

PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Hamilton College

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Thanks To Alumni, House Will Reopen For Fall '94

Through our recent mailing, you were made aware of the chapter's financial plight next academic year, caused by the college's restrictions on the number of students allowed to live in "off-campus" housing coupled with an unusually high number of non-fraternity seniors electing to live downtown to escape the college's restrictive social policies.

We are glad to be able to tell you that at the recent Psi Chapter trustee meeting it was voted unanimously to reopen the house for the fall of 1994. This was made possible by an enthusiastic response from you, our alumni, to our latest mailing and by the knowledge that your contributions together with our reserves should be able to cover the \$33,000 projected operating deficit. We have also asked the college to postpone our mortgage payments for one year and to allow students living in the Wally Johnson House to eat on our meal plan.

On another subject, Hamilton President Eugene Tobin has appointed a Hamilton trustee committee, which will make the final decision as to the future of private societies at Hamilton. The committee will utilize the results obtained in the Residential Life Study, which said, among other things, that 82 percent (82%) of current Hamilton students favor the retention of private societies on campus. The main negative factor was the housing treatment of sororities, which in no way reflects on fraternities. And, while on that subject, we are glad to report that the administration has finally seen fit to allow one sorority to block many of its members in the Bundy dormitories next fall.

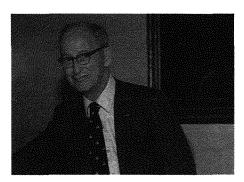
Academic year 1993-'94 was excellent for Psi U and for all private societies. Record numbers have joined for next year, and their positive (continued on page four)

In Memoriam—The Psi Mourns The Loss Of A Loyal Brother

Gardner A. Callanen Jr. '29 died on March 7, 1994, in Waterville, New York. Born in Toledo, Ohio, on February 11, 1907, he attended

Northwestern University for his freshman year and then transferred to Hamilton College, majoring in economics and graduating in 1929. While at Hamilton, he was an active and loyal member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and continued his involvement throughout his life, serving as the Psi Chapter president for many years, as a member of the Psi Upsilon International Executive Council, and as president of the Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc. He was an "honorary life member" of the executive council.

His interests and civic concerns included the Waterville Public Library and service as Waterville's village attorney, a charter member of the Waterville Rotary Club, and a



Gardner A. Callanen Jr. '29 February 11, 1907 - March 7, 1994

member of the executive council of the Upper Mohawk Boy Scouts of America, of which he was past president and chairman of the

> board. He was senior partner in the law firm of Foley, Callanen & Hobika in Waterville, where he continued an active practice until his death.

> Brother Callanen is survived by his wife, Katherine Bringham Callanen, two daughters, Linda and Judy, and a son, Gardner A. Callanen III.

> In memory of brother Callanen, contributions may be made to the Psi Upsilon Foundation, 10293 N. Meridian St., Suite 275, Indianapolis, IN 46290. Donations will be placed in the Gardner A. Callanen, Psi '29, Scholarship Fund, to be given annually to that undergraduate Psi U who best exemplifies the ideals of Psi U as demonstrated and practiced by brother Callanen.

PSI CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, September 24, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

Also, don't forget: Hamilton vs. Trinity at 1:30 p.m. Postgame reception at the house.

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A Successful Fall Rush

Each fall new members arrive at Hamilton College, and in these first-year students lie prospective men wishing to join fraternities. However, each year brings new fears that the administration is getting closer to abolishing private societies on campus. This past fall dispelled any notion that there is lack of interest in societies, as our house, as well as others, was an extremely popular choice among students as a way of life.

The fall rush proved successful as we welcomed 19 new pledges. These 19 pledges, along with the 21 sophomores in the chapter, reflect the continued interest in Psi Upsilon. A particular bonus found in the pledge class was that three of the members have fathers who are trustees of Hamilton. At a time when the administration at Hamilton is opposed to the Greek system, it is of great benefit to us that trustees are getting a direct affirmation that fraternities are still an integral and popular way of life for many Hamilton students. The weekend of March 5-6 was trustees weekend at Hamilton, and the Inter-Society Council gave a presentation to a group of trustees, expressing faith in societies and giving positive reasons for their existence at Hamilton. The turnout of society members was enormous, reassuring trustees that societies are alive and well. The emphasis of the presentation was directing the trustees' attention to the benefits provided by societies. Speeches were given by various members.

With so many pledges it is easy to achieve a varied group of characters, and this pledge class certainly has its share. They hail from all over, including New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and one, Mauricio Rameriez, even came from Bogota, Columbia. Equally important is that many of our pledges were on the fall term dean's list and have continued to excel in the classroom. To keep grades up, we are providing tutoring and study time to those who had a difficult fall term.

The prevalent theory around the house is that we need to begin educating initiates on better ways to study so they will have an easier time when they arrive in the house, where it sometimes proves difficult to get work done. Raising our standards will show that we are a beneficial academic, as well as social, part of Hamilton College.

Yours in the Bonds, Jud Henderson '96 Hunter Marvel '96

Library And Kitchen Get Some Much-Needed Improvements

Recently the house underwent two major improvements: to the library and in the form of our new cook, Lou Stolark. Both of these changes are being welcomed and appreciated by all the brothers.

The library renovations resulted from a donation given by the Ade family. Dylan Ade '95 is abroad this term and unable to oversee the happenings, but the work is coming along beautifully. To begin, the books were removed and the bookshelves disassembled. The shelves were sanded down and refinished and finally put back together. Electrical work got under way, and new lighting was installed, including a chandelier. All doors were removed, and heavy, solid wood doors were installed in their place. The new doors all have locks and are no longer made up of glass panes, so the library should stay in top shape. To finish the job, we are planning to refinish the floor and bring in a large rug and some tables. We hope the room will provide a quiet place to do work or simply relax.

Although not an improvement on the aesthetics of the house, Lou Stolark, our new cook, had improved the quality of living and the morale of the brothers. Lou was recommended and comes to us highly qualified. The quality of the food has increased dramatically, and that change shows in the time surrounding meals, when everyone is more lively. Perhaps the best change is that it has become rather pleasant to enter the kitchen between meals simply to say hello and talk with Lou. Meals in recent times have been served buffet style; however, we have pondered the change of actually waiting the tables. This idea came about when we had an evening candlelight dinner. Served by a few brothers, the meal was fantastic and the ambiance even better. The meal and the surrounding conversation turned from the recent happenings at Hamilton to the events surrounding us in the real world (mainly the Olympics and the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding affair). Everyone has been complimenting us on a great idea and a job well done.

The house improvements are terrific, and we hope that future changes are always for the better.

Yours in the Bonds, Kevin Monohan '96 Chris Peters '96

The Psi Adopts New Philanthropy Philosophy

Over the past few years, philanthropic events that the house performed were few and far between. Recently, in-house and Inter-Society Council pressure has made us reassess our view of what needs to be accomplished through the house. We decided that a new philosophy was needed to help us with charitable causes. In an organization such as ours it is easy to get caught up in day-to-day activity and forget about those less fortunate than we are or those who could benefit greatly from our help.

First, in a meeting brothers were asked to donate some of their time to the Hope House, a homeless shelter in Utica. The response was overwhelming, as many signed up and offered a great deal of time. Many said that they were simply waiting for an opportunity or for someone to tell them what time to be somewhere. This cause was suggested by the Inter-Society Council. With such strong participation, we may venture into other causes.

Another way in which we are planning to help is with the donation of food. The house goes through a tremendous amount of food. Instead of throwing it out and wasting it, we decided to give it to a homeless shelter as well. This idea came from Lou, our cook, when she saw what happened to food after meals. It is a simple process to give away extra food that we would only waste.

Perhaps not philanthropic, but certainly fun, is a fall golf tourna-

ment that would involve Psis and families. It would be possible to hold the tournament on Hamilton's golf course. The tournament would involve some sort of prize system. Any ideas for this event or other philanthropic events could be addressed to Spencer Newman (315/859-1710).

Yours in the Bonds, Spencer Newman '96

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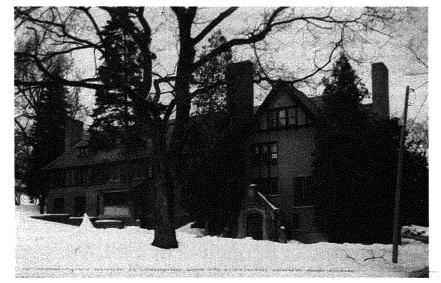
Chapter Takes On A New Look

The Psi has taken on a new look in this past year. The house itself is shaping up and becoming much more presentable. The new officers are doing a terrific job pulling the house together and making changes for the better. I hired a new cook, Lou Stolark, at the beginning of the semester, and she is doing an amazing job. Everyone loves the food, and the kitchen is actually kept clean.

All is not well at the Psi, though. Hamilton will not allow the incoming sophomores to live in the house next year. The fraternity houses are considered "off-campus housing" according to the school, and administrators did not grant the sophomores the "privilege" to live off campus. As a result, we are facing an enormous financial loss because the expected 16 members will not be living in the house. The other fraternity presidents and I have been negotiating with the Hamilton administration, but, unfortunately, we are not making much progress. With any luck, some sort of compromise will be made so that the Psi can remain a part of Hamilton College life.

Bill Payzant '96 Archon

Our beloved home.



Letters Of Support Needed

Events here at Hamilton always seem to hit at the same time, and this semester has been no exception. The weekend of March 5-6 was trustee weekend, mid-term exams were either here or around the corner, and spring break was almost upon us.

The weekend prior to the trustee meeting at Hamilton, we had our own meeting, which I believe went quite well. The house has been under some renovations, and trustees were able to see some work in progress while also seeing how good the house is looking. Trustee weekend at Hamilton, however, did not go so well. Fraternities are being discriminated against here, and it has become increasingly difficult to get the members of the administration to acknowledge our continued presence here on campus. I believe they hope that if they continue to ignore us as a strong choice for students we will disappear. I wish to appeal to alumni now for some written support. Please write letters to the trustees explaining what fraternities meant to you in school and afterward. All support that we receive will make it impossible to ignore the difference that fraternities make in lives.

On a lighter note, the house has undergone some major changes. To begin, the library is being redone. The finish around the room should make it closer to a study room, which is its original purpose.

It received a chandelier and, we hope, will get a rug and some couches and tables. It will be a truly magnificent sight! Another great change is our new cook, Lou Stolark. I am amazed at the enthusiasm that has pervaded the house since her arrival. The food quality has improved tremendously, but is nothing compared to the wonderful demeanor now found in the kitchen. Fresh, hot-baked cookies in the afternoon are commonplace. We even had a candlelight dinner with invited guests, which worked wonderfully. This time only female companions were invited, but as we have more we hope we can begin to get professors into the house and thus give further support to fraternal life.

The spring term began with the garnering of 19 new pledges—another strong group for the second consecutive year. Strong numbers are where fraternities are succeeding. Most of the houses on campus are also having large initiate classes.

Spring break could not have come at a better time as we all dug ourselves out from the enormous amounts of snowfall that we had during the winter. So it was off to exotic places and to our homes and, when we returned, spring. Good wishes to all in your endeavors.

Yours in the Bonds, Bill Payzant '96

Psi U's Gather In The Big Apple—Will The City Ever Be The Same?

Spend a Saturday night in New York City, and you're bound to run into some true characters, as well as have a memorable time. Saturday, March 12, proved to be no exception to either of these rules, as Psis past and present gathered at the Raccoon Lodge on York Street.

The night started innocently enough as just a few current brothers stopped to enjoy New York. Soon, however, word spread that Jud Henderson '96, Brian Green '96, Sean Brady '96, Shawn Kelly '95, Bob Simonds '95, and Spencer Newman '96 were in town and were looking for action, and that action came soon enough, as many alumni appeared out of the woodwork.

First to appear were Matt Henderson '93 and Erich Baumgartner '93. Matt and Erich are roommates and have been loving the city since they arrived. Word travels unbelievably quickly around "the Big Apple," and the alumni kept rolling in. Next to show were Carlos Sagebien '93, Mike Delaney '93, and Henry Gordeau '93.

This was not a class reunion solely for the members of '93. Also

making cameo appearances were Chris Connors '92 and Sam Kosoff '92. Two wise guys, Chris and Sam did their best to entertain the entire crowd.

Later in the night the past year's cave dwellers, Paul Earle '93 and Pat Dorsey '93, worked their way through the crowd, saying hello and spreading good cheer.

The emphasis on the night seems simply to have been to get together and reminisce about old times. It is amazing how easy it is to get away from school and still be able to get together and find your fellow brothers. The contacts available around not only New York but all of the U.S. are amazing. It was great to see such a great turnout without prior notice, thanks only to word of mouth. Here's to the next gathering of past and present, wherever that may be.

Yours in the Bonds, Sean Brady '96 PAGE FOUR PSI NEWS

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Writes GEORGE G. COLLINS '34, "My wife and I are living in a retirement center five miles south of Sarasota, Florida (7979 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231). We summer in New Hampshire on Lake Winnipesaukee."

"Finally, after 45 years," writes JAMES AVERY JR. '36, "I have retired from Wells College! Hard to believe, and I do miss seeing those lovely young faces every day, but many still write to me." James hears from JAMES S. D. COOPER '36 regularly twice a year and would greatly enjoy hearing from other brothers. James Avery's address is Court St., Aurora, NY 13026-0173.

The senior vice president of the New Jersey Federal Credit Union, ANTHONY R. KUOLT '46 writes, "I came out of retirement for a third time a year ago to work for the credit union. We have doubled our membership, tripled our assets, and reduced our delinquent loans to less than a half of one percent." Drop Toni a line at 100 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff, NJ 07481.

RICHARD J. LIGHTHALL JR. '50 retired from college teaching in 1989 and now does volunteer work in a reforestation program under the auspices of the California state parks system, particularly in the Torrey Pines state reserve. "I have planted over 500 of these rare pines to replace others destroyed by drought, fires, and beetles." Dick has talked and corresponded with LASSE DYRDAL. Keep in touch with Dick at 429 Luzon Ave., Del Mar, CA 92014.

Orthodontist ALBERT A. H. VOLLMER '52 welcomes correspondence from other alumni at 11 Dogwood Lane, Larchmont, NY 10538. He reports that he is still promoting authentic American jazz music at home and abroad. "Currently in my second year of featuring The Harlem All Stars—six veteran jazz musicians, all over 70 years of age. They appear every Saturday night at the Louisiana Community Bar & Grill (622 Broadway at Houston Street), the best value in New York City, featuring excellent, reasonably priced New Orleans style cuisine, with never a minimum, cover, or music charge." He adds that the members of the band have played with the bands of Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, Count Bassi, Fats Walker, and Duke Ellington. "It is time for the group to appear at Hamilton again."

Anyone interested in promoting this exciting attraction should contact me for further details and promotional material."

Write to JOHN E. BECKER II '61 at a new address: 23 State St., Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

"After getting a master's in tax law from Georgetown," writes GREGORY S. KAUPP '77, "I joined a client in Arizona as vice president of government programs. I started Perform, the company for which I now work, in 1990. Recently, I sold it and relocated to the Philadelphia area. I will continue working for the acquiring company in the sales area in the Northeast. The company is engaged in managing prescription drug benefits and health care administration." Write Gregory at 761 Gulph Rd., Wayne, PA 19087.

Attorney RALPH A. HUMMEL '79 writes, "After a decade of barely surviving as a wage slave, I have decided to go broke by opening my own law firm. I welcome hearing from my old friends." Ralph's address is 23 Somerset St., Huntington Station, NY 11746.

Boasts DANIEL M. SIXSMITH '84, "My wife, Joyce, gave birth to our first child, Daniel M. Sixsmith Jr., on August 24, 1993. In December 1993 I left Milliken & Company to join Marion Fabrics as a sales manager in their home furnishings business." Dan keeps in touch with JOHN BURDE '84, JIM CROWLEY '84, and BRIAN SULLIVAN '84. Congratulate Dan and Joyce at 119 S. Highland Ave., Ossining, NY 10562.

Another happy father, ANDREW W. HALL '88 writes that he and wife Leslie had their firstborn child, Ben, on January 27, 1994. "He's got good hands and surprising quickness and agility for a big man. I'm looking forward to setting him free to roam the great hall soon." Send congratulations to Drew and Leslie at 32 Hampton St., Northampton, MA 01060.

DECEASED

We regret to inform you of the death of GARDNER A. CALLANEN JR. '29 on March 7, 1994.

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attitude and contributions to college life were and are exemplary.

Thank you for your support, your criticism, and your contributions. Lastly, brother Gardner Callanen '29 was a very special friend, brother, and mentor to me. When I took over from him as president of the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, Inc., after his many years of effective and unselfish leadership, he never missed an opportunity to offer encouragement to me and to the younger trustees. His continued faithful attendance at trustee meetings was welcomed and appreciated. His continuing counsel to us and the undergraduates was always inspirational and well received. I can think of no one to whom we should look as a better role model on how to live our lives and how to be a brother. We have lost a wonderful friend, a great Psi U.

Details will follow on a Gardner Callanen Scholarship Fund, to be administered by the Psi Upsilon Foundation and given annually to that undergraduate brother who best exemplifies the ideals of Psi Upsilon so well lived by and demonstrated by Gardner Callanen '29.

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



