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President's Message

by R. E. Guthrie

Since the last Grip was published, the fraternity has definitely shaken itself out of the winter doldrums and has begun to actively surge ahead at full operating capacity for the first time this year. It seems now that all our earlier efforts have begun to reap their own rewards as we rapidly approach the convention, the event which annually highlights our fraternal year.

Many chapters have now solidified internally and are contributing immeasurably to our total overall thrust. Beta Sigma hosted our last northern rally and did a superlative job in organizing and publicizing the rally which was a success largely as a result of this chapter's efforts. Gamma Nu has already made many plans for the convention and is doing a fine job in helping the board to co-ordinate and arrange our annual meeting. Much of the copy in this Grip was either written by Beta Eta or was forthcoming from other sources in response to their continued requests for printable material. Last year's convention minutes are now being typed and duplicated by Gamma Mu chapter which eagerly responded to the I.B.C.'s plea for assistance in this matter. We shall hopefully have copies available for distribution in the very near future. Also, Gamma Mu and Gamma Lambda have both exhibited a strong interest in the fraternity through regular, informative, and interesting correspondence. Special praise is also directed to Beta Zeta since this chapter recently donated a new trophy to I.B.C. Each of these six chapters mentioned above merits commendation for their vigorous interest and effort on behalf of Gamma Delta Psi.

Along with increased chapter assistance, the Board has also begun to enjoy a period of revitalization. Over the past two months our weekly meetings have been attended by anywhere from twelve to twenty brothers, most of whom represent the various local chapters. These meetings provide an opportunity for increased personalized communication between the chapters and the board with all parties benefitting considerably from the exchange of opinions and ideas. Our financial situation is quite appealing since our present bank balance exceeds fourteen hundred dollars with almost twelve hundred dollars in chapter dues still receivable and no outstanding debts. The work done by Keith Comeau in the area of I.B.C. correspondence has assisted myself and other officers in maintaining contact with all our chapters and Keith deserves our appreciation for his diligent efforts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank two alumni brothers, Bill Middleton (Beta Mu) and Bud Bamford (Beta Delta) for their interest in the fraternity and for their donations toward the Grip. We hope that the concern which these two gentlemen have always shown for Gamma Delta Psi will encourage other alumni members to take a moment to read the Grip and drop us a line.

We are now planning two rallies to be held in May — one northern and one southern — and we are finalizing arrangements for the convention. I am confident that our new-found momentum will carry the fraternity through to the completion of another successful year. Hope to see many of you attending the convention in Alexandria, Virginia, commencing July 30th.

Insight into the south

by Ron Hartman — Southern Vice-President

The following are my views on the state of Gamma Delta Psi in the South. *Weaknesses of the South* — The dominant problem which concerns me in the southern chapters is that many young and inexperienced brothers are engaged in conflict among themselves which disrupts the overall spirit of brotherhood. I believe that these brothers cannot be held solely responsible since they have not had proper training and supervision in the past. In order to remedy this situation, I have appointed several new District Deputies who will attend chapter meetings and offer guidance to alleviate these problems.

Strengths of the South — I feel that we are experiencing one of the most fruitful years in recent memory. Membership is high and meetings are well attended in all our chapters. I believe that these two strong points are the major reasons why the south has been and still remains one of the most solid geographical areas within the entire fraternity.

Aspirations of the Board — We hope to appoint more District Deputies to help solve various chapter problems and to offer more guidance and advice to individual brothers. Also, we plan on having more inter-chapter functions and we are looking forward to hosting a successful convention in Alexandria, Virginia.

Accomplishments of the Board — We are all aware that the southern portion of the board has accomplished little or nothing thus far with the exception of organizing one rally.

The South's Contribution to G.D.P. — I believe we are providing a haven for wayward northern brothers. The south is also contributing resourceful ideas for the approaching convention. Lastly, we are co-ordinating expansion plans with the local chapters in an effort to create several new Crescent Clubs in the surrounding area.

Final Synopsis — The south is maintaining the fraternity tradition of excellence and brotherhood. We are aware of our weaknesses and we have begun to rectify them as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Northern Rally Successful

by Ray House — Northern Vice-President

The interest and spirit of the northern brothers was once again rekindled and sustained at our most recent rally which was held on April 4, 1971. Beta Sigma Chapter did a great job of organizing and publicizing the rally and, consequently, this event proved to be a huge success unlike the past few northern rallies which have been boring failures for the most part.

The main purpose of the rally was to get the northern brothers to speak openly about their ideas and problems and this hope was fulfilled as the discussions were constructive and enlightening for all in attendance.

After listening to all the comments I personally feel that the individual members in all northern chapters are experiencing a period in which their spirit is rising. Each brother at the rally seemed deeply concerned about the status of the fraternity as a whole and each one appeared eager to assist in improving the fraternity in every way possible.

I believe wholeheartedly that the brothers have reversed their apathetic attitude of the past and are now entering a period in which they will strive to rebuild Gamma Delta Psi into an active, energetic fraternity once again.

Between now and the convention I hope to see some positive results achieved by the chapters and I am sure that our recent rejuvenation will be evident to all those who attend the annual convention beginning July 30th in Alexandria, Virginia. I am confident and pleased that Gamma Delta Psi is on the rise again.

Editor's Note

I wish to briefly thank Beta Eta, Bill Stewart, Ron Lambert, Larry Bell, Ron Hartman and Ray House for contributing articles to this edition of the Grip. Publication would not have been possible without the material provided by these gentlemen.

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Gamma Delta Psi

- Gamma leads the way
Always lend a helping hand
Move toward more co-operation
Make the spirit of brotherhood stronger
Arrive on time for meetings.
Do your part for Gamma
Everlastingly remain fraternal
Let only the best be good enough for Gamma
Try not to miss meetings
Aim high.
Pay dues regularly
Strive for inter-chapter relations
Invest your time in inter-chapter correspondence.*

Memorabilia

- Nirvana Chapter was originated by Bro. E. J. Stewart in memory of his brother Gordon (Nu Chapter) who was killed in action during World War I.
- Gamma Delta Psi once had forty active chapters, fifteen of which were located at military academies, thus partially explaining the decimation which our fraternity suffered as a result of World War I.
- Alpha Pi Chapter in Philadelphia was chartered at an illegal convention held in Washington, D.C., in 1935 but was never officially recognized.
- Brother John Patterson (Iota Chapter) was a high jumper on the 1908 American Olympic Team and won a diploma at the London Olympics for clearing six feet in his event.
- During the years when geography and transportation difficulties rendered regional rallies impossible, the fraternity held an annual "Mid-Year Conclave" which was open to all brothers and chapters who attended on a voluntary basis.

Convention Details

We have yet to conclude the final details for the approaching convention; however, the following general information should at least answer some of the more fundamental questions. Further information may be obtained beginning May 1st by writing to the:-

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

c/o R. E. Guthrie,
105 Larose Avenue,
Apartment 1109,
WESTON, Ontario,
Canada.

WHERE:

Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Virginia, which is just across the state line from Washington, D.C.

WHEN:

July 30th - August 1st, 1971.

HOST CHAPTER:

Gamma Nu.

PRICES:

Between twenty-five and thirty dollars per person (definitely under thirty) which includes two nights stay, and banquet. This approximate price is based on three persons to a room. The price for the banquet alone will be approximately \$7.50. The price for lodging without banquet will be approximately twenty dollars. Roast beef will be served at the banquet.

TENTATIVE AGENDA: July 30th (evening) - Delegate meeting.

July 31st (morning) - General meeting.

(afternoon) - General meeting.

(evening) - Banquet.

(evening) - Board Meeting and Ritual.

August 1st (morning) - General meeting - elections.

CHECK OUT.

Our coat of arms deciphered

MOTTO:

translated from Latin means "gaining ever, failing never".

FIVE CRESCENTS:

represent the principles of brotherhood - loyalty, integrity, faithfulness, comradeship, and courage.

FOURTEEN STARS:

represent the original fourteen brothers in Alpha Chapter established at Hill House High School, New Haven, Conn. in 1879.

COLOURS:

GARNET:

the colour of courage and valour.

SILVER:

the colour of innocence and purity indicating the high idealism of the organization.

TORCH:

represents life.

CRESCENT:

represents the true spirit of friendship.

1971 Garnet & Silver News

Because we have experienced extensive financial difficulties in the past with yearbooks, our plans this year for a Garnet & Silver are somewhat different than usual. In order to minimize our expenditures and still reach the largest number of brothers possible we intend publishing the 1971 yearbook as an enlarged version of the Grip.

The size of this joint newsletter-yearbook will be fully dependent upon the amount of interesting material which we receive from the chapters, alumni, Board of Control and Board of Trustees. We hope that numerous articles, reports, letters and pictures will be submitted from the sources listed above and we expect to publish as much material as is financially feasible from the broad assortment of copy we receive.

All submissions must be received by FRIDAY, JUNE 4th since the final product must be in the printer's possession no later than June 25th if we plan on distribution prior to the convention.

This is the only opportunity which we will have to ask for your help so please remember to forward your article by FRIDAY, JUNE 4th.

The Garnet & Silver is the most important literary and historical document in our fraternity and, therefore, should contain material from as many sources as possible in order to be a truly representative sampler of Gamma Delta Psi. Only your contributions can assist us in making this new-style yearbook informative and interesting.

Send all material to:-

Garnet & Silver
c/o B. Yeates
42 Larstone Avenue
TORONTO 550, Ontario
Canada.

We require and appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

LETTERS FROM INTERESTED BROTHERS

Optimistic attitude needed

Brothers:—

Every so often Beta Eta receives mail telling us that the fraternity is failing and that there is too much dissension among the brothers which will result in Gamma Delta Psi's ultimate doom.

I for one totally disagree with this attitude. These individuals who write such articles are obvious pessimists who have allowed themselves to be easily disillusioned and let down. The brothers who claim we are doomed because the vast majority of our membership are followers seem to forget that some people are born to lead while others must be led. If each brother was an extrovert and an individualist the fraternity would suffer because excessive individualism breeds ambition; ambition breeds discord; and discord breeds anarchy which the fraternity could not survive.

Dissension between the north and south may exist only in the minds of those who choose to look for it. However, on the other hand, this ostensible dissension may be interpreted merely as a natural rivalry which is understandable and perhaps even desirable. After all, competition does breed success in many cases.

Maybe I am rationalizing somewhat, but most organizations of our size must have similar problems and things could be considerably worse. We could be in debt; we could have no correspondence at all; we could have no I.B.C., no rallies, no conventions, etc. In the future, let us have some constructive ideas from those who are always ready to offer condemnation and let us embark on an era of optimism. Let the brothers hear what is right about the fraternity instead of what is wrong with it. Perhaps if this occurs our spirit may reach an all time high. Let "gaining ever, failing never" replace the current defeatist motto of "criticize ever, aid never".

Bill Stewart (Beta Eta)

Work to solve problems

Brothers:—

We are now into what I consider as the "Dark Ages" of Gamma Delta Psi. Slowly but surely the life blood of our fraternity is being diluted by lack of brotherhood, improper pledge education, general disrespect for the principles of fraternalism, and lack of co-operation amongst the brothers, the chapters, and the board.

I will not attempt to either give you hell or propose a simplistic solution for our problems since both these methods are continually overworked. However, there is something very wrong with the fraternity as it stands to-day. The north is unhappy because the spirit is at a low ebb and the southern chapters are fighting amongst themselves.

There does not seem to be a happy medium in a situation such as ours. I only hope that our "Dark Ages" will be succeeded by a Renaissance period. My hopes are based upon the strong supporters of the fraternity who have the foresight and knowledge to decide which road will be chosen — life or extinction.

So, those of you who are strong individuals, look at yourselves as brothers and see what you can do to stem the unfavourable

tide. Remember, it's easy to drop out of a difficult situation, but it requires courage to take a stand and work for a better future for our fraternity.

Larry Bell (Beta Pi Alumnus)

Educational pledging

Brothers:—

As I look back over the years that I have been associated with Beta Omega, I see many commendable features of fraternalism such as car washes, raffles, parties, and civics functions. The only useless and unforgivable aspect of fraternity which stands out in my mind is the old style pledge period which was marked by frequent and persistent harassment and degradation of our future brothers.

Ask yourself, as a brother of Gamma Delta Psi, what good does public hazing and harassment do for the pledge and for the public relations of the entire fraternity?

As I look back on the days in which pledges were persecuted and contrast that era with the existing system of educational pledge periods, I find that there is almost no reasonable comparison.

Our chapter has just completed an educational pledge period which was the most successful pledge period in memory. Of the ten prospective brothers who were invited to join Beta Omega, nine completed pledging and were inducted. These brothers were educated in all aspects of fraternalism and have the potential to become the best brothers in the history of our chapter.

Their pledge period was five weeks in duration and it focused purely on educational material. They learned different sections of our new pledge manual for each meeting and this weekly educational period, without the former dictatorial pressures of the old style pledge period, proved most satisfying to both the pledges and the brothers.

The pledges were on completely equal terms with the brothers at all times. We regularly competed against each other in various sports which helped to develop the brotherhood and co-operation that is necessary for the fraternity to function correctly.

I believe that the most impressive and satisfying moment for all of us occurred when the results of the pledge examinations were made available. Marks ranged between ninety and one hundred per cent, thus proving undeniably that educational pledging brings positive results.

We are pleased with our experiment and we heartily advise and encourage other chapters to rid themselves of the traditional, outmoded style of pledging in favour of the new educational pledge period.

Ron Lambert (Beta Omega)

Crescent Club Complaints Examined

Brothers:—

First, congratulations to Beta Sigma, as the host chapter, and the nineteen other chapters who attended the last northern rally which was very successful in my judgment.

Although Beta Eta was only able to stay for the opening half of the rally, we were there long enough to obtain a memo from

Keith Comeau (I.B.C. Secretary) which referred to the resignation of a future chapter of Gamma Delta Psi "a crescent club which was strong and looked most promising". I do not agree with this description of the Lord Elgin Crescent Club and I wish to explain my reasons for my opinion in the Grip.

The crescent club stated that they resigned because they incurred "too much expense for what it (G.D.P.) was worth". It should be noted that since the LECC was formed in October, 1970, it held only one fund raising project, a Super Bowl Pool, which netted thirty dollars. This pool was suggested by Beta Eta which assisted them in organizing it. From January until April the club spent only ten dollars yet they falsely claim G.D.P. was "much too expensive".

The club claimed "too much annoyance from members of chapters". Beta Eta only bothered LECC to encourage a joint meeting which we planned three weeks in a row without a single club member showing up.

LECC expressed the feeling that there was "too much dominance from a chapter that did not have jurisdiction over us". Beta Eta brothers rarely saw members of the club and if and when we did encounter them, we always showed them the courtesy normally extended to brothers in the fraternity. Any pressure directed to club members was only to organize a joint function.

The club said that "we were to co-operate fully but received no interest in return". If the LECC co-operated fully then Gamma Lambda in New Orleans should win the hockey trophy. Our chapter showed more interest in the club than we normally show to other chapters in the fraternity. We offered help and ideas often but our advice and assistance was rudely refused.

LECC felt that "we were put down more often than encouraged". I contend that the club took our criticism too personally and were overly sensitive to our comments. Admittedly, we did put them down after they had said that their crescent club was superior to our chapter in every way; however, we believe their claims were out of line and erroneous.

Lastly, the club "felt that the chapter (Beta Eta) was a poor example for G.D.P. and we are doubtful as to what the rest of the fraternity is like". To my knowledge the LECC never once met with our entire chapter. As for the balance of G.D.P., the club members had opportunities to meet the chapter at three rallies and a president's conference and judge for themselves. Obviously these opportunities were wasted on the LECC.

In conclusion, this self-proclaimed "very strong and promising crescent club" was in reality a clique of selfish, self-centred, immature adolescents who only cared about themselves and not about Gamma Delta Psi. Personally, I would have been delighted if they had travelled to convention expecting induction only to find themselves blackballed by Beta Eta.

I sincerely hope that our chapter now stands acquitted of the false accusations levelled against us.

Bill Stewart (Beta Eta)

Contributions for The Grip

Although financial contributions toward the Grip are always welcome, we are most interested in obtaining articles for publication as well. This month we have acquired ample material primarily due to Beta Eta's co-operation; however, we often are forced to reprint old articles due to a paucity of new and interesting copy material. Any suggestions as to what you would like to see published in the Grip will be gratefully accepted. Also, any members who wish to contribute written material for publication should forward this material to:—

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Letters and alumni information would be most helpful also. Material received will occasionally be edited in order to accommodate the available space; however, the greatest effort will be made to reprint all material verbatim.

If you are not already on our mailing list, or if you know of anyone else who wishes to be added to our files, please forward the necessary mailing information to the address shown above, along with a note explaining your request. The only way through which we can expand our circulation is with your help, so please assist us by co-operating with this request.

ALUMNI NOTES

PAUL ACKERMAN (*Beta Eta*) —
has recently opened his own men's shop
in Burlington.

DAVID BOWEN (*Beta Alpha*) —
is now the principal of Hopewell High
School where his chapter was first estab-
lished.

KEN HOYLE (*Beta Mu*) —
just completed his third year in Land-
scape Architecture at the University of
Guelph.

BUD BAMFORD (*Beta Delta*) —
has taken over as manager of Bamford
Meats in Toronto.

PAT DECARIA (*Beta Chi*) —
has graduated from Ryerson and hopes
to teach high school next year.

JOHN PURDY (*Alpha Chi*) —
is now attending the University of West-
ern Ontario.

STAN MARSHALL (*Beta Mu*) —
has moved to Vancouver where he is
employed as an artist by an advertising
firm.

BLAKE WREATHAM (*Beta Delta*) —
teaches high school in Toronto and re-
cently earned a Masters Degree at Water-
loo University.

DAVE BERRYMAN (*Beta Eta*) —
is presently enrolled at Memphis State
in Tennessee.

DAVID LABAYEN (*Gamma Lambda*) —
is attending the University of Southern
Louisiana.

GERRY GLAZEBROOK (*Beta Alpha*) —
has returned from Viet Nam where he
served with the Marine special forces.

RON NAYDUK (*Beta Mu*) —
now sells radio advertising for Station
CHIN in Toronto.

JESSE VICERA (*Gamma Lambda*) —
is back from duty in Viet Nam with 101st
Airborne and is stationed at Fort Bragg,
N.C.

GENE CARRIGAN (*Beta Eta*) —
is attending Carleton University in
Ottawa.

SAM HOUSTON (*Beta Rho*) —
completed his second year at Waterloo
Lutheran University.

RANDY BARTLEY (*Beta Gamma*) —
has almost completed his tour of duty
in Viet Nam with the army.

PERRY CUSTER (*Gamma Lambda*) —
is stationed in Hawaii with the air force.

GORD WHITAKER (*Beta Mu*) —
recently graduated from the University
of Toronto and is planning a trip to
Australia where he hopes to teach high
school.

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