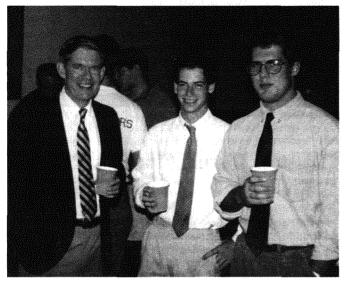


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## The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Hamilton College

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Alumni Weekend: trustee President Jeb Becker '61, Steve Elkins '90, and Jake Knapp '90.

## Inter-Society Council Ratifies New Alcohol Policy

Hello and welcome to yet another fun-filled issue of the Psi News.

So far this fall things have been relatively quiet on the hill compared to the turmoil-filled spring we experienced last semester. Our anti-Greek society friends seem to have gone into early hibernation after their slanderous, misdirected antics of last year. However, should their voices rise again, believe me, we will be ready for them. I extend a special thanks to all who sent in the suggestions I requested in the last issue.

In other news, the Inter-Society Council has finally ratified a new alcohol policy to comply with Hamilton College and New York state law. With the help of Vice President Adam Miller '92 and trustee President Jeb Becker '61, the interim policy has been made more realistic. The new policy dictates that we must register all big parties three days ahead of time and hire bartenders and security guards. Brother Becker said, "Now we have something we can at least live with."

The chapter enjoyed Alumni Weekend. Thanks to everyone who (continued on page two)

## **Alumni President's Message**

As we begin another academic and fiscal year, we are pleased to report that the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, Inc., is in sound financial condition. We have a complement of 37 undergraduates living in the house and another 18 living either in apartments or on campus.

To those 96 alumni brothers who contributed \$3,775 to last year's alumni dues program, we thank you. The confidence you have shown in the undergraduate progress is most appreciated. To those who did not participate, we encourage you to contribute this year and to be a part of your fraternity.

At the annual meeting, held September 22, 1990, the following trustees and corporation officers were elected:

#### **Trustees Elected**

R. Scott Atwater '76 John E. Becker II '61 Gardner A. Callanen '29 Jeffrey J. Hawkes '80 David B. Holgate '83 Richard E. Koehler '90 Peter T. Mead '80 Aaron Reed '80 Timothy R. Reed '80 Brian C. Schu '80 Robert M. Sedor Jr. '80 William O. Spicer '43

#### **Alumni Corporation Officers Elected**

John E. "Jeb" Becker '61, President Brian C. Schu '80, Vice President David B. Holgate '83, Secretary Timothy R. Reed '80, Treasurer

We thank Pat Gilrane '83 for his five years of service. His enthusiasm and knowledge of the physical plant were invaluable.

We welcome Rick Koehler '90 to the trustees. Rich was archon during his senior year and led the house through some difficult times.

Fallcoming was another successful alumni weekend, with many graduated brothers joining us to renew the bonds of brotherhood. All were pleased with the physical condition of the house and, especially, with the caliber of the undergraduate brotherhood.

Unlike several campuses where social indiscretions have caused severe limitations on the fraternities and sororities, at Hamilton the Inter-Society Council, made up of all Hamilton fraternities and sororities, working with the Inter-Alumni Society Council, has recognized its role as a positive part of college education. It has recently adopted social rules that restrict the consumption of alcohol to reasonable levels and that put in place many safeguards to see that no alcohol-related laws are broken. Psi U is pleased to be a part of this positive program.

Jeb Becker '61 Alumni President

- For news from fellow alumni, see page four!

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## The Psi Makes Its Presence Known On Campus

Once again, the Psi has made its presence felt in all aspects of life up on the hill. The house is well represented in such activities as HAVOC, *The Spectator*, and WHU. In athletics, Tom Bacon '91 is captain of this year's resurgent soccer team. Drew Kliber '91, Rick Jones '91, Rick Meyers '93, and Brian Munson '93 are all valuable contributors to the Continental football team's success. Dennis Williams '92 was a member of Hamilton's record-setting golf team. In addition, the bold intramural teams were always a force to be reckoned with.

Many Psis are instrumental in the school's student administration. In the senior class, Chris Neimith '91 is treasurer. Bill Pottle '91 and Dave Gardner '91 are members of the program board, which determines much of the school's social activity. Scott Jones '91 is a senior class representative to Hamilton's central council. Mike Flagg '91 is a member of the judicial board. William Bedford '92 holds the position of academic chamber chair. This very important office determines such decisions as which professor receives tenure. The sophomore class is well represented by Andrew Joel and Paul Earle. Joel, an honor court member, has also been very influential in recent ISC decisions concerning alcohol and social regulations. Earle is a member of the judicial board.

*Psi News* is proud to recognize these Psi members as they continue to carry on the bold tradition.

#### **New Alcohol Policy**

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came back to make the weekend a grand success.

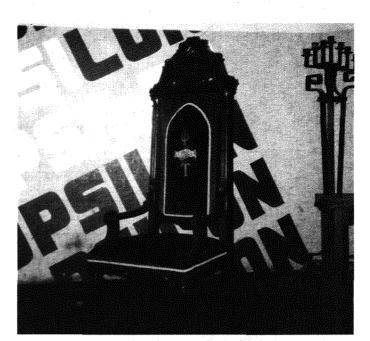
It's that time of year again when we must begin to scrutinize the first-year students for the "bold and the proud." Yes, it's time to choose the 1994 pledge class. Right now we have some prospects who look like they'll make fine brothers. Look forward to yet another successful class.

The undergraduate brothers have been quite active this fall, playing sports, working around the house, and keeping up on their studies.

On a sad note, it looks as if Ma Smith will put in her two-week notice at the end of this term. She says that "she has served her time" and that she "looks forward to working in some of the finest restaurants in the world." Look for a "tribute to Ma" issue in an upcoming *Psi News*.

Speaking of issues, Pat Dorsey '93 is the editor of this issue of *Psi News*. Here is his first effort as editor, and I think it's a darn good one. Enjoy!

Yours in the Bonds, Scott C. Jones '91 President



Newly redone president's chair.

## **Trustees Discuss Finances, Physical Appearance At Annual Meeting**

While most of the house roadtripped to Williams College to support the football team on the weekend of September 22, the Psi's trustees met for their annual meeting. I was one of the few who chose to stay behind and represent the undergraduate brothers. As a sophomore, I was particularly interested in the "behind-the-scenes" administration of the house.

The Psi's financial situation was the main topic of the discussion. The bold Psi house has been plagued by the inability of brothers, both past and present, to sufficiently pay their house dues. This situation has left the Psi in a vulnerable position. A major repair, such as a new boiler, would leave the house on the verge of financial ruin. We discussed various ways of collecting these back payments, but none of us could come up with a foolproof plan that would be feasible.

The physical appearance of the house was also discussed. The trustees talked about the need to rewire the entire electrical system of the house. The replacement of certain steps outside the tap room was also brought up. In general, all concluded that the house has made tremendous strides in the past few years in an attempt to restore its previous bold splendor.

On a lighter note, the trustees conducted the annual election of new members. The bold Psi is extremely proud to recognize Rich Koehler '90 as its newest trustee. As a previous archon, Rich has already worked closely with the trustees and looks forward to continuing his service to the house.

The meeting concluded with a round of storytelling that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Jeb seemed to steal the spotlight with tales of his adventure to Atlanta for the national convention this past summer. I, myself, left the meeting with a much broader understanding of the house and was pleased to be able to participate.

> YITB, Matt Henderson

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## **Brother Jones Receives Award**

The bold Psi is proud to announce that brother Scott C. Jones '91 is the proud recipient of the R. DeWitt Wallace, Epsilon '14, Award. Brother Wallace was cofounder of *Reader's Digest* magazine with his wife, Lila. Brother Wallace was a supporter of the Epsilon Chapter and the Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc. Scott has distinguished himself in many ways, both in the house and with the college, over the past four years. A kitchen steward last year, "Kinger" now holds the highly respected position of archon. A creative writing major, Scott has worked with the school's radio station and is a four-year member of the varsity football team. The house is very proud of Scott's accomplishments and wishes him the best in the future.

## Four Attend Psi Upsilon National Convention In August

From August 16-19, I had the pleasure of traveling to Atlanta for the Psi Upsilon National Convention. I was accompanied to the convention by brothers Jeb Becker, Scott Jones, and Adam Miller. Our stay at the Ritz Carleton Buckhead was a most enjoyable one.

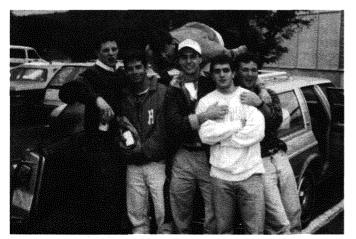
The first day of the convention was the "leadership institute." The attendees were split into different groups. Each group discussed many of the problems that exist in today's fraternity world and possible ways to tackle such problems. It was interesting to find that many of the other chapters have the same problems that hinder the Psi. Once this day was over, we were ready for a night on the town. After a great Cajun dinner, we found a few clubs to our liking. I would personally recommend the Gold Club to all brothers traveling through Atlanta.

We spent Saturday at various committee meetings. As a member of the undergraduate advisory board (UAB), I had to chair the committee acting on new business. We discussed various channels of raising alumni contributions to secure the financial situations of the chapters.

On Sunday we had the final meeting and the closing lunch. The convention was very educational, and we enjoyed meeting brothers from all over.

We hope that the new friendships that were developed will continue to grow, strengthening the Psi for many years to come.

> YITB, Jonathon Gardiner '92



Brothers Pete Reed, Chris Connors, Henry Gordeau, John Neuwirth, and Adam Miller as well as the rest of the house, traveled to Williams College to support the football team in the season opener.



Archon Scott Jones '91, recipient of the R. DeWitt Wallace, Epsilon '14, Award.

## Alumni And Their Families Welcomed For Alumni Weekend

The sounds of toddlers' voices and the sight of baby carriages filled the bold house on the weekend of October 12-14. Why? Alumni Weekend, of course. The current brothers were happy to welcome back past brothers and their families. A few Psi alumni rolled in Friday night and, in the process of checking out old rooms, met many of the house members. This proved to be advantageous for both parties: The alumni, to the enjoyment of all of the brothers, retold stories of past house lore.

The reunions continued Saturday at the football game. Following a disappointing loss to Trinity, many brothers and alumni lifted their spirits at the house-sponsored cocktail party. A highlight for many alumni was the opportunity to view the renovation in the Gote room. The success of the weekend was evident by the large turnout and smiles of all who were present. The active brothers would like to extend an open invitation to all alumni for many more visits to the house.

## Update Of 1989-'90 Donors

This past summer you received an honor roll of members whose gifts to the Psi were credited to the 1989-'90 operating year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. We would like to thank those members listed below whose gifts in 1989-'90 were received after that honor roll was published. We offer them our sincerest thanks. A strong Psi U depends on your continuing support.

> James C. Brown '51 Christopher N. Kilbourne '78 Stuart R. Malis '77 Charles K. Neimeth '85 \*Thomas A. Porter '80 Craig H. Tompkins '74

> > \*Owl Society member

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#### PSI NEWS

## Our Alumni Send News From Far And Near

"All is well with the Cooper clan," pens JAMES S. D. COOPER '36 from 31 Mountain Rise, Fairport, NY 14450. "I have been retired for over 12 years and keep busy with golf, traveling, and my family. My wife and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this past summer with 19 of our 21 offspring and their spouses present, including three great-granddaughters. I am glad to hear that things are going well at the Psi. Keep up the good work."

Advertising executive JOHN J. McNAMARA '59 reports that his ad agency has managed to survive "with a touch of creativity and some old-fashioned hard work." "Mac" enjoys his home, fishing, golf, and singing. "I continue to be happy, healthy, and harrie—not married—but who knows?" John resides at 520 East 81st St., New York, NY 10028.

Research chemist RICHARD P. ECKBERG '68 presented a paper entitled "Novel Photocurable Organosilicon Compositions" at the Radtech International–North America 1990 Conference in Chicago last March and was awarded the Radtech Founders' Award for best technical presentation of the conference. Rick will be participating in the Sigma Xi 25th anniversary symposium at Hamilton College this October and hopes to see fellow alumni. Send mail to Rick at 10 Fifth Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

CRAIG H. TOMPKINS '74 switched jobs last May and is now the vice president and chief financial officer of Anderson Grain in Levelland, Texas, which is about 30 miles west of his home at 4201 95th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Send correspondence to MARTIN I. GUY '76 at 2052 Lincoln Park W., #1603, Chicago, IL 60614.

Reporting a change of address is DAVID A. GARFINKEL '78: 175 Overlook Circle, New Rochelle, NY 10804.

#### **Brothers Active In Community**

As the 1990-'91 school year unfolds, the Psi finds itself becoming a kinder, gentler house. A new era of social consciousness has dawned, and the house has been active in the community, participating in many philanthropic activities.

The Psi opened its new era in September, with no fewer than 15 brothers participating in the CROP walk against hunger. In October, the time when young Uticans and Clintonites don their Halloween costumes, Psi U was in tune with the community once again and created a "haunted hut" for the Trust Treat with sweets for the children who came to the hill. Some brothers also took an even more active role in the Trust Treat, chaperoning groups of children for the event. In November, for the last home football game, we plan to sponsor a barbecue to benefit the big brother program in Utica, and in December, we will once again have the surrogate Santa for the United Way's big brother program.

In addition to these events, quite a few brothers have volunteered their free time to HAVOC, traveling into Utica two times a week to tutor the underprivileged. As we turn ahead to the spring, we look forward to continuing the spirit of philanthropy and community service here in the Psi.

> YITB, Rick Meyers Philanthropy Chairman

Drop a line to CHRISTOPHER N. KILBOURNE '78 at 170 Wildwood Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043.

Write to JOHN G. RICE '78 at 5115 Forest Grove Place, Prospect, KY 40059.

THOMAS A. PORTER '80 works in program enterprises for The Discovery Channel. "Mr. Bill" is living at 4308 47th St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Since graduating from the Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs last May with a master of public administration degree, ALEXANDER M. FRASER '85 has accepted a position with the New York City office of management and budget, "which gives the illusion of responsibility for the many millions of dollars destined for housing and economic development projects in New York City." Alex is residing at 66-49 60th Place, #2F, Ridgewood, NY 11385. He reports that brother MIKE SUROWKA '85 is an attorney in Syracuse and is living at 184 Remington Ave., Bldg. 6, #2, Syracuse, NY 13210.

Drop a line to JOSEPH T. McDONALD '85 at 55 Mill Plain Rd., #11-1, Danbury, CT 06811.

TODD E. HOFFMAN '90 resides at 25 Osborne Rd., Albany, NY 12205. He has been working in bond sales for D. S. Cooper & Company since mid-August. "I am learning more each day."

#### DECEASED

We regret to inform you of the death of G. FREDERICK SHEP-HERD '30 on July 28, 1990.

#### **Psi U Recognizes A Talented Brother**

The bold house would like to bring attention to a brother who clearly distinguishes himself in many aspects of school life. Rick Jones '91, as house manager and varsity athlete, is clearly one of Psi Upsilon's most talented individuals.

As house manager, Jones has instituted several changes. He helped coordinate and fund last year's pledge project of repainting the front stairwell. Rick is currently working on rewiring the house's electrical system. His other duties include monitoring the house's weekly jobs. Under Jones, the house has consistently received successful house inspections. Inspector Wes Lucas stated that "the house has never been in better shape." In the future, Jones, who instituted "power-rug cleanings" in the second- and third-floor hallways, hopes to retile the tap room.

Rick is equally impressive as an athlete. A four-year contributor in the defensive backfield of the football Continentals, Jones is known as one of the team's most vicious hitters. Coach Frank describes Jones as "a punisher, an impact tackler."

Brother Jones, a history major, is from Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Fluent in many languages, Rick hopes to one day work for the U.S. government as an ambassador to either Spain, China, or Czechoslovakia.

YITB, Paul Earle '93