



PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity Newsletter

MORALE HIGH AMONG UNDERGRADUATES

Individuals And National Shine During These Days Of Struggle

As you can tell by the tone of the undergraduates' articles contained herein, the morale of the chapter is high. We should all be proud of Gary Bisbee '97 and his officers for steering the Psi through very difficult times.

Speaking of brother Bisbee, you should be aware and pleased that he has been selected as one of two undergraduates to sit on the Psi Upsilon Fraternity Executive Committee. Obviously, his leadership attributes have not gone unnoticed by the national leadership. With Gary and yours truly as members, the Psi is well represented on the executive council.

We tend to forget the benefits of being part of a strong, well-run national fraternity. Under the direction of Mark A. Williams, Phi '76, Psi U International brings many worthwhile programs to the undergraduate chapters. The archons' and treasurers' academies offer chapter leaders many useful insights into how a local chapter should function. Periodic visits by the Psi U field directors serve to reinforce Psi Upsilon ideals. The Psi Upsilon leadership conference and national convention offer opportunities for further chapter growth. Psi Upsilon International is very worthy of your support, and we encourage you to join this year's Psi Upsilon Foundation's annual fund drive.

While the undergraduates hold the chapter together, the house remains empty and unheated. Because of the terrible position we have been put in by the Hamilton College administration, we have no income except for donations by loyal alumni brothers. Recently, under the leadership of Timothy Reed '80 and Patrick Gilrane '80,

enough money was raised from a small group of very loyal brothers to pay for our fire insurance for another year. We still owe our liability insurance as well as back taxes, mortgage, and a myriad of other past-due bills.

We came close to some relief as Hamilton approached us to lease the house for use as college social space. Because we know that there is a very real shortage of campus social space and because we realize that the building would be best served heated and supervised, we offered a lease in return for a postponement of the mortgage payments. Upon further consideration, the college withdrew its offer, supposedly because the Hamilton trustees did

not want to aid us in the lawsuit.

As this is being written, we await the decision of the second circuit court of appeals on the fraternity lawsuit against Hamilton College. Briefs have been submitted, and oral arguments are scheduled to be heard the week of January 20, 1997. We are optimistic, as we believe our case to be strong. We appreciate your continuing support and respectfully request that you donate whatever you can to save the Psi.

On behalf of the trustees and undergraduates of the Psi Chapter, I wish you a very happy and prosperous year!

Jeb Becker '61
Psi Chapter Alumni President

BROTHERHOOD REMAINS STRONG

Psi U Rushes Hard, Retains Social Status

The brothers of Psi Upsilon have had another successful semester. Although Hamilton College is still uncooperative, we are staying strong as a brotherhood. Brothers are involved in more activities and sports than ever before, and we have more brothers on the dean's list than at any time in recent history.

The Psi Chapter had another successful social season in the fall. Our annual '70s party was a resounding success. With the high cleanup charges from the school, we were only able to afford one other party this fall—a semiformal with the Alpha Theta Chi Sorority. It was also a great time. Although we only had two

large parties, they were clearly the two best of the semester. Much to the disgust of Hamilton College, the Psi Chapter is still the undisputed social king on campus.

On a more serious note, we have been rushing a large number of freshmen this year. As we go to press, we have already handed out 19 bids and expect 18 of them to sign when they are allowed to. We will give out a second round of bids in January and would like to initiate 22-25 new brothers in May. When other fraternities at Hamilton are having trouble rushing top-quality fresh-

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men, the Psi Chapter is more popular than ever.

Everything is not going perfectly at Hamilton, however. Although we have made a concerted effort to get along in the "new" Hamilton, the school still refuses to remedy the many problems that students face. We have a terrible lack of social space, which has forced many students to drink and drive because there are very few social options on campus. There is also no place for the fraternities to hold meetings. We regularly have to meet in classrooms and risk having people walk into our meetings. Another problem is that we are not allowed to live together in big groups. The school offers only one block where 12 students can live. After that, at most six people can live together.

Various other problems also have occurred since the infamous residential life decision. The brothers have indeed tried to fit into life at Hamilton without fraternity houses, but we feel as though the school has handled the transition very poorly. The school admits that there are problems but refuses to correct them.

Through all of the problems, however, we have made a concerted effort to keep the brotherhood strong. We frequently hold functions just for our brotherhood and do philanthropy events together, like the trust treat program. Although it has been tough, we have stayed a tight group. We have just elected a superb group of new officers for 1997, and I am sure that they will continue the momentum we have built in the past year.

Yours in the Bonds,
Gary Bisbee '97
Archon

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TARGET: CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Greeks Seek To Increase Their Influence

In the aftermath of the fated residential life decision, Psi U has increased its influence in campus activities. Many members have contributed greatly to the formation of the college's social agenda. Also, the influence of Psi U in the village of Clinton has helped facilitate better relations between students and locals. From writing for the school newspaper to helping out college security guards, the presence of the Psi Chapter is very evident this year.

The seniors have led the effort to increase fraternity influence on campus. Archon Gary Bisbee contributed to the Inter-Society Council as its vice president. His commanding presence gave the ISC, and all societies in general, a powerful voice with the school. His work on the social programming committee led to the formation of a more lenient social agenda. In addition, Bisbee is vice chairman of the Senior Gift Campaign and a member of the Hamilton Committee on Gender Equity in Athletics. The men's hockey team did not lose its coveted 4:00 p.m. practice time as a result. He also volunteers as the local high school's hockey goalie coach and moonlights as a bartender. "His Bamfness" is a prominent figure in the local and school communities.

Dave Andreatta, Gary Heenan, and Dave Sylofski added sportswriting to their extracurricular activities. *The Spectator* enjoyed the coverage and humor of its new writers. Andreatta, Sylofski, and Ed McDevitt also work as agents in the Senior Gift Campaign.

Heenan, along with Geoff Sawyer, junior Mike Kelly, and sophomore Matt Smith, contributes to the college security force. Sawyer and Mauricio Ramirez take part in tutoring Clinton High School students. John Forbes, with the help of junior Brendan Forrest, coaches the Clinton midget hockey team. Forbes's intense coaching style finally paid off as the team recorded its first victory. Forbes also works at the dean's office and is a member of the Residence Life Committee. He landed a nice internship with the Utica Blizzard hockey team as a sports marketing assistant.

The junior class has also stepped up and become involved in campus affairs. Rich Dell'Aquila and Kevin Bilsky also took part in the ISC as Psi U's representatives. Forrest keeps everyone's glass full as bartender at the Village Tavern.

The sophomore class has concentrated on studying and, for the most part, has not become involved in campus activities. Jamie Ross is the fire marshal for the Milbank dorm. Jon Holstein and Matt Erck coordinate the social functions for brothers Dan Sullivan and Dan Knipe.

In general, the school has felt the presence of the Psi Chapter in academic, social, and athletic activities. As the spring semester approaches, Psi U will continue to be an imposing influence here on college hill.

Dave Sylofski '97
Secretary

OUR ALUMNI WRITE TO US

"I am very much into computers now, more for business than fun," reports JOHN GRAY '37. "Try me at Prodigy CWS/50A." John stays fit with "a little golf and a lot of tennis" and is winning both 5K and 10K races in his age group (over 80). Send your regards to John at 3211 Bayshore Square, P.O. Box 987, Pensacola, FL 32595.

Retired college teacher RICHARD J.

LIGHTHALL JR. '50 reports that he received a terse warning of "terrible consequences" from newly elected class president TOM GREGORY '50 should he fail to attend the 50th reunion. Dick adds that he plans to drop in on classmate JIM SONTHEIMER '50 when he's in Jim's neighborhood. "Please have cold beer ready, Jimbo!"

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“SAVE THE PSI!”

We can't do it without you...

...and thanks to those of you listed below, we don't have to! But it's an uphill struggle, and we need every dollar you can spare. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your contribution. To date, this school year we have gratefully received support from the following (as of January 22, 1997):

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William W. Payzant '96

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS

Psi U's Contribute Much To Hamilton's Athletic Teams

This past semester, Psi U undergrads had an impact on various sports teams. The football, soccer, rugby, basketball, and hockey teams relied on our members for leadership and success.

The 5-3 football team took advantage of the talents of Ed McDevitt, Chris Kelly, and Clinton Textor. At defensive end, McDevitt started every game this past season, leading the team in sacks. He also played an instrumental part in the Continentals' upset victory over Williams. The senior pressured Ephmen quarterbacks into throwing five intercep-

tions in the first half. Ed was widely renowned in the NESCAC for his tenacious play and strength. Kelly used his lightning speed for returning kickoffs and substituting at fullback. A debilitating ankle injury forced him to sit out the final three games. He will most likely inherit the starting fullback position for next year's fall campaign. Textor, a sophomore, played backup tackle and on special teams. He turned the coaches' heads on a few occasions with open-field bone-chilling tackles. A starting offensive tackle position should be in his future.

Brendan Forrest offered leadership and scoring for the men's soccer team. A flamboyant player known for his rocket shooting and curling free kicks, Forrest led the team in scoring. Although he is relatively small (5'5"), the junior was strong in the air, scoring many times on head shots. He takes over as next season's captain.

Gary Bisbee, Josh Roy, Ken Picariello, and Jamie Walkley added versatility to the Hamilton Exiles RFC, the school's rugby football squad. Bisbee and Picariello

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OUR ALUMNI WRITE TO US

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Our address for Dick is 429 Luzon Ave., Del Mar, CA 92014.

Although still in full-time orthodontic practice, ALBERT A. H. VOLLMER '52 is otherwise fully occupied with organizing and promoting jazz music and the seven-piece Harlem Blues and Jazz Band. "We have performed on the hill several times but are way overdue for a repeat appearance. The band is a microcosm of black musical history, with most members in their eighth decade. Currently the group is in its fourth year of playing every Saturday night at the Louisiana Community Bar and Grill (622 Broadway between Houston and Bleecker streets) in New York City." Get in touch with "Ax" at 11 Dogwood Lane, Larchmont, NY 10538.

LEADERSHIP

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lo combined to lead the backs in scoring. Their quickness with the ball inspired the team. Roy anchored the pack and provided bruising blocks for the backs. The senior is the size of a small Mack truck, a unique trait that intimidated opposing teams. He led the team in putting opponents in the hospital. Walkley, the team's emotional leader, contributed as a reserve back. The team lost just one game all season, but to the dismay of all did not receive a bid for postseason play.

The basketball team is undefeated so far this year behind the long-range three-point shooting of senior Mike Murphy. The three-year varsity veteran can hit from deep. After an early season slump, Murphy rebounded to regain his starting point guard spot. The left-hander is a problem for opposing defenders off the dribble as well. Undergraduate assistant coach Dave Sylofski offers tactical insight and keeps the mood light on the team bus.

Hamilton hockey once again relies heavily on Psi U this year. The team is 6-2 so far, notching convincing wins at Colby and against Amherst and Elmira at home. The "rage in the sage" is largely due to the scoring of senior Jeff Bradley,

JAMES H. NELSON III '67 recently became vice president and medical director of American Kidney Stone Management, a company treating kidney stones throughout the Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania area. He is also a lieutenant colonel in the Ohio National Guard, acting as hospital commander and senior flight surgeon for the 178th fighter wing. He writes, "I have been on deployments to Denmark and Honduras in the last year and crossed the Atlantic in an F-16." He lives at 5795 Tarton Circle N., Dublin, Ohio 43017.

The president of Davidge Data Systems, IRA P. RUBENSTEIN '73 resides in northern New Jersey with wife Samantha, son Jonathan, and pooch Daisey. In July he advised us of the imminent marriage of RONALD B. ROTH '72 and Hilarie Pleet McNiff. Ira receives mail at P.O. Box 509, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Writes RALPH A. HUMMEL '79,

juniors Brian Guastella, Dave Webb, and Ben Hawn, and sophomores Zac Sweetland, Trevor MacArthur, and Darren Johnston. Team captain Bradley has 12 points so far to lead the team. To his credit, he recently scored his 100th career point. His name will be etched forever among hockey's elite in the hallowed halls of the athletic center. The coveted Riffle Award, which recognizes Hamilton's top senior athlete, could be in his future. Guastella has five points so far, most of them at times when the score is tight. Webb is a slick skater who sets up the bulk of Bradley's goals. He connected on this year's "orange goal." Hawn, a bruising forward who can bang in the corners, holds the distinction of being Hamilton's first true goon.

Sweetland has made a quick impact on the team's success. He is unafraid to give up his body for the team. The undisputed king of garbage goals, Sweetland has scored many opportunistic goals in close. The ever-industrious MacArthur gives solid play on the second line. The wild-haired Johnston adds hard-nosed Canadian-style play to the corps of forwards. Although his crazy blond locks are the subject of opposing teams' taunting, he quickly silences detractors with

"PETER LORBER '81 had a great idea in the last issue: let's collect brothers' e-mail addresses. I can be reached at fhu@usa.pipeline.com and also have a web site at <http://free.websight.com/Hummel/>. Let's use the emerging Internet as a way to bring us back together again!" Write Ralph at 23 Somerset St., Huntington Station, NY 11746.

Please note this new address for CRAIG M. MOORE '80: Box 27, East Aurora, NY 14052.

POWELL A. BENEDICT III '83 resides at 20575 Snowshoe Square 101, Ashburn, VA 20147.

"I love my new job," pens SEAN J. FOGERTY '94, who works in the field of waste and sewer management with Collins, Ullman, Meyers, Inc. He'd love to hear from Psi U brothers at 182 Edmond Dr., North Kingston, RI 02852.

DOUGLAS C. KENNEY '94 lives at 161 W. 80th St., Apt. #7, New York, NY 10024.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of CLARK W. MOORE '38 on May 3, 1996.

his soft touch around the net.

On defense, senior Gary Heenan and junior John Whitwell are an imposing force for opposing forwards. Heenan, Hamilton's assistant captain, is widely known in the ECAC for his dirty play and cheesy hair. On a more positive note, he supplies vocal leadership and slick puck handling. A big, muscular defenseman, Whitwell hammers opponents with his fierce checking and rocket slap shots.

Hamilton hockey is flying this year behind the bold Psis. With early season prospects looking good, the NCAA tournament could be in order in March. The team is rolling behind the support of the ubiquitous presence of rowdy Psi U spectators. "The Bubble," as the group is known to security guards, ignites brothers on the ice with its heckling of opposing goaltenders. Geoff "Peewee" Sawyer, a senior security employee, tries to maintain control and keep our boys clear of trouble during games.

The presence of Psi U in Hamilton athletics has led to success in many sports this fall. Look for this trend to continue during the second semester of play.

Dave Sylofski '97
Secretary