

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International

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REGISTRATION:

CHAPTERS PRESENT

ALPHA ETA
ALPHA CHI
BETA ALPHA"
BETA XI
BETA PI
BETA SIGMA
BETA TAU
GAMMA ALPHA
GAMMA DELTA
GAMMA THETA
GAMMA NU

CHAPTERS ABSENT

BETA GAMMA
BETA PSI
GAMMA EPSILON
GAMMA ETA
GAMMA XI
BETA ZETA
BETA PHI
GAMMA GAMMA

A quarrem is present. All delegates have brought credentials in

DUES PAID:

GAMMA THETA
GAMMA ALPHA
BETA ALPHA"
ALPHA ETA
GAMMA DELTA

ALPHA ETA
ALPHA CHI
BETA ALPHA
BETA XI
BETA PI
BETA TAU

The events above all took place on Friday August 1, 1975.

A telegram was then sent to Malcolm Dixon as being the oldest brother in Gamma Delta Psi as a tradition in the fraternity. Beta Alpha will take care of this matter. There was then a motion for recess by Alpha Chi which was seconded by Beta XI. Beta Signs then moved to close the first business session of the convention. This motion was seconded by Alpha Eta and passed.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 1975, 9:00 A.M.

A quorum is present. Bro. Barry Yeates, the convention chairman expressed his remarks. Bro. George Sowchuck then commented on the rules for parliamentary procedure. Alpha Eta seconded this report.

The individual chapter reports were then given in order of induction into the fraternity. These reports are all enclosed in the set of minutes.

ALPHA ETA - Tony Pascuzzi, seconded by Alpha Chi.

Beta ALPHA - Mayes Marks, seconded by Beta Sigma.

ALPHA CHI - Paul Leaver, seconded by Alpha Eta.

BETA GAMMA - Stan Holmes, seconded Gamma Delta.

BETA XI - Gary Thompson, seconded by Gamma Alpha.

BETA PI - Scott Willingham, seconded by Beta Gamma.

BETA PSI - , seconded by Gamma Alpha.

GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY - David Duncan, seconded

GAMMA THETA - Buster Pace, seconded by Beta XI.

~~SWIFT CURRENT~~ **CREEK** CRESCENT CLUB - seconded by Alpha Chi.

LEWISTON-PORTER CRESCENT CLUB - seconded by Beta Sigma.

A skit was given by Gamma Delta. It was a poem entitled "T'was a night before HELL NIGHT."

The I.B.C. officers then gave their reports, including district deputies from both northern and southern chapters. Barry Yeates gave the report for the Board of Trustees which was seconded by Beta Sigma

SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 1975, 9:00 A.M.

AWARDS:

The annual awards were presented on the Saturday night banquet and dance and the following brothers and chapters should receive due recognition.

BROTHER OF THE YEAR: John Lippard, Gamma Nu.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR: Alpha Chi, Oakville, Ontario.

SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR: John Lippard, Gamma Nu.

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER: Gamma Theta

CHAPTER REPORT AWARD: Buster Pace, Gamma Theta.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE YEAR: Robbie Prestwood, Beta Tau.

HISTORY BOOK AWARD: Beta Tau.

ATTENDANCE AWARD: Gamma theta.

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AWARDS: continued.

CIVICS AWARD: Beta pi.

HOCKEY CHAMPIONS: Alpha Chi.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: Alpha Chi.

This year the nominations committee was headed by David Myers, I.B.C. Editor. David made his report as to who was to be running for positions for the International Board of Control, North and South and the following brothers were elected in on the various executive positions:

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF CONTROL:

PRESIDENT: Don Sowchuck (white ballot, unanimous choice.)

NORTHERN VICE-PRESIDENT: Bruce Johnstone.

SOUTHERN VICE-PRESIDENT: Ricky Brockwell (unanimously chosen)

SECRETARY: Paul Auger.

Treasurer: Chris Adams.

EDITOR: Dave Bartlett.

HISTORIAN: JOHN Lippard.

Barry Yeates was then reelected for another term with the Board of Trustees and also Kevin Stockdale was elected into the Board of Trustees.

This meeting was concluded with the induction ceremonies for the Lewiston-Porter C.C. and the Swift ~~Current~~^{Creek} C.C. These two chapters were not officially entered into the Grand Crescent until they each were able to hold their first chapter meeting, which then would include the official induction into Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity. The meeting was moved to adjourn, by Beta Sigma and seconded by Alpha Passed.

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ALPHA CHI CHAPTER REPORT:

The year 1974-75 was a good one for Alpha Chi. It had its ups and downs, but we always managed to come up on top of the problems.

We started the year off with 14 active brothers, with a young but strong executive, all of the brothers who were originally the executive became passive due to graduating from school and thus left the job for the younger members of the chapter.

We started the year off with a bash, brotherhood was strong and everyone had a real good time.

As usual we had an early pledge period. We sent out 16 letters but only 9 goats began the pledge period. After the first week all but 2 of them quit. This was due to the fact that one of the goat's mother, ignorant about the functions of a fraternity, contacted several of the other mothers and informed them that we were nothing but a drinking organization. Naturally, the women didn't want their

sons to become involved in these circumstances. Also the brothers learned that you really must become involved with the pledge and not expect them to just ride along, because we didn't think this way, we lost the other two pledges due to lack of interest.

After the flop of the pledge period, moral was kind of low so we organized a football game with a local sorority and after words a party was held and everyone had a real good time.

Throughout October we had several tape lines to raise a total of \$200.00 for the adult mentally retarded. A party was held in the month of November for the passives to get to know some of the younger brothers of the fraternity. Just before Christmas a tobogganning party was held, no drinking took place and all had a real good time. On December 26th, our annual Christmas Party was held with a total of 34 couples attending. Our guest speaker was President of the I.B.C. Dave Bartlett. The affair turned out to be one of our best Christmas Parties ever with a good time enjoyed by all. Since there was plenty of snow and plenty of spirit we decided to put neither to waste, by having another tobogganning party with a different sorority, afterwards going to one of the girls house for hot chocolate and a few beers. The following weekend we had a Keg Party at Bro. Eric

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Inouye's which turned out to be the number one drunk of the year. During the next month we got our hockey team organized and on the following weekend we went on ~~to~~ to win the hockey tournament against our arch hockey rivals from St. Catherines, celebrating that night with a party at Bro. Tim Merk's house. We decided to try a second pledge period, after the first one flopped so badly, we had to make certain precautions to ensure that this one would run smoothly. We shortened ~~the~~ the pledge period from our usual 5-6 weeks to just 3 weeks and stressing more education instead of our usual. Because of our new pledging format and because of a good effort from the active brother plus a lot of help from our passives the pledge period ran extremely smooth getting 8 new brothers into the chapter bringing our active list up to 22 very active brothers. Also during the month of February Alpha Chi won the basketball tournament which gave us our 2nd major tournament of the year. Once the weather began getting warmer, we decided to have a football game with one of the local sororities

and a barbeque to follow. During the month of April it was cancer month across Canada and the brothers of Alpha Chi fought the brutal cold canvassing the Oakville area for the Canadian Cancer Society; we raised a total of well over the \$1000.00 mark. In May we decided we ought to start building up our own treasury so we held a car wash raising over \$30.00 The year was rounded up with a final swinning ball at Bro. Tom Rogers home, It was a great party to mark the end of a great year.

The year 1974-75 was a most successful year for Alpha Chi, it was difficult for us to run smoothly due to the inexperience of the brothers on our executive, at times things just looked terrible but then with a little hard work and perhaps a hand from one of the passives we would manage to pull through ~~xxx~~ every problem. It was also difficult because we were almost the only chapter functioning a chapter should run in the north. All things considered it is clear that ~~xxx~~ we should rate for Chapter of the Year.

Paul Leaver
Delegete, Alpha Chi Chapter.

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BETA ALPHA

Here we are again ending and beginning a new fraternal year hoping for the success in the future as we have seen in the past. Our fraternity has grown in brothers and distinction, and within our great set of chapters, you will find the very prominent chapter Beta Alpha, coming from the world-known metropolis of Hopewell, Virginia.

Here we are, seven strong, at this year's annual convention, and proud to represent Beta Alpha and Gamma Delta Psi here today. Before we get into the very important statistics of our world-known Beta Alpha chapter, we were wondering whether this room was bugged or not - probably by Bro. Sears - so he can play it over and over again to learn how to write a report.

Many things have been accomplished this year - and then some have not - but being world-known, we don't worry much. Our attendance for our weekly meetings is usually around 15 brothers, and most of

this summer by 7 guests. We have lost 2 brothers - 1 to Ohio and 1 to the Navy and this has hurt us in many ways. Our officers, though many during this past year, have done a great job. They have kept us going through some tough times and helped to keep brotherhood within our chapter.

Our treasury started out at last Convention at \$481.00. But slowly went downhill from there. We paid the way for everyone at last year's Convention and for this year's. Soon after the 1973-74 Convention, we paid our annual dues, being one of the first to do so. We pay monthly payments of \$15.00 to the Christian Childrens Fund for our sponsored child. We've had many parties during the year - such as a badly-needed and badly-planned keg party we had with Gamma Theta where 3 of our brothers attended. We had a farewell party for Bro. McCoy who left to live in Ohio. We also attend different churches monthly with Jilts, our sister sorority. We also had a couple of parties with Jilts. A \$10.00 offering was placed at each church function we attended. We had several car washes during the year probably making around \$50.00, and we have sent out many cards and flowers for different things during the year. Our lowest point was last month when we had a dance, where only one brother besides Beta Alpha's attended, and we went \$145.00 in the hole. But only one

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on our several raffles.

We've had various civic projects over the year. Our main one being our sponsoring of a 13 year-old boy in India, Berard Peter, with whom we correspond and send monthly payments. We've also collected for March of Dimes, the United Fund and Heart Fund. We contributed \$30.00 to our Christmas Mother. We have cleaned up the grounds of the city's high school, and have been very active in city functions...

Beta Alpha also got out of its shell some as we started to get out to other functions. We always support anyone's dances at our world-known Armory - everything in Hopewell is world-known -- that is, except for Bro. Sears. We were in the past pool tournament and wanted to be in the basketball one, but finding out about it the day before didn't help us much. We formed a visiting committee with Bro. (Navy-bound) Connor, Chairman. Its purpose was to atten

other's meetings, as it did for many weeks until Bro. Conner's leaving to be Sailor Bob. We also tried to attend a few parties such as the a few brothers tried to attend. Bro. Sears - you know ole faithful screwball - well he gave great directions to some wild party there was to be at Beta Pi's and a few brothers took off one night for it. Bro. Sears directions were perfect - the problem was we were the ones at the party. Maybe they heard we were coming. Nah - Bro. Sears has helped us in many ways this year, and we are grateful to him for all of his help.

Convention 74-75 has been great so far and we're glad to see Brothers from Siberia again. Ye'll must watch Johnny Carson too much cause y'all drink that ole Budweiser that Ed McMahan advertises, all the time - pretty soon y'all be eating the dog food he advertises too! Bro. Sears says don't knock it though - until you try it - now you know why he looks so much like a dog!!!

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BETA ALPHA'S POEM:

All in all it's been a great year,

We've run around and drank our beer.

We've gone to parties hoping for some fun,

But then we go, we're the only ones.

We stick together all for one,

In the many things that we have done.

Our world-known report is coming to an end near,

But for more great things like this, just be

here next year.

Beta Alpha is the best as you well know,

But if you think different, then you know where

you can go.

Beta Alpha is and will remain the best for years to come,

And for you others, luck is what you need, and we

wish you some.

Moyes Marks
Delegate, Beta Alpha Chapter
Nathan Lee
Alternate Delegate.

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BETA GAMMA CHAPTER

Right after convention last year Beta Gamma was strong, we had good brotherhood and good brothers. When school started we lost half of our membership to college. About mid-year we lost the other half to marriages. Beta Gamma went struggling through the remainder of the year. It is impossible to get pledges. We held our annual sweetheart dance and elected three beautiful girls. All three have worked with the chapter to strengthen it. We held an out of school dance which turned out a real success. We now are three months behind in our reports and owe \$90.00 to the fraternity for dues and another \$15.00 for delegates fee. As you can see we are in debt up to our necks. The president and treasurer of Beta Gamma were supposed to be here with the report however they never showed up. Right now we have 2 pledges who will one day be good brothers. We need about 2 more pledges and are in the process of getting some. Gamma Delta Psi will have to ride with us to see what the next few months will be like.

Stan Holmes
Delegate, Beta Gamma Chapter.

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BETA XI ANNUAL REPORT:

In the first of the year, we had four pledges that were also inducted. During the fall, we had three stags, one of which was for the pledges. We participated in the hockey and basketball tournaments. Our second pledge period produced fourteen pledges which were inducted. A stag was held for the pledges before they started and a few weeks later, the pledges put a stag on.

Included in the 14 pledges was an exchange student named Mans Hallberg from Sweden. Mans had to return to Sweden on July 31, so we threw a stag for him on July 29. The money raised during the pledge period was used for the stag, Mans presents, and to assist in paying for sweatshirts for the active brothers.

Even though we are inactive during the summer, we get out every one or two weeks to play baseball or football and to go to the beach afterwards. With the 18 new brothers, we hope to improve quite a bit.

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BETA PI ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT:

Beta Pi welcomes you to convention 1975 and Gamma Delta Psi's 96th year of existence. I hope that this convention will leave a lasting mark in the memory of all Brothers.

Before I get any further into my report I would just like to remind everybody that this is considered a chapter report and not a "Bullshitters award." I intend to be truthful about what Beta Pi has done in the last fraternal year, but do not intend to exaggerate.

The past year was not as prosperous as the chapter would have desired, but in looking back we still succeeded fairly well. One thing we can say is that interest in Gamma Delta Psi is not low in Colonial Heights, due to the fact that the chapter inducted 14 new brothers and took on one transfer since convention 1974. The ~~xxx~~ chapter's active roll now stands at 22 brothers plus one sweetheart and two big sisters.

Brotherhood in the chapter seems to have its ups and downs. There is arguing and bickering between brothers at just about all meetings but I believe the main factor for this due to the large

number of opinions. Anytime you have a lot ~~xx~~ of people together in one place you're bound to have a difference of opinions. Any of these hard feelings though, usually disappears by the time ~~xxxx~~ the meeting is over.

The first 6 months of the fraternal year seemed to be more prosperous than the last 6 and I believe that may be attributed to the great leadership of past president, Steve Jones.

At the present time the chapter's treasury is in the red. After having paid around 300 and some odd dollars for our beach house and close to 100 in damages the chapter is approximately 100 in debt. But with 2 months of rent coming up on our fraternity house we are trying to build our treasury back up to a substantial figure. During the major part of the year the chapter treasury fluctuated around 250. Last week we had a car wash that grossed 133 and had a good turnout of Brothers.

Under the category of civics, the chapter did well, but not as well as last year. This year we collected for the National Cancer Society, which in turn wrote us a letter of appreciation. We also collected for the heart fund, which is our annual civics project.

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The chapter paid for the insurance of it's little league baseball team, which we sponsor every year and also threw in an extra \$25 to buy more equipment. We are very pleased with the performance of the team this year, especially since they're in first place in the league.

The biggest project Beta Pi undertook was the formation of a Crescent Club at Clover Hill High School in Chesterfield County. Even though we very has been heard from this Crescent Club they have been working to become a chapter. They have even gone as far as investing in a fraternity house. I am hoping that they have a report prepared so that even though they ARE'nt well known, it would still be a wise move for the fraternity to ratify them as a chapter.

Moving on to the sports world of Beta Pi, you would have to say it was a so-so year. First off, we were unable to sponsor our annual softball tournament due to a lack of interest and funds. But we did hold our first basketball tournament which was very successful.

We played Pi Phi in a football game that showed a great amount of pride and fraternity spirit. The game was well played by both teams but the final score was a 0-0 tie.

The chapter did succeed in defeating somebody, in fact we overwhelmed four sororities and even had a picnic with one beforehand.

The one thing Beta Pi is most famous for is its keg parties. During football season the chapter made around \$100 after every game, but during winter and spring things seemed to slack-off and we have to start using new methods to attract crowds. We tried such things as "ladies night" where all girls drink free; then we had a "dollar night" where everyone got to drink for a dollar. The last method we tried was having a live band and jam sessions.

We were a little disappointed in the attendance from other chapters since we always try to make an effort to support them.

One thing that must be mentioned is the tremendous job our Sweetheart, Margaret Bultman and Big Sisters, Chriti Celli and Elaine Hackney have done. They were chosen at our annual Sweet-heart dance which grossed close to \$400. These 3 girls have been a great asset to the chapter all year. So to sum all of this up you

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BETA SIGMA

In the last fraternal year, Beta Sigma faced an all time low in our history as a chapter in Gamma Delta Psi. We started off the year low and didn't have a meeting until the beginning of October. This was due to a lack of communication between the brothers. There was only two active brothers going to school and the rest of the a were in university or working. When we finally had our first meeting we got three passive brothers to become active again. This got the ball rolling for us so we had 2 successful car washes to increase our treasury and donate some to the Canadian Cancer Society which helped our Civics. We had a pledge period with 5 goats that started out all right. That was the first pledge period we had when the brothers quit before the goats. We found out that our pledge master had his meetings in the morning before school and the goats couldn't be there. This led to a collapse of the chapter. I had several meetings with passive brothers and we have decided that come September we will have a total educational pledge period in order to keep Beta Sigma's line alive and strong in the chain of Gamma Delta Psi.

Brian Auger
Delegate, Beta Sigma Chapter.

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BETA TAU CHAPTER

The past fraternal year for Beta Tau has been a pretty good one. We had alot of car washes, raffles, donut sales, etc. The brot of Beta Tau have gotten off their asses and done quite abit of work. We have inducted four new brothers and three hard-working sweet-hearts.

Our historian's work has been good and we have kept up our correspondance. Although our brotherhood hasn't been the best it hasn't been bad. We haven't done our best this year but we did remsin active all year and worked hard. We will be working hard on next year's fraternal year.

Robbie Prestwood
Delegat, Beta Tau Chapter.

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BETA PSI'S ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT:

Beta psi started off last year in trouble with only 3 active members. We started to build our treasury right away. We held two car washes and built our treasury to \$75. We started having meetings regularly and started writing letters. We talked our inactive brothers into coming and we soon had 8 brothers coming regularly. Our brotherhood was at an all time high. We had football games with our sister sorority and attended some parties by other chapters.

We lost one brother when he transferred to another school and three senior brothers went x inactive. We still remained active participating in the Colonial Heights basketball tournament. From th~~ere~~^{ere} things went down hill. With " end of school " pressure increased, the brothers dropped off one by one. By end of school we'd stopped having regular meetings and had long since stopped correspondence. With only 2 active brothers in the summer, we started back building. We contacted our inactive brothers and made an effort to bring them bak~~k~~ into activity. We were successful, gaining back 4 out of 4. in active brothers. We've had 3 meetings in 3 weeks and are currently conducting a pledge period for 2 men.

We hope to have them inducted within 3 weeks. We have 2 car washes planned plus another raffle. Our civics were limited this year to a collection drive for the Prince George - Hopewell chapter of the Red Cross. We collected more than any other Fraternity - Sorority which participated and were awarded an engraved gavel for the chapter.

Having obtained a house which drained most of our treasury, we now have a strong basis for building a chapter, which has young members regaining fraternity spirit, now strong, even stronger.

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GAMMA ALPHA

This year has been a setback for our chapter. A lack of interest within the chapter has caused us numerous problems. Even though the year seemed to start off strong, several brothers went passive.

Our main problem now is the job of getting new brothers. During the past year we held only one pledge period, where 2 new brothers were inducted. Our total number of active brothers now stands at 10.

As far as our accomplishments in Civics go, we managed to make a \$25.00 donation to Children's Aid and we canvassed for the Cancer Society and raised \$95.00

Under sports, we attended the hockey tournament and the basketball tournament. In hockey, we were the consolation winners but here we also experienced problems. A lack of cars allowed us to take only half of our squad. With so few brothers active, our treasury is also suffering. We are going into the next in the hole. However plans have been made already to raise money as soon as the new year starts. Gamma Delta Psi was not known at our school because no one had jackets. That problem has been solved as 5 brothers have purchased new jackets.

The past year may have looked discouraging, but Gamma Alpha chapter, Gamma Delta Psi will be in the running for most improved chapter next year.

John Manning,
Delegate, Gamma Alpha Chapter.

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SWIFT CREEK CRESCENT CLUB

The Swift Creek Crescent Club has come a long way. At the begining of the year, myself (Timmy Bass) and David Wilson began thinging of ways to boost community spirit and put an end to the apathetic feeling. The major boost came when Dave Met Drew Author and talked about the Fraternity, He brought it back to me, and we both talked it over with our good friends and others. We decided it was what we needed and what the community needed.

We took the obligation of becoming a crescent under Beta Pi. We worked hard and started out with many good brothers. We cleaned up the school grounds as our first project and gained a little recognition in the community. We then set out looking for a house. We got a good size log cabin and have had trouble ever since. We had one good party in honour of all brothers and our senic 2 class of Clover Hill. After that we had our hands full regain ing our initial position in our community due to outsiders damaging our neighbour's property. We cleaned up their mess and did some yeard work for them and actually came out ahead.

As usual when the work started some of the dead weight dropped out. When the smoke cleared we had approximately 9 brothers and have since discovered 1 traitor who damaged the hone 3 times in hoping of us to give up so he and friends can have the house as a party spot. Upon our return to Richmond we will handle the problem and while Junior is healing (if possible) we will be having some good parties in our newly restored house with help of our mother chapter and any other brothers who can make it.

We have paid for two of our brothers to come to this convention and hope to leave as a chapter instead of just a Crescent Club.

Jinny Bass
Delegate, Swift Creek C.C.

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GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY, BETA CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT: DAVID DUNCAN.

Four years ago about 10 members of Gamma Delta Psi got together and decided to try to start a college branch of Gamma Delta Psi. The odds were stacked heavily against those guys. Here were new students at a school attempting to infringe upon the territory of a very well established social fraternity on campus but it went dormant after Gamma Psi came onto the scene. The two fraternities on campus already were Pi Sigma Phi, and a service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. Many people did not think it would work and some people even laughed at the idea. Those few fellows went to work and during their year of probation they started something very unique and strong at Richard Bland College. They far surpassed all other organizations in social, service, school, and sports activities; and even more important they captivated the faculty, staff, administration, and students of R.B.C.

Gamma Psi, Beta Chapter remains unique and functioning strongly at R.B.C. We have completed a good fraternal year. I will not tell you of every function, get - together, party, all our ideals and goals.

Only the major activities, concerns, and points of interest will be mentioned; and even then I will not go into a great deal of detail.

The boring stuff first... a financial breakdown. We started out with a dance with the I.B.C. in October and split \$270.00 In November we went jointly on a dance with Omega Tau Omega (a sorority at school) and split about \$460.00. When spring rolled around we went in with another R.B.C. sorority, Psi Alpha Chi, on a dance in March; we got a $2/3$ cut and they got a $1/3$ 'rds cut of profit and we made \$500.00. Then in April we decided to throw a dance on our own. We got Bill Deal and the Rhondells to play and we made roughly \$2000.00 We had a numerous amount of keg parties on campus throughout the year and we either broke even or made a few dollars on each one. During our "house ~~xxx~~ fever" period we held three car washes in the cold weather of February and March and netted about \$100.00 apiece. We raffled off \$100.00 and made approximately \$260.00 We have collected about \$700.00 in dues this year. Gamma Psi has spent about \$2400.00 this year and has taken in \$3900.00 We currently have roughly \$1400.00 in the treasury. That is not too bad; but we have plenty of expenses coming up. We estimate it to be much, much more

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than last year.

During the year whenever the Dean of Students or the school's Public Relations lady needed some students to get something done they would invariably call on Gamma Psi. Just one of those projects was selling \$1.00 raffle tickets to win a trip to Disney World; the proceeds went to Central State Hospital. We conducted a clothing drive for about two months to donate clothes to families who badly needed them. We had a food drive and also donated it to very poor families around Christmas time. Some of the brothers went to the houses of the black and white families in Petersburg and surrounding areas when we gave our donations and there were some pathetic sights. Many of us matured a little bit more then. At Christmas ~~time~~ time we took it upon ourselves to decorate the cafeteria at school. A couple of the brothers chopped down a tree off school property and we strung popcorn, tinsel, and the works. We also helped park cars at the Commence - Exercises.

Beta Pi has been very friendly to the members of Gamma Psi throughout the year and have supported most of our dances. They were kind enough to let us use their house once for a party for just our brothers. We have tried to give Gamma Delta Psi more support at their parties and dances this year. Paul Disharoon tried so hard one night when going home from a keg party where he had become fairly well intoxicated, he ran his car into a ditch. The police came upon him, arrested him, threw him in jail, fined him \$200.00 and suspended his license for 6 months.

Back in the fall we got together at Battlefield National Park and had our fraternity picture taken. Everyone was attired in Confederate and Union Civil War uniforms and equipped with muskets, sabers, pistols, and flags. Robert Tudor took pictures with his movie camera of a Yankee and Rebel battle. Needless to say the North was routed.

In January we had our Founder's Day Banquet. We held it in a very good restaurant and invited all the alumni brothers and the many administration members from R.B.C. The fraternity paid for the meal of the brothers and administration members. The total tab came out to \$350.00; but it was well worth it.

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A tradition of the banquet is that every year the article "Why fraternity" from the Gamma Delta Psi Pledge Manual is read.

Gamma Psi had two pledge periods this year which yielded some fine members. We ran through two presidents and are running through another one. Jim Walters commanded the fraternity in the fall. Jimmy Bowman was the top officer in the spring; and Gary Ramsey is currently the President of Gamma Psi. At our last dance Jim Bowman was presented Brother of the Year award. Danny Wyatt and Bruce Brockwell were noted as outstanding alumni by receiving the Outstanding Brotherhood Award.

We obtained a two-story fraternity house this year. It has four rooms and a bathroom upstairs. We're building another bathroom downstairs. Part of the house caught fire five years ago and has been sitting for five years. We had to put down a floor in parts of the downstairs, put up walls, ceilings, windows, wire the house for electricity, hook the plumbing up, put in insulation, and much more. A lot of work

has been done but even more work needs to be done. It must be pointed out that although every brother had helped on the house, two brothers - Bubbs Helmsley and Tom Compton have done the majority of the work. In the short time we have had it and the condition its in the house already holds many fond memories of good times.

There are ~~xxx~~ three very major things which we have accomplished this past year. We got a jeweler to begin making the fraternity pin.s. They gave the same crescent shape of Gamma Delta Psi's pin but they are silver; they gave a garnet Gamma and a gold Psi on them, and a pearl in each tip of the crescent. The brothers have designed Gamma Psi's own coat of arms, it is symbolic and x carries much meaning to it. We also have attempted to set up a mature pledge system which was an immense success last semester.

Every year after graduation Gamma Psi goes to Hag's Head for a week. The fraternity pays for the huge cottage to stay in. Many of our friends and the two sororities at Bland were there at the same time. We had water bottles 24 hours of the day, all night parties, and fan x - flights on Bubbs Helmsley's spaceship. There was a total lunar eclipse the first night there, but that didn't keep the moons from coming out and popping out frequently during the entire week.

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Gamma Psi had members in many other clubs at school. This includes four members on the SGA. Four out of eight members of the Honor Court are from Gamma Psi. In the elections for next year our own Jim Walters was elected President of SGA. Four out of six of the Big Brothers and sweethearts of the sororities are members of Gamma Psi. Both times grades came out of Gamma Psi's members were placed on the Dean's list. We also placed many members on Academic Probation. During the last few months four members wives have had babies. Oddly enough, two of these births occurred within 8 1/2 months after the parents were married. And at least one time or another during the year 29 other brothers have been known to be nervous wrecks waiting for the end of the month to come.

At graduation 11 members graduated, our sweetheart, Ellie Marshall with honors and our Big Sister, Lou Ann Cottle, graduated with high

honors. Paul Disharoon and our Sweetheart Ellie were listed in Who's Who in Junior Colleges. Ellie was Gamma Psi's Big Sister last year and is our sweetheart this year. No one in Gamma Psi will argue the fact that she has been one of the greatest assets of the fraternity.

She has often made gifts for the fraternity, curtains for windows, when Christmas, Valentines Day, and Easter came around she always brought holiday candy to school for Gamma Psi. But not needing an occasion to do something she often ~~xxxxxxx~~ brought homemade cakes and cookies to meetings; and when we got the house and were spending entire afternoons working on it she would bring drinks and Kentucky Fried Chicken out for everyone.

It is no mean accomplishment to keep an organization running effectively at Richard Bland. This past year Psi Alpha Chi completely split with many of the members flat out quying the sorority.

There has also been the nearly unique tendency of everyone in Gamma Psi to treat our problems as challenges; that has been the key. That has kept Gamma Psi the way it was four years ago ... strong and unique.

Please Note: Due to the length of this report, I was forced to edit part of it, and my apologies to Gamma Psi - D. Flemington.

David Duncan
Delegate, Gamma Psi Fraternity,
Beta Chapter.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Another year has come and gone so fast, that it's hard to imagine that another convention is upon us again. After a few weeks back near Christmas, there was much confusion as to where convention would be held and I would like to thank Bro. John Lippard and Gamma Nu chapter for the work they did to get convention in Arlington. I would think one of the major improvements of Gamma Delta Psi this year was the correspondance.

This year there seemed to be a better link between the I.B.C. and the chapters and my whole hearted thanks must go to Bro. Don Sowchuck who helped me a great deal concerning correspondance from the I.B.C. This year I was able to get many more newsletters out to all chapters, all I.B.C. members, as well as some Board of Trustees members as compared to last year. When starting the year off way back in September I was able to get the minutes of convention 1974 completed which when finished totalled over 75 pages of typed-out material. I have to thank my girlfriend Judy Baxter as well as Bro. David Myers for giving me much needed help in this job. Newsletters were sent out during the year

about the hockey tournament, basketball tournament, all northern rallies as well as from some I.B.C. meetings. I also sent out countless personal letters to brothers who had sent me hand written letters. My thanks and admiration goes to the following:

Robbie Prestwood, Beta Tau.
Neil Wamsley, Beta Pi.
Paul Leaver, Alpha Chi.
Mark Milanovich, Alpha Eta.
John Lippard, Gamma Nu.
Marty Franciscus, Gamma Theta.

I would also like to thank many other brothers who found time and put in the effort to write me. Your hard work is well appreciated. I must also thank my fellow I.B.C. members for their work over the year. We seemed more organized this year and much was accomplished. Last, but not least, the year 1974-75 brought about a new friend for me and a new addition to the I.B.C. This person did a fine job in rounding up the northern chapters by attending the northern chapters meetings and helping them out with any problems they might have had. I am talking about George Sowchuck, who deserves a big thanks for his time and effort. It was a busy year for me by being active in the fraternity as well as attending McMaster University and playing Junior B hockey. There was a time when I ~~worried~~ wondered if I still had the enthusiasm

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AND INTEREST to continue on with Gamma Delta Psi. But I must say I enjoyed the past year and got a lot of self-satisfaction from the job I did.

David A. Flemington
Secretary,
International Board of Control.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPERVISOR - GEORGE SOVCHUCK

The year of 1974-75 marks my first year of I.B.C. experience except for the 3 months through the winter when I was in Northern Ontario. I did try to give Gamma Delta Psi the time it deserved.

I began my chapter visiting duties by seeing last year's Most Improved Chapter, Gamma XI. In simple terms, Gamma XI has the problem that plagues many chapters - lack of enthusiasm. I must believe that as long as I man has the "fever", the spirit of Gamma Delta Psi will prevail. However if the spirit isn't there, obviously the chapter will not survive.

I followed up on Gamma XI by attending a stag, visiting more meetings, making phone calls, etc. Gamma XI did attend the first Northern rally and went home full of Fraternity spirit. But as so often is the case, things did not have any lasting qualities.

At this point in time, I am as much in the dark about Gamma XI as anyone else. It always does something to a chapter alumni to

return to his starting point. There is a feeling about leaving through the historian's book, and minutes of meetings, which you yourself ran. It's a feeling I hope many of you Brothers will experience.

Beta XI still carries on. With so many of their brothers involved with extra curricular activities at school, the brothers of Beta XI decided to hold meetings during lunch through the week. I did make one of their early meetings in October, I also attended a couple of steps. As far as I know, their treasury is stable, but they are lacking in young talent, to take charge of the chapter.

I, as much as any individual, want to see Beta XI strengthen, and become more active in the Grand Crescent's activities.

The beginning of this past year was a struggle for Gamma Eta. They went through some personnel changes in executive, and it is now beginning to come together for the Brothers. I look for Gamma Eta to do a good job next year. It is encouraging at least, that I can be optimistic about their chapter.

One of the very bright spots in this past year, has been Alpha Eta's return to the Grand Crescent. I was really pleased to see enthusiasm shown by these dudes. When I first met them, they were all for Fraternity, but they were lacking in organization. They

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did make up with effort. When everything did not fall into place all at once for their chapter, things became up-tight. However, with level heads prevailing, they have carried on in a strong bond. As hard as it is to pick out individuals from a unit, I would like to say thanks to Brother Tony Tescuzzi for his initial contact; to Brother Ray Zaso for his leadership; and to Bro. Mark Milenovich for his constant correspondence.

By bringing not only themselves, but also by bringing a Cresce Club with them to the Grand Crescent, they've done a helluva job.

At the first Lewiston-Porter Crescent Club meeting I attended, I was impressed right away by their organization. They have a very good working knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure. They have held a raffle, washed cars, are donating a painting, have contributed cash to the Cancer Fund, and they have plans for keeping active in August. As far as I'm concerned, these guys will make a strong

contribution to Gamma Delta Psi, and it's as simple as that. They've worked hard on all aspects of making a good chapter. Lewiston-Porter's Crescent Club will not need to look for a lot of examples, because they will be setting a model for others to follow. My best wishes to Jim DeJulio who deserves a lot of credit in heading this group. I hope to see them inducted shortly.

Without question, the strongest show of Brotherhood I saw in any chapter was Alpha Chi. On the outside, they were strong in civility and excellent in sports. They attended rallies and hosted some brothers from Alpha Eta for a Saturday night. They were also in attendance at the open Board of Trustees meeting in Toronto.

But what impressed me most was the Brotherhood inside of Alpha Chi. Their attendance at meetings is consistently strong. And the discussions are carried by not 1 or 2 brothers - everybody voices an opinion. The younger brothers will listen to what an older brother will tell them, but if the brothers don't think that the point being made is valid, or up to date with their times and needs, then they will tell that older brother where to stick his idea.

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Correspondence from Alpha Chi was not overwhelming as others but Brother Paul Leaver was consistent in his job, and represented chapter well.

Lastly, if you want to know why the Brotherhood in Oakville always has been and will continue to be of very high calibre, ask to witness one of their Hallsnights. You won't soon forget the evenings activities!!

A rough estimate of my driving has me in excess of 1200 miles logged for attending Northern Fraternity functions. I wish I had not missed those 3 months that I was working, or else I might have been able to offer more help to those who asked, and or needed it.

I thoroughly enjoyed working on the Board level and hope that I was able to contribute some degree stability on the chapter level. Before signing off, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Brother Bartlett, because his job can be a pain-in-the-ass. Thanks to Brothers Johnstone and Adams for their ideas and efforts. Thanks to Brother Flemington for his insight and correspondence through the year. And as Brother Sears would say "there ain't no doubt about it," the one who was able to inspire meaning of Brotherhood in all of us - my Brother Brother Don.

George Sowchuck
Northern District Deputy
Supervisor.

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The following information is all the motions and amendments which took place at Convention 1975.

MOTION: to have Swift Creek Crescent Club and Lewiston Porter Crescent Club be ratified at Convention 1975 on August 3, 1975, in Arlington, Va.

SECONDED BY: Billy Hutto , Beta Pi.

MOVED BY: Beta Pi, passed unanimously.

Motion: For adjournment of second business session.

MOVED BY: Beta Sigma.

SECONDED BY: Alpha Chi, passed unanimously.

MOTION: to have a ratification of Lewiston-Porter Crescent Club.

MOVED BY: Tony Passcuzzi

SECONDED BY: Beta Sigma.

MOTION: to allow Swift Creek Crescent Club for ratification.

MOVED BY: Billy Hutto, Beta Pi.

SECONDED BY: Beta Pi.

MOTION: that Alpha Eta, Alpha Chi, Beta Alpha, Beta XI, Beta Pi, and Beta Tau have a voice in Convention 1975 if each chapter

meets the conditions as stated by ~~the~~ Bruce Johnstone.

MOVED BY: Bruce Johnstone.

SECONDED BY: Gamma Delta, passed unanimously.

MOTION: INCOMING SECRETARY OF I.B.C. be instructed to complete a constitutional updating for the years 1968/69 to 1974/75 from the available convention minutes.

MOVED BY: Billy Hutto.

SECONDED BY: Alpha Eta, passed unanimously.

MOTION: that Alpha Eta be recognized again into a chapter of Gamma Delta Psi.

MOVED BY: Alpha Chi.

SECONDED BY: Beta Alpha.

MOTION: to make beer 25¢ per bottle charged per brother at the Friday night party.

MOVED BY: Louis Myers, Alpha Chi.

SECONDED BY: Beta Sigma, passed unanimously.

MOTION BY (to make) second General business session to order.

MOVED BY: Gamma Theta

SECONDED BY: Beta Sigma, passed unanimously.

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MOTION: that Beta Psi and Beta Gamma have a voice and vote at Convention. Both chapters have until October 1st to pay dues in arrears or be suspended.

MOVED BY: Beta Sigma.

SECONDED BY: Alpha Chi, passed unanimously

MOTION: Beta Zeta, Gamma Epsilon and Gamma XI be suspended until next convention unless dues are paid. All these chapters are absent.

MOVED BY: Alpha Eta.

SECONDED BY: Beta Pi, passed unanimously.

MOTION: Beta Phi and Gamma Gamma Charters be lifted as of Convention of 1975 in Arlington, Va. "That all fraternity material be gathered and kept in trust by the I.B.C."

MOVED BY: Alpha Chi

SECONDED BY: Beta Sigma, passed, vote 7-5.

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MOVED BY: Beta Sigma.

SECONDED BY: Gamma Alpha, passed by vote of 12-1.

MOTION: that convention minutes be accepted as presented.

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ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

This has been a very successful year for our chapter. Since we have been reactivated in the Grand Crescent we have had the joy of experienceing true Brotherhood.

Our sports activites didn't go to far, but we did manage to participate in the basketball tournament, which we took a third place finish. We all had a good time.

At this moment I would like to thank Bro. George and Don Sowchu and also Bro. Dave Bartlett for all the help they have given us.

We take great pride in our Civics programs. We have been engaged with the March of Dimes, which we helped raised money. Bro. Zaso and Bro. Pascuzzi were co-chairmen for the City. The March of Dimes wasn't our only civics project. We helped raise money for the Cancer Society also.

At the present time we have 22 active brothers in the chapter. We Plan to hold a pledge period from September 18 to November 6. At the present time our treasury isn't doing all that well. We have \$24.00 right now.

Tony Pascuzzi
Delegate, Alpha Eta Chapter.