

The SALTINE SIG



Here to stay!

It has almost been two-and-a-half months since we first moved into the newly renovated house, and I must say, the transition has been much smoother than I anticipated. Over the summer, I had been concerned about how we would be able to manage the house, keep it clean, get our work done, stay peaceful with the neighbors, live with 30 men, etc. Thus far, my expectations have been greatly exceeded. I speak on behalf of everyone here that we are enjoying one of our most successful and exciting semesters to date.

The effort that was put into renovating the house has really paid off. Every day, there are brothers in the living room studying, reading a newspaper, or just hanging out. The very generous TV donation from contractor and advisor, Steve Oliva, has brought us all together to watch football on Sundays or enjoy movies. With Internet connectivity in every room, we are also all able to stay up-to-



date on our school work. We are slowly fixing the basement to make it a desirable location to host social events; however, there are some unavoidable logistical issues we must address first. The basement project will be ongoing for years to come.

With a new director of fraternity and sorority affairs, Eddie Banks-Crosson, we made it a point to reach out and establish a strong working relationship with him from the start. A week into the semester, we invited Dean Banks-Crosson over to the house for dinner. Dressed in shirts and ties, the brothers were very eager to get to know him on a more personal level. We ended up having a phenomenal dinner and spent close to two hours discussing Greek life at SU. Dean Banks-Crosson greatly appreciated the gesture and mentioned that it was the first of its kind since he arrived at Syracuse.

This year, we have already broken our community service and philanthropy goals by

almost double. With our big Sigma Chi Turkey Days event held on November 16th (see related story on page two), we still have plenty of opportunities to raise money for charity. Scholastically, our cumulative GPA continues to rise; we are now above both the all-Greek and all-men's average at Syracuse. Last but not least, overall camaraderie is at an all-time high.

In closing, this article will be the last one I write as consul for *The Saltine Sig*. With elections held on November 16, we have a great group of emerging leaders who are eager and ready to elevate the Psi Psi Chapter to a whole new level. Thank you to all the alumni and undergrads who have helped me to lead our chapter throughout the past year. You truly made my term an insightful and memorable one. Guard well.

In hoc,
Max Dorsch '10
Consul

House rededicated at Homecoming

Brothers,

On September 20, 2008, the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at Syracuse University celebrated its return during Homecoming at 737 Comstock Ave. I am proud to say that the entire day was a complete success. Not only was the weather fantastic, but the day's activities went off without a hitch.

First, we convened the first House Corporation meeting in over 10 years. The house is in terrific shape after the summer's renovation efforts, and the undergraduates are justifiably proud of their new home. Next, the installation chapter advisor, Huck Cunningham, led us in the ritualistic chapter house dedication ceremony. Bill Beach '69, Max Dorsch '10 (Psi Psi Consul), and I gave short speeches thanking everyone who helped bring the chapter back to life. Since the football game did not kick off until 3:30 p.m., the first Psi Psi no-limit Texas hold'em poker tournament was held after lunch.

SU beat Northeastern! After the game, Rich Redhead, our house manager, and his friends and family put on a tremendous chicken barbecue dinner for over 150 people. Finally, we rocked the night away at our first Homecoming

celebration party in over a decade.

Sure, we still have some challenges in front of us. The house needs exterior paint, the roof always needs attention, and we would really like to improve the basement as a social area and chapter room so all the improvements on the first floor last a long time. We are also looking into chapter photographic composite reproductions to replace the ones that were lost or destroyed.

I believe we as Psi Psi alumni have an obligation to help our undergraduate brothers with a viable long-term scholarship program that can complement the existing Joe Nelson and Sigma Chi Foundation resources. Your contributions to all our efforts are deeply appreciated.

But the most important message I can deliver is: **PSI IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER! THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Please take the time to check out the pictures Hank Suominen '78 took and posted on the scrapbook link on www.psiPsi.org. Enjoy. Stay tuned for information on Clam Bake 2009!

In hoc,
Butch Gilbert '77
House Corp. Secretary

clam bake 2009

DETAILS COMING SOON!

After a very successful alumni weekend in the fall, the undergraduates are planning to bring back the traditional clam bake that the Psi Psi Chapter has been putting on for decades. Plans are still in the works, but we hope to put something together in the early spring time.

All alumni and their families are invited to come. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me at jrmagner@syr.edu or (978) 337-1288. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that this clam bake is as successful and fun as alumni weekend!

In hoc,
John Magner '10
Pro Consul

Brothers focus on philanthropy

On October 8, 2008, the Psi Psi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Syracuse University hosted a blood drive through the American Red Cross. According to Lynn Fox, who represents the local Syracuse Red Cross, this was the first blood drive ever to take place in a fraternity house. The brothers of our chapter were responsible for setting up the house, unloading the trucks, registering donors, passing out snacks, and donating blood. Our goal for the blood drive was set at 25 pints of blood, and we ended up gathering 35 pints. This was an amazing experience for our chapter, and we hope to make this a tradition for our house.

On November 16, 2008, our chapter hosted our first-ever "Sigma Chi Turkey Days" philanthropy event. The event raised money for "Turkeys4America," which distributes turkeys to families in need across the country on Thanksgiving Day. Every \$10 we raised was directly converted into a donated turkey. We kicked off the event with a turkey dinner served at our chapter house on November 16. If you would like to help support us in our effort, please send your donation to: Turkeys4America, 737 Comstock Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

In hoc,
James Scangas '11
Philanthropy Chair



Andrew Reich '11 competes in the ATO hot-dog-eating philanthropy event.

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Homecoming '08 is a rousing success

Brothers,

Following up on House Corp. Secretary Butch Gilbert's words on the September 20th Homecoming at 737 Comstock Avenue, I'd like to add something on behalf of the undergraduate chapter. First, the success of the day would not have been possible without the overwhelming enthusiasm, support, and participation of the active brothers, alumni, and outside assistance, especially from House Manager Rich Redhead and his crew. Red, Butch, and I worked together extensively in the weeks leading up to Homecoming to ensure proper preparation and an effective schedule, which worked very well as was seen throughout the day's events.

Throughout the day, changes had to be made on the fly—such as when a brother participated in another fraternity's hot-dog-eating contest, which of course garnered mass support from Sigs, pushing back the start of the poker tournament. Or when the giant rotisserie being used to roast whole chickens throughout the day broke down around mid-afternoon, at which point a group of brothers went next door to Sammy and loaded Red's back-up rotisserie (which must have weighed two-plus tons) onto a brother's truck.

With efficient communication and universal involvement, everything worked out great. Butch's involvement and anticipation of Homecoming cannot be emphasized enough, as it was his extreme excitement from early last spring that first set the wheels into motion and made easy the effective outreach to many of our Psi Psi alumni. In addition, his wife, Mary Ana,

was invaluable in providing very helpful input and support, which further allowed the day to go off smoothly.

And the brothers, both active and alumni, need to be credited for their love of Sigma Chi and the Psi Psi Chapter, as the life-long bond between us all and for this fraternity was made evident throughout our interaction and good times. From the house corporation meeting early in the morning to the festivities of the night, it was clear that 737 Comstock and this chapter have a special place in many people's hearts, which only inspired us more as a proud group of undergraduates.

The stories shared, the relationships made, and overall fun of the day made Homecoming 2008 especially significant for all of us. It truly was a great success and makes us even more excited to be back on campus as an undergraduate chapter of Sigma Chi and in 737 Comstock Ave. We hope to build off of this September's Homecoming, only to make a better clam bake, Derby Days, and Homecoming 2009 in the next year.

On behalf of the undergraduate chapter, I'd like to thank all alumni who have been extremely helpful in this process, which in itself can never truly end. We will continue to perform as a group and work toward perfection, as we pick up where you left off as the Psi Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

In hoc,
Pat Lundberg '09
Alumni Chair



Bill Beach '69, Max Dorsch '10, Huck Cunningham, Ben Tashjian, and Butch Gilbert '77 lead the house rededication ceremony during Homecoming weekend.

Psi Psi capital campaign gets under way

Brothers,

As you well know, John Bersani '79 has been actively involved with our capital fundraising campaign. He has asked me to assist him, and of course, I accepted. John is still pursuing a strategy that, if successful, would make capital campaign gifts—including those that have already been given—tax deductible in future years. As soon as we get more information, we will let you know.

Work continues at 737 Comstock, and the current condition of the house was outstanding for all to see at Homecoming. The large turnout was a tremendous success. The badly-

needed house repairs and renovations were due primarily to the generous pledges and cash received from many alumni brothers. Bill Beach '69 is finalizing the funding for the loan we received from Constantine Capital. This loan bridges us for that period of time from now until past-and-future pledges from our capital campaign are received.

In the next few weeks, John and I will be sending out an official Psi Psi capital fundraising campaign letter with a pledge card to all of you. I realize there is no great time to ask for money, especially given the current economic conditions; however, we are counting on your

spirit and compassion and your memories of your years at Psi Psi to help you decide to give to a great cause. If you can't write the big check now, simply send in what you can and pledge the rest over the next few years. Don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions, comments, or concerns.

In hoc,
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REIGNITING THE TRADITION *campaign honor roll*

The House Corporation board extends its heart-felt thanks to the donors listed below, who have already come forward and supported the Psi Psi capital campaign, "Reigniting the Tradition."

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Alumni and undergrads gather for a Homecoming '08 picture.

House Corporation is on solid financial footing

Brothers,

Since my last report, we have completed our second full year and are four months into our third year. I am happy to report that, since May, we have paid back the loan we received from the Psi Psi endowment fund and are currently in a

positive financial position. Outlined below in Table 1 is a summary of our year-end June 30, 2008, financial statement and a summary of our July-October 2008 performance in Table 2. Table 3 provides a summary of the endowment fund to date, showing total receipts and expenditures.

Please continue to support your alumni association with your dues payments for the 2008-'09 year.

In hoc,
Mike Yates '78
Alumni Treasurer

Balance 7/01/07	\$ 3,811.64
Revenues:	
Dues	\$ 5,900.00
Homecoming Weekend Football Tix	\$ 387.00
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 6,287.00</i>
Expenses:	
Homecoming Weekend Football Tix	\$ 720.00
Stewart Howe Alumni Service	\$ 4,299.03
Sigma Chi Annual Fee	\$ 200.00
Internet Services	\$ 374.00
Reimburse Colony	\$ 6,000.00
Misc. Office Expenses	\$ 48.74
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$11,641.77</i>
Operating Deficit 4/30/08	(\$1,543.13)
Loan from Endowment Fund	\$ 1,580.66
Balance 6/30/08	\$ 37.53

Balance 6/30/08	\$ 37.53
Revenues:	
Dues	\$ 6,520.00
Homecoming Weekend Football Tix	\$ 884.00
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 7,404.00</i>
Expenses:	
Homecoming Weekend Football Tix	\$ 910.00
Stewart Howe Alumni Service	\$ 3,738.93
Sigma Chi Annual Fee	\$ 0.00
Internet Services	\$ 174.00
Reimburse Colony	\$ 0.00
Misc. Office Expenses	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 4,822.93</i>
Operating Balance 10/28/08	\$ 2,581.07
Loan repayment to Endowment Fund	-\$ 1,580.66
Balance 10/28/08	\$ 1,037.94

Balance 6/30/06	\$ 0.00
Revenues:	\$179,873.44
Expenses:	
Shaw Legal Services Retainer	\$ 1,500.00
Stewart Howe Alumni Service	\$ 19,824.79
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 21,324.79</i>
Disbursements to House Corp	\$ 157,967.23
Balance 10/28/08	\$ 581.42



Brothers gather for the house rededication ceremony.



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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BROTHERS LISTED BELOW FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING PSI PSI OF SIGMA CHI IN THE 2007-'08 GIVING YEAR.

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George H. Stanger Jr. '64
Richard E. Tasker '74
Scott E. Ziegler '82

Undergraduate chapter finances are stabilizing

After experiencing some difficulty with dues collection last semester, we have done a complete 180. Before the beginning of the semester, Max and I mailed a statement and letter home to all brothers' parents. As of right now, dues are about 90 percent collected, which is phenomenal compared to our past few semesters operating out of 781 Ostrom.

We recently purchased stationary from National Fraternity Supplies, which is momentous, as we have not ordered from them since 1998. They were ecstatic to service the Psi Psi account again. We have paid RMF and semiannual dues to headquarters, and with this being our first time having to build those dues into our budget, coupled with our recent financial troubles, we are very

proud to be on time with these payments. I foresee only positive things regarding finances in Psi Psi's future, and I plan on being a very influential part in training the next quaestor to maintain stability going forward.

In hoc,
Jason Schifrien '10
Quaestor

Psi Psi alumni send their news

"I am now 90-percent retired from my real estate business," announces **David Lain '52**, "and Lynne and I are enjoying retirement in this neat gated community of Woodlake with two golf courses and a large lake we enjoy. I still haven't gotten onto this game of golf. Glad to hear our active chapter is back on campus. I would like to hear from some of my old Sigma Chi brothers." Get in touch with Dave at 693 Rosebud Ct., Vass, NC 29394.

Raymond P. Swierczynski '52 writes, "My wife and I are both retired. We travel a lot, mostly to see daughter Jennifer in Little Compton, Rhode Island, or to visit with son Steven in Washington, D.C., or to travel to Europe. At home, Ursula disappears into the garden and I go into my digital darkroom." Ray can be reached at 10 Hillside Terrace, Suffern, NY 10901; monday2129@verizon.net.

"I was house-sitting near Philadelphia last July, so I drove to the D.C. area one day and had lunch with my old girlfriend from 1953-1955, Carol Flamm," writes **Robert F. McMeekin '56**. "I then drove to Springfield, Virginia, and had dinner with **Ken Sparks '56** and **Pete DeMayo '56**. I recognized my old girlfriend but she didn't recognize me. I hear from **Vince Ceriello '59** regularly—he's in a rest home in Rogue River, Oregon. I hope to visit him next year. Glad to have Sigma Chi back on campus. I talked to **Hunter Low '56** recently; he was inducted into the WNBA Hall of Fame. I didn't know he could even play basketball. I also talked to **Ernie Schwab '54** and **Joe Milliron '56**. All three are doing well. Hunter and Ernie are both retired, but Joe is still working. Joe and Ernie bought and read my book, *Revelations in Rhyme*, and liked it." Catch up with "Irish Bob" at 19158 Avenue of the Oaks "B," Newhall, CA 91321.

"Congratulations on your chapter reinstatement," writes **William H. Hilsdorf '60**. "I was part of a reinstatement group in the late '50s. I see history has repeated itself. My best to the hardworking undergrads who will be keeping things progressing and to the local alumni who put the pieces together." Bill receives postal mail at 2122 30th St., Suite C, San Diego, CA 92104.

Robert F. "Clarkie" Clark '71 reports that he has less than two years to go until full retirement. "Maybe my golf game can then improve. Any other Psi Psi Sigs near Melbourne, Florida? A hearty hello to all my brothers who were the first to move into 737 Comstock and rehab it from its former owners." Send a note to Bob via snail mail at 6957 Floristana Dr., Melbourne, FL 32940.

"I've taken a new position with the University of Albany starting November 1, 2008," reports **Paul E. Norcross '74**. "I have truly enjoyed my time in Syracuse University, and I look forward to being an active alumnus. I can be reached by phone at (315) 572-0472 or by e-mail at penorcro@gmail.com."

Harold B. Gilbert '77 (114 E. Davis Blvd., #12, Tampa, FL 33606) writes, "I thought the last issue of *The Saltine Sig* was the best ever! I saw **Bill Peskin '76** and his wife, Cindy, in Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2008. I would like to thank **Frank MacDonald**, our grand praetor, for all his efforts to help Psi Psi get our charter back! I will always miss **Barry Van Vleck**, who helped get the process started. I hope Homecoming 2008 will be the best ever!" E-mail Butch at hgilbert@tampabay.rr.com.

"It is hard to believe I left SU 25 years ago," muses **Michael Yates '82**. "Now I have five

kids, with the first off to college! This past year has been successful! I was promoted to vice president at my aerospace components business, Tactair Fluid Controls, and we moved back into 737 Comstock! Congratulations to all!" Mike's mailing address is 42 Hannum St., Skaneateles, NY 13152; e-mail address is myates@tactair.com.

Brad Waller '84 reports a new mailing address of 304 Captains Way, Philadelphia, PA 19146. Drop him an e-mail at bradwaller@comcast.net.

Anthony George '85 is a systems architect at Wells Fargo Bank. He recently moved to 922 Jubal Way, Frederick, MD 21701. Get in touch with him via e-mail at tgeorge63@comcast.net.

"I'm living in Honolulu with my wife, Julianne, and our four kids," reports **Dicky Erickson '88** (rerickson@cmtkg.com; 1024 Kaimoku Pl., Honolulu, HI 96821). "Anyone planning to visit the islands, please give me a call: (808) 218-2065."

Matthew Francis '91, marketing director at Grant Thornton, LLP, writes, "All is well out here on the West Coast. My wife, Mary, our daughter, Avery (seven months old in August), and I continue to enjoy the San Francisco Bay area going on nine years. I'm very excited to hear about the triumphant return of Psi Psi. Long-lost brothers from 17-plus years ago, give me a shout!" Matt's contact info is 1041 San Anselmo Ave., CA 94960; mattfrancis@hotmail.com.

When **Anthony Pascarelli '91** wrote in August, he reported there were plans under way for a "Sin City Reunion" in early November of SXs who graduated from 1986-2006. Find out how that went from "The Can Man" at 50 Windham Rd., Hillsdale, NJ 07642; alp1250@hotmail.com.



Rich Redhead, James Scangas '11, and Jason Schifrien '10 raise the Sigma Chi flag at 737 Comstock Ave. for the first time in more than 10 years.

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Wester A. White '32
April 2007

W. Gerald McCray '47
January 8, 2008

W. A. Clark '53
July 26, 2008

David McMahon '56
May 8, 2007

Kenneth L. Atwood '61
May 19, 2008