



PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity Newsletter

JUDGE RULES TO DISMISS GREEK LAWSUIT

ATTORNEYS FILE NOTICE OF APPEAL

At my recently concluded 35th class reunion, I was pleased to see such loyal Psis as Paul Combs '29, Jim Cooper '36, Bill Spicer '43, Jim Kent '46, Wayne Mahood '56, Kevin Keogh '57, Doug Kirkpatrick '61, Ralph Oman '62, Chet Suida '70, Joel Grieco '86, Robbie Enserro '91, and Mike Flagg '91, among others. It was good to see these brothers and my class of '61 classmates in good health and enjoying perfect weather for the reunion weekend.

Archon Gary Bisbee '97 highlights the state of the college from an undergraduate perspective in his report below. As president of the Inter-Society Alumni Council (ISAC), I interact with many students, and they echo Gary's concerns and observations about Hamilton's new direction.

Clearly, the new residential life program has not worked. The "common meal," at which students and faculty were supposed to interact, has been a failure—not only because of the lateness of serving, but because the faculty does not participate. Contrary to the

college's initial mandate, many students continue to live "off campus" and will continue to do so next year because there is not enough room "on campus," even in the overcrowded campus facilities. Social life, as articulated by Gary, is almost nonexistent, especially for non-society members.

According to a recent survey, 83 percent of the sophomores, juniors, and seniors felt worse off than last year; 91 percent of the first-years responded that Hamilton was worse than expected. Is this any way to treat your customers?!? Is this any way to run a business?!?

Because of a projected \$1 million deficit for this fiscal year, the college does not have the money to renovate the DU house, which it purchased late last year under the "residential life program." That building stands empty and boarded up—an eyesore that did not go unnoticed by returning alumni.

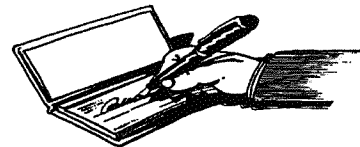
Judge Pooler, after deliberating for about six months, granted the college's motion to dismiss. Her reason, simply stated, was that the situation at Hamil-

ton does not qualify for an anti-trust lawsuit as defined by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Our lawyers disagree over her interpretation of the law, and we have shown her opinion to other attorneys experienced in anti-trust law. They agree with our attorneys. We have, therefore, filed a notice of appeal.

Of the four fraternities involved in the litigation (Alpha Delt, Sigma Phi, DKE, and Psi U), Psi U is in the worst financial shape. We are literally down to our last dollars and desperately need our alumni to respond! Please put the enclosed envelope to good use by sending along *whatever you can muster* to help defend the Psi. Your contribution in *any* amount will make a difference. We remain indebted to those of you who have already supported us—some of you again and again—and deeply hope you'll stay on board until we've won this fight.

A year's experience in the new residential life program has proven us correct and justified in what we are doing. Please...let's not quit now!

Yours in the Bonds,
Jeb Becker, Psi '61



CHAPTER PRESIDENT REPORTS

STRENGTH IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

The 1995-'96 school year was one of transition for Hamilton students, especially fraternity/sorority members. Many have had a tough time adjusting to life on campus. The residential life program announced a year ago was badly thought out by the school, which resulted in a less-than-smooth transition. And the college has done nothing to solve glaring problems that have begun to affect the lives of current Hamilton students.

There are many areas in which stu-

dents' lives are worse off as a result of the residential life decision. The dining halls are crowded, making it impossible for students to pop in for a quick meal. Many students find their housing situations poorer because the college had to jam students into small rooms. For example, six Psis lived in a block in Bundy before the plan, and, this year, the school stuck eight of our brothers in the already tight rooms. The school has also effectively denied us the opportuni-

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ALUMNI WRITE

"I thoroughly appreciate the work you are doing to keep the Psi alive and above water, under very difficult circumstances," writes JAMES S. D. COOPER '36. "Keep up the good work." Jim's "clan" now totals 25: three married children, eight grandchildren (four married), and six great-grandchildren. Jim is still actively involved in counseling and other concerns in the field of human resources throughout the community. He plays a lot of golf. "I marshalled the ninth hole at the Ryder Cup in September." When he last wrote, Jim was making plans to attend his 60th reunion in the spring. "Sorry there will be no house to visit." Jim is in contact with JIM AVERY '36, usually by phone. "Give my best to JEB BECKER '61." Best wishes can be sent to Jim at 31 Mountain Rise, Fairport, New York, NY 14450.

RALPH OMAN '62 has joined the Washington office of the Philadelphia firm Dechert, Price & Rhoads. News will reach Ralph at 1110 E. Capitol St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.

"Greetings to all from Texas!" writes PETER LORBER '81. "While most of y'all (youse guys) back north are under two feet of snow, it was 75° and sunny here. But we'll pay for it in August." Pete reports that things are relatively stable, "for the oil exploration biz." He is

still drilling "wildcats" for FINA on the Gulf Coast and makes many trips to Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi. "Also, I'm still really busy with the Woodlands Fire Department. I got my firefighting state certification a couple of years back, and I made captain in early '95." He sends along a suggestion to the *Psi News*: "Start collecting brothers' e-mail addresses. Mine is *plorber@infohwy.com*, and I hope long lost brothers can send me news. I got a great card from PATRICK 'Big Murph' MURPHY '80 recently, but no return address! I would like to respond, and hear from others. [Patrick Murphy '80, 3440 79th St., #6-H, Jackson Heights, NY 11372-2622] Best to all, and keep burnin' that oil." Catch up with Pete at 147 E. Pathfinders Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77381.

Keeping us on our toes is MARK M. MANCUSO '84, a portfolio manager for Fox Asset Management: "Thanks for printing my last message and letting the brothers catch up with my life. However, there was one error. JEB BECKWITH '84 works with Bank of Tokyo in Dallas, Texas, *not* New Jersey (although the scuttlebutt is that he may come back to New York City..." Send "Foos" your regards at 19 Morford Pl., #10A, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

"Have car, will travel," writes MICHAEL G. SUROWKA '85. "Let me know next time any of you meet. I'm only three hours from NYC and would

love to see/hear from anyone. Give me a call." Mike is an attorney working at Hogan & Scarzynski in Binghamton, New York. He can be written to at 38 Front St., #7c, Binghamton, NY 13905. His telephone number is 607/723-7413.

Things seem to be happening by twos for DREW HALL '88: second birthday of his son, Ben; second child expected in August; second year back in New York selling to surgeons. "I see SHERMAN "Beanie" DURFEE '88 every so often. He's doing well: good job, new house, nice wife. ERIC GROSSMAN '88 is working hard for one of the best law firms in the country. STEVE CONLEY '87 and CHRIS CABOT '88 are multiplying—Steve just had twins, and Cabs' second is on the way. I also see 'Groomer,' 'Reegs,' and 'Plumber,' although not as often as I'd like." Drew welcomes correspondence from friends at 67 McLoughlin St., Glen Cove, NY 11542.

Reporting a new address is MICHAEL J. HODGIN '94: 76 Puritan Rd., Somerville, MA 02145.

DECEASED

We regret to inform you of the following deaths:

CHARLES R. COLBY '34
PETER R. L. KESLER '51

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ty to live in large groups of brothers (more than eight is virtually impossible). This has made it increasingly tough to keep the brotherhood strong.

The social scene is also a nightmare. There is a major lack of social space, which the school is doing absolutely nothing to remedy. In a personal meeting with Kevin Kennedy (the head of the board of trustees), I was told that the school would do nothing because it expected to acquire all of the fraternity houses before this summer. That aside, there are also many other problems with the social scene. There is fierce competition over the available social space. The space is so small that it prohibits us from being able to have open

parties. This means that all parties are invitation-only parties, which leads in turn to two other problems. First, there has probably been an increase in the rate of drinking and driving as more students frequent the bars in Clinton. Second, it is increasingly tough to meet new people because the same 300 people are invited to every party.

Although Hamilton has changed drastically—many say for the worse—over the last year, the Psi Upsilon brotherhood has worked very hard to maintain its strength and unity. We used practically everything from a bit of luck to brute force in the housing lottery to get strongholds in two dorms where over two-thirds of our brothers will live next year. This past spring, we

worked hard without the use of the house to pledge and initiate 14 new brothers successfully. We led the Greek system in total philanthropy hours, helped considerably by our four volunteer EMTs. Finally, fighting our way through all of the social guidelines, we successfully completed our Psi U '70s party in the fall and the ever-popular St. Thomas party this spring.

Although obviously disappointed by the legal setback of last month, we are ready to go forward with the appeal and will continue to prosper as a society at Hamilton College.

Yours in the Bonds,
Gary Bisbee '97
Archon