

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Before I get to the regular business of this edition of our monthly newsletter, I have something for y'all to think about. To me, belonging to a "Brotherhood" holds alot of meaning, and requires more than making it through the Induction. But everyday I notice more and more how the concentrated efforts of the few barely hold together our great Fraternity. So ask yourself this; have I done anything this month to help my "Brothers", or have I always considered myself a Brother because I got inducted. There is a job for every single Brother in this Fraternity, if he is willing to lend a hand. If you're unsure of yours, give me a call.

I've spent the last few months working towards increased organization on my own part. Basically, I'm trying to update and circulate our official Publications and report forms. Many Bros will be surprised to find that these are all "standard procedure", but have obviously fallen to neglect.

The first of the report forms in circulation is the Presidents Quarterly Report form. All 6 Chapter Presidents have recieved a copy to be filled out for the first quarter and returned immediately if not sooner. Thus far I have recieved 1 completed but am hoping to recieve them all real soon, or we cannot publish an up to date mailing list. In the near future Brothers should expect District Deputy Report forms, Civics Report forms, etc. etc..

In the form of publications, I am presently accepting any and all suggestions for the updated pledge manual until April 88. Brother McQuinn is also accepting ideas for the Garnet and Silver. On a smaller scale, copies of the Constitution, Treasurer's Handbook, Rituals and Ceremonies, Convention 87 Minutes, Officer's Handbooks, History of GDP, and Updated Mailing Lists will all be available by the New Year.

A few days ago, I sent out a letter to all the Northern Board of Control Members, requesting their suggestions for regulating our meetings. My preferences were every 2nd week on Sunday or Monday night. From the response thus far, I believe we will be going with Mon. nights, commencing whenever I here from all the members. Don't delay! Respond today!

While we're on the topic of meetings, I'd like to ask the Board of Trustees the same question. When can y'all make it to a meeting? If it's that hard to get together, then the sooner a date is set, the easier it would be. Even if it's in June, at least set the date and location soon. Your written suggestions would be of great assistance.

Next topic up is the area of civics. At this year's Convention, all the Chapter's present had some great idea's for sports tournaments, but I haven't seen any. When all else fails, have a Hockey Tournament! This year we will hold it in St. Kitts in the spring. Everyone will know well ahead of time so we don't have any mistakes. Besides that, Beta Xi is having a Halloween Party, and that's all that's planned, unless you know something I don't.

In keeping on the topic of civics, it's about time we did some fund-raising. Last year we earned \$1000 delivering flyers, but I went and spent most of it on the GDP polo shirts! My biggest financial miscalculation of my fraternal career, for which I must apologize. (we still have lots of them if anyone is interested!) If I could set up something similar, would y'all participate? We could split the profits so the Chapters also get some operating capital. Let me know today. Any other suggestions to make us some money would be Greatly Appreciated.

I'd like to make a special request to all Brother's to help us build up our Alumni Mailing List. Most Brother's still know at least a few Bro's or at least where they are. Please help out our Alumni Association and forward any addresses as soon as possible. The Chapter's should try to contact their own Alumni whenever they get a chance. (Try the Phone Book!)

The South - Officially consists of 2 active Chapters; Beta Alpha and Beta Pi. 2 IBC Officers, 2 Trustees, 2 District Deputies, and a large Alumnus. There is proper representation in all areas, but I still get the feeling we're thousands of miles apart. With the exception of T.J., and a recent newcomer, David Webster of Beta Alpha, contact from y'all is non-existent. The phone bills are starting to bother me and I feel a letter is much more efficient, not to mention easier to file. So if y'all are feeling the distance too, just write a letter or two! Oh yeah, is there going to be a Rally and Dance on Dec. 19? I don't know until you inform me.

In regards to Gamma Psi, I have nothing to report except the letter from Epsilon, and what is shaping into the Brock Colony. I'm not sure why Bro. Dave Dekker didn't call me back, and no attempt was made to let me know what was happening in reference to the rally in Windsor, but I hope the Brothers are not leaving me out on purpose. If that's the case, then let me know now. Pete and myself would have been there if we knew where to go. As far as Brock goes, they had a great keg party last weekend!

Well, this President's Message is running to an end, but before I go I have two things to say. First; I would like to tell the Crescent about the Northern Rally we had on Sept. 26. Fourteen Brothers of Gamma Eta attended so we had a meeting, not a rally. I hope Beta Xi, Gamma Alpha, and Gamma Rho will at least send a representative to the next Rally tentatively scheduled for Saturday Dec. 12. (Probably at Q.E. Centre). Lastly, I will be at home every Sunday night after 7pm. Now, even though I have an answering machine I should never hear that I'm hard to get a hold of. Till next month Brothers, I remain...

Fraternally Yours in Bond,

Edward J. Decker

#103 Gamma Eta

Letters To The Grip

Jewellery

On May 27 at an I.B.C. meeting held in Hamilton, a phone call was made to Brother Neil Wamsley in Petersburg, Virginia. The I.B.C. decided to regain the important information to re-establish contact with L.G. Balfour in Attleboro Mass. In order to, make once again Fraternity Jewellery available to the brothers.

Brother Ron Kita has the responsibility of becoming the official Fraternity Jewellery Representative, in which all purchases of Fraternity Jewellery shall be through him. Brother Neil Wamsley informed Ron Kita of all relative information for Contacts Coustomer Numbers, Code and Set Numbers E.T.C. It was then agreed that Brother Neil would send the remaining jewellery, 4 Pledge Pins, and would be reimbursed for costs of the jewellery, shipping E.T.C.

Ron then wrote L.G. Balfour a letter restablishing contact with Balfour. The L.G. Balfour Fraternity Catalog, "THE BLUE BOOK" was sent along with the prices for each item of jewellery representing Gamma Delta Psi. A 20% Mark-Up will be issued to all brothers.

All purchase orders will be payed for in American Funds to Brother Ron. The reason for the American Fund payment is that Ron doesn't want the hassle of exchanging Canadian Funds to American. Maybe sometimes getting less for the "LOONIES" than the random fluctuation of the "LOONY" realative to this "GREENBACK" also a American Currency Bank Account will be established soley for the purchasing of Fraternity Jewellery through the hands of Brother Kita. Therefore it will be up to the Brother concerned how much he gets for his Canadian Dollar.

JEWELLERY

The prices are as follows:

OFFICAL PIN	10K \$59.00	Balclad \$42.00
SISTER PIN	10K \$44.00	Balclad \$34.00
PLEDGE PIN	(white)	\$6.00
COAT OF ARMS	(stick-pin)	\$6.00
CHAPTER PRESIDENT KEY	10K \$89.00	Balclad \$54.00
CHAPTER GUARDS	Plain \$37.00	Engraved \$40.00
ADDITIONAL DANGLES		\$20.00

Balclad a look a like for Gold. It tarnished and must be polished. Other types of Jewellery can be purchased such as Earrings, Rings, Necklaces and Bracelets, anything that is in the BLUEBOOK may be purchased. Through Ron, any and all profits will remain in account and put towards purchasing a display set of official jewellery that will be kept in a display case. Kept with the official Fraternity Jeweller Rep.

PARAPHERNALIA

During the past year the I.B.C. was discussing the idea of having one particular person, through which miscellaneous Fraternity Things, such as Towels, Pennants, Openers. E.T.C. Could be bought from. This idea came about because of New Crescent Club Formations. Once they became Chapters they would have no idea on where to purchase Fraternity Paraphernalia. Therefore the I.B.C. proposed a single person would be separately in charge of distributing and ordering Fraternity Paraphernalia. A separte Canadian Account is to set up for paraphernaila. Again all transactations will be through Brother Ron Kita of the I.B.C.

Here are some of the priced paraphernalia:

PENNANTS	\$2.50
HATS	\$7.00
TOWELS	\$12.00
GYM BAGS	\$14--20.00 Depends on style
POLOSHIRTS	\$18.00

If you would like to purchase anything please write;

RON KITA  
 7 Facer Street  
 St. Catharines, ONT  
 Canada L2M 5H1

1-416-937-2048

Report of the I.B.C. Editor

Hello brothers, how ya'all doing. Welcome to the report of the Editor (Peter McQuinn #123 Gamma Eta). I hope you've all been fine young examples of the pursuit of happiness through Gamma Delta Psi. Once more I should state the purpose of having an Editor.

The Editor has to compile, edit, and solicit advertising for the Yearbook of good old GDP. On the "compile" side that means many, many photos of all the chapters doing what chapters do best (whatever that is each chapter can decide). And where do these photos come from do you ask? Well let me tell you: they come right from every individual brother and chapter in all of GDP (especially the Corresponding Seceretaries) If you have any scenes that should go down in history from last year or this coming year feel more than free to send those little spuds along to me with a nice little write up describing just what the silly picture is all about.

On the Edit side I'll get back to you if I need any help but I think that procedure is one I get stuck with all by my lonesome. (of course if you feel an overwhelming need to help give me a call)

On the advertising part every one of you gets to help on that project (don't you feel special that you were chosen for this Oh' so important task without which there will be no yearbook, I thought you might). Soon I'll be sending you full details as to just what that intails so be ready.

Other things that have been taking up the time of this Editor is the formation of a new Gamma Psi colony (pre-chapter) at Brock University in St. Catharines. That means that any of you that will be going into that institution of higher learning will have one hell of a good time, as well as continue in the fine GDP tradition of Scholarship, Tolerance, Social Poise, and Citizenship that you have all grown so accustomed to. A KEG party was recently held which raises approx. \$200. (Larry, Dave, or the Crustiest of Crusties, if you are reading this a full report should be in your mailboxes the day after you recieve this Grip). Everything looks great.

Well brothers it's been nice rambling to ya'all and I hope to be seeing all of you at the Christmas Dance down South on the 19th of Dec. or at some earlier occasion yet to be announced.

Until then, smile big and keep the girl happy. Just don't tell her what you do with the boys from GDP.

Your Editor in Fraternal Bond,  
Peter "JABA the Hungwell" McQuinn  
Gamma Eta #123 "the Grip"



Dear Grip,

I am proud to announce that the Brothers of the newly established Epsilon Chapter of Gamma Psi Fraternity International have commenced operations for the 87/88 school year. Epsilon Chapter of the University of Western Ontario was established on March 28, 1987 with the induction of its original ten founding Brothers. U.W.O. presents many great opportunities for the growth of our flourishing Chapter. As a matter of fact, this year has been the best for rushing due to the vast influx of under graduate students and the growing popularity of Fraternities at Western.

As a newly established Chapter, we have selected a group of the finest hand picked pledges on campus. We have already started to organize fund-raisers and events for our pledges and we hope to run events with our Brother Chapters to become better acquainted with all of the Great Brothers of Gamma Psi.

I would like to thank you all for welcoming us into the International Brotherhood and I would like to give special thanks to Larry Belcher (International President), Bill Michelin (International Vice-President) and all of the representatives of Gamma and Delta Chapters who conducted the Induction Ceremony that established this Epsilon Chapter of Gamma Psi Fraternity. I assure you all that we will do our best to develop into a strong and active Chapter. Most of all, the ideals of the Brotherhood and the values of our founding fathers will be sacred and upheld by our Chapter for generations to come. We wish to welcome all future pledges to the University of Western Ontario and most of all, we hope to greet all of you into the Brotherhood of Gamma Psi.

Brother in Bond,

Robert Tsuyuki #4c  
Epsilon Chapter, Gamma Psi

Footnote from the writer: This is a report which was written over a month before publication, it's a little outdated but I still like the sound of it and have left it relatively unchanged besides editing a few problems which were written about that have been resolved. I have newer things to say and this is long so you'll here anything more through correspondance. (to Dave's letter below)

Well Brothers,

Sept. 22/87

As I am writing this message to y'all I am in a good mood. It's best that I've had a couple of days to cool down before writing it because if this had been written after that so called Northern Rally I suppose you wouldn't have finished reading it due to not wanting to hear what truths I'd have written, the way they would have been written then. This, technically is supposed to be the Monthly Newsletter of Gamma Eta, but since there is no real news I am writing this more for self-gratification since I'm hoping some of what I say might sink into someone's head.

It's better I put this in writing since anything I say to the Brothers of Beta Xi goes in one ear and out the other. At least if you're reading this you have to think about it once before you forget it, and then it will still be there in writing for you to possibly see it again someday.

First on my list to chew out is the entire Chapter of Beta Xi. Now I don't know if it's that you guys couldn't care less about GDP or if you couldn't care less about what I have to say but any news I've relayed to any of you seems to be forgotten after the next thought that comes into your head. I found it quite humorous in the halls on Monday hearing peoples reasons, almost all of them were "Gee, I didn't know", for not showing up at a Northern Rally in your city. I found not knowing quite humorous because I myself told every Brother I saw where & when this was to take place. Now if I tell 15 people why can't 1 delegate appear, why can't anyone else hear about it? Don't you guys communicate? I know you do but do you communicate about Gamma Delta Psi or do communicate about Beta Xi? Think about that one. I swear, if you guys weren't in the same city as 2 other active Chapters you would be another Beta Alpha (In case you're wondering what I mean there is a Chapter, BA, that functions but no-one knows it but them). Remember, you guys are part of Beta Xi Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International, NOT Beta Xi Fraternity Collegiate. I don't like to sound harsh but you guys treat it like a club you might as well stay part of so you can put goats through. Now my message has been, as I said, a bit harsh, but in my first 3 weeks as your District Deputy and going to your school that's all I've been led to say to y'all. I'm not trying to slap your wrists or piss you off with my words, hell no! I want to see you guys make me eat my words and apologize to y'all for these words. Enough towards Beta Xi, it's time for words to Gamma Eta.

This is the part I'll put in a happy note by congratulating the Gamma Eta boys on showing up to Saturday's so-called Northern Rally. OK, that's enough of happy notes. Now Gamma Eta, why does it take a Northern Rally just to get enough people out to hold a Chapter meeting? While on that note, (this is for the entire Fraternity), What does it take to have a rally of all the Northern Chapters? Convention?! Out of 5 Canadian Chapters, 3 of which are in the same city as the rally, we held a Gamma Eta Meeting. What does it take guys? Free Beer!!!!!! We have a newly inducted Canadian Chapter, whom I haven't heard from since Niagara Falls with them after Convention. Now I'm not saying I'm the perfect Brother and don't make mistakes but I communicate any chance I get, think about this guys I want some feedback. And not just to myself I mean throughout this Fraternity. I have so much to say and this has become long and boring to those who are still reading it to this point, a lot of what I have to say can be written in my personal letters to each Chapter so I will end on the note that in my next months contribution to the Grip I hope I have good things to relay about Beta Xi, Gamma Alpha & Gamma Rho, along with Gamma Eta news.

Yours Fraternally,

Dave Horhota  
Gamma Eta #114

## COMING EVENTS

### Toga Party!

It's been a long time coming, but it's going to happen again! A Gamma Eta Toga Party! All Brothers are welcome along with any fine looking females they might bring along. If you heard about the last one, you won't want to miss it!

Gamma Eta Toga Party  
Friday October 30, 1987  
88 Argyle (Corner of Westchester, near 406)  
St. Catharines, Ont. 8pm-?

### Halloween Bash!

The Brothers of Beta Xi are holding this year's Costume Party at the Esquire Hotel here in St. Kitts.. Hope to see y'all there I'll enjoy being a guest for a change! (If you notice a rebel toga in the crowd, it's probably me)

Beta Xi Halloween Bash  
Saturday October 31, 1987  
Esquire Hotel, Queenston St.  
St. Catharines, Ont. 8pm-1am

A Semi-Formal? the possible date is Nov. 27th. More later.

### Northern Rally

Yes folks, we're going to try again! We hope all the Northern Chapters make an effort this time so we can act like a whole Fraternity, not a bunch of Chapters. The date should be Saturday December 12, here in St. Kitts. Time and Place will be decided in the near future.

### Southern Rally and Dance

I'm not sure if there is a specific location for this yet, but I hope there will be soon. I'll include full details once they become available. The agreed upon date is Saturday December 19.

\*\*\* As I said in my report, I'll work on a Hockey Tournament. If your Chapter has any plans or ideas, let me know. This is your newsletter, so make the best of it! Till November...

EJD