

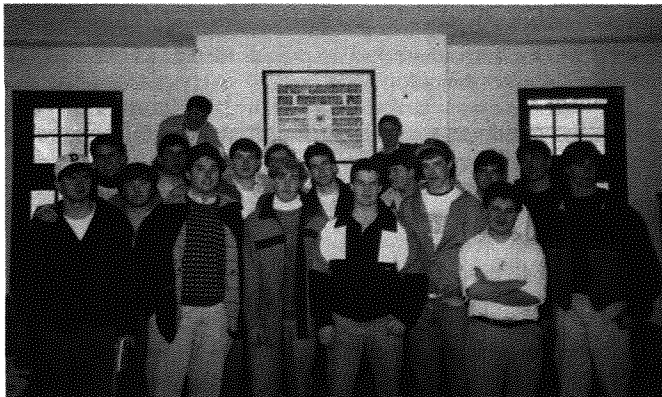


PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Hamilton College

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Pledge class '91.

Chapter Maintains Fine Reputation

Greetings from the Psi Chapter! I am pleased to report that since I took over the position of archon from Chris Cabot '88 in December, the house has continued to strengthen its position on campus. With a new pledge class of 23 freshmen, our stability is ensured for years to come. The members of the Psi Chapter have continued to be very visible on campus athletically, academically, and socially and have begun to make a very favorable impression on the administration. With a new president coming to the Hill, the upcoming year is very important for all the societies as well as for the Psi. It is our job to show this new member of the Hamilton community that societies contribute in a significant and positive way to the well-being of the community.

After a tough year with the administration in 1986-'87, all of the societies pulled together through the Inter-Society Council and took steps to improve our image in the eyes of the student body, faculty, and administration. During the fall and spring of this year, Richard Koehler '90, Todd Hoffman '90, and Bill Plumb '89 have been involved in drawing up new alcohol policies for all societies to follow. This is one of the most important issues we must address because of the change in the drinking age. Although we have not cut down on the number or size of parties, we have taken steps to ensure that those who attend behave with decorum.

Another way that Psi U has tried to gain the respect of members of the community is through philanthropic efforts. On Wednesday nights during the spring semester, the brothers of the Psi Chapter provided Hamilton College students with "safe rides" from the bars downtown back to campus. This service is intended to encourage students not to mix drinking and driving. In addition, the bloodmobile is still being used to help increase the supply of blood in central New York. We are also considering

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Hamilton College Approves Our Loan Application

Recognizing the importance of the fraternity and sorority life as part of the Hamilton College education, the Hamilton College Board of Trustees voted in 1985 to make available a sum of money on a loan basis to the fraternities to help them meet all minimum safety requirements and to bring the houses up to dormitory standards for student living.

After a year of consideration, your Psi Chapter trustees, utilizing the skills of the architectural/engineering firm of Stetson-Harza to assess our building needs, and only after a realization of a full complement of Psi U undergraduate residents, have voted to take advantage of the college loan offer.

At the June meeting of the Hamilton College Board of Trustees, our loan application was approved. This loan will be repaid over a 15-year period of time from funds generated by house occupancy.

Work will start immediately to begin the necessary energy-saving and safety renovations. Some of the items that will be done are:

- 1) Replace three floors of single-pane windows with thermo-pane windows
- 2) Complete house rewiring
- 3) Replace suite doors
- 4) Remodel toilet rooms and shower rooms
- 5) Correct front chimney
- 6) Add new vestibule at rear entrance near Gote Room
- 7) House furniture

Our campaign to raise the balance of the funds needed will be kicked off this fall. At that time, you will receive a call from a volunteer brother. Be ready to do your part in assuring the continuation of the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon on the Hill.

Yours in the Bonds,
John E. Becker II '61
Psi Chapter Trustees



Don't be slow; plan now:
Homecoming '88

October 1
Hamilton
vs. Colby

A Senior Brother Shares His Four-Year Perspective

As the school year draws to a close, I look back at four years of Hamilton and Psi Upsilon. Much has happened to me during these four years, both as a Hamiltonian and a brother. The house and the college have also undergone changes. Most of these changes have been for the better, but, as is always the case with change, some have been difficult, with immediate and future ramifications.

An example of change has been the alcohol policy and the school. When New York Governor Cuomo signed a bill into law in 1985 making it illegal to sell alcohol to persons under age 21, the results were unexpected. The administration had already taken steps to limit alcohol use on campus by removing the bar from the HUB and making party forms mandatory for anything more than two cases of beer. It was no doubt a surprise to many observers that fraternities, originally deemed the great menace and perpetrators of alcohol abuse, have been among the most stringent observers of the alcohol policy. Psi Upsilon in particular has adhered strictly to the policy, still managing to hold the most successful parties in the process. While two fraternities are on probation for the remainder of the spring, they will be observing full status in the fall. It seems that the administration believes the societies can successfully manage themselves and alcohol and is demonstrating a willingness to help them survive at the college. On that note, the campus will be housing the two-year-old Phi Beta Chi Sorority and welcoming the return of DKE as well in the fall.

Psi U has not only asserted itself as a major force in successful social functions, though. In the spring of '87, Psi U won the A-league intramural softball championship. The following fall, both Psi U Squad II football and Psi FLU soccer captured their respective A-league titles as well. And intramurals are but one facet of Psi U athletics. There are very few teams that play for Hamilton that do not boast several members from the bold house. While they are far too numerous to list, great praise must be given to senior Psis Pete Hills, Scott Bothfeld, Sherm Durfee, Mike Fleisher, Steve Johnson, Drew Hall, Eric Grossman, Jeff Papa, Tom Forrest, and Chris Cabot for many years of varsity playing and success.

The house is now fully occupied, and there is a large uphill contingent actively engaged in spreading boldness throughout the campus. The house is also again blessed with a superior group of pledges. With the house at full strength and with this strong pledge class, Psi U commands a respect and admiration unsurpassed in the past three years. Aside from the always-successful social engagements, Psi U prides itself on having fine athletes and scholars. All in all, Psi U has been *the* place this year.

I will miss Hamilton very much, I am certain, as well as Psi U. In the years to come, I shall return to the Hill as an alumnus, both of Hamilton and of the house. But I will always be a brother, and that is something of which I can be very proud. I look forward to returning for many years to the place I called home for three great years, the bold house, for I know that the rich and bold traditions for which the house stands shall endure despite the changes around us.

Phil Hecken

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"Ma" Finishes 10th Year As Psi Upsilon Cook

Aurelia Smith is now in her 10th year as cook. In a recent conversation one late afternoon prior to a succulent roast beef dinner, "Ma" reminisced a little about the kitchen and how it has changed over the years.

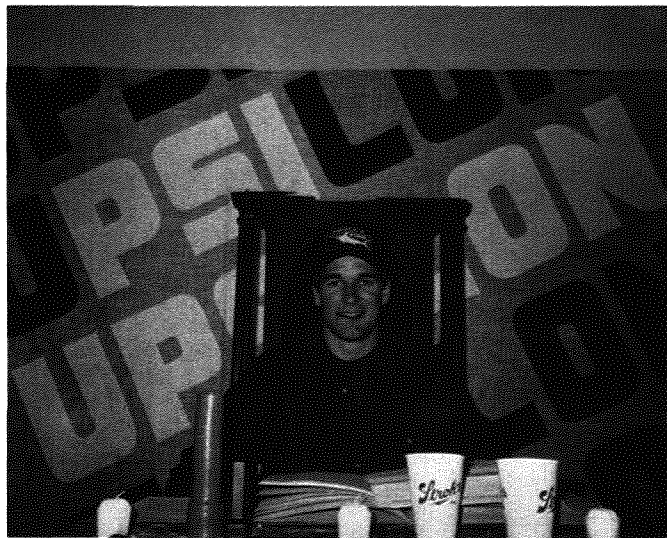
The kitchen today is far better—and so, too, is Ma's temperament, thanks largely to Cam MacDonald (sophomore) and Mark Leger (junior). The old refrigerator has been replaced by a new stainless steel one, and she no longer has to worry about creatures crawling inside it. Ma says, "My boys thank you, I thank you, and our pledges-to-be will thank you."

The kitchen still maintains an open-door policy so that brothers are allowed to eat whenever they wish. Periodic cleanups ensure that the kitchen is always spotless for Ma when she drives up in her green Chevy for breakfast.

If you come up to the Psi house in the near future, do stop by and collect the latest gossip from Ma on old man Weaver and all the locals, but I suggest you allow an extra hour.

Ma sends her love to "Clemo," who still is in China, and to her old alums who have stopped in. "I love you all; keep in touch."

Thomas Meyer '89



Newly elected Archon Bill Plumb '89.

Chapter Maintains, continued

other forms of community service.

With a new pledge class of 23, we are very optimistic about our fiscal position next year. Because of this, we are looking forward to new improvements on the structure of this house. Every spring the pledge project allows for a few small improvements, but larger structural improvements are in the works. This summer all of the windows on the second and third floors will be replaced, and the plaster around doorways and windows will be fixed.

We encourage any brothers from past eras to return and see what we have done to preserve and maintain Psi Upsilon's fine reputation. The house is filled with energy and dedication, and we hope that all of the alumni hold these same feelings.

YITB,
Bill Plumb '89

Spotlight: One On One With Rob Beavlieu

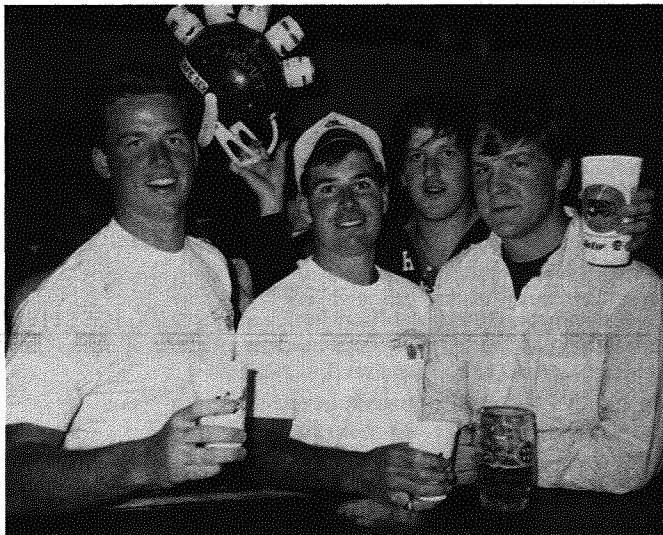
It's around noontime, and Rob Beavlieu has just woken up from a long night's sleep and is off to the Psi house for lunch. Rob is easily recognizable and usually dressed in a tee shirt and faded jeans. It was a nice day, so I was doing some hanging on the wall and spotted Rob walking down the path in his infamous "low runner." Rob is tough to get to know, largely due to the fact that he has a language all of his own. I wished him a good morning, and Rob began mumbling, "bue, bue, bue . . .," which doesn't actually mean anything but is meaningful to those who enjoy the art of "swaz talk."

One's first impression of Rob is that he's a reserved, extremely laid-back guy who likes to play the guitar and listen to the Grateful Dead all day. In actuality, however, Rob is an outstanding athlete and a true leader. Rob is one of the Hamilton Continentals' leading defensemen and is paired with another Psi brother, junior Mark "The Hammer" Leger. Rob has a plethora of moves and can skate by most opponents with ease, a truly impressive feat when you consider his lanky appearance of 5'8" and 160 pounds.

But his ability goes beyond raw talent. Rob is also a true leader, as evidenced by his recent election to hockey captain. His teammates and friends rely on Rob for his leadership and inspiration and respect his opinions.

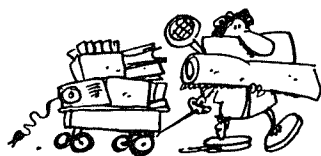
Rob is an example of an individual who is contributing to the Hamilton community in many ways, and he is a true asset to the house as well. Congratulations, Rob, for making our spotlight this spring.

Thomas Meyer '89



From left to right: Steve Johnson '88, Tom Meyer '89, Chris Cabot '88, and Pete Groome '90.

Over the long haul . . .



it pays to
send us your new
address. Our
address is on
page two.

ISC Completes Alcohol Policy

The long-awaited Inter-Society Council alcohol policy has finally been completed. The plan was initially developed in 1986 and will be added to the ISC constitution this spring. The policy guidelines are geared toward larger parties, which have been designated as parties attended by over 150 people. In the event of a party this size, each private society is asked to comply with the following outline.

- Security guards must be placed at all entrances and exits.
- Everyone entering the party with the intent to drink must produce proof of age 21.
- Everyone who produced proof of age must wear a wristband in order to receive alcohol.
- Professional bartenders must be hired to serve alcohol.

The new alcohol policy will present few changes for the Psi. Currently, in our tradition of responsible drinking, we already follow these guidelines. It is our intent at the Psi not only to uphold the new alcohol policy, but also to set an example for the entire Hamilton College campus.

YITB,
Rich Koehler '90

Chapter Boasts Strong Pledge Class

At the close of another year on the Hill, the Psi house boasts yet another strong pledge class to ensure our social and academic dominance at Hamilton College.

This fraternal dynasty, with deep roots in the past, has gained new strength with the addition of such brothers as Peter "Lax God" Hills '88, Mark "The Steward on Ice" Leger '89, and Steve "Bulkster" Elkins '90.

No doubt new brothers such as Paul "Breakfast" Petruzi '90 and Stuart "The Rig" McLean '91 will continue to nurture the growth of the Psi and provide an obvious example of perfect muscle symmetry, which all brothers can benefit from.

It is this pride and dedication that typifies the newly initiated brothers and the spirit present in all the classes of Psi Upsilon. With renewed vigor and commitment, the future surely looks bright for the continued strength and dominance of the spirit of Psi U on the Hill.

Next fall, the house will be full with 23 new brothers, 16 upperclassmen, a few stray dogs, and one Ma! May all Psi brothers, old and new, share in our enthusiasm for a bright and beneficial future.

Jim Preschlak '89

Brothers Assemble Pledge Manual

The Psi Upsilon pledge education program ran smoothly this year, under the guidance of Eric Grossman and Rob Beavlieu. These two fine gentlemen had the task of educating 23 pledges.

With the cooperation of the national, Dave Holgate (with some assistance from Eric and myself) assembled a new, updated pledge manual. The manual includes national history of Psi Upsilon as well as the history of our chapter. The pledges were expected to know most of the material and were to be tested during the course of initiation.

At this writing, initiation is still in front of us, and we hope to bring 23 new brothers into the house with a full understanding of what our brotherhood is about. Given the diversity and strength of this pledge class, we don't believe our task a tremendously difficult one.

Our Alumni Report



"I would welcome a call from or visits from any alumni," pens JOHN GRAY '37 (850 W. Garden St., P.O. Box 987, Pensacola, FL 32595—telephone: 800/222-GRAY). John works in real estate and is self-employed.

Writes SANFORD COFFIN '39, "I retired on 31 December 1984 from CERBERONICS, Inc., which performed defense-related services. I joined this company in May 1970 as an engineer/writer, making the 21st 'warm body' on the staff, and retired as the editor-in-chief responsible for the production and quality of its studies, technical reports, and proposals. During the almost 15 years that I served this company, I saw it grow to approximately 500 employees in the U.S. and overseas and then, with the enactment of the Competition in Contracting Act in 1984, which substantially curtailed single or sole source contracts, watched the number of employees gradually become fewer—down to about 375 by the time I retired. One of my majors (four years) at Hamilton had been English composition, and with that background, plus what I had learned in more than 25 years in the army, I found I could transpose the engineer's lingo into a language a layman could understand. That was my forte." About his family, Sandy reports, "My wife, Virginia, and I celebrated our 45th anniversary in September '87 while I was on a weekend pass from Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, DC. Following the pass, I had a minor prostate operation and another such operation in November after Thanksgiving. One positive result was assurance that no cancer was present. A third operation in January was postponed indefinitely due to the risk of pneumonia, but I was hospitalized again at that time for about a week. Otherwise everything is going along great." Sandy's two daughters each have a son. "Cynthia's Jason will be 16 in November '88, and Katharine's Cory will be 16 in August '89, so we have two grandsons to spoil. Katharine's husband is an army lieutenant colonel, and he will finish up a one-year study grant at the University of Edinburg in Scotland this summer, where, among other things, he's been working on his doctorate in Russian area studies. Kathy has her master's in special education and teaches at a local private pre-school. Cynthia's husband is a GS employee of the department of education, where he's responsible for the design and operation of required computer programs/systems. Cynthia is the manager of the Arlington Courthouse branch of one of the larger savings banks." He concludes, "That about covers major events of the past 15 years." Keep in touch with Sandy at 4021 N. Richmond St., Arlington, VA 22207.

Drop a line to WILLIAM B. BAXTER '42 at 8 West First Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095. He pens that he is retired and enjoying five grandchildren, hunting, fishing, "and as much golf as possible!"

A psychologist in private practice, WILLIAM G. BARTON '69 receives mail at 15 El Camino Buruo, P.O. Box 194, Ross, CA 94957. He informs us that he has a son named "Will," who is two years old. "I recently bought a home and am hoping to finish my doctoral dissertation soon. Business is going well, and I serve on the board of directors of the California Biofeedback Society. In addition, I'm editor of *California Biofeedback* (the state society newsletter)." Bill plans to return to the Hill next spring for his 20th reunion. He adds that he is still active in yacht racing and

hopes to serve as a psychologist in the upcoming Olympic games in South Korea.

Banker ROBERT J. BERGER '69 reports that he was promoted to treasurer of his bank (Onondaga Savings Bank) in July 1986. "My wife and I run a livery service for our two children—Katie (8) and John (10)—which includes soccer, hockey, scouts, ballet, and a variety of other activities in which we all participate." "Briefcase" and Nan are currently renovating their second home ("sold the first one seven years ago"), and he notes that "quality work seems to take longer each year." Bob is looking forward to getting back to the college for his 20th in 1989 "or sooner if possible." Reach him at 121 Shirley Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224.

"I am in the fifth year of building my CPA practice," writes STEVEN P. CARLSON '79 (101 Mountain View Dr., Holden, MA 01520). "Reading the most recent *Psi News* made me very happy to learn that the Psi is a force on the Hill once again. I congratulate the brothers, old and young, for the hard work that has been done, and I look forward to participating in the hard work to be done in the future. Brothers may drop me a note or call—and not just for tax advice!"

Although he lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, FRANK MAURAN IV '80 reports that mail should be sent c/o Frank Mauran III, 109 Benefit St., Providence, RI 02903. Frank (IV) is a business school student at the University of Virginia, is married, and has a daughter (Marion), who was born on August 26, 1987.

ROBERT W. GUTH '82 shares with us that on February 1, 1988, he started a new job as an associate attorney with the law firm of Sandbower, Gabler & O'Shaughnessy, P.A., in downtown Baltimore, Maryland. "Any bold Psis coming into the Baltimore area are encouraged to call" (3629 Cornus Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043).

Contact PAUL S. FREYER '83 at 238 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

Psychotherapist BRADLEY H. SMITH '83 pens, "Great spring '88 *Psi News*!" He adds, "One correction is that the phrase 'Matt and Hoagie' is not quite correct. MATTHEW B. KERN '83 loves to be called 'Peeps,' and 'Hoagie and Peeps' is the usual combination for disaster." Greet Brad at 34 Barnett St., Westville, CT 06515.

A commercial lending officer for Chemical Bank, JOSEPH T. McDONALD JR. '85 welcomes mail and visitors at 5100 Highbridge St., Apt. #32C, Fayetteville, NY 13066.



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