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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Easter greetings y'all and a "Happy 106th Birthday to ol' Gamma Delta Psi". Alas, another milestone has been surpassed in our Fraternity's illustrious history, as Gamma Delta Psi celebrates one-hundred and six years of Brotherhood and Fraternalism.

Well, along with the arrival of spring, the I.B.C. has continued to be preoccupied with several projects currently being worked on. Foremost, is the publication of the 1985 edition of the 'GARNET & SILVER'. Please, refer to the 'G & S' update article featured in this edition of the 'GRIP'.

During the Easter weekend (April 4th-7th), various members of the Northern Board and Gamma Alpha chapter Brothers will be in Virginia. The Board plans to utilize this time to collect reports, participate in a 'G & S' photo session, as well as attending to the festivities of Gamma's informal birthday celebrations.

As reluctant as I am to announce this, I am afraid that the April '85 edition of the 'GRIP' will most likely be the second to last monthly publication of our newsletter prior to Convention '85. Needless to say that, the vast majority of I.B.C. funds and efforts are being tied up in the production of the 'GARNET & SILVER' and the staging of this year's annual convention.

Once more, I am most pleased to report that, the Alumni of Gamma Delta Psi are as active in communications as they ever were. My many thanks go out to Grand Brother Stockdale, Brothers Buster Pace, David Myers, Danny Wyatt, Neil Wamsley, Barry Poe, Larry Belcher, Tony Pascuzzi, and Malcolm S. Dixon for their recent correspondence and/or telephone conversations.

In general, correspondence between chapters and especially the north-south connection has dropped off significantly since last Christmas. Brothers, at a time when communication between all levels of Fraternity is important, it is the link which involves our young chapter members which requires the greatest attention. I encourage all chapters to make a much stronger bid to re-inforce their correspondence policy and have letter-writing become a higher priority on your list of objectives.

To-date, Brother Dixon and I have maintained consistent lines of communication via correspondence, and exchange letters about twice per month. I would just like to say that 'Shux' is doing very well and is quite interested in hearing from any Brother. Also, my own correspondence stands at slightly over 250 pieces (hand-written) sent out, with about a third of them soliciting replies since last August (Convention '84).

In closing, I apologize for not having the 'Brew Crew' strip finished in time for this edition, however, Brewski and Dixie Delt will once again surface in the next issue.

I shall return smile.

Michael A. Kuch
International President

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Scott Crosby (Gamma Alpha) - Brother Crosby, a past-IBC President and a current member of the Board of Trustees, and his wife Sharon are expecting the arrival of their first child in June 1985.

LETTERS TO THE 'GRIP'

April 13, 1969

Dear Brothers:

This is my first correspondence with the I.B.C. since 1965 when I became a passive brother from Beta Alpha chapter in Hopewell, Virginia.

To-day I received a GRIP forwarded to me from my home in Hopewell. Kind of ironical that it arrived on April 13th - must be a reminder of the fraternity's history.

Although I am in the Republic of Viet Nam, some 16,000 miles from the physical location of my chapter, to-day I was reunited with it in spirit. This correspondence helps me to endure the time here in the 101st Airborns Divison located near the DMZ.

Sorry this isn't much of a birthday card but we have no means here for things like that. But, I am thinking about the fraternity and I believe it is the thought that counts.

I offer the fraternity my best wishes for success and prosperity in the future.

Fraternally yours,

Allen Stanley
Beta Alpha

COMING EVENTS

'RAMALAMADINGDONG' da da da Convention '85 fever has ignited. As promised, here's the bottom-line on the much anticipated Convention '85 'Inflation Kicker' package:

Event CONVENTION '85
Place THE HERITAGE INN
Address 385 REXDALE BLVD.
Location REXDALE, ON. CAN.
Dates JULY 26-28, 1985

A/ Room rates: \$45.00 (single), \$55.00 (double), \$61.00 (triple), and \$67.00 (quad). All prices are quoted in Canadian dollars and are subject to 5% provincial sales tax.

B/ Awards banquet & dance: Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$38.00 per couple, and include a buffet dinner, D.J. music, and cash bar.

Banquet menu: Salads: Potato salad, Waldorf salad, Chicken salad, Chickpea salad, Green salad, Devilled eggs, sliced tomatoes & cucumber salad, and pickled beet salad.

Cold Meats: Roast beef, Corn beef, Sliced Ham, and assorted cold cuts.

Fish: Tuna salad.

Hot Dish: Chicken Coq au Vin with Rice.

Dessert: Chocolate layer cake, Cherry cheese cake, Strawberry shortcake, assorted cheeses with fruits, and apple pie.

Rolls & Butter;

Coffee & Tea:

C/ Registration: A nominal registration fee will be applied to all Brothers attending convention to off-set the IBC's over-head expenditures i.e. meeting room rentals, bartender's fees, etc.

D/ Convention '85 'Surprise': Last year's popular "I SURVIVED CONVENTION '84" T-shirts were gone in a few minutes. In 1985, an all-new surprise will be revealed at convention, and included in the registration fee.

..... BE THERE, ERRRHhhh

" A FEW GOOD REASONS TO ATTEND CONVENTION '85 "

Well, after reading the 'COMING EVENTS' column, I am certain that many of you probably said something like, "Aw the heck with convention this year, it's too expensive, and besides, it's being held in Canada."

O.k. then, let's clear up a few common fallacies concerning Convention '85 up north:

- (1) All convention items are being provided to you at cost. In fact, the I.R.C. is operating the banquet & dance at a deficit just so that we may stage a classy affair for our Brothers.
- (2) Southern Brothers take special note here the Canadian dollar (?) presently stands at about \$0.73 (U.S.), and in recent weeks has dropped precariously close to the \$0.70 (U.S.) mark, the lowest ever in our economic trade history.
A greatly devalued Canadian dollar (such as is the case) means that your stronger American dollar gives you considerably more purchasing (buying) power in Canada. A \$0.73 also means that, for every one-dollar (\$1.00) in U.S. currency you have exchanged for (temporary) Canadian funds, you will net an extra \$0.27 (\$1.00 - \$0.73) or \$1.27 on the dollar.
On the contrary, a Canadian Brother travelling to the U.S.A. must pay a premium for an American dollar, presently between \$0.37 and \$0.40 extra for one-dollar (U.S.). Thus, it is now more obvious why convention is being held up north this year.
- (3) Canadian beer need I say more? It's strong, plentiful, tastes great, and has been known to enhance the sexual competency of a least one northern Brother. At 4.5% to 6.0% alcohol by volume, it's a favorite of many Southerners.
- (4) Canadian women like our beer, they're also strong, plentiful, and for the most part, taste great. Actually, if you're fortunate enough to find any, they're usually quite sweet now, maybe we can persuade the Brothers of Gamma Alpha chapter to invite these lassies to convention
- (5) Canadian weather Palm Springs it's not, but I've yet to witness a snow fall on any two consecutive July afternoons. Again, just kidding, average temperatures are between 75-80 degrees.
- (6) Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International there's no other Fraternity like it anywhere (save for Gamma Psi). So, give the 'Big C' a fair shake. Come out to convention and pass the 'GRIP', get re-acquainted with ol' Brothers or meet new ones, rejoice in one-hundred and six years of tradition and the world's finest Brotherhood

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" GARNET & SILVER '85 "

As publishing director of the 1985 'GARNET & SILVER' production committee, I am proud to announce that, this year's annual publication will indeed be a reality. Although the 'G & S' has encountered numerous barriers and obstacles since we first conceived of reviving the year book back in August of 1984, it's without any doubt that, Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International will enjoy the pleasures of having an annual publication in 1985.

However, our work remains incomplete as the 'G & S' enters the final stages of production prior to printing. In an effort to insure the success of the 'G & S', the I.B.C. has attempted to raise funds through various means, the most lucrative of which has been by selling advertising space.

At the present time, advertising space is still available, but is being consumed rapidly. Any Brother(s) wishing to purchase space may do so by contacting me as soon as as possible, preferably by telephone as time is running out.

Also, chapters are encouraged to have their 300-350 word report submitted to me by no later than April 15th, 1985. If your report is not completed by this date, you will consequently not be included in the year book.

Anyone whom also has black and white photos of newsworthy Fraternal events may send them in, as our dozens of original pictures were photographed in color and are subsequently not any good for re-production.

Most importantly, you may now purchase a copy of the 'G & S'. Please, send in a request for the number of copies you desire, but do not send any money at this time, as the cover price has not been determined. The only way to reserve a copy of the year book is through written confirmation, so write down a request and send it in today. Limited copies (about 200) will be available, so don't delay.

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