

The SALTINE SIG



We're back!

After what seemed like decades, the roughly 14-month passage towards re-installation has finally been accomplished. As most of you already know, the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi was formally initiated into order on February 17, 2008. That day marked the end of a hard-fought journey and opened the door to a very bright future for Sigma Chi at Syracuse University. Logistically, it would be impossible to name everybody, but there are many people who need to be recognized for their efforts in this process.

I can personally assure everyone that without Kevin "Huck" Cunningham as our colony advisor, we would not have been able to make this all a reality. With his accountability-oriented leadership style, he helped reform the bad habits with more effective and efficient ones, and made it seem easy. Driving two hours each way every Sunday for our colony meetings showed his personal devotion to help us grow to where we needed to be. Huck embodies what it means to be a Sig in his daily life, something that has been

contagious among all of us undergraduates. As a chapter, we will forever be indebted to Huck for the amount of time and emotional effort he put into bringing Psi Psi back.

In addition to Huck's goliath-like contribution, there are many others who sacrificed a tremendous amount of their time to see our colony become a chapter. Our colony advisory board, which consisted of Chris McDonough, John Predmore, Steve Oliva, Dean Ripley, and Jeff Potter, brought a unique perspective and wisdom to our now brothers. The established Central Alumni Association of New York was also naturally one of our biggest supporters throughout the process. Although many Psi Psi alumni watched the process from more of an indirect position, their contributions behind the scenes did not go unnoticed. The fact that we are able to move into our rightful home at 737 Comstock Avenue within months after our initiation is remarkable. There's nothing like a good "ooh-rah" speech from Butch Gilbert during last fall's Homecoming to pump

everyone up about one day becoming a Sigma Chi.

Lastly, I must thank the undergraduate leaders who helped put all of the future brothers of our chapter and me in a position to succeed. Former colony consuls Jerry Bulman and Peter Burke sacrificed a huge amount of their time (which, as you all know, is very valuable during this undergraduate experience) to help directly convey the message coming from alumni to our members. I must also acknowledge our graduating seniors. It was an unbelievable feeling of satisfaction to see how proud these men were to put forth the effort they did, fully knowing they would never be able to completely experience the fruits of becoming a Sigma Chi at Syracuse.

Looking ahead, there are still many obstacles to tackle. One of the main things that we have taken away from the shortcomings of the previous Psi Psi Chapter is that we will not let ourselves get comfortable with who and where we are. In today's society, there are
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HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2008

The Psi Psi Chapter is proud to announce it will be holding a Homecoming reception on the weekend of September 19th. The Syracuse Orange football team will be squaring off against the Huskies of Northeastern. Although we can make no promises as to how the team will play, we can promise that the weekend will be one to remember. Saturday, September 20, will start with a pre-game event at the newly renovated 737 Comstock Avenue.

On behalf of the undergraduates, we are extremely excited about this weekend and encourage all alumni to attend if possible. After all of the hard work and support that you have given us, the least we can do is to show you a good time this fall. Alumni Advisor Butch Gilbert and undergraduate Pat Lundberg will be working hand-in-hand to plan the events for the weekend. If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please contact Pat Lundberg at (978) 808-5089 or e-mail him at prlundbe@syr.edu. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.



Sigma Chi alumni stand proud with Grand Consul Robert Jones.

Reinstallation of the Psi Psi Chapter

Some of the current brothers were once told, "You will never be Sigma Chi," but that didn't stop them from their pursuit. Four years and more than 40 new members later, they had the opportunity to stand with Grand Consul Robert Jones and proudly hold the new Syracuse University Sigma Chi charter. While these men may have taken on the lofty task of proving themselves worthy of reinstatement without ever benefiting from the fruits of their labor, it was that exact attitude that drew many of the new members to join a small off-campus fraternity.

However, regardless of their hard work, the accomplishment would not have been possible without the help and support of the alumni. The Central New York Alumni Association of Sigma Chi recognized that the bond to Sigma Chi is a life-long commitment, and they established an alumni chapter dedicated to bringing Sigma Chi back to Syracuse University. Some of the alumni had graduated from Syracuse, but the members also included Sigs who had graduated from universities across the country.

On February 17, 2008, both the alumni and undergraduates rejoiced at the initiation banquet. Chapter Advisor Huck Cunningham beamed with pride at the strides the chapter had made on the way to initiation. Psi Psi alumnus Butch Gilbert seemed to sum it up best when he exclaimed, "We're back, baby!"

With the charter in hand, the new Sigma Chi brothers of the Psi Psi Chapter now take on a new goal even more lofty than that of regaining a charter: upholding the ideals of the White Cross. This process has helped to prepare them for the challenge at hand.

In hoc,
Joseph Mauceri
Psi Psi '08

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Men of good character...

My Brothers,

It is with a deep sense of satisfaction that I can report to you that the Psi Psi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity successfully returned to Syracuse University on February 17, 2008. It has been a long, hard struggle on many fronts to convince the numerous entities involved that we had the determination, perseverance, and conviction to regain our charter as a fully functioning chapter of Sigma Chi. Having been found worthy, 48 undergraduate students and four alumni were initiated into our order. It is appropriate to recognize some of the people who were instrumental in our return to SU:

- Had it not been for Bill Beach, who diligently led the House Corporation for many decades and maintained our traditional home at 737 Comstock Ave., this effort would have never been attempted.

- John Bersani and Hank Suominen were at the core of the alumni base that believed from the beginning we could successfully negotiate with Syracuse University and Sigma Chi headquarters to make this day come true for all of us.

- Mike Church, Sigma Chi Headquarters director of expansion, led the effort in Evanston, Illinois, and guided us through the maze of Sigma Chi HQ rules, regulations, and reports to successful approval by the fraternity's executive committee and new chapter development committee.

- A special thanks and recognition to the Sigma Chi Chi colony's alumni advisor board (AAB), led by Chapter Advisor Huck Cunningham. Their extraordinary and selfless efforts in mentoring the undergraduates, combined with their enthusiasm and expenditure of their own time and resources, are greatly appreciated by all of us. Huck Cunningham and his AAB brothers, most of whom are not from Syracuse or the Psi Psi Chapter, have made things happen on the ground in Syracuse and rightly deserve our life-long gratitude.

- This list would not be complete unless we recognized the support of former dean of Greek life and experiential learning, Dr. Roy Baker. His support was essential, and we are indebted to him for his guidance, advice, and

friendship.

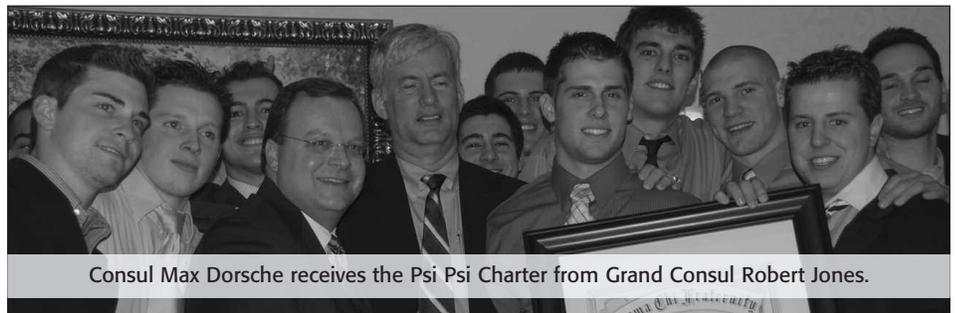
- The alumni in the Syracuse area who formed the Central New York Alumni Association of Sigma Chi, led by Brad Short, deserve tremendous credit, since having an active alumni chapter was crucial in demonstrating to Sigma Chi Headquarters that we had the local alumni involvement to sustain a returning undergraduate chapter.

- The alumni donors to our capital campaign, many of whom could not actively participate in activities with the undergraduates but believed that returning the chapter to SU was the right thing to do, made the difference in convincing Sigma Chi Headquarters that we were serious in our efforts to return the chapter to its rightful place on campus. Please believe me that without that strong showing of financial support, we would still be on the list of chapters waiting to be installed instead of being a chapter with a new charter.

- Finally, I cannot forget the young men who "walked the walk"—the undergraduate brothers who completed every task we asked of them. Most important was to be "men of good character" on campus and accept and live the ideals of our fraternity of friendship, justice, and learning. I believe these men epitomize the concepts outlined in the Jordan Standard, live their lives by the Sigma Chi Creed, and interact with each other according to the Spirit of Sigma Chi. It is with a deep sense of humility that we pass the torch of our reputation at Syracuse University to a new generation. "Our honor is in their keeping."

Much has been accomplished, and to everyone involved, please accept my sincere thanks. We still have two more tasks to complete. Next will be the overhaul of our home at 737 Comstock Avenue, led by Hank Suominen and Bill Beach. The last event will be the celebration of a strong, vibrant and worthy chapter at Homecoming 2008! See you there!

In hoc,
Butch Gilbert '77
Alumni Coordinator
Psi Psi '74



Consul Max Dorsche receives the Psi Psi Charter from Grand Consul Robert Jones.

An update on the Psi Psi Capital Campaign

Brothers,

As many of you know, we are in the midst of a major capital campaign. Our goal is to ensure the long-term financial future of our Psi Psi Chapter. Renovations on 737 Comstock are in full swing, and we anticipate welcoming back a large turnout of alumni brothers to a bright, sparkling chapter house at Homecoming 2008.

None of this—the reinstallation of the chapter, the reclamation of 737 Comstock, and the start of badly-needed house repairs and renovations—would be possible without the generosity of many alumni brothers who have already contributed to the capital campaign. I am pleased to report that nearly \$400,000 has been pledged to date. We are heartened by this progress, but more remains to be done. Accordingly, our efforts to raise additional funds are continuing.

Many brothers have asked me about the tax deductibility of their gifts to the capital campaign. As of this writing, we are not yet in

a position to support current claims of tax deductibility for your gifts to the Psi Psi Capital Campaign. However, we are actively pursuing a strategy that, if successful, would make capital campaign gifts—including those that have already been made—tax deductible in future years.

We are working with an Illinois-based 501(c)(3) public foundation called the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing. For Greek housing projects that can demonstrate compliance with the society's standards for reclamation and preservation of historically-significant fraternity and sorority houses, the society can make a "grant" equal to as much as 90-95 percent of the renovation costs associated with a given project. In our case, the society's grant would be funded by contributions made to and/or earmarked for the Psi Psi Capital Campaign. By proceeding in this fashion, we would, in effect, secure the benefit of the society's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, and your contributions would become tax-deductible to

the extent of the society's grant. In other words, your gifts would become 90-95 percent tax-deductible. For example, a brother who pledges \$1,000 would be entitled to a tax deduction of between \$900-\$950.

If you have already made a pledge to this important effort, thank you once again. If you have not, please consider making one. We have a great group of new undergraduate brothers at Psi Psi. Let's make sure that their years at 737 Comstock are as memorable and life-shaping as ours were. Don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions, comments, or concerns.

In hoc,
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Alumni Association treasurer gives a 10-month review

Brothers,

At the time of this writing, we are nearly two years into our existence. What a successful year we had! As you no doubt know, 2007-'08 was a banner year for Sigma Chi at Syracuse University, and your alumni association is proud to have played its part in the reinstatement of our beloved Psi Psi.

Outlined at right is a summary of our 10-month year-to-date financial performance for the 2007-'08 year. Last year, I told you of a significant \$12,000 financial challenge faced by our former colony associated with the reinstallation of the Psi Psi Charter together with its initiation. Your alumni association agreed to split these costs with the colony by picking up the costs associated with reinstallation of the charter. To that end, we provided the colony with \$6,000 in January 2008. While this was money well spent, it has left us with a significant deficit that is currently being covered by a loan from the Psi Psi endowment fund.

Beyond this significant one-time charge, our largest expense continues to be Stewart Howe Alumni Service, to which we have paid nearly \$4,300 to maintain our member list, track dues payments and donations, and publish and mail *The Saltine Sig*.

Looking ahead, we all need to pay our dues this year. Please return the enclosed gift and dues card with your check today. With your generous support, we will be able to put your alumni association back into a strong financial position to support future programs.

In hoc,
Mike Yates '82
Psi Psi 1978

Ten-Month Review of Balance Sheet: July 1, 2007 - April 30, 2008

Balance 7/01/07	\$ 3,811.64
Revenues:	
Dues	\$ 5,900.00
Homecoming Weekend Football Tix	\$ 387.00
Total Revenue	\$ 6,287.00
Expenses:	
Homecoming Weekend Football Tix	\$ 720.00
Stewart Howe Alumni Service	\$ 4,279.46
Sigma Chi Annual Fee	\$ 200.00
Internet Services	\$ 374.00
Reimburse Colony	\$ 6,000.00
Misc. Office Expenses	\$ 82.77
Total Expenses	\$11,656.23
Balance 4/30/08	(\$ 1,557.89)

Quaestor reports on spring-term activities, fees

Becoming a Sigma Chi has been a life-changing experience for our entire brotherhood. As the quaestor, I am personally seeing the many benefits of being a part of our great international fraternity. Unfortunately, this past semester, our dues were the highest they have ever been: \$550 for the spring 2008 semester. Even at this high price, we were still left with insufficient funds to cover our growing number of expenses.

One of the major expenses we dealt with this past term was paying the leftover rent needed to secure our past home at 781 Ostrum. 781 Ostrum is a seven-person house that we needed to fill in order to have a house close to campus where we could socialize and recruit new members. In spring 2007, three of the sophomore brothers who signed the lease at 781 Ostrum and were eager to live there ran into problems with Syracuse University's housing policy because our house wasn't technically considered on-campus in the "Greek zone."

Even after numerous attempts at petitioning the policy, the school would not allow our members to live in our house. Although the chapter had to eat the bill to maintain the house, it was still a vibrant chapter house that allowed us to prosper during our colonization process. In total, the chapter paid \$13,660 of rent expense.

Another major expense this semester was our chapter's installation. Sigma Chi charges \$175 per pledge to be initiated. Because we were initiating the entire colony at once, our initiation fees cost our chapter a total of \$8,925. These two expenses came out to \$22,585 out of the \$26,400 total budget we had for the semester. That left us with less than \$4,000 in dues to use for other costs, like IFC dues, philanthropies, a new composite, and mixers with sororities.

Another factor contributing to our low funds was that many brothers failed to keep up on their dues payments. Our chapter was extremely tight on money all semester, often forcing

brothers to pay out-of-pocket on top of their dues for a number of costs, including rush shirts, the initiation banquet, social events, and numerous other necessary costs. We had a spring formal in Syracuse at Ambrosia, which was an exquisite send-off for our seniors but was another out-of-pocket cost for our brothers.

As we look to the fall 2008 semester, we are excited and, more importantly, financially prepared. We had a budget meeting and came up with a detailed budget for all of our costs. These include semiannual dues, which will be \$100 per brother as well as RMF insurance, which will be \$5,600. I just want to personally thank all of the alumni who have dedicated a considerable amount of time and money to get the Psi Psi Chapter back on campus and into 737 Comstock. See you all at Homecoming.

IHSV,
Jason Schifrien '10
Quaestor

Renovations at 737 Comstock Avenue are under way!

At this time, we have made a commitment to a project that is going to cost around \$450,000. In order to proceed with Phase I of the overall project, we must take out a mortgage of approximately \$300,000, with the balance coming from the initial proceeds of the capital campaign. Here is the scope of work we have undertaken:

- Demolition of existing walls, ceilings, and flooring in the first-floor common areas—including the library, living room, TV room, foyer, and dining room—has been completed.
- Electrical wiring and lighting is being replaced with new drywall and hardwood flooring in these areas.
- The foyer flooring is being replaced with slate many of us recall from the mid-'70s. We found a specialist with knowledge of Victorian-era staircases who gave us an excellent price to restore the staircase hand rail and newel posts.
- The dining room walls and floor and pantry area were gutted to the frame so we could make those areas suitable for a food service operation.
- Work on the second and third floor includes gut-to-frame rehab of the bathrooms with four 'single-user units' on the second floor and three similar units on the third floor. This bathroom configuration is designed to eliminate what was likely the most undesirable aspect of living at 737 Comstock—those wretched bathrooms. With completely new plumbing fixtures, including constant ventilation, the new bathrooms should provide excellent serviceability over the long term.
- The second- and third-floor hallways and all bedrooms will be given a general clean up—old bunks will be removed, ceiling grid and tiles replaced, all walls painted, and new carpeting put down—will give these spaces a fresh start.

We have work to do in the kitchen, where we need to replace the commercial range, repair the sinks, dishwasher, garbage disposals, and slope sinks. We also need to purchase dining room furniture, living room and TV-room couches and tables, along with bedroom furniture. Our general contractor is working hard to have the work completed by the

third week of August. The house will be in good shape for undergrads to return in the fall of 2008 and host what should be one of the best Homecoming events ever. Thanks for your support, which we need now more than ever.

In hoc,
Hank Suominen '78
Capital Projects

We're back!

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many more rules and regulations to abide by than there have been in previous decades. This is directly apparent through our Interfraternity Council advisory board. We will continue to adapt to their new policies and make the necessary changes to ensure our success.

In addition to that, we still have a significant amount of work to do internally to ensure we build a good base for future undergraduates. There are a few sections of our bylaws that must be re-tooled to make them both more efficient and effective. Our bylaw committee will be hard at work this upcoming semester to make sure we have a proper system of accountability in place that we can leave as our legacy. Although my time here as an undergraduate is limited, Psi Psi is here to stay.

In hoc,
Max Dorsch '10
Consul

Alumni support of the revived chapter is crucial

At the time of my last communication, we had formed a new colony that was going to be the foundation from which to rebuild a chapter, the Psi Psi Chapter. Well, I'm proud to say that is now reality. Early this year, we were part of a successful installation of the Psi Psi Chapter with over 50 new brothers. The Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi is officially back on campus at Syracuse University. The alumni chapter was instrumental in providing funds to Sigma Chi National for the installation fees. This funding came from membership dues that you paid last year.

The new brothers successfully ran through a full pledge period and initiated 15 new broth-

ers. The brotherhood is starting strong. The capital campaign is in motion, and house renovations have begun. The house corporation has met and is working to have the house ready for the fall semester and at full capacity. The alumni chapter is meeting regularly in support of the new chapter, and we continue to welcome all Sigma Chis. I'm asking all brothers to pay their dues this year. Your support is greatly appreciated, but we are just beginning to gain momentum and we can't stop now. We need your continued support.

I couldn't be more proud of what our brothers, old and new, have accomplished thus far. The goals we started with are being

met. We are helping to financially support the chapter wherever possible and will continue to guide it in the ways of Sigma Chi. Events this fall are why we all began this journey: Our brothers moving back into the chapter house at 737 Comstock Avenue; our brothers taking their rightful place as the best house on campus; our brothers celebrating Homecoming at the newly renovated house; and our brothers building the bonds that make us all Sigma Chis.

Proud to be a Sigma Chi,
Brad Short '82, President
Central New York Alumni Association

Actives give back to community

This past semester's philanthropy and community service activities were extremely successful. Our biggest philanthropy of the year was with the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." The brothers of the Psi Psi Chapter raised over \$3,000 for the cause by participating in the all-night fundraising walk held inside the Carrier Dome. We also donated to and participated in Delta Gamma's "Anchor Splash" philanthropy event and Delta Delta Delta's "Party at the Plate" philanthropy event.

When we weren't raising money, we were busy lending a hand with community service programs including Adopt-A-Street and mentoring in the Big Brother program.

In hoc,
Greg Sexton '10



Brothers get pumped up to lend a hand with Adopt-A-Street.

Brothers welcome 15 members

This past spring, 15 freshmen and sophomores rushed and pledged the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi. The experience taught all of us much about ourselves and the world as a whole. We are honored to have had an opportunity to join such a respected fraternity, and we feel privileged to be one of the first pledge classes initiated into the Sigma Chi Psi Psi Chapter in over 10 years.

Our pledging experience taught all of us new things to help us grow as individuals and to lead more successful and beneficial lives for not only ourselves but those around us as well. The path toward brotherhood was inspiring, thought-provoking, and one that we will never forget, as it has left us with a life-long bond that we are excited to journey into the future with.

We are all proud and honored to be a part of the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi, and we will continue to live by the ideals, values, and beliefs that Sigma Chi has instilled in each of us.

In hoc,
Casey Lundberg '11
Spring '08 Pledge Class President



Brothers huddle up at the DDD "Party at the Plate" philanthropy event.

Psi Psi alumni send their news

James L. Francis '38 sends greetings from his residence at 161 Sanford Ave., Clinton, NY 13323.

"I am the father and grandfather of two Sigma Chis," announces **Warren E. Boin '42**, **Warren Boin Jr. '76**, who is very interested in the return of the chapter to campus, and my grandson, Warren III, who is a junior in Maryland. I was pleased to be awarded the Melvin Eggers Award this past year. I will return to Syracuse in October and hope to see many old friends." In the meantime, catch up with Warren at 4 Prudence Lane, Morristown, NJ 07960; weboin@verizon.net.

"I was in the service from 1942-1954," writes **Ronald F. Ketcham '47** (4104 Christopher Way, Plano, TX 75024). "Ft. Knox, Camp Campbell. Joined the 6th armored division, 3rd Army, under General Patton in '44. I finished four-year college in 1946; joined America Optical in Syracuse in 1947. From '47-'90, I was a national sales manager, lens division. After retirement in 1990, I became a volunteer at Medical Center of Plano, going 17 years. I love retirement. I have six children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren." Send Ron an e-mail at ketchamr@aol.com.

"I'm still on the farm, enjoying retirement," reports **William E. Larson '53**. "Toby" resides at 2750 Stillwell-Beckett Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013.

William "Pete" Mutschler '55 writes that he has been married to his wife, Corky, for 53 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Pete is retired now, after working at IBM for 34 years. Drop him a note at 12520 East Lake Rd., Hammondsport, NY 14840; p.c.mutschler@msn.com.

"I've been retired from IBM for 14 years," reports **George Zickler '55** (zickler@nycap.rr.com). "I've been married almost 50 years. I have three kids, two of whom are Syracuse grads." George can be reached at 80 Bonnie Belle Rd., Chestertown, NY 12817.

Peter DeMayo '56 writes that he had a great golf outing in September 2007 with Pete Mutschler '55 and Ken Gilchrist '55. Get in touch with him at 500 Virginia Ave., Alexandria, VA 22302; demayo@comcast.net.

"I've been swimming competitively for six years," announces **Robert F. McMeekin '56**.

"Doing well since I've outlived most of the competition. I hear from **Ken Sparks '56**, **Pete DeMayo '56**, and **Vince Ceriello '59** regularly. I request everyone reading this to call his local bookstore and request *Revelations in Rhyme*, my first published collection of poetry, regardless of whether you buy it or not. Might help sales." Find out how Bob's poetry is selling at 19158 Avenue of the Oaks, Apt. B, Newhall, CA 91321.

"I've kept in touch with **Bob 'Weismuller' McMeekin '56** for almost 50 years," reports **Vincent R. Ceriello '59**. "He has aged; I haven't." Vince receives postal mail at 160 Hidden Valley Lane, Rogue River, OR 97537; e-mail at vrceriello19@msn.com.

James D. Caskie Jr. '67 recently moved to 1015 Pierpoint Ct., Moneta, VA 24121. Drop him an e-mail at jcaskie@aol.com.

"After working for 'The Man' for more than 30 years, I started my own video production business, Luzerne Productions, in 2002," announces **Robert W. English '70**. "It's been very exciting, and I should have done it years ago! I've worked with Paul Newman, Rachel Ray, Mario Cuomo, even Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. At (almost) 60, life is more fun than ever! I'm very excited about Sigma Chi getting back on campus and getting 737 Comstock back. I met some of the future brothers, and I'm very impressed. Psi Psi is in good hands." Say hello to Bob at 266 Church St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; bob@luzerneproductions.com.

Craig H. Brown '72, executive vice president at AIPT, reports a new address: 3187 Danmark Dr., West Friendship, MD 21794.

"I saw **Butch Gilbert '77** recently for lunch," reports **Dennis J. O'Brien '72**. "He lives in Tampa and I live four hours to the north. I suggested meeting halfway in Daytona Beach. Butch had a better idea. He got into his plane and flew 80 minutes to Amelia Island for lunch. What a great idea. Many thanks to all of the brothers working closely to get Sigma Chi back at SU." Dennis is retired and lives at 95076 Woodberry Lane, Amelia Island, FL 32034. E-mail him at dobrien523@aol.com.

Richard E. Tasker '74 writes that he lives "La Dolce Vita" in conservative sunny SoCal. "I'm absolutely delighted to learn of the return of Psi Psi. I have two girls in college. I just

returned from a mountaineering expedition to the Andes." Rick is the president of Sage Associates, Inc. His mailing address is 28541 Via Primavera, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.

"My wife and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2007," announces **Harold B. Gilbert '77** (hgilbert@tampabay.rr.com). "Just recently, we had dinner with **Lou Mellen III '79** in Tampa while he was on a business trip. I'm looking forward to Psi Psi returning to SU!" Send greetings to Butch at 114 E. Davis Blvd., #12, Tampa, FL 33602.

"We celebrated the 50th birthday of **John Bersani '79**, my Sigma Chi and real bro, with golf at Pebble Beach this summer," reports **James Bersani '80**. "We welcomed our first child on September 4, 2007—a son, Ryder James. Wife Ashley was a trooper throughout!" Congratulations to Jamie and Ashley may be sent to 21 Wiveliscombe, New Albany, OH 43054; jbersani@limitedbrands.com.

"I have been in the D.C. area pretty much since graduation," observes **Thomas Simeone '86**, "except for law school. I live in Virginia and have my own firm in downtown Washington. I would love to hear from other Sigs in the D.C. area." Check in with Tom at 2814 Evelyn Ct., Vienna, VA 22180; gasugu@yahoo.com.

"As of 2007, I have a family unit of wife, Melinda, and three kids," writes **Christopher K. Ellis '89**, "Sienna (3), Christopher (2), and Tabitha (1). We outgrew last year's home, so we moved to 4427 Enfield Dr., Dallas, TX 75220. I'm the owner and president of Land First, Inc. (www.landfirstny.com). We have two offices—one in New York and one in Texas. Business is great." Chris's home e-mail address is ckellis@sbcglobal.net.

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

Wester A. White '32
April 25, 2007

Philip R. Lamb '46
February 1, 2007

Russell Cahill '49
June 6, 2007