



# PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity Newsletter

## AS WE GO TO PRESS...VICTORY FOR PSI U!

The Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the fraternity's position, overturning a lower court ruling that had granted Hamilton College's motion to dismiss the case. More details to follow.

## ACTIVES BRIGHT, FINANCES BLEAK

### The Psi Perseveres Amidst Struggles

At the annual meeting of the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, Inc., the following officers and trustees were re-elected:

John E. Becker II '61.....President  
 Neal A. Brown '58.....Vice President  
 Jeffrey S. Randles '88.....Treasurer  
 David B. Holgate '83.....Secretary  
 Timothy R. Reed '80  
 William O. Spicer '43  
 Patrick J. Gilrane '83  
 R. Scott Atwater '76  
 Jeffrey J. Hawkes '80  
 Richard E. Koehler '90  
 Aaron Reed '80  
 Robert M. Sedor Jr. '80

The financial condition of the chapter house corporation remains bleak. *Your donations are urgently needed!* With no room and board income and with continuing taxes, insurance, etc., our financial picture continues to deteriorate as the college continues to deny us the use of the house. We had no

choice but to go through last winter with no heat in the house. As a result, there has been a slight amount of aging to the building, mostly cosmetic in nature. The good news, however, is that the undergraduates have worked hard to clean up the entire building; all of the rooms are as clean as at any time in recent memory. They have certainly done their part and then some to help keep alive the Psi Chapter. They are to be thanked by us all. From what I can see, Psi U is the healthiest private society at Hamilton, despite having to function under the most unfair and difficult of circumstances.

On the national scene, Psi Upsilon continues to grow and prosper. In a climate of increasing legal pressures due to laws regarding underage drinking and hazing, Psi Upsilon, under the leadership of Executive Director Mark A. Williams, Phi '76, now has 32 active chapters and three provisional chapters (New Jersey Institute of Technology, Siena Heights College, and Pepperdine University).

They and we continue to await the deci-

sion of the Appellate Court regarding our appeal of the lower court's decision to grant Hamilton College's motion to dismiss, as a decision in our favor would have widespread implications on other college and university campuses. Our case is strong, perhaps adding to the difficulty in arriving at a decision. We will keep you informed.

In closing, let me express our thanks and admiration to former Archon Gary Bisbee '97. Not only was Gary one of only two undergraduates who served on the executive committee of Psi Upsilon International this past year, but also he almost single-handedly led the chapter through another difficult transition year. While some other fraternity and sorority undergraduate groups experienced difficulties during these times of tension, Gary led the Psi on to bigger and better things. I have had the personal privilege to work with some 12 archons; each has given his all to the Psi but none more effectively than did Gary. Thank you, Gary!

Over the years I have learned to have faith in our undergraduates. Never before has there been a group of fine young men who more deserve your emotional and financial support than the current Psi undergraduates.

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



John Forbes '97, Mike Murphy '97, David Andreatta '97, Gary Bisbee '97, Jeffrey Bradley '97, and Mauricio Ramirez '97 say their final farewell to Hamilton College. These are the last of the Psi brothers to live in the house.

## MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

### The Psi Converts Frustration Into Gains

The Psi Chapter has adjusted extremely well since the college's residential life decision two years ago, which removed us from our house. As can be expected, our frustration has been great, but we have begun to focus this energy in positive ways. We have proven that brotherhood can exist with strong bonds even without common living grounds. The 19 new initiates last spring—our largest class in recent history—have proven this to be true.

Our contributions to the college and community also continue to uphold the reputation of our chapter and societies on campus. The Halloween Trust Treat and the Big Brother program work to bring underprivileged children in from Utica and provide them opportunities to receive Halloween candy or have someone to look out for them. Generally, these are opportunities their own environments do not pro-

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# A SPORTS UPDATE FROM HAMILTON

## The Psi Once Again Dominates College Athletics

Athletics are a vital and ever-present aspect of life of many of the brothers in the Psi Chapter. In each of the three athletic seasons, with sports ranging from golf to lacrosse, the year ahead will assuredly be filled with athletic achievements from the brothers of Psi Upsilon. Psi brothers are captains of the ice hockey, soccer, lacrosse, golf, and baseball teams. After last year saw brothers participate in play-offs, show distinguished personal merit, and enjoy expansive success, this year holds expectations of even greater success.

Returning football starters Chris Kelly '98 (tailback) and Clinton Textor '99 (guard) are back for what we hope to be an even stronger season and an improvement on last year's 5-3 record. In only the second game of the season against Wesleyan, Kelly broke through for 132 yards—a phenomenal day. Other brothers on the football team include safety and punter John Man-

ley '00, center John Meehan '00, and guard Brian Elkin '00. The year ahead is filled with anticipation.

For a while now, hockey has been a major component of the Psi Chapter. There were a total of 29 brothers last year in the house who played hockey for the Continentals. With only three seniors leaving, the brothers return this year as a major portion of the hockey team. Forward Brian Guastella '98 and defenseman John Whitwell '98 return to the team as captains and hope to lead the team to even greater heights than it experienced last year, when the Conts made it to the semis of the ECAC playoffs before losing to Colby. Hamilton invites Colby into Sage rink for the first home game of the season for some revenge and a taste of citrus—Hamilton style. Other returning starters include David Webb '98, Chris Baudo '00, and goalie Brent Davey '00, who won the male freshman-athlete-of-the-year award at Hamilton. With so many returning players and the exceptional performance of the team last year, this season should be nothing short of outstanding.

Before hockey captain John Whitwell '98

can turn his focus toward hockey, he'll be out on the links this fall with the Hamilton golf team. The senior is returning for his final year of golf for the Conts. He is joined by Terry Bevan '00 and Jeff Peters '00 on the team. The trio goes into the season looking to establish Hamilton's name in golf.

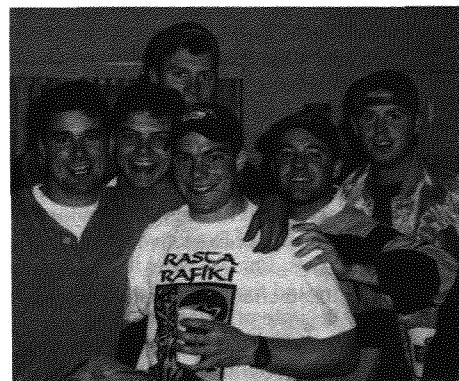
The soccer team, led by senior Brendan Forrest '98, has begun what seems to be the start of a commanding year. The team is out to an impressive start with a 2-1-1 record. Forrest leads the team, already striking four goals. The team is making great strides beyond last year's losing record and hopes to make an impression on the rest of the conference.

Three players return to the Hamilton baseball team from last year's squad. Brian Grady '00 returns as a sophomore after an impressive season, hitting .349 and leading the conference in triples. Returning senior Brian Guastella '98 also comes off a convincing year during which he posted a .370 average. Finally, Sean Fay is back after equally damaging the opposing pitching.

Finally, the lacrosse team greets the return of Brendan Forrest, Whit McGraw '99, Brad Fulkerson '99, and Bryant Rowan '00 as it attempts to improve on a disappointing season. With a long time yet before the spring sports, there is much time before the team takes the field and can take the first steps in turning things around.

From the ice to the fairway, the Psi takes part in athletics at Hamilton. After a year that saw both victory and defeat, the year to come will be full of numerous improvements, numerous victories, and a plethora of oranges.

Mark Siedner 2000



Seniors Gary Heenan '97, David Andreatta '97, Gary "Bamf" Bisbee '97, Jeffrey Bradley '97, and Ed McDevitt '97 enjoy their last initiation banquet.

**We thank former Archon Gary Bisbee '97 for all of his efforts. Without his help, the Psi would not have survived the recent era of transition at Hamilton. Gary, you have our most sincere gratitude, and we will never forget you. We wish you the best of luck in the years ahead.**

## ADJUSTMENTS

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vide. Also, the Psi has given over 100 hours of our time to Hamilton's community service program, including work performed with the physical plant office and the security office.

Our presence may be most felt in athletics. Brendan Forrest '98 works to help coach a local youth hockey team while he captains the soccer and lacrosse teams on the hill. John Whitwell '98 is captain of the golf and hockey teams. Brian Guastella '98 co-captains the hockey team with brother Whitwell and co-captains the baseball team with brother Sean Fay '98. Chris Kelly '98 recently ran for over 125 yards in a 16-15 loss to Wesleyan as starting tailback for the Continentals. Twenty brothers in all compete on varsity teams for Hamilton. Our intramural ice hockey team is seeking its fourth consecutive championship in the 1997-'98 season.

On an academic note, the chapter is working hard to repeat its best year in seven with over 20 percent of the house receiving dean's list honors last year.

We were sorry to say goodbye to the 15 graduating seniors who have known this chapter with and without our house and who helped make the transition a strong and healthy one. They all have moved on to challenging careers or are continuing their education in graduate school.

Gavin R. Danaher '98  
Archon



Jamie Ross '99, Brad Fulkerson '99, George Clinton Textor '99, John Holstein '99, and Jed Whitlock '98 skiing at Whistler/Blackcomb, British Columbia. This past year every brother from the class of 1999 and a few from '98 went to British Columbia for spring break.

# DISCUSSING ISSUES

## Brothers Address Alumni Concerns

With the class of 1997 gone, this year's senior class is the last class to have experienced what the old Hamilton College was like with fraternities in their houses. Last year's seniors were the last class to live in our house, and the class of 1998 is the last class to pledge and have any direct association with the house. It was up to the class of 1998 to provide Psi Upsilon with a smooth transition to a new era at Hamilton College. Many of the brothers and alumni wondered if it were possible to survive without a house. The truth is, the Psi is still alive and quite strong. The Psi has done a fantastic job of adjusting to the school's new policies and the residential life decision.

This past Homecoming Weekend the Psi had its annual trustee meeting. Many important issues were discussed, and the tone of the meeting was quite upbeat. Archon Gavin Danaher '98 said that it was the most productive meeting we have had since we lost the house, and the turnout was very impressive. Some of the questions discussed at the meeting were: How has our fraternity functioned without a house? How close are the brothers? Do we all live together? What services do we provide for the Hamilton College campus? And most importantly, do we still uphold the traditions of the Psi, which have been passed on for over 100 years? The brothers of the Psi figured that it is time that all of the brothers have an idea of how the Psi functions as a

fraternity in this new era here at Hamilton College.

### Residential Life

Since we have lost the house, the Psi has focused on keeping the brothers close together and at the same time remaining one of the strongest societies on campus. Unfortunately, we cannot all live together. The brothers all live in small groups located in different dormitories on campus. Most of the seniors live together in apartments in downtown Clinton. One of the positive aspects about our fraternity is that although we are divided into groups, the classes are all intermixed. Juniors live with sophomores and seniors and so on. This really pulls the pledge classes together. One problem with many fraternities without houses is that their pledge classes get separated and one's close friends are only his pledge class. This is not true with the Psi.

### Social Life

The Psi probably had the biggest problem adjusting to the new social life here at Hamilton. Fraternity functions are prohibited at the houses, so we have to use the school's facilities to perform certain house functions such as lock-ins, parties, dinners, and pledging activities. Parties are allowed Friday and Saturday nights in what used to be Bundy dining hall. Our St. Thomas and '70s parties are still considered the best times here at Hamilton College. But parties are just one aspect of our social organiza-

tion. The brothers try to provide some sort of activity so the fraternity can get together as a whole at least once a week. This gives us an opportunity to continue past traditions such as singing our house songs. Some of the activities include brother lock-ins, weekly dinners, traditional Psi Upsilon dinner date parties, and pledge functions.

This happens to be the first year that the Psi will have a catered party for the brothers' parents on Parents Weekend. Trustee Jeb Becker will attend and have a chance to meet the brothers' parents.

### Community Service

The Psi has always performed services for the community, and we still continue to do so. We still run a Trust Treat program so inner-city children can trick or treat in a safe neighborhood. The Psi brothers volunteer for the Big Brother-Big Sister program, and last year, former Archon Gary "Bamf" Bisbee '97 led a campus-wide cleanup. Lastly, two brothers each semester give up either a Friday night or Saturday night to drive people up and down the hill. We do this to prevent students from driving drunk, which has become quite a problem at Hamilton.

### A Look at the Future

As you can see, we still function, and our determination to survive has been proven in the past year. Last year we recruited the largest pledge class in the past six years and the largest pledge class out of all of the fraternities at Hamilton College. We recruited 20 new initiates. Our recruiting performance was recognized this summer at the 154th Psi Upsilon Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was acknowledged that ours was the biggest pledge class of all Psi Upsilon chapters.

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## SOCIAL LIFE

### Hamilton Gets Tougher

The social events on the Hamilton campus have been continuously restrained by the school over the past few years, and as a result social life is now being threatened. Over the past year, one of the two large social spaces available to organizations has been taken away by the school. Bundy dining hall is the remaining sizable building left for social events.

Possibly the largest change the college made affecting the Psi house is the restriction on the number of students allowed to live together in a "block." In the past three years since the residential life decision, students have requested blocks of 12 or more. This year the college reduced that number to eight and has plans to abolish blocks altogether.

Despite these changes, the Psi house and our social events have remained strong. We currently have two of the possible eight "eight blocks" on campus and have 20 brothers living together in South Dormitory.

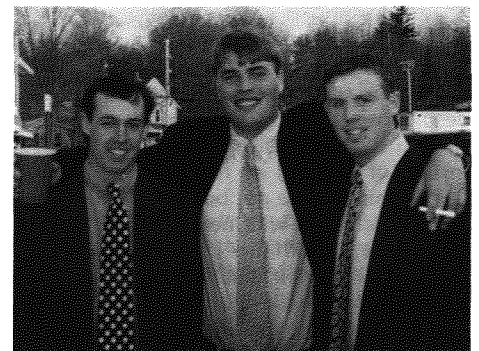
So far this semester we have had a couple of social functions, school-wide and brothers only. Brother dinners are scheduled for several Thursday nights. We hope these dinners will be like dinners in the dining hall at the house, in a small way showing those of us who never experienced the house what it was like.

Neither of our two big social events has occurred yet this year, but we are all looking forward to them. The annual '70s party will be held this fall, and St. Thomas is scheduled for the spring. As always we expect these parties to be the best on campus, and if recent years are any indicator, I'm sure they will be.

We are doing our part to keep the social life on campus high for ourselves and others. The year promises to be an exciting

one for the Psi house, and alumni are always welcome.

Jon Holstein, Chris Kelly, Brad Fulkerson  
Social Chairmen



David Webb '98, George Clinton Textor '99, and Gavin Danaher '98 are getting ready for a Psi Upsilon semifinal dinner with the former Phi Beta Chi Sorority.

# Our Alumni Report Their News

"Sold our home of 33 years in April," writes CHAUNCEY D. COWLES '33, "and moved into a two-bedroom, two-bath condo about a block from the Saturn Club, where I play bridge daily from noon until 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Two mornings a week I spend an hour or two in Banigan's office." On October 23, Chan celebrated his 85th birthday. Congratulate him at 1088 Delaware Ave., Apt. #4A, Buffalo, NY 14209-1628.

Stay in touch with JAMES S. D. COOPER '36 at 31 Mountain Rise, Fairport, NY 14450-3232. He writes, "I want to congratulate you on your continued success in keeping the Psi together under such difficult circumstances. It shows that you have the determination, enthusiasm, and spirit to continue the Psi tradition of excellence in on-campus leadership, participation, and accomplishment. Good luck to you all."

Greet EDWARD J. WYNKOOP JR. '40 at RR 2, Box 443, Woodstock, VT 05091.

LAWRENCE B. LINDEMER '43 receives mail at Box 667, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

Pens JAMES C. ROBERTS JR. '46, "I'm retired, traveling (over 50 countries), enjoying our grandchildren, and engaged to a stunning artist, 71 years young." Write James at 15 Portuguese Bend Rd., Rolling Hills, CA 90274-5072.

ALBERT A. H. VOLLMER '52 shares with us the news that the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band was selected as one of the honorees of City Lore's (the New York Center for Urban Folk Culture) fourth annual People's Hall of Fame Awards. Each year, City Lore presents

awards to New Yorkers who are contributing creatively to the culture of their communities. The band was honored for bringing "the rich musical legacy of Harlem to new generations of New Yorkers." Write Al at 54 Wendt Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.

Reach H. PAUL LEWIS '56 at 2030 St. Rt. 741, Lebanon, OH 45036. He works for Riverhills Healthcare, Inc.

Boasts FRANCIS A. O'BRIEN '58, "Our second granddaughter arrived in February 1996. WAYNE MAHOOD '56 and I have gotten together several times in the past year to share our mutual interest—the Civil War. Wayne has written several books and articles on Civil War topics." Obie adds, "I attended the oral argument before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City on January 21, 1997. From the tenor of the questions, I believe the court indicated that the fraternities have a case." Drop Francis a line at 1600 Forest Lane, McLean, VA 22101.

"Keep up the fight," encourages JOHN J. ELLIOTT '64 (116 Chestnut St., Fulton, NY 13069). "When I got my last call to pledge for the alumni fund, I said I'd give again when fraternities were restored."

Writes DAVID S. KELLOGG '67, "On a philosophical level I'm not certain I favor a legal theory (other than a contract theory that could be asserted only by current students) that enables a court to dictate to a college what its living arrangements must be. On a personal level, though, I am deeply saddened that the college has seen fit to destroy what I found to be one of the most rewarding aspects of the Hamilton experience." Log works in the New York State Department of Social Services and resides at 10 Longwood Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211.

"After 20 years of dental practice in Monticello, New York," writes WILLIAM D. BAXTER '68, "I sold out and moved to sunny Jacksonville, Florida, where I continue to practice dentistry. Nancy and I and our youngest daughters, Susan (14) and Kristen (8), live on the 11th hole of Jacksonville Golf and Country Club, so if any of you tire of winter, stop by for a round and a brew. We've got plenty of room. My oldest daughter, Stephanie (Hamilton '92), is an attorney in Washington, DC, and son Dan is a U.S. Marine on a carrier patrolling the Orient and Persian Gulf. Laura is a junior at Jacksonville University." Bill keeps in touch with LARRY KERR '68, BOB BULLIS '68, TOM DAVIES '68, and JOE GADBAW '68. Write him at 13176 Wexford Hollow Rd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32224.

Reports IRA P. RUBENSTEIN '73, "I am

currently the president and COO of Davidge Data Systems, a software provider for financial institutions." He receives correspondence at P.O. Box 509, Mahwah, NJ 07430; ira@davidge.com.

Send greetings to CRAIG M. MOORE '80 at P.O. Box 27, East Aurora, NY 14052.

Drop a line to PETER M. LORBER '81 at 18339 Linnet St., Tarzana, CA 91356; azg@msfh.barda.az.

Pens GROVER A. FITCH '82, "I'm still single, still paying rent, still driving a used car, and still employed by Bank of America—but you should see my jump shot. I spoke to CHARLES HUEBNER '82, who is now with Coca Cola in Atlanta, heading up their marketing strategy team for Asia. He is a father (maybe even twice over?). Any details on the whereabouts of TOM WILLIAMS '83 would be welcome." Grover resides at 41 W. 85th St., #3-B, New York, NY 10024.

CHARLES J. HUEBNER '82 receives correspondence at a new address of 3111 Northside Dr., Atlanta, GA 30305.

Send best wishes to STEVEN D. STORK '83 at 2571 Ayers Rd., Penn Yan, NY 14527; storks@vivanet.com.

"I have moved into corporate buying," writes ANTHONY B. CANTON '95, "after being in store operations since graduating in May 1995. I took my annual vacation in Argentina and Chile last November. It was incredible! My position with Hechinger's is very rewarding. When in Washington, DC, do call and visit (2800 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; boughty1@aol.com). There are lots of alumni in Washington, DC."

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

EUGENE H. H. BAXTER '37  
BERNARD F. MALOY JR. '40  
OSGOOD R. SMITH '30  
DALE P. WILLIAMS '49

## ISSUES

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The Psi's success is due in part because of the hard work of the brothers, who, despite being caught in an unfortunate transitional stage, have kept the Psi's head up. Instead of quitting, we reorganized. We are still learning as we go, but we are combining old traditions with new, and we hope to grow stronger with time. The experience is somewhat different, but I can speak for every brother on campus when I say that the most valuable experience we take from Hamilton College is our fraternity, and nobody can take that away from us.

Kevin Bilsky '98  
House Secretary

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