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QUIZ

- 1) In what year did Gamma Nu gain it's charter into Gamma Delta Psi?
- 2) Who was the President of the I.B.C. in 1972?
- 3) Are you allowed to wear a chapter guard without a Fraternity Pin?
- 4) What is the maximum number of members allowed on the Board of Trustees?
- 5) In what year was the annual convention not held?
- 6) When was the Inter Fraternal Congress disbanded?
- 7) What was the highest number of active chapters in Gamma Delta Psi at any one time? The lowest number?
- 8) The last edition of the Garnet and Silver was published when?
- 9) What is the name of the Fraternity song? Written by whom?
- 10) The Constitution of Gamma Delta Psi was last revised in what year?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let me take this opportunity to relate to you a story I once heard. It goes like this:

A very long time ago, the average light bulb consisted of a socket, a filament and a clear glass structure to contain the filament. A company named Canadian General Electric had tried for years to come up with a way to frost the inside of the bulb so that the light emitted would be a little softer. After years of work, the scientists and researchers of Canadian General Electric determined that it could not be done.

A group of university graduates were being interviewed for jobs and as part of their starting assignments, they were told to find a way to frost the inside of the light bulb. All of them, with the exception of one, were told that it could not be done.

It was not long after that the frosted light bulb came out on the market. It was invented by the one graduate who had not been told "It could not be done".

You might say he saw the light, but more likely than not is the possibility that he believed it could be done.

This belief in himself and the goal he set out to accomplish lead this man past the barriers that had stopped his predecessors.

This is the type of person that our great fraternity requires if its existance is to continue. There are so many people in our organization who find it easier to say it can't be done that to set their mind to something and go after it.

How many times have you said "It can't be done"? If you have already defeated yourself, you are probably right. But if you are determined that it can be done, there is nothing that will stop you.

Let's get going. We've got a lot of bulbs to frost!

Scott Crosby  
I.B.C. President

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

When I first received this office I thought the job was simple, just take all the letters and information that you get in the mail and put it on paper. After a while I realized why previous editors had problems publishing a Grip. The hardest part of the job is to get others brothers to send in letters.

It seems as though everyone has the same attitude, "Somebody else will send in something." Well, by looking through this Grip you can see that other people don't send in articles.

As you know- to keep this Fraternity going strong we need interested brothers, so next time you have an extra 15 minutes drop me a letter, pictures, articles, etc., JUST SEND SOMETHING and let me know that somewhere out there we still do have interested brothers.

Mike Renshaw  
Editor

WHERE THE HELL'S VIRGINIA ???

## LETTERS FROM INTERESTED BROTHERS

Dear Brother Delts;

The other day I was looking at an old Garnet and Silver, contained within it's paper was a list of active chapters in the Grand Crescent. I then compared it to our present mailing list. The first thing that came to mind was "what happened to all those chapters?" Did they just vanish?

Now everybody is stressing the need for expansion to keep our Fraternity in existence. I agree with that but only as a second phase. I feel that the first phase to keeping the Fraternity alive is rejuvenation on the chapter level. By constantly rejuvenating your chapter with younger brothers you are ensuring your chapter a longer life.

If the Brothers who were in those now defunct chapters had rejuvenated their chapters and set a trend for those Brothers to follow, we might still have a few of those chapters in existence.

Remember... "THE FRATERNITY IS ONLY AS STRONG AS IT'S WEAKEST LINK", every time we loose a link the chain becomes shorter and weaker.

Bro. Joe Johnson  
Gamma Xi

## COMING EVENTS

Wouldn't you like to see more brothers attending your functions??!!

Well if your chapter is doing something in the upcoming months and you would like increased support just drop me a letter saying what, where, and by who and I will see to it that it is put in the next edition of The Grip

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## ALUMNI NOTES

Brother Joe Pennimpede (Gamma Xi)- presently working at Hart and Cooley and has wedding plans for August 1981

WHY FRATERNITY?

A Fraternity is a brotherhood of men, which more than any other type of organization inculcates in its members the virtues of tolerance, scholarship, social poise and citizenship.

From our early youth, we select our friends on the basis of common likes and dislikes. Our gregariousness leads us to the company of those who share the same interests, goals and backgrounds. This desire to band together leads us to the establishment of clubs and fraternities. However, while a club and a fraternity share this common basis for coming into being, a fraternity differs from a club in many respects.

Through its dignified ritual, the fraternity gives a real purpose to its existence on a moral and philosophical level of a continuing nature rather than basing its reason for existence solely on temporal objectives of immediate interest. The fraternity, through its esoteric work, teaches its members a philosophy of life which will to some degree remain with its members all their life, serving as a lode-star along Life's path. Untold thousands of fraternity men have found for themselves that casual boyhood acquaintances, nurtured in the garden of fraternalism, have blossomed into mature, sincere, and firm friendships which endure for all time.

The fraternity teaches tolerance for the viewpoint of others; acceptance of the decision of the majority; assumption of responsibility as a chapter officer or committee member; reverence to one's God; loyalty to one's school, friends and fraternity; achievement of scholarship; service to one's community and fellow-men; and respect for one's parents and civil authority. The fraternity has for one of its most important goals the development of character for it recognizes that a good fraternity man, above all, must be a good citizen. Thus, the fraternity seeks to build for the future rather than just for the exigencies of the moment.

Through their affiliation with a reputable national fraternity and the Inter-Fraternity Congress, the local fraternity chapters receive mature guidance, advice, and direction in all their various fraternal, social, athletic, and civic activities.

Knowing that a good fraternity man must be familiar with the "give" and "take" of life, the fraternity seeks to afford its members a well-rounded experience of social and athletic programs such as dances and dinners, football, baseball, and basketball games and track meets. The fraternity feels that it must not only cultivate the social graces in its members but a sense of good sportsmanship and a competitive spirit as well.

Through its insistence on formal meetings and observance of parliamentary procedure, the fraternity offers its members training in speaking on one's feet and the conduct of meetings which will be ever valuable to them in later business, social, and civic activities.

Fraternities are not confined to just one locality as clubs, but generally consist of a number of chapters which may be located in Canada and/or the United States, confined within a limited number of states or provinces, or perhaps just within one state or province. However, regardless of its distribution of chapters, a fraternity's membership makes available to you an ever-ready friendship among people and in localities far beyond your normal contacts. The best part of this is the fact that as the years

pass and your fraternity continues to grow, this circle of friends grows in constantly widening circles.

Opponents of the fraternity system claim that fraternities are bad because they breed snobishness, practice discrimination, and are generally undemocratic. Nothing can be further from the truth. Although the fraternity develops a high "esprit de corps" among its members, it likewise teaches them that its membership is not just an end in itself but a means towards the end of developing good citizenship which requires tolerance, understanding, and respect for others. The fraternity is selective in that it invites into its membership only those with whom it feels congenial and who will share the same common interests and ideals. This is no different basis that we as individuals use in the selection of our close friends and associates. In actual practice, no organization can be more democratic than fraternities for all members have equal rights and votes, and although the decision of majority prevails, the rights of the minority are protected.

A fraternity comes to the assistance of the parents at that time in a young man's life when he begins to look to his friends for advice and guidance.

Now, just a word about the secrecy and traditions of fraternities. As part of your pledge-training, you will be taught the traditions and history of your fraternity in order that you might come to know and appreciate it fully. Without knowledge, there can be no appreciation, so to become a member worthy of your fraternity, you must know its customs, laws, and traditions. Secrecy is practiced not because a fraternity has anything to hide or of which to be ashamed, but only for three reasons:

(1) to retain for each fraternity its individuality and "personality" of principles, ideals, and lore; (2) to serve as a means of identification between members of different localities; and (3) to preserve the privacy of its business. Basically all fraternities are similar, but each has its own individuality and personality.

Fraternities teach loyalty, group consciousness and the ability to think and work with your brothers. If joined in this spirit, a fraternity will prove to be one of the most wonderful, valuable and rewarding experiences of your life. Best of all, it will be a lifetime experience.

## 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.

## WHERE THE HELL'S VIRGINIA

Since I became a brother in this Fraternity I have yet to receive a letter from any brother in the South. Some brothers in my chapter have come up to me and asked if we still have southern chapters. It would sure be nice to receive a letter from some southern brother to let me and other brothers know that you still exist. Hopefully in the future our Fraternity correspondence will improve so that all chapters will be in closed contact. So Brothers..... START WRITING!!!

APPTITUDE TEST

1. If you went to bed at 8:00 at night and set the alarm to get up at 9:00 in the morning, how many hours sleep would this permit you to have?
2. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
3. How many birthdays does the average man have?
4. Why can't a man living in Winston-Salem, N.C. be buried west of the Mississippi River?
5. If you had only one match, and entered a room in which there was a Kerosene lamp, an oil heater and a wood burning stove, which would you light first?
6. Some months have 30 days, some 31, how many months have 28 days?
7. If a doctor gave you 3 pills and told you to take 1 every half hour, how long would they last you?
8. A man builds a house with four sides to it, it is rectangular in shape. Each side has a southern exposure. A big bear comes wandering by. What color is the bear?
9. How far can a dog run into the woods?
10. What 4 words appear on every denomination of U.S. coins?
11. What is the minimum number of active baseball players "on the field" during any part of an inning? How many outs in each inning?
12. I have in my hand 2 U.S. coins which total 55¢ in value. One is not a nickel. Please bear this in mind. What are the two coins?
13. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left?
14. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10. What is the answer?
15. Take two apples from three apples and what do you have?
16. Two men play checkers. They played five games and each man wins the same number of games. How can you figure this?
17. An archaeologist claimed he found some gold coins dated 46 B.C. Do you think he did? Why?
18. A woman gives a beggar 50¢. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
19. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the ark with him?
20. Is it legal in N.C. for a man to marry his widow's sister?
21. What word in this test is misspelled?

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE GRIP

I would greatly appreciate any letters, photos, alumni information, etc., that could be contributed to The Grip.

Also, anyone having any articles that they would like published please feel free to contribute them. The quality of the Grip depends on your co-operation.

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