

SALTINE SIG

Psi Psi Chapter
of
Sigma Chi Fraternity

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Psi Psi Welcomes Foreign Students

This fall's Orientation Program for foreign students was by far the most successful in many years. One reason for this vast improvement can be attributed to the assistance given the International Student Organization and Guides (I.S.O. & I.S.G.) by the brothers of Sigma Chi.

Brother Ralph Cossa, chm. to the I.S.G., asked the house to take the lead in Greek participation in international student affairs and the response was overwhelming. Overnight, the house became a coffee corner and luggage depot for incoming students. Emergency housing was provided for early arrivals. Brothers with cars provided transportation for students looking for apartments or places to go shopping. During university registration, all the brothers were sworn in as temporary Guides to lend assistance and insurance during this period of mass confusion.

In addition, this fall's pledge class has, on several occasions, distributed posters and notices in an effort to improve communications between the American and foreign students.

The brothers of Psi Psi would heartily endorse this type of program to any and all chapters interested in doing a service both to themselves and their college community. The sense of satisfaction and accomplishment one receives is well worth the effort.



Brothers who attended workshop this year: left to right, Bryan Leather, Dick Spencer, Clay Richards, Lee Owens and Mike Stevens. They are holding the Public Relations Citation awarded to Psi Psi by the National Fraternity at Workshop.

Psi Psi Awarded Public Relations Citation

Psi Psi Chapter gained national recognition at the annual Sigma Chi summer workshop when the chapter was awarded a Public Relations Citation.

The honor, given only to 13 chapters throughout the country, cited Psi Psi's outstanding program of service to the campus and community through aid to foreign students, the Syracuse Rescue Mission, and our neighbors, the Syracuse University Nursery School.

In presenting the citation to Consul Clay Richards, Grand Consul Harry V. Wade congratulated the chapter for having gained national honors while having its

charter less than one year.

Attending workshop beside Consul Richards were Pro Consul Lee Owens, Magister Dick Spencer, Quaestor Mike Stevens and Annotator Bryan Leather.

Each of the delegates were entered in separate workshop sections specifically relating to their office in the house. Weekly reports to the chapter by each delegate have brought the ideas back to the chapter and has seen the implementation of many of them.

All those attending were very favorably impressed and it is expected that next year Psi Psi will have one of the largest delegations at the summer session.

Crowning of Sweetheart To Be Seen on Local T.V. Dec. 11

The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi will be returning to our campus this year. She will be crowned on December 11th at the Castaways Restaurant's Main Ballroom by Mrs. Dottie Grover Gabor, ex-Psi Psi and International Sigma Chi Sweetheart. The crowning will be televised by local T.V. stations WSYR and WHEN. The five finalists will be guests

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A Message to Alums

by Ralph Cossa

Dec. 8th marks the first anniversary of the reinstallation of the Psi Psi chapter to the Syracuse campus. Since that time, it has been the goal of the chapter, as well as that of each individual brother, to restore the White Cross to its traditional place of honor among the S.U. Greek World.

In many respects, we believe that we have already done an outstanding job toward achieving this goal. Bill Hamen, a visiting Assistant Executive Secretary from National, praised the chapter as "one of the best organized chapters he has seen." Sigs can be found in positions of leadership in all facets of university life. Our public relations program has won us letters of praise and thanks from both the local and university communities as well as a Citation from the National Fraternity. Twenty five men have been initiated to help us further achieve a realization of our goals. In addition, a new house corporation has been organized and is in the process of being legalized, thanks to the effort of Edward Jesche (Bucknell '53), President of the Central New York Alumni Association.

Our efforts toward the achievement of better relations between undergraduates and alumni have been, unfortunately, far less successful than we had hoped for and desired. The alumni attendance at our post-football game buffets was encouraging, and we were greatly honored by visits from several prominent alums, including Psi Psi founders Carl Bausch and Morse DellPlain; but, the number of alums we have hosted is quite small in comparison to our alumni mailing list. Before we can rightly



Richard A. Bellino

CHAPTER ADVISOR

Richard A. Bellino has been appointed Psi Psi's Chapter Advisor by Grand Preator, Barr Morris, upon request by the undergraduate chapter. Dick (Psi Psi, '54) is replacing Thomas Creal who moved to New York City this summer. Tony had been one of the Sigs most

consider ourselves a part of the Psi Psi tradition, we need the encouragement and recognition of our numerous alums. This, I feel, can be achieved in several ways.

First and foremost, if and when you are in the general area, please stop in and say hello. This is as much your house as ours and we would be glad to meet you and show you around. Our chapter meetings are held every Monday night at ten o'clock and your attendance is more than welcome. Any alum interested in participating in or witnessing an initiation ceremony should let the house know of this desire. A flyer will be sent to all local alums before each initiation to inform them of its time and place. Your participation in this will, no doubt, be rewarding to yourself as well as being appreciated by us.

Secondly, we are very much interested in learning about old Psi Psi history and tradition. If it is impossible for you to stop by and relate this information to us personally, your correspondence concerning these things would be warmly received. If we are to carry

responsible for Psi Psi's return to the S.U. campus.

Dick resides at 211 W. Beard Ave. in Syracuse with his wife, the former Miss Carol Jean Fahey, and their two children, Cheryl, age 9 and Richard Daniel, age 8. Mrs. Bellino was a member of Theta Phi Alpha Sorority during her enrollment at Syracuse University.

Dick was born and raised in Newburgh, N.Y., where his father still practices medicine. He was also a veteran of the Korean Campaign. Dick is currently employed as a research analyst for the U.S. Dept. of Navy.

Since his appointment early in October, Dick has been to every house Executive Committee meeting and has greatly assisted the house in every way possible.

on Psi Psi's traditions we must have a working knowledge of what they are.

Another way in which you can help us is by contributing to the newsletter. Over five hundred alumni receive this publication; no doubt many of them are close friends of yours. If there is someone you would like to locate or something you would like to make known, let us know and we would be glad to include it in future publications.

A most important facet of fraternity life is rush. Here once again alumni support would benefit us greatly. Do you know anyone attending Syracuse University who would be good Sig material. If so, first off you could mention to him that you were a Sig in college and recommend that he be sure to visit us during rush. Also, if you let us know of his presence here at S.U. we would be able to look for him and give him special attention when he comes to the house. In this way, you would be directly contributing towards building a stronger chapter here at S.U.

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SIGS ON CAMPUS

Brothers Cossa and Lewis were recently named as Significant Psi Psi's because of their activities on campus. Brother Cossa is the chairman of the International Stu-

dent Guides, an organization in charge of foreign student orientation. Ralph's activities also include two years on the I.S.O. Executive Committee as well as a four year member in good standing of the Techumsa Club.

Brother Lewis is currently serving as the treasurer of the Interfraternity Council. Owen is also president of the Syracuse branch of the American Institute of Physics.

Other Sigs in positions of leadership on campus include Dayton Dewey, a member of the Sophomore Executive Council, who was this year's I.F.C. Blood Drive Chairman.

Dayton is joined by Tom Blue, Dave Copp, Rick Seuffert and Dave Ulrich as members of the S.U. Goon Squad, an organization composed of sophomores who are in charge of freshman orientation.

MESSAGE TO ALUMS

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A final way in which the chapter needs alumni support is in the form of financial contributions. The costs of running a fraternity, especially a rapidly expanding one, are great indeed. Although we started off in Sigma Chi with a bill for over six hundred dollars worth of ritualistic paraphernalia to replace that which was either destroyed or lost during Psi Psi's six year period of inactivity, we have managed to remain financially stable and have even been able to spend several thousand dollars between house improvements and rush. The expanding membership of our house, plus the university's plans for expansion, make it definite that we will be in a larger house next year. Although the university

will hopefully be supplying the house, we can be assured that it will take a good deal of money if we hope to have a house that can physically compete with the more affluent houses on campus during rush. For me to say that the house could not exist without financial support would not be true; to say that we could comfortably expand without it would be just as false. Needless to say, a tax-deductible contribution to our non-profit organization would certainly be put to good use.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the fact that this is your house as well as ours. We believe that Sigma Chi and Syracuse University have been made greater by the reinstallation of the Psi Psi Chapter. You can help us prove that WE have.

Alums on Campus

Psi Psi wishes to salute the many Sigma Chi alumni who are an integral part of Syracuse University.

We can be sure that the University will be competently run with three Psi Psi's on its Board of Trustees. They are Carl Bausch, class of 1909; Robert Cutler, class of 1928; and Significant Sig Morse DellPlain, class of 1905.

The Syracuse School of Art, one of the nation's best, is under the capable direction of Dean Lawrence Schmeckebier, Psi Psi class of 1927.

Well represented on the faculty, Sigma Chi boasts of Reverend Robert Ayers, Episcopal Minister, Roanoke '47; Dr. Frederic Jackson, an ex-Psi Psi Consul, class of '33; Dr. Eldon Schafer, College of Business Administration, who recently became our financial advisor; Prof. Robert Sedwick, Economics, Psi Psi '36; Dr. Fredrick O'Neil, chm. of the Pulp and Paper Dept. of the College of Forestry; and Dr. Francis Divesta, Prof. of Psychology, Conn. '42.

Also at Syracuse, Carmen Minella, Psi Psi '63, is the efficient coordinator for the Audio-Visual Department.

The Dean of Men's office is ably assisted by two Sigs who serve as Resident Advisors. They are past Psi Psi Consul Bruce Braun, '64; and past Colgate Consul Andy Sloan, '64.

Season's
Greetings

GRISWOLD HILL FUND

An effort has been initiated this semester to revitalize the Griswold M. Hill loan fund. Designed to provide a source of funds for scholarship incentives and loans to brothers and pledges, the idea was originally established in memory of Brother "Gris" Hill (Psi Psi '51), who was killed in action during the Korean conflict.

The fund was set up shortly thereafter by the chapter and Brother Hill's parents and is now being augmented by some new features derived from last summer's Sigma Chi Workshop.

Noting that the fund provides a means for tax deductible alumni donations, Brothers Mike Stevens and Bryan Leather report that it will be organized as follows:

1. Funds would be raised by active chapter assessments (both on a per brother basis and 20% of the annual unappropriated retained earnings) and alumni contributions.
2. A corporation set up for the fund would remit the proceeds (interest) of the funds to the active chapter in the form of academic incentives for deserving brothers.
3. Loans would be made available to actives and pledges at a reduced interest rate.
4. The corporation could make long term low-interest loans to the chapter; thus, funds received by the corporation for alumni could be used by the active chapter.

The chapter would appreciate the help of anyone who knows something about the old fund or a corporation of this nature, so that this most thoughtful and beneficial Psi Psi tradition may again be activated.



FALL ACTIVITIES

The highlight of this year's Campus Chest Carnival was once again the Sigma Chi-A.G.D. Egg Throw Booth. Engineered by our busy activity chairman, Keith Rodney, our booth was chosen as the Most Outstanding and the Most Profitable Booth at the carnival. All totaled, we netted over \$160 while being pelted with 150 dozen eggs, all in the interest of charity.

In other activities, block seating, posters, buffets and twisters were the order of the day after every home football game this fall. The buffets were deemed quite successful by all those attending, which included a substantial number of alums, back for the first time since Psi Psi was re-installed.

Dinner guests this fall have included Chapter Advisor Dick Belino and family, Fr. and Mrs. Ayers, Grand Preator Barr Morris, recent alums Bruce Braun and Carmen Minnella and Kappa Delta Sorority. An open invitation goes out to all alums for dinner at the chapter house. Please contact Ralph Cossa and let him know when it would be convenient for you and your family to join us for dinner.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Conservatism was handed a crushing defeat this fall when the chapter finally decided to have our dull grey living room rug cut up for stair runners and replaced it with a brand new RED rug. The new rug completes our remodeling plan for the living room which started last spring with the addition of two new chairs, a new couch, and new drapery. The total cost of these improvements exceeds \$900, all of which came out of house funds. An additional \$260 has been allotted for a new chair and rug in our library. Other house improvements include a new phone table and a new cake mixer for the kitchen.

The entire chapter is deeply indebted to Mrs. Ayers, wife of Sig Alum and Episcopal Chaplain Reverend Robert Ayers, for generously donating her professional interior decorating services to the chapter. We are also indebted to Fr. and Mrs. Ayers for their numerous and frequent gifts, which include fireplace ornaments, lamps, a painting and other wall decorations to help complete our living room.

House Manager Robert Larsen, better known as "the mouse that roared," through well organized work details each Saturday morning, has successfully forced the brothers into cleaning, waxing, sanding, painting and mopping the house until it now shines as if it were brand new.

Our thanks go also to the University for the fine job they did in rebuilding our front and side porches, as well as improving the house's electric wiring.

SIG SCHOLARSHIP

This year has witnessed a marked improvement in Psi Psi's academic standing. For the 1964 spring semester, the house was eleventh out of thirty fraternities on campus with a 1.415 average which puts us above the all-mens average also.

The Outstanding Scholar Award was presented to Tribune John Conklin who achieved an accumulative average of a 2.53 out of a possible 3.0.

Brother Conklin is hoping to increase the house average even more with the introduction of new improvements into the scholarship program. These include a scholarship banquet, an award for scholarship improvement, and the formation of scholarship teams among the brothers that will compete against each other for prizes.

The increased awareness of the chapter toward the problems of scholarship improvement and the importance of the Tribune-Scholarship Chairman has resulted in a proposed Constitutional Amendment to include that officer among the permanent membership of the house's Executive Committee.

HOUSE OFFICERS

Psi Psi's officers this fall include the following men:

Consul	Clay Richards
Pro Consul	Lee Owens
Magister	Monty Johnson
Quaestor	Mike Stevens
Annotator	Paul Carro
Tribune	John Conklin
Rush Chairman	W. Zimmerman
Steward	Dick Prenot



Brothers Smolik, Eckart, Richards (Consul) and Dewey at a recent post-initiation training session.

Post-Initiation Training

Psi Psi has now firmly established its post-initiation training program. Following a recent initiation, in which Dayton Dewey, Joe Eckart and Jack Smolik were made brothers, our third program was put into effect by Consul Clay Richards and Magister Monty Johnson. Its object is to instruct the new initiates in the meaning

and concepts of the Sigma Chi Ritual. Chapter and national organization and the procedures of chapter meetings are also covered in some detail.

In addition, this program has as a secondary object the evaluation of the indoctrination week by the new initiates in order to produce a better and more meaningful week in the future. Our pledge program and indoctrination week, in accord with both university and national policy, is now totally devoid of any remnants of hazing. Through suggestions and ideas gained during our post-initiation training sessions, we feel that we now have a very stable and very mature pledge and indoctrination program.

We remain open to any and all suggestions as to ways in which we can further improve this program. We are, likewise, quite willing to lend assistance to any chapter who is interested in formulating a similar type program. Anyone interested should write to Monty Johnson for further details.



It says, "cut off one of them and pledge him."

PLEDGE CLASS ROUND-UP

Psi Psi has great confidence in the six men we pledged during upperclass rush this fall (Frosh rush comes in Feb.). The group has shown great zeal in their activities and their average on their mid-term pledge examination was an exceptional 89%. Scholastically, their last semester accumulative average was a 1.53, which is above the house average as well as the all-mens average. Their pledge class project will be the making of a sign for the chapter house.

The pledge class is under the auspices of Magister Monty Johnson, who, along with his assistants John Conklin and Dave Ulrich, has been responsible for keeping the pledges in line as well as providing the guidance necessary for them to steadily approach the bonds of brotherhood.

The class, composed of sophomores in many fields of study, is headed by president Howard Raabe of Branchville, New Jersey. Howie

was awarded The Most Outstanding Freshman Architect Award last year by Sigma Upsilon Alpha, the Architecture honorary.

Joe Durzo, a chemistry major from Pittsburgh, Pa., is active in Orange Pages on campus. Joe's hobbies include golf and handball.

John Elek hails from Woodbridge, New Jersey and is enrolled in the School of Journalism. John is a member of Skeptics Club, a student-faculty discussion group concerned with current problems.

John Kelly, a native of Valley Stream, N.Y., is a Landscape Architect who enjoys archery and football in his spare time.

Randall Roe, of Ridgewood, N.J., is in the College of Business Administration. Randy is self-appointed pledge athletic chairman, and has led several spirited attempts against the Sizible Sig Six which quite naturally failed.

Tom Rogers is a Polymer Chemistry major in the College of Forestry. He comes from West Boyston, Mass., plays handball and squash, and is interested in the Chemistry Club.

SWEETHEART

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on the Denny Sullivan Show, Wednesday, December 9th, at 12:30 P.M. on WSYR. The contestants have been taken from all university sororities and large living centers. Information concerning the contest can be heard over WNDR, a local radio station.

The crowning will be the climax of several weeks of coffees and interviews where the judges (headed by alums Bellino and Braun) have tried to determine which one of the many lovely young ladies is best capable of representing the house in the National Contest.

All alums and other friends of the chapter are cordially invited to attend our Sweetheart Formal. If you plan to attend, please contact Robert Dann at GR 8-2648. Music will be provided by Freddie Vare and his Orchestra. It was Mr. Vare who supplied the music the year that Dottie Grover won the contest. Since the Syracuse campus is noted for its beautiful girls, we are confident that our sweetheart will once again bring the International Sweetheart title to Syracuse.

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