

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International

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THE GRIP



THE GRIP- THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I certainly hope y'all enjoyed your holidays as much as I did, even if we didn't have any snow at Christmas! I have been a little too busy lately to keep in touch with y'all but, of course, the Grip has once again appeared to solve that problem.

Since the last issue, a few events have taken place to keep Gamma Delta Psi alive and well in St. Catharines. First up would be the Semi Formal of Nov. 27th at the Black Sea Hall. A fine party, with about 300 patrons in attendance. With the exception of the music disaster which was remedied by 11pm, things went fairly well, with a profit of approximately \$600 overall. A \$200 donation was made to The Joint Hospital Capitol Campaign of St. Catharines as they sponsored the event.

Next up was the Northern Rally of December 12th. Three of our Four active Northern Chapters had delegates present, Gamma Eta, Gamma Rho, and Beta Xi. Much was discussed but I do believe little was really accomplished, though I would like to thank those Brothers that did attend. Doesn't anybody remember Convention? These rallies are meant to keep us together between Conventions! There will be Northern AND Southern Rallies in March or April so I hope we have a better showing next time.

What we did decide on at the Rally were a couple of sporting events, or more precisely, two kinds of Hockey. First we played Ice Hockey on Dec. 22nd. It was intended as a Gamma Eta v.s. Beta Xi but the teams were a little uneven. Gamma Eta had 15 skaters plus a goalie while Beta Xi had 2 skaters period. If you are a brother of Beta Xi and you knew about the game, give me a call and tell me why you didn't attend. Your Chapter used to care about these things. The following Tuesday we played ball hockey. This was open to all the Chapters, but, as usual, Gamma Eta outnumbered everyone else, although Beta Xi had 5 Brothers in attendance this time, and Kevin Smith of Gamma Rho also showed his face. Thanks to all those who came out.

On to the present. First off, your Northern I.B.C. will be meeting every Tuesday night from now till Convention. I feel this is the only way we as a Board of Control can run this Fraternity properly and continue to work on our expansion. Along these same lines is the B.O.T. meeting that Bill Schmitt is attempting to organize. Give him all your support please Brothers!

On Tuesday Feb. 2nd we hope to have a Northern President's Conference. Last year's meeting at Sowie's was a great success and I hope this one is just as good. Tell your Chapter Prez or V.P. to call me today and get the details.

The following week is International Correspondance Week Feb. 7-13. The obvious purpose of this week is to write to as many Brother's as humanly possible in 7 days. The Brother who can prove he wrote the most letters will receive one free box of brown pops from yours truly. Hope to hear from y'all then!

A couple of notes about this Grip. The Alumni page is about Brother Reggie Boivard. I should have put this in in Sept. 87 but better late than never. We met him on one of our infamous Gamma Eta Road Trips. The Brothers were Pete McQuinn, Kerry Decker, Mario Zeoli, and myself. The road trip was to the CNE to see New Order, Echo and the Bunnymen, and Gene loves Jezebel. The scene was the Foster's Pavillion. I was wearing my jacket and was approached by Reggie who proceeded to pass me the Grip and recite a little of our meeting ritual. He told me how he has run the Carlsberg Pavillion for a few years now and a little about his active days. Right on Bro! Till this Summer!

The other thing is the History Page. This is page one of what is considered to be "Out History". I will include more pages in upcoming Grips and should have it in a bound form by Convention.

A word on Jewellery. As you know from the last Grip, we are presently in contact with our Jeweller and have access to our Jewellery. Ron says he will be placing his first order at the end of February so you should get another warning in the February Grip. All prices and other information can be obtained from Ron Kita at (416) 937-2048.

THE GRIP- THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE con't

I'll squeeze this comment in now. How many of y'all read this Grip anyway? Just for my own personal satisfaction please call collect (416) 935-7814 if you read this Grip from cover to cover, not just this far.

About Publications. In the very near future I should be moving from my parent's home into an as-yet-not-found house with a couple friends. They have a computer and my typewriter can be hooked up as a printer so if all goes well, all our publications will be readily available for your home computer! In the works: Officer's Handbook is now just a matter of formatting and creating a few more report forms. The first draft should be well out before Convention for your examination.

The Convention Minutes of 87 are basically done with some small additions still necessary. These should be available by next month for all Brothers for a small fee.

The Pledge Manual will be done in April or May so any and all suggestions will be accepted until that time. Not that I expect anyone to make the effort, but I am always open to suggestions.

Once loaded onto the computer, all other publications (Constitution, Rituals, etc.) will be released in their condensed versions.

Oh ya, in the next few weeks I will be getting new I.D. Cards and should also have the Expansion Leaflet finally completed.

TO IAN STEEL AND RON KITA- BIG BROTHERS. Will it happen? Yes? No? Maybe So? For those less informed, we were hoping to set up a "winter carnival" or something similar for the Big Brothers Association.

The President of each Chapter should also receive their January Quarterly Reports with this Grip, so make them fill 'em out and return them immediately. I need this regular information before I put out the new MAILING LIST!!!

This year my "study week", or, as it is more commonly referred to, my March Break, is the week of March 7-11. Again, if all goes well, I will spend the greater portion of this week in New Haven, Conn.. My purpose is to find the original Constitution, signed by all the charter members of Alpha Chapter. The last record of its existence is 1941 in a letter from Arthur Henry Jackson himself. He had it but returned it to the still active Alpha Chapter, which remained active until about 1950, making its final members from 50-60 years of age today. On to New Haven!

To clear any misconceptions which may be floating about; GDP is not involved in the law suit which resulted from the June '87 dance. The injured girl has pressed charges against the hall, the guy who broke the window, and myself for running the dance. The Fraternity's name is not mentioned at all. My father's old insurance company is handling the problem.

As usual I'm beginning to run out of things to say. In case you didn't notice, I have barely mentioned the South in this issue of the Fraternity Newsletter. Frankly, I don't have much choice, unless y'all want me to chew you out. Communication sucks and I'm sorry but I live in Canada not V.A.. So we had better use the phone a lot more often. As I said in Oct., I'll be home every Sunday night to talk to everyone and do what I do. So I put this challenge out to our active Brotherhood. If I can make the effort to communicate with you, then you should return the favour INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDANCE WEEK FEB. 7-13
Let's do it right in 88!

Fraternally Yours in Bond,

Edward James Decker
#103 Gamma Eta, I.B.C. Prez 86-88

"THE GRIP" - REPORT OF THE EDITOR

Hello brothers, how did you all enjoy your festive season. I most certainly enjoyed myself to the best of my abilities. However my personal pleasure is not the issue at the moment. The Garnet and Silver is. As most of you know the last G&S suffered a loss of around \$1700.00. This is money that the Board of Trustee's still conciders "monies owed" by the I.B.C.. We do not want that debt to grow, we do not even want to hear about (and they most certainly don't want to hear about) the slightest possibility of that debt growing due to another failing G&S. Include with this the fact that; number one our Constitution states that a G&S must be produced yearly; number two the Constitution states that it is my job to do it yearly; and number three Gamma Delta Psi has experienced such a period of growth and organization in the past two years that to not record these events in a bound form available to all actives and alumni would border on the unspeakable; including all those factors together I myself come to the conclusion that all of you, and myself in particular, had best get a bit more excited about producing one hell of a Yearbook.

Have no fear, things are progressing nicely, I have spoken with a number of publishers and settled on Alphagraphics in St. Catharines to handle the printing of the thing. They were chosen due to their availability as far as I am concerned, (they are located up my street) the cost estimates they have presented to me (most companies are about the same) seem to be resonable (not that I have a vast amount of publishing experience or anything), and they have facilities that permit me to do just about all of the layout and graphics myself on a computer system right in the store, that means that we don't have to pay anyone to do all the dog work of typing and such. I get to do it. Isn't that special. As well the girl I spoke with (all the female employees were just an added bonus, I didn't choose the place on that basis. Well...not entirely.) said they could produce it 5 business days from the time it was finished. That means we get to stuff the entire year in without having to leave out any events.

Standard advertising costs for such a thing are; 1/4 page- \$30; 1/2 page \$50; full page- \$80. The only variation we would throw into that would be to divide up the page into 8 sections and just not mention that the lowest price dosen't happen to actually be 1/4 page (unless they ask of course!). Other changes in those prices may develop but it is doubtful as the going rate IS the going rate, we have no control over that one. What this means is that if you, dear brother and loyal member of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International, know the owners, managers, high ranking employees, of any local business you might concider convincing them to sponsor our non-profit, charitable organization's Annual Yearbook. Get the hint. Also, if any of you guy's have relatives who own businesses ask them the same question. Finally, if you don't fit into any of the above catagories why don't you buy a G&S in advance (as soon as we determine what the cost will be) so that we can pay for the thing up front with no delays or law suits filed against me for lack of payment. I like my credit rating, when this is all over I would like to still have one so I can Charge Card a couple trips down South and not get arrested.

Finally, and most importantly, what the hell do you want to see in this thing? A general format has been developed but the chapters are going to have to contribute (the Historians mostly) some pictures and events. President's, I warn you now, you are going to have to type up a long report on what happend in 87/88, or find someone to delegate the job to (like the Historian). The Tresurer's will have to give a brief statement on the years funding as well. Other than that just get me some stuff! Beta Alphan's, if you're reading this have someone drop me a line (mabey the Historian) so I can figure out some things to write about you in the General Report.

Other than that I don't have much else to say, just a whole lot to do.

Now that we've all snapped out of it shall we produce a Garnet and Silver.

I think we shall, and a damn good one.

Your's Remaining in Bond,
Peter Richard McQuinn
Editor at Large #123 GE

THE GRIP

Report of the District Deputy

How y'all doing? Hope everyone out there enjoyed their ho-ho-holidays and drank lots. I'm not going to spend my efforts chewing people out this report (and there is much rejoicing). Anyways, since my last contribution to the Grip things have been somewhat busy, even though there's been a few months for these things to happen. There were succesfull Gamma Eta parties held at Bro. Sicard's and Bro. Abner's, and Bro. Bailey's, as well as dances by both Beta Xi and Gamma Eta. Over the holidays there was a supposed hockey tourney but there was only a large turnout from Gamma Eta, good to see all the Alumni come out even though I only made the quickest apperance myself. There was also an afternoon of fun held at the Q.E.W. Centre full of road hockey, basketball and anything else Beta Xi could make Gamma Eta look bad at. I also attended a party in Texdale, yes that's right the boys of Gamma Alpha still exist. My deepest apologies to anyone I may have caused inconviencies to on that night of which I don't recall too much of (Sorry Bill.). Actually my apologies to everyone except the Lugin who helped himself into my wallet that night ya Lu! Anyway it was an interesting time: for all, as far as up and coming events go Beta Xi is planning a skiing-drinking-falling down weekend in Mansfield, though the date has slipped my mind it is comming up soon. Aside from that Gamma Eta has a party coming up, the proposed date is Feb. 6th at Steve Sicard's. Another proposed function is the Winter Carnival we're planning to hold in association with the Big Brother Org..

I won't go into depth about this as I'm hoping Ron will elaborate in this in his report. Anyways at this moment the only other proposed actions I can think of is once again renting the Q.E. Centre to hold some type of sporting event with the sorority which we are having a meeting with now and that I'm ignoring to write this, and I want to talk to so I'm going to end now . . . Good Day!

Fraternally Your's,

Dave Horhota N. District Deputy

P.S. Gamma Alpha when are you going to have a meeting? Tell me, I'll be there.

Letter to the Grip- Chris Burnip Gamma Eta

Dear Grip,

I would like to say an extremely big hello to our Southern Chapters, since I haven't seen them since Convention. Now, to the purpose of my letter. I cannot believe the decline in intrest in Fraternity activities. Looking at my own Chapter of Gamma Eta I wonder why I became a brother. Being a brother, to me, means doing your job whenever and wherever possible. It means treating other brothers with respect and being judgemental of my own actions in relation to how others see me. I choose to stand by these personal guidelines. Some brothers I have seen don't do anything for their own Chapters; as well they don't act like a true brother, upholding what Gamma Delta Psi is supposed to mean.

So, to those brother's who are reading my letter, who do not do the jobs that they have been elected to do, get your ass into drive and prove to everyone in your Chapter just what you can do for the Fraternity.

I would like to conclude my letter by offering my best wishes to all the brothers for the new year. Let's make it the best year possible.

Your's in Bond,

Chris Burnip Gamma Eta

CLUBS/CONCERTS

Reggie's still full of 'bounce'

Reggie Bovaird: King of Toronto's nightclub doormen.

Age: 37.

Birthplace: Hamilton, Ont.

Claims To Fame: "I was doorman at the El Mocambo between 1974 and 1980 and at the Nickelodeon during (rockabilly star) Ronnie Hawkins' residency there in the 1960s. I've also worked the door at the Hotel Isabella and Scuffers (now defunct). At present, I work at the Horseshoe weekends.

"For the past several years, I've been the CHUM/CITY-TV Christmas clown, collecting toys for underprivileged children. And I've been host for four years of the CHUM/MuchMusic video roadshow, which tours Toronto high schools screening a 30-minute music documentary titled *The History Of Rock 'n' Roll*.

"From 1983 through 1986, I was host of the CHUM-FM Video Dance Party that toured southern Ontario nightclubs. I've been concert security supervisor for Toronto promoters Martin Onrot and Concert Productions International and personal security co-ordinator for The Rolling Stones and The Who during their Canadian tours.

"For six years, I've also been 'party co-ordinator' at the Carlsberg Pavilion at the Canadian National Exhibition. And at last year's Juno Awards at the Toronto Harbour Castle Convention Centre I was artists' security chief.

"I've just finished a co-starring part in director Don Owen's movie, *Turnaround*."

Favorite Hangouts: "My favorite spot is Negril, Jamaica. Otherwise, it's the Horseshoe, and not just because they pay me, but also because I like the attitude of the people who run it and the quality of music. It's a fun place.

"Grossman's tavern on Spadina Ave. is like my office. It's the first place where I drank beer — illegally, of course — and heard rock 'n' roll at the same time, during the first performances of the Downchild Blues Band.

"And I love the Isabella because of (manager) Joe Fried, who will always give musicians a helping hand."

Why I Haven't Moved To New York Or Los Angeles: "I love New York, and New York loves me. I always have a place to stay there and good friends. I've had the California experience (in the Haight-Ashbury area of San Francisco in 1967 through 1969) and that'll last me a lifetime.

"Toronto's my home. I'm happy here."

The Music I Like To Listen To: "Any music that makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up, gives me goosebumps and makes me tap my toe."

What I've Given Toronto: "I'm the welcome man at Toronto's door. I



Rock of ages: Veteran doorman Reggie Bovaird on duty at the Horseshoe Tavern. ISABEL HARRY FOR THE TORONTO STAR

rive, find a table for them while they're here, and say, 'So long!' when they leave. To many people, to many rock 'n' roll bands from all over the world, I represent Toronto. If they have any favorable impressions of this city's nightlife after they've left, I like to think I had something to do with it. I've also persevered with *The History Of Rock 'n' Roll* movie four years because the kids love it and I think it's educational as well."

What Toronto Has Given Me: "Pride. For its size, Toronto's the safest city in the world. I like the way the seasons play out here, even if it's too cold sometimes."

Most Memorable Events: "When I was 16, I stole my dad's hammer and helped (local support organization) The Yorkville Diggers build the stage at Queen's Park for Toronto's first love-in. It was also the first major outdoor musical event staged here. Buffy Ste. Marie and Leonard Cohen were on the bill.

"I was doorman at the El Mocambo on the two nights The Rolling Stones played there in 1976. I still wonder if that was all a dream.

"And in 1975, while he was opening for Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue at Maple Leaf Gardens.

crowd and dedicated his first song to me. Then the second, the third and so on. All my friends were embarrassed but I felt I was part of the show."

Worst Experience In The Line Of Duty: "Want a list? I once introduced (Argentine jazz saxophonist) Gato Barbieri to the El Mocambo audience as 'Gator Barberini' and last year, as lead driver in the CHUM-AM Bike-a-thon, I took a wrong turn and led 300 racers away from the crowds and three blocks off the course.

"One night, I saw (southern country-rocker) Charlie Daniels' 16-man, four-ton road crew turn on the crowd at the El Mo. And a couple of years ago I was part of the two-man stage security crew at Platinum Blonde's Nathan Phillips Square concert, where 25,000 kids turned up instead of the expected 1,500.

"And last year, while I was on artists security duty at the Juno Awards television show, I was asked by CBC personnel to throw all the press photographers out of the auditorium. I refused. The CBC people had to do it themselves."

My Local Heroes: "Ronnie Hawkins — I wouldn't have made it this far without him; Paul James, a bona fide rock 'n' roller who has spent more hours on stage than anyone I can name; (blues guitarist) Morgan Davis and (jazz pianist) Bill King, both American draft dodgers who

(radio features and documentary producer) Warren Cosford, who put *The History Of Rock 'n' Roll* together; and my dad, Reg A. Bovaird, an elder statesman of Tent 28 of the Variety Club of Canada and founder of the Variety Club band."

Five Favorite Recordings: "Porgy And Bess by Miles Davis (1958); 'Like A Rolling Stone' from Bob Dylan's *Highway '61 Revisited* (1965); Bob Marley's *Legend* compilation (1985); Bruce Springsteen's *Born To Run* (1975); and *Famous Blue Raincoat* by Jennifer Warnes (1986)."

How Things Can Be Improved For Toronto Nightclubbers: "They should get out more often. This is a great town for interesting entertainment."

Current Projects: "I'm working on a book and a screenplay about my profession with (radio station Q107's assistant program director) Bob Mackowycz; and putting together a band — just for fun — called Reggie And The Bouncers. It'll be something between wrestling and rock 'n' roll."

Last Gig: "Hosting *The History Of Rock 'n' Roll* at Erin Mills Senior Public School yesterday and at Gordon Graydon Memorial School today."

Next Gig: "Welcoming Murray McLauchlan's fans and friends at the Horseshoe door for his shows there tonight and tomorrow."

Introduction by

Brother William F. Buchanan, National Secretary, Fraternal Year 1941-42

Alpha Eta '249

Since my initiation into Gamma Delta Psi several years ago it has been my belief that many of the Brothers didn't know enough about the history of their Fraternity. The result was a general lack of spirit and interest in the business of successfully running their chapters and cooperating with the National Board. It wasn't exactly the newly initiated Brothers' fault. It was the fault of their officers who were older and had been active longer, and who should have known better. The younger members were taught only the barest facts about our all important history and traditions and virtually left to find the rest of it out for themselves.

Through many months of work I think I have succeeded in producing something that may help that situation. This history isn't in complete form--no. Too many papers and records have been lost, by the ones who have gone before, to uncover all the details and facts of our first years. That is something that we must guard against in the future. However enough has been uncovered to give us a general idea of how our Fraternity grew from four young men in New Haven to thirty-eight chartered chapters all over the Eastern United States.

I would especially like to thank Brother Arthur H. Jackson, Alpha #20, the only living charter member, for his invaluable support and help. Also the following Brothers for their help and information: Brother Howard C. Townsend, Omicron #51; Brother Robert R. Chamberlain, Alpha #226; Brother Pierre J. Hurts, Alpha #82; and Brother H.E. McLure, Iota #156.

This letter was written during Brother Buchanans term of National Secretary the year 1941-42

THE GRIP- COMING EVENTS

Here are your Fraternal happenings for the near future. If the Chapters would make an effort and tell us what they are up to in the next little while, this wouldn't be so short.

Fraternity-Sorority Sports

Gamma Eta has had the recent good fortune of meeting a Chapter of Theta Kappa Sigma Sorority, located at Niagara District S.S Niagara on the Lake. We are keeping up regular communication and are now hoping to hold a Semi Formal with them in the coming months, but for now we have co-ed volleyball, badminton, etc., etc. . . .

Sorority/Fraternity Volleyball (the first)

Monday February 1st. 12-4 pm
Q.E.W. Centre, Niagara St. by the Q.E.W.
St. Catharines, ON.

Annual President's Conference

Like I said before, I hope ALL the Northern Presidents and V.P.'s make an appearance. Last Year's meeting was a great success. This is where we can discuss Rituals, Parliamentary Procedure, etc. etc., you know, President's stuff!

NORTHERN PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, February 2nd, 1988
8 Karen Ave. St. Catharines
7 p.m. SHARP

Gamma Eta Party

Just thought we'd inform the rest of the crescent of this Party, so if your in the neighbourhood. . . (Brothers and Dates Only Please)

A PARTY AT STEVE'S

Saturday, February 6th, 1988
88 Argyle, St. Catharines
After 8 p.m.
(for directions call Steve Sicard at (416) 688-6294

*****INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDANCE WEEK FEB. 7-13/88*****

Once again we will try to outdo each other to be the "Prince of Correspondance", since no-one can dethrone King Malcolm. All letters sent from Feb. 7-13 will count towards the Grand Prize! (A Pleasure Pack?)

Spring Rallies

Nothing official has been decided but for the South we're looking at either March 5th or 12th. The North will be in late Marck or Early April. All I can say is REMEMBER CONVENTION 87! Why only once a year? Exact dates will be in the next GRIP.

A FINAL NOTE

The Grip in it's present form will be published every month at about this time, whether I have mass input or none. I think y'all may be a bit more intrested if you get them often and they're even up to date!

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