



PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity Newsletter

Welcome Back—Here's What's New!

PSI U ALIVE AND WELL FOLLOWING HOUSE SALE

We apologize for the long delay since our last *Psi News*. Our preoccupation with the lawsuit and our lack of funds available to publish the newsletter were two of the reasons for the unfortunate delay.

As you can read from the letter from the undergraduates on page two, the chapter is very much alive and well. With 35 undergraduate members and 15 pledges, it continues to function and carry on the Psi Upsilon ideals that we all cherish. The other society alumni leaders report that, in spite of the limitations placed on them by the college, both fraternities and sororities remain an important part of the Hamilton College campus environment.

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lege settled the lawsuit with Psi Upsilon, Deke, and Alpha Delt. As of this writing, only Sigma Phi remains in the lawsuit. The voting results as determined by the proxies were overwhelmingly in favor of selling the house to the college in return for concessions made by them to assist the chapter in fulfilling its role as a positive contributor to Hamilton student life. These concessions (all requested in the initial stages of the lawsuit and denied by the college) were as follows:

- A dedicated meeting space to be assigned permanently to the chapter and large enough to hold meetings and display chapter memorabilia.
- An option granted to the chapter to purchase two acres of land on Campus Road to build a fraternity house in the event that the college administration changes its position regarding the issue of fraternities owning and using their property.
- An opportunity for the chapter to have, periodically, a common meal where the brothers would eat together

in one sitting.

- Storage facilities provided by the college at no cost to the chapter for memorabilia.

As part of the agreement, we donated \$100,000 of the proceeds to the trustees of Hamilton College to be used for scholarships for deserving Psi U undergraduates. Also, partly because of the awareness created by our actions, Hamilton has just completed a new facility to be used by Hamilton students for social gatherings. This was badly needed since the closing of the fraternity buildings denied students adequate social space on campus.

The selling price of the house was \$460,000. After the scholarship donation and after paying off our mortgage, three-plus years of property taxes, legal bills, loans from several brothers, and any overdue bills, the chapter has about \$65,000 to invest. We will be putting this money in a conservative vehicle and will use any income to help pay our insurance, alumni newsletters, and costs of the Psi U convention.

A very special thank you must go to Jeff Hawkes '80 and his associate, Bob Carey, for handling the legal aspects of the closing at a nominal cost to the chapter. Another thank you goes to Hamilton's vice president of administration and finance, Dan O'Leary, for the gentlemanly way he conducted the negotiations on behalf of the college. And, of course, special kudos goes to Frank O'Brien '58 for his direction and assistance throughout the long legal process.

Our cause was noble and our legal
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Mark Your Calendars

For These Important Dates:

Reunion—
June 2-4, 2000

Homecoming—
November 3-4, 2000

See You There!

News From The Undergraduates

NEW CROP OF MOTIVATED BROTHERS STEERS CHAPTER

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Hamilton College has much to be proud of in this first semester of the new century. A new crop of talented and motivated leaders has taken over all elected positions. Frank Sadler '01 is our newest archon, and we are all confident that he possesses the individual charisma and foresight to lead our brothers. Under Sadler is vice president Gavin Fitts '02, who is also a catcher on the baseball team. Former Vice President Josh Spanburgh '00 returns for another year as the senior pledge educator, teamed up with junior Clark Hatch. Peter Considine '01 and Brad Wolcott '02 are the social chairs and also teammates on the lacrosse team. Sophomores Jon Gregorio and William Pettit are taking on positions of leadership in their first year of active involvement, as philanthropy chair and treasurer, respectively.

In sports, Nick Peterson '01 is return-

ing to the hill this spring as the starting pitcher for the baseball team. Senior slugger and first baseman Brian Grady '00 joins the squad now that the hockey team has finished up yet another impressive season. Speaking of hockey, the men had a miraculous game at Bowdoin, during which senior brother Chris Baudo scored the winning goal on a penalty shot 32 seconds into the overtime period. Along with Baudo, senior defense players Bryant Rowean, Mark Warcup, and Terry Bevan closed out their Hamilton careers on the ice. Retiring senior forwards Mike Phalen, Grady, and Baudo have been a pleasure to watch during the past four seasons. Including the seniors, there were 12 Psi U brothers on the hockey team who made their school and brothers proud with their sportsmanship and winning ways this year.

Sean Duffy '01 and Scott Mensi '02 join Considine and Wolcott on the

lacrosse team, which has high expectations this spring.

Our accomplishments are not limited to the playing field. With the help of others, Bryant Rowean organized two successful blood drives with the American Red Cross on campus this fall. The second one yielded the highest turnout ever recorded at Hamilton. Frank Sadler and Gavin Fitts are working closely with the Hamilton administration to re-establish Psi Upsilon's reputation as a solid philanthropic and competitive organization on campus.

All of the brothers have much to be proud of and thankful for this spring. We are confident that each individual is doing his part to keep Psi Upsilon a highly respected group at Hamilton.

Yours in the Bonds,
John Mochan '00

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standing was solid; we just ran out of the money needed to continue. We were able to work out the aforementioned compromises, which should allow the chapter to function well. Although it will not be the same as you and I remember, to be a Psi Upsilon brother will continue to be a large part of the college experience for many young men. Though we no longer have our real estate to worry about, the Psi Chapter trustees will continue to periodically meet with the undergraduates to give them guidance.

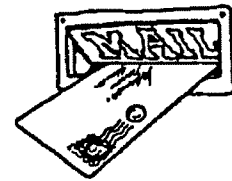
Enclosed is your annual dues reminder. It is most important that the alumni show their support of the under-

graduates as they strive to keep our chapter one of the strongest on the hill. Your dues show that support.

Lastly, it is my sad duty to tell you of the passing of William O. Spicer '43. Bill was a chapter trustee for many years and served you faithfully through good times and bad. He had a special rapport with the undergraduates, and his faithful attendance at trustee meetings was especially appreciated by the alumni officers. Bill's wife, Joannie, is just as much a Psi U as he was, and our thoughts and prayers go out to her for her loss.

Yours in the Bonds,
Jeb Becker '61
Alumni President

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!



Due to the time that has lapsed since the last *Psi News* was published, the alumni news on file is outdated. So, we urge you to take a moment to fill out the **enclosed newsform** and return it to the address on this page. Include your latest news, news of brothers with whom you've kept in touch, and maybe one or two of your fondest memories of Psi Upsilon. Do you have an e-mail address or a photo you'd like to share? **Send it along!**

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