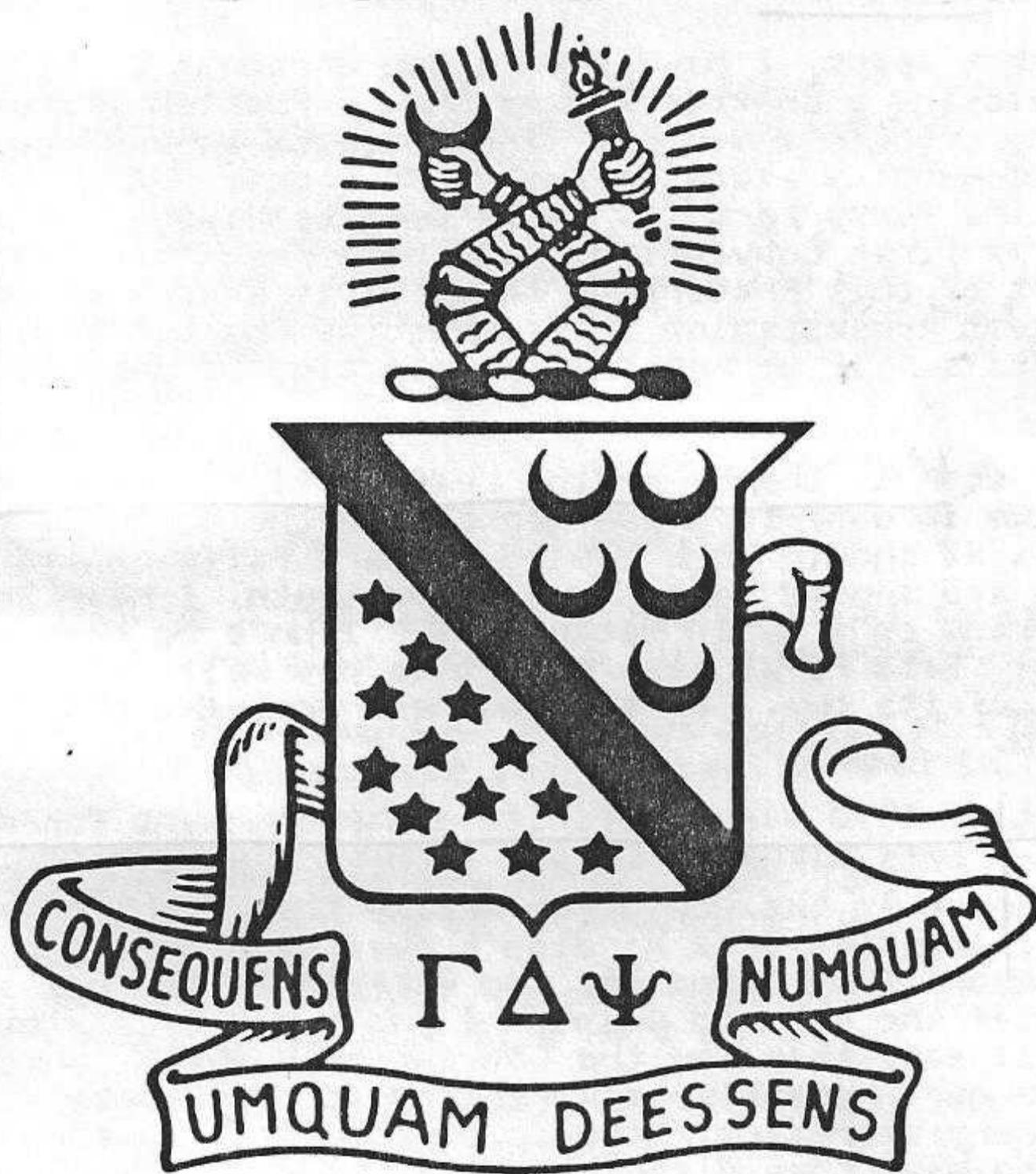


THE



GRIP

President's Message

Greetings fellow Brothers. The new year is upon us, and GDP is on the move! It looks to be a great year for Gamma if we can all just give a little bit extra and work on one thing in particular, EXPANSION.

In recent years, I have seen a few Crescent Clubs come and go, one even becoming a Chapter (Gamma Rho). Problem is, we have not been able to produce a winner. The interest always seems to be there, but something always seems to go wrong. WE NEED TO BE PREPARED. The funny part is, we've been talking about expansion kits since my first Convention, with nada results. I believe the weakest part of this Fraternity today is its lack of ability to make a descent Presentation to Prospective Charter Brothers. The Plans are stale. If we put them into action we just may survive to tell about it.

As for step 1, the Expansion Leaflet, I re-wrote it this week and will have it done in a few weeks. In the North, I think Gamma Eta and Beta Xi should work toward Niagara Falls, while Gamma Alpha can work in and around Toronto. In the South, I hear Beta Alpha is already working on a CC in Petersburg. I hope to hear a Progress report soon! Beta Pi at last report is not well, and could use a little help of its own. So any Southern Brothers that can, Lend a Helpin' Hand.

Convention 1990 was a definite disappointment for me. After expecting 6-7 Beta Alphans, we got 1 (Mike Eckstein, who deserves all the applause in the world for making the effort regardless of the others), and then Beta Xi didn't even make an appearance. It took big numbers from Gamma Eta and especially the hosts, Gamma Alpha, to keep the weekend going. I won't get into a lot of details, I'll save that for the Convention Minutes, which were not completed by our presently-back-packing-across-europe / former-northern-secretary / crowic Marko. I'll hopefully deal with them soon and have them distributed.

The IBC had a little Back-to-School Semi-Formal Dance to raise some operating funds for the Fraternity. It took place on September 15 at Copperfields in St. Catharines, and was the most ridiculously run dance I ever had. Reason being it was at a restaurant/bar and control was out of our hands. We did make \$1300 in the end, but we should have made a lot more. Another lesson learned.

The last noteworthy event since Convention was the Grape & Wine Party at my house on September 29. Originally scheduled as a Rally, the day was too dissheveled for that. The Party though saw all three Northern Chapters doin' the right thing together, with a sorority or two on the side. I just hope it doesn't take another year for it to happen again.

And now to the Present. I am still attempting to compound all of GDP's publications into a workable volume. The count stands at 9 Permanent Publications, with an additional 6 Periodicals, for a total of 15. I'll put the Permanent Progress report in the next Grip, and just discuss the Periodicals here. The Garnet & Silver is the ongoing Project of Historian Jay Farrer. All Chapters, Board Of Control Members, etc. should get their submissions to him. The Convention Minutes I have and just need to type (thank again Marko). The Expansion Leaflet is ready to print after this weeks revision. The Jewellery & Paraphenalia Order forms will be half done next week when I hear back from Balfour. The Active Mailing List will be completed when we receive the Quarterly reports from each Chapter. The Alumni list after a few Grips to check addresses. The next Grip will be mid-December, so get those submissions in on time! (Typed Please).

To finances, I have a plan to tackle the big three P's. Photocopying services are the biggest ongoing expense, so any and all brothers with access to a machine at bonus prices give me a call (especially if you can do reductions). I have one offer so far that sounds promising. As for Postage, it's obviously time to cross the Mighty Niagara (mighty Polluted) and use the US Postal Service. The last P, Phonecalls, will be assisted by a service called 'between friends'. It will cost me \$9.50 for 30 minutes to Virginia each month. The small steps help in the long run. And of course, dues are being accepted on a regular basis. I don't believe any Chapter has paid yet this year. Any time y'all.

Dates to remember for upcoming meetings are:

October 29 - IBC Meeting at EJD's. Hope to see you Jay, Sean, and KD, and hopefully a call to Mike (Be Home!).

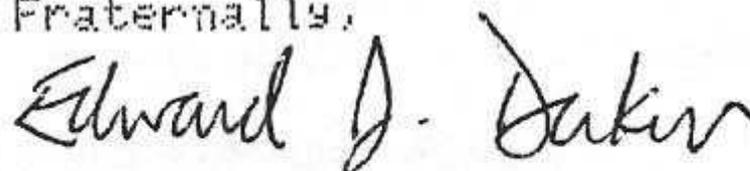
November 10 - Board of Trustees Meeting at EJD's. I hope a fair number of y'all can make it. We really need to have this meeting now.

November 17 - Northern Rally, place TBA. All three Chapters should make plans to be in attendance, with report in hand.

Don't say I didn't remind you, 'cause I just did. If anyone has any questions about these just give me a call.

That's about it for this month, except to say that the events of the next few weeks will set the stage for years to come. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Fraternally,



Edward J. Decker
#103 Gamma Eta Chapter
International President 1986-?

GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL



Dear Brother Ed,

Hey, you hoser! How's it hangin'? Here it's doing pretty good. I just got back from a meeting at which four of fifteen brothers showed up to. It was our fault because the meeting was'nt announced till late in the day anyway. Another one scheduled for Thursday. We plan to have another goating session as soon as possible, and the Crescent Club has been contacted. You should receive a letter from them as soon as they get their stuff together. Necessary information is being rounded up for them as we speak (i.e.-Constitution, pledge information, etc.). It is my understanding that these new Prospectives should recieve NO hazing proceedings whatsoever (correct me if I'm wrong).

I hav'nt been able to contact any of the members of Beta Pi as of yet, but as I said before things don't look hopeful. If there is anything I can do to prevent the death of a chapter and the loss of fellow brothers, PLEASE tell me what I can do, A.S.A.P.!!!

When we can get everyone together from our chapter, things on the agenda are as follows:

- a) THE Budget for 1990- dues, back dues, fundraisers
- b) Goats- who, what, when, and schedule
- c) Scheduling of parties-TOGA, where, when???
- d) Scheduling of Convention 1991!!! where?
- e) Immediate partying after the meeting!!!!

Things are looking up for the year, I hope things are the same. I've gotta go. Letter next week if possible.

Eternally Fraternal

Michael Eckstein

Michael Eckstein

Beta-Alpha #???

Dear Grip,

Hello, this is Andrew Spence, Bro #153 of Gamma Eta. Alas, another school year has started and we've had our elections. Here are the new office holders:

President - Jason Farrer
Vice-Prez - Chris Nye
Recording Sec. - Micheal Zeoli
Corresponding Sec. - Yours Truly
Treasurer - Trevor Young
Historian - John Reimer
Civics Organizer - Chris Nye
Sergeant-at-Arms - John Doddman
Convention Delegate - Donal Foley

By the way, Brother Steve Sicard has just left for Europe, along with Bruce Armstrong and Marko Kaczor. I'm sure we all wish them a good time on their journey.

I'll end this letter by saying now that I'm the new Corresponding secretary I'd better get some letters mailed to me. So start sending.

Yours in Bond,
Andrew Spence
#153 Gamma Eta

Gamma Quiz

1. Where is Convention in 1991?
2. Name Grand Brother #8.
3. What year did GDP expand into Canada?
4. Which Chapter was Douglas McArthur in?
5. What will the next Chapter be called?
6. Who won the Stogey Award at Convention '89?
7. What is GDP's key word for the 90's?
8. Who is the King of Correspondance?



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Gamma Xi Chapter

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September 25, 1990

Dear GRIP,

How is everyone doing? You'll have to excuse my absense of the past two years and in the future I'll try to write a little more frequently.

To those younger brothers who may not have any insight into the history of my Chapter, I'll give you a brief history. My Chapter joined the Cresnet of G.D.P. in 1972 chartered at Fort Erie Secondary School. Our 3 charter members were previous members of Gamma Mu Chapter at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School (chartered in 1970). Our Chapter prospered until 1976-77 when it went dormant. In 1979, during the centennial celebration of our great Fraternity, 4 of our original members were approached as to the possibility of getting Gamma Xi going again. In July of 1979, seven young men were pledged and inducted into my Chapter, once again rejuvinating G.D.P. in Fort Erie. We once again had a strong Chapter operating until 1982, but then a lack of new brothers killed us. In Early 1985, 4 brothers of my era and myself gathered together to try to keep Gamma Xi alive and using one of my old quotes, "THE COFFIN OPENED" again for about 1 year. Unfortunately we were too many years removed from high school and, although inducting 3 new brothers, we were not successful at getting our Chapter back on its feet.

Looking back over my fraternal past (not to boast), I have to be proud about what I accomplished during my active years as a "Delt". I was inducted into Gamma Xi as it's 88th member on Friday, June 13th, 1980. A night I remember very well to this day! I was active right up to our last meeting in 1982. During that time I held the offices of recording secretary, corresponding secretary (my favorite office), and vice-president. When we attempted to get our Chapter restarted, I held the offices of president and corresponding secretary. I was elected to the IBC in August, 1985 holding the office of treasurer. During my time on the IBC, I had strong interests in the future expansion of the Fraternity (I believe Bill Michelin and I were the first co-winners of the expansion trophy) and had my hand in on 3 or 4 publications of "The Grip". In 1986, I was a district deputy and, along with Grand

Brother Doug Jamieson, I focussed my attention at the formation of a G.D.P. Alumnus Association. We researched the addresses of Alumnus of Chapters long folded and came up with a list of over 300, not an easy task I might add! We had an alumnus stag to commemerate the Fraternity's 108th birthday in April of 1987, but not much else came of the Alumnus Association. At the convention in 1987, held in St. Catharines, I was elected to the Board of Trustees, a position that anyone truly devoted to the betterment of this organization truly wishes to have the honour of serving on.

My term was short lived as a Trustee, account the feelings of the delegates and IBC members present at 1988's convention. At that time, I was ready to invoke the "Riot Act" as the constitution empowers the Board of Trustees, probably causing more harm to the Fraternity than good. Well, wounds heal and whether the actions of the Trustees preceding the convention of 1988 or the actions of the Board and Delegates at that convention were incorrect, I am willing, if asked, to help with the problems facing the Fraternity today.

I invite all the Chapters to write me, and I'll make an attempt to return a letter filled with some helpful ideas or great memories of my fraternal past.

In this day of cheap phone calls, PC's and Fax machines, correspondance is probably not high on the list of Chapter priorities, but to keep the traditions and history alive I found it so important to write to the alumnus of this Fraternity. Just as I gained inspiration from letters from Grand Brothers Fermoile, Jamieson, Stockdale, and Yeates, Brothers Malcom Dixon (Chi), Tony Pascuzzi (Alpha Eta, Niagara Falls, New York), Richard Leeman (Gamma Lambda, New Orleans, Louisiana), and others, maybe you can find that same inspiration from Mike Kuch, Ed Skinner, Ron Kita, Tim Weeks, Kenny Ray Martin, Bill Michelin, and myself.

I remain ...

Yours In Bond,

W.D.A. I = #88

Bill Schmitt

Answers to the Quiz: 1) Hopewell, VA 2) Barry Yeates 3) 1954 4) Rho, #31 5) Gamma Sigma 6) Steve Sicard 7) EXPANSION 8) Malcolm 'Shux' Dixon

THE GRAND CRESCENT

A - New Haven, Conn.....	1879	AQ - Lewiston, NY.....	1956
B - Suspension Bridge, N.F. NY.	1884	BA - Hopewell, VA.....	1956
Γ - Oxford, Maryland.....	1885	BB - Port Credit, Ont...	1957
Δ - Grand Rapids, Mich....	1886	BC - Chester, VA.....	1957
E - Bridgeport, Conn.....	1888	BA - West Hill, Ont.....	1957
Z - Washington, D.C.....	1891	BE - Riverdale, Ont.....	1958
H - Brooklyn, NY.....	1893	BZ - Port Credit, Ont...	1960
Θ - Hartford, Conn.....	1894	BH - Burlington, Ont.....	1960
I - Detroit, Mich.....	1895	BO - Agincourt, Ont.....	1960
K - Springfield, Mass.....	1896	BI - Hamilton, Ont.....	1961
Λ - New Bedford, Mass.....	1897	BK - Amherst, NY.....	1961
M - New York, NY.....	1897	BA - Prince George, VA..	1961
N - Brookline, Mass.....	1898	BM - Etobicoke, Ont.....	1961
Ξ - Lakeville, Conn.....	1899	BN - Toronto, Ont.....	1962
Ο - Lockport, NY.....	1899	BE - St. Catharines, Ont	1962
Π - St. Louis, Miss.....	1900	BO - Richmond, VA.....	?
P - Milwaukee, Wis.....	1902	BT - Colonial Heights, VA	1965
Σ - Buffalo, NY.....	1902	BP - Islington, Ont.....	1965
T - Chicago, Ill.....	1902	BΣ - Toronto, Ont.....	1965
Υ - Cleveland, Ohio.....	1902	BT - Petersburg, VA.....	?
Φ - Lowell, Mass.....	1904	BY - Toronto, Ont.....	?
X - Eau Claire, Wis.....	1905	BΦ - Willowdale, Ont....	?
Ψ - Saltsburgh, Penn.....	1905	BX - Weston, Ont.....	?
Ω - Mercersbyrgh, Penn....	1905	BΥ - Hopewell, VA.....	?
AA - Washington, D.C.....	1908	BQ - Burlington, Ont.....	?
AB - Front Royal, VA.....	1909	ΓA - Rexdale, Ont.....	?
ΑΓ - Glenridge, NJ.....	1909	ΓB - Toronto, Ont.....	?
ΑΔ - East Orange, NJ.....	1909	ΓΓ - Coosville, Ont.....	?
AE - New York, NY.....	1909	ΓΔ - Rexdale, Ont.....	1967
AZ - Philadelphia, Penn.....	1909	ΓE - Matoaca, Ont.....	1968
AH - Niagara Falls, NY.....	1910	ΓZ - Spring Grove, VA...	1968
AO - NOT CHARTERED		ΓH - St. Catharines, Ont	1968
AI - Syracuse, NY.....	1913	ΓΘ - Petersburg, VA.....	1968
AK - Port Huron, Mich.....	1915	ΓI - Scarborough, Ont...	1968
AA - Newark, NJ.....	1919	ΓK - Richmond, VA.....	1968
AM - Upper Darby, Penn.....	1924	ΓΛ - New Orleans, La....	1970
AN - Partmouth, Mass.....	1924	ΓM - Ridgeway, Ont.....	1970
AΞ - NOT CHARTERED		ΓN - Alexandria, VA.....	1970
ΑΥ - Merion, Penn.....	1925	ΓI - Fort Erie, Ont.....	1972
AP - Arlington, VA.....		ΓO - Lewiston, NY.....	1974
AΣ - Buffalo, NY.....	1950	ΓΠ - Chesterfield, VA....	1976
AT - Detroit, Mich.....	1951		
AY - Buffalo, NY.....	1953	ΓP - St. Catharines.....	1987
AΦ - New Mimico, TO, Ont...	1954		
ΑΑ - Oakville, Ont.....	1955		
ΑΥ - New Toronto, Ont.....	1955		

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Coming Events

IBC Meetings

This year meetings will be on Monday evenings at about 8pm. Most will probably be at EJD's, but a few will probably shift to T.O. The next few meetings will be on Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26. All Brothers are welcome.

Halloween

There isn't anything official at Press time, but I'm sure the Brothers of Gamma Eta will throw a fine costumed bash again this year, for this has always been a most popular theme! Call Chris Nye at 1-416-646-5294 for info.

Beta Xi Semi-Formal

At last report, Plans were set for this dance to be held on Friday Nov. 2 at the Royal Canadian Legion, 111 Church St., here in St. Kitts. This is Beta Xi's first full scale bash in quite awhile, so I hope all the Brothers get out there and have a real good time!!!!!!

Board of Trustee Meeting

It's been a long time, but we're going to try and get one together. This meeting of the minds has been set for Saturday November 10. It is hoped that this meeting will produce some mutually acceptable starting point towards ending the differences of opinion.

Northern Rally

Our first attempt this year didn't happen quite the way we hoped, so we'll just have to try again. This time it will be on Saturday November 17, about 1pm in St. Kitts. The Chapters will be informed as things develop.

Hockey Tournament

As per usual, the annual skate will take place once again. Gamma Eta is looking in to ice time now, so best be prepared Beta Xi and Gamma Alpha, we're gonna win again!!! Most likely in late December or early January.

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Any Alumni you know and where to reach them.

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