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Football in the yard.

A New Website Is Launched!

We have updated the psipsi.org website using a sports program template so that updates for internet browsers and smart phones are taken care of for us. While there are some quirks, the functionality aligns with our needs and is very cost effective.

In addition to the website's powerful e-commerce engine (allowing us to process program registration such as room and board, parking, events, etc.), it has also helped us enhance features such as email, calendar, blog, photo albums, surveys, items for sale/jobs vacancies, and other features that are used by sports leagues to run their programs efficiently. Of course, content is everything when it comes to a good website, so take a look and let us know what you would like to add to make it work better for you.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping to manage the website or improve the website's appearance or graphics—I will gladly accept your help.

Hank Suominen, Psi Psi '74, Syracuse '78
Webmaster

Message From House Corp President

Winter is always tough on the house—heavy snow fall equals ice dams equals leaks. We brought in a roofing contractor who dealt with the ice dams and will come back this summer to install ice melt cables. We hope it will bring an end to the never-ending saga of winter water intrusion once and for all.

We had a good fall term introducing Premier Cleaning of CNY as our property manager and Gill Grilling as our Board Club operations manager. Jim Whitbread is getting up to speed on what it takes to keep a nearly 100-year-old house running—yes, 737 Comstock Avenue was built in 1930!

New Chef John Fendick is doing magic in the kitchen—his chow is getting rave reviews with almost a dozen live-out brothers joining Board Club.

Clam Bake is April 25, and we hope to see you then. Also, mark it down: The Psi Psi 50th Anniversary at 737 Comstock—110th Anniversary at SU—Homecoming is Saturday, October 24th. That will be a reunion you won't want to miss.

IHSV,
Hank Suominen, Psi Psi '74, Syracuse '78
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State of the Psi Psi Chapter

The Psi Psi Chapter has had a fantastic year so far. To say the least, we have exceeded our expectations once again. To start off, we had a very successful fall and spring recruitment. In the fall, we initiated 10 new members into our house. Currently, we have 17 new members who are learning about the ways of our fraternity. These new members are a great representation of our house and will make significant impact to our house.

Our Derby Days was a huge success this past fall. We raised more than \$17,000 for the Children's Hospital. Our brothers had a very joyous time and made many more new life-long friends. This past February, we held a blood drive with the American Red Cross. We had more than 30 people registered for this

event, which exceeds our number of participants from the previous year. After the blood drive, we will have our inaugural Sigma Cheese event. This event consists of the brotherhood making and selling grilled cheese for students. This is a nonprofit event, and all proceeds will be go toward the Children's Hospital. We are looking forward to this successful event.

For housing, we added a new chef. He has been a tremendous cook and makes us very delicious food. He has been the best we have ever had. More brothers have joined the meal plan due to this chef. Some of the foods he has cooked for us in the past were New York strip steak, Cuban paninis, Mediterranean wraps,

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Derby Days 2014

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and many more. We are fortunate to add him to this house.

This year, we elected new members to our leadership positions. Hunter Viscarello '16 is our new Consul, Brett Polinsky '17 is our new Pro-Consul, Gabino Avila is our annotator, Gavin Dowd '17 is our philanthropy chair, Gus Costalas is our Rush chair, and John Bambach '17 and Brett Coneeny '17 are social chairs. They have been doing an exceptional job for this house, and we cannot wait to see what they have in store for us as the semester rolls on.

To close off, our Consul, Hunter Viscarello, has a message to the brothers:
Brothers,

I am truly honored to say that I hold the position of Psi Psi Chapter Consul. As a former social chair in this house and the Syracuse University Interfraternal Council Recruitment Chair, I feel as though I am ready and prepared to take on this challenge. This house

has made a tremendous impact on my life, and I look forward to continuing the legacy, especially with the new pledges we have just added this spring.

The house is currently back on the rise from the issues that we faced in the spring of 2013, and we are on good terms with Syracuse University and Sigma Chi. We have realized that times are changing, and we are willingly adapting to those changes. To show this, we held an anti-hazing seminar with a few other chapters on March 16, which I truly believed would benefit the Syracuse Greek community. My goal as Consul is simple, to continue to recruit men who live by the ideals and standards found in the Norman Shield, and to keep this house and chapter here on campus so that all alumni have a place to go to when they return to SU.

When I entered this house, I was awed by how diverse the house was and how nobody fit into a certain mold. Despite every brother being different, you could see that every

brother was truly friends with one another and all respected each other. It was so visibly evident in the way they carried themselves and even interacted in the simplest ways. Every brother of the Psi Psi Chapter is different and has a different story. We all have overcome different obstacles that helped us be the people we are today, and in my eyes that is what makes our house and makes our chapter so strong. With all these different people around you, it allows you to truly grow as a person. This house causes you to constantly learn from the people around you and help you better yourself day in and day out. As a junior, I have really been able to see this now and want every man who ever steps foot through the door of 737 Comstock to have that experience as well. We really have something special here at Psi Psi, and I want that legacy to live forever.

Hunter N. Viscarello '16
Consul, Psi Psi Chapter

Connect With Brothers Who Live Where You Live, Work in Your Business, & Share Your Interests

Today's the day that being a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi can become an important part of who you are right now. This is a call to brothers from the '60s, '80s, 2014, etc. Brothers in New York, Pennsylvania, California; brothers who are in finance; in media, education; brothers with young kids, with no kids, empty nesters; brothers who love to golf, ski, travel ... You can connect with your 1,500 Psi Psi (and nearly 250,000 Sigma Chi) brothers—who attended school when you did, live where you live, are in your profession, have the same home life, and have the same interests.

It is likely that you have stayed in touch with one or more of your Psi Psi brothers, or have accidentally come across Sigma Chis at work or play. You know the unique bond that you share. There are literally thousands of unknown Sigma Chi brothers who are in proximity to who you are today—with whom connecting would make your work more successful and your life more enjoyable.

Beyond Psi Psi, wherever you are, there is a Sigma Chi alumni chapter nearby (122 of them) for you to network, socialize, and share interests. As

previewed in last fall's *Saltine Sig*, there is a current joint effort being undertaken by Sigma Chi National, the New York City Alumni Chapter, and Psi Psi to bring the advantages of being a Sigma Chi closer to all brothers' current lives. Isn't now the time for you to make the most of being a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi?

Three ways of benefitting and enjoying being a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi:

1. Decide you want to "be proud to be a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi."
2. Check out the direct and social media options to find out what it is to be a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi today, and how to be a part of it. Here are some of the media connection options:

- **The Psi Psi website** (www.psipsi.org) Find out about today's Psi Psi undergraduate and alumni life and ways to reconnect
- **The Saltine Sig** is your twice yearly connection to Psi Psi
- Connect with the **Psi Psi database**—to enter your current information and find "like-minded" brothers
- Check out Psi Psi and Sigma Chi on social media

- Join and connect with the **Central New York Alumni Association** (find it at www.psipsi.org)
 - Receive and read the *Magazine of Sigma Chi*, the best publication in the fraternity world. Learn about why being a Sigma Chi is important ... and how Sigma Chi can help you, and you can help your Sigma Chi brothers.
 - Contact your local Sigma Chi alumni chapter (there are 122), and find out how to network professionally, socially, or simply to share interests with Sigs right where you live.
3. Take advantage of being a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi, by **making the connection** with the brothers you know you want to connect with—*join your local alumni chapter*—pay attention to what your fraternity is doing for its brothers. *Consider being a "connection leader"* reaching out to the brothers you graduated with, live where you live, work in your business, share your interests.

Enjoy being a Sigma Chi-Psi Psi. You can start by responding to the Psi Psi website or contacting me directly.

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Meet Our New Members!

Michael Florio '17, from Eastchester, New York, is majoring in information studies with a minor in finance. He is a transfer sophomore who attended the University of Scranton last year, where he played Division III lacrosse. Michael loves sports, outdoor activities, and hanging with friends.



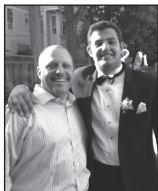
John Freda '18, from Buffalo, New York, is a biology major on the pre-med track. He is a conscientious student and enjoys going to the gym, wrestling, and hanging out with friends during his free time.



Kostika Kosova '18 was born in Albania and moved to the U.S. when he was 5 years old. He is a neuroscience major who has been playing soccer since he was young. Kostika won States his sophomore year of high school and made it to the all-state team his senior year.



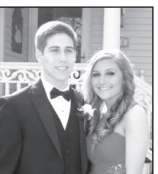
Eric Santangelo '18, from Montclair, New Jersey, is an entrepreneurship major. His parents were born in Italy and moved to U.S. in their teens. Throughout his life, Eric has always played baseball. After a series of ankle injuries, he turned away from competitive sports and to horseracing and gambling.



Cobie Beach '18, from Rochester, New York, is a sports management major. In high school, he was a two-year letterman in soccer and a three-year letterman in wrestling. Cobie has been interested in sports ever since he was young, gaining knowledge as he continued to research stats and watch games. He decided to pursue a major in his passion and eventually a career in the industry.



Matt DeBonis '18, from Glen Rock, New Jersey, is an economics major and plans to add a minor in finance. He attended Glen Rock High School, where he played three years of varsity soccer and track. During his senior year, he was the president of his church's Catholic Youth Organization where he organized retreats and events.



Patrick Doherty '18, from Dumont, New Jersey, is a finance major who is considering a dual major in finance and marketing. He went to high school at an all-boys Catholic high school—Bergen Catholic in Oradell, New Jersey. He participated in athletics throughout his life and played varsity baseball and football in high school. Patrick currently plays on the club baseball team.



Brandon Renick '18, from Pasadena, California, is a Whitman student, majoring in marketing with a minor in music industry. He played baseball growing up and football all through high school. He went to a really competitive Catholic all-boys school, so he mainly played special teams during his two years on varsity. Despite that, football was still a huge part of Brandon's high school identity.



Hindoveeh Etheridge-Bullie '18, from Oakland, California, is an information technology major. He was born in Oakland, but for the most part lived in various cities within the Bay Area (the longset of which being in Berkeley and now currently San Leandro). He used to play sports, but realized he wasn't as good as he thought he was, and he didn't enjoy them all that much. After this realization, Hindoveeh spent the majority of his time writing, doing art, watching films, and various things of that sort. He thinks those are some of the things he's mostly passionate about. He plans to specialize in web design and ideally dual or minor with advertising.



Eric Barnes '18, from Dover, Massachusetts, is currently undeclared as a major. He moved a few times when he was younger and was able to attend different schools in the New England area during his childhood. For high school, Eric attended Lawrence Academy, a small boarding school in Groton, Massachusetts, where he played football and lacrosse. Living at his high school was a unique experience that allowed him to grow as an individual. Athletics kept him busy during high school. Since graduating high school Eric has become a firefighter.



Senith Thiruchelvam '18, from Newark, New Jersey, is undeclared as a major. He was born in Sri Lanka and came to the states at the age of 5. He attended a very small high school, and didn't want the same scene in college—

Fraternity Under Attack, We Know the True Story

As you are likely aware, the fraternity system is under significant attack for the actual or media-manufactured actions of individual fraternity men. While we know that fraternity life is not one of monastic sainthood, we also know of the positives that go beyond that of the general student population, including establishing academic standards, tutoring support, scholarships, donations of time and money to the needs of the community. For a similar "set the record straight" response, check out the following link from Peter Smithhisler, president/CEO of the North-American Interfraternity Conference: <http://www.newsweek.com/praise-frat-life-campus-305518>.

For many of us, the Sigma Chi undergraduate experience better prepared us to be responsible citizens, who have achieved leadership roles in our professions, and in giving back to their communities and wherever needed. The fact is that Sigma Chis by the tens of thousands have given tens of millions of volunteer hours.

Time to speak for up for yourself. Let us know your own undergraduate Psi Psi support and volunteer experiences ... and your current alumni life giving back —professional, community, and broader support of those in need. The fall 2015 *Saltine Sig* and the Psi Psi website will present our Psi Psi "give-back" stories. Send your stories to me or include them on your newsform in this mailing for alumni comments to the next *Saltine Sig*.

This is not about tooting our own horn; it is about being proud to be a Sigma Chi—Psi Psi.

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that's how he ended up in Syracuse. He played football and lacrosse during high school, and loved playing team sports. Since he wasn't good enough to play sports in college, Senith decided to join a fraternity where he can experience the same kind of brotherhood. That's what brought me to Sigma Chi.



Chris White '18, from Wrentham, Massachusetts, is a finance major. He's been living in the same town for his entire life. Chris is an athlete and has played



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Psi Psi alumni send their news

After leaving SU in 1945, **Ramsey G. Ludington '44** served in the U.S. Navy in 1945-'46 and entered the University of Miami in 1948. He graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1952, where he was a member of Gamma Phi Chapter. Ramsey retired from the practice of law in his hometown of Fulton, New York, in 2004. Before May 1, you can reach him at 1880 Westhampton Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966; after his northward migration, you'll find him at 217 Oneida St., Fulton, NY 13069. Of course, email will reach him anytime: ramseysdream@gmail.com.

"Aging, with sporadic interruptions for hospital events—knee, hip, etc.," writes **Robert S. Savage '50**. Meanwhile, Bob is following the progress of his grandchildren in New England, Louisiana, and Australia. He completed his 50th state visit (Alaska) last summer with his son, daughter, and son-in-law. He adds, "Wife died in May 2011—Ann was a real partner." A nephew's granddaughter was applying for early admission to the Newhouse School, keeping the SU connection alive. Drop Bob a note at 2332 NW 119th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

In November, **Robert F. McMeekin '56** and **Vincent R. Ceriello '59** spent four days in Barcelona, Spain, and then went on a cruise that took them to Morocco, Africa, the Canary Islands, and Portugal. Writes Bob, "We had a great time chasing señoritas and seeing the sights. Vince bought out the flea markets in Tangiers!" Retired from the LAPD, "Irish" can be reached at 19158 Avenue of the Oaks, Unit B, Newhall, CA 91321.

"Ellen and I are enjoying our empty nest," reports **Warren E. Boin Jr. '76**, "and watching our son and daughter start their careers." He adds, "We travel as often as we can, but work keeps getting in the way." Get back in touch with him at warjr@aol.com or 3315 Whitesworth Rd., Phoenix, MD 21131.

Stephen P. Lubelszyk '80 reports, "My wife and I recently relocated to our hometown of Manchester, New Hampshire, after having raised our three (now college-age) sons outside of Portland, Maine." They recently had the pleasure of hosting Sigs **John Charters '80** and **Roger Bayley '81** to celebrate brother **David Kaplan's ('80)** successful recovery from stem-cell transplant surgery. He continues, "I have been back to 737 Comstock several times over the past five years as a part of college trips with my sons and their friends. While I never succeeded in getting a member of the next generation to enlist at SU, we were always welcomed with unforgettable warmth, kindness, and humor by our undergraduate brothers." Write to Steve at slubelczyk@nbtbank.com or 301 Whitford St., Manchester, NH 03104.

Physician **Eric R. "Rick" Southard '81** writes, "Have been practicing medicine in Amherst, New York, since 1992. My wife, Kathy, is also an internist and practices with me. We have two children, Thomas (20) and Caroline (17). I keep in touch with **Greg Buchalter '81** and **Mike Sanfilippo '82** and hope to attend an alumni function soon." Reach out to Rick by email at southteck@aol.com or postal mail at 6288 Everwood Court South, East Amherst, NY 14051.

"I finally retired from the Marine Corps this past June after 33 years, including two and a half in Iraq," announces **W. Todd Parker '84**. Todd works for a real estate development firm in Bethesda and volunteers as an assistant scoutmaster for the local Boy Scout troop. Catch up with him at wtparkerjr@yahoo.com or 13528 Copper Bed Rd., Herndon, VA 20171.

Christopher N. Lech '87 sent word about on a notable Sig gathering last October: "Hooked up with **Kip Sanford '88**, **Eric Launer '87**, **Kurt Berlinghoff '87**, and **Scott Marzullo '88** for one of the last Allman Brothers shows at the Beacon Theater in New York City. Fabulous!" Find out more! Contact Chris at clech@grneam.com or 7 Woodleigh Pl., Simsbury, CT 06089.

"Good tidings to all my *Saltine Sig* brethren," writes **Michael S. Hillgen-Santa '90**. "I'm still running a boutique finance shop. Have any estate planning, retirement rollovers, or life insurance needs? Be sure to give me a call. Visit my website, www.h-sfg.com or like my Facebook page (referrals welcome)." He adds, "If you're ever on the I-95 corridor in Connecticut between Boston and New York and need a respite, stop in, relax, and say hello. You'll find it here: 2336 Main St., Stratford, CT 06615." Or make a plan with Mike by email: hillgensantafg@yahoo.com.

John M. Forste Jr. '95 and his wife of 10 years, Audra, reside in Charlotte, North Carolina, with their three-year-old son, James. When John wrote last fall, they were eagerly awaiting the birth of their second son, who was expected at the end of November. John currently works for *The Hartford* as a senior sales representative, while Audra works as a technical account manager for Microsoft. For an update, contact him at john.forste@thehartford.com or 1032 Brookline Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078.

Deceased

Richard H. Wiley '42
November 5, 2013

Adelbert M. Pitcher Jr. '64
June 25, 2014

New Members! (cont'd.)

various sports and activities throughout his life, but the ones he loved the most have been lacrosse, football, and skiing. Chris came here to be in the Whitman School because he's always been interested in finance.

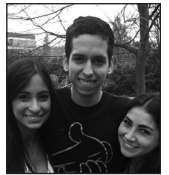
Ian Fister '18, from Ashland, Massachusetts, is an undecided business major. He is from a small town, where he attended public school. Ian was big into sports—playing football and baseball. He was planning on playing college baseball.



Spencer Brown '18, from Oakland, California, is a VPA communications major. He used to enjoy walking down the beach before he came to Syracuse, where it's negative temperatures! Spencer likes to play basketball, hike, and collaborate on music. His favorite food is bacon.



Diego Martinez '17, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, is an undecided major in Arts and Sciences. He came to Syracuse one year ago. Although it is a very different climate, he likes it here because he's had the opportunity to experience something completely different from what he's used to. Back home, Diego would go to the beach almost everyday and hangout with his friends.



Bernardo Rodriguez '18, from Moca, Dominican Republic is a communications design major. He moved from Dominican Republic to New York in 2003, and began drawing at a young age. He went to high school in Westchester. He fought Muai Thai in Dominican Republic and White Plains, New York. Bernardo also played football and lacrosse in Sleepy Hollow High School. His favorite food is a medium rare steak.



Dante Sesti '18, from Oyster Bay, New York, is an undeclared in Falk School of Human Dynamics. He was born and raised on Long Island and is 100-percent Italian. He attended St. Anthony's high school and enjoyed playing football throughout all four years. Dante loves to work with his hands and construct things, so he is gearing his education toward that field.

