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## *G.A.S. Reunion 1995, Hawthorne N.J.*

The Hawthorne Cabellero's Alumni did an excellent job of hosting the 11th annual G.A.S. Reunion.

It was a weekend that DCAT established itself as an enthusiastic, participating member of G.A.S. We presented ourselves well, partied hearty and, all in all, made a good impression.

It was a weekend the that "plague" hit the chorus and a good number of us were sick.

It was a weekend that solidified us as a chorus. Overcoming illness and first time jitters, the emotion in the warm up room was overwhelming, (literally). There is only one "first time" and I was proud to be part of it. We did a fine job and were very, very well received.

It was a weekend that we were awarded the 1999 G.A.S. Reunion, to be held here in Toronto. This is a big undertaking and is going to take a lot of work by a lot of people to make it happen.

### ***Other G.A.S. weekend stuff...***

There's nothing like a Christian Fellowship bus trip! What a well behaved lot we were (not!!!).

It was the Mother of all Bus Trips! - John "are we there yet" Connell - Summer sausage and beer made a lethal combination - 39 cases of beer at the Duty Free - John Fox telling the funniest and raunchiest jokes - Joe Watson with the video camera when you staggered off the bus.

Ted Key stomped up the aisle of the bus after we had gotten lost for the umpteenth time, grabbed the map from Tom, tore it into shreds and threw it in the can. From then on, going to the can was referred to as going to check the map!

Other memorable moments...

Joe Watson's stellar performance at the individuals with his assistants Lois (legs) Nicholls and Stan (the man) Babiarz.

Ann Watson's table top dance routine (under the pretense of showing off her new shoes).

Wyatt did his impression of a bartender from the movie "Cocktail", but selected the dribble bottle to twirl... Wyatt's wiggle was a big hit with the table at the foot of the stage.

Aggie and her entourage of Skyliners and Cabelleros.

All those bodies in the hot tub playing some weird game.

The awesome Hawthorne Alumni Drum Corps - talk about stepping back in time.



### **Ode to our Bus Driver!**

Wednesday we gathered, there wasn't a hitch  
Gary, our bus driver, his nickname was "Ditch"  
Lead footed and sure he got us there early  
from then on he faltered, he didn't have his "Pearleys"

While to-ing and fro-ing and lost and quite frazzled  
We realized our driver was directionally challenged

Pulling U-ees on highways and driveways and such,  
taking out sign posts didn't bother him much.  
Whether nudging a Lincoln or carving a lawn  
he did it all with the greatest elan.

But we did always get there not sooner but later  
his patience in tact, a cool operator

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It seemed only fitting that when we were leaving Saddlebrook for Toronto, we find ourselves in a large park beside a lake covered with ducks and we were facing the wrong way on a one way street.

### ***Where do we go from here?***

DCAT's big focus now is recruitment, for the alumni in general and the chorus in particular. The tentative practice schedule is: Wednesdays through April, May and June. We will be working on new music. Every other Sunday through July and August.

We will be looking for help from alumni members on a committee to organize G.A.S. 1999 that we will be hosting. We will also be forming a committee to organize our trip to G.A.S. 1996 in Boston.

In June (date to be announced) there will be a general meeting to discuss the future of DCAT and for the election of Officers.

Cheers

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