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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brothers and MERRY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone is looking forward to 87 with great anticipation and a desire to get things done. If all those Brothers who have started the new communication can keep it up, then it just might rub off on the rest of the Brotherhood. There are alot more open channels, but not near enough.

See, if there are 50 of you, that means I have to chase 50 people individually. But if you write me, thats 1 letter that lets all 50 people know what you are up to. Putting it all together is a real task, but having to dig up the info is even worse. So please keep it in mind.

My first area of concern is the "proposed" Northern Alumni Reunion. Everyone should have recieved a letter from Brother Bill Schmitt regarding this event; with some questions that need to be answered. As long as there is a good response, we will proceed. It all depends on your response. I would like to see a similar event take place in the South, but that is entirely up to the Southern portion of the I.B.C. to arrange. HINT. HINT.

Also, on the same day as the dances, I would like to hold our Regional Rallies. Not that we won't have the Rallies if we don't have the dances, but it would be "oh so convenient" if they were on the same day. I think this would also be a perfect opprotunity to induct a few new Chapters, though this depends entirely on their performance over the next 2 months.(there are presently 6 Crescent Clubs in operation)

To be a little more specific about the Crescent Clubs; there are 2 here in St. Catharines. Namely, Denis Morris H.S. and West Park S.S.. The first, D.M., has been around for a long time. There are basically 2 members left. One is already a member of Gamma Eta, and we are making plans to induct the other in March. This club will most likely not be inducted this year. West Park looks much more promising, with 6 possible members at present. They will be starting regular weekly meetings as of Feb. 22, Right Guys!

When we all thought it was too late, Brian Hollister of the Milan Crescent Club dropped us a line to say there is still hope. There is only so much I can do from here, Brother, but I will do anything I can to help. Just ask. The number is 1-416-935-7814, in case you didn't know.

And now comes "Johnny's Kids". Our newest member of the Board of Trustees has himself 3 Crescent Clubs and is working on a 4th. Hats off to you Brother Smith, and the best of luck in keeping them together long enough to expand our great chain!!! (hopefully at the Southern Rally in April)

It doesn't look like Gamma Eta will be making a Southern Plunge after all. Our travelling arrangements have fallen through and that's about all there is to say about that. My next attempt will be in late April for a Southern Rally. (Saturday the 18th, if possible J.B.)

To this point, I've not heard anything from Beta Alpha this year. Both Beta Xi and Gamma Alpha have yet to put it on paper,(write that is), although I am in touch with both Chapters. If you read this Brothers, do something about it. And you know I want to come to your next meeting Beta Xi, so when is it?

To close this President's message, I would like to say to the Chapters: Let's get it together. I'll come to your next meeting Beta Xi (you too Gamma Alpha). I really hope the Brothers of Beta Alpha can find it in their hearts to drop us a line someday. Oh yeah, Gamma Eta, well, you're all Garbage and you know it!!! Beta Pi, how about a letter from someone "in the Chapter". Teej is IBC.

The Trustee's: See y'all real soon. Well, the Northern half at least.

The Alumni: Call all your old Brothers and get'em out to the Alumni Reunion on April 10 or 11. Brother Schmitt will keep you posted.

To the Southern Board: That means you J.B., Bill Demet, and Teej. Just get together and talk at least. If you don't, then why the hell did you get on the I.B.C.? To give me a headache?

To Everyone: If you are one of those Bro's who doesn't like my approach to dealing with GDP, then I want to know how you would change things. I have accepted the responsibility to run this Fraternity and am doing the best job I can. If that ain't good enough, too bad.

I remain.....

Yours in Bond,

Edward J. Decker

#103 Gamma Eta

I.B.C. President 86-87

I.B.C. REPORTS

Northern Vice-President

Dear Brothers of GDP,

What an improvement! It looks like the Board's effort to get some correspondance has led to a prosperous acheivement. Bravo Bro's! Even I recieved a few letters, thanks Johnnie Smith, Malcolm, Grand Brother Stockdale, and of course Ed. It's nice to read letters while eating supper after a long and tedious day.

There is so much to say! Brother John Smith, down south, has got 3, count'em three Crescent Clubs in the process with a possible 4th on the way. Way to go Johnnie. While I am still working with the West Park Crescent Club, which is venturing slowly into the Grand Crescent of GDP. Wow, so much is happening. Gamma Eta having yet another Semi-Formal in St. Catharines, Brothers writing, Crescent Clubs Groovin', Northern Rally in the making, and Convention 87 on the drafting table. Gamma Delta Psi is really riding a high Crest.

Keep up the stupendous work Bros!!!!!

Ain't no stopping us now!!!!!

To GDP Crescent Clubs!

Please write a letter to me, including the number of prospective Charter Brothers, a few meeting minutes, and by-laws if any. I would personally like to write you's, but I have no address'. Don't be shy! I don't bite, right West Park!!!!!

Until next time,

Yours in Bond,

Ron Kita

Northern V.P. 87

Northern Secretary/Treasurer

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Yours in Bonds,

TJ (TEEJ) Dirienzo
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President Decker,

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Dear Ed,

Nice to hear from you again. I just answered a letter from Peter McQuinn. Well laid out letter in very heavy ink. No one enjoys the letters I receive, and I believe I get more letters from your Chapter than one could believe. You fellows are really on the ball. Before I forget it, did you get my check and could you cash it? You didn't mention it in your present letter. I hope Bro. Frawley from Eau Claire, (Chi Chapter) writes you.

If you want to put this letter into the Grip-you can. I'm not too well, but hope to overcome the problem. I'll be 81 soon, hope I can live 10 more years. Life has been excellent for Bro. "Shux" Dixon from Chi. Also the Lord has been good to me. You Canadians are really something. We Americans can learn a great deal from you. At least I think so.

Weather here in No. California not too bad. Temp. low at night around 32°F high today 58°. We only have about 3 months of winter. Rain is usually heavy, but not this year. Usually very seldom snows, unless you go up into the mountains. Any one can write me, I love it!

If you can cash a U.S.A. check up in your country - here is another small check.

So long,

Malcolm "Shux" Dixon
Chi Chapter - Eau Claire,
Wisconsin #130

Brother Ed,

Thanks for all the help you sent me! I have given out most of the Grips, Pledge Manuals, Mailing Lists, and Garnet & Silvers.

I have been working with all three Clubs. They will hopefully be:

Beta Psi Crescent Club - Prince George High School
Gamma Theta Crescent Club - St. Vincent DePaul High School
Beta Gamma Crescent Club - Thomas Dale High School

Also, I have a contact with a young man in Dale City (Northern Va.). His father works for the same Company I do, his name is Jeff Young. Maybe by June will have a Crescent Club there.

Hopefully, by 3/1/87, I will have talked with all the officials at the schools and we can begin to expand our chain once again.

Ed, put this letter in the Grip.

Thanks,

J.H. Smith

To Brothers of GDP,

What's happenin'? We're the West Park Crescent Club. Just a little message to y'all from us. there are six of us anxious to become a part of GDP. We're hesitant because we don't know ya and you don't know us. But we wanna know ya so write us and we'll respond, guaranteed. See ya at Spring Rally 87.

W.P.C.C.

Gamma Eta Newsletter
December

Yo Bros. This month started a little slow but was nevertheless profitable and fun. I guess I should start at the beginning because that's where it all begins. The beginning of this month for us was on the 19th. The date of the crime was on the last day of school in the evening, it was Gamma Eta's Xmas Semi-Formal. This proved to be socially productive, being that there were some Bros from Gamma Alpha and Beta Xi, not to mention a whole host of gorgeous women.

Our next adventure took place on the 23rd. For the first time in 19 years Gamma Eta won a hockey game. With the score being 12 to 9, it is safe to say that Beta Xi might be losing their touch. The Spicoli Chapter has struck again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

After that comes New Years, which occurs every now and then, and as usual, Brothers Chris and Steve Laubach threw one of their infamous New Years Bashes, in which Bro Ed Decker certainly had fun, Right Ed. And also a possible honorary Brother threw an equally intoxicating party.

Then just as everyone thought it was over, and everyone was still wearing ice packs, Brother Derek Bailey threw a hang over party, and what's a better way to get rid of a hang over than have another beer, right Ed.

Well that ended our month, and on behalf of the Chapter I'd like to wish every Delt, living or dead, a happy 1987, and always remember - Gaining Ever, Failing Never.

Bro. Pete Dekker
Junkyard Spicoli
Prez, Corr. Sec.

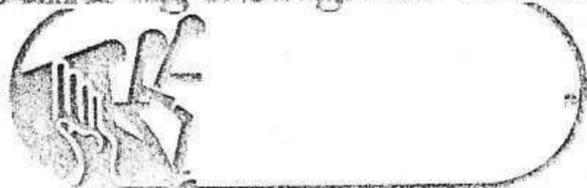
Below is the result of our extremely successful Halloween Dance. Though it took us a while to make the donation, we were more than happy to do so. For those who don't already know, we always name a charity for our dances, even though only 1 out of 3 held last semester profited enough to make any significant type of donation.

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Dear Alumni Brother

For several years the Board of Control of Gamma Delta Psi has been attempting to keep in touch with the many men who shared warm brotherhood in our Fraternity. Unfortunately as you remember from your active days, we have never been a 'cash rich' organization and in that regard, things really haven't changed. The IBC makes every attempt to make the Fraternities active sector self financing, this note is our attempt to do the same with the maintenance of our Alumni Mailing Lists.

If you have been receiving our mailings and wish to continue to do so, We would appreciate you're filling out the attached form and returning it to :

Ed Decker, IBC President
8 Karen Street
St. Catherines, Ontario
L2M 5X9

with a cheque for a minimum of \$10.00 to cover the costs of keeping you in touch with Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity for the forthcoming year. Unfortunately, if we do not receive your form before June 1st, 1987, we will be forced to drop your name from the mailing list.

Don't take a chance on loosing touch - MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHEQUE TODAY!!!

NAME:.....DATE:.....

STREET:.....

CITY, PROVINCE/STATE, ZIP OR P.C.....

.....TELEPHONE: (.....)

CHAPTER AND APPROX ACTIVITY DATES, .NOTES:

*** DON'T FORGET YOUR CHEQUE ***

CRUSTY'S Corner

This the first Crusty's corner of 1987 and I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and hope 1987 is prosperous to all. 1986 was filled with it's ups and downs and a big change in the IBC, while we have lost some of the veterans of the past few years, we have gained some new and inspired blood to help motivate this struggling fraternity. I have missed being involved on the board level but am always interested in hearing and helping out everyone at any time.

As you have seen in the past editions of the Grip our Bro. ED Decker and the rest of the chapter of Gamma Eta are pushing for greater alumni support and while this is a very valid and needed part of holding this fraternity together, I must say that the Alumni can only do so much. Most of us so called "alumni" have put our years into the Fraternity for our own enjoyment and time has come when the other facts of life must take precedent over the time we use to spend on fraternity matters. We would like to lend our spare time to help everyone out and most of us will likely be there in times of trouble but a Fraternity is not run on alumni members only.

I feel that the key to this Fraternity's success is not in the contribution of the alumni but the contribution of the active members of the chapters. It is their responsibility to ensure that this organization remains intact. It is up to the Chapters to correspond with each other, their the ones who are benefiting from the present gains of the Fraternity. We should look to strengthening our present chapters and expanding elsewhere so that other young men men gain from the same things we once did. Remember one thing, there will always be alumni around to help in times of trouble, but if there are no chapters, there will be nothing to help in the future. Everybody keep working and keep GAMMA DELTA PSI GROWING AND PROSPERING !!

FRATERNALLY,

Bill "CRUSTY" Michelin

Crusty
ΓΔΨ/ΓΗ #99
ΓΔΨ #1c

COMING EVENTS

I don't know what any other chapter besides Gamma Eta does on their own, (like dances), so here is all the coming events I know about. Did I miss anything?

A Hockey Tournament?

It seems that Gamma Alpha has managed bring back this "annual" event. With both Gamma Eta and Beta Xi travelling to Rexdale, it should prove a good one. Only problem is we have 2 hours in which to play 3 games. All interested should meet at Bro. Chris Durand's before the game.

Gamma Delta Psi Hockey Tournament
Saturday February 21, 1987 9-11pm
Doublerrinks, Rexdale, Ont.

For details - Chris Durand (416) 749-8882

Gamma Eta Semi-Formal Dance

Today's theme is "Beat the February Blahs" at "Jack's 2nd Annual Birthday Bash". Gamma Eta returns in 87 with a party to cure your mid-winter boredom. Hope y'all can make it out to have a real good time.

"Beat the February Blah's"
Saturday February 28, 1987
Ukranian Black Sea Hall, 455 Welland Ave.
St. Catharines, Ont. 8-1am

The trip that should've been!

Though there is still a slim chance, we will probably not be in Virginia for March Break 87. If something changes, we'll let y'all know.

Northern Alumni Reunion

It is official! We will be holding our first annual Alumni Reunion on Saturday April 11, 1987 at 7pm. The place is the Bloor Park Health & Fitness Club, in the Hudson's Bay Centre, corner of Young and Bloor, in the heart of Toronto.

Complete details will be forthcoming as all arrangements are tentative. So be sure you mark it on your calenders, tell your Brothers, and just plain get ready. You don't want to miss this one.

Northern Alumni Reunion
Saturday April 11, 1987
Bloor Park Health & Fitness Club,
Hudson's Bay Center, Corner of Young & Bloor,
Toronto, Ont. 7pm.....?

Northern Rally

Since the dance is in T.O., then the Rally will most likely be in Rexdale the same day. I will be arranging things with Gamma Alpha this weekend when we attend the Hockey Tourney. So get ready all you Northern Chapters & Crescent Clubs!

Northern Rally - Spring 87
Saturday April 11, 1987
Rexdale Ont. 10am...?

Southern Happenings

Like I said before, I hope someone down there can set up similar events for the Southern Brothers. I really can't do much from here.

Convention 87

If you haven't guessed already, will be in St. Catharines, Ontario. I said in the last Grip the dates would be July 31-Aug. 2. I'd like to ask everyone if they would prefer those dates or Labour Day Weekend? (which is Sept. 4-6) Please think about it and get back to me. Official arrangements will be made as soon as the Alumni Dances and Rallies are dealt with.

***** ATTENTION CHAPTERS *****

A last minute entry: There is going to be a President's Conference on Sunday, March 8th. This will be held at Brother Don Sowchuck's at 2:30pm. I sincerely hope that the Chapter Presidents and Vice-Presidents are able to attend.

This will be a perfect opportunity to plan future functions together (dances, rallies, tournaments, etc.) and to take care of alot of necessary Fraternity business. So let's make an effort! If the date or time is not good for you, then let me know as soon as possible.

Northern Presidents Conference
Sunday March 8, 1987 2:30pm...?
275 Vine St. #811
St. Catharines, Ont.

Editors Note

Well, this column is slowly becoming the President's Message continued, but at least I get the info out. A couple of things that happened this week: 1/ the Trustee meeting on Wednesday at Brother Johnstone's. A lot of Fraternity questions were cleared up, and I hope that I didn't leave a bad impression on the rest of the Trustees. 2/ the Hockey Tournament - not exactly a smash success, but Gamma Alpha sure showed us what the term "Hockey Team" is all about. My apologies to Beta Xi if in fact I did tell you the wrong starting time. It was by no means intentional.

Back to the Grip. Thanks a million for the input Brothers, it makes it all worthwhile. I just hope this wasn't a "One Shot" deal, and I have to go back to my old, bitter self. The next Grip will go to print Monday March 30. So send those reports as soon as possible!!!

Finally, it looks as though I may not be the "great" President I thought I was capable of becoming. But then again, it's only been 7 months, and stranger things have happened!

E.J.D.

#103 Gamma Eta



THE COMMUNITY CLUB AWARDS

The Brothers of Gamma Eta have recently become associated with this group here in St. Catharines.

From the Buyer's Guide: CCA is a \$10,000.00 organizational fund raising activity limited in participation to non-profit clubs and service organizations of Greater Niagara area and not to individuals. Participation is open to all organizations interested in earning additional dollars - funds for their treasuries for civic, religious, fraternal, social, charitable, educational and other worthwhile community ment purposes. Certification for CCA participation shall be by B610.

Though I can safely say GDP stands to make little from this venture in 87 due to lack of overall participation, it is a great ANNUAL opprotunity for us to ease the strain of a our constantly hurting bank account.

If you live in the area, and think you might like to help save cash register reciepts, proofs of purchase, and gain us "Bonus Points", please let me know real soon. The final date for this project is Wed., April 22, 1987.

MORE ALUMNI NOTES

Gerry Thompson - has broken his "Radio Silence", but can't find anything worth watching on the tube. Hope things pick up Bro!

Danny Wyatt - has informed me of his early retirement from the realms of GDP. His mere 20 years of service will be long remembered by all who had the priveledge of knowing him.



Updated Mailing List

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