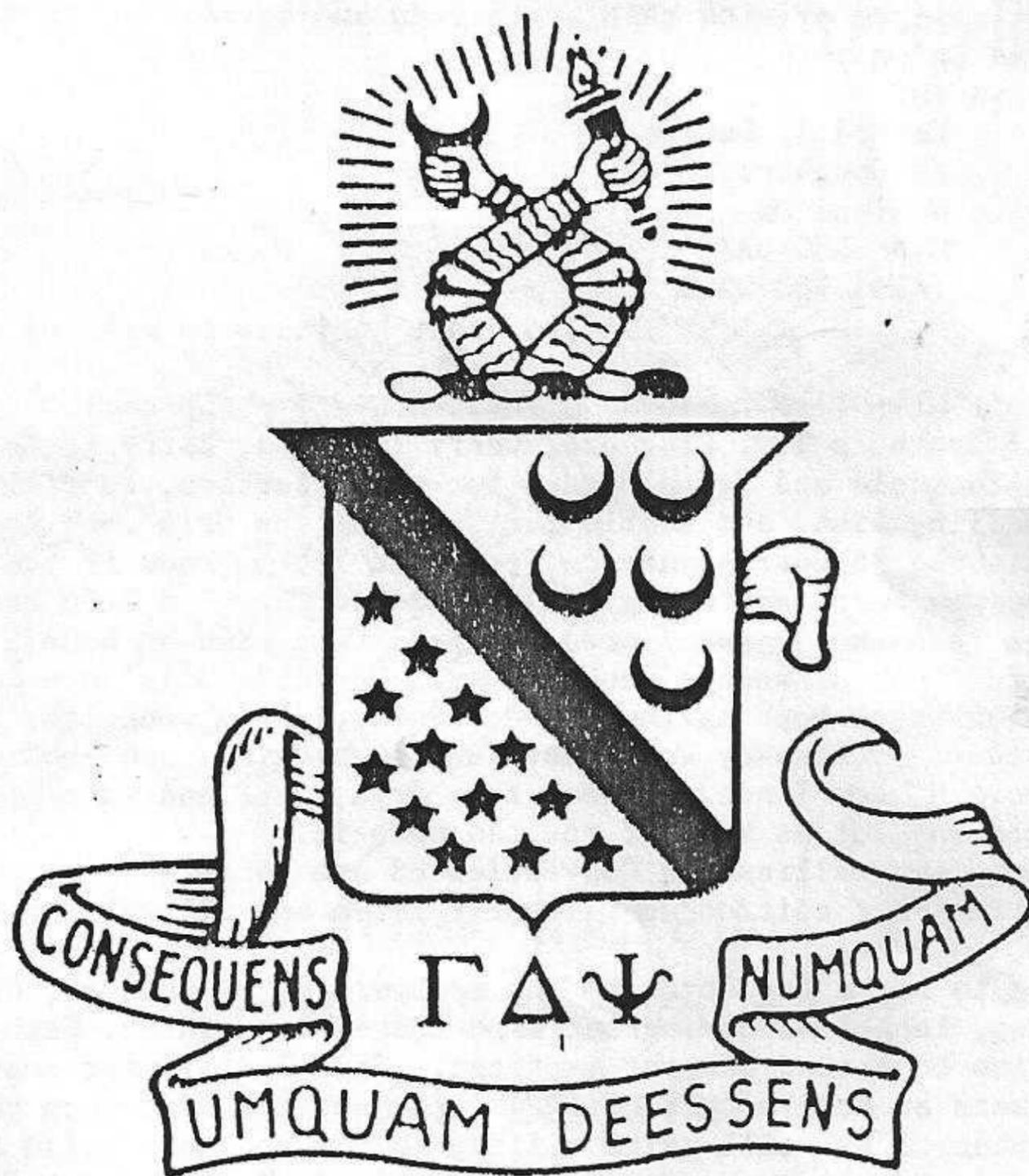


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day, eh! How's everyone doing these days?

Before I start with the business at hand I'd like to take a minute to tell y'all what I'm doing with myself these days. In a nutshell, I moved to Welland, got a part time job bartending, and am still riding a 90% average at school. This basically constitutes a full schedule as it is, but I believe I am adjusting well and will be able to squeeze in GDP, my martial arts training, and of course a wee bit of partying, soon after the March Break. (2 weeks from now) So for all those things that slipped my mind this month I do apologize. If it happens again though, have no mercy on me!

My new address is:

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,so don't hesitate to call or write today!

Since the last Grip I've received 6 letters and 1 phone call.

My thanks to Brothers T.J. DiRienzo, Gerry Thompson, Barry Yeates, Malcolm S. Dixon, Kevin Stockdale and Jesse Magnum for their letters, to Bill Schmitt for the Alumni mailing list, and to Eli for "reading the Grip". I don't know if anyone participated in Correspondance week, but let me know if you did.

My plans for New Haven are being put on hold for now, as life has finally caught up with me (AAAAahh!), and I need to spend this time at home. My next target date is the first or second week of May, when school is done for this year.

Although we have not been having these regular I.B.C. meetings, they will commence immediately. I already know that Tuesday evenings are good for myself, Ron, Pete, and Dave H. Now I need to hear from Bryn, Jeff and Dave Z. Call me right now Brothers and let me know if you can make it.

As far as upcoming rallies and Convention 88 are concerned, nothing is official at this time, by the next edition we will have dates and all related info on these events.

I would like to say a few words to the Brothers of my Chapter, Gamma Eta. It has been a long, long time coming but I no longer live in St. Catharines, and no longer have time to attend Chapter meetings. This I will miss dearly, for even though I remain an active part of GDP, it is not the same when you are without your Chapter. I am still quite willing to try and help solve any problems that may arise so just call, or write, or something! Though Gamma Eta may have too many flaws to mention, we have come far in 20 years, and I'll do anything I can to see it last 20 more!

I'm going to cut this one short because I've done very little this month Fraternally worth discussing in any detail, except we have a Hall for Friday April 8th! Later Bro's.

Your's in Fraternal Bond,
Edward J. Decker
#103 Gamma Eta
I.B.C. President 1986-88

GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL *****PRESENTS*****

JIM'S & JACK'S LAST DAYS BASH!!



Friday, April 8th
Polish Hall on Facer Street
St. Catharines

\$5 advance \$6 at door

ID at door

8-1am

to benefit the Hospital Fund



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THE 1987/88 GARNET AND SILVER OF GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY

Editor's Report

Hello brothers,

You have before you some specifics dealing with this years Garnet & Silver. More will follow soon but here are the basics;

First off, the layout;

This layout represents an Editor's dream yearbook. It is complete, has everything in it any brother could want, and is something you could put on your shelf and just thank yourself for buying.

But, by it's very nature it has three faults,

1. It relies on YOUR submissions, YOUR reports, YOUR pictures, and YOUR events.
2. It's damn expensive, to produce it you're looking at \$2000 plus expenses. That means advertising, lots of Advertising.
3. The work involved will kill the existing Editor.

Because of all of that the chances are it will be cut down as the months roll by. Cut down because no one will send me anything and cut down because no one is advertising in the thing. (NOTE* These are future problems and haven't happened yet.)

GARNET & SILVER

1986/87 Yearbook of Gamma Delta Psi

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ADVERTISING

This is the break down on advertising, I know that in the last Grip I stated that the prices wouldn't change much, but what the heck did I know about advertising, after having some prãcticle experience things have changes somewhat.

Support Listing	\$10	(this is a listing of the business or brother's name and address showing that they helped support the Garnet and Silver)
Business Card Size	\$25	2"x3"
1/4 Page	\$40	4"x5"
1/2 Page	\$70	8"x5" Recieves a G&S if a Brother.
Full Page .	\$120	8"x11" Recieves a G&S if a Brother.

If we don't raise the money then we don't have a Garnet and Silver. Talk to any friends with businesses, your parents, anyone at all and convince them what a great idea it would be. OR, how about you, you rich working brother you, a \$10 listing would certainly help, and I would probably be much more selective with the photographic layouts if some nice guy were to make an effort and drop 10 bucks in an envelope.

Bribe you ask? Damn right it is!

Or you Alumni out there. How are all of you doing? If you wanted to take out some space, and send along a picture of yourself (or yourself and your beautiful family) as well as anything else you might like to say it would be much appreciated. The chances of getting enough capitol just from businesses who know nothing about us are mighty slim to say the least.

So there you go. Forms will be included in the next months Grip (which will be going out to all the Alumni we have addresses for) for you to talk to any businesses with, or for you to fill out if you're feeling generous. Until then this is Peter Richard McQuinn saying goodbye and good luck.

The Office of the Editor
Peter R. McQuinn
Gamma Eta #123



COLLEGE FRATERNITIES IN AMERICA

In 1636 Harvard was established as the first college in America. Fifty-seven years later, in 1693 America's second oldest college was established at Williamsburg, Virginia named William and Mary after the English sovereigns. It was there that America's first Fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa was founded on December 5th, 1776.

Here we should pause for a few minutes and talk about this mother of all our Fraternities. Phi Beta Kappa was preceded by a student social club called "The Flat Hat." In '76 the members met at the Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg and a new society with Greek letters for a name was formed. It contained all the characteristics of our modern day organizations with a distinctive badge, secret grip, ritual, and motto. Her second chapter was at Harvard in 1779 with several others being established in the ensuing years. She finally ceased operations as a social fraternity and became a National Honorary Fraternity for students obtaining honor marks in college. Their badge is a golden key with the letters Phi Beta Kappa thereon.

Some years after Phi Beta Kappa was founded, another fraternity sprung up at Union College at Troy, New York. She was called Kappa Alpha and was organized on November 26, 1825. Kappa Alpha is the oldest secret brotherhood of a social and literary character which has been in continuous existence in American colleges and is the parent of the vast system of American College Fraternities.

The next school year at Union saw Sigma Phi established in March 1827. While in the fall of the school year 1827-28, a third Fraternity was formed at Union named Delta Phi. These three fraternities completed what is known as the "Union Triad" -- the first Fraternities in the "Yankee" North.

Miami College in Oxford Ohio fostered the next three Fraternities. Namely Beta Theta Pi in 1839, Phi Delta Theta in 1842 and Sigma Chi in 1855. These three comprised the "Miami Triad" -- the first Fraternities in the West. Understand, that all this time these Fraternities were expanding and spreading their ideals to other colleges all over the North and mid-west. They sometimes ran into stiff opposition from the college authorities and other non-secret clubs. However, they kept on fighting and growing until they triumphed in the end. Without these forebearers, Gamma Delta Psi would never have been born.

THE FRATERNAL BEGINNING

Before starting principally with the history of Gamma Delta Psi, it is only fitting that we go back through the halls of time to the 17th century. Leaving our continent entirely, and going to Europe. For it is there that the student organizations and clubs first originated.

I suppose we could go back even farther than that. To be more specific, men have congregated together for enjoyment or relaxation since the beginning of time. The Greeks and Romans would serve as examples of that with their magnificent baths and temples. But it was not until around the sixteenth hundreds that men formed organized clubs along the lines as we know them today.

In Germany and England, especially, grew the early roots of the "Fraternal Tree." Students in the Universities and colleges of those countries followed their natural desires for friendship and mental or physical betterment in forming their own societies. They were basically the same as our fraternities that we have today.

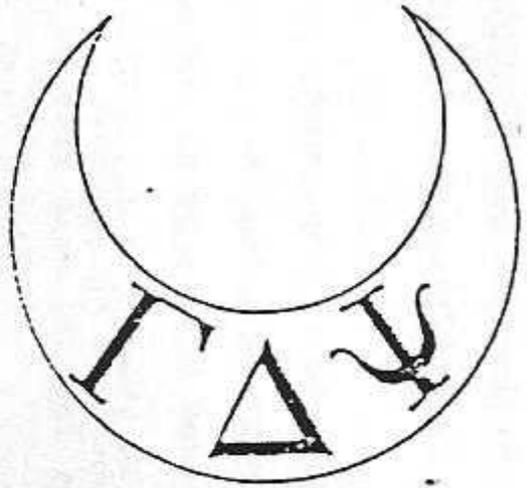
Dueling clubs predominated in most of the German Universities. There were dramatic and literary organizations, all combined with a certain amount of social activity. They gathered in the college halls or the town tavern to sing the old songs and watch the efforts of their friends in the clubs literary or dramatic accomplishments.

Thus as the eighteenth Century came into view we find a sound Fraternal base established in Europe from which our American colleges could build upon.



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