



PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Hamilton College

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The Psi Performs Good Works In Answer To Critics

Once again, welcome to another action-packed, best-selling issue of the *Psi News*. Well, as they say, "No news is good news." But that isn't the case with this issue. In the following pages you'll encounter some news—some good news and some bad. Let's get the "bad" out of the way first.

Unfortunately, some dissension has recently arisen on campus between HOSS (Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies) and the fraternities and sororities. As I understand it, this is something that happens about once every five years (only when Venus is in the double equinox and the moon is full). I think in 1980 and '85 a small vocal faction of the campus also rose out of the pumpkin patch to try (to no avail) to do away with our system. We are becoming ever stronger, but any suggestions on how to keep these critics at bay are welcome (write to me c/o Psi U). I'm curious as to how you alumni brothers did it in the past.

So far their "plan of action" has consisted of a few poorly publicized vigils at which the HOSS members sit around slandering our organization(s). They've demonstrated their superior levels of intelligence on banners bearing such mature slogans as "Frats are Farts." Now they've threatened a mass-mailing to the trustees. My advice: if you read anything received from them, remember the source. While perhaps their motives are sincere, they clearly do not understand, nor do they want to understand, the strengths of the society system.

The Spectator staff saw fit to release several issues predominantly dedicated to anti-society issues, and one issue containing pro-society issues. Many Psi brothers contributed to the pro-society issue, including Paul Petruzzi '90.

Now to more positive news. Over the course of this semester alone we received positive coverage (including articles and photos) in *The Spectator*, not once, but twice (more than any other society!). Once for our safe-ride program (which, as a result, blossomed into a campus-wide program adopted by the ISC) and for our cookout involving the Big Brothers program of greater Utica. We take pride that the often critical *Spectator* recognized these positive achievements.

I'm also happy to report that we are one of the few houses on campus not on probation. As a result, we did have the 1990 St. Thomas party, and it was a great success.

Jon Gardner '92 was recently elected to the Psi Upsilon Undergraduate Advisory Board. Representing the northeastern Psi chapters, Jon will travel with Alumni President Jeb Becker and me to the national convention in Atlanta this August.

Also, I was privileged to receive the R. Dewitt Wallace, Epsilon '14, Award from the National. This scholarship will make possible my senior year at Hamilton. For those who have contributed, I am forever grateful.

The undergraduate brothers of Psi Upsilon realize that frater-
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Alumni President Salutes '90s

Four years ago, a motley pledge class of some 20 or so freshmen bet their college fraternal existence on Psi Upsilon. The house had only recently been allowed to reopen, and the physical plant was not in great condition.

They went to work. Four years later, thanks to the leadership of Rich Koehler '90 and many of his classmates, the Psi has been transformed to the strongest fraternity on the hill with one of the best physical plants.

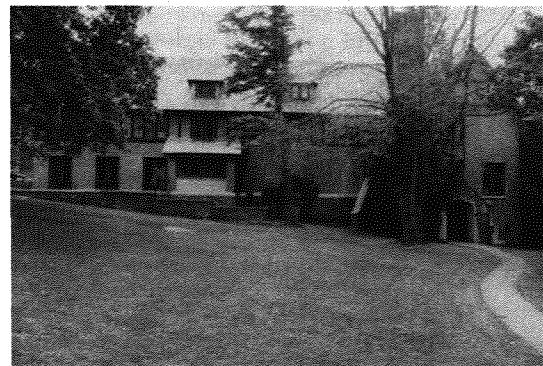
Sure, they were supported by the alumni, the trustees, the Hamilton College office of the dean, and many other undergraduate brothers. But, without their total and absolute commitment, it never would have happened.

Rich, the class of 1990, the Psi salutes you!

Jeb Becker, President
Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon,
Inc., Trustees

NOTICE

The annual meeting and election of trustees will be held at the chapter house at 11:00 a.m., September 22, 1990. All brothers are welcome!



The Psi: on a comeback. Return to the house and join your brothers for the annual meeting mentioned above and for Fallcoming, October 13. For Fallcoming details, see page three.

Athletes Earn Psi U Respect

This spring Psi Upsilon once again excelled on the athletic fields. The lacrosse team's record may have been a disappointment, but many brothers performed well individually. Tri-captain Peter Groome '90 scored goals at a frightening rate, averaging close to six goals per game early on. The big attack man from Rosemont, Pennsylvania, is sure to receive many post-season honors. Psi U is heavily represented on the field elsewhere: brothers Chris Rockwell, Sam Kosoff, and Chris Wallace all start, with Woody Marshall, the Butler brothers, Dave Gardner, and Chris Lane helping off the bench. Brothers Tom Regan, Jon Gardner, and Brian Carman are managers. Last year's letterman, Peter Reed, is sitting the season out, but he will be back in force next year.

The Psi is also doing well on the baseball diamond. James Porter has been steady, filling in at shortstop and second base. The hut also has two younger potential starters on the ball team. Both catcher Jeff Foresman and second baseman Carlos Sagebien have hits this year, including Foresman's first college homerun against RIT.

The golf team also has important Psi U representation, with Steve Elkins and Dennis Williams looking more and more like Jack Nicklaus every day. Elkins, a perennial force in the East, has individually won three tournaments this spring. Elkins closed off a brilliant four-year career here by firing a final round 75 to take the NESACAC championship at Middlebury.

Psi Upsilon is proud of its spring athletes and looks forward to another bold season next fall.

Paul Earle

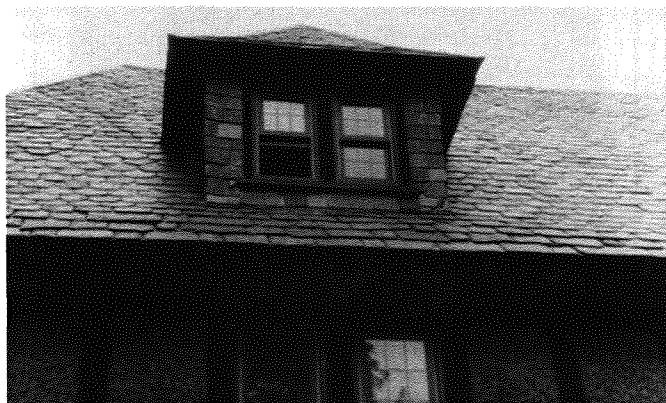
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fraternities, not just at Hamilton, but everywhere, are currently under extreme scrutiny. We realize that as times change, we must change. These are not easy times for us. But, in working together, we've become even closer.

That other campuses have abolished private societies does not mean Hamilton has to jump on that bandwagon without fair consideration. In my opinion, fraternities, if properly governed and maintained, can be a unique asset to Hamilton. Help us to fight HOSS. Work with us to help achieve our goals. We need your vote because its your vote that counts.

Scott C. Jones '91
President



Windows of the future.

The Psi Stands Firm On Its Past

When we first become pledges, we are told that we are the future of the house. While the future may be important, the past is even more important. Our history is our foundation. Without it the Psi would stand hollow and barren, if it stood at all.

Our "fore-brothers" provide us with a history to learn from and to be proud of. For this reason the brothers of the Psi ask that alumni return to the house to see what we have done. We have worked hard to improve the Psi. We have worked hard to create a new, more responsible Psi. We have worked for the future and the present, but our efforts are always fueled by the past.

We encourage and appreciate any and all alumni support and participation.

Brothers Have Fun, Serve Others

As if the spring were not already filled with celebration, the Psi was a major contributor to spring festivities. In addition to our ever-popular St. Thomas party, the Psi also created the first-ever autorama and the big brother cookout.

With Stu McLean at the helm of the St. Thomas party, all things went extremely well. The Psi was decorated in all of the latest island wear as the Wesley Rogers Project filled the halls with a lively reggae beat. This year's St. Thomas marks the first party at the Psi where professional bartenders were employed to serve drinks. This together with paid security guards showed a mature display of recreation as the Psi continues on its path toward maturation in all respects. Responsibility is the key to fraternity survival on the hill. As always the Psi is leading the way for other societies to follow. We want to create a new, more responsible image.

One fine spring Saturday the hill was filled with the roar of car engines. These sweet sounds of combustion heralded the first-ever Psi Upsilon autorama. Many types of cars were represented on the lawn of the Psi. The competition was fierce and heated. Small, tall, long, and short—all stood boldly before the Psi. There were no real specifications for the vehicles. Anything with four wheels was admitted. As the day wore on, the tension mounted. Who would be the king of the hill? Answer: Ray Glucowski took the trophy home with his souped-up Charger. With a tear in his eye, he did a victorious flyby. In the runner-up category, the Psi was well represented by Tom McDonough, who drove a homemade convertible.

In keeping with the Psi's philanthropic endeavors, we again sponsored a big brother cookout with the Big Brothers of Utica. Although the weather was typically dismal, the revelry succeeded in brightening the day. Again the Psi's halls were filled with joyous sounds of children. The Psi enjoys providing an opportunity for younger children to enjoy a day and enjoy the facilities of the Psi. The Psi stands for our sacred values, but it also stands for the community. It stands to serve and provide. It stands forever.

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A Psi U Addresses Issues Raised By Anti-Fraternity Group

Recently, the issue of whether or not fraternities should be allowed at Hamilton has been hotly debated. *The Spectator*, the campus newspaper, has printed more than a few letters to the editor arguing the issue from both sides. A group called HOSS (Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies) has surfaced and has organized several anti-fraternity rallies. The Psi Upsilon class of 1993 has the greatest chance of being affected by this movement. We would like to let everyone know where we stand.

First, we firmly believe that participation in private societies is essential to fulfill a liberal arts education. Brothers in Psi U will learn to be more responsible, developing leadership skills and financial management abilities. The social repercussions of eliminating fraternities are undeniable: in a small town like Clinton, New York, campus social life would be greatly diminished by the loss of fraternity-sponsored events. Finally, the friends made through the fraternity bonding process are friends for life.

Other arguments protesters have made are that private societies are sexist and overly selective. In some senses, these arguments are valid. Psi Upsilon, for example, does not admit women, and not every male can get a bid if he wants one. Concerning sexism, the entire foundation of a fraternity is built on male-bonding; this tradition at Psi U has held true for over 147 years now. We do not, contrary to many women's beliefs, degrade or harass women. These acts are against every standard we have. Concerning selectivity, Psi Upsilon is selective. Our knowledge that we are "the chosen few" strengthens the ties that bind us and highlights the very term "brotherhood."

Again, contrary to popular belief, fraternities, especially Psi Upsilon, devote much energy to helping the community. Psi U is actively involved in the area big brother/big sister program. We held both a benefit cookout and bowl-athon this spring. This year's pledge class had six brothers who traveled to Utica to tutor underprivileged children twice a week, all year long. The brothers of Psi Upsilon firmly believe that fraternities are necessary to extend Hamilton's benefits outside the boundaries of College Hill Road.

We are extremely proud of our fraternity's past, and we will do everything we can to maintain this tradition for bold brothers of the future.

Paul Earle

Say, Brother . . .

When was the last time you saw another brother? Or many of them together? Or when was the last time you walked the halls of the house or poked your head into the kitchen to say hello? Take the opportunity to do these things. Join your brothers for Fallcoming '90 on October 13 (see the schedule of events at right for details). The day will be very enjoyable, so join us.

But this event is not your only opportunity to reunite with old friends or to make new ones. Fill out the enclosed newsform and let all of us know what you are involved in, how your family is, whom you've seen. Other Psi U's care about the direction your life has taken, so share your news with us.

And don't forget, you are always welcome at the Psi house.

Brothers Show House TLC

The Psi remains one of the most picturesque buildings on the hill. All brothers (especially pledges) devoted much of their time to beautifying our sacred halls.

This spring's pledge project really improved the condition of the house. The pledges took on the task of giving the foyer and entire front stairwell a gleaming coat of white paint, a huge improvement over the peeling, mud-stained walls of a couple months ago. The brothers also joined together to paint the great hall and completely spring clean the house. Just before the initiation banquet, we completed a final new addition to the house—the hanging of composites from years past in the great hall. If we find enough, we may hang some in the dining room and on the walls of the stairs. The place looks great, and we invite everyone to come back and take a look around.

One final note—for next fall we have tentatively scheduled another all bro/hut day. We intend to paint and redo some of the kitchen. We have not yet sprung this news on Ma, but we're sure she will give us the old, "This shoulda been done eight years ago!" The undergraduate brothers of the Psi are looking forward to continuing the high level of respect we all share for the house.

YITB,
Sam Kosoff
House Manager

Diversity Marks New Pledge Class

This year's pledge class is a well-rounded group, striking a balance between athletics and academics. Pledges participated on a number of Hamilton College sports teams, including football, soccer, golf, ice hockey, baseball, and lacrosse. Several individuals were varsity letter winners in their respective sports, while others developed their skills at the JV level. On the academic front, the class comes to the Psi Upsilon house with a variety of averages, ranging from the A- cumulative to the "needs some improvement" category. The areas of study are as diverse as the GPAs. A Psi pledge can be found working in the science building, Root Hall, or the gym at almost any time. Several pledges are also active in the volunteer group HAVOC, which tutors underprivileged children in the Utica area.

Even though the pledges come from a wide range of backgrounds and interests, they seem to be coming together as a unit through the pledging process. At times pledging can be a trying experience, but, as one Psi brother commented, "Pledging can get pretty tough some times, yet it is a necessary process." All and all, this necessary process is heading toward a climatic ending, and there are 19 individuals on the hill anxiously anticipating its culmination.



FALLCOMING '90

Saturday, October 13

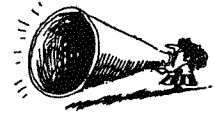
Schedule of Events

1:30 p.m. — Football kickoff,
Hamilton vs. Trinity
Postgame — Cocktails

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



We Hear From Our Alumni



Send best wishes to JONATHAN N. RAWSON '33 at Box 443, Little Compton, RI 02837. He writes, "All is well with me and my wife. We enjoy our four acres in the country, with woods nearby, a pond in front, and the ocean beyond. I'm still involved in local civic activities and in good health."

Real estate broker JOHN GRAY '37 reports that he is handling the U.S. marshal's seizures in Georgia for the government ("particularly real property"). He writes that there is a possibility of doing the same in Texas and Florida. "Otherwise, the usual tennis and golf and a bit of chess when possible." Drop John a line at 850 W. Garden St., Pensacola, FL 32501.

"I'm retired, but stay busy," writes JOSEPH A. KELLY '38 (3136 55th St., Lubbock, TX 79412). Joe corresponds with GUS WIENERS '37, his ex-roommate. "He lives at 1576 Pensacola Dr., Lillian, AL 36549, summers in Maine, plays a lot of golf, and still lies about his fishing prowess." Joe continues to be active, covering Texas Tech home football and basketball games for UPI. He is also active in the SCORE program, the Lions Club, and church. He passes along news that CRAIG TOMPKINS '74 is with Paymaster Oil Mill Company in Lubbock, Texas.

Urologist JAMES H. NELSON III '67 keeps busy: "I'm director of the Ohio Kidney Stone Center and a flight surgeon with the 166th TAC Flight Squadron of the Ohio Air National Guard. I recently spent two weeks on a medical mission to Honduras with the guard." Jim has been studying Russian at Ohio State and planned to travel to the USSR in April with a delegation from the Aerospace Medical Association. Jim's son, Jay, is a sophomore in Sigma Phi at Hamilton College. "He slipped through a crack, I guess." Stay in touch with Jim at 5995 Strome Court, Dublin, OH 43017.

A manufacturing consultant, MICHAEL J. LANNON '75 resides at 1671 Harris Rd., Penfield, NY 14526. He wonders about the whereabouts of JOHN NEEDHAM '75.

"For the past year I have been heading our Bangkok representative/research office," reports SCOTT F. KLIMO '83 (2001 Wall St. Tower, Suriwong Rd., Bangkok, THAILAND). "We provide research on the Thai stockmarket to our worldwide institutional client base. I also do a fair amount of traveling—mostly to Europe and around Asia. I have just returned from a trip to Vietnam, where I visited Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) and Hanoi. Partly a tourist trip and partly to investigate investment opportunities. If you're heading to the kingdom of Siam, give me a call."

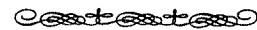
Drop a line to BRADLEY H. SMITH '83 at 4508 N. Via Entrada #85, Tuscon, AZ 85718. "I am enjoying life in Tuscon, working on my PhD in clinical psychology. I am specializing in working with delinquent youth (three years of living in the house was good preparation for this line of work). I just returned from a 17-day vacation in Europe with brother DAVID JANSSEN '84. He is in Berlin supported by a Fulbright Scholarship."

Writes JAMES Y. BLACKWOOD '84, "I had lunch with Henry Poor a few weeks ago. What a character he is! I could have been any Joe Smith off the street, but Henry is at once as approachable and concerned and interested as some long-lost friend. When I was at the Psi, my only experience with Henry was

his visit during our initiation, and the only effect was that we couldn't drink during the ceremony. Now, with hindsight, I see he was right." Write Jim at 431 Beachtree Lane, Wayne, PA 19087.

Announces THOMAS J. FORREST '88, "I was married on December 9, 1989, to Kristen Page. My job lets me work for various production companies in film and TV on a free-lance basis. Life has been good!" Send Tom congratulations at 205 10th St., Jersey City, NJ 07302.

JEFFREY S. RANGLES '88, an accountant for Arthur Andersen & Company, planned to be married this past fall. Write him at 27 Butternut Dr., Glastonbury, CT 06033.



DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

BENJAMIN D. ALLEN '50, July 18, 1989
A. WARDWELL HAWKINS '21, September 20, 1989
JOHN C. QUINN JR. '77, June 3, 1990
JOSEPH A. VON HAKE '50, May 8, 1989

Don't take off
without sending us
your new address!

Write to us before
you move!
Our address is
on page two.



Four Psi U's and their mounts.