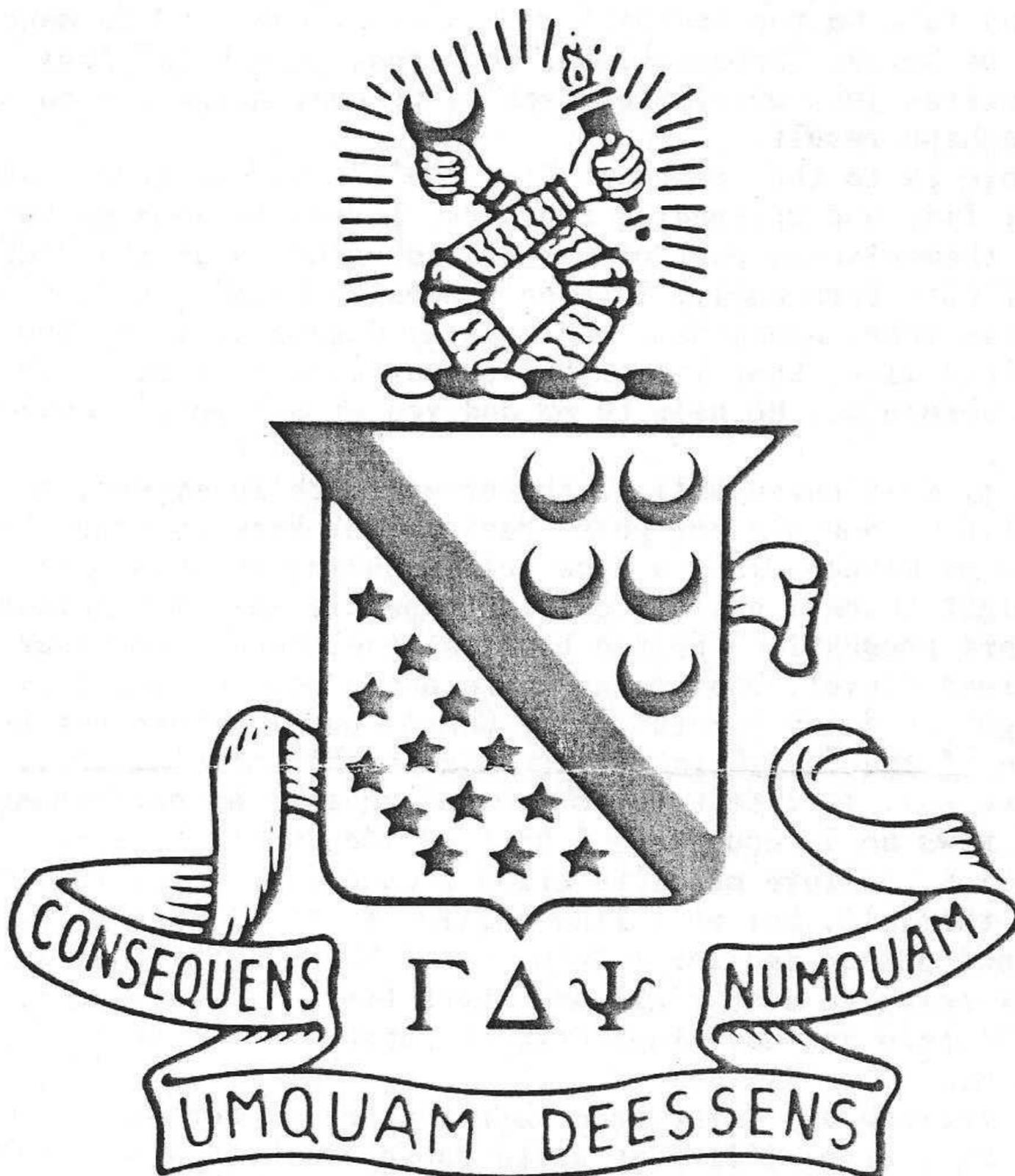


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THE GRIP



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brothers! It's now December and I've been your President for a whole four months. As each day passes, I see more and more what needs to be done and I become more confident of my ability to see it done. The only problem seems to be I need HELP!!!!!!

Now, I don't mean sacrificing all your free time to be my slave. I mean one night a week tops, or a couple of hours whenever you can squeeze it in. See, I can see the problems, but I only have two hands, one body, no car, and certainly not much money. (Oh yeah, I can't type either)

To be honest, what would please me more than anything else would be to see Brothers write letters. To each other, to the chapters, to the I.B.C., to the Trustees, Grand Brothers, or how about the "King of Correspondance", our very own Malcolm S. Dixon. You can't consider yourself a part of an organization if you see and talk to the Brothers once a year. Can you? To make it real easy we will be having "International Correspondance Week" from Jan. 4-11 1987. If everyone writes just one letter, you'll be real surprised to see how many instant friendships result.

The next note is to the "Board of Trust Me's". As the newest addition to this group of fine and upstanding Brothers, I find it amazing that this group can consider themselves a part of what is referred to as the "ACTIVE" membership of GDP. Personally, I haven't seen or heard a word from the northern portion of this Board since May, and have my doubts as to whether they even know what I look like. What I'm trying to say boys is that at this point in time you are absolutely no help to me and you of all people could have written back.

I'll throw my next curve ball at the other stick in my mud, the Southern half of the I.B.C. How are you guys? Having fun? Nice to hear. See these guys don't talk to me either. It's a nice relationship, eh guys?

Well you might think I get off on giving people shit but nothing bothers me more. **there** are presently 3 people besides myself who I consider active on the International level. That means there are a hell of a lot of Bro's out there who might be doing something for Gamma, but I'm sure not hearing about it.

The purpose of the "Grip" is to act as a monthly newsletter to the Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi. If I talk to no one and receive no correspondance, then what sort of news am I reporting? I have NO idea what the Chapters have done since Convention. Believe me, I've tried a couple of times to strike up regular contact with them all, but it's like pulling teeth. I have to go out and find each individual person and force info out of them. I think it's ridiculous, and I'm perfectly ready to dump y'all and start fresh. I'm not going to hold on to these lame chapters and have them drag me through their shit. Think I'm just kidding? Try me.

If I don't receive any input from your chapter by February, (the next issue), I won't put out a Grip. I'll just write those Brothers who deserve to know what's happening in my life. All 3 of them. And maybe together we can find some Brothers who care enough to at least write the Prez and say hello.

Fraternally,
Edward J. Decker
#103 Gamma Eta
I.B.C. President 86-87

The Grip Begs You

This is a simple, straightforward plea for help. If you would like to see the Grip published regularly, and better yet, have enough copies to go around, then how about some financial assistance? I'll do all the work to put it together and distribute it, but I can't afford all the copying and postage. I'm writing this because there is a Brother out there who took it upon himself to make a donation of \$1(Amer.). Yes folks, you guessed it, Malcolm S. Dixon.

If y'all could possibly match his donation, I'd be in Heaven!

LETTERS TO THE GRIP

Dear Grip,

So, you thought that after I won the "E.J." award at Convention you wouldn't get any more of my disturbing mail. Well guess again.

I remember that when I used to be Corresponding Secretary the thing I wanted the most in Gamma Delta Psi was to have any kind of communication between Brothers.

Well, I still love that idea but lately I've put much thought into another. Did you ever "dream" of having 20 active chapters? It's not impossible, in the Bob Guthrie era it happened. So why can't it happen now?

Perhaps if we tried to inch our way up from north to south we could have a chain, a strong chain of chapters which could say with authority that they are a member of Gamma Delta Psi. Right now we are proud to be Delts but our numbers are decreasing quickly.

I'm NOT saying that we start inducting hordes of chapters that will crumble, I still want to see Brotherly love. However for the Fraternity's sake I want to see more of this love. I'm very proud to be a Brother of Gamma Delta Psi and I want to see it prosper, just like you do. And should the day come when we really don't care anymore, then that is the day of our infamy.

If you know a group of respectable guys that go to a different school that are really into it, don't hesitate, contact the IBC. And remember that if you wait too long that they just might lose interest, it happens.

Remember that Gamma Delta Psi is a chain of hearts, bonded in brotherly love, and our strength lies within our weakest link. Don't be that rusty link, strive to be the strongest. Not for me, not for some petty award, but for your Brothers before you, the ones now, but mostly for Brothers to come.

Yours in Bond,

Bro. Pete Dekker
"Junkyard Spicoli"
Gamma Eta V.P.

Brothers,

A MERRY CHRISTMES AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Have a great X-mas in St. Kitts. We'll have to get together for a party. Remember the corn-roast!

Bro. Stephen W. Moore
Gamma Alpha #121

P.S. I have a job as a waiter at Stage West Dinner Restaurant Theatre in Mississauga, this Jan. I am enrolled in Portrait photo, Fashion photo, Wedding photo, and Horticulture.

Bye

GAMMA ETA NOV. NEWSLETTER

Aloha Bros;

Well how are y'all doin'? Gamma Eta got by this month. Although there were no memorable events like semies, parties, etc., we had alot of fun with our goats. One goat got the boot this month which left us with two.

Also in Gamma Eta, our President, Treasurer, and Civivs Organizer had their offices revoked. Brother Derek Bailey filled the office of treasurer, as well as his original office as Historian. Brother Chris Burnip stole the office of Civics and yours truly, (Pete Dekker) recieved the office as President.

The new Civics department has much planned for december, including a Gamma Delta Psi hockey tournament. We'll keep you notified. In closing, Hang Loose Dudes!

Yours in Bond,

Bro. 127 Junkyard Spicoli

I.B.C. REPORTS

Northern Vice-President

Dear Brothers of G.D.P. or those concerned;

Just a little letter to everyone who is a part of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity. Since August, when the new board was formed, The Grip was sent out only once. The reason? "LACK OF INPUT". No one seems to be wanting or caring about what's happening in this Fraternity. The I.B.C. sent every chapter a copy, PLUS the Board of Trustees, Crescent Clubs, Interested Alumni, but still nothing is sent back. Since elected Northern V.P. I haven't recieved a single letter from anyone in this entire Fraternity, NORTH OR SOUTH, PATHETIC!!!!!!!!!!

To all those who are still concerned about GDP "It Will Continue". It has survived comfortably for over a hundred years, and as long as there are a few Brothers who care, it will live again. So if you do care, and want to help Gamma Delta Psi prosper, show some effort and make a difference.

Yours in Bond Forever!

Ronald J. Kita
N.V.P. 86-87
Gamma Eta #118

Historian

Yo Bros

How y'all doin'. I'm fine up here in St.Kitts. I'm presently your IBC Historian and I'm getting things ready for my Historians display at Convention 87 right here in St. Catharines, and all you Bros better show up. Especially you Beta Xi, no excuses this time EH!

Thats about it from this end of the circuit. If I can get over to Sowie's I'll have a display for y'all at Convention. And by the way, why don't you guys (thats right, ALL you guys) get up off your butts and write a letter to one of your Bros. The only mail I get is from the oldest living Brother, so take note.

Yours in Bond,

Northern Sec/Treasurer Rambles on....and on...

Hey Now,

Well Bro's it looks like the season of jams and scantily clad young femmes is over and done with (at least on the outdoors front, indoors is another matter.)

I.B.C. life with it's delays and lack of time but it begins to roll again now that other pressures are releived. The Secretary Treasurer (being myself) does extend unto your holiday wishes of happiness and prosperity for you and yours. My Christmas time get's spent in the St. Catharines area catching up in all categories and enjoying life and the pursuit of happiness (be it blonds, brunettes, or red heads) For yet again Father is making an extensive trip leaving the homstead open for company. That means Pop leaves day after Christmas and a week long slumber party begins. Hopefully without the damages of last March's bashes. (But that is a story you don't know about and will have to wait untill the next Grip) Here's a concept for you Bro's who don't know what to place on the pages of the Grip; Tell me a story about an evening out with the Bro's and we'll exchange cultural concepts.....

Anyway Back to reality. I will catch you on the mail services

Yours in bond,

Peter "Jaba" McQuinn

A Civics Note

The I.B.C. in co-operation with Gamma Eta, 610/CKTB and Community Club awards are in the process of attempting to raise a little cash by saving reciepts, proofs of purchase etc.

The reason we get money is we collect from a certain number of local merchants who have all contributed in some way to the cash awards. In total there will be \$10,000 in prize money to be won over a period of 10 weeks.

If you live in the St.Catharines area (make that ONTARIO), and you want to know how you can help, please give me a call at home anytime. We can use reciepts from anywhere in the province from places like Avondale and Wendy's.

I don't know if it is worth the effort but what the hell, I got nothin better to do.

E.J.D.

COMING EVENTS

Here you will find a few items confirmed, and you will also here of the many great ideas which we are presently working on. We are having some problem booking more than one event at a time. These things cost money, don't you know.

Gamma Eta Christmas Dance

The boys from L.S.S.S., in keeping up their reputation as a fun bunch of guys, are holding yet another Semi-Formal affair. Since the board has nothing planned for the holiday season, why not come out and see how we have a real good time!

Christmas "Warm-Up" Prom
Friday December 19, 1986
Ukranian Hall, 179 Niagara St.
St. Catharines, Ont. 8-1a.m.

Southern Christmas Dance

Although this is not the official Alumni dance, as in past years, it is still a GDP event. All the southern Bro's are encouraged to come on out and bring a friend. For more info, contact Brother Crist.

Southern Christmas "Alumni" Dance
Saturday December 20, 1986
The "Barn", Richard Bland College
Petersburg, Va. 8-1a.m.

The Rematch - Gamma Eta vs. Beta Xi

This annual meeting is at least as old as my jockstrap, and a hell of a lot more exciting! The Brothers of Gamma Eta, though they have never won a game of anything, will be back at full strength. (which means our goalie will wear skates this year)

The Game - Killer Ice Hockey
The Date - Tuesday December 23, 86
The Time - 12-2p.m.

If the Brothers from Gamma Alpha, Gamma Xi, or any Alumni wish to come out and strut their stuff, they are more than welcome.

International Correspondance Week Jan. 4-11, 1987

During this week, I am expecting each chapter to write to every brother on the mailing list. This should be spread out over the active membership and not be left up to the Corr. Sec. to do it himself. It may sound like a big job, but I'll be writing everyone personally, so I think a whole chapter can pull it off. Don't treat this like something trivial. Widespread communication is our biggest problem at the moment. So write! Write! Write!

coming events (cont'd)

The rest of these are the "great ideas" we're presently attempting to turn into extraordinary historical events.

- the board will be hosting a Valentines Day "Sweetheart" Semi-Formal on Saturday February 14, 1987. This will be in St. Kitts, and we will be assisted by Gamma Eta's sister Sorority, Theta Sigma Rho, who have recently resumed operations.

- the Founder's Day Alumni Reunions (North & South), to be held on the 11th and 18th of April, 1987. The specific dates of each will be available in the next Grip. I will also be holding rallies on the same day as each dance.

- The Big "C", that's right, Convention 87. Where you ask? Why, St. Catharines Ontario, Canada of course. The dates are July 31- Aug. 2. Again, more details in the next gribbler.

I.B.C. Halloween Masquerade Ball

In our attempts to create a little working capital, while having a real good time, we had a Halloween Dance. It was an overwhelming success in both respects. There were about 200 costumes in attendance; some gorgeous blonde cops, a running shoe (about 6'6"), a pair of tasty genies, a two headed pirate, and plenty of medics to describe a few. The only difficulty of the evening came when our home D.J. equipment overloaded and delayed the tunes a bit.

Financially speaking we profited approx. \$700 (that's about \$6.28 to you southern Bro's) of which we will be donating a fair portion to the Niagara Rehabilitation Center, here in St. Catharines.

So if you missed out, too bad. There's always next year!

E.J.D. #103

GAMMA ETA ROAD TRIP

How could I possibly forget? Yes, you read it right. The fine Bros from St. Catharines will be filling the family van of Tim "JAWS" Wyatt and heading South for that undeniable annual party, The March Break.

Though none of the Bros were able to give the exact dates at press time, Brother Jaws usures us that everything is A.O.K. as far as his getting the van is concerned.

So you have been forwarned, we are coming to terrorize the Tri-city area and drink a hell of a lot of beer!!!!

"J" Spicoli

Editor's Note

Although this Grip reads exactly like the last issue, (All Gamma Eta), with the exception of the Cute Guy and Brother Shux's contributions, I have put it out again. Boring isn't it!

To any Alumni receiving or reading a copy of this Grip, don't worry, there is more than 1 Chapter left. They just don't feel it necessary to let the rest of the crescent know what they are up to. Though I said it before, I hope someone reads this and feels that this Grip would be so much more useful if it contained a little more VARIETY. (A few light letters to the Grip, ALUMNI NOTES, suggestions for improvement, or anything you think would spice up this publication.

Again this edition is so late the Coming Events are out of date. I told everyone I would publish this edition by Dec. 15. I received but 3 submissions by the 8th and received the rest this past weekend. That's what I call a Group Effort.

So, well in advance, I am giving everyone fair warning. The next edition will go to print Valentines Weekend (That means I start typing on the 16th). I will of course do my part and I can only beg y'all for so long to not make me feel like I'm talking to myself

The President

GAMMA HUMOUR

Are you ready to turn your head in disgust! Blow lunch! Then this collection of stale humour is just what Mr. Hand ordered Bud.

Q. How do you know when your girlfriend has had too much oral sex?
A. When her face starts to look like a glazed donut!

Q. Why did the parrot wear a raincoat?
A. He wanted to be Poly-unsaturated

A few ethnic jokes anyone.....

Q. What do you call 50 Italians on your front yard?
A. Fertilizer

Q. Why don't Polish girls give good head?
A. Because they can't get their lips over your ears.

Q. What do you call 100 Newfies under the sea?
A. A good idea

Q. How do you know if you have flamingo's living in the neighbourhood?
A. By the plastic Italians in the front yard

By the Bros of Gamma Eta during a boring meeting