

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, y'all. My apologies are graciously extended to all those Brothers anxiously awaiting the October '84 edition of the 'GRIP'. Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances, the newsletter was not completed.

Last month's trip to Virginia during the Columbus-Thanksgiving weekend by Bro. Joe (Pass me another Stroh's) Italia and yours truly, was undeniably the sweetest southern venture to-date. As well, I am quite pleased to report that, our Brunswick Stew held in unison with Beta Alpha and Beta Pi chapters was a financial success. Also, this year's second Southern Rally proved to be very productive and conducive to promoting Fraternal awareness and enthusiasm in the south.

I also wish to take advantage of this opportunity to formally congratulate Brothers Greg Campbell (Beta Xi) and G.C. Edmonds (Gamma Theta) upon their recent appointments to the positions of Northern and Southern District Deputy, respectively.

Once more, another subtle reminder concerning any interested Brothers wishing to submit either a material and/or monetary contribution to the 1985 edition of the 'GARNET & SILVER', may do so in the following manner: please, forward any such contributions to Bro. Michael A. Kuch in c/o Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International.

The dead-line for any submissions has been moved ahead to January 31, 1985. A fully detailed 'GARNET & SILVER '85' mini-booklet, encompassing the various ways and means of attaining and procuring advertising space for our annual publication, is presently being constructed and will consequentially be distributed to any Brother requesting it.

The I.B.C. and Bro. Bill Michelin in particular, are in the process of formulating our Fraternity's most upto date and comprehensive mailing list in recent years. However, it is imperative and essential that everyone send in any known addresses of Brothers whom are not currently listed with us.

Again, we do appreciate your co-operation and support in aiding us locate the numerous so-called 'misplaced' contacts who may have been active during the 1940's through to the '50's, '60's, and '70's era.

As for the ol' 'GRIP', well no doubt, our weathered and forever proud newsletter stands strong and bold again. If however, there was a time whenever Gamma needed to pull together then, Brothers, now is that time. Therefore good Brethen, as a considerate, noble gesture of diplomacy and esteem, if possible, anyone receiving the newsletter on a regular monthly basis, please take heart and pass the 'GRIP' aside to the many other poor, unfortunate souls who do not receive it.

One final note of interest this month deals with the highly anticipated announcement concerning Convention '85. After great speculation, debate, and lengthly discussions between members of the I.B.C., it seems apparent that this upcoming year's annual convention will be hosted in Canada. The most probable location is downtown Toronto, Ontario during the last weekend of July '85.

In closing, the much heralded "International Correspondence Week '84" held exclusively during the period of September 10-16/'84 was never-the-less, the sole victim of a rampantly growing apathetic Fraternal body. Regardless, I did manage to write a mere 26 letters during the course of the week which has lifted my aggregate total to above 100 letters for 1984-85.

I shall return smile.

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LETTERS TO THE 'GRIP'

Sept. 27/'84

Bro. Mike:

We certainly don't waste any time do we. Great to hear from you so soon. Gamma Eta is rolling in full force. At our meeting last night we had 12 of our 15 actives out and 1 'passive' Brother. A definite show of enthusiasm. The main purpose of this meeting was to hold elections. The new officers of Gamma Eta are: President (yours truly); V.P. Brad Young; Recording Secretary Kerry Decker; Corresponding Secretary Dave Dekker; Assistant C.S. Dave Horhota; Treasurer Rick Balanowski; Historian Ron Kita; Civics Organizer Trevor Heidebrecht; and Assistant C.O. Rob White.

A note of interest: Brother Dave Dekker is actually a passive member of Gamma Eta but showed such enthusiasm at the meeting that we decided to allow him to take an office, since he is a senior member of the chapter.

One more small note. Bro. Dave's parents are bidding on a piece of land (4 acres) out in the country which has a house on it. His parents have agreed to give us the house because it is old and they are just going to tear it down next year.

At our last meeting, we also discussed pledges and we will be sending out letters next week. Pledge periods always sparks our chapter right up.

Everyone is dying to attend Gamma Alpha's semi-formal. I'm sure most all of Gamma Eta will attend (if we get enough rides, always a problem with us).

See y'all real soon.

Yours In Bond,

Ed Decker
 #103 Gamma Eta

COMING EVENTS

On behalf of Gamma Alpha Chapter, I wish to extend a cordial invitation to all the Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi and friends, to attend their second social function of the 1984-85 Fraternal year.

Gamma Alpha has pledged to donate their net receipts from bar revenue to the United Way of Greater Toronto, in an effort to enhance the Fraternity's image as a youthful leader in community civics participation.

For further details, please contact Brother Ed Skinner at (416) 742-6117.

GAMMA ALPHA SEMI-FORMAL
MALTON MACHINIST'S HALL
MALTON, ONTARIO
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1984
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM
\$5 PER PERSON - \$1 BEERS

Merry Christmas, y'all. This year's annual I.B.C. Christmas Semi-Formal Dance will be hosted by the Southern Board in Virginia. The dance will also serve as a Southern Alumni's Reunion social, as many distinguished Brothers from the tri-city and surrounding areas have been notified.

Presently, the I.B.C. has firm plans to advertise in the local press, on regional radio stations, in addition to placing a 'free' commercial spot on a cable T.V. station.

The I.B.C.'s Christmas Dance-Reunion is open to all Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi, Gamma Psi and their dates. The Jordan Point Country Club in rural Hopewell will serve as a most compatible, elegant venue.

Brother Barry Poe and his extremely lovely, charming wife, Carla, have gone to great extents and costs to provide Gamma with a truly class social event. This evening promises to be 'the' social function of 1984.

Also, on the scheduled agenda, will be the presentation of both Beta Alpha's (Hopewell, Va.) and Beta Pi's (Colonial Heights, Va.) newly elected Chapter Sweet-Hearts.

Lastly, our dance will also feature the live, jammin', sweet sensational sounds of the 'Grandeurs' - a highly recommended east-coast, dance band who perform all the Top-40, Motown, and Beach music hits.

Tickets are now available through either Brothers Barry or Tim Poe and any other members of the Southern Board and Chapters.

Be there see 'ya.

SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS DANCE/REUNION '84
JORDAN POINT COUNTRY CLUB
HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1984
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM
\$10 PER COUPLE - \$6 SINGLE
FEATURING MUSIC BY THE 'GRANDEURS'
CASH BAR - WORLD'S GREATEST BROTHERHOOD

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SPECIAL NOTE:

Any and/or all correspondence presently being sent to either of Beta Xi, Gamma Theta, or Gamma Xi chapters, should be forwarded to the following I.B.C. Officers until further notification: Doug Johnson (Beta Xi); Tim Poe (Gamma Theta); and Joe Italia (Gamma Xi).

'THOUGHTS'

" Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers. "

- Voltaire

" Anybody who adheres to a posture earlier enunciated, when times change, is a fool. "

- Howard Cosell

" No matter how unlikely a thing is, if it happens, it happens. "

- Stanislaw Lem

" I have no time to be in a hurry. "

- John Wesley

" It is the task of science to turn the impossible into the boring. "

- Robert Ornstein