

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Y'all.....Brothers, after five years as an I.B.C. officer and seemingly endless editions of The Grip, I am pleased to announce that I will vacate the position as Executive Editor of our monthly newsletter with a tremendous sense of satisfaction, pride and inner-relief. I also wish to note that the July '86 edition will be the last such issue published under my direct discretion, and in the months following Convention '86 that authority will be passed onto the new incoming President of the I.B.C.

I will uncharacteristically make this monthly message very brief as I plan to savour the inevitable brouhaha and accolades for my Convention '86 Report. As for the anticipated Convention Festivities, I hope that this newsletter will suffice as a notice to all interested Brothers (and otherwise) planning to attend this year's annual conclave. Please, refer to the "COMING EVENTS" column for an outline on our Annual Convention Agenda.

Also featured this month is Brother Bill Michelin's cynical rebuttal to my biographical commentary on The Crust (refer to the May'86 issue) in his vastly popular column, "CRUSTY'S CORNER". I have also enclosed my original article which was first printed in Gamma Delta Psi's newest community tabloid, "STUDENTS AGAINST IMPAIRED DRIVERS" in May. Incidentally, the newspaper was circulated extensively over the Queen Victoria Day weekend and volume for the Spring '86 edition of S.A.I.D. reached about 20,000 copies.

At the time of circulation, I met with Brother Brian Osbourne to discuss the future relationship of S.A.I.D., the Hoyt-Smith Publishing Firm, Gamma Delta Psi and the International Board of Control. And, in my viewpoint all parties will greatly benefit from this strong, perpetual and lucrative project. To-date, I have been forwarded six official responses from various regional and municipal educational school boards in the Greater Toronto area and these are the cities of York, North York, East York, Scarborough, Metropolitan Toronto and Durham Region. The school boards collectively represents about four dozen high schools, and in my possession I have official correspondence from the offices of the respective administrative bodies of these institutions indicating their confirmation to allow the I.B.C. to distribute S.A.I.D. in their schools, commencing in September 1986.

Again, I cannot relay to y'all the euphoria and anticipated success that Gamma Delta Psi will experience with our newly found newspaper,

i.e. expansion, civics participation, Fund-raising, etc. As mentioned earlier, the Fraternity will likely net about \$2,000.00 (CDN) from this venture by September and possibly double that figure by Christmas 1986. In the fall, I will unofficially act as a liason between the I.B.C. and Hoyt-Smith Publishing Inc. and concern myself with material submissions and distribution. Obviously, a more concentrated effort on behalf of the Alumni and active chapter members at Convention '86 will lead to a more unified and successful newspaper (re: Forward Planning Committee).

In closing, I was absolutely thrilled to attend the Induction Stag for Grand Brother M. Barry Yeates on May 24, 1986, in Toronto, Ontario. Again, congratulations to Barry and thank you.....Additionally, I wish to thank the Board of Trustees for financing and planning this wonderful function as it was a rather obvious fraternal and social success, and to the Alumni and bodacious "Dixie Road Crew" for making the evening (and weekend) a fond memory.

Lastly, my apologies are extended to Brothers Malcolm S. Dixon, Scott Jones, Johnnie H. Smith and Peter Dekker for being so neglectful and failing to promptly answer your correspondence. Also, thanks to Brothers Kenny Martin, Larry Belcher, Doug Johnson, Ed Decker, Bill Schmitt and Crusty for their recent telephone calls.

And, for those of y'all who subscribe to the "Need-to-know" department... I remain very much alive and drinking well in Southern Texdale; I've just completed Phase I of the restoration of the infamous "Texas Love Palace"; and her name is Ms. Wilson.

I shall return.....smile.

Yours In Bond,

Michael-Alexander Kuch  
 International President 1982-1986  
 Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International  
 Executive Editor  
 Students Against Impaired Drivers

As International President of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International, I am proud to announce our organization's endorsement and sponsorship of the newly formed Students Against Impaired Drivers newspaper.

Gamma Delta Psi is excited at the prospect of publishing and distributing a youth-oriented newspaper in our community. In subsequent editions of this newspaper, our readers will be provided with editorials, articles and commentaries informing the public of the seriousness and fatal hazards surrounding motorists who drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The editorials featured in Students Against Impaired Drivers will be supported by submissions made to the newspaper by the general membership body of Gamma Delta Psi. All articles produced by our Fraternity's members will distinctively be indicative of Gamma Delta Psi's youthful perspective on this subject matter.

Our main objective in publishing the newspaper on a quarterly basis is to serve as a conscience to the public in aiding them to believe that drinking and driving is not only an unlawful violation, but also an unjust and malignant liberty that poses a threat to every civilian's right to a safe roadway. Gamma Delta Psi realizes that with this newspaper's vast circulation, we will be able to successfully communicate with a large sector of society who were not previously exposed to the extremities and dangers facing drivers who are physically incapacitated or mentally impaired through exposure to alcohol and drugs.

To better appreciate our role with Students Against Impaired Drivers, it is essential to gain a comprehensible insight into our Fraternity's history. Gamma Delta Psi was founded on April 13, 1879 at Hill House High School in New Haven, Connecticut, by fellow class-mates Alexander Jay Wurts, Walter Rawlings Dann, Arthur Henry Jackson and Wylie Brantley Jones. Upon graduation from high school, all four men enrolled at Yale University

where they would earn either doctorates or continue in post-graduate studies.

At the turn of the nineteenth century, Gamma Delta Psi had grown to be a Grand National Fraternity and was rapidly expanding across the New England states and into the greater metropolitan areas of the northeastern United States. Prominent members who have received induction into Gamma Delta Psi include former U.S. Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Howard Taft, General Douglas MacArthur, Edsel Ford of the famed Ford Motors family and the previously mentioned Professor Alexander J. Wurts.

As we entered the 1970's, Gamma Delta Psi had blossomed to over eighty chartered Chapters in North America, covering an area extending from the Great Lakes region through to the Ohio Valley, New England states, the mid-Atlantic area and down to the Gulf of Mexico. At present, Gamma Delta Psi prominently remains as one of the world's oldest and active high school fraternities, and since 1879 has inducted in excess of 40,000 young men into our Official Roll of Members.

Gamma Delta Psi is a civics-oriented and scholastic secondary school fraternity which builds refined character in its members through the assimilation of social graces, adherence to academic standards and the development of business acumen.

In the past one-hundred and seven years, Gamma Delta Psi has continually striven to remain in existence and has relentlessly taken the initiative in aiding the less fortunate. Our organization takes immense pride and satisfaction in working with and for a wide array of charities including The United Way of Canada, The Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation, The American Cancer Society and The Variety Village Club of Ontario. We envision a long-lasting relationship with Students Against Impaired Drivers much in the same manner as we have with the above mentioned organizations.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Fraternity Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International are a close-knit core despite our obvious mass and vastness, and are brought together from various backgrounds for the purpose of uniting our kindred spirits. This perpetual spirit for life is one of universal pride and love for all of humanity.

Today, Gamma Delta Psi is confronted by a fantastic and inspiring challenge. We, the Brothers of this unique and rare organization pledge to support our peers and elders by intelligently informing them of their responsibilities to their community in regards to intoxicated drivers. As responsible residents of our respectful communities, we believe it is our civic duty and moral obligation to educate our neighbours and friends of just how precious a human life is.

Drinking and driving is essentially synonymous with death. It's that simple. If you drink and drive, you and your driving companion and the opposing driver will likely die as a direct result of your negligence. Remember, there are not any heroics involved with drunk or otherwise impaired drivers, just plain ignorance and utter stupidity. You may feel as though you are "lucky" when you drive while impaired, but "luck", if it exists at all, will inevitably run out.

My advice to those who choose to drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is to play a lottery: your chances of winning are slim but you certainly never lose and you'll always come home alive. Conversely, impaired drivers who have miraculously

"survived" automobile accidents can either look forward to life confined to a wheel-chair or hospital bed or, at best, morally and physically scarred for life.

A person who drinks and drives is a potential killer and should be regarded as a menace and threat to all other people who use the roadways. Aside from being labelled a criminal for charges laid on the count of vehicular manslaughter, a drunk driver should be ridiculed as a pathetic, wretched soul and rightly so. In Tom Petty's current record "Rebel", he sings "...I was born a rebel, with one foot in the grave and the other on the pedal". Although the song's lyrics were not intended to focus around our subject it does, however, display a certain relevance to the consequences that all impaired drivers face.

As Executive Editor of Students Against Impaired Drivers, I also have a personal objective to communicate to the parents, teachers, principals, clergy and business people in our communities; to assist us in our determined efforts to effectively combat impaired motorists. In the process, I hope to further involve our readers in our quest to inform the public about this alarming social epidemic. I believe that the need for a newspaper such as Students Against Impaired Drivers is well validated and Gamma Delta Psi is pleased to contribute our time and collective thoughts on the matter.

Keep in mind and heart, if you choose to drink alcohol or takes drugs, please do not drive. There are lives in this world that are fully deserving of living every moment to its capacity. Do not take away the right to breathe. Drive Straight and be home for Christmas.

Michael A. Kuch  
Executive Editor  
Students Against Impaired Drivers  
International President 1982-1986  
Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity  
International

## "CRUSTY'S CORNER"

Well, this may be one of the last editorials for Crusty's Corner in a while and definitely the last one before the upcoming Convention. I feel it's necessary to defend myself a bit from the abuse that the guest writer, that Texas Twister falsely accused me of doing. All that was written was strictly lies and to tell you the truth, I really don't like J.D. 'that much' (only a pint a day). Now, it's Michael's time to get his life squaled about all over this continent.

It started about five years ago when I first met this character at a convention in St. Kitts, from then on I knew that this man was not a man for the Fraternity, but a man who would use the name of this beloved Fraternity for his own sexual exploits. Known to many as The Texas Swine, Brother Kuch has been known to lure many unwilling, beautiful skirts out on dates and dinners. This man never stops! His favourite line is....."Have ya' ever slept with an International President before?" Well, it seems to catch 'em every time.

I remember taking a few trips to good Ol' Va. with this character, and to say the least they were all very memorable. One night I get a call from Texdale and Mike asks if I'm still going the next night (on the trip). I say, "Yes", he says "Good, I'm glad.....you can drive, we'll let your mom use Tim's car (a re-conditioned Mud-Slidemobile without any brakes!)". So, off to the South we went, around the mountains of Pennsylvania he decides he wants to drive the Fabulous Crusty Wagon through the piss pouring rain. He claims the rest of us weren't in any condition to drive. Soon after, we're looking at the fine print on the side of a transport truck. Luckily, he missed it by a mere few inches and he's still complaining about a lousy tranny.

This man really gets around you know. I don't remember a time when he didn't at least get a telephone number out of a night. In Virginia he is World Famous for "The Old Trip The Pretty Girl & Then Go To Easter Dinner With Her Family The Next Day" routine. Believe me, this guy does not go anywhere for just strictly Fraternity business, he must have his hour of female flesh. For all of the Brothers who thought Mike's energies were focused on Gamma Delta Psi, well you are one of the many who have had the wool pulled over your eyes (or down to your ankles in some cases).

Everyone should realize that Mike has done for this organization in the past few years, none of which has been stated here. Whatever the scrambled message I have left here is in respect for a friend who is well spoken and much more articulate than I to abuse his character as he did to me. "Once A SWINE Always A SWINE".

Enough has been said about Mike and I have a few comments to make before closing. First, to those who missed Barry Yeates' Induction on May 24th, you missed an outstanding event in which many Alumni, especially Grand Brothers and Southern Brothers were in attendance. Secondly, a quick report on Gamma Psi Fraternity International's Delta Chapter. We have seventeen Brothers inducted to-date, fifteen are returning next fall. To all Gamma Psi Brothers, I have made up some I.D. cards for us and I'll bring 'em to Convention '86. Well, until then I hope to see everyone at this Convention and have a good time.

Wm. R. Crusty Michelin  
IBC Historian

### "COMING EVENTS"

"THE BIG C".....Virginia-style! This year's Annual Dixie Convention being held in Gamma Delta Psi's 107th year celebrates another end to a banner Fraternal campaign.

Registration for Convention '86 will commence at 2:00 p.m. in the President's Suite at the Ramada Inn on Washington Street in Petersburg, Virginia. At press time, a definite registration fee was not set but will be between \$15.00 & \$20.00 (U.S.) and to include dinner at our Annual Awards Banquet (Saturday), Keg beer (all weekend), and entrance to all meetings for the entire convention.

Additionally, Alumni and Chapter Brothers are being encouraged to billit with Virginia-area Brothers in an effort to combat the high cost of hotel accommodations and incredibly exuberant exchange rate on the U.S. dollar. However, the I.B.C. will retain a Hospitality Suite for the weekend and others wishing to do the same may do so by making individual hotel reservations. Again, the Board will not be assuming responsibility for those individuals causing damage to the hotel premises.

Please, be punctual upon Registering (including Southern Delts). The first general business session starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 1986 at the Ettrick Legion Hall.

Event..... GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL'S  
ANNUAL CONVENTION 1986

Locale.... Ettrick Legion Hall  
Ettrick-Petersburg, Virginia

Date..... FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1986

Details... Contact either Brother Kenny Martin at (804) 733-6369  
or Brother J. B. Crist at (804) 526-1863 for further  
directions and details

P.S. "Don't Drink Alone.....Go to Convention '86 & Drink  
with the Brew Krew."

"LETTERS TO THE GRIP"

July 10, 1986,

Dear Brother Kuch:

Well, how's it goin! better there than here, in my eyes. This job as Corresponding Secretary is getting pretty depressing, I've written to over a Dozen brothers in the past 2 weeks and everyday I walk to the mail box to find no letters, not even Junk mail.

I really don't know what it is with Gamma Delta Psi, not to put it down or anything but in terms of Correspondence it's pretty dead. Lately I've been pleaing with Brothers to get some motivation to write, but do I get any mail, no.

I really love this fraternity as much as anyone could, and I am doing the dammedest to get something moving but it really seems dead. After all, we only have 6 active chapters, our chapter is missing half of our cerimonial equipment, our brothers haven't even collected for our bikeathon, there is no correspondence, our crescent club is down from 11 people to 3, one of which is already a brother of Gamma Eta, and the other 2 don't want to pledge to become members of Gamma Eta, but they want their own chapter without having to go through the burdens of goating. It's a regular Bummer!

I don't know if it's just me, but I'm getting disappointed, and as a proud member of Gamma Delta Psi I really won't rest until I have done my share (+) to help bring us up. We might have had this situation before I was in but now I am truly aware of the sad slump this grand old Fraternity is going into. When I talk to others, some, and many agree.

When I am loosing my mind, and I really feel like giving up I remind myself that Gamma Delta Psi is not a low, school, part-time club but a true brotherhood. Would let your brothers die? Please write back, thanx!

Yours in Bond,

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Bad letter  
and Brother?*