

The SALTINE SIG



Psi Psi continues its resurgence

My Brothers,

The dream of the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi returning to Syracuse University is turning into a reality! Many exciting things will be happening soon, and I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how things will progress over the next year.

First, the brothers of the Sigma Chi Chi Colony—their official designation until they are initiated—have many hurdles to cross on their way to initiation and chapter installment in December 2007 or January 2008 (depending on Sigma Chi HQ scheduling). They need a strong rush/recruitment session this fall, their phase-II report and petition for charter needs to be completed, and they need to sponsor a terrific Homecoming weekend October 13 and 14. I am sure they will be prove themselves worthy of the trust we have placed in them to successfully navigate all these tasks.

Also, I would like to thank Jeff Potter and Huck Cunningham for their personal involve-

ment with the undergraduates and the sacrifice of time and effort on their behalf. Please thank them for their contributions to our chapter when you see them in person.

Next, as I am sure you are aware, the fundraising effort has begun. This campaign is in full swing, and John Bersani '79 has enlisted the help of our alumni service to help him with the monumental task of raising sufficient funds to make the Psi Psi experience a reality for future generations of Sigma Chis at SU.

Hank Suominen '78 and Bill Beach '69 are making plans for the renovation of 737 Comstock Ave. once the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity leaves the property in 2008. Our objective is to make the property as safe, energy efficient, and technologically up to date as possible for the undergraduates. This is another monumental task, but a necessary one, as the physical plant of the property needs a significant amount of work. Our goal is to have major renovations complete for our newly initiated Psi Psi brothers to move into the house

for the fall semester of 2008.

In conclusion, I have always believed that Sigma Chi at Syracuse University was a gift. This gift was bestowed onto me by many generations of men who came before me. I have pledged to do what is necessary to provide this dream for future generations of Orangemen so they can benefit from it like I have. I hope you will join me in this quest of reigniting the dream of Sigma Chi at Syracuse University.

If you're looking for ways to actively participate in restoring this gift to SU, if you're looking for a way to give back, if you're looking to help young men of "good character" become the future leaders of our fraternity, community and country, look no further—you will find it here. Call or e-mail me.

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HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 11-14, 2007

Nothing brings back that sense of brotherhood and camaraderie like a good Homecoming. Reuniting with Psi Psis from your days at SU will help foster the new bonds needed to bring the Psi Psi Chapter back stronger than ever. The soon-to-be new brothers need a good show of alumni to get their newly reinstated chapter off to a good start.

The undergrad Colony and the Central New York Alumni Association of Sigma Chi are in the process planning a pre-game party tent and a Saturday evening reception. Make room in your fall schedules, call those guys you regularly—or irregularly—keep in touch with, and make plans to be at Homecoming.

You can check SU's Homecoming website—<http://homecoming.syr.edu>—for campus-wide events taking place that weekend, as well as www.psiPsi.org for Psi Psi-specific events. Hope to see you there!



An update on our capital campaign

Brothers,

As many of you know, the Psi Psi of Sigma Chi Capital Campaign has been in full swing. It began almost spontaneously when a number of dedicated brothers let some good feelings (and a little good cheer!) move them to step forward with a financial commitment to help bring our chapter back onto campus.

Our momentum grew from there. Our progress has been impressive—so impressive, in fact, that we have decided to take a step back to carefully analyze our true fundraising potential and to develop a comprehensive plan for Psi Psi in the 21st Century. Upon reflection, we may have been thinking too small.

We're not just in the business of providing campus housing. We're in the business of preparing today's undergraduate brothers for life after school. When we look back at our undergraduate experience, it isn't the physical house that we most identify with—it is the shared experiences that helped make us who we are. It is those types of experiences that we need to facilitate for future undergraduates.

Toward these more ambitious ends, we

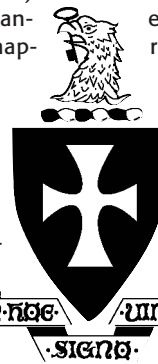
have recently started work with Stewart Howe, our long-time publisher of the *Saltine Sig* and keeper of Psi Psi records. A group of Psi Psi alumni and several key undergraduates gathered for a full day of meetings in Boston on May 18, 2007, to talk about the future of the chapter and the extent of the resources required to realize a bold vision for the future.

Many fraternity fundraising programs focus on the obvious—the need to repair a roof, install a new kitchen, or otherwise tend to the renovation of a run-down chapter house. Without doubt, the house at 737 Comstock Ave. is in need of work.

However, our mission can not be limited to restoring the chapter house. Rather, it must include additional initiatives intended to ensure the long-term viability of the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

The chapter should be able to make scholarship funds available to worthy undergraduate brothers, and we should begin a robust alumni mentorship program that brings diverse generations of Sigs closer together. Just as importantly, we must

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Alumni Association continues to grow

When the word spread that a group of brothers had the notion to bring Sigma Chi back to Syracuse, many of us took notice. One of the first requirements was that an alumni chapter be created, and once again, many of us took notice.

A group of us met back in early 2006 to form an alumni chapter and layout plans to bring Sigma Chi back to Syracuse. We elected officers and started the ball rolling.

The Alumni Association of Central New York was born. Since our inception, our numbers have grown to over 75 strong, but we need to continue to grow. In September, we will be recognized as an alumni chapter by national.

Now that a new colony has been formed, our primary goal—for now—is to help support them financially and help guide them in the ways of Sigma Chi.

We have had a tremendous amount of brotherly support over the past year and need to continue to get stronger so our colony can take its rightful place as the best fraternity on campus at Syracuse University.

Some of the most valuable support we've received for the new colony has been from brothers who have come to us from other Sigma Chi chapters, and we will continue to recruit participation in the alumni chapter from schools other than SU.

Although our primary goal was to support the new colony, we've enjoyed spending time with brothers we hadn't seen much and others we met for the first time through this process.

Brother Mike Yates '82 agreed to take on the financial responsibility of the organization, and his report makes it clear that we've been putting your donations to good use and have aggressive plans to continue to do so.

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

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is published regularly by the Sigma Chi Central New York Alumni Association for its friends and members. News and photos are always welcome and should be sent to Psi Psi of Syracuse, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876.

An update on our renovation efforts

We have now had time to inspect and reflect upon the condition of the chapter house and have established a list of priorities and begin the process for undertaking the renovation of 737 Comstock Ave.

We have a number of immediate priorities that will be addressed in the ordinary course of running the house while leased to Sigma Alpha Mu, which will be taken care of over the summer months. This year, we will be targeting the clean up of the basement, addressing roof repair and waterproofing, and plumbing and some structural framing items.

So far, as the larger project is concerned, we have been matching up the work that needs to be done with the time available to do it. A phased effort will be undertaken to accomplish the following major items, the planning for which will be supervised by House Corporation with technical support from Steve Krause, who is a principal in the Syracuse architectural firm QPK Design.

QPK has extensive experience planning educational housing construction and renovation projects that are subject to extremely tight deadlines. He is also familiar with developing construction specifications that will stand up to the rigors of the intended use. We are confident his participation in the project will ensure we deliver a first-class project that will endure many generations of fraternity use. The original construction drawings found in the city building department are being complied in Autocad to facilitate the space planning process and project specifications.

Here are the broad goals for the chapter house restoration project. The first-floor common areas have not been worked on in a comprehensive fashion since 1969. You can only imagine the wear and tear imposed by nearly four decades of fraternity use. The work will

consist of "gut-to-frame" renovation of floors, walls, and ceilings so that in addition to new finishes, all mechanical/electrical and plumbing work that passes through the first floor can be updated.

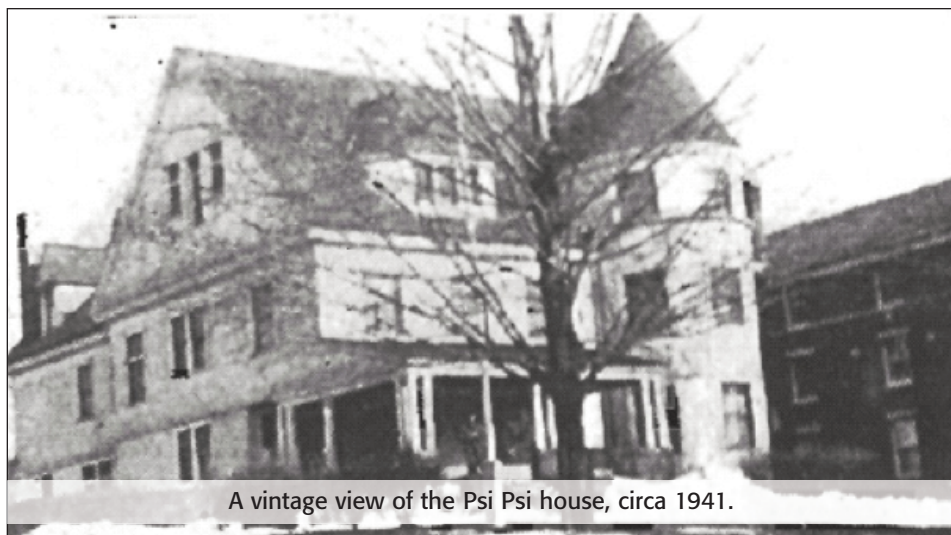
In addition to the first-floor common areas, another key phase is the kitchen and pantry areas, which need a comprehensive space planning review to ensure the long-overdue "gut-to-frame" renovation will be undertaken in a way that will assure a 50-year service life. Another critical phase is the "gut-to-frame" renovation of the infamous second- and third-floor bathrooms.

Also on the "critical-care" list are updating the electric service and distribution wiring, life-safety systems, and the heating plant. The exterior of the house has been well maintained over the years. However, at some point—most likely at the tail end of this project—all exterior siding and windows need to be replaced with building materials that can endure the harsh weather, improve the exterior appearance, and enhance weather tightness and energy conservation.

We would like to construct the covered porch that was once on the front of building so that the original architecture is restored. The wish list includes: a permanent secure ritual room for chapter meetings and ritualistic undertakings; a permanent secure archive room where house records can be properly stored; a laundry facility; a billiards room (we have the pool table many of you probably recall in storage); and a weight room.

I will come back with frequent updates on the progress of design and construction.

In hoc,
Hank Suominen '78
Capital Projects



A vintage view of the Psi Psi house, circa 1941.

Treasurer reports on state of Alumni Association

Brothers,

June 30 marked the completion of our association's first 12 months as a fiscal entity, and it's time to renew those dues for the 2007-'08 year.

I am proud to inform you that we are a thriving and liquid entity, thanks to your generosity. Outlined at the end of this report is a summary of our first 12 month's economic life.

As you will see, approximately half our expenses have been program related, a quarter have been associated with the operation of the organization, and the balance has been for the development of our website.

Looking forward these website expenses should drop to a moderate maintenance fee, while the fees we pay Stewart Howe will likely increase, as our level of activity and communication with you—our members—increases.

That being said, we face a significant financial challenge in the fall. Our Syracuse colony is facing significant expenses this coming academic year associated with the re-installation of the Psi Psi Charter and their initiation—nearly \$12,000.

Your alumni association has agreed to split these costs with them, by picking up those costs associated with re-installation of the charter. The colony will be responsible for all the fees associated with their initiation, just as we all were when we were pledges.

The Fiscal Year in Review: June 30, 2006-June 30, 2007

Balance 6/30/06	\$0.00
Revenues:	
Dues	\$7,385.00
Louisville Weekend Social Fees	\$2,288.00
Total Revenue	\$9,673.00
Expenses:	
Louisville Football Weekend	\$2,504.50
Meeting: Meals	\$98.87
Christmas Meeting	\$493.76
Stewart Howe Alumni Services	\$1,076.73
Sigma Chi Annual Fee	\$200.00
Internet Services	\$1,487.50
Total Expenses	\$5,861.36
Balance 6/30/07	\$3,811.64

As such, our share is \$5,500. In order to keep this obligation while growing our programs and meeting our administrative requirements, we need your support.

When renewing your annual dues for the 2007-'08 year, please consider stepping up one donation level so that we can support

our Syracuse colony with this extraordinary expense associated with getting the Psi Psi charter back!

In hoc,
Mike Yates '82

Psi Psi alumni send their news

James L. Francis '38 reports a new address of 16 Kellogg St., Clinton, NY 13323.

"I am with a group that finds WWII aircraft in Europe mostly," writes **Ronald B. Golly '55**. "We currently have ME-109s, Stukas, Junkers 88s, Focke-Wulf 190s, and a ME 110 German jet. We sell or trade in as-is condition, make into a static display, or deliver in flying condition certified by the FAA. Its lots of fun, and it keeps me busy." Write to Ron at 10610 Regent Cir., Naples, FL 34109.

Peter DeMayo '58, who retired from the Navy as a rear admiral in 1990 and retired as a corporate officer for Lockheed Martin in 2000, reports that he currently serves on a number of non-profit boards and has a major interest in photography. "Closest friends remain Sigma Chi brothers. Share 'grip' with son-in-law, Gary Shaffer, a member of

the Denver Chapter. Proud father of two. Proud grandfather of three. Glad that Psi Psi is back." Send Pete greetings at 100 Luna Park Dr., Apt. 479, Alexandria, VA 22305; demayo@comcast.net.

Jon C. Halter '64, a former journalism major, retired on May 1, 2007, after a 35-year career with the magazine division of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1972, he became a staff editor on *Boys' Life* magazine, and in 1989 became an editor with *Scouting* magazine, the BSA publication for adult leaders. Since 1995, he has been the editor of that publication. He and his wife, Corina, live in Euless, Texas, in the DFW area, but plan to move to Austin in the fall. Keep in touch with Jon at 505 E. Huitt, Euless, TX 76040.

"My oldest daughter, Katie, is graduating from SU in May 2007," writes **Bill Beach '69**. "My second daughter, Mollie, may be attending SU in fall 2007.

We have another child, Cobie, who is 11 years old. Gigi and I have been married for 24 years. I always look younger because I'm not a grandfather like Spall is. Glad Sigma Chi is coming back to SU. It should be special." Write to Bill at 19 Hadley Ct., Pittsford, NY 14534; wbeach1@rochester.rr.com.

Bill Zanieski '69 writes, "I am presently teaching school in New Manchester, West Virginia, at Oak Glen High School. I recently transferred there from a middle school, where I had been teaching for 24 years. Also, I am contemplating retirement from teaching. My e-mail is billzanieski@msn.com."

Brian Mihalik '70 reports that he and Linda Mihalik are now both employed at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. Brian is now the associate

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dean of the graduate school, and Linda is the assistant registrar. Both have been impacted by the tragic events of April 16 at Virginia Tech in different ways. "Linda worked 50 yards from the first shootings, and seven of the 32 deceased students were graduate students, which impacted the entire graduate school deeply. Still, universities are great places in which to work and live, so we expect to remain in the mountains of Blacksburg for the foreseeable future. If anyone needs to get in touch with us, just send an e-mail to bmihalik@vt.edu."

"Jeanette and I have been living in San Diego for 25 years, where we moved after living in Los Angeles while attending grad school at USC," writes **David R. Poole '70**. "We are both in the building- and land-development industry. The climate is great here, so contact us if you're in the area. I saw **Chip Ward '69** last year at our high school reunion. Chip is in Albany." Write to David at 12865 Pointe Del Mar, Ste. 200, Delmar, CA 92014; dpoole8227@aol.com.

"30 years married to Sheila," writes **Paul E. Norcross '74**. "Son, Eric, works at University Sheraton. Daughter, Ashley, is a sophomore at SU and cheerleader. (She's the cute blonde!) Almost 13 years in fundraising at SU. I'm excited about Psi Psi coming back to SU. Much work to do. 'Many hands make a light load.' Please help the cause!" Keep in touch with "Nor" at 86 Ferndale Ln., Minoa, NY 13116; penorcro@sy.edu.

Jeffrey M. Hoffman '77 writes, "Just wanted there to be an update from us. We survived Hurricane

Katrina while living in New Orleans in 2005. Since then, have been living in Cambria, California. I established a film and video production company, and we produce lifestyle imagery for Getty Images. Any Sigs can contact me jeffhoffman@digitalfilmhouse.net.

"We are back in Central Ohio for the second time in four years—this time with a 2-year-old princess and another on the way," writes **John P. Ryan '84**. "I travel on a frequent basis to New York City, Tampa, London, and Hong Kong for my work in new product development for JPMC Treasury Services and Cash Management Products. Glad to hear that things are starting up again." Write to John at 6008 Aberfeldy Ct., Westerville, OH 43082; ohn.p.ryan@jpmchase.com.

Teddy Vagias '87, "a computer engineering graduate and retired cheerleader back in the day," writes, "I run a turnaround firm that hires retired C-Level (CEOs, CIOs, and CFOs) executives from the Fortune 200, and they work as management consultants. My favorite client is the Department of Homeland Security, and we've been supporting it since inception, focusing on integrating it into one organization. Each team of executives we build comes with a boatload of real life experience—and a whole lot of ego. So I mix them like a pledge class, looking for different temperaments, talents, and convictions.

Thank you Sigma Chi for a creed that stands the test of time." Keep in touch with Teddy at 23 Bonnieview Ln., Towaco, NJ 07082.

Kurt W. Lockwood '88, vice president and chief patent counsel of endosurgery at Boston Scientific,

reports that he and his wife, Jodi, celebrated their 10-year-anniversary in April. The couple has a 6-year-old son, Seth, and a 4-year-old daughter, Maya. "Would love to hear from pledge class '85-'88 graduates and others." Write to Kurt at 169 Harris Ave., Needham, MA 02492; kurt.lockwood@bsci.com.

Michael S. Hillgen-Santa '90 writes, "My wife, Jennifer, and I are proud parents of a 10-month-old named Lorraine and are living in Stratford, Connecticut. I recently took a position as financial adviser with Morgan Stanley at the beginning of the year." Send Michael e-mail at michael.hillgen.santa@morganstanley.com.

John Foligno '91 writes, "Broke the cord from corporate life to start my own business called Cubism Branding—www.cubismbranding.com. We're a brand strategy and marketing consulting firm based in Westchester, New York. I'm married 10 years and have a 5-year-old daughter. You can reach me at jfoligno@cubismbranding.com."

Brian P. Kmito '92 (280 Cherry St., Bridgewater, MA 02324) writes, "Just wanted to say congrats to actor **Neal McDonough '88** on his career, especially his new film, *Flags of our Fathers*, directed by Clint Eastwood. Way to go, Neal!"

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

George H. Moak '39
June 2006

Robert R. Shults '49
August 1, 2006

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Brother Barry Van Vleck into the Chapter Eternal. Barry was a 1965 graduate of GM Institute, now Kettering University, where he helped found the Zeta Theta Chapter in 1963. He graduated as a mechanical engineer and worked for General Motors for 37 years, retiring from their AC Rochester plant in 1997. Barry was serving as our Grand Praetor and took great interest in the formation of the Central New York Alumni Association and Sigma Chi's return to Syracuse University. He traveled from his home in Western New York to numerous meetings and assisted us in many ways through the re-colonization process, including the recruitment of the Alumni Advisory Board that has served our undergrads so well. Without his support, we wouldn't be where we are today. All honor to his name.

Campaign, cont.

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ensure that any investment we make in the physical plant will have the programmatic and property management support behind it to protect that investment for years to come.

Over the next few weeks and months, as

we continue to broaden our vision, our needs and resources will come more clearly into focus.

During this time, we will continue to keep you all apprised of our progress. I will also be reaching out to many of you for advice, counsel, and assistance in this enormous effort, though please feel free to con-

tact me in the meantime with any thoughts or ideas you may have.

Thanks in advance for your time, consideration, and help.

In hoc,
John A. Bersani '79
Capital Campaign Chairman