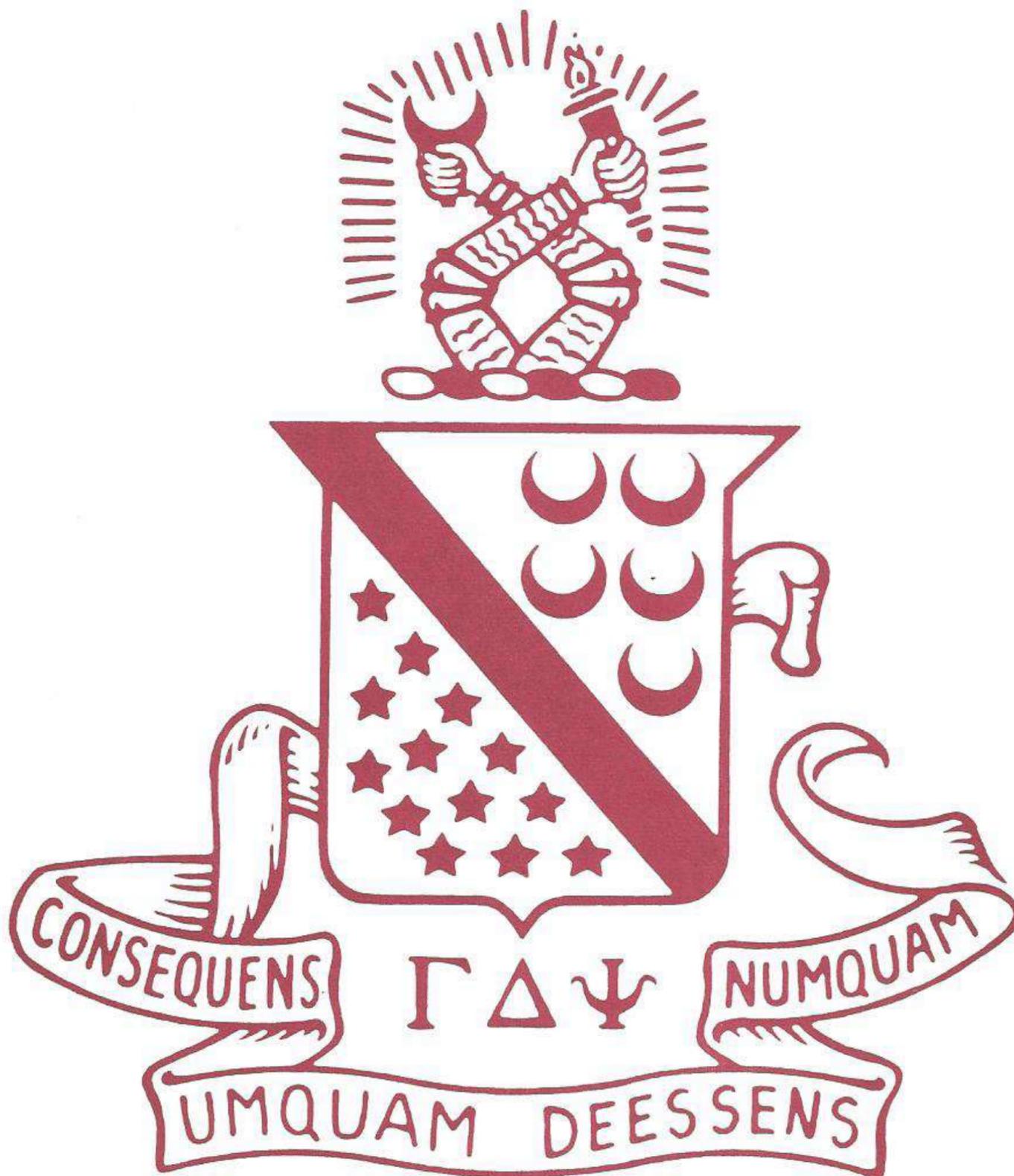


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# THE GRIP



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The Grip is a publication put out to keep the Grand Crescent and Alumni Brothers aware of the Fraternity. It allows members, active and Alumni to express and keep abreast of the happenings in our great organization. Any ideas, whether for or against the establishment are welcomed and will be noted.

### ELECTIONS

It is my pleasure to announce the election of the new Board of Control for 1969-70 year. Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International now enters its ninetieth year of existence, with future plans looking bright and prosperous.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

PRESIDENT	-	R. E. Guthrie
Vice-PRESIDENT (North)	-	Dennis Cox
Vice-PRESIDENT (South)	-	George Longworth
TREASURER	-	Julio Sousa
SECRETARY	-	Keith Watkins (RESIGNED)
HISTORIAN	-	Dave Bartlett
EDITOR	-	Barry Yeates
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	-	Larry Bell - Paul Graham
PUBLIC RELATIONS APPOINTMENT	-	Tim Fuelling
SOUTHERN SECRETARY	"	- Robbie Abernathy

The drastic changes that are taking place in the High School Fraternal field, and the exciting results obtained from the up-dated Constitution and Ritual, have encouraged us to proceed further and start with the Traditions of the Fraternity.

We have selected the choice parts from the past Fraternal data, and combined it with the widest array, combinations of contemporary ideas from other organizations and the result is a complete updated Fraternity. This was done without losing our own true identity.

R. E. Guthrie  
PRESIDENT

" ON THE PLAINS OF HESITATION BLEACH THE BONES OF COUNTLESS THOUSANDS, WHO ON THE DAWN OF VICTORY, SAT DOWN TO REST, AND RESTING ----- DIED."

( FOR THOSE THAT REMEMBER )

NOVEMBER 1969

CONVENTION BANQUET 1969

This year's Convention Banquet was held in Hampton, Virginia, in the regal surroundings of the Chamberlain Hotel's finest banquet room. The total attendance was roughly one hundred and this was due to the unfortunate lack of female companionship. However, the various graces were delivered, following which our M.C., George Longsworth, invited us all to sit down and enjoy our meal.

Following the meal, which as usual was received with a variety of reactions, George introduced our two guest speakers, Mr. Browder, representing the Douglas MacArthur Memorial and "Hard Times" Hunt, a satirical pretender to the profession of politician.

Mr. Browder's remarks were extremely enlightening and a good deal of the personal side of Gen. MacArthur was brought to light. Unfortunately, Mr. Browder is not a very animated speaker and due to this his remarks seemed a little drawn out.

Mr. Hunt addressed us next, and although it took a short while before we adjusted to his unusual southern humour, we soon warmed up and enjoyed his remarks thoroughly.

Our speakers were thanked by George, who then introduced Bro. Yeates and Bro. Marskell to handle the awards. Ken and Barry handled this in true Hollywood style, opening a sealed envelope to reveal each one of the many deserving award recipients. The awards were climaxed by the awarding of the coveted Alpha Delta Tau Award to a very deserving Bro. George Longsworth, and the awarding of a special award, in the form of a portable radio, to a very emotional and also extremely deserving Bro. Barry Yeates.

Following the various thank you speeches from the award winners and closing remarks by Bro. George, the wild herd was released to head for the chartered bus that was to take them to Virginia Beach. Another successful Banquet to look back on, handled extremely well by Bro. Longsworth.

Bro. Tim Fuelling  
Public Relations Director.

1970 GARNET & SILVER

Undoubtedly, everyone is aware that our fraternity did not have a yearbook last year for the first time since the early 1960's. This year I intend to remedy this situation immediately by publishing a book in April, which covers last year and this year also. Unlike other years, it will not be necessary for chapters to sell ads, as the book will be published by an outside source, who will sell all ads required to publish the Garnet & Silver, at a profit. Therefore, the chapters are responsible only for their reports and pictures, which must be in by the deadline .... January 31st, 1970. These reports should be approximately four hundred words in length and should cover all activities from last year and the present year. Anyone wishing to submit other articles or reports of interest is invited to do so by the above deadline.

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Letters with a further explanation will be forthcoming to the chapters in the near future.

We will have a yearbook this year. It is up to you and your chapter to be represented in it. Meet the above deadline and I promise you the best and most complete yearbook in the history of Gamma Delta Psi.

Bro. Barry Yeates  
Editor.

VARIETY SHOWCASE

For the first time in our 90 year history, Gamma Delta Psi, this year, sponsored a professional show in a professional theatre. Was it a success? Yes, indeed! This show that was conceived and sponsored by ourselves and promoted and produced by Canadian Productions Unlimited, netted Gamma Delta Psi, \$ 850.00.

The show was held August 22nd, at Eaton Auditorium, in Toronto, billed as Variety Showcase. The show was M.C.'d by Bro. Tim Fuelling and Billy Meek, who stars on TV shows in Toronto. On the bill were the Allen Sisters, Cy Leonard, who is a terrific comedian and ventriloquist, and The Art Snider Trio. The show was attended by over 400 people, who evidently enjoyed themselves immensely.

At the close of the show, Bro. Fuelling presented a cheque for \$ 325.00, to the Ontario Society for Crippled Kids and a second \$ 325.00 cheque to Variety Club. Following the cheque presentations, Bro. Fuelling spent 15 minutes explaining to the audience, Gamma Delta Psi's past, our aims and our general structure. The audience was then thanked for attending and supporting the show and the evening came to a close.

As Public Relations Director, I feel this was a great success for Gamma Delta Psi. The value of such exposure cannot be underestimated and I can assure you that this success will be followed by many others. We are already planning next year's show and we hope that this will turn into a regular annual affair. I feel Gamma Delta Psi is well on its way to establishing an exciting Public Relations Program, which will bring us into the limelight.

Bro. Tim Fuelling.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1879

The history of Gamma Delta Psi is of necessity to the life of Gamma Delta Psi. Tradition is a mainstay in any organization. Men of influence, men of intellectual greatness, men of history . . . . they are all part of Gamma Delta Psi's life - Our life! Ties between the two must exist to live.

Events, such as conventions, pledging, rallies, have existed and must stay in existence. For 90 years our Fraternity has lived a productive life. I still think and your Board thinks this life is still productive and

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will not go six feet under. Once we're under, we're there for good.

It is my opinion, we are now being carried to our death by non-activeness, non-communications, non-brotherhood. In the past a Brother went through physical ordeals to enter our Fraternity - the day is coming where it will be mental knowledge and mental ordeals to enter our Fraternity. Paddling, running maypoles for five hours, hours of interregation - no longer exists. The individual personality exists . . . will we have to take the stand to cater to the individual? Will we have 15 pledges who we will consider each by personality? Once this happens, you no longer exist as a group of common fellowship of ideals. You have individual ideals. Think 30 different ideals, 30 different paths of life. Therefore, the purpose of Brotherhood is defeated, six feet under to stay.

The thoughts of 4 men with 4 same ideals, who in the summer of 1879, met to bring into existence 90 years of mutual benefit and social enjoyment for thousands of young men, can be demolished by a few. The individual cannot deny the existence of an establishment, but, the establishment cannot and will not deny the individual to stand up against the establishment. Remember, the establishment will stay, never to die, but never to stay without new ideas. Remember, 90 years of establishment has existed.

Change can only be slow . . . . . But change it must be!

Bro. Dave Bartlett  
Historian.

#### SOUTHERN RALLY REPORT

The first Southern Rally of this new fraternal year was held on November 2nd, at the American House Motor Hotel, in Petersburg, Virginia. Each of the southern chapters was well represented, with the only exceptions being Gamma Kappa Chapter and, of course, our newest addition, Gamma Lambda in New Orleans. A total of sixty active brothers were present at this affair.

All chapter reports still indicate that the South is flying high. Each chapter is engaging in numerous fraternal and civic functions, while exhibiting tremendous spirit and cohesion. The John Tyler Association is also upholding the name of Gamma Delta Psi through their efforts at the college level. Unfortunately, the Brothers were saddened by the removal of Gamma Zeta's charter, however, this was necessary, as there were only three active members remaining, with no prospect for expansion.

The southern portion of the fraternity seems to be functioning well under the direction of George Longworth, who is now serving his second term as Vice-President. Apparently, his District Deputies, Darrell Sears, David Frederick, Doug Darby, Jack Parsons, and the Secretary, Robbie Abernathy, are also performing their duties to everyone's satisfaction.

Everyone seems to be eagerly anticipating the upcoming I.B.C. Banquet and Dance, to be held in February. The southern brothers would like to see many northern members attend this function, which promises to be a great success.

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Once again, the South seems to be working hard to maintain their position as the driving force behind our fraternity. From all appearances, their continued success seems assured.

Bro. Barry Yeates  
I.B.C. Editor

NORTHERN RALLY REPORT

The first Northern Rally of our fraternal year was hosted by Alpha Chi Chapter, in Oakville, on October 5th, 1969.

Attendance at the rally was about 70 Brothers. This was a disappointing total, as only slightly over 50% of the chapters were present. Due to a mix-up with mailing lists, publicity wasn't up to normal. But this was no fault of Alpha Chi's, as they were left with little or no material to work with, for arrangement of publicity. Of the chapters present, all contributed to the meeting in a meaningful way. But again, it was the same old chapters present. It is hoped that the next rally will be attended by 100% of the northern chapters. The north cannot operate at a 50 and 60 per cent participation of the chapters. It is your responsibility to yourselves as a chapter, to be present and participate at these functions. You only get out of fraternity, what you put into it!

Bro. Dennis Cox  
Vice-President of North

OVERALL OUTLOOK FOR THE NORTH

Over the last few years, the trend of Gamma Delta Psi has been towards the quality of its Brothers. The quality has been great, but the quantity keeps dropping. This was shown recently on an activeness report on all chapters. It was found that in the chapter level 40% were with a membership of greater than 13. Also shown in the report was the fact that as each year progressed, the mature and experienced Brothers were moving to passiveness, leaving the newer Brothers to handle the chapter. But - the Brothers going passive outnumbered those younger active Brothers.

The time for a new trend has finally arrived. THE QUANTITY MUST BE EQUAL TO THE QUALITY. With Quantity the Brothers will instill within themselves the quality needed to run an active chapter. As contacts are made between Brothers the quantity is instilled.

It is recommended by the Board that 15-20 Brothers should be active to build a chapter together.

Pledge periods will change to admit Brothers with greater understanding of the Fraternity, and greater understanding of the chapter. Rather than a four week ordeal of physical hazing, the trend will change with minor hazing and an intense two week pledge period of education with a good Hell Night.

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Communications is the lifeline of all society. Letters, word of mouth, all lead to communications. It is a proven fact that some chapters write once or twice a year while others write once every two weeks. Consistency must exist for communications to exist.

DORMIT CHAPTERS FOUND BY BOARD OF CONTROL

Recently, your Board of Control found that some chapters who were believed to be dormit actually exist. At a meeting of the Activeness of Chapters, no less than 8 chapters who have never in the last few years corresponded with the Board of Control are actually active and still holding meetings.

The only way these chapters existed, our dead wood cut, was through the work of District Deputies who spoke out for them.

DO YOU FALL IN THIS CATEGORY?

Bro. Dave Bartlett  
Historian

"The Grip", due to lack of material was not published over a period of some months, but we intend to, starting with this November issue to have it published every 5 to 6 weeks, and will be sent to each Brother on our current mailing list. If there are any changes of address, please drop a line to the Board address below. If any member or alumni, having read the Grip, would like to see an article or any material of interest published in this newsletter, we would be only too pleased to receive them.

Those wishing to give a donation towards the publication of "The Grip", kindly forward to the below address.

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