

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 'GRIP' is back, again. Once more, our monthly newsletter has resurfaced after a most untimely sabbatical of some ten months, dating back to the November '83 issue.

Presently, the I.B.C. is diligently at work on several major projects in an unified effort to insure the success and expansion of Gamma Delta Psi throughout the 1984-85 Fraternal year.

The 1984 edition of our annual publication, the 'GARNET & SILVER', has progressed into the pre-production stages. Total cost for 200 soft-cover books comprising 32 pages of the past year's many hi-lights has topped \$1300. However, with anticipated revenue from various advertising and sponsorship sources, we may be able to off set our costs by as much as \$500.

If the 'GARNET & SILVER' is to be a financial success, we require the co-operation and support of the general Fraternal body. Advertising space is still available at the following prices: \$5 for 3 lines; \$25 for a 1/4 page; \$50 for a 1/2 page; and \$100 for a full page. Please, make all money orders and/or cheques payable to Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International in C/O Michael A. Kuch.

Some final notes concerning Convention '84 an item, I am certain will remain with us all for many, many years to come. Incidentally, for those poor, unfortunate souls unable or unwilling to attend this past convention then, Brothers, let it be known that y'all missed out on a truly special, heart-warming experience.

As most of you are aware of, Brother Malcolm S. Dixon of Chi Chapter (#30), soon to celebrate his 80th birthday, travelled 4,000 miles from his home in Sacramento, Ca. to Petersburg, Va., just so he could attend Convention '84.

Brother Malcolm's mere presence and his uplifting testimony reminiscining about his early (1920's and '30's) Fraternal days was an experience that simply transcends time. I guess, what Malcolm made us realize is that, as Brothers, we have an organization to be proud of, and respected.

What more can possibly be said to validate the most inspirational and emotional display of Brotherhood these eyes have ever witnessed? Well, once again, Brother Dixon, on behalf of the Brethen gathered at convention, we thank you ever-so dearly for restoring and rebuilding our mutual faith in humanity and in the Brotherhood of Gamma Delta Psi.

In closing, I wish to express my deepest appreciation in acknowledging several unselfish and dedicated humanitarians for their unprecedented accomplishments concerning Convention '84: Bro. Barry Poe for putting the entire convention together and making it such a social and financial success; his lovely wife, Carla, for her generous hospitality and for providing us with an abundance of fine Southern ladies; Bro. Sparky Thompson for his superb job in chairing convention; and everyone else for putting ol' Gamma Delta Psi back on the map..... aw, 'Beaver Hut, Beaver To Go'

Always remember, the 'GRIP' will only continue if y'all support it be generous and smile.

I shall return

Michael A. Kuch
International President

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" GAMMA QUIZ # 9 "

1. Name the Chapter and induction number of Brother General Douglas MacArthur? Where was the Chapter located and when was it founded?
2. True or false, Brother Edsel Ford was once a member of the 'old' National Board of Control?
3. Name the most southern Chapter to be granted a charter into Gamma Delta Psi? The most northern Chapter?
4. Name the Brother responsible for the design of our Fraternity pin? What is the significance of its shape?
5. How many Brothers signed the original charter of Gamma Delta Psi in 1879?
6. In which year did Gamma Delta Psi become recognized as a National Fraternity? An International Fraternity?
7. What do the thirteen stars represent in our official coat-of-arms?
8. True or false, our college-level affiliate, Gamma Psi Fraternity was originally to be named Gamma Delta Fraternity?
9. Which Greek letters are being reserved for the next crescent club (or Chapter) to gain entrance into the Grand Crescent.
10. In which year did Gamma Delta Psi start holding their annual conventions?

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COMING EVENTS

During the week of Monday, September 10th through to Sunday, September 16th, 1984, the International Board of Control will be sponsoring, 'INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE WEEK '84'. If y'all can recall back to the week of January 10-16/'83, our first I.C.W. was introduced in that edition of the 'GRIP'.

However, 'I.C.W. '84' will differ this year in that, the I.B.C. is offering cash prizes to the chapter(s) and individual Brother(s) corresponding with the highest number of letters during this period.

Prizes are as follows: the chapter(s) writing the most letters will receive a generous discount or reduction of \$25.00 credited towards either their 1984-85 dues, or against back dues owing NOTE: only original hand-written or typed letters will qualify letters can not be mass produced i.e. reprints or photocopies will not be considered.

Also, individual Brothers on all levels (chapter, I.B.C., Trustee, Alumni, Grand Brother, et al), corresponding with the most letters will receive FREE Convention '85 registration (approximate value \$20.00, includes beer, banquet-dance, and convention surprises).

To any and all Brothers corresponding during this year, take note to record correspondence in such a manner as follows: prepare a simple two-column daily journal with the titles "LETTERS OUT" & "LETTERS RECEIVED" on either side. The contents of this form shall record the name of the addressee/er and the date the letter was sent/received. Example

LETTERS SENT (OUT)

LETTERS RECEIVED (IN)

Sept. 1/84 Brother A.J. Brewski

Sept. 9/84 Brother Dixie Delt

Remember, keep this ledger upto date, and send a copy of it to the I.B.C. (in C/O the 'GRIP') for the period Sept. 10-16/'84 to varify your position and success in our 'I.C.W. '84'. Hopefully, this barbaric, maddening avalanche of letters pouring into the Fraternity's mail boxes across our continent will carry over throughout this year.

Lastly, there is a little known and lesser used, unwritten Fraternity policy concerning correspondence and, it goes something like this "ANY HAND-WRITTEN LETTER RECEIVED, SHALL BE ANSWERED, PROMPTLY". Please, keep this in mind when corresponding.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL DELTS

I pledge to donate \$1.00 (U.S.) to our general Convention '85 social fund (read: keg money), for every letter under three-hundred and sixty-five (365), that I don't write between the end of last convention (Aug. 5/'84) and the commencement of next convention (Aug. 2/'85).

That works out to be just about one letter per day for the year 1984-85 watch your mail box, Brother it may be a dry Convention WWWWWWWWWWWWRITE A LETTER, TODAY..

Signed

Michael A. Kuch

Dated

8/22/84

MORE COMING EVENTS

As an integral part of the I.B.C.'s informal policies to boost Fraternal spirit and morale, in addition to kicking the living crap out of apathy, and just maybe having a damn good ol' time in the process, we are hosting another post-Convention '84 "BROTHERHOOD EX-TRAVAGANZA".

On the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend of October 5-8/'84, the Northern Board will travel south to Virginia to participate in a four day celebration of Fraternalism and Brotherhood.

Gamma Delta Psi's first Brunswick Stew in many years will be jointly hosted by the Southern Board in association with our Dixie Chapters, Beta Alpha, Beta Pi, and Gamma Theta. Following our stew later in the weekend, the I.B.C. is staging its first Southern Rally of 1984-85.

All Brothers in the north and south are heartily encouraged to attend both functions more details will be made available via the next edition of the 'GRIP'.

Event: BRUNSWICK STEW
Date: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1984

Event: SOUTHERN RALLY
Date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1984

Our first Northern Rally of the year will be held the following Sunday afternoon in October at a location to be named later. Chapters are reminded that, a quarterly report detailing your activities since last convention is due, along with delegate's fees of \$5 per chapter.

Event: NORTHERN RALLY
Date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1984

The consummate social function of the year for Gamma Delta Psi will once again, be hosted by your I.B.C. in conjunction with our southern chapters. The Southern Board has already finalized arrangements for the I.B.C.'s annual Christmas Semi-formal Dance.

This year, a top-name band from the south is being contacted as a primary source of entertainment for our dance. Further details will be announced upon developments. Also, any interested Brothers may forward their quieries to Brother Barry Poe at (804) 458-0219.

Event: SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS DANCE
Date: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1984
Place: JORDAN POINT COUNTRY CLUB
Loc'n: HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA USA
Price: \$10.00/COUPLE - \$6.00 SINGLE

LETTERS TO THE 'GRIP'

Friday, August 10, 1984

Dear Mike,

Got home better than the trip going to convention. Stayed over night near the airport - cab picked me up around 6 AM.

I want to thank you for your help and patience with your 'older alumnus'. I enjoyed the functions of the convention - what I was able to attend. I appreciated all the attention you all gave me. Too bad I was ill.

I respect you so much - you love your work, as well we are lucky to have such a wonderful fellow for a leader. They showed that. By your emotions (like mine), one can see what a great outfit we have. I feel though, that this is within the alumni.

Youth - young youth of today don't experience this feeling of love - the Brotherhood love for it - it is like patriotism for our country - I hope I am still able to come again next year.

My blood pressure is again better. I still was lucky that nothing happened while I was there. You are a wonderful person - you can't help but be a success in life with your attitude.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Malcolm S. Dixon

" ANSWERS TO GAMMA QUIZ # 9 "

1. Bro. General Douglas MacArthur was inducted into Rho Chapter (#33) which was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1902.
2. True, Bro. Edsel Ford served as Vice-President of the National Board of Control in around 1933.
3. Gamma Lambda (New Orleans, La.) and Chi (Eau Claire, Wisc.).
4. Bro. Alexander Jay Wurts designed our pin in the shape of a crescent since the Fraternity was new and bound to grow like a new moon.
5. Sixteen (16) members signed the original charter of Gamma Delta Psi including our four founding Brothers.
6. In 1884, with the addition of Beta Chapter at Niagara Falls, N.Y. and in 1954 with the addition of Alpha Phi Chapter in New Toronto, On.
7. Each star represents a single letter of G-A-M-M-A D-E-L-T-A P-S-I.
8. True, according to Convention '69 Minutes, the former John Tyler Association, later to be charter Gamma Psi Fraternity - Alpha Chapter in Petersburg, Va. was originally conceived as Gamma Delta.
9. Gamma Pi.
10. Gamma Delta Psi did not commence to hold their annual conclaves or conventions until the year 1899.

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