



# PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Hamilton College

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Santa Bill Pottle '91

## Bold House Receives Renovations

As the 1988-'89 academic year comes to an end, things are beginning to look up at the bold Psi house. The ongoing renovation project currently being supervised continues. In the meantime, the bold brothers of the house have contributed significantly to the completion of minor renovations.

Many parts of the house have been neglected over the years; as a result, things become broken and unusable. In recent efforts to upgrade some features of the house, the brothers have pitched in to begin some restoration. First, the men's and women's restrooms in the tap room have been completely restored. They are now fully functional. Also, the great hall has been repainted. This new ambiance is more appropriate for our new furniture: four new, sturdy couches, five matching chairs, and a coffee table. Finally, the new brothers of the house (initiated in May) have finished painting the back stairwell and stairs by the side entrance. The brothers have all come to realize a new responsibility to the house; this will continue in the years to come.

The major house renovations are being supervised by Stetson-Harza, an overseeing contractor. Stetson-Harza has been taking bids for the rewiring of the house. Also, plans to replace suite doors and door frames are now being made. After the wiring is completed and the doors replaced, the replacement of second- and third-floor carpeting will be considered. However, this particular project will be contingent on the availability of funds and

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## Our President Reviews The Year's Events

As the spring semester winds down, the Psi is happy to be able to look back on a successful and eventful year. Twenty new brothers joined the ranks and were welcomed by the always festive and educational initiation banquet. A broad spectrum of alumni and trustees gathered to welcome the new brothers. Faces in the crowd included recent graduates Michael Fleischer '88, Jeff Randalls '88, and Jeff "The Thinking Man's Meathead" Papa '88. Joining them in the culmination of the '89 initiation were Jim Bresson '83 and Rich Baletta '81. The alumni and trustees were greeted by freshly painted walls, new windows, and one-week-old furniture that graced the library and great hall. Jeb Becker, president of the trustees, commented, "The house has never looked better." Included in the renovation project will be new suite room doors, hallway carpeting, and a complete renovation of the electrical system.

On a lighter note, the annual St. Thomas party was a great success, helped by the lofty reggae tunes of the Wesley Rogers Experiment. On a more significant note, the Psi hosted an international day for the big brother/big sister program of the Utica area. Foods, banners, and music representing different countries added to the international atmosphere. Children gathered with their big brothers and sisters for the all-day affair.

Thirty-eight brothers will make the newly renovated halls of Psi U their home next year. Several brothers will continue their help with the big brother/big sister program as well as the usual campus-wide involvement in sports, student government, music, and theater.

The undergraduate members of the Psi Chapter also encourage alumni to return to the hill and the Psi U house to see what we have accomplished.

Richard E. Koehler '90  
President

Join your active brothers for

### HOMECOMING '89

October 21

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Morning — Board meeting  
1:30 p.m. — Hamilton vs. Middlebury  
Postgame — Cocktails



## Stewards Rejuvenate Kitchen

There's something different about the Psi house these days. The kitchen is clean. Very clean. Under the direction of the new stewards, Scott "The King" Jones and Chris Neimeth, some radical changes continue to be made.

"The King" on the new kitchen: "My theory about the kitchen is if the place where food comes from *looks* better, then the food will *be* better. The brothers will as a result eat more, and ultimately the house will be generally healthier. I take great pride in the kitchen."

"The King" brings plenty of experience to the job, as he has worked the last three years in Sylvan Beach at Yesterday's Royal, one of the finest kitchens in upstate New York.

Neimeth on the new kitchen: "We've asked Ma to stop parading around in those slinky dresses. Since then, attendance at meals is up almost 20 percent. Being steward is quite challenging and unrewarding work. But there is a definite need for these changes we are making."

Ma on the new kitchen: "I want only the best for the brothers, and these two seem to want to give it to them. They are possibly the best stewards that I can remember. Besides, on weeknights I can get out of here an hour early, giving me plenty of time to get to my other job (lead dancer at the Woo-Woo lounge)."

An expanded and carefully planned menu has resulted in many more enjoyable meals. Even dessert is being served twice a week.

Neimeth and "King" on the new kitchen: "We hope that what we are doing here will set a precedent for a long time to come."

Scott Jones '91  
Kitchen Steward

## A New Brother Shares His Insights

Being a pledge has been a most interesting experience, and the most important lesson I have learned from pledging is about unity among friends. Before pledging began, I did not know some of my fellow pledges, but after the period was over, I felt we all had something very special in common. Through pledge period, we all have become very good friends. I hope and expect that this friendship will continue to grow throughout our Hamilton years and after.

Jonathan Gardner '92

## Psi U Welcomes New Members

The brothers of Psi Upsilon past and present want to welcome the 20 newest members of our fraternity.

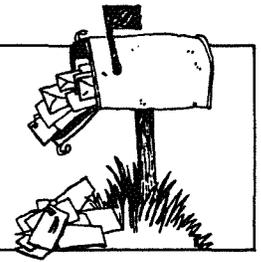
This year's pledge class was as strong as ever. The class boasts some of Hamilton's upcoming academic and athletic stars. There are players from all of Hamilton's varsity sports—football, hockey, lacrosse, and baseball. The new Psi members are welcome additions to the house and the hill.

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## Psi U Alums Send Us News



Writes CHAUNCEY D. COWLES '33, "Five years ago I sold my interest in Cowles/Smith & Company, Inc., but have been retained as a consultant to the successor firm, so I still have a place to hide." Chan's younger daughter, Julia (Hamilton '84, *cum laude*), was to graduate from Fordham Law School this past May and then assume a clerkship with federal Judge Cardamone in central New York. Send Chan best wishes at 480 Ashland Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222.

"I'm still enjoying retirement from the practice of law in Buffalo," reports JOHN E. ADAMSON JR. '37 (#1 Bluebill Ave., Apt. #406, Naples, FL 33963). Jack keeps busy swimming, playing golf and bridge, and participating in community service activities. He expected to see CHAUNCEY D. COWLES '33 during the winter.

A self-employed realtor, JOHN GRAY '37 pens, "Three machines are making life much more interesting for me: computer, car telephone, and fax (904 434 9486). The fax and cellular phone are putting a new meaning into my life. I encourage everybody to get a fax machine—and give me your number." Write to John at 850 W. Garden St., P.O. Box 987, Pensacola FL 32501.

"Nothing really new," writes DAVID C. CHILDS '39 (16 Juniper Rd., Centerville, MA 02632). "I'm still employed at Cape Cod Hospital Foundation as a bookkeeper. At Christmas time I spoke to LOUIS C. CATE '39 and SANFORD COFFIN '39, who are both hale and hearty." The three of them were looking forward to their 50th reunion in June.

The president of Williams Oil Company, Inc., DALE P. WILLIAMS reports, "I have had the same job and same wife for more than 35 years. We have three children, two of whom graduated from Hamilton (one was Psi '78). We also have three grandchildren and a winter home in Tequesta, Florida. We hope to spend more time there as we ease into retirement." Keep in touch with Dale at 1 Harley St., Remsen, NY 13438.

Our apologies to ALBERT A. H. VOLLMER '52. As we edit the news we receive, we try to retain its flavor and meaning. Unfortunately, in the editing of Al's last newsnote, some of the meaning was lost. In July 1988, Al wrote, "A contingent from the  
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## Bold House Receives, continued

the success of the alumni fund drive currently being conducted by Aaron Reed.

As renovation of the house continues, alumni of the Psi are welcome to visit the house to take a look around and make any comments about the renovation procedure. Any input will be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you soon.

Yours in the Bonds,  
John E. "Jake" Knapp '90  
House Manager

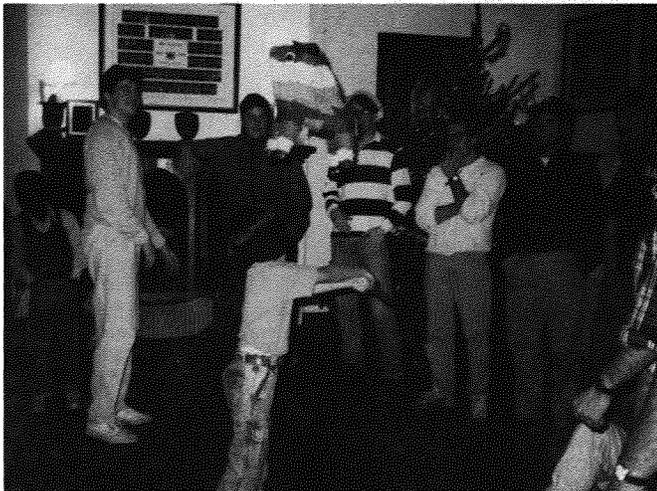
## Psi U's Help Unfortunate Kids

Throughout the past academic year, the Psi house has brought a new group of little brothers into our house. With the encouragement of Bill Pottle '91 and David Gardner '91, the Psi house has become an important sponsor for the big brother/big sister program of Utica.

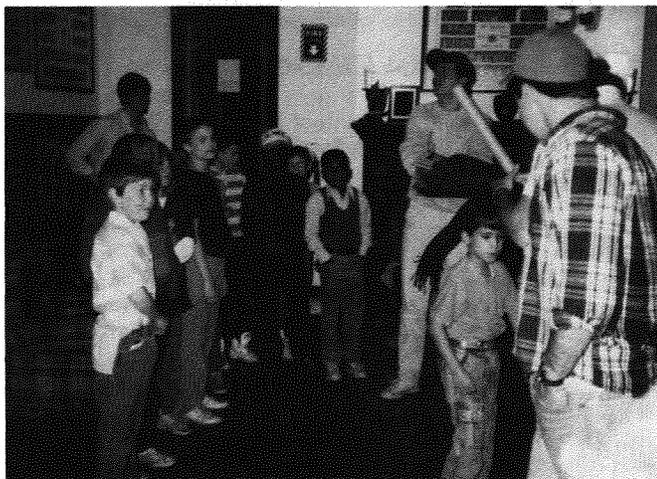
In December the house held a Christmas party for the program. The Psi brothers entertained the children with games, food, and our own Bill Pottle '91 as an ideal Santa Claus. In addition, the Psi house presented the children with gifts from money earned at the Parents' Weekend barbecue held last fall during the Hamilton-Trinity football game.

After winter break, the Psi house had another party for the big brother program. In February the Psi house held an international day. During this event, the children were able to experience and taste a little culture and food from nations all over the globe. In addition, the Psi brothers taught the children numerous foreign games.

This past year truly has been a significant year for the Psi house. Through the involvement in the big brother program, some unfortunate Utica children and our Psi brothers have benefited. The children have received new friends and teachers, while the brothers have found a new sense of giving and caring.



From left: Brothers Drew Kliber '91, Jim Preschlack '89, Tom Bacon '91, Todd Drometer '89, Russ Hunt '91, and Steve Stevens '91.



Psi U's and their little brothers.

## A Message From "Mom"

Life at the Psi U house has changed for the better. Our brothers spend their free time with the big brothers program.

Yes, they are more industrious, dedicated, and responsible. The children look up to the big brother; their faces and eyes say so much. Hockey games, baseball, and swimming are big hits—but no words can describe Christmas.

This pledge dinner, check out the program these young men are involved in. I'm proud of them.

"Mom"

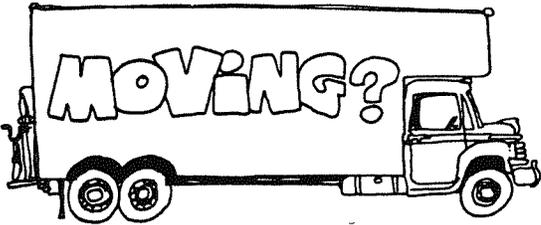
Aurelia Smith, House Chef



Brother Mark Leger '89 with dogs Hershey and Tigger.

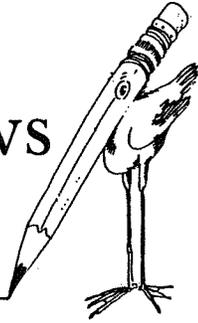


Psi U's littlest brothers.



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# Our Psi U Alumni News Continues



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Harlem Blues and Jazz Band played at JACK SANBORN's ('52) and my 40th Mamaroneck, New York, high school reunion dance, and as manager of the group, I was dressed in a tuxedo to show solidarity with the musicians and wore no name tag. The regular reunion revelers exhibited no such sartorial splendor, but, to be sure, did identify themselves with labels. At one point, Jack Sanborn came up to the bandstand and queried if I were the manager of the combo and would the band please play the tune 'Sentimental Journey.' I recognized him, but clearly he did not recognize me. I solemnly assured him that his request would be honored and said no more. Perhaps it is fitting that I let on through the *Psi News* that I would have moved heaven and earth to grant my former ice hockey teammate, both at Mamaroneck and at Hamilton, my freshman roommate at South Dorm, and my fellow Psi Upsilon brother his musical wish!" In March 1989, Al wrote, "On April 14, Dr. Albert Vollmer '52 will be bringing the famed Harlem Blues and Jazz Band, consisting of eight veteran jazz musicians of the swing era, once more to the Hamilton College campus, this time for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Black and Latin Union." Send best wishes to Al at 54 Wendt Ave., Larchmont, NY 10588.

Attorney HADLEY S. ROE '60 informs us that he "changed residence, wife, and job. Other than that, nothing particularly interesting is happening in my life." Drop Hadley a line at 28 Rutland St., Mount Kisco, NY 10549.

Stay in touch with PAUL C. WAIBEL JR. '69 at a new address of 127 E. Mohawk Dr., Malvern, OH 44644. Paul is an MD with Gastroenterology Associates, Inc.; he intended to return for his 20th reunion in June.

The vice president of Paul Batt Buick, Inc., PAUL V. BATT JR. '72 resides at 80 Endicott Dr., Amherst, NY 14221. "I was recently elected to a three-year term on the Amherst Central School board. My three children are Matthew (4), Jeffrey (8), and Joanna (3)."

Send correspondence to BRUCE H. HAMMEL at 4404 Brook Rd., Richmond, VA 23227.

Boasts CRAIG H. TOMPKINS '74, "We now have a second child, Michael E. Tompkins (born July 22, 1988), in addition to Jessica, who is now five." Craig is vice president of administration at Paymaster Oil Mill Company and resides at 19 Hoylake Dr., Abilene, TX 79606. "We expect to be moving to Lubbock, Texas, with the same company in August 1989." He also pens, "Congratulations to JAMES 'Duke' Logan '74 and Kerry on the expectation of their first child and to DAVID 'Wally' PORTER '74 on his new position as territory sales manager for Fireman's Fund. I would like to hear from other Psi U's, including Bruce H. Hammel '74." Craig requested Bruce's address, which is 6901 Marlowe Rd., #508, Richmond, VA 23225.

A physician in the U.S. Navy, ANDREW P. ZASADA '76 reports, "I am currently staff radiologist at Naval Hospital Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Virginia. I will begin looking for civilian employment this summer for the summer of '90, when my obligated time is up." "Woodstock" is married and has three young sons. "I keep in relatively frequent contact with R. SCOTT ATWATER '76, who is married and has one daughter and is in Buffalo (as far as I know). I got together with EDWARD H. COLLUM '75 in San Diego about a year ago. He is a CPA in Aspen, Colorado." Andrew plans to be in the Virginia Beach area (4113 Duke of Gloucester Dr., Chesapeake, VA 23321) until August 1990 and may settle there after he gets out of the Navy.

Keep in touch with STUART R. MALIS '77 at 55 Worcester St., Belmont, MA 02178. "In 1988, I left the practice of law to take over my father's new clothing store (Duke's Clothing Store). I have recently become engaged to my girlfriend of two years, Judee Rosenberg, a Union alumna, and look forward to attending Union-Hamilton sports events. 'Bold toast' to the class of '77."

Contractor SCOTT D. JOHNSON '82 was to have open heart surgery in April. Send him regards c/o North Church, Star Route, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

When he wrote to us, TIMOTHY E. INGERSOLL '86 was in his last semester of law school and was preparing for the bar exam. "I'm planning to get married in October. I have a job lined up as an associate with the Rochester firm of Fero & Pilato." About other brothers, he reports the following: "Ex-Archon DAVID R. STOOKEY '86 is planning on attending commercial flight school in South Carolina. THOMAS M. GRIMES '86 is back in Japan. GARRETT GREEN '86 is also about to graduate from Syracuse Law School. BRIAN THOMPSON '86 is entering his second semester of his third year at medical school in Syracuse. SCOTT MILLER '86 is a graduate student in chemistry at RIT." Stay in touch with Timothy at 173 Dewey St., Churchville, NY 14428.

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of Harvard B. Williamson '49 on May 10, 1988, and Frank E. Standish '35 on January 26, 1989.

## Fish Stories?

Whether you're actively working or actively retired, we'd like to hear about it. Send us your news for the next issue of this newsletter.

