



PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity Newsletter

ANTI-TRUST ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST COLLEGE

Several Fraternities Band Together To Fight For Chapter Houses

Dear Alumni Brothers:

Hamilton College's new residential life program has been instituted, so the chapter house is unoccupied. Most undergraduate brothers are scattered around the campus in various dormitories, and a few are living off campus in Clinton. Steps have been taken to secure the building, and the undergraduate brothers continue, with the college's permission, to clean the premises in anticipation of a return as early as spring semester.

As you probably know, several Hamilton fraternities have banded together to bring an anti-trust action

against Hamilton College. In layman's language, we are asserting that the college, which has a monopoly on the students' room and board, is using its monopoly power to drive its competitors (the fraternities, which compete against the college for the students' room and board) out of business. It is then trying to steal the properties by offering the owners absurdly low purchase prices, knowing full well that there are few, if any, other uses for the fraternity buildings.

We are pleased to report that the Psi Chapter alumni have already donated over \$16,000 to the Legal Defense Fund

and that brother Frank O'Brien '58, an experienced anti-trust attorney, is donating his time to assist our lead attorney.

We are especially pleased to inform you that Psi Upsilon National, at its annual convention, unanimously and enthusiastically passed a resolution supporting the Psi's legal efforts and encouraging all Psi U chapters to assist us. Already we have received financial assistance from the Delta, the Gamma, the Upsilon, the Beta Kappa, the Chi Delta, the Zeta, and the Epsilon Phi, along with the Psi Upsilon International Fraternity, and we have every hope that more financial support is on the way.

The Psi, however, does need more money. If you have already donated, thank you—and, if you are able, please add to your gift. If you have not yet joined your brothers in defense of your chapter house, now is the time! A list of contributors during the past year's efforts is printed on page two.

While we now have no income from room and board, many fixed expenses at the chapter house continue while the legal issues are resolved. Taxes, insurance, and energy costs continue to drain what very few resources we have left.

Never before has your Psi U chapter needed your help any more than it does now. The enclosed contribution envelope includes our suggested dues/giving levels under normal circumstances. But circumstances are far from normal, and I urge you to send the maximum amount you can possibly afford. Your contribution today is an investment in preserving our private society system and demonstrates to your undergraduate brothers that you are behind them!

I thank you for recognizing the importance of our challenge as we begin the 1996 year.

Yours in the Bonds,
Jeb Becker '61
Psi Alumni President

PSI BROTHERS MEET THE CHALLENGE

Chapter Does Well Despite Loss Of House

Dear Brothers:

It is my responsibility as archon to keep you informed about the present situation of the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon. It is most certainly not "business as usual" for the Psi right now. Without our house to unite us, we are faced with all sorts of new challenges at Hamilton. As I'm sure all of you know by now, we are not able to use our house for meeting, living, eating, or socializing, as mandated by the college's new residential life policy.

Thus, life as most of you remember it as Psi brothers at Hamilton College has dramatically changed. We greatly miss our house and the camaraderie that went along with living and eating together. This is not to say that we are no longer as close as we used to be; it is just different now. In fact, before I go any further, I want to assure all of you that, while we may be without our house, the undergraduates are doing their best to ensure that the Psi Chapter will flourish at Hamilton for years to come, no matter what the circumstances may be.

Becoming acclimated to life without a house has been difficult. Our current membership is scattered around the campus, with brothers living in several dormitories and off-campus apartments. It is frustrating because it is much more difficult to remain in contact with one another on a consistent basis when we are spread so far apart across campus. However, we do have two large groups of brothers living together in Milbank and Bundy dormitories. Unfortunately, the college is threatening not to offer such

group housing next year and for the years to come. This will only distance us from one another more.

An extremely difficult aspect of this has been holding meetings and social events on a regular basis. This is due to the lack of appropriate social and meeting space available on the college campus. Let me give you an example. Many of you will recall Parents Weekend, when we would have a cocktail party in the house to honor our parents who could make it up for the weekend. Our cook would prepare an impressive table of food, and we would meet and visit with one another's parents in a pleasant and comfortable setting. This year we were forced to hold the event in a lounge in Bundy Dormitory, since no other appropriate space was available. While the event was a success, many parents mentioned that it would have been so much nicer if we could have been in the house. Also, we were unsuccessful in pulling off our annual Halloween party, as sufficient social space was not available at the time. However, you will be happy to know that our annual '70s party was a total success. Unfortunately, it was held in Commons dining hall.

The social scene aside, it has also been very difficult to organize meetings and rush functions on a regular basis. The main problem is that the school has not provided enough adequate meeting space for societies and other campus organizations. Secrecy is at great risk, as many of these meeting spaces are out in the open.

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OUR ALUMNI SEND US THEIR NEWS

"I am still alive and well—for an old man," reports JAMES AVERY JR. '36. A retiree, he keeps busy with village politics and his church. "Ave" hears frequently from ADRIAN H. COURTNEY '35 and writes, "He's too active!" Send your regards to "Ave" at Court St., Aurora, NY 13026.

Still in full-time orthodontic practice in Westchester County, ALBERT A. H. VOLLMER '52 also finds the time to pursue his life-long interest in American jazz music. In 1973 he put together the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band, "which is still going strong with a succession of the older jazz musicians from the '20s, '30s, and '40s. The band has toured in Europe at least once every year since 1976 and is currently going into its third year of playing every Saturday night at Broadway's Louisiana Community Bar and Grill. Several years ago the band made a few trips to perform at Hamilton—and we are overdue for a return engagement." "Ax" makes his home at 11 Dogwood Lane, Larchmont, NY 10538.

"I moved back to New York City," reports GROVER A. FITCH '82, whose new address is 41 W. 85th St., #3-B, New York, NY 10024. We are pleased to be able to reassure Grover that, yes, the *Psi News* will still be published "A.D." A commercial banker, Grover is employed by Bank of America.

Pam and MARK M. MANCUSO '84 moved to the Jersey shore in August 1994 when Mark took a new job as a portfolio manager in a money management/investment consulting firm. "My office is in Little Silver, a 10-minute drive," writes Mark, "and Pam continues to work in New York City, an easy

60-minute train ride. Pam's a vice president with Drake Beam Morin, an out-placement company. We took an apartment in Red Bank (19 Morford Place, #10A, Red Bank, NJ 07701) and are looking for a house in Rumson or Fair Haven." To get away from work and winter storms, Mark and Pam spend time in St. John. Mark keeps in touch with his brother, ROBIN MANCUSO '81, and with JEB BECKWITH '84. "Both Robin and Jeb are doing fine; Robin's recently started a new job as vice president with Tanenbaum-Harber Company in Manhattan, and Jeb is an officer with Bank of Tokyo in New Jersey." Mark invites other brothers passing through or living in the area to give him a call at 908/741-5291.

DAVID M. JONES '88 writes, "I own a home and work in Denver, Colorado. I also own a 200-acre ranch in Colorado, at which I am opening a restaurant and corporate retreat (also bed and breakfast). I'm single, and my brother, Steve, lives with me in Denver. He's a property manager in real estate. I have three golden retrievers, Foster (who lived at Psi Upsilon!) and his two sons." David competed successfully in the Boulder Triathlon in August 1995 and is a member of a local ice hockey team and a roller blade team as well. Send him your regards at 849 S. Downing St., Denver, CO 80209.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

OSCAR THEODORE BARCK JR. '23
WILLIAM HOUSTON FITZPATRICK '21
DAVID G. MOSES '41

PSI BROTHERS...

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Many other society presidents have informed me that they are facing the same problems. Sorority presidents tell me that now that the fraternities are fighting for the same social spaces, they are experiencing the same difficulties as well.

But let me report to you about some of the good things that we have been doing, despite our struggle with the college. This year we participated in the annual Trust Treat, an event that enables underprivileged Utica kids to have a happy Halloween experience. We have also sponsored two speakers at Hamilton so far this year, with intent to bring several others to campus as well. Our participation in the Inter-Society Council (ISC) has rejuvenated a once-weak organization, with Gary Bisbee serving as ISC treasurer and I as vice president. We have also just handed out bids to the first-years. We are expecting a class of about 20 pledges. Because rushing was so difficult this year without the house, 20 pledges would be a healthy class.

The focus of my article is to tell you that we are not suffering as a society. In fact, we are doing just the opposite; we are thriving—against these odds. In my four years at Hamilton College, I have seen the Psi Chapter make progress in a number of areas. Not being able to utilize the house has been a hindrance to that progress, but we are united in our purpose—and in our hope that justice will be served in the end and that we will once again inhabit our house. I pass the vacant building every day on my way to class, and I just can't imagine anyone living there except for a brother of Psi Upsilon.

One final note: I would like to congratulate Gary Bisbee on his recent election as my successor as archon for the upcoming year. Good luck to all of you, and stay in touch!

YITB,
Kendall Brook '96
Archon

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