

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer greetings y'all. Well, I do suspect that many of you have been wondering about the fate of our monthly newsletter these past few weeks, and rightly so. Once again, rest assured that the 'GRIP' has returned after an untimely absence of some two months with yet, more news from the fraternal lines of communication.

As you've already become so well accustomed to, the International Board of Control has been busier than ever with a wide array of fraternity projects which have unfortunately taken priority over the 'GRIP'.

First of all, the real big line for the month is simply that, the much anticipated and eagerly awaited publication of the 'GARNET & SILVER' is very near completion. In fact, the 'G & S' is presently being printed and will definitely be available for sale at Convention '85 Surprised don't be.

Alright, on other notes which are now more or less old business, the ramblin' northern board made two recent trips down south this past spring. Our first southern excursion was during the Easter weekend and it proved to be a most gratifying social skirmish, which was only happily out done by our ever-popular venture down to Nags Head, N.C. with a few prominent southern kin, namely Brothers Barry Poe (along with Carla), Kenny Martin, and Scott Jones. Incidentally, Brother Jones is the newest inductee into the Honorary International Heart-Breakers Chapter of which Brothers Danny Wyatt, Crusty Michelin, and yours truly are charter members.

I am also pleased to report that, alas, the fraternity's mail boxes are finally commencing to shed off some of their troublesome cobwebs and fill with correspondence. My congratulations to both Brothers Bill Schmitt (Gamma Xi) for his continuous form letters which have served as a sort of chapter newsletter and an admirable alternative to the 'GRIP', and especially to Dave Dekker (Gamma Eta) whom has mailed over one-hundred letters in grand style.

Also, please make a mental note to carefully read over the 'COMING EVENTS' column featured in this edition as it deals with the latest items concerning our annual conclave, Convention '85.

With many thanks to Brother Schmitt and a revitalized corp of Gamma Xi alumni, an informal northern rally was held in Fort Erie, Ontario over the July 5th to 7th weekend. Once more, congratulations to Gamma Xi for their fine efforts in hosting an innovative event of this nature. Hopefully, the incoming I.B.C. will subsequently stage another rally in both the south and north directly following this year's convention.

Without exception, I could not possibly close this edition of the 'GRIP' ~~by~~ not acknowledging the contributions made forth by Brother Scott Crosby (Trustee) over the past two years. Brother Scott has been an avid supporter of our newsletter during that time period and has also provided the 'GRIP' with free printing services. My personal commendations to Scott for his generous, unselfish offering and more importantly, for his inspiration, influence, and Brotherhood he has provided to me. Thank you

On a much sadder note, our Nirvana Chapter role is one member larger in numbers. I was informed through correspondence with Brother Malcolm S. Dixon that his life-long friend and fraternity Brother of more than sixty years, Gothard Waller (Chi), passed away in his sleep after a lengthy illness. Gamma Delta Psi mourns the loss of Brother Gothard Waller, and through Malcolm, has sent our condolences to family and friends.

I shall return

Michael A. Kuch
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LETTERS TO THE 'GRIP'

May 1985

Dear Mike;

Brotherhood was something I heard of, felt slightly, but never really realized its potential. After a few years in the fraternity, I sat back and relaxed for a while and thought, where would I have been if I had not been asked to pledge.

Drugs, alcohol, and rebellious attitudes were in the air, and sports and clean fun was on its way down. I was caught on a fine line edge, and then saw those guys in the garnet jackets. They made it through these times and look at them now: graduates, scholars, athletes, successful Sure they drank, but they taught me to have a good time, meet people, and most of all, mature into a decent person happy with myself and with the world.

Then the time came when I was one of the guys at the end of the hall. Here I learned to teach the new guys respect and what my experiences did for me. Brotherhood just seemed something within the chapter.

The first convention told me what true Brotherhood was, seeing and meeting people from another country, and having a great time. This brought a sense of Satisfaction and soon came my first long trip. It was something only one could experience once, and it is something that makes me take that trip as many times as I can.

Now after realizing what Brotherhood has done for me, I tried to help others see it too. I now know that it's also very contagious and hard to get rid of. I hope that years from now, this Brotherhood still exists and there are memories still as clear as today.

Thank you Gamma Delta Psi, I don't know where I'd be without you. Do me a favor, spread this disease to everyone.

Anonymous

COMING EVENTS

The Brothers of Beta Xi chapter wish to cordially extend an invitation to all fraternity Brothers to attend their annual golf classic. For further details, please contact Brothers Ron MacMicken at (416) or Doug Johnson at (416) 935.3630

Event BETA XI GOLF CLASSIC
Place GREENWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
Location NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO CANADA
Date SUNDAY, JULY 31st, 1985
Time 10:00 A.M.

Yar dudes the Big 'C' has finally arrived. Well, in a mere few days, the Brethen of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International will gather for our annual conclave and a great deal more. As stated in the April '85 edition of the 'GRIP', here's the bottom line:

Event CONVENTION '85
Place THE HERITAGE INN
Address 385 REXDALE BOULEVARD
Location REXDALE, ONTARIO CANADA
Dates JULY 26, 27, & 28, 1985

O.k. Brothers, take special note of the following items:

- (A) Room rates: \$45.00 (single), \$55.00 (double), \$61.00 (triple), and \$67.00 (quad). All prices are quoted in the highly devalued Canadian dollars and are subject to a 5% Provincial sales tax. At present, I have twelve rooms reserved for Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi and all have been taken, but further reservations may still be possible if necessary.
- (B) Awards Banquet & Dance: This year's annual dinner/dance promises to be one of 1985's social high-lights and a class event. Tickets are being sold at less than cost and are now on sale at \$20.00 person or \$36.00 per couple. Banquet includes extravagant buffet dinner, D.J. music, and a cash bar will be provided. Please, it is vital that anyone wishing to make dinner reservations contact me as soon as you receive this notice a final head count is required immediately by the hotel.
- (C) Registration: A nominal registration fee will be applied to all Brothers attending Convention '85. This fee will help offset our expenses incurred for the function rooms, bartenders' fees, etc. and will include a very special Convention '85 surprise.

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ALUMNI NOTES

- Doug Johnson (Beta Xi) - Brother Buddha, our present N.V.P., recently announced his engagement to the very lovely Miss Teri Wall, and the soon-to-be Johnsons have set an April '87 wedding date congratulations Mick.
- Mike Renshaw (Gamma Xi) - is a former-Editor of the 'GRIP', all reports indicate that he is still contemplating a nose job to match his moustache and further enhance his Larry Bird look.
- Shawn Street (Gamma Xi) - Brother 'SNAFU' remains in the Canadian Army and says he enjoys it?????
- Gery Possler (Gamma Xi) - is a successful customs' broker.
- Mark Laminan (Gamma Xi) - is a former long-standing member of the Board of Trustees and is pretty much alive and kicking in Crystal Beach, On.
- Mike Gardiner (Gamma Xi) - presently attending Humber College, majoring in Computer Science, and has a nasty habit of eating Captain Crunch with fine white wine.
- Mike Clemens (Gamma Xi) - working on the line at General Motors in St. Catharines, On. a true coconut.

OLD JOKE

A Gamma Sigma Fraternity brother walks into a gay bar with a parrot perched upon his left shoulder, and immediately, the bartender shouts, "Hey, where did ya' get him from?" Then, the parrot casually replies, "In the sewer of course, there's plenty of 'em in there