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House Corp President's Summer Recap

We were kept very busy this past summer doing the normal house preparation turnaround while at the same time setting up a new approach to our management of the house. Once again, Rich and Deb Redhead did an awesome job getting things ready. We posted a link to the photos of the house on the Psi Psi Facebook page: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/v2euw0hu3432ade/AADektP1TIPgD77bzGt8XKAfa?dl=0>. This will be the Redhead's last summer turnaround—Red has decided to retire after being in the workforce for 40-plus years, including a stint in the Marine Corp. He worked loyally for us for nearly a decade and his service was certainly appreciated.

To move forward, we have hired a new property management company that will also provide commercial janitorial service seven days a week. I know this sounds like we are being soft but the days of pledges scrubbing the bathrooms and carpets are no longer tolerated. We have to move on just as the chapter has had to adapt in other ways. We have also hired a third-party commercial kitchen operator so the days of having the cook not show up on Fridays due to being hung over are also a thing of the past. We

spent time over move-in weekend getting the details worked out—I am very confident we will have a much-improved level of service in these areas.

Our summer projects included replacement of those treacherous and creaky basement stairs and finishing off the front basement room under the living/TV room. This project was made possible by a financial commitment from alumni in the mid-'80s. We also converted one of the very small (illegally so) singles on the second floor into a Chapter Office, which will improve the continuity of chapter officer training and record keeping from one officer to the successor.

Homecoming 2014 was October 11. The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the morning, followed by lunch off the grill and then the SU versus Florida State football game. The Orangemen put up a good fight—despite falling behind at the half by a wide margin, they kept it closer than many expected. With a little more success in the "redzone" the outcome could have been different.

My hat is off along with "mega snaps" to

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Another Successful Semester for Psi Psi Chapter

Brothers,

As the semester comes to an end, we had a very successful year. To start off, Derby Days was a great success. We raised more than \$17,000 for the Children's Miracle Network and Huntsman's Cancer Institute. Our Derby Days included a clothing drive where a plethora of clothes were donated to us. On November 7, 2014, we held our annual blood drive at our house. We had more than 24 people donate blood, making it a very successful blood drive. We are planning to have Sigma Cheese very soon. This event consists of us making grilled cheese sandwiches for the students on campus to raise money. We are very optimistic that this event will

raise a lot of money.

Our steward, Michael Gutman '16, is working with our new chef, coordinating the chapter meal services and helping operate the kitchen under the direction of the Quaestor and house parent. The new board club is going very well by trying to satisfy what the brothers in the house are interested in eating. The chef prepares delicious food for the brothers, and we are very proud to have him.

Our scholarship chair, Michael George '15, is raising money for the J. Russ Scholarship. This scholarship in remembrance of our brother, Jeff Russ, and is presented to a rising senior at the

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Tom McCarthy '16, Gus Costalas '16,
Michael Gutman '16, Kyle Iazzetti '16
at Derby Days.

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Justin Wentworth '16, Will Gerhard '15, Chris Fowler '15, Jason Ricketts '16, Ben Goldberg '17 enjoying Derby Days!

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end of every school year who has exercised consistent and unwavering loyalty, commitment, and passion for the house just as Jeff did. So far, Michael George has raised more than \$3,786, and he plans to raise more.

On another note, I, as chapter editor, am working with an alumnus to better connect the undergraduates to the alumni of all Sigma Chi brothers. One of the ways to do this is to create a website for brothers to put their personal information, voluntarily. The reason for this is to help undergraduates network, increase job opportunities, etc. We hope to start this up by the spring.

Most importantly, our brothers who attended the Horizon would like to thank the alumni who donated to the scholarship they have received.

Joseph Leem '16
Psi Psi Chapter

Psi Psi Honored With Bash Award at 2014 Balfour Leadership

A year ago, our chapter was at the 2013 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop on the Revitalization Path for hazing allegations, fighting to keep our charter. Since then, the Psi Psi Chapter has hosted a Strategic Planning Vision Workshop, Sigma Chi's Mission 365 Recruitment Workshop, the most successful recruitment process in recent memory, and most notably, Psi Psi raised more than \$13,000 for Children's Miracle Network during our week-long philanthropy, Derby Days, last Fall.

This year at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana, we received tremendous praise for the strides that we have taken over the past year, and instead of being viewed as a problematic chapter on the Revitalization Path, we were viewed as an exemplary Sigma Chi chapter that is only growing stronger

with each day that passes. Today, I'm extremely proud to announce that this year we came home with the Bash Award—given to a Sigma Chi chapter that has made the most significant improvement over the past year.

After the 2013 fall semester where we were unable to have a fall pledge class due to the sanctions from Sigma Chi CAMAC, we extended 29 bids to qualified candidates in the spring, which resulted in 27 acceptances. These are brothers who have since been elected to positions such as philanthropy chair, ritual chair, and tribune, among others. With the fall Rush process just around the corner, we are very excited and determined to find candidates as qualified and worthy as the last pledge class we initiated.

Derby Days 2014 took place during the third week of September this year, and we

plan to at least match, if not double the amount of money we raised and donated last year.

This past year and the steady, progressive track we are now on wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the tremendous support we had from all of our alumni. From the encouraging phone calls and emails that I and others on the executive board received over the past year, to the incredibly generous donations, to the 30-plus alumni brothers who attended the spring 2014 initiation ceremonies, I wanted to sincerely thank you all on behalf of the undergraduate chapter. We hope to see you during Alumni Weekend, the annual Clam Bake in the spring, or whenever you can make it back up to the chapter house at 737 Comstock Avenue. I can say with conviction that the Psi Psi Chapter is only growing stronger with each day that passes.

In hoc,
Will Gerhard '15
Consul

The SALTINE SIG

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What Are Your "Points of Connection?"

Brothers,

While we will always be Psi Psi of Sigma Chi brothers, we have moved in many different and independent directions since graduation. Our bonds of brotherhood need to be refreshed, relating to who we are today—where we live, what we do professionally, what our lives and interests are, etc. To that end, Psi Psi is looking to create a new database reflecting these current "points of connection," and new ways of communicating and helping each of us to make the connections.

You will be hearing soon how you can bring your personal "points of connection" into relationship with similar Psi Psi brothers. We are also in conversations with Sigma Chi National and the regional alumni chapters to provide opportunities to expand connections to like-minded Sigma Chis from 1,500-plus Psi Psi, to our more than 250,000 Sigma Chi brothers.

We are also looking at ways to better

prepare our undergraduates for their post-graduate lives as individual successes and connect them to other Sigma Chi brothers. This will include the opportunity for them to get in contact with alumni with similar interests from the very beginning of their time as Sigma Chi brothers.

We look forward to making the Psi Psi experience more meaningful to you, our brothers. We welcome your thoughts and your own ideas on how to bring us closer together. For starters, here are my "points of connection:" J. Philip Oldham; SU School, Newhouse; Grad year, 1966; Married (Diane with three daughters—Syracuse, Colgate, and Lehigh: Delta Gamma and Tri Delta; and four grandkids); Profession, TV program sales; Live in Larchmont, New York (New



York City metro). I visit the following often: Syracuse (have SU football season tickets), Los Angeles and Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

My interests include: SU sports, music ('50s-'70s R&R, standards and film music), travel (cruises), being social with family, friends, and Sigma Chi brothers, etc. Now let's hear what you are all about today.

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Sigma Chi Statistics for All Brothers To Be Proud of

- Active Undergraduate Chapters:** 243
 - Active Alumni Chapters:** 122
 - Total Living Members:** 245,954
 - Current Undergraduates:** 16,433
 - Living Life Loyal Sigs:** 40,470
- Sigma Chi alumni living in the Northeast—25,000 approximately—as of May 2014

A Magnificent Seven Sigma Chi Superlatives

Not the largest ...

1. We are fourth in the number of undergraduate chapters among Greek-letter fraternities.
2. We are fourth in the number of alumni chapters among Greek-letter fraternities.

... just the best!

3. We are second in the number of total initiates among Greek-letter fraternities.
4. We are first in the number of active

and involved alumni among Greek-letter fraternities.

5. We have the best periodical among Greek-letter fraternities, *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

6. We have the largest contingent of Greek members in Congress, with 11.

7. We have the second-largest educational foundation among men's fraternities, according to the FEA.

Over time, tens of thousands of Sigs have contributed hundreds of millions of dollars to support their local chapters and our foundation. Tens of thousands of Sigs have contributed tens of millions of volunteer hours to make Sigma Chi the best it can be.

Those are the real superlatives of Sigma Chi, my brothers. They help to make our fraternity what it is today. Let's all become the individuals who, when connected, will make it the best again tomorrow.

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the chapter, especially the leadership group, as after a rough fall 2013 semester with curtailed social program and no Rush, they finished the year very strong with a pledge class of 26—one of the largest in memory. Their turnaround effort was recognized at Balfour Leadership Workshop with a Bash Award—given to a Sigma Chi chapter that has made the most significant improvement over the past year—more on that in the Consul's report. Please join me in extending congratulations for getting their reputation back in excellent standing.

A closing note about social media—if you are not a member of the Psi Psi Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185906081488089/>), the contents of which are private and only visible to member—make a request to join and an administrator will let you in. There is plenty of Psi Psi chatter and we also post notices about Homecoming, Clam Bake, initiation, and other events that alumni are encouraged to attend. Also, please go to www.sigmachi.com and update your contact information—especially email addresses—so we can keep "snail mail" and email coming your way.

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Psi Psi alumni send their news

"I guess it comes with advancing age, but it saddens me that only three brothers in my class (who are not, to my knowledge, passed on) **Curran, Smith, and Lain** are the only responders to the newsletter," writes **Austin Cline '50**. "You will hear from me: a life-long Sig, as long as I'm vertical! I was dismayed several times over the years, but my memories of Psi Psi and my life with my sweetheart of Sigma Chi (76 years) will never cause me to forsake my membership. I'll always be life loyal! My sweetheart was severely injured four years ago, but we choose to live our vows together and thrive on our Sigma Chi/Gamma Phi Beta Reunion. How blessed we are! Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are our whole life." Reconnect with Austin by writing to 11 Bristel Cir. #1, Delmar, NY 12054.

Robert M. Hick '54 reports, "I try to get to Syracuse several times a year to visit at ESF and see some SU crew races. I had dinner this summer with **Ernie Schwab '54** and his lovely wife, Marion. Great to discuss old times at SU and ESF." Get in touch with Bob by sending postal mail to 427 Foulke Ln., Springfield, PA 19064; or send email to rmhick@verizon.net.

Ken Sparks '56 finally retired from all but a couple of boards. He is keeping busy writing music and performing. Check out his website: kensparksmusic.com. (8113 Ainsworth Ave., Springfield, VA 22152; krsparks@aol.com)

"I have moved into 'semi-retirement' from the TV programs sales business, turning much of the work over to my (younger) wife, Diane," writes **Phil Oldham '66**. "Our home is our office, so the commute is real good. The new found time has given us more time with family and travel (do the four-and-a-half hour drive to SU football games), two cruises per year (the Caribbean and the Mediterranean coming up) and time in Los Angeles (where we also have a home). It has also allowed me to become more involved in our church and community, focusing on setting up for Larchmont's 125th Anniversary ... and working with the national and New York Sigma Chi Alumni Associations in creating more personally relevant connections between brothers—based on their school connections, where they live, their professions, interests, etc. Key is expanding the Sigma Chi National and local chapter and alumni association's directories and websites content to provide for these personal connections. We are also working to establish an official New York City Sigma Chi 'watering hole.' Welcome hearing from brothers with

similar connection points." Write to Phil at 81 Pine Brook Dr., Larchmont, NY 10538; or send email to poldham495@aol.com.

"Karen and I are now both retired," writes **John D. Elek '67**. "In September of this year we sold our home in Redmond, Washington, said goodbye to the rain, the drizzle, and the overcast, and relocated to Southern California. We are brightened by the sunny climate and our grandchild who lives only minutes away. Life couldn't be better; well, it could, but the California lottery has not cooperated! All Sigs—past, present, and future—are welcome to visit: 'The coffee pot is always on.' Now, there are some of you who will remember that phrase, if you don't—just stop by, and I'll explain it to you!" (26269 Wisdom Dr., Hemet, CA 92544; seayank@msn.com)

Ron Schultz '68 retired this year after 41 years of dental practice. He has been in touch with **John Forste '68, Joe Durzo '67, Bill Beach '69, and Bryan Leather '66**. He would enjoy hearing from some other Sigs of his era via email at rpsdds@hvc.rr.com.

Stephen Hartman '73 just retired from New York State and now works per diem with his new business: Seneca Dental Services. He is staying in Central New York, and enjoying his camp in the summer. Steve keeps in touch with **Bob Brenna '73 and Rick Tasker '75**. Catch up with Steve at 107 Virginia St., Waterloo, NY 13165; shartman7@rochester.rr.com.

Harold Gilbert '77 just had dinner with his little brother **Tom Domenici '78** in Baltimore. He also stays in contact with many Psi Psi brothers, including **Bobby Bova '81, Dan Davidson '80, Billy Peskin '76, and Lou Mellen '79**. (114 E Davis Blvd., #12, Tampa, FL 33606; butchgilbert@hotmail.com)

"Clam Bake 2014 brought back many from the 1960s and 1970s—my brother-in-law **Charlie Summerall '69** was back looking for his Big Brother **Bill Beach '69**," reports **Hank Souminen '78**. "It was great to see **Bill Peskin '76, Rick Annenberg '77, Ron Andenmatten '76, Gary Katz '77, Al Krochtengel '79**, and others who made it back. I was wondering where **Tom Ansel '75, John Lyden '80, and Larry Kloock '77** were? You guys are due back!" Catch up with Hank at hank@suomi33.com.

"I am working with the new colony, Sigma Chi Epsilon, at Hobart College in Geneva," writes **John Predmore '79**. "This is the third

expansion colony that I have participated in. The colony started meeting in January 2014, with 14 young men in the first pledge class. I am actively seeking businessmen and other professionals to serve on a House Corporation starting in summer 2014. The colony will be occupying a campus-owned house this fall with plans to move to a larger accommodations as the chapter grows. This is a chance for Psi Psi alumni to pay it forward to another chapter, who encountered tough circumstances in 2005. If curious or interested, contact me at johnpredmore@sigmachi.com.

Bill Gerbig '84 reported that **Tom Woods '50**, a former Psi Psi Consul from 1950, recently celebrated his 90th birthday! (Contact Tom at 20 Emerson Ave., Warrensburg, NY 12885; or Bill at 4839 Hyde Rd., Manlius, NY 13104)

John Trup '84 has a new address: 7575 Ashlind Cir., Manlius, NY 13104.

Chris Ellis '89 and his wife, Melinda, were blessed with their fifth child, Tatum Marie, in 2013. He looks forward to hearing from any brothers passing through Dallas, Texas. He wrote, "Anyone looking for lake properties north of Syracuse, check out my company website www.landfirstny.com."

Deceased

Howard H. Weimer '38

March 14, 2011

James A. Tobey '88

January 18, 2009

George W. Myatt '49

September 23, 2014

Richard T. Shean '49

May 3, 2013

Theodore M. Winkert '49

April 17, 2014

Jordan E. Pappas '50

May 15, 2013

George Silvanic '50

May 15, 2014

Harry Gere Beecher '51

September 9, 2013

David E. Lain '52

April 1, 2014

William E. Larson '53

January 19, 2014

Gerald C. Hershey '58

November 7, 2013

Jeffrey Russ '12

August 31, 2013