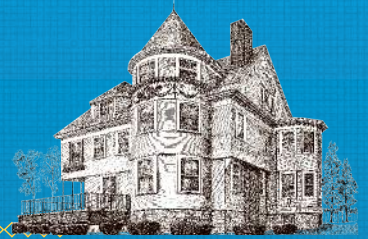


The SALTINE SIG



CELEBRATE 120 YEARS of the PSI PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI



Psi Psi Undergraduates celebrating post initiation

We are having a party! Join us in celebrating the 120th anniversary of the Psi Psi Chapter and our successful return to prominence at Syracuse University. We are expecting a large turnout of alumni for Homecoming Weekend. This is the year and the party for you to return and celebrate! Put Saturday November 2, 2024, on your calendar.

We have survived a difficult few years and now have a house full of undergraduate brothers with a bright future; it will be a party you will not want to miss. Reconnect with old friends, as alumni from all eras have already indicated they will be coming. SU football under a new coach and a five-star QB transfer from Ohio State will be taking on ACC foe Virginia Tech at the Dome. (Game time TBD).

We're hosting a casual get together at 737 Comstock on Friday night. Saturday morning you are invited to join House Corp's annual meeting starting at 10:00 am. Get an update on our recent past and future challenges. The food, drinks and celebration start immediately after. We are also inviting sorority alumni to join us.

Book your hotel room in an Orange Central Homecoming room block. Or fill up an Airbnb with fellow alumni. Football tickets are available via the Dome box office or Ticketmaster. You can register for Homecoming at psipsi.org/2024-homecoming-rsvp.

There are roughly a dozen alumni who have put forth significant efforts over the last decade toward the survival of Psi Psi. If you

really want to show your appreciation, then make plans to join us on November 2. We have told the undergraduates how other fraternity alumni say they were a Psi U, or they were a Sig Ep, or they were a DU. Our alumni say they are a Sigma Chi.

Former consuls, rally the guys from your years. Former magisters, get your pledge class to join us. Former social chairmen, show us you can still party. Calling out the groups that go to Vegas, gather at Rehoboth Beach, do ski weeks together, all the guys I have met at the Saratoga Race Course the last few years; please join us. Boston crew, Buffalo and Rochester brothers, Syracuse locals, NYC gang, Philly guys—join us this year on November 2.

This is the year for you to return! Celebrate 120 years of Sigma Chi at SU. Show the undergraduates and the alumni advisory and House Corp. board your support. Tell your friends that the best event you attended in 2024 was a good old fashion frat party!

PS: Calling out all those I have personally connected with over the years. **Please** join us this year! Psi Psi survived and is now thriving. 120 years and more than two thousand brothers is worth celebrating.

In hoc signo vinces,

Ted Collins '84
Alumni Advisory Board
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House Corp Report Summer 2024



Preparations for the August 23, 2024, return to campus were successful. The property closed immediately after graduation and was left in decent condition. All the normal turnaround work including floor refinishing and carpeting shampooing has been completed. Common areas destapled and repainted. Grounds put back together. Basement detashed and scrubbed. We carried out all the life-safety system inspections and are ready to go once again. As always, my sincere thanks to our dedicated property manager and the support received from Oliva Companies; we could not do this without their capable efforts.

I have previously reported about the growing urgency of the building envelope repair project, which is proving to be far more costly than expected. I hope you can make it to Homecoming 2024 to see for yourself.

The initial SU Ostrom Dorm project plan, with over 700 beds, has now been scaled back to a 570-bed dorm that does not extend through the block from Ostrom to Comstock as before. See page 6 for the details, and read more about the initial plans at tinyurl.com/bdfynwcv.

I have contacted all Comstock Greeks and we have established a united front to deal with the university administration on the student-life issues (housing exemptions for sophomores, bursar holds, the disciplinary process and a few other issues) and real-estate issues (site plan) with a series of meetings that have some hope of getting

concessions. More problematic is the action by the City of Syracuse Preservation Office, which wants to designate the entire Comstock block as historic: a double-edged sword. While it would preserve our existing use, it would prevent us from pursuing the highest and best use allowable under current Planned Institutional District zoning, and worse, would require us to only undertake building envelope restoration, using building materials that

are historically consistent with original construction. This would prove to be cost prohibitive for us. More information to come at Homecoming 2024.

And finally, I hope you will check the new website platform for www.psipsi.org! After nearly 15 years using a sport's league platform, we have worked with our alumni records servicer, Elevate, to develop the new platform. The site has a public side and members only area protected by user login firewall, so functions such as member search are enhanced from the former platform. Please check it out; you can pay your alumni dues and see your dues-paying history, there will be composite photos posted soon, and there are past issues of *The Saltine Sig*.

We will discuss all of this and more at the annual meeting Saturday November 2, 2024. Make your hotel reservations; rooms are going fast. Many are staying at DoubleTree, Carrier Circle. Hope to see you then.

IHSV,

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(aka House Corp.)



Derby Days Message

In late April, Psi Psi held their second consecutive annual Derby Days. The brotherhood was ready and excited to surpass last year's total donations of \$81,000. Thanks to last year, Syracuse Greek Life knew to expect major competition from sororities during the week, all asking one question, "Which sorority will win?" Psi Psi and the Panhellenic Council smashed our personal record with \$90,353 in donations to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, a leading cancer research facility and hospital. Led by Derby Days Chair "Derby Daddy" Jack Grieder, competitions included banner competition, Sign-a-Sig, and Pie-a-Chi. There were also more serious-minded events such as our clothing drive with more than 500 pounds of clothes donated to local Syracuse Salvation Armys, and our candlelight vigil for sexual-assault awareness. At the end of the week, we announced our Derby Days Champion, Kappa Kappa Gamma-Beta Tau Chapter. Derby Days meant a lot to everyone involved, and our brotherhood is closer than ever with each other and the relationships we have built with the sororities on campus. This week has meant a lot to our brotherhood, and we have created a strong foundation to reach our goal of over \$100,000 in donations next year!

Jack Grieder '26



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Consul Message

2023–2024 was another great school year in the books for Psi Psi. In the fall, we initiated six new brothers to Psi Psi. We took a house trip to Montreal to help the bond of our fellowship grow among our brotherhood. Brothers also spent time becoming closer with one another thanks to 737 Comstock Ave. In the spring semester we had two annual philanthropies, as well as a new spring pledge class of 19 initiates. These new brothers have already been showing their commitment and gratitude to Psi Psi by getting to know the older brothers and lending a helping hand when possible.



Jack Greider at Horizons Leadership Summit in Park City Summer 2024



Our first philanthropy, Sig-Phil-Aphi was paired with the sorority Alpha Phi where we open the doors of our house to sell Chick-fil-A to many hungry undergrads on a Friday night in Syracuse, and during Derby Days. I am extremely confident that our chapter will continue to positively contribute to Syracuse’s Greek community and ensure the Jordan Standard is taken to heart. Proud to be a Sigma Chi, especially at Psi Psi.

Jack Grieder '26
Consul



Dave Pietrowski Significant Sig

We have a Psi Psi who is a member of the Class of 2024 Significant Sigs: Dave Pietrowski '85! Dave pledged Psi Psi in the spring of '82 and quickly became a true leader of the Chapter as pro consul, helping us win multiple Peterson Awards and Chancellor Cups. After graduating, he continued his service to Sigma Chi as the chapter adviser at Psi Psi. Dave’s professional life also showed his leadership qualities as he became President of LoVullo Associates, the largest insurance firm in Western New York, increasing their business by tenfold in just a few years. Dave’s biggest impact has been his philanthropic work where he runs a charity that has donated more than \$8 million to Camp Good Days and Special Times, a camp in the Finger Lakes for children with cancer.

Those of you who know Dave, know how worthy he is of this honor and he has made the Psi Psi Chapter proud! National will honor the Class of 2024 at Grand Chapter in June 2025. We will be honoring Dave at Homecoming 2024 on November 2.



2023-2024 HONOR ROLL of DONORS

Gifts reflected from
July 1, 2023,
through
June 30, 2024.

Thank you to all the brothers listed below whom contributed to the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at Syracuse University. If you have any questions about a donation, please contact us at alumnirecords@psipsi.org.

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\$500 or more

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* Deceased



Psi Psi Alumni Send Their News

Robert Curran '54: Have slowed down a little, but still enjoy life in Naples, Florida. Go Orange!

Brian Mihalik '70: My wife Linda and I have been producing 360-degree virtual-reality content for my USC classes. Topic areas are focused on the Olympic Games legacies and global tourism destinations. I am finally returning to some of my Syracuse film-making days but no longer with a WWII hand-cranked camera.

Richard Harder '76: I am the chapter advisor for Mu Eta Chapter at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Just completed a bike ride

across New York State along the Erie Canal. Am very disappointed that Colgate University has rejected our request to allow Gamma Omicron Chapter to reactivate. I fear this bodes poorly for Greek life at Colgate. Wishing continued success with Psi Psi.

Michael Yates '82: I had the pleasure of skiing with **Scott Ward '83** (my little brother) in March at Deer Valley!

Thomas Roberts Jr.: (Order of Constantine) Congratulations on the successful rebuild of the chapter. All my best to the brothers.

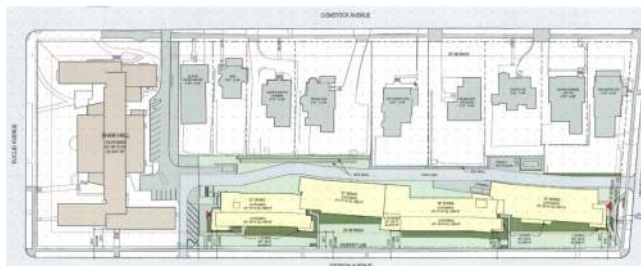
Breaking News! SU Ostrom dorm project is scaled back.

The SU Ostrom Dorm project, calling for a proposed 703-bed dorm, has been scaled back from the original proposal (see right) to the new proposal, a 570-bed dorm that does not extend through the block from Ostrom to Comstock as before.



Original proposal

The consolidation of all the SU parcels on Ostrom and Comstock now excludes the 727 Comstock parcel. We are still seeking site-plan modifications to address the net reduction of parking spaces, rear-yard screening, and other issues.



New proposal

The Comstock Greek Alliance is still in active discussions with the university to address:

- Permanent housing waivers for sophomores.
- An active role for SU Greeks in the process to address the behaviors of a few members as individuals versus as the entire chapter.
- Access to SU food-service buying.
- Use of SU facilities without charge.

There is still an active City of Syracuse Planning Department initiative to impose restriction on our property, which we have attempted to preempt by filing a building permit application for the building-envelop project, which will at least provide an opportunity to argue that we are exempt from the designation being proposed.

Chapter Eternal

We are saddened to learn of the passing of our brothers:

Robert B. Williams '38

July 27, 2011

<https://tinyurl.com/bdza37bm>

Gerald N. Blaney '50

November 4, 2022

Ernest A. Schwab '54

July 11, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/4hzfbjzm>

Roger E. Kahn '58

April 9, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/mvn26cjr>

Frank J. Porto '59

January 3, 2023

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Dennis O'Brien '72

June 4, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/55x2dznz>

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