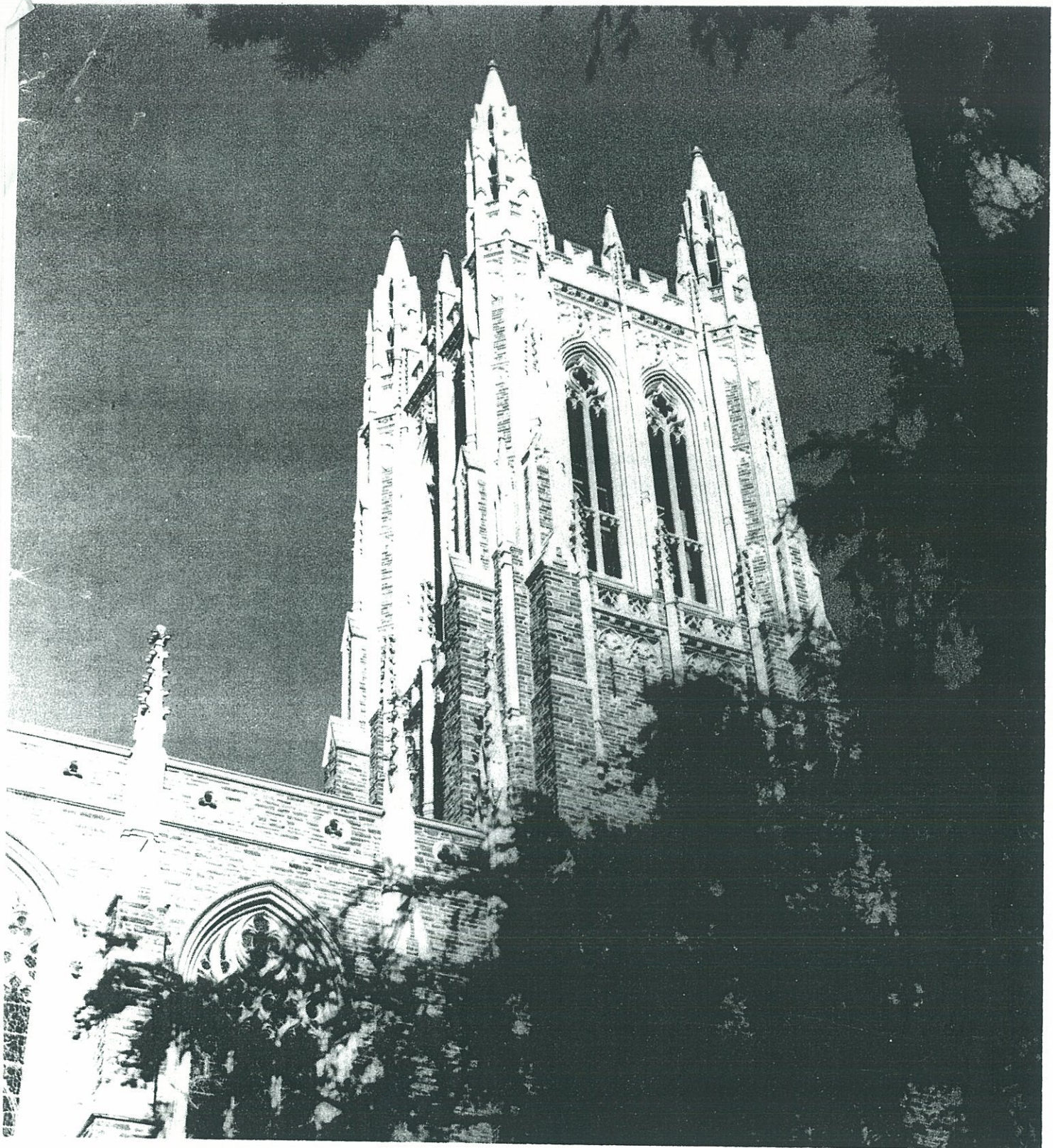


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April 23, 1954

Dear Brothers,

The outstanding characteristics of Gamma Rho this year, as it has been for many years, is the well roundedness of the chapter. We have always firmly believed that a well-balanced group of men is the fundamental quality of a great fraternity . . . a group with diversified interests yet bound together with ties of friendship. This year the bonds of fraternal brotherhood could not have been stronger. Consequently, it has been another year of greatness and achievement for Gamma Rho.

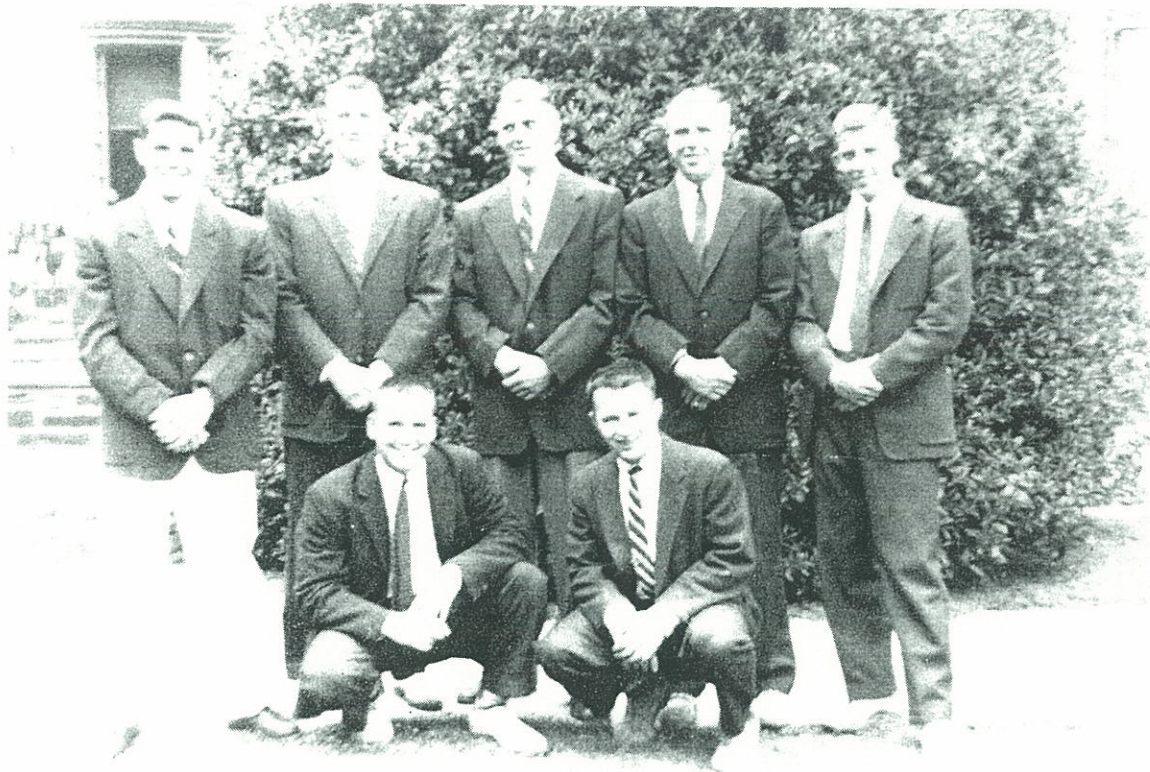
I feel a certain humbleness when I realize that this embodies all to which I have been elected the president. As Gamma Rho has grown this year under our past president, I only hope that I too can carry on the traditions, spirit, work, and brotherhood of this chapter. With the group of men that now constitute our chapter, I feel confident that the years to come will be comparable or even surpass those that have preceded us.

In June we will lose twenty fine men. This magazine is, in the most part, dedicated to them, for through their hard work and leadership, Gamma Rho has become truly great. Yet the entire credit is not theirs alone. There are men who have preceded . . . there are men who have built and created . . . they all have established and strengthened the heritage of Gamma Rho. We, the new officers of this chapter, sincerely pledge that we too will strive to achieve the more perfect fraternity which has been visualized by those who are proud to be a member of the Duke chapter, The Gamma Rho of Beta Theta Pi.

Sincerely yours in,

—kai—

JOHN SCHMITT  
President



Standing: SAMUELS, BEVERIDGE, SCHMITT, SCHARGES,  
WEIR. Kneeling: GRUMHAUS, HAINER.

## NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

The chapter recently held its elections for officers for the coming school year. The officers elected are very capable and promise to fulfill the confidence which the brothers placed in them.

Elected president of the chapter was John Schmitt, from Geneva, Illinois. John is a mechanical engineer and is one of the top students in his class. He has served on the F.A.C. and is very active in M.S.G.A. John was chosen to Pi Tau Sigma engineering honorary and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honorary. John is, in addition, a constant Dean's List student.

"Rube" Scharges is the new vice-president. Rube is one of the campus leaders, recently assuming presidency of the Pep Board and Shoe 'n' Slipper. He is also on F.A.C. Rube comes from Brooklyn, New York.

Moving up from assistant-treasurer to the office of treasurer is Pete Grumhaus, from Hinsdale, Illinois. Pete has been on the Pep Board, F.A.C., and Y.M.C.A. An economics major, Pete was recently asked to join Alpha Kappa Psi business honorary.

Ken Towe, from Greenwich, Connecticut, has assumed duties as assistant-treasurer. Ken is the lacrosse manager.

John Swartz is the newly elected recording secretary. He has been very active in Y.M.C.A., being chosen to serve on the senior Y-cabinet. He was also in B.O.S., a freshman honorary. John is from Kansas City, Missouri.

Kit Weir, from Langhorne, Pennsylvania, is the alumni secretary. Kit is next year's card trick chairman. He is also on F.A.C. and was a cheerleader.

Fred Samuels, from New York City, is the corresponding secretary. Fred is on Duke's track team.

Frank Hainer, a transfer student from the Gamma chapter at Washington and Jefferson, is the new custodian. Since being at Duke, Frank has been active in the Glee Club, Chapel Choir, Hoof 'n' Horn, and Duke Players. He is from New York City.

With these capable officers assuming leadership of the fraternity, next year promises to be a memorable one for the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Theta Pi.