Psi U Strives To Be Positive While Under Constant Scrutiny

With the new school year comes the fall issue of the Psi News. This newsletter goes to undergraduate parents and families as well as alumni. We welcome you as participants in our chapter activities and look forward to sending you further news of our developments.

The Psi begins the 1991-1992 year in an atmosphere, both national and local, of another round of “fraternity bashing” as college administrators seek to point the finger of blame at fraternities and sororities for society’s problems. Problems that, frankly, are just as prevalent, if not more so, in college dormitories as they are in fraternity and sorority houses.

We do not take their criticisms lightly, however, and continue to strive to make our fraternity a positive factor in our undergraduate brother’s college education. Working with the Intersociety Council (ISC) and the Intersociety Alumni Council (ISAC), on which the Psis are active participants, we seek to improve the academic and social presence of societies on the hill.

We are concerned with an upcoming residential life study to be conducted by the administration. Last done about five years ago, the questions were unfairly worded so as to generate answers that were desired by the survey takers. We only hope that a fair and honest evaluation will be made. Both the negative and positive attributes of societies should be considered, as should the administration’s role in helping the system to function.

Hamilton’s society system, although not perfect, functions well. If Hamilton’s sorority members were allowed to live and socialize together in sorority houses, we believe that objections to the fraternity system brought by undergraduate women would be minimized. We at the Psi Chapter support the sororities in their efforts to rectify the inequity of the situation.

The Alumni, Fallcoming, and Parents Weekends were well attended with many brothers, old and young, returning to see the refurbished chapter house.

We still have much work to do. With parent and alumni financial and moral support, and with the continuing undergraduate cooperation, we will continue to grow and prosper.

Jeb Becker ’61
Psi Trustee President

Chapter President’s Address

All is well as the Psi of Psi Upsilon begins another productive and successful year on the hill. The brothers are proudly carrying on the Psi’s bold tradition.

The house has looked terrific so far this year. Brothers Carman and Baumgartner are doing their jobs well as house managers, seeing that house jobs get done properly and that Psi U remains as respectable as always. The hallways and bathrooms have stayed in great shape, the GOTE room is clean, and the floorboards in the

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New Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon and the first meeting of its board of trustees the following were elected to office:

- John E. Becker II ’61
- Timothy Reed ’80
- Jeffrey S. Randles ’89
- David Holgate ’83

Other trustees elected were:

- Gardner Callanen ’29
- R. Scott Atwater ’76
- Robert Sedor ’80
- Brian Schu ’80

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

- Peter Mead ’80
- William O. Spicer ’43
- Aaron Reed ’80
- Jeffrey Hawkes ’80
- Richard Koehler ’90
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library and great hall are scheduled to be revarnished soon. This year we have been especially conscious of recycling paper, bottles, and boxes, holding true to the college’s policy.

The kitchen has been running smoothly so far, and we have enjoyed Ma’s cooking as usual. Brothers Dorsey and Connors have been exemplary as stewards, doing well a job that is far too underappreciated. We have a new shipment of dishes and silverware, and we easily passed our first kitchen inspection.

Our books are being kept under the watchful eye of brother Gardiner, and we are ahead of schedule in receiving this academic year’s social, room, and board payments.

As always, Psi U has been at the center of Hamilton’s social activity. Our parties this year have been enormous successes. We recently held our ’70s disco party, and everyone enjoyed crazy clothes and the music of our youth. Most important, the party benefited charity, as brothers and guests flocked to the Salvation Army outlet in Utica to find the clothes that marked the disco era. Our alumni cocktail party over Homecoming Weekend was also a success—we enjoyed a great turnout of Psi U graduates. We have been careful so far to abide by the college’s policy of not allowing first-year students at social functions.

I have enjoyed my tenure as archon and will be sad to step down when we hold elections for new officer positions. I look at the recent years of this institution and am proud of all the good things we have accomplished—in an environment increasingly unsympathetic to private societies, Psi U has been a beacon of hope. And if the past is any indication, more good years for Psi U lie ahead.

Yours in the Bonds,
Adam Miller
Disco Era Comes Alive
At The Psi U House

Psi U went back to yesteryear when we had our second annual '70s disco party to benefit charity. Our brothers and guests traveled to the Salvation Army outlet in Utica to purchase clothes from the '70s, and we all enjoyed the disco tunes that marked the era. Most of the clothes were then donated back to the Salvation Army.

The party was a huge success and benefited a good cause. Songs by such memorable groups as the Village People and KC and the Sunshine Band reverberated throughout the house and took us all back to our youths. Everyone had an enjoyable time, and the party could become a mainstay on Psi U's future social agendas.

In other philanthropic news, we are now gearing up for our football game cookout to benefit the Utica little brothers program. The entire house will participate in the event, and a lot of area youngsters will have a good time. The event has been a smashing success in the past and will be in the future. Plans for our annual charity holiday party are also under way. The party also benefits the Utica little brothers program.

Yours in the Bonds,
Paul Earle

New Treasurer Cracks Down
On Dues Collection

The treasurer's account is looking good so far. We have done a good job balancing the social funds with the funds used for the general upkeep of the house. Our various parties have been great, but not at the expense of the money needed for the house's day-to-day operations.

We are ahead of schedule in collecting social, room, and board dues from the brothers. If collection continues as well as it has, all undergraduate accounts should be paid by the end of the fall term. We have taken collection of money owed very seriously this year.

We hope to soon begin preparing for an extensive fund-raising drive that should help pay for further improvements to the house. As well as going toward paying our debt to the college for the new windows, successful fund-raising would benefit some of the "finer things" in the house. Our ping pong and pool tables, for example, need serious renovation. We would also like to help restore some of our older composite pictures, so we hope to launch this campaign in the near future.

Yours in the Bonds,
Jonathon Gardiner

Our Psi U Brethren Write To Us From Near And Far

Residing at 215 Rio Villa, #3174, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, is Reverend DANIEL W. FENNER '36.

Reverend JOHN V. THORP '38 and his wife, Vivian, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. We are sad to report, however, that his brother, JAMES H. THORP '34, passed away on February 11, 1991. If you wish, cards can be sent to John and Vivian at Homewood-425, Westminster Ave., Townhouse #184, Hanover, PA 17331.

"I have recently retired from my position as professor of medicine, University of Rochester, and chief of medicine, Highland Hospital," announces JOHN R. JAENIKE '46. In July, he and his wife were planning a move to Fearrington Village, a few miles south of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. We will send along their address when we get it.

Drop a note to DALE P. WILLIAMS '49 at a new address of Box F, Harley St., Remsen, NY 13438.

Orthodontist ALBERT A. H. VOLLMER '52 reports that he is still involved with jazz, "America's unique contribution to the arts. The Harlem Blues & Jazz Band has performed several times on the hill, particularly in connection with Black History Month, which occurs every February. I would appreciate any leads or assistance in presenting the band one more time at Hamilton in February 1992. The band is also good for fraternity balls and college dances." For more information, contact "Ax" at 11 Dogwood Lane, Larchmont, NY 10538.

"Our four children have all grown up and have all done well," writes FRANCIS A. O'BRIEN '58. "John (25) graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1988 and recently returned from the Persian Gulf. He is a flight officer. Dennis (22) graduated from the University of Virginia in 1990 and started UVa law school this fall. Kathleen and Eileen (20) are seniors at William & Mary College. Both are key players for William & Mary's nationally ranked women's soccer team. My wife, Mary Anne (Toni), received her MBA degree in January 1991. I talk frequently with JACK CALD-
We Hear From Our Alums

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WELL ’58 and ED REED ’55.” Reach “Obie” at 1600 Forest Lane, McLean, VA 22101.

JOEL W. JOHNSON ’65 provides us with a new address of 301 22nd St. SW, Austin, MN 55912.

Self-employed psychologist WILLIAM G. BARTON ’69 receives mail at a new address: P.O. Box 194, Ross, CA 94957. He has two boys—Will (5) and Sam (2).

PAUL C. WAIBEL JR. ’69, a doctor practicing gastroenterology, proudly reports that he married Lori Gialluca on June 15, 1991. Congratulations will reach them at 1429 Brookwood Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44708.

A neurophysiologist and an associate professor, ALAN R. LIGHT ’72 has a daughter, Alysson, who recently turned six. He pens, “I got a Jacob Javits Award in neuroscience from NIH last year. Anyone thinking about the 20th reunion next year?” Contact Alan at 615 Rock Creek Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

MICHAEL J. WATERS ’72 and his wife, Ellen, are now the proud parents of Elizabeth Doane Waters, born March 1991. Mike writes, “I continue to stay in close touch with brothers TOM HORN ’73 and JOHN WADDOCK ’72 but would enjoy hearing from other vintage Psi U-ers!” Mike is a free-lance artist and makes his home at 30 Milk St., Newburyport, MA 01950.

Now working as chief financial officer at Anderson Grain Corporation, a grain and fertilizer company in Levelland, Texas, is CRAIG H. TOMPKINS ’74. He would enjoy hearing from any of the brothers at 4201 95th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Reach FRANCIS K. BRENNAN ’79 at RD #1, Box 228, Barneveld, NY 13304.

Contact SCOT E. SAMIS ’81 at 4699 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33713.

“I recently attended JOHN BURDE’s’s (’84) wedding in Rhode Island,” reports THOMAS A. FOSTER ’82. “It was good to see a bold turnout of bros. PATRICK GILRANE ’83 performed his traditional rendition of “Louie, Louie”, with a flash of patriotism. Yes, JOHN ROBANOS ’84 did refrain from ‘hanging brain.’ And no one will ever forget JIM CROWLEY’s (’84) Gutsyburg Address that he called a toast.” Drop a line to Tom at 1029 Lafayette St., Cape May, NJ 08204.

As of April 13, 1991, JAMES E. TAYLOR JR. ’82 returned from Saudi Arabia after “participating in the drive to expel Iraq from the tiny emirate of Kuwait. While in Saudi Arabia, I spent a great deal of time at or around Dhahran International (site of numerous SCUD volleys).” J.T. currently resides at 454 N. Platte Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701, and would love to hear from members of the class of ’82, especially BRUCE MAHOO, “Hovie” MEEKER, or ROBERT GUTH. He would also like to hear from PATRICK GILRANE ’83.

JAMES Y. BLACKWOOD ’84 and his wife have bought a house in the suburbs (281 Roberts Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406), and they had a second baby due this past June. Jim has also switched jobs and is now writing PC software. Jim pens, “I heard from DAVE ‘Harry-O’ JANSEN ’84, who’s back in Berlin for another year or more of graduate school. Anyone notice that all the turmoil in Eastern Europe began right after Harris first arrived?”

Providing us with a new home address of 36 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238, is GEOFFREY S. STEWART ’85.

Psi U A Leader In Sports

Once again, Psi Upsilon is a leader on Hamilton’s athletic scene. Sports stars are many and diverse.

The house has the varsity hockey captain (Chris Connors), and all three varsity lacrosse captains (Chris Wallace, Peter Reed, and John Neuworth). Standouts on both squads are almost all Psis, with Sam Kosoff leading the attack in lacrosse, and Jon Gardiner leading the way in hockey. We have standouts on the football field as well, with Brian Munson, Rick Meyers, Mike Hodgins, and Aaron Earls. The varsity baseball and soccer teams are both well represented, and Bill “The Wizard” Zedlovich throws the hammer and shotput for the track team.

Even in the intramural leagues, Psis dominate. The IM football team has been frighteningly awesome so far. The team’s record is 5-0 so far, and they have outscored their opponents by a combined 155-0. The defense has been impenetrable; opponents have only scored two first downs all season. The offense runs a complex but potent “run and shoot” system, led by junior signal-caller Carlos Sageman. The Psi U hockey squad should also be impressive, led by Matt “Horse” Henderson and Scott “Lucky” Dexter. Our library will soon be packed with intramural championship trophies.

Yours in the Bonds,
Adam “Kato” Uzelac

STEPHEN C. CONLEY ’87 and CHRISTOPHER S. CABOT ’88 live together at 10 Norumbega St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Stephen is working as a chef at a restaurant nearby his house. He is planning to open a new business, Mr. Ray’s Hair Weave for Men, in Cambridge. His interests include bodybuilding and hair design. He is also designing tops for a Cambridge store. Chris has a girlfriend who is a model in Boston, and he now sports a ponytail. He is trying to break into acting and has leads in a Jockey commercial and a stint on General Hospital. He adds, “Any jobs out there?”

Working for an international business publishing and consulting firm is JOHN D. ELLERKAMP ’87. He is a regional manager for Business International and does quite a bit of traveling along the East Coast. He was also engaged to be married in September. He sees a lot of Psi U-related activity. Psi U alum Marla Knowles and her husband, Psi U alum Matt Knowles, have a newborn daughter, Psi U alum Kristin Knowles, and their family is living in the Boston area.

A free-lance TV commercial producer, THOMAS J. FORREST ’88 makes his home at 249 Eighth St., #3, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

Drop a line to JEFFREY S. RANDLES ’88 at 29 Slingerland St., Slingerlands, NY 12159.

Write to CHRISTOPHER P. MARSHALL ’90 at 325 East 92nd St., #5C, New York, NY 10128.

KINSMAN E. WRIGHT ’90 can be reached at his new address of 2614-1 Cranbrook Lane, Charlotte, NC 28207.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

ROBERT W. EWELL ’44
KARL H. HINKE ’27, December 22, 1990
BORIS H. KLOSSON ’40, August 3, 1990
JOHN C. QUINN JR. ’77, June 3, 1990
G. FREDERICK SHEPHERD ’30
JAMES H. THORP ’34, February 11, 1991
ROBERT J. TILLMAN ’51, July 4, 1991
CARL V. WARREN 23, January 3, 1990