

## Projects Aiding the Institution

- 1. Providing Scholarships** - Many chapters furnish Gamma Beta Phi scholarships, funding them completely by chapter funds or by sharing expenses with the college financial office. Scholarships from \$100 to \$1000 have been funded. Be sure all scholarship money is paid to the college's financial aid office and distributed through that office to the recipient. If not, problems may arise with the Internal Revenue Service. It is entirely proper for the chapter to determine the recipient.
- 2. Teacher Appreciation Day** - Many chapters have had outstanding success in sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Day on Campus. Chapter members have done such things as presenting each teacher with an apple and poem, flowers, refreshments, a light lunch. Other possibilities include theater tickets, discount certificates from local merchants or restaurants.
- 3. Providing Refreshments** - Some chapters have provided refreshments for registration workers and/or the student body during registration. Other possibilities along this line include refreshments for a general faculty meeting, an on-campus workshop, Parents Day, graduation, orientation, and special guests.
- 4. Faculty/Student Gatherings** - One of the best projects that a Gamma Beta Phi chapter can do is promoting better faculty/student relationships. Some chapters invite faculty to meet with the members for dinners followed by student entertainment and/or volleyball/softball. These functions allow the students and faculty to get to know and appreciate each other. These functions can be large—scale or can concentrate on one department at a time.
- 5. Special Greetings** - A card from the Gamma Beta Phi Chapter at Christmas or on the Faculty member's birthday would contribute much to his or her morale, and hence, the overall atmosphere of the institution.
- 6. Ushering at Events** - Providing ushers at events, such as graduation, has been a service of several Gamma Beta Phi chapters. For projects such as this, be sure the members wear a badge or ribbon identifying them as Gamma Beta Phi members. If there is a printed program, acknowledgment of Gamma Beta Phi's part should be made. A metal Gamma Beta Phi badge, 3 1/2 inches in diameter, can be purchased from Headquarters.
- 7. Tour Guides** - Many chapters provide members to give tours of the campus to prospective students and their parents. Such an effort must be coordinated through the campus recruiting office. Sometimes special days are set aside for tours, or in some cases, specific members are asked to be available on Saturday mornings for persons who drop by to visit the campus. In any event, tour guides must be thoroughly briefed and should be those members with more extroverted personalities.
- 8. Letters of Welcome** - When new students and transfers come to the campus for orientation or registration, several GBP members hand out letters of

welcome. These letters welcome the newcomers to campus, urge them to do their best, and introduce them to the nature and requirements of Gamma Beta Phi.

**9. Welcoming Gamma Beta Phi Transfers** - Chapters in four—year schools receiving transfers from two-year schools having Gamma Beta Phi chapters should consider some special function to recognize them and get them involved with the chapter. A cookout with the Executive Committee is a possibility. Introduction at the first meeting and/or a special welcome poster would be great. Headquarters informs the chapter leadership during the summer of any transfers it knows are coming.

**10. Special Day for High School Students to Visit** - To encourage high school students to attend college has always been a primary concern to Gamma Beta Phi. Some chapters, alone or in concert with the administration, have set up or participated in special days when honor students from surrounding high schools are invited to campus. Of course, the event does not have to be restricted to honor students. Sometimes local Beta Clubs have been invited. Another possibility would be a Careers Day.

**11. Unload and Get Settled** - When new students come to campus, their parents often have to help unload the car and move items to the dorm rooms. Perhaps Gamma Beta Phi members (well—identified!) could man the various parking lots to help. This activity should certainly make a favorable impression. Coupling a visit with attending a sporting event as a guest of the school is an attractive possibility.

**12. Helping With or Sponsoring Campus Events** - One chapter has supplied guides for an annual band festival on campus, while another has sponsored a debate tournament. Another co-sponsors Honors Day, while one chapter aided in a Scholastic Bowl for high school students. Activities including sponsoring a science fair, an outside speaker, a special display, a reception are yet other ideas.

**13. Tutoring** - Several chapters have established or participated in a tutoring program.

**14. Holding a Club Night** - In order to introduce new students to the various organizations on campus, some schools hold a “Club Night.” The organizations are invited to set up and man a display. If your institution has such a program, Gamma Beta Phi should participate. If not, maybe Gamma Beta Phi could organize one. Such an activity is useful to new students.

**15. Aiding a “Minority”** - What can Gamma Beta Phi do for minorities, such as handicapped students or foreign students, on campus. One chapter provides readers for blind students, and another held a handicap awareness day. Larger schools probably have an administrator who is involved with the foreign students or with the handicapped. Check with that person for possible projects.

**16. Book Exchange** - If your chapter is fairly large, perhaps you can set up a textbook exchange among the members. One chapter promoted the general

education of its faculty by holding a book exchange for them. A professor donating a book in one field could pick up a book donated by another professor.

**17. Campus Beautification** - Holding a campus clean-up day, sponsoring the planting of flowers, trees or shrubs, or anything that makes the campus more attractive would be an aid to the learning atmosphere on campus. Litter barrels were put out by one chapter. One chapter provided name plates for the workers at the post office windows in order to make things more personal.

**18. New Student Orientation** - Several chapters have provided registration workers or student orientation assistants to take small groups of students through registration or around campus.

**19. Assisting the Library** - One chapter provided workers for the library for a few hours during busy times.

**20. Outstanding Student Award** Recognize the academic excellence of a student - This award may be restricted to a Gamma Beta Phi member. Perhaps the chapter could list on a bulletin board or in the school newsletter the names of Gamma Beta Phi members who maintained a 4.0GPA.

**21. Providing Information** - Some chapters have published a campus directory or distributed maps of class locations. Another good idea might be to prepare and give to new students a "How to Study" guide.

**22. Participating in Campus Activities** - As an integral part of the campus community, Gamma Beta Phi chapters should try to participate in such activities as homecoming parades, spirit week, All-Sing, intramural teams, and making banners for athletic contests. Some chapters have sponsored events such as leadership workshops, Dress for Success Seminars, and art shows. One chapter cleaned car windshields in a parking lot and left a note that read, "windshield cleaned courtesy of Gamma Beta Phi."

**23. Working with Special Olympics**