



House and Chapter Continue to Improve

Brothers,

I just wanted to update the Psi Psi alumni concerning a few important points regarding the undergraduate brotherhood and the house itself.

If you are a Psi Psi alumnus, you have every right to feel very proud of our undergraduate brothers. I am pleased to report that not only are they strong in overall numbers (more than 70 active brothers), but also very strong in character and personal responsibility. Under the leadership of past Consul Brian Griggs '10 and present Consul Zach Fisher '11, the undergraduates have had a great year, with the opportunity for even greater achievements later in 2010.

The chapter has been active in the Red

Cross blood drive and conducted its first Derby Days. More importantly, Psi Psi hosted the Western New York Province workshop, attended by Grand Consul Wayne Tucker and former Grand Consul Doug Carlson. Both Homecoming 2009 and Clam Bake 2010 came off without a hitch, with many alumni brothers in attendance.

As far as 737 Comstock Ave. goes, the House Corp. is in good financial shape and has paid over \$25,000 in principle on our \$80,000 mortgage. The mortgage is on track to be paid back early; then our property will be debt-free again.

The condition of the house is excellent, thanks in large part to our full-time house manager, Mr. Rich Redhead. Please express your

gratitude to him for all his hard work when you see him next. The house will be cleaned and polished over the summer, some minor repairs will be made, and if funds are available, a new coat of bright white paint will be applied. If we can get this done this summer, I can honestly say that our home at SU will have never looked better.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your contributions in bringing back Psi Psi to SU. If it wasn't for the strength of the alumni base, we might not be on campus today.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Homecoming 2010, which is on October 23.

In hoc,
Butch Gilbert '77

Setting the Standard Here at Psi Psi

Back in December, we were given the undertaking of hosting a workshop that would bring the five provincial chapters together to advance our Sigma Chi brotherhood. In attendance was Wayne Tucker, the grand consul; Doug Carlson, a former grand consul; Chris Foust, an expert on rituals; as well as our grand praetor, Frank McDonald. Brothers Tucker, Carlson, and Foust all provided engaging and informative presentations ranging from the state of our fraternity to a comprehensive look into the history of rituals. From there, chapter advisers around the province led "breakout sessions" that provided a forum for further thought and analysis.

Throughout the day, our staff provided excellent food and service for those in attendance. The day wrapped up with an extravagant sit-down dinner buffet at the chapter house.

Throughout my discussions with Brothers McDonald and Tucker, it was very clear that they were not only impressed with the wonderful facilities and amenities we have here at Psi Psi, but most importantly, they were impressed with our level of professionalism, organization, and our brotherhood as a whole. It was one of the biggest honors of my short tenure to hear our grand consul and our praetor tell us we were truly setting the standard for what a chapter should be like.

All of this was made possible by a collective effort of the brotherhood and was headed by our province chair, Mike Welch '12, who organized an efficient and effective schedule to create what was a great weekend.

In hoc,
Zach Fisher '11, Consul

Brotherhood Strives for Excellence

Almost two full years after moving back into our house at 737 Comstock, the brothers of the Psi Psi Chapter are still just as dedicated to making sure our fraternity advances on all levels. It is important to remember the past and all the Psi Psi alums, both recent and more mature graduates, who worked so hard to get us back on campus. We reap the benefits of an older class, and we must never forget what they did for us.

It is now time, however, to look directly to the future and better ourselves both as individuals and as members of the Sigma Chi organization. With the fourth highest GPA among the fraternities on campus, our partic-

ipation in multiple philanthropy events (including a first-place finish at Sig Ep dodgeball), playing host to the province workshop, and being directly involved in many IFC decisions, our chapter and its members have taken upon themselves a personal responsibility. We will never become complacent, and we are always striving to do better for our university, our fraternity, and ourselves.

Seventy-five active brothers now belong to our chapter, and when the new pledge class gets initiated, we will have 92 for a few weeks. These are astronomical numbers for where we were three years ago, and running
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Help Us Keep You Informed

As many of you are aware we have been developing a database of e-mail addresses since the effort to bring Psi Psi back to the Syracuse University campus began. If you are not currently receiving e-mails from us regarding what's happening with your chapter, it's because we don't know how to reach you! Please take a minute and send me an e-mail at PsiPsiAlum@comcast.net.

I promise that we don't give out any of

your information to outside groups, and we will be able to help you stay involved in the chapter. Also, please try to remember to let me know when you have a change in your address, and if you have multiple e-mail addresses like I do, which one(s) you want information sent to. Thanks for helping us to keep you informed.

Mike Cote '76



Sweet victory (from left): Brothers Will Stuart '11, Zach Bear '11, Nate Stein '11, Brett Stein '12, Joe Lattari '11, Casey Lundberg '50, and Andy Reich '11.

Annual Spring Clambake is Back!

On April 10, several alumni and the undergraduate chapter gathered to re-establish the long-standing tradition of the spring clambake. Great food, great weather, and a good turnout made for a fun day at the Psi Psi Chapter house. Rich Redhead and his staff exceeded expectations once again.

The day started with a House Corporation meeting. The commitment to Sigma Chi, maturity, and enthusiasm of this group of undergrads is impressive. We are lucky to have such a strong group of young men representing our fraternity on the SU campus. While there are always issues to be addressed at these meetings, it was positive and constructive. It's hard to believe how far we've come in such a short period of time. It's obvious that the leadership and participation of the entire brotherhood are everything we'd hoped for when we started the process of bringing Psi Psi back to SU.

For those of you alums who were unable to attend, you should start making plans for Homecoming this fall. The undergrads will be working diligently to get the word out as soon as the dates are set. We should reward the hard work and preparation with a strong turnout at both Homecoming and Clambake next year. To see our fine chapter house and meet the current undergraduate brotherhood will make you proud to be a Sigma Chi, especially at Psi Psi.

Psi Psi alumni send their news

"I am mostly retired from real estate," reports **David Lain '52**, "and still trying to break 100 in golf. Trying to sell our large lakeside home. Too large for us now. Had a great get-together with **Boo Frankenbach '52** out in Southampton, New York, in August 2009. Had a great time reminiscing about old times at 129 College Place (across from Sims co-ed dormitory, where we all got in a peek or two). Also how we enjoyed the honor of helping elevate our own Dottie Grover to the National Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." Get in touch with Dave at 693 Rosebud Ct., Vass, NC 28394.

Bill "Toby" Larson '53 writes that he retired in 1992 to the farm. "Traveled to Ireland, Switzerland, New Zealand and now watch others do the work. Had surgery for prostate cancer. Now 82 years old and doing okay. Very glad that the house is operating well. I have four adult children and nine grandchildren." Catch up with Toby at 2750 Stillwell Beckett Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013; tlarsom@siscom.net.

"I had the pleasure of attending the October Homecoming and football game," writes **George Zickler '55**. "The condition of the SX fraternity house and the present undergraduates were impressive. I hope to attend again next fall. Hope to see some '53-'55 graduates then. My wife and I have a retirement home on Loon Lake in the Adirondack Park. If any '50s vintage Psi Psi Sigs are in the Glen Falls/Lake George area, we would love to hear from you, and we like company." Take George up on his offer at 80 Bonnie Belle Farm Rd., Chestertown, NY 12817; zickler@nycap.rr.com.

"Sales of my book have moved briskly to 102," announces **Robert F. McMeekin '56** (19158 Avenue of the Oaks, Apt. B, Newhall, CA 91321). "That leaves only 999,898 to go for my first million *Revelations in Rhyme!* I'm in touch

with **Vince Ceriello '59**, **Ken Sparks '56**, and until his untimely death, **Pete DeMayo '56**. I did talk recently to George McGwinn and **Pete Mutschler '55**, who was the second best running back in Psi Psi Syracuse intramural football. **Roger Stuart '57** was the best but he was a 'ringer.' Also saddened by the death of **Walt Simendinger '55**—I remember some great parties in his cellar bar. Still swimming in the masters and senior Olympics competitions and still good enough to medal most of the time. I've made it to all 50 states and 20 foreign countries. Glad the house is back on campus."

Vince Ceriello '59 writes that he is retired and alive and well, living in the quietest place in the U.S.: Rogue River, Oregon. "I've been elected to the school board," he adds. "It's fun having teachers and principals call you 'sir.' I've been pen pals with **Bob McMeekin '56** for almost 50 years. I've been married to Kathy for 35 years. Keep in touch: 160 Hudson Valley Lane, Rogue River, OR 97537; vrceriello19@msn.com."

Brian J. Mihalik '70 assumed the duties of dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management at the University of South Carolina in August 2009. His wife, Linda, also assumed a position at USC in October working for the vice president of information technology. They can now be reached at 10 Lehigh Court, Columbia, SC 29223.

"Enjoyed the last *Saltine Sig*," says **Kim Nelson '70**, "especially the article on **Bill Beach '69** receiving the Best House Corporation Officer Award. And I'm glad he was able to save the house and get it renovated. I remember getting the mortgage on 737 Comstock with Beach and **Ted Spall '69** when the SAEs got thrown off campus. I also enjoyed the note my old roommate, **Jim McKee '70**, put in the *S-Sig*. I sold my house four years ago and now I'm liv-

ing in a condo on Staten Island: 445 Surf Ave., Staten Island, NY 10307. Four of my five boys are married. Matt and Casey were both Sigma Chi at SC and Colgate respectively. I have three grandchildren. My e-mail is kennelson34@hotmail.com."

"I'm living in Waterloo, New York, working as a regional dental director for the NYS Department of Corrections," reports **Stephen Hartman '73**. "I travel from Elmira to Cape Vincent and Albany and see much of the beauty of New York State. A few more years until retirement. Spending most of the time with grandchildren and my sons. Am looking forward to spring SX weekend." (107 Virginia St., Waterloo, NY 13165; shartman7@rochester.rr.com)

"We got **Steve Walker '90** back from LA to the East Coast," writes **Michael Hillgen-Santa '90**, "but I heard we had to give up **Tony Pascarelli '91** in the trade. Hope all's well with the brethren. I stepped out of Morgan Stanley to open up my own shop, Hillgen-Santa Financial Group, LLC, with my wife this past spring. In any need of financial services or just want to ask a question, drop me a line: mhillgensanta@investmentctr.com."

deceased

We regret to announce the death of:

Peter DeMayo '56
December 11, 2009

William F. "Chip" Ward Jr. '69
July 25, 2008

John J. Hahn '71
June 11, 2009

Spring 2010 Blood Drive a Success

Sigma Chi is known nationwide for its commitment to the betterment of colleges and their surrounding communities. Many chapters of Sigma Chi host philanthropy events to raise money and awareness for the American Red Cross. However, the Psi Psi Chapter is unique among most chapters because it donates pints of blood instead of actual dollars.

Ever since the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi regained its recognition on the Syracuse campus, we've stressed the importance of philanthropy among our members. Every semester, we hold our semiannual Sigma Chi blood drive, exemplifying our deep sense of social responsibility for our community. The Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi

believes strongly in philanthropic efforts because before we were re-established as a chapter, we were recognized as a philanthropic organization.

Our spring 2010 blood drive was held on February 16 and was organized by our newly elected philanthropy chair, Jeremy Burke. There was a lot of skepticism about how smoothly the blood drive would run with a newly elected official, but under Burke's supervision, Sigma Chi was able to donate 27 pints of blood. We also produced eight first-time donors who all agreed that they'd participate in future blood drives. Aside from that, we were able to find three participants for the double red blood cell donation pool. All in all, the spring 2010 Sigma Chi blood



Brother Sime Jurac '10 donates blood.

drive was a great success and a testament to the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi's ongoing dedication to philanthropic causes.

In hoc, Jeremy Burke '12
Philanthropy Chair

Psi Psi Welcomes 17 New Pledges

The recruitment process for the spring 2010 semester was definitely a success for the Psi Psi Chapter. We had a record number of potential new members come through the house during rush, which was an encouraging indication of our status on campus as the preeminent leadership-building fraternity.

We ended up securing 17 young men to pledge the fraterni-

ty, all of whom are men of good character and appear to have a lot of leadership potential. We are confident in saying that the reason we were able to obtain such a solid pledge class can be attributed to the collective effort of the brotherhood.

In hoc,
Brendan Ward '11
Recruitment Chair

Brotherhood Strives for Excellence

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a house with that many people, all with different ideas, does prove difficult at times. Our new e-Board has done an excellent job of taking everyone's opinions into account and finding a solution that seems to please everybody.

This semester has had its fair share of turmoil, but we are also having some fun over here in Syracuse. "Work hard, play hard"

is the mantra we choose to live by. A day of swapping stories, sharing camaraderie over a few drinks, and eating some delicious food at our chapter house is an event all of us here in Syracuse have been looking forward to for some time now.

In hoc,
Will Stuart '11
Pro Consul