

The Grip

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Letter from the IBOD President

Time has whizzed by since the last issue of The Grip. Despite the hot and rainy summer months, the IBOD has been hard at work advancing the goals of Gamma Psi Fraternity International. Our efforts to build a solid foundation for the long term future of Gamma Psi can never take a rest

First off, I would like to join my colleagues in the IBOD by extending an invitation to all brothers to our Omicron convention, which is to be held September 14th through September 16th in Harrisonburg, VA. It will proudly be hosted by Iota chapter at the Courtyard by Marriott at their conference center. It is essential that as many of us as possible attend our annual convention. It is more than a formality. It is the most important event of the year. An event where we as an organization define our path for the coming year. It is an event where grievances are aired, suggestions made, positive feedback given, and our organization as a whole bonds and rekindles the flame of brotherhood. Every time I've been to convention, I leave with a re-filled sense of optimism and energy. I hope to see as many of you there this year, especially the ones who have made suggestions or displayed some level of frustration over the past year. Progress isn't made from the sidelines. It's made from the trenches.

Over the summer, the IBOD launched an effort to connect with our chapter officers and ensure readiness for the Fall 2018 semester for our chapters and crescent club. Once again, many miles were put on our cars traveling between three different states to spend time with our officers. We addressed goals, job readiness, and most importantly, our bonds with them as fellow Gamma Psi brothers. From my personal assessment, our effort was a success. I am excited for the upcoming year, and I have a good measure of where I think we are as an organization as a whole, and what is needing to be addressed going into the school year. I wish the best of luck to our chapter officers as they lead their respective chapters into ambitious goals for the 2018-2019 year.

Lastly, I just want to express my sincere congratulations to fellow IBOD member Bud Weyland, and his wife Jessica, for their beautiful baby boy. It is exciting to see brothers I grew up with in the chapter (not only Bud) take the next stages in their lives. Knowing Bud, he will be an amazing father and role model for his son.

I am looking forward to what the fall brings. I hope the IBOD has made our fellow brothers proud. We have done our absolute best, sacrificing our own time and money to grow the fraternity that we care about so much. I hope Omicron convention can continue to spread that enthusiasm and inspire others to help join our efforts.

With Brotherly Love,
Mike Albrecht
Dundee #92 Eta

Eta Chapter Report

Brothers, as we here at Eta Chapter kick off Fall Semester of the 2018-2019 school year, we hope to have nothing but positive happenings in our future. In the past few years following our recognition by Longwood University, the chapter has been making an active and robust effort to establish a strong "on-campus" presence while at the same time maintaining our core values of scholarship, tolerance, social poise, and citizenship. Thanks to the diligent work of active chapter members, strong alumni support, and IBOA/IBOD support, we are starting off this semester in a position on campus from which we can propel Eta chapter and the Gamma name forward in meaningful and sustainable manner. Eta chapter is excited to see Gamma Psi expand to new schools and see already established chapters continue to grow. We hope to see more expansion in the future, and learning from the success and failures here at Eta Chapter, help build an ever-expanding, successful network of brothers.

Joe Hyman

President of Gamma Psi Fraternity International: Eta Chapter

Alex Barker
Keegan Braun
Aaron Burstein
Ridge Christian
Jose Escobar
Steve Farnor
Justin Ferranto
Sterling Foster
James Gallagher
Tramane Howard
Joseph Hyman
Carter Johnson
Drew Kobus
Cole Milliron
Dustin Pechart
Garret Reese
Daniel Scott
Kyle Stone
Travis Wylie



Iota Chapter Report

The brothers of Gamma Psi Fraternity International Iota Chapter at Bridgewater College have gone through many changes this past semester, however, as a chapter we are ready for the upcoming year. We are very excited to be hosting Convention this coming semester. This is the first time in a while that Convention will be coming to the Bridgewater-Harrisonburg area and we believe it is a great opportunity to show ourselves off as a chapter and to show everyone the lovely scenery the area has to offer. Going off of this, we believe that holding Convention could look good in respect to bringing in new brothers.

As a chapter, one of our goals is to increase membership so that ourselves and our brothers in Eta have similar numbers. We'd like to grow so that each brother in Iota can go to a brother in Eta and vice versa. Also, we plan on getting in touch with the brothers of Eta soon to do more community service together so we can form a stronger brotherhood. Within Iota itself, we strive to do more as a chapter outside of official fraternity functions. There has been talks of cookouts, brother dinners, bowling outings and many more ideas to simply have fun and make memories with each other. We want to include our alumni brothers in more functions and projects, especially the ones who are still in the area. Any new Gamma Psi apparel we plan on getting, a notice will be sent out to all and we are more than willing to sell new merchandise to those brothers who want it.

We are currently in the process of moving all of our records to an online system where IBOD will be able to view our meeting minutes as well as our financial records in real time. This decision was made to better suit the future needs of the chapter, for better organization and for convenience. There will also be a bank account opened for Iota Chapter once we return to school so the money is kept safe and secure in a bank. The only people who will have access to this account is the acting Chapter President and the acting Chapter Treasurer.

As a whole, the brothers of Iota Chapter are happy where we are and happy where we are going. We are looking forward to the coming weeks of school and the return of brotherhood. We thank everyone who has allowed us to host convention and we are looking forward to it. Hope to see and hear from everyone very soon!

Adam Bailey
Iota Chapter President

Convention 2018

Brothers, it's almost that time of the year again for our annual convention, to review the previous year, our goals for next year and elect new members to the board. The IBOD has been working to strengthen our existing chapters as well as expand the fraternity and we look forward to sharing that with all who attend, as well as receiving updates from our current chapters.

This year Iota chapter will host convention in the Bridgewater/Harrisonburg area, from September 14th to September 16th.

The business meeting for convention will take place on Saturday 9/15 at the Courtyard by Marriott, while Friday and Sunday will be reserved for an athletic event and send off event respectively.

A block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Courtyard Marriott and will be shared soon once its sent by Marriott.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

For questions please contact Alex Collie at 703-927-2534 or email ibodgammapi@gmail.com with the subject line "Convention".

Executive Vice-President Report

I hope you all have been having a great summer, and that this edition of the Grip finds you well. While we all have been busy with our daily lives and summer vacations this has not stopped the IBOD from staying hard at work to grow and maintain our sacred Fraternity. We've been organizing, putting miles on the road, and planning for our upcoming annual Convention, along with an array of other projects. I'm excited for what we have to present when we convene in Harrisonburg this upcoming September.

On my own end, I'm happy to announce that a second edition of our official history is close to completion. This new edition will be in a presentable, digital format by the time of Convention. The bulk of these updates consist of providing accounts of our Fraternity history up this past spring, newly rediscovered articles from Gamma Delta Psi's history, and an updated roster list. As Grand Brother John Cobb has pointed out in the past, our history book is a living document meant to be updated, and it is important that we keep up with it.

Additionally, our IBOD Chief Executive Officer, Michael Albrecht, and I recently made a trip to Rehoboth, Delaware to meet with Iota chapter's new President, Adam Bailey. He has shown great leadership capabilities and ambitious, but certainly doable, goals for our Bridgewater chapter this upcoming fall semester. These include recruitment number goals, promoting the chapter through social media, and brother bonding with Eta chapter. Iota chapter is definitely well on its way to growing both in active numbers and structure.

Finally, as you have probably figured out by now, the theme of this edition of the Grip has been a call to arms. While I don't want to repeat what other brothers have already said, I would like to give my own two cents on this. In order for this Fraternity to continue growing and succeeding we need more our alumni and inactive brothers to become involved. That is not to say there aren't alumni who are involved; there certainly are and the IBOD is very much aware of this. However, there also many alumni who have expressed strong opinions about the direction of Fraternity in recent years, yet do not take action to become engaged.

The most common excuse I hear from these alumni that they simply are busy and do not have the time to become involved. While I certainly do not doubt this, I would like to say a few things: I get it guys. As someone who is working full time, and going back to school to get a teaching license, working on the IBOD, along with all the other curveballs that 'adulthood' throws in the way, I understand what it means to be busy. Each one of the IBOD members understands this. I would say that some of us don't necessarily have the time for Gamma Psi, but rather that we make the time for Gamma Psi.

The reality is that there is only so much five brothers can do. While the IBOD can give brothers and alumni the tools and support they need to help grow and maintain the Fraternity, these tools and support ultimately need to be utilized in order for Fraternity initiatives to succeed. This requires involvement, commitment, and at times, a little bit of personal sacrifice. We all want to see Gamma Psi realize its full potential, but, yes, it does require work and volunteering.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope to see as many of you all as possible at Omicron Convention in September.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew "Rex" Hrozencik
International Board of the Directors – Executive Vice-President
Eta Chapter #107

Call to Arms

The past year has seen much in which the International Board of Directors can take pride in. Since Xi Convention, members of the IBOD have worked tirelessly to oversee operations, grow this organization, and plan for the continued success of Gamma Psi, an organization we all love so dearly. From a successful Xi convention in Farmville, to a workshop and training with Iota Chapter, to expanding our alumni events and outreach, to even starting the Kappa Crescent Club in Maryland, The IBOD has been doing everything in their power to carry out and support the mission of Gamma Psi Fraternity. IBOD members have sacrificed time in our busy schedules, money from our own pockets, and many miles on our cars to ensure our objectives are carried out successfully.

While we take pride in our work, we are not fully satisfied with the results of our efforts, and believe that we could do better. Not only do we believe we could do better, but we wholeheartedly believe that there are Brothers out there who could do better. This is our ask, plain and simple... do better. Do better than Icarus, do better than Bud, do better than Dundee. Help us push each other; The mutual benefit and social enjoyment of our brothers is priority number one.

As a board, we are in need of fresh ideas, fresh minds, and fresh energy. Just like an active chapter without pledges, a governing board with no new members grows stale and complacent if not cultivated properly. We are challenging you to push the Gamma Brotherhood forward by become an active alumni. I know some of you might be thinking "I did my time, I went to all the events I was supposed to, and did my DD shifts, so now I'm just going to reap the benefits of brotherhood." If this is you that's fine, complacency will get you by, but just remember, when it comes to the brotherhood, you get what you put into it. Over the course of the year, we had a lot of commentary about things that should be different, things that we wished hadn't changed, and things we would like to contribute. These are all conversations we encourage and are begging for you to partake in with us. But you must involve yourself, and be willing to work for your ideals. Nothing worthwhile comes easily.

We, the IBOD of Gamma Psi, invite you to join us. We are excited for the future, but we have so much left to accomplish to grow this organization to what we envision it to be. You are our future. Not the brother next to you. YOU are the future of Gamma Psi. Join us.

Call to Alumni

To All Alumni Brothers of Gamma Psi and Gamma Delta Psi,

Convention time is here and this Convention is about you! Some of the most impressive young men we know are now running our Fraternity in its entirety—just like we have always planned!

With this in mind, come join us! Let's celebrate! Come to the Convention and let's have some fun. After all, fun is what attracted us to Gamma in the first place. With the young guys in charge of things, all we need to do at Convention is have fun!

And while we're at it, let's show this new generation how proud we are of them!

Here is the link to sign up:<https://www.facebook.com/events/1302432896556940/>.

After you sign up, send an email to larrylbelcher@yahoo.com because we are planning an alumni happy hour and we want to make sure you are included.

Meet us in Harrisonburg!! Let's fill the town with Gamma Spirit—and, of course, spread the word!

- Gamma Psi, Gamma Chapter Alumni

Schedule

Friday Evening 9/14

6:00 pm till you're ready to get some rest

Check into hotel upon arrival in Harrisonburg

Beer, bowling and darts at Ruby's Arcade-100B 165 S Main St, Harrisonburg, VA

Brothers who arrive in Harrisonburg Friday can head to Rubys Arcade downtown to enjoy some casual, and maybe competitive rounds of bowling, pool, darts or shuffleboard while grabbing some drinks and pizza. Iota chapter will be able to provide a lift to and from the hotel so you don't have to drive!

Saturday 9/15

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Brunch at Wood Grill Buffet - 1711 Reservoir St, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Omicron Convention- Courtyard Marriott, 1890 Evelyn Byrd Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

The convention meeting will take place in the Shenandoah Room at the courtyard Marriott. Lunch will be catered by the Courtyard Marriott so that we can have a working lunch.

- 12:00** Call to Order by the Chairman
- 12:01** Repeating of the Motto by the Chairman
- 12:02** Reciting of the "Lord's Prayer" by All
- 12:04** Introduction of the Head Table
- 12:06** Announcement of Convention Appointments
 - Secretary
 - Sergeant-at-Arms
 - Parliamentarian
 - Committees (Chairman and participants)
- 12:08** Roll Call
- 12:15** Sergeant-at-Arms remarks (fines)
- 12:17** Parliamentarians remarks (traditions)
- 12:19** President's Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 12:25** Review of the "Agenda"
- 12:27** Chapter Reports
 - Eta
 - Iota
- 12:37** Crescent Club Reports
 - Kappa
- 12:40** Report from Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International
- 12:45** IBOD Reports (excluding the President)
 - CEO
 - Communications Director
 - VP
 - VP
- 1:05** IBOA Report (given by IBOA Chairman)
- 1:15** Business at Hand
 - Gamma Delta Psi Service Program

Review of Risk Management Policy, one year in
Gamma Delta Psi 140th anniversary in CANADA

Working Lunch

1:45

New Business

Gamma Psi 50th anniversary

Convention Planning Committee and Awards

Open block for new business and general discussion

3:00

Elections

IBOD President

IBOD CEO

IBOD Communications Director

IBOD VP(s)?

IBOA - 3 Year Term

IBOA - 3 Year Term

4:00

Report of Convention Sergeant-at-Arms

Passing of the Gavel to the New IBOD President

Swearing in of IBOD and IBOA officers

Motion for Adjournment

Passing of the Grip

5:00

Celebrate another successful convention! Capital Ale house has a great menu of food and drink to enjoy with brothers. - 41 Court Square, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Sunday 9/16

11:00

Cook out and say goodbye before everyone heads home at Kiwanis Park-302 Myers Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Congratulations to Bud and Jessica Weyland!

Welcome to the family AJ!



This beautiful little man is so lucky to have you as parents. We are beyond proud of the people you have become and await with eager anticipation to see the amazing person you will raise.

A Note from the Communications Director

I am happy to be writing you all as part of the publication of "The Grip". As our great Fraternity continues to expand and grow as do our annual publications. This is the third our three editions of "The Grip" set to be published during this academic year. Please stay tuned for the next edition, which is expected to be published in May.

Any Brothers wishing to contribute to The Grip are welcome to do so. Brothers are encouraged to submit anything they believe would benefit the Brotherhood. Any past Fraternity experiences, pictures, or general thoughts are welcome. Please send any article written to ibodgammapi@gmail.com. Those wishing to get more involved with the publication of The Grip please contact Kyle Dobry at ibodgammapi@gmail.com.

Kyle Dobry

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