

GAMMA DELTA PSØ FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES: CONVENTION '76

HELD IN THE 97th YEAR

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Friday, July 30, 1976

Chapters Present: Alpha Eta, Alpha Chi, Beta Alpha, Beta Xi, Beta Pi,
Beta Tau, Beta Psi, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Delta, Gamma Eta,
Gamma Theta, Gamma Nu.

Chapters Absent: Beta Sigma, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Pi.

Chapters Suspended: Beta Gamma, Beta Zeta, Gamma Xi.

A Quorum is Present.

Statement of Motto

Lord's Prayer

Secrecy Oath - Visitors and Guests

Announcements of Convention Appointments:

Convention Secretary: Paul Auger

Sergeant - at - Arms: Gary Condon

Parliamentarian: Malcolm Allen

Committee Chairmen: See Committee Reports

Board of Trustees Report - Bro. Doug Jamieson (Chairman, BOT)

The Board of Trustees is happy to report that we at least had a successful year - We have met with quorum twice the year: One immediately after the last Convention to select pi our Chairman and once prior to the testimonial dinner held for (now) Grand Brother Bob Guthrie as a planning session. Brother Sowchuck has kept us fairly well informed of Fraternity Happenings and when requested of us we gave such advice and guidance we felt as needed.

It is worth commenting on once again I feel that the Board of Trustees is not and should not become a governing body of Gamma Delta Psi. I know from your point of view, faced with perennial problems of correspondence, pledging, loss of Brotherhood it is tempting to call on the Trustees for more help than just advice. Maybe we could do a better job than the members in running Gamma Delta Psi, but it is the struggle for the answers that is the worth of the Fraternity. I don't blame you for calling the Trustees to take a more active part in the Fraternity. I only hope that the Trustees themselves continue to have enough good sense not to wade in and do your jobs.

An organization run by older men is no better than a school club. Our Fraternity continues to be unique because it is one of the few things you cannot, in this age of spectatorism, just sit back and enjoy. To be a Brother you've got to take an active part. It's like the computer - garbage in, garbage out.

The Trustees wish you a successful Convention. We are happy to continue to share in your Struggles.

Doug Jamieson
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Financial Report - Bro. Ron Fleming

As you are all aware of the two funds currently being administered by the Board of Trustees, I will not dwell on the purpose of the Trust Fund and the Centennial Fund. But, I should like to call to your attention to the fact that no money has been put into either of these Funds during the current fiscal year by the active membership of this Fraternity.

We must all remember that in 1979, Gamma Delta Psi will be celebrating its centenary. (100th Birthday). We have come upon harsh times, but, we have battled our way out of harsh times before and, I am confident, shall once again. May I make the suggestion that our slogan for the next three years be:

"DELTS WILL SHINE IN SEVENTY NINE"

And now, for the Financial Report:

Financial Report - Board of Trustees
Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International
For Fraternal Year 1975 - 1976
(July 17, 1976)

L 1. Trust Fund: Canada Trust Account # 063-011879 (non-chequing account)

Opening Balance as of July 15, 1975:	\$1090.57
Interest earned to July 16, 1976:	<u>79.10</u>
	\$1169.67

Less: Purchase of Guaranteed Investment Certificate 1000.00

Balance in account as of July 16, 1976 \$ 169.67

Net worth of Trust fund as of July 16, 1976
\$3169.67

Note: Networth figure made up of:

Current Account Balance -	\$ 169.67
Guaranteed Investment Certificate: (Maturing 1980) 5yr. term - Compound Interest at 8 3/4 %	\$2000.00
Guaranteed Investment Certificate (Maturing 1981) 5yr. term - compound Interest at 10 1/4 %	\$1000.00
	<u>\$3169.67</u>

2. Centennial Fund: Canada Trust Account #063-200005 (non-chequing account)

Opening Balance as of July 15, 1975:	\$406.03
Interest earned to July 16, 1976:	<u>29.46</u>
Net worth of Centennial Fund as of July 16, 1976:	<u>\$435.49</u>

Bro. Ron Fleming
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Gamma Psi Fraternity Report - Bro. Danny Wyatt

Brothers, Although I'm not qualified to give an in depth report on Gamma Psi, I will try to enlighten everyone to their present status .

At the beginning of the school term, Beta Chapter of Gamma Psi Fraternity had an abundance of all the necessary ingredients to make a great Fraternal Body. They had many Brothers, a house, a lot of activities, and ideas for the future. With a treasury that would bounce between \$2000.00 and \$3000.00 dollars they really looked like they were moving constantly upward. However as in high school, turnovers create upheavals of inexperienced leaders and loss of spirity decor. As of Convention '76, they are in debt, about to lose their house, and except for a few die-hards are stumbling through the summer/ Their hopes rest with the fall term and the Brothers that have become disenchantred.

As of founding Brother of Beta Chapter, and a Trustee of Gamma Delta Psi, I am hoping that everyone works to see Gamma back on its pedestal and thriving to celebrate its centennial. At closing I ask again, all Brothers, do what you swore you would do when you took your ritual. Remember you gave your word, and it's only as good as you.

Let this be a word from Gamma Psi and not necessarily their report, because the guys that are in Gamma Psi regrets their absence as well as their predicament and I feel quite confident they will be back.

Bro. Danny Wyatt

IBC REPORTS

Editor - Bro. George Sowchuck

- position taken from Bro. D. Bartlett
- One GRIP at Mid - Year Conclave
- no Garnet and Silver

Bro. George Sowchuck moves his report be accepted

Seconded by Gamma Theta

Passed Unanimously

Historian - Bro. Jon Lippard

Brothers, History, as you may well know, is one of the most important parts of our Fraternity. Especially since we are approaching our Centennial.

Over the past year I had planned to work mainly on the written history, which is only one of the many things that one could chose to work on. However, I did overlook one major factor. In order for any work to done on the history, it must be in good condition and very well organized, which it wasn't. Most or should I say nearly all, of the time I spent working on the history was sorting and filing piles of letters and papers that had been thrown together. After this had been thrown done, I had no time to work on what I had planned. This left me with a feeling that my work as Historian was incomplete, but I do feel that the next Historian will be able to work on the history with little difficulty.

In closing I would like to say, since it was my first time on the Board of Control, that it was a privilege and I was more than happy todo my part for Gamma Delta Psi.

Jon Lippard
Historian, IBC

Bro. Jon Lippard moves his report be accepted.

Gamma Nu seconds.

Passed.

Secretary - Bro. Paul Auger

(report not available)

G Bro. Paul Augher moves his report be accepted.

Gamma Theta seconds.

Passed.

Treasurer - Bro. Chris Adams

(report not available) ((see books for 1975 - 1976 Fraternal Year))

Motion not recorded.

Southern Vice - President: Bro. Rick Brockwell
-discussion of mid-year conclave
-complaint of attendance
Bro. Rick Brockwell moves his report be accepted.
Beta Xi seconds
Passed unanimously

Northern Vice - President: Bro. Bruce Johnstone
- discussion of mid-year Conclave
- Alumni Fraternity
- young blood of today is a problem
Bro. Bruce Johnstone moves his report be accepted.
Beta Xi Seconds.
Passed Unanimously

District Deputy - South: Bro. Gary Levenson

Brothers, Beta Alpha is one of the strongest and most improved Chapters in the South. They have a large active membership and are now having a pledge period with about seven goats. They are very active in their school. However when it comes to getting out of Hopewell to get with other Chapters and attend Rallies and Convention they are not too hot.

As Always Beta Pi is one of the most active Southern Chapters. They have had numerous parties and functions, bringing them a nice treasury. They have a fairly large Active Membership. They are one of the few Chapters who get out to party with other Chapters and are always at Fraternity Functions.

At Gamma Epsilon's last meeting, I was very impressed. They had gotten new Brothers who were really helping them out. I thought they were really going to get on the ball. This was a while back and last I've heard they have not had regular meetins since school was out. They have not attended the Southern Rallies and are not represented at Convention.

Beta Tau is a small Chapter but shows much Brotherhood. They keep things going in Dinwiddie with their wild parties. As most of the Chapters, they have had a summer slump but I feel they will be able to come back strong in the fall.

Bro. Gary "Guru" Levenson
Sothern District Deputy

Bro. Gary Levenson moves his report be accepted.
Beta Alpha Seconds
Passed

District Deputy, North: Adrian Carson
(Report not Available)

Bro. Adrian Carson moves his report be accepted.

Gamma Delta Seconds

Passed

District Deputy, South: Bro. David Goad

-- statement of Beta Gamma and Gamma Theta

Motion not recorded

Bro. Kevin Stockdale -

- statement of Gamma Nu

Brother Smith praising Southern hospitality of Gamma Nu

Bro. David Stevens moves recess of Convention

Gamma Nu Seconds

Passed

Saturday, July 31, 1976

Bro. Doug Jamieson opened meeting

Moment of silence for Bro. Roger Cochrane of Beta Zeta and Bro. Jerry Jaffe of Alph Eta who are both now members of Nirvana Chapter.

Roll call is taken; 11 Chapters present

Remarks by Bro. Jamieson on meeting

Bro. Don Sowchuck welcomed everyone again and remarked on the past Fraternal Year. Our illustrious President remarked on the fact that we have not been thrown out of this place.

Bro. Don Sowchuck reads out members of committees.

Bro. Paul Auger moves to read only the parts of the 1975 Convention Minutes that do not contain reports.

Gamma Delta Seconds.

Bro. George Sowchuck moves to amend the motion: reading is to include his report. Passed.

Motion to accept minutes and Second not recorded.

Chapter Reports

Alpha Eta - Bro. Lou Muraco

Brothers, This year Gamma Delta Psi Alpha Eta Chapter had an on and off year.

For the first few months everything was working. Everyone was co-operating. We had a successful pledge period. We started off with 12 prospective pledges and then ended off with about 7.

We had 2 raffles which helped our bank account a lot. As soon as we had enough money we started to have joint meetings with different Sororities. We had parties for every holiday like Halloween with Zeta Sigma Upsilon and Christmas. Several joint meetings with Theta Xi Upsilon and Zeta Sigma Upsilon. We also had a picnic with our sister sorority Zeta Tau Iota.

We then entered a car in a school event at N.F.H.S.

Toward the end of the school year when everything was looking up for Gamma Delta Psi - Alpha Eta Chapter, everything dropped.

We had a lack of support, and of course that means a lack of corresponding to all of the other Brothers in the Chapter - of course I'm a little to blame because I am the Corresponding Secretary for Alpha Eta. There was no money for me to send letters but since there were no meetings I couldn't get letters out.

That's all that we did this year, but I hope we will have a better year next year and that means that Gamma Delta Psi will be number one forever. Also I would like to say that I am proud to be a member of Gamma Delta Psi and hope to be helpful in the future.

Lou Muraco

Delegate, Alpha Eta Chapter

Bro. Lou Muraco moves his report be accepted.
Beta Xi Seconds.
Passed.

Beta Alpha - Bro. Bart Nicholson

Bro. Chairman, Brothers of the IBC, Brothers of the Board of Trustees, Delegates,
and Brothers,

Beta Alpha began its fraternal year with 16 active Brothers and \$100.00 in our treasury. One of our first activities was to give rituals to 6 new Brothers who had worked hard to become a Brother. As a result of their spirit and willingness to participate we threw a keg party with Sister Jills for their and our new members. Thanks to Beta Psi for the use of their house. In December we went Christmas Carolling with Jitts (our Sisters) and also had a joint keg party with Gamma Theta, to whom we owe much gratitude for helping us out when we needed it. A yard sale in January netted \$90.00, 25% of which was contributed to a little girl from Colonial Heights who had been handicapped in a car accident. We also collected for the United Fund in full force. In February our executive committee got together and wrote much needed temporary by-laws which have governed Beta Alpha since. In March Beta Alpha organized a basketball tournament for surrounding Fraternities. Participating from Gamma were Beta Psi, Gamma Theta, Gamma Psi, and Beta Alpha. The tournament was unfortunately won by Pi Phi but not without a good fight from Beta Alpha. Thanks to Bro. David Stevens for his fine job in keeping things straight by refereeing the final games. All that participated will tell you that it was a great success, and enjoyed the keg party the night before the semifinals.

Some civics projects were collecting aluminum cans and picking up litter around our High School and handing out pamphlets for a city council candidate who lost as expected. Several projects during the year were conducted for making money, such as collecting deposit bottles, raffles, and car washes. Beta Alpha also had numerous basketball, football, and softball games with Beta Psi. And we more often than not came out in the short end, proving that Beta Psi deserves a lot for its spirit and Brotherhood. They have rebuilt themselves up to a fairly strong chapter and Beta Alpha thanks Bro. Crouch for his intrafraternal work with us.

In closing I myself would like to thank Bro. David Stevens for his terrific correspondence. It was nothing unusual for me to find 2 letters a week in my mail box from Gamma Theta. And his spirit brought me out of many slumps. I also enjoyed the correspondence of Pres. Sowchuck who got me moving a few times when I was slow. Beta Alpha is a young chapter, but the Brothers do have a desire to work and as goes for me, are extremely proud to be Brothers of the Grand Crescent.

Bro. Bart Nicholson
Delegate, Beta Alpha Chapter.

Bro. Nicholson moves his report be accepted.
Gamma Theta Seconds
Passed.

Beta Xi - Bro. Gerry Thompson

Brothers,

During the 75-76 Fraternal year, Beta xi has made a come-back. As you remember, this time last year, our Chapter had not paid dues and looked like it was going to fold.

In September '75 we elected our Chapter officers. Things were slow because of 2 years dues to be pay and because approximately 80% of the Chapter were new Brothers inducted just 3 months before.

Even though 12 of our 17 active Brothers played football at school, we raised money through raffles, stags, a hayride, a grey cup party, and a Superbowl party. By the new year, we paid off our 74-75 dues.

Things slowed down a bit this spring because of Brothers participating in basketball and rowing, but raised some money here and there and eventually organized a Pub Night in June. Everyone that attended this pub Night had a good time. Our treasury had a good time as well. We made about \$450.00 on the deals. It was a nice way to end our active period.

Brotherhood was, is, and still is very strong in Beta Xi. We're close friends in school and do a lot of partying together. Even during the summer, when we are suppose to be inactive, we usually get out every Sunday afternoon to play some baseball or Football.

Beta Xi was at both Northern Rallies, the Northern President's Conference, the Northern picnic in full force, the first southern Rally, and at the Midyear Conclave. We Brought in a total of approximately \$800.00

All dues are paid off and we have a good bank account for next year. For a change of pace, we have a history book. We won the Hockey Tournament, the Northern Basketball Tournament, and the Basketball Tournament Consolation.

A few people I'd like to thank are Gamma Psi Fraternity and Gamma Theta Chapter last fall, Bro. Manning for getting us some chicks in Scranton, Alpha Chi for teaching us caps the night before the Basketball Tournament, and Gamma Eta for the idea of having a Pub Night.

Beta Xi has made a comeback over the past year. We were a dying chapter that came back to be a strong Northern Chapter. Even though we are not here in full force, six Brothers made it up for last night. So that's it for Beta Xi's report, except on behalf of myself and Beta Xi, welcome Rebels to Canada and hope everyone has a good time here at Convention '76.

Gerry Thompson
Delegate, Beta Xi Chapter

Bro. Thompson moves his report be accepted.
Beta Alpha Seconds.
Passed.

Beta Pi - Bro. Goad

Brothers,

On behalf of the Beta Pi Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi I would like to welcome all Brothers to Convention '76. Just think 3 more years and this great organization of Gamma Delta Psi will be 100 years young, and the Brothers of Beta Pi are planning to be around in full force then, just as we are now and have been.

To start off the Fraternal Year after last years Convention, Beta Pi fell into a so called slump. Conflicts among Brothers and as a whole played a major role in the slump. But this was not to hold back the great Chapter of Beta Pi. It didn't take us long to get rid of our dead weight and get back on our feet again, and up to this day Beta Pi has steadily been improving.

Beta Pi had many highlights during the year: the thing that meant the most to us during the year was the fact that we had 3 pledge periods and gained 5 new promising Brothers.

Our Sweetheart Dance this year was as usual a success with the help of Gamma Psi, at the time of our dance Beta Pi was low in funds, and couldn't quit handle the load. Gamma Psi came in and offered a helping hand by letting us go in and have the dance along with them. We netted over \$100.00 on the dance and this came only from refreshments. But the best thing we got out of the dance were three fantastic Sweethearts. Miss Lisa Williams Sweetheart, and Miss Nell Beall and Miss Susie Parker as big sisters. These girls really mean alot to Beta Pi.

Beta Pi has still got its Fraternity House which it has had for 3 years now. Our house is used for weekly meetings along with numerous parties which we had plenty of this year. Beta Pi has had many parties this year with various Chapters, Sororities, and other Fraternities.

Other money making projects for the year included raffles and bake sales, and carwashes.

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Beta Pi still has its little league baseball team in which we have paid over \$250.00 to this year for sponsorship.

During the year Beta Pi has had sporting events, such as the football and softball games we had with Gamma Theta, in which we won both, but the Brothers of Beta Pi appreciate the Brothers of Gamma Theta taking up the time to party and play sports with us in Beta Pi.

As I stated at the begining beta Pi has steadily been improving throughout the year, our treasury before Convention stood at \$230.00 and we are planning a new pledge period with many young people being considered.

This whole year all you have heard is that Gamma Delta Psi was in a slump and was falling, but I strongly believe that Gamma Delta Psi is the greatest of all Fraternal organizations and has many great Brothers and I feel that things are going to continue to improve and we will always be the best Fraternity there ever was. Along with that I can bet you that as long as Gamma Delta Psi is around, Beta Pi will be around in full force just as always.

Bro. Goad

Delegate, Beta Pi Chapter

Bro. Goad moves his report be accepted.

Beta Tau Seconds.

Passed.

Beta Tau - Bro. Mike Costley

Brothers and Board,

Beta tau had high hopes of a great year after last Convention. After working our way to two awards, we were full of confidence. Too full. The Chapter's attendande at meetings dropped off and activities with the other Chapters were lessened. After taking the Correspondence award, our secretary decided he didn't have to write any more letters. And our Historian must have thought that our award winning book would tie us over through ths year, too.

Beta Tau had trouble keeping, or even finding, pledges. With only one Brother with less than one year in the Chapter, we fell slack on our Parlimentary procedure. We did maintain a stout treasury through hard - working pledges, that didn't get in, and a few parties for the farmers and backwoosmen of Dinwiddie.

Beta Tau now has 11 active Brothers with 2 witing for their rituals. Our treasury before Convention '76 stood at \$180.00 . Attendance at meetings was slack, but Brotherhood was very strong. We're looking forward toa strong year, with a lot more partying, and work, with our Brother Chapters, to make Gamma Delta Psi stronger than ever.

Mike Costley

Delegate, Beta Tau

Bro. Mike Costley moves his report be accepted.

Gamma Theta Seconds.

Passdd.

Beta Psi - Bro. Jeff Crouck

Beta Psi's tenth year has been a highly successful one and has established for our Chapter a firm foothold on the future.

Beta Psi started the fraternal year with only two active Brothers in the Chapter. Our first task of the new Fraternal year was to induce passive Brothers who were still in school. We managed to bring our active role to six Brothers.

When school began we conducted a successful pledge period and inducted two great new Brothers in time for our anniversary banquet.

Our ninth anniversary banquet and awards party was a big success. and the Brotherhood generated there would start us off with a the kind of enthusiasm that would carry us through the year.

Much of our time was devoted to our house in which we built both a new roof and a new floor. Regular Friday and Saturday night parties kept the enthusiasm needed for the year ahead.

Our gas raffle and bakes sale and a car wash here and there raised enough money for work on our house and supplied money for our Christmas party.

We conducted three more pledge periods and our present count is thirteen Brothers and six Sweethearts.

Nineteen people attending most of our meetings is quite a change from two and hopefully this is just the beginning.

Beta Psi has been very active with other Chapters this year, especially Beta Alpha. I visited their meetings and they have visited ours. We had a joint party with gamma Theta and loaned our house with to Beta Alpha for their party. I would like to thank these two Chapters for all the Brotherhood they've shown us this past year, especially David Stevens and Bart Nicholson.

We also were active with local Sororities and had several parties with them.

Beta Psi played football and softball among ourselves and Beta Alpha and played in Beta Alpha's basketball tournament and finished third with a team of 6 players.

Our civics projects this year included Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets at school.

Our major civic project was the sponsoring of a youth football team at Ft. Lee. The Brothers coached and supported a team of thirteen players into a second place finish.

This project meant a lot to us and we got a lot out of it.

Our treasury stands at \$40.00 (with dues paid) and we have two car washes next month.

Our future plans call for our banquet and a trip to the beach.

I'd like to conclude by saying that most people think of Beta Psi just limping along, but I think our actions have proved us to be a vital and hard - working Chapter.

Jeff Crouch

Delegate, Beta Psi Chapter

Bro. Crouch moves his report be accepted.

Beta Alpha Seconds

Passed.

Gamma Alpha - Bro. John Manning

Over the past Fraternal year, Gamma Alpha has become a stronger Chapter than I have seen since my induction in the winter of 73.

Starting out the year with 12 inactive Brothers, we decided upon a pledge period immediately. From 23 letters sent out, 14 showed up, 11 started to pledge and 8 Brothers were inducted at Balsam Lake, Ontario.

Allen Bird #87 Scott Eatough #88 Greg Jones #89 Ian Mackichan #90
Dale Manning #91 Mark Mooney #92 Mike Ryan #93 Mike Styler #94

At this point 7 of the older Brothers went passive, therefore havoc prevailed at our meetings due to the inexperience. When our teachers at school went on strike Gamma Alpha was probably was the most active Chapter in Gamma Delta Psi. We had 2 football games, three broomball games, a fantastic tobogganing party and our Brotherhood was at an all time peak just before school returned.

At the first Northern Rally we had 11 of the 12 Brothers in attendance, the most from any Chapter.

Run to Orangeville was one of our biggest achievements as pledges totaled over \$325.00 . The weather was perfect as 10 Brothers donned their jogging attire and completed the 40 mile run. Only \$200.00 were collected however and this money was used to sponsor a needy family for Christmas.

Other projects included canvassing for the United Way and the Cancer Society and approximately \$150.00 was raised for these Charitable Organizations.

Our gas raffle raised \$90.00 and this cleared all of our outstanding debts. Rubber Duck Raffles and car washes were frequently held, some were successful, others were not but they kept our expenses covered and helped us to hold our second pledge period.

Three Brothers were inducted as 8 Goats started and the partial failure of this pledge period was due mainly to the lack of organization and poor turnouts on the part of the Brothers. The new Brothers are George Cancian #95 and Paul McGregor #96 and Jay Sharmon #97 . (#97 was stolen from Gamma Delta territory)

I would like to extend my thanks to Randy Miller for going out of his way to help us get up to this Hell night.

Fraternity Tournaments were poorly attended, mainly because no one owned a car but 2 Brothers made it down to Scranton, Pa. for one wild party.

Gamma Alpha fell into a slump for the past few months, due to a number of reasons, but next year looks promising since our Chapter is still quite young and the strength in any Chapter is dependant on its new Brothers.

Yours in Bond,

John Manning
Delegate, Gamma Alpha

Bro. John Manning moves his report be accepted.

Beta Xi Seconds.

Passed.

Gamma Delta - Bro. Smith

Gamma Delta Chapter has had a pretty good year with 2 major charity functions, 2 pledge periods, inducting 13 Brothers, bringing our total to 22 were active in sports against other Fraternities, and held a dance.

1. Charity

- United Way - Tricycle rece: school gymnasium
- run by our pledges
- and made \$40.00 of which all went to the United Way

-Telethon for Fybrosis - donated \$50.00

2. Pledge Periods - held in November and March

- 8 inducted in November
- 5 inducted in March
- giving us 13 new Brothers
- all went well on the hell nights and during the pledge periods
- after the inductions there were small parties for the new Brothers

4. Dance - held by our Chapter and a Sorority
 - invited Fraternities and Sororities
 - broke even

3. Sports - Played amongst ourselves
 - and against another Fraternity
 - mostly ice hockey, humberball, floor hockey

Held 3 or 4 Chapter parties of which all were a success.

Bank Balance - \$88.27 - all dues paid - have receipts

5 elections during the year

3 of which were caused by Brothers going passive that held offices.

This year all Brothers got together and bought Fraternity T-shirts and Jackets.

Brother-of-the-Year: Bro. Gord Smith

Gord Smith

Delegate, Gamma Delta Chapter

Bro. Smith moves that his report be accepted.

Beta Pi Seconds.

Passed.

Alpha Chi Chapter - Bro. Mike McHugh

We got off to a great start and the Brothership was very strong. We decided to have a pledge period, 7 goats started and 7 goats were inducted to Alpha Chi. During this pledge period we had numerous fund drives. Our bank book was looking great. We then had our annual Christmas Party. We didn't make any money off it but the party was a good time. January we decided not to have another pledge period because nobody thought we needed one. Then Bro. Louis Myers left and the Chapter started to go down hill. We started to have weekly meetings with only between 5 - 7 Brothers showing up compared to 15 - 20 from back in October. We had pledges at the time of Halloween so we sent them out to collect candy, a goat came up with a suggestion that we give the candy to the kids at the hospital. We received

publicity from the newspaper. We also gave \$100 to the Youth Across Canada Mentally Retarded, also received publicity from the paper. We have competed in alot of the sporting events including the Hockey and Basketball tournaments. In the Hockey Tournament we were defeated, but we only had 6 Brothers and we couldn't do much. But at the Basketball we had more than enough Brothers to make up two teams: one was in the A and the other in the B division. They bothe lost out in the finals. To sum it all up I'd like to say Don't worry Alpha Chi will be back fighting next year.

Mike McHugh
Delegate, Alpha Chi

Bro. McHugh moves his report be accepted.
Beta Pi Seconds.
Passed.

Gamma Theta - Bro. David Stevens

Chapter Highlights:

19 active Brothers (8 new Brothers inducted during the year)
over 750 letters sent out incorrespondence
treasury stands at approzimately \$114 with no outstanding debts
active in civics all year
still maintain the Fraternity house in the country
best attendance at Fraternity Functions
outstanding in sports winning the softball title and losing only one game in football
sponsered two dances.

Disappointed at not winning Chapter of the Year honours in 1975, Gamma Theta Chapter from Petersburg, Virginia refused to let apathy set in and set its goals even higher for the 1975 - 76 fraternal year. With a lot of hard work, determination, and of course Brotherhood, Gamma Theta enjoyed another very prosperous year and once again emerged as one of the dominant and most active Chapters in Gamma Delta Psi.

Following Convention '75, Gamma Thete held its election of officers with Bro. Don Smith being elected President, Bro. Gary Levenson getting Vice-President, and Bro. David Stevens becoming corresponding secretary in the more important roles. The leadership ability of these older Brothers greatly helped the Chapter keep on the move as well as showing to the newer Brothers

how and organization should be run. In the Chapter superlative elections which followed later in August, Bro. Smith was honoured with the Richard Lee Becker Brother of the Year award as Gamma Theta's outstanding Brother.

Also in later August, the Southern Chapters finally got around to organizing the Southern Chapters annual Softball Tournament and Gamma Theta proved its superiority on the ball diamond by going undefeated through the tournament in winning the championship. But the Chapter did more than just win the title...Gamma Theta also walked off with the sportsmanship trophy through its efforts in helping to umpire and provide ground crew labour between our own games.

September was a big month for the Chapter as first Gamma Theta sponsored a Southern Chapters keg party at our house. The following week, the parents of the Brothers of Gamma Theta rewarded the Brothers with a keg of beer and a hamburger cookout in recognition of winning the city recreation softball regular season title and playoff championship. The Chapter also became very active in civics around the Tri-Cities area, first sponsoring a dance in which all the proceeds went to the United Fund Drive. Gamma Theta took up a collection and donated \$5.00 more to the Sheltered Work Shop for the retarded. Another small project was sponsoring a player in a putt-putt marathon for Muscular Distrophy. One of the more entertaining civics projects for the fall was entering the Great James River Raft race for Muscular Schlorosis. Because the Brothers of Gamma Theta were totaled before even entering the water, and because things got a little rough and rowdy at the starting line, Gamma Theta's raft was more like a submarine and everyone took a cold bath. The minor disaster brought some good publicity though as the drenched crew became instant television celebrities on the evening news.

Throughout the months before Christmas, the Brothers of Gamma Theta spent much of the time playing football, organizing raffles and doing smaller civics projects such as helping needy families with food baskets.

As previously mentioned, our Chapter lost the services of many of its older Brothers the first half of the year. Bro. Ricky Brockwell was lost to the services of the IBC and Bro. John "Stud" Slate finally bit the dust at the altar. Both of these Brothers had been active in the Chapter since Gamma Theta was founded back in 1968. Bro. Glenn Hathaway signed up for a cruise

with the United States Navy and Bro. Marty Francisco joined up for the glorious life of a grunting United States Marine. And Bro. Buster Pace is still at VMI driving his tanks so you can't say that Gamma Theta hasn't made its contribution for the U.S. national defence. The Chapter worked hard to replace these Brothers and five new Brothers survived the pledge period and were inducted into Gamma Theta before the holidays. The new members are #73 Roger Slate, #74 John Spickerman, #75 Shelley Stewart, #76 Guy G Laine, and #77 Barry Poe.

In the early part of the new year, Gamma Theta did its best to try to get the Fraternity as a whole rolling down South by sponsoring parties out at our house and trying to organize another Southern Chapters Pool Tournament. The pool tournament never went through because of the lack of interest shown. The Chapter then tried to organize a boxing tournament but again lack of interest forced the slugfest to be an inter-Chapter affair...and it was a wild one at that. And as is the trademark of our Chapter, there were always the card games and the Red Baron parties. Gamma Theta managed to send 10 Brothers to the mid-year Conclave, which was the best representation in the Fraternity.

In March, Gamma Theta inducted another new Brother into Gamma Delta Psi, #78 Dennis Mayton. We also began plans for getting new sweethearts and planning a dance. Some fine young ladies were carefully chosen and interviewed in April and the dance which was held on the first weekend in May was a success with five beautiful girls winning the honors.

Because of the conflicts of mixing Fraternity money with softball funds, the Chapter found a sponsor for our softball team this past summer and played under the name of Cavalier Trane. While in the midst of another fine softball season, the Chapter also managed to get another pledge period going and last weekend inducted two more fine new Brothers, #79 Mark Ashby, and #80 Scott Jones.

It can easily be seen through this report that 1976-76 was indeed another great year for Gamma Theta. Instead of rolling over and giving up these days when high school Fraternities are dying out, Gamma Delta Psi, Gamma Theta Chapter continues to stand head and shoulders above the rest in Petersburg. We have been the most active Chapter down South this year and we did our best to prove it throughout the Fraternal Year.

David Stevens
Gamma Theta Chapter

Bro. Stevens moves that his report be accepted.
Gamma Nu Seconds.
Passed.

Gamma Nu - Bro. Chris Hernandez

Brothers,

Since last Convention, Gamma Nu has had many formative experiences. Though our Chapter wasn't always busy doing something, this was definitely a year to remember.

Gamma Nu started the year with 12 active Brothers, we now have 9, 2 of our Brothers moved away and went passive, one other Brother was made permanently inactive, after he tried to start another Fraternity at our High School. We had no successful pledge periods this year. We're going to get some pledges rolling before next Convention for sure because 8 of our 9 actives will be graduating next year.

Gamma Nu's greatest achievements this year came in the form of civics projects. One fact that our Chapter can boast is that we've had at least one civics project every month since last convention. What we did was deliver the Hayfield Community News to every house in Hayfield (there are over 600). By the way, it is a monthly newsletter.

Another really big civics project was our "1st Annual Christmas Toy Drive". One weekend in November we collected over \$300.00 worth of merchandise which we turned over to the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tot" drive. We received local newspaper coverage. Besides all the toys we collected (and played with) we also collected many useful items like shoes and clothes, books, balls, and even a pair of crutches. This was truly in the spirit of Christmas.

Other civics projects included picking up trash along telegraph Rd. and leveling ground and planting shrubs around the newly built entrance sign at Hayfield.

Money wasn't really a problem for us this year. We paid our dues to the IBC in good order. We only had a few money making projects this year. If we wanted money we'd raffle off a fifth of liquor. This was usually good for about 10 or 20 bucks. I believe we had a car wash also, but our biggest fundraiser was our Graduation Party.

Gamma Nu has thrown many parties over the years and most all of them have been worth remembering. But never in the entire History of Haxfield, U.S. had there been a party comparable to the one we threw last May. There were so many people at the party that traffic was Jammed for 3 or 4 blocks down the road. We collected over \$200.00 at the door, we had 6 kegs, a live band and we pulled it off without incidence.

This was basically a good year for Gamma Nu.

Chris Hernandez
Delegate, Gamma Nu.

Bro. Chris Hernandez moves that his report be accepted.
Alpha Eta Seconds.
Passed.

Gamma Eta Chapter -
No record of Report
Seconded by Gamma Delta
Passed.

Bro. Sowchuck states that the strength of the U.S. was shown this year overall. Also this being their 200th anniversary. Congratulations!

Bro. Stevens moves that the meeting be recessed to look into the Chapters that have not paid their dues.
Gamma Delta Seconds.
Passed

Meeting is brought back to order

Bro. Jamieson reads the constitutional article concerning the Chapters

Bro. Bart Nicholston moves that Beta Sigma, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Omicron, and Gamma Pi be suspended from the Grand Crescent.

Bro. Goad Seconds
Passed

Discussion on the lifting of Beta Gamma's Charter: Constitution: Article VI
Part F Section 2b

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Stockdale on point of discussion on Constitutional amendments being ratified by reading of minutes during Convention.

Bro. Sowchuck goes into discussion of Centennial suggestions. Given to the forward planning committee as a possibility.

Bro. Johnstone discusses the possibility of expanding active Chapters. Recommended to the Ways and Means Committee.

Discussion of the Constitution to concerning Gamma Psi.

Bro. Sowchuck moves that an addition be made to Article 14, Section 2 to attend re Rallies, President's Conferences without a vote but all other rights be kept in full.

Bro. Goad moves for adjournment.

Bro. Manning Seconds.

Passed.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1976

Roll Call

Report of the Who's Who committee.

Bro. Allen moves his report be accepted.

Gamma Nu Seconds

Passed.

Report of the Awards Committee

Bro. Auger moves his report be accepted.

Gamma Theta Seconds.

Passed.

Bro. Adams moves the Northern Vice - President be responsible to look into L.G. Balfour to look into gold plated pins.
Seconded by Gamma Nus
Passed.

Bro. Brockwell moves to look into a full completion of the pledge manual.
Amended: to be done by the Secretary of the IBC
Beta Pi Seconds.
Passed.

Report of the Forward Planning Committee
Bro. Don Smith moves his report be accepted.
Gamma Theta Seconds.
Passed.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee.
Bro. Adams moves his report be accepted.
Beta Alpha Seconds.
Passed.

Motion for Beta Gamma and Gamma Xi be given to January for payment of dues and if not accomplished, Charter must be lifted.
Gamma Theta Seconds.
Passed.

Motion for Beta Zeta to have its Charter lifted as of this Convention.
Gamma Nu Seconds.
Passed.

Report of Constitutional Changes and Amendments:

- Article III Section 1 (Page 2)
Delete: "solid, enamel"
Seconded by Beta Xi
Passed.

- Article VII Section 4 Part A Subsection f
Delete: "and said meeting shall be held at some time between the first and final sessions of the Annual Convention"
"Six"
Add: "Five"
Seconded by Gamma Theta

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IBC Achievement: Don Sowchuck, Beta Xi

Brother of the Year: Gerry Thompson, Beta Xi

Chapter of the Year: Gamma Theta

Corresponding Secretary of the Year: David Stevens, Gamma Theta

Scholastic Award: Guy Lane, Gamma Theta

Most Improved Chapter: Gamma Delta

History Award: Gamma Nu

Chapter Report: Bart Nicholson, Beta Alpha

Convention Attendance: Gamma Delta

Hockey Tournament: Beta Xi

Beta Alpha moves that Article III Section 1 to include that each Brother wear a pin at his option.

Gamma Alpha Seconds
Passed.

Article XVI Section 1
Seconded by Beta Xi
Passed

President's Report

International Board of Control elections

Board of Trustee Elections

Bro. Stockdale moves that the position on the Board of Trustees be left open and represented by Bro. Guthrie.

Gamma Theta Seconds
Passed.

Report of Sergeant-at-arms

Report of Recording Secretary

Report of the Chairman

Silent Prayer for deceased Brothers

Passing of Grip by delegates

Knock

- END OF CONVENTION -

Recorded by Bro. Paul Auger

Typed, Printed, and Coaled by Gerry Thompson