



# THE OMICRON ARROW

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## ALUMNI PROFILE: ADAM BOYKO PHD '99

*Innovative & Esteemed Scientist and Loyal Omicron Brother*

**Q:** Tell us about your family and where you're from:

I come from a military family—my dad was in the army—so we moved around a lot. We lived in 10 states, including Hawaii, but the longest we lived in one place was for three years was at O'Fallon, near Scott Air Force Base. It's just east of St. Louis, and I went to O'Fallon Township High School. I have two brothers, one who is a lawyer in St. Louis and the other is a public health grad student at Yale.



*Pictured with his wife, Kelly, and children Cal, Eli, and Clara, Brother Boyko PhD '99 is assistant professor of Biomedical Sciences at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine*

My wife, Kelly, is from Kewanee and we got married in 2001. We have three kids—Clara is six and going into second grade, Eli is four and will start kindergarten next year, and Callen is one.

**Q:** Why did you join Psi Upsilon?

I lived at ISR with **Chris Tierney '99**, and the two of us stopped by the house to visit our O'Fallon friend **Andrew Britton '99**, who had joined his brother **Doug Britton '98** in Psi U. **Gil Herrera '96** helped rush me, as did (Continued on pg. 16)

## ALUMNI PROFILE: HOWARD JOHN IBER PHD '62

*A Man of Many Hats: Architect/Architectural Historian, Structural Engineer, Teacher, and as of August 2013, PhD from Cornell University*

**Q:** Tell us about your family and where you're from:

I was born in Peoria, but we went back and forth to Houston as my dad had a job there designing Liberty Ships during WWII. So I went to high school in Texas but when it came time for college, I came back to Peoria and went to Bradley for one year. But I wanted to study in an architecture program, so I transferred to Illinois. Four paternal cousins followed me to U. of I., and my dad and his two younger brothers



had come there before me. They had a good architecture school that was both challenging and stimulating. I earned my bachelor's and masters from Illinois in architectural engineering specializing in structures.

My wife, Susan, and I have a blended family—four children who are all grown up, including two daughters of mine. My daughter Mignon works in a research department at the

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## ARCHON'S CHAPTER REPORT

JIMMY MONTELONGO '16.5

Over this past year the Omicron has accomplished many great feats--both large and small--as we sought to live by our core values of moral, intellectual, and social excellence. Thanks to the leadership of **Bryan Kennard '15** and **James McMahon '16.5** we were able to initiate a fall class of 17 and a spring class of 5. Combined, these classes have already served or are currently serving on 3 exec positions and over 10 chair positions. We have high expectations for these classes and look forward to seeing everything they will accomplish in the coming years.

This past fall we topped the all-male average with a 3.073 GPA. While we are pleased to have beaten the all-male average, we understand there is still much work to be done. This spring we implemented several academic development initiatives in the hope of recapturing a top 10 ranking within the IFC.

The Omicron is also heavily involved in extracurricular activities throughout campus. **Joe Batherson '15** will be serving as president of the Pre-Physical Therapy Club this upcoming school year. **Justin Dierkes '15** served as the internal vice president of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Current executive board members, **Josh Seiter '16** and **Mike Larsen '16** are active members of their business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, and were selected for the College of Business honors program Finance Club. **Jimmy Montelongo '16.5** is a James Scholar and also assisted Professor Mao Ye with his research on high frequency trading. **Joseph DeBrock '16.5** is an active member of Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Organization.

On the professional front, Omicrons have landed several lucrative internships and full time offers. **Martin Griffin '14.5** will be working full-time at FTI Consulting starting this September. His post-graduation plans also include backpacking across Southeast Asia for 6 weeks. Past Archon **Alex Chapman '15** is interning at BMO Financial Group, while **Justin Dierkes '15** is interning at the Illinois Department of Transportation. **Mike Larsen '16** is interning at Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, and **Jimmy Montelongo '16.5** is interning at Morgan Stanley in their Wealth Management department. **James McMahon '16.5** is interning at Motorola Solutions. Aside from internship offers, **Max Evers '15** will be attending medical school at University of Illinois at Chicago, and **Matthew Hamielec '14.5** will be attending law school at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

From an administrative standpoint, this past year has been quite eventful. I am pleased to announce that the undergraduates came off social probation with flying colors. We were put on a semester long social probation during the IFC crackdown this past fall. While probation is never a good thing, I do feel we can be proud of the way we handled it. In order to be taken off probation, there were several requirements the undergraduates had to complete. Rather than bickering and complaining over the additional work, brothers came together and went above and beyond the university's requirements.

Aside from completing the requirements in order to have our probation lifted, we have taken additional steps in order to improve our relationship with the university. This past fall we hosted Dean Larry DeBrock (dean of the College of Business and father of **Joe DeBrock '16**) for a formal dinner. Faculty dinners are events we plan to continue with in the future.

Philanthropically, we held three major events this year, all of which benefitted Misericordia. This past fall we teamed up with the ladies of  $\text{AE}\Phi$  in order to host "Phaceoff with Phis," one of our largest philanthropic events of recent years. A big thank you goes out to **Brian Palmer '16** and **Will Walker '16** for organizing this effort. Along with hosting this event, we also raised money through a Mom's Day basket auction and a spring



*Jimmy Montelongo '16.5*

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE: MATT HAMIELEC '14.5

LOYAL AND ACTIVE BROTHER, SCHOLAR, & RENAISSANCE MAN

**Q: Why did you join Psi Upsilon?**

Admittedly, I was not someone who actively sought out the Greek system as a freshman. I held a particularly disdainful viewpoint of fraternities as breeding grounds for alcoholism and hazing. However, a good amount of my floormates in Taft-Van Doren Hall rushed around, with half eventually pledging Psi Upsilon and the other half pledging Phi Kappa Psi. As the semester progressed, I became good friends with the then-Psi U pledges, namely **Anthony Melone** and **Nick Kazanjian**, both '14s. In turn, they brought me around the house during the spring semester. The brothers I met during those early weeks seemed very genuine and down-to-earth. They knew how to sell the concept of fraternity to a completely disinterested individual. In that sense, I initially joined Psi U for somewhat superficial rationale in that I wanted to maintain the camaraderie I had made with the Taft-Van Doren group. However, as I leave the house, I realize Psi U gave me more than just lasting friendship - more than I can possibly quantify - and I should have seen these opportunities more clearly when I initially rushed.

**Q: What is your major? What career will you pursue?**

I graduated with my BS in accounting and my BA in history last spring, but was still considered a senior by the Fraternity because I finished my studies a year early. I've just completed my Masters in Accounting Science a few weeks ago. As excited as some people are to move into the "real world", hold a job, and get paid, I still have a few years of education ahead of me. This upcoming fall, I am heading off to law school, (likely at Chicago-Kent, though I'm still holding onto a few waitlist hopes). I look to pursue a dual venture with my legal studies, focusing on both constitutional law and corporate litigation.

**Q: Tell us about your family.**

I grew up the son of two Polish parents. My mother emigrated from southern Poland when she was in her early twenties and after having been in an overseas relationship with my father for a few years (hard to believe purported "long-distance" relationships actually



*Brother Matt Hamielec '14.5*

held up back in the day). I have a younger brother, Alex, who attends Southern Illinois University and is pursuing studies in automotive technology.

**Q: What are your top Psi U memories?**

On the whole, just the day-to-day stuff. Sitting down to lunch in a crowded living room with Jeopardy blaring on the TV and brothers yelling out random, albeit sometimes correct answers. I'll miss the Executive Board meetings, which proved to be a lot more fun than serious.

One event that stands out was a dinner the house hosted for Chancellor Wise my sophomore year. That evening was particularly fun, not only because I had put a lot of effort into planning it, but because the Chapter and the Chancellor seemed to truly enjoy it. I'll never forget how the evening ended: after a great dinner and post-dinner Q&A, I walk the Chancellor out of the house, only for her to realize her car had been towed.

Luckily, **Bob McIntire '68** had his car at the ready, and we managed to get Dr. Wise to the impound lot before it closed.

**Q: What is your favorite Omicron tradition?**

Informal chapter. I find that you catch so much more nuance and personality when people freely discuss their successes and struggles in an informal setting.

**Q: What positions or chairmanships have you held in house? Tell us about your experiences.**

Upon my initiation into Psi U, I was elected Grammateus for the Fall 2011 semester. After this, I served as the Omicron's Archon in 2012. This past spring semester, I reprised my secretarial role. I also was elected to the Executive Council of Psi U as an undergraduate advisory board member during the 169th Convention in Connecticut. Each post equipped me with the skills I needed to successfully maneuver my undergraduate tenure; resultantly, they stay with me as I enter post-graduate life. As Secretary, I learned the importance of cogency in communication, while my presidency taught me valuable risk-management and executive lessons. Finally, my time on the UAB allowed me to aggregate my past experiences in years past and apply them in a macroscopic advising capacity for all of Psi U.

**Q: What hobbies/activities do you enjoy?**

The brothers in the house know me best for my green thumb. I'm pretty big on gardening, finding it acts as a good respite in the wake of being swamped with work, study, and extracurriculars. I'm also an avid fisherman and car enthusiast. I recently worked alongside my dad and brother in restoring a '68 candy red Mustang S Code convertible, and occasionally help tinker with a Miata racer we built. Otherwise, I spend the remainder of my free time hanging out with brothers, reading, and playing video games.

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE: MATT HAMIELEC '14.5 (CONTINUED)

**Q: Do you live in the house, and what's your favorite room?**

I only lived in-house as a sophomore and junior, opting to live in a senior house my last year on campus (helping reestablish a senior house was a point I ran on during my election for Archon, and I felt necessary to uphold that promise to my constituents). The best room easily has to be the Halfway House due to its private bathroom. I did some minor renovations on the room when I lived in it, really making it my own. Indeed, it the first living space I could truly call *my own*; at home, I had to share a bedroom with my younger brother, and my sophomore year I lived with **Brandon Burd '13.5**. In this sense, the Halfway House carries a great deal of personal sentiment for me. Plus, having my own bar didn't hurt either...

**Q: What's the best part about the renovations?**

The Beta Chi bathroom project not only alleviated the (literal and metaphorical) problems with the old facilities, but gave us arguably the nicest bathroom on campus. I think that's a huge selling point for us, especially during a time when chapter house modernization seems to be reaching an apex. That being said, there's still a lot to do, & we must pursue capital campaigns earnestly.

Now that I have joined the ranks of the alums, I hope to get involved in this process from the other side and contribute in whatever way(s) I can.

**Q: What's your favorite class or prof?**

I hope you'll give me the liberty of nominating one from each course of study I pursued; I've encountered so many brilliant minds in the past few years that to pick only one teacher or one class would be a disservice to both the College of Business and the College of LAS. From my business curriculum, I would have to say my advanced risk course taught by Gans

Narayanamoorthy gave me a newfound appreciation for financial markets after my disillusionment with them in my FIN 300 course. His application of accounting principles toward advanced synthetic financial derivatives allowed me to appreciate the power of hedging an investment. Conversely, my romantic history course taught by Harry Liebersohn sharpened my qualitative analytics in writing and sharpened my syntax.

**Q: What activities do you enjoy or what organizations are you involved with?**

Other than my involvement in Psi U, I became a member of the professional business fraternity Phi Chi Theta at the end of my sophomore year (ironic that I

was both a pledge of one organization on campus and president of another simultaneously). I served as PCT's Secretary for a year and a half, finishing my term this May. I also tried to impact the Greek community holistically at Illinois through a year-long post as Vice President of Standards on the Illinois Interfraternity Council (I know **Andrew Chapello '10** also held this office a few years before me.) I enjoyed my time on the IFC a great deal and got the chance to work with a group of extraordinarily talented individuals and mitigate some of the system's biggest challenges.

**Q: What are your goals?**

Compared to the last four years, I'm dialing things down quite a bit and focusing exclusively on my education. Undergrad was always a means of getting to law school, and, now that I'm about to embark on this new, exciting field of study, I need to hunker down and focus purely on legal academia. That being said, I hope to keep an active presence in the Psi U alumni association, both locally and internationally.

**Q: What has Psi U meant to you?**

I will spare erudition on this one: Everything. My college experience would be nothing without Psi U and the memories and opportunities it offered me.



## ARCHON'S CHAPTER REPORT (CONTINUED)

"brinner" (breakfast served at dinnertime) which was open to the campus. Thanks to **Zach Anderson '17** for his work on the basket auction.

Collectively, our chapter accumulated well over our goal of 1350 service hours for the academic year. Each brother is required to complete at least 10 services hours per semester; however, many brothers went above and beyond this requirement. **Arnaud Brisard '14** and **Lorenzo Grego '16** deserve special recognition for each completing over 60 service hours this spring.

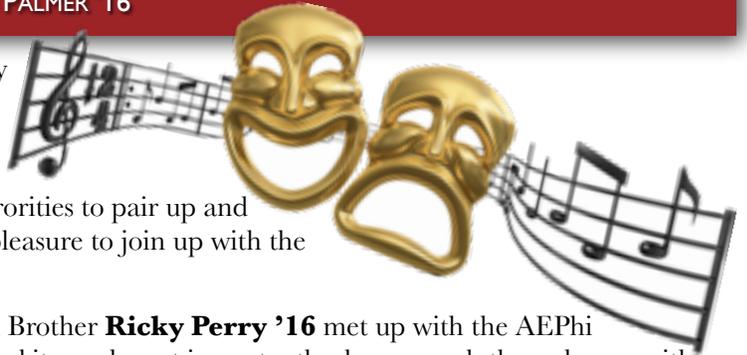
Socially once we were off probation, we had events with ΑΟΠ, ΠΒΦ, ΣΚ, ΑΕΦ, ΧΩ, ΑΞΔ, ΑΔΠ, ΔΖ, ΦΣΣ, and ΣΔΤ. We also attended philanthropy events put on by ΑΓΔ, ΑΔΠ, ΔΖ, ΑΞΔ, ΚΔ, and ΚΑΘ. Our chapter also broke out its dancing shoes and participated in Atius with the ladies of ΑΕΦ, which you can read about later in the *Arrow*.

On a different note, I'm happy to report that the restoration of the BX bathroom is complete. The remodel was a success and the bathroom looks amazing. The undergraduates would like to extend a most sincere thank you to the alumni who made this happen.



# ATIUS-SACHEM MOM'S DAY SING WITH AEP

SUBMITTED BY BROTHER BRIAN PALMER '16



This past spring myself and 24 brothers had the opportunity to participate in the annual Atius-Sachem Mom's Day Sing. Atius-Sachem is an organization on campus that recognizes and promotes student leadership. Each year they put together an event during Mom's weekend for fraternities and sororities to pair up and compete through song and dance. This spring we had the pleasure to join up with the ladies of Alpha Epsilon Phi.



Before practices started, myself and Brother **Ricky Perry '16** met up with the AEPi leaders to decide on a theme, create skits, and most importantly choreograph three dances with lyrics. We ended up choosing a theme based on the movie *Risky Business*, which ended up being a big hit. In regards to the dance, thankfully **Ricky** is a dance major, so coming up with moves and teaching to a bunch of no-rhythm fraternity men was second nature to him. Once everything was constructed, we started having practices with the girls in our living room twice a week, starting all the way back in February.



**Many thanks to our 2014 Atius Directors: Brother Perry '16 (above) and Brother Palmer '16 (right)**

These practices ran for about two hours each night, and although they started to wear us down towards the end, they definitely were a blast looking back. During practices we each had an AEPi partner whom we danced along with at the show. We also had to practice skits that we're put on between each song. These skits were led by the stars **Kevin Lannon '16**, **Patrick Hulsebosch '16.5**, and the saint that dressed up as "Mom" during the show, **Naveed Cherachi '16.5**. Heading into Mom's Day Weekend we were quite proud of all the hard work and effort we put in the past few months.

On the day of the show we walked onto the stage, wearing button down shirts and boxers to correlate with the *Risky Business* theme, and boy did we look good. We killed just about every aspect of our performance, with cheers and laughter being heard constantly. Even with our outstanding efforts, we unfortunately did not place due to a wardrobe technicality that docked us a serious amount of points. When it was all said and done, we gave it our all on that stage and in the process formed a strong relationship with the ladies of Alpha Epsilon Phi that we hope to continue to grow. Atius was a time that proved that as Psi U men we'll do anything for our Moms, even sing and dance in front of a full auditorium!



**Stars of the Show: Brother Lannon '16 (left) Brother Hulsebosch '16.5 (below)**

*Having fun at auditions (right)*





## “PHACEOFF WITH THIS” PHILANTHROPY WITH AEPH

SUBMITTED BY BROTHER WILL WALKER '16

When planning our philanthropy last fall, Philanthropy Chair **Brian Palmer '16** and I set out to plan something nobody had ever done before. Many other houses host sports tournaments, but no one had ever held a hockey tournament. With this brand new idea, paired with the recent rise in the Chicago Blackhawks popularity, we figured it would be a hit. We presented our idea to the ladies of AEPHi, they promptly agreed to co-host, and we were off.

The night before the tournament was set to begin, Psi U and AEPHi co-hosted a dinner at the AEPHi house. Our wonderful chef, Shannon, agreed to help cook up some delicious bar food to go along with the hockey themed event. Anyone could buy a ticket to eat, and again, all of the proceeds were donated to charity.

The next day, I was anxious to see how a bunch of college guys would handle giving up their Sunday to work the event. But once again, the men of Psi U showed their giving nature and fraternal dedication. A massive amount of brothers volunteered to be coaches, referees, and help set up. This chapter wide effort paid off, as the event was a giant success, raising over \$5000 for breast cancer research. As I stood there at CRCE watching everyone work for such an amazing cause, I looked down at my shirt and realized how damn proud I was to be wearing my letters that day.



**Hanging with the ΦΣΣ ladies:** Pictured above, brothers **Bryan Kennard '15** (l) and **Kevin Lannon '16** (r) with friends  
**At left:** Co-Chair and article author **Will Walker '16**



## UNDERGRADUATE NEWS AND NOTES

OMICRON BROTHERS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED SORORITY PHILANTHROPIES IN 2013-14



**Top left:** Chillin' at Sigma Kappa's philanthropy

**Top right:** Enjoying Kappa Delta's event

**At right:** With the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta for another event



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# ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

A HEARTY "PSI, PSI, PSI" TO THESE BROTHERS ON THIS WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION



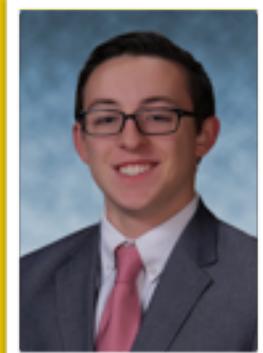
"Psi U of the Year"  
**Josh Seiter '16**



Joseph A. Miller '57 Psi U Alum  
of the Year **Dave Simpson '07**



Omicron Chapter  
Junior of the Year  
**Robert Bansfield 15.5**



Kenneth F. Reimer '51  
Pledgeship Award  
**Jared Simpkins '17**



Salvatore (Sam) Biardo, Jr. '02  
Biggest Heart Award  
**Alex Burzynski '16**



Griffin Award for  
Senior Excellence  
**Matt Hamielec '14.5**



Award winners **Matt Hamielec '14.5** and **Dave Simpson '07** at Homecoming

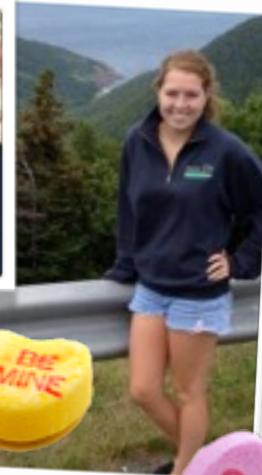


\* Dean C. Marinakis '90  
and David P. Komie '92.5  
Scholarship Award  
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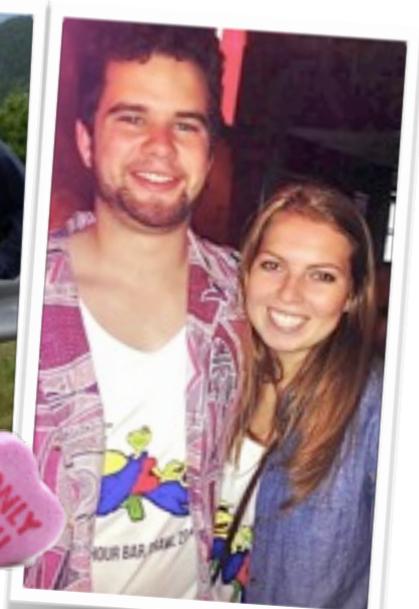
## Congratulations to our Psi U Sweethearts



At left and above: Our Spring Sweetheart **Eva Hughes** of **XΩ** with **Alex Johansson '14.5**, **Will Walker '16**, **Jimmy Montelongo '16.5**, & **Bryan Kennard '15**



Above right & at far right: Our Fall Sweetheart **Alex Keelty** of **AEΦ**, pictured with boyfriend, **Brian Palmer '16**





# UNDERGRADUATE PHOTOS

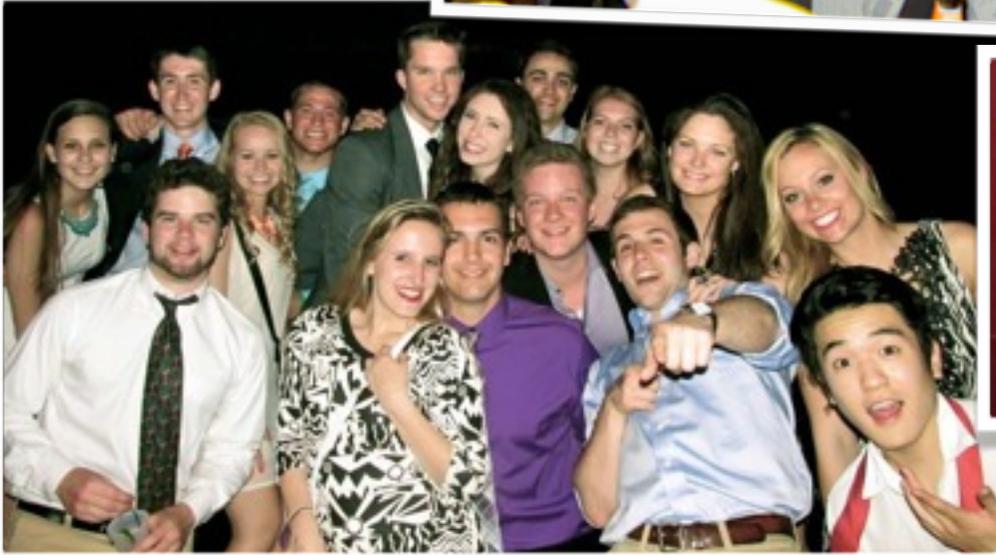
**Top right:** Everyone having a good time before heading out to Barn Dance

**Mid left:** Brothers and dates looking good at Formal

**Mid right:** Photo taken by **Al Hoover '90** from the dorm looking out at the Irwin Academic Center (the old **KAP** home back in the day)

**Bottom left:** Brother **Joe DeBrock '16** volunteering at sorority bid day

**Bottom right:** The 17s...all seventeen of them...enjoying I-Night





# UNDERGRADUATE PHOTOS



Above: 17.5s on I-Night with **Robert Bansfield '15.5**



Above: Brothers **Kevin Lannon '16, Chris Gerhard '16, Brian Palmer '16** and their lovely dates posing before Formal



Above: On the steps of Psi U with the undergrads beloved cook, Shannon



Above: Cheering on the Illini Soccer team!

Right: Some of our graduates (l to r) **Nick Kazanjian '14, Neil Pelech '14, Jose Martinez '14, Thaddeus Hatt '14.5, Andrew Klein '14, Matt Hamielec '14.5, and Anthony Melone '14**



# Congrats!





## UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS

Joseph Amari '17 Darien  
Zach Anderson '17 Nashville, TN  
Robert Bansfield '15.5 Electrical Eng. Palatine  
Joe Batherson '15 Kinesiology Westchester  
Sean Barowsky '14.5 Electrical Eng. Lockport  
Alex Burzinski '16 BioChem/Chem. Eng. Orland Park  
Naveed Cherachi '16.5 Burr Ridge  
Sam Cohen '16.5 Northbrook  
Peter Danos '17 Wadsworth  
Joe DeBrock '16.5 Champaign  
Justin Dierkes '15 Civil Engineering Bloomington  
Brian Dizonno '15.5 Accounting Orland Park  
Tyler Epperheimer '16 Elementary Ed. Olney  
Seth Errion '17.5 Tremont  
Victor Garcia '15.5 Sports Mgmt Streamwood  
Dan Garcy '17 Darien  
Chris Gerhard '16 Chemical Eng. Orland Park  
Lorenzo Grego '17 Chicago  
Sean Haney '16 MCB Burr Ridge  
John Harlan '17 Peoria  
Thaddeus Hatt '14.5 Computer Eng. Ephrata, PA  
Josh Haseltine '17 Lisle  
Patrick Hulsebosch '16.5 Palatine  
Abeer Irfan '15 Accounting Naperville  
Mitchell Kahl '17 Bradley  
Bryan Kennard '15 General Eng Mt. Carmel  
Steven Kohn '17.5 Arlington Heights  
Joshua Knitter '16.5 Park Ridge  
Jeremy Kvasnicka '16 Electrical Eng. Willowbrook  
Carmani Lane '16 Undecided Glen Ellyn  
Kevin Lannon '16 Secondary Ed. Arlington Heights  
Mike Larsen '16 Business Park Ridge  
Jack Lenz '17 Manalapan, NJ  
Jeremy Lerner '16 MCB Deerfield  
Kyle Machalinski '14.5 Electrical Eng. Aurora  
Michael Madsen '17 Lemont  
Tedman Marszalek '16.5 Arlington Heights  
Jimmy Montelongo '16.5 Finance Peoria  
Brian Palmer '16 Business Arlington Heights  
Ricky Perry '16 Dance O'Fallon  
Jake Persons '15 Nat'l Res./Env Sci Eagan, MN  
Sean Romberg '17 Frankfort  
David Sachs '16.5 Chicago  
Will Schwarzkopf '17 Arlington Heights  
Josh Seiter '16 Accy & Finance Evergreen Heights  
Jared Simpkins '17 New Lenox  
Lucas Slavicek '17.5 Kildeer  
Ryan Steckler '17 Mt. Carmel  
Carl Sterzel '15 General Engineering Frankfort  
Grayson Stout '17 Kildeer  
Matt Tate '17 Champaign  
Ivan Villamar '17 Urbana  
Mallik Virupannavar '15 Finance Naperville  
Doug Wagner '16.5 Park Ridge  
Will Walker '16 Economics Park Ridge  
Ryan Walleck '15 MCB New Lenox  
Montell Williams '16.5 Chicago  
Benjamin Wolf '17.5 Palatine  
Thibaut Xiong '16.5 Longmeadow, MA  
Eric Yates '15 Mech. Engineering Prospect Heights

## *Omicron brothers have made their way out east to make an impact on the Cornell campus*

Champaign and Ithaca may be separated by 755 miles via highway, but Psi U has made them much closer than that. As you read in our feature profiles on Brothers **Adam Boyko PhD '99** and **Howard John Iber PhD '62**, they know their way around Ithaca but so do:

**Richard H. “Dick” Lance PhD '54** (*right*) Professor Emeritus of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. As the Cornell website notes, Brother Lance “joined the Cornell faculty in 1962 after receiving his doctorate from Brown University and master’s from Illinois Institute of Technology. He was a visiting professor at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1968, and a Senior Scientist at the Hughes Aircraft Company at Los Angeles, in 1986 and 1989. During his tenure with Cornell’s College of Engineering, Lance served as Associate Dean for Outreach, Co-Director of the Engineering Cooperative Program and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs. He also served as acting director of the Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. In 1994 he created and became faculty director of a study-abroad program for engineering students - in cooperation with the Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg (TUHH), in Hamburg, Germany. During the three years of operation of the program he served as faculty member in residence, in the second year. In 1998 Lance retired from the University and moved to Chestertown, Maryland.”



**Shigeki Makino '87** (*left*) Visiting Senior Lecturer of Finance at Cornell’s Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management from 2011 to 2013. Brother Makino worked at Putnam Investments and Fidelity Investments for a combined total of 20 years and is currently a member of the advisory boards at Apptopia and Dispatch and on the Board of Oxfam America.

**Larry Rakers '86** (*right*) is currently lead fund manager for Fidelity’s managed retail account offering, Portfolio Advisory Services, and has a long history of working with Cornell. Brother Rakers writes, “My relationship with Cornell University started around 2003. I work at Fidelity Investments and we targeted Cornell’s Johnson School of Business as an institution that we wanted to build a better relationship with. I was asked to help our HR folks improve our relationship with Cornell (I did not have a previous relationship with Cornell but was chosen because we had no Cornell alums at Fidelity). We went out and met with the professors of the investment management program at the Johnson school. We started to sponsor the MBA Stock Pitch competition where I have been a judge since 2006 and I was the keynote speaker three times (2007, 2010, and 2013). We actively recruit at the Johnson School & have several alums now as Fidelity employees (although none are Psi U’s).”



## *Ithaca and Champaign through the eyes of Brothers Boyko PhD '99 & Iber PhD '62*

### *What’s your impression of Ithaca, and how does it compare/contrast from Champaign?*

**Boyko:** Ithaca is a small town, and we live about two miles from the university. It’s smaller and colder than Champaign.

Ithaca is at the tip of Lake Cayuga, the middle of the Finger Lakes. The campus has the New England feel. Slate roofs and so on. It’s both a private university and a land grant college—it’s two colleges in one. There’s the Ivy League part, and then the Vet school and College of Agriculture. They have a very good polo team, which we don’t have, and great wineries, but not as good as the ones around Stanford. (*Right: Inside the Cornell War Memorial*)

**Iber:** Champaign-Urbana has a pretty flat landscape, whereas Ithaca is hilly—the slopes above Lake Cayuga remind me a little of the bluffs at Peoria overlooking the Illinois River. New York farmer (Ezra Cornell) gave the land for the college named for him and it has impressive gorges on campus and in the immediate area. Cornell has a beautiful campus. It has



a beautiful lake and a huge amount of snowfall annually. The sun never seems to come out over the brooding landscape, but the people were always pleasant

### ***Most iconic or picturesque spot on campus?***

**Boyko:** The Cornell Clock Tower is quite nice because you can see all of the lake. It sort of has an Altgeld feel. For me, the Beckman Institute in Champaign was cool. I worked there and liked all those emerald windows.

**Iber:** In Ithaca, I once rented an apartment where Nabokov supposedly wrote *Lolita*; it had a window looking out into a large enclosed and very green backyard near the desk where he may have written, which was pretty cool. I also rented an apartment in Ithaca in an 1870's Italianate-style house with access up to a still-intact cupola from which you could look out over the town, but I'd say the Arts Quadrangle which ends up at the Herbert Johnson Museum (which was designed by I.M. Pei). Champaign—Monticello's Allerton estate with all its statues, it's like a miniature Versailles. Also the Quad and Altgeld.

### ***Best thing to do?***

**Boyko:** It depends on the time of year you're in Ithaca. In summer, it's nice to hike around waterfalls and trails carved out by glaciers. In winter, you can enjoy the winter sports, but not like Colorado or Vermont. In Champaign? Catch a football game—it's what I do when I'm in town.

**Iber:** Walk around the Cornell Arts Quad and go in the old main undergraduate library—it has a Lipchitz statue and old, beautiful stacks with wrought iron all around. Also the Sage Chapel, a non-denominational chapel on campus. In Champaign, go over to the Tumble Inn for a drink!

### ***Your favorite hangout?***

**Boyko:** The Ithaca bar called "The Chapter House" is a good place. It reminds me of Murphy's but with free popcorn. They have the World Cup playing there, but the U.S. lost last games I saw there! For Champaign, it's the Double I. It's a little more laid back, less of a dance-floor type of bar.

**Iber:** There are lots of local vineyards to visit around Ithaca, and you could walk around the gorges. More true of private colleges, at Cornell, there's lots of interaction with the faculty, like parties at professors' homes. (But I also did this at Iowa State, sometimes having the final seminar meeting as a party at my house, letting them bang away on my drum collection!) For Champaign—Kam's.

### ***The best place to study?***

**Boyko:** the Mann library at Cornell, in Champaign, probably at the house, but when I was at Purdue, I went to Harry's Chocolate Shop. It was completely dead with no one there, so it was a good place to study...save the time when there was one other person studying there. It turned out to be Drew Brees.

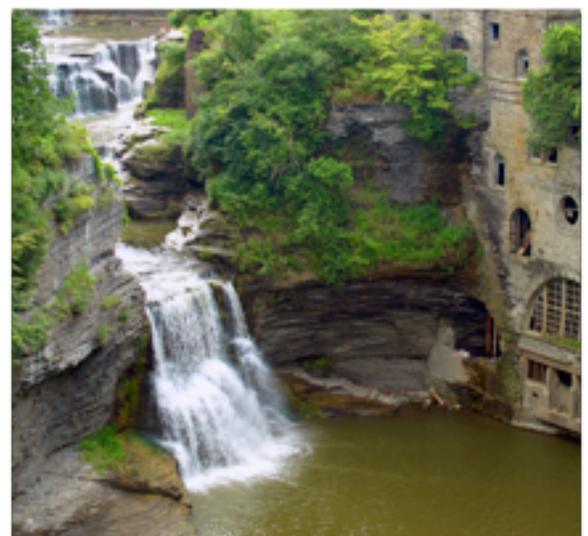
**Iber:** Cornell's Architecture building, Sibley Hall, which housed the Architecture School—as a grad student, they gave me a study carrel in the library, which has a dome over the top, and a room on the third floor. Champaign—the Union in the lounge looking toward the quad.



*Above: the Cornell Clock Tower*



*Above: the Three Graces statue at Allerton*



*Above: Triphammer Falls at Cornell*



## 2013 OMICRON GOLF OUTING



Above: **Boyd Bach '91** & **Beth, Toni, and Dave DiPrima '89**

### *Psi U hits links at Mount Prospect Golf Club*

Coordinated by **Mark Tallungan '00**, the Omicron Alumni association once again hit the links for golf and a post-round BBQ hosted by **Dave DiPrima '89**, whose home is on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway of the course. A big rose to both of these men and their families for the work that goes into this annual event.



Above: **John Bailey '73.5**, brothers **Eric '73** & **Andy Larson '77**, and **Bob Petersen '68** Below: **Mark Tallungan '00** & friends

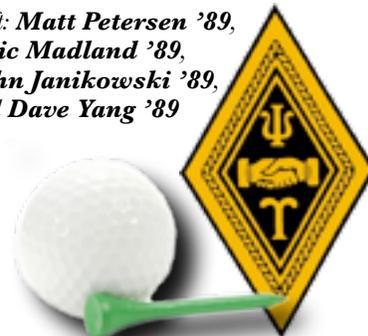


Above: **Matt Hower '79**, **Dave Slack '75**, **Bill Mathers '76**, and **Mike Bennett '76**



Above: **Dev Proctor '87.5**, **Todd Combs**, **Dan O'Brien '90**, and **Bob Segiet '91.5**

Left: **Matt Petersen '89**, **Eric Madland '89**, **John Janikowski '89**, and **Dave Yang '89**





## 2013 OMICRON GOLF OUTING AND MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND NOTES



Above: **Brothers Hower '79, Slack '75, Mathers '76, and Bennett '76**

Left: **Justin Kuehlthau '03.5, Mark Deming '05, Scott Nellis '06 and his brother, Todd**

### *Welcome to Psi U: these Aztecs are the San Diego variety, not of the Champaign vintage*

As reported in *Psi Upsilon Today*, a new colony has been established at San Diego State University. On October 23, 2013, **Tom Fox '00** led them through the Founder's Pledge Ceremony, and in attendance was **Jan Lumibao '13**. Brother Fox reports, "[Jan] is doing a sports medicine/therapy program at SDSU and helping us out. Great to have him as a resource and he got to meet some local Psi Us."

**Brothers Fox '00 and Lumibao '13**



### **Homecoming Pics**

Left: Prior Sweethearts, **Stephanie Weber** and **Jelena Verkler**, received flowers from Alumni V.P. **Dave Simpson '07**

Right: Our alumni holding court at Kam's





## OMICRON ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ***Congratulations to:***

**Eric Vallejo '92.5** on his new job with Saudi Aramco where he'll teach Physics in their College Prep Program. Brother Vallejo previously taught at the international high school in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia where his children just finished freshman year and his wife, Elizabeth, will become vice principal after a distinguished career on its faculty.

**Michael Trakselis PhD '95** on his new position as Associate Professor at Baylor University. As Brother Trakselis write on LinkedIn, "My laboratory investigates the molecular interactions and functions of proteins and enzymes (primarily DNA helicases and polymerases) involved in DNA replication and repair. I am also active in undergraduate and graduate education in biochemistry."



*Brother **Mark Tallungan '00** with his baby daughter, Mallory*

**Mark Tallungan '00** and his wife Kim on the birth of their daughter. Mallory Witek Tallungan was born at 9:57am on February 12th, weighing in at 8lbs 1oz and 21 inches.

**Birton Cowden PhD '05.5** on joining the faculty at the Isenberg School of Management, UMass Amherst. Member of the Bronze Tablet, Brother Cowden holds an MBA from University and doctorate from Saint Louis University.

### ***Letters to the Editor:***

**Dean Marinakis '90** writes: "I thought you'd enjoy this trip down memory lane. I still have two of these mugs, which can now be considered antiques. Forget who the Dad's Day chair was who ordered them. I want to say possibly **John Sulko '90**?"

**Tom Fox '00** writes about the 2014 Convention: "The Omicron didn't win any awards at convention....No other news to come out – we did have a great delegation – **Bob McIntire '68, Bob Petersen '68, Brad Corner '72, Lew Finkelstein '83**, Myself, **Matt Hamielec '14.5**, two undergrads (**Kevin Lannon '16** and **Jimmy Montelongo '16.5**) and **James Watters '65** (who came to the Founder's Society Luncheon). Sadly we never had a time where everyone was in one place for a picture. But nine total representatives!"



**Brent Langman '87** writes: "I just finished up with the latest edition of the Omicron Arrow. Another excellent job. Kudos. Your efforts are above and beyond. Thanks for producing such a great publication. I really enjoyed all the information you present."

**Brad Corner '72** writes: "Thanks for producing the most incredible ARROW of all time. You have outdone yourself... again! I am not sure but if you had four more pages and a sturdier bind I think it may have qualified as a "BOOK" with a copyright and a place in the Library of Commerce (I have not published a book for others since the 1970s so the rules may have changed) Anyway, I am going to ask the international office to make sure extra copies are available for other chapters and some key alumni to receive your "inspirational" publication. Many Thanks."

**Bret Coale '01.5** writes: "I received my Arrow this afternoon. It's another great effort. Thanks for all the work."

**Alex Chapman '15**: "All I can say is WOW. Just at first glance I can see all the hard work and effort you put into The Arrow. I know the undergraduates and alumni will greatly enjoy this. Thank you for your dedication, it means a lot. I look forward to reading the rest of it after work!"

**Will Walker '16**: "The Arrow looks great! Everyone is going to love it!"



## ALUMNI PROFILE: ADAM BOYKO PHD '99

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**Jordan Zimmeroff '95**, who was living in the Penthouse back then. '99 was a great year for rush. We had **Andrew, Dave Youngdahl, Mark Christian, Andrew Kovacevich** to name a few. And right after us came more great guys like **Tom Fox '00** and **Andrew Haning '00**, who was best man in my wedding.

**Q: What positions or chairmanships did you hold?**

I was secretary for two semesters, pledge educator for one, and then Archon for one. I went to two conventions & leadership academies as an undergrad, too.

**Q: What are some favorite memories from your Psi U days?**

Probably the 'walkout' we took to the U. of Chicago chapter when I was pledge educator. I loved the canoe trips we took to Crawfordsville, Indiana, and I can't forget late night coding sessions with fellow CS majors. I lived in-house all three summers, and we did projects to help the house—fix the sidewalk or another year we worked on the retaining wall.

**Q: Psi U leaders that mentored you?**

My interest in anthropology and later biology was partly due to my talks with

**Jordan [Zimmeroff '95]**, so he did more than just teaching me how to throw darts. My pledge dad was **Doug Barnes '95**, who was a great guy, and **Matthew Plavcan '97.5** and **Jeff Wierer '97** really helped me out in my first few CS courses.

**Q: What were some of your favorite professors and/or classes?**

I'll mention two. Fred Gottheil for econ; I took both micro and macro from him. Also Dr. Paul Garber who was an anthropology professor. I went to research in Costa Rica with Professor Garber.

**Q: What do you do for a living and how did you get into this?**

I'm interested in genetic diversity. At our genetics lab at Cornell we do computational analysis of genetic data in dogs, see which traits cause diseases and so forth. I've gone throughout the south Pacific, including French Polynesia and Fiji, for samples. I've been to 30 countries in all. Even my

brother has helped out getting samples from remote African villages. I also teach medical genetics to vet students.

[Editor's note: You can read more about the Boyko Laboratory at <http://www.k9dna.org>. As this website notes: *Adam Boyko is an assistant professor in Biomedical Sciences at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. His research focuses on genomic investigation of dogs as a model of genetic disease and evolutionary genetics. One aspect of this work is understanding the evolution and genetics of village dogs, the semi-feral pariah dogs found in much of the world today. Dr. Boyko is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and received an MS in*

*Computer Science and a PhD in Biology from Purdue University before his postdoctoral research in the Department of Biological Statistics and Computational Biology at Cornell University. He served as a Research Associate in the Genetics Department at the Stanford School of Medicine before beginning his faculty appointment at Cornell in 2011.]*

**Q: What hobbies or activities do you enjoy?**

We like to travel and garden, and I have a telescope which my wife and I enjoy for some nighttime viewing, but not as much with the kids being so young now.

**Q: What kind of influence has the fraternity had on**

**your life since graduation?**

It's been a strong influence. I stay as active as I can. When I go home to visit family, I'll visit friends from college.

**Q: Do you interact with the Chi?**

They had a few problems some years back but have turned themselves around and probably are the best house on campus. They've got a nice house, including an indoor squash court. I go to the annual Psi U Elmira dinner with **Tom Fox '00**. **Henry Poor, Gamma '39**, was a regular at that dinner, and his grandson came up to it a few times.

**Q: What goals or initiatives should the Omicron pursue to ensure success on today's campus?**

There's really no magic formula, so it's a matter of having a strong group of guys. You've got to have that foundation. You recruit the right guys and shape them for success later in life.



Then pledge educator, **Brother Boyko** (at left) with soon-to-be Omicrons



## ALUMNI PROFILE: HOWARD JOHN IBER PHD '62

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University of Minnesota, Minneapolis and has some administrative duties.

She's the dancer in the family—taking after my mom who was a professional ballet dancer and had her own school. My other daughter, Laurel, is a doctoral student at Duke and is studying in Paris right now. My wife and I divide our time between Ames and Des Moines, Iowa, and I have an office in Ames.

**Q: Why did you join Psi Upsilon?**

My dad had had a favorable experience with fraternities when he was in college and he suggested I go through rush at Illinois. I went through Rush, and there was a guy from Peoria

in the house, **Bob Pfeiffer '61**, who helped recruit me. I lived in-house for two or three years; some pledge roommates were **Jack Moelmann '63**, **Rich Williams** (class uncertain), now deceased, and others. Later, **Sid Frisch '62** and I roomed together outside the house in C-U—he was pre-law and later I think was editor of the U. of I. law review. I was pretty shy, and Psi U drew me out of my shell & encouraged me to be more social, which was good.

**Q: What positions or chairs did you hold?**

I was VP but being in architectural engineering was a lot of work, so my time was limited. I was intramural chair and also played on various house teams then and other times. I even learned to play soccer. I'm proud to say Psi U won the intramural bowling tournament, led by the amazing **Jim Conklin '66**, but I don't remember if I was I M Chair when we won, but I was on the starting team.

I was heavily involved with the concept and execution of our Homecoming efforts when we played Minnesota. We constructed a giant dinosaur on the front lawn—it was big enough to fit four pledges inside—and it was totally against the rules. **Jack Moelmann '63**, who was a EE major, wired it all up so the dinosaur's eyes blinked off and on as the head was raised up. (He also fixed the house's intercom system in his first few days as a pledge - the system had been broken for

many years). The tail ran on a track and would swing around and knock down a bunch of gophers. The "Illinosaur" was pictured on the front page of the Daily Illini. Let's just say my grades suffered with how much time it took up!

**Q: What are some of your favorite memories from your fraternity days?**

We had a great bunch of guys: **Sidney Frisch '62**; **Guy Fraker '60**; **Steve Sward '63**; **Deane '60 & Duane Haning '62**; **Tom Sykes '61**. Tom was first guy I knew to get his doctorate. He was an editor of U. of I. yearbook, and got his PhD from Columbia University in history and went to



*Our champion bowlers! (l to r) Brothers Ken Kahn (class uncertain), John Iber '62, Larry Weller '63, Jim Conklin '66, Sid Frisch '62, Jay Siegrist '62 at back right, and an unknown brother sitting down.*

diplomatic corps—what an interesting guy. At that time, we had roommates and would sleep in the dorm because of university rules. There was also **Jay Siegrist '62** and **Gene (Roland) Yeast '62** who with **Duane Haning** were the "Farm Bloc" - ag. students - who used to sit on the sofa before dinner reading newspaper and cross and recross their legs in the same direction in unison! **Neil Sterling '61** was my senior roommate—he'd been in the Army and taught me the ropes. I enjoyed the

dances and the singing. We'd gather around the piano, and **Joe Mountjoy PhD '63** was our songmaster. (Incidentally, I once ran into Joe in Mexico City out of the blue.) These Brothers I've mentioned just came up in the course of our conversation and I remember a lot more folks than this.

We'd have people over for dinner and serenade brothers' girlfriends. We also enjoyed 'RF's', or what people might call 'bull sessions'. If we didn't have a date for the evening, we'd drink a beer and debate philosophy—we could talk about anything.

**Q: What were some of your favorite professors and/or classes?**

Stephen Tang for Structures was a native of China and was an excellent teacher recruited to the university. Professor Edmund Toth, who taught some of my Structures courses, also taught my dad. In Architectural History, Walter Creese, Alan Laing, and Ernest Allen Connally, who was later big in



## ALUMNI PROFILE: HOWARD JOHN IBER PHD '62

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the National Park Service. In my Design courses, Donald Sporleder and Gabriel Guevrekian, who had worked with Le Corbusier. My electives were fun, partly because there were a lot more girls in them. Architectural Engineering students had almost no required electives. Especially memorable was Anthro 101, a huge class taught by the great Oscar Lewis. I also enjoyed a number of philosophy courses both as an undergrad and in grad school at Illinois.

**Q: What do you do for a living and how did you get into this profession?**

I think of myself as an architect/architectural historian who has also worked as structural engineer and taught architecture for a number of years. I'm a licensed architect and after some office work in Champaign, I went to work for Perkins & Will in Chicago. Both Perkins and Will principals, although based in Chicago, were graduates of the Cornell architecture school. (Phil Will even came and sat in on one of my presentations at Cornell later, when he came back to Ithaca for a visit). I was there from 1965-71 and worked on a lot of schools and other building types and helped design the Large Animal Clinic at the U. of I.'s Vet Med School. Probably the best-known building I worked on was the Standard Oil building (now the AON Center) which I collaborated on from a structural standpoint.

My time in Chicago was interesting as the city had a lot to offer with historic preservation and architectural history, but I felt I needed to go to a different part of the country to get a new perspective—to a university with a strong program in these topics. So I went to Princeton for a year and a half, and by 1973 was at Cornell University.

At Ithaca I became an architectural history major with minors in Renaissance art and preservation planning. I wanted to write my doctoral dissertation on an English Arts and Crafts architect. I lived in London for a year and got a travelling grant to look at large scale preservation projects in Warsaw, Poland, Portofino, Italy, the Skansen outdoor

museum in Stockholm and others. I was back by 1975 and went looking for a job, and found that Iowa State University had an opening in their architectural department, so I was off.

I taught for eight years at Iowa State, and even developed the first course at Iowa State in architectural preservation. I had always been shy so I never thought I'd become a teacher, but I really liked it—I even got an award as outstanding professor in the Architecture Department.

This led to teaching jobs elsewhere, including at the University of New South Wales and the Sydney University in Australia and Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Auckland in New Zealand. I transitioned back to the States and taught off and on at the University of

Arkansas, Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, and SIU Carbondale while practicing, too. I moved around a lot to small offices—one of them was an engineering firm in Carbondale where I helped restore the oldest existing structure in town. It was an Illinois Central railroad depot from 1854, and our project was covered by *Good Morning America*. Next I went to Minnesota for a few years, and ended up working for the State of Iowa in their



*The "Illinosaur" under construction*

Department of Administrative Services. This Department is responsible for construction and upkeep of all state-owned buildings. I got to help select contractors and architects—seeing the whole process from start to finish was cool. I stayed there until retirement in 2005, though I've maintained my license as a structural engineer and as an architect.

After I retired I went on a long trip, and with the kids grown and out of college, I wondered if I could still finish up my dissertation? It was all written and I'd defended it in 1982... all 1200 pages of it (down to 850 at final submittal). I had been busy raising kids and earning a living, but now it was time to finish it. But would Cornell let me do this? I contacted my dissertation Committee Chairman who was still actively teaching, and he encouraged me to do it. I



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resubmitted it and after some delays, I got the degree (Ph.D. in History of Architecture and Urban Development) in August 2013. I went back to Cornell to go through Commencement, at the urging of my kids, in May of this year. My kids were proud that I finished this thing up and I'm glad I did. My wife and daughter Laurel helped a lot with the final re-typing.

**Q: What hobbies or activities do you enjoy?**

As part of my interest in historic preservation, I have served by appointment (pro bono) most years since the mid 70's (and currently) on Iowa's National Register of Historic Places Nominating Committee. I should say I belong to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, too.

I love to travel, which I got from my mom and dad. I try to go cheaply—camping and staying in hostels. I like to look at the architecture and see how people adapt to their circumstances. I've been to a lot of island groups. What distinguishes my travel from others is that I've driven a lot of places. I drove from Buenos Aires to the southern tip of South America at Tierra del Fuego and then up the other side through Chile. I drove from my home in Iowa to the North Slope, Alaska...from

the Arctic Circle to Yellowknife. I've also driven from Oslo along the northwest coast of Norway up the Arctic Circle where Norway meets Russia. Earlier I had driven from Chicago to Chile (excluding southern Panama) on the Pan-American Highway and in the mid-seventies I drove thru much of eastern Europe (Russian, Belarus, etc.) with my 2-

year old daughter Mignon in her car seat beside me.

Another interesting road trip involved me and Brothers **Tom Sykes '61** and **Bob (Robert C.) Strauss '63**.

We travelled around western Europe by car, I think in the summer of 1961 or 62 on an average budget of about U.S. \$1.25 per person, including money for gas. We were able to do a lot on this. I had brought my VW van OVER from the U.S. for U.S. \$400. round trip and we often used it as our "hotel".



*Executive Board circa 1962-64 (l to r) Brothers **Ken Kahn** (class uncertain), **John Iber '62**, **Gene (Roland) Yeast '62**, and **Sid Frisch '62***

**Q: What advice would you give to an undergrad brother?**

If you really want something, just go for it. Be willing to accept failure. You'll have lots of success and failure, and you've got to be able to deal with both. If you see an opportunity, go for it if you think you can accept the consequences if it doesn't work out.



## BONDS ETERNAL

"O DEAR OLD SHRINE; OUR HEARTS AROUND THEETWINE;  
WE LOVE THEE YET; WE'LL NE'ER FORGET; THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE"

### Joseph O. Barfuss '68

Joseph O. Barfuss, age 68 of Monee, passed away suddenly on April 6, 2014. Beloved husband & best friend of Carolyn Albert. Loving father of Angie (Josh) Hubert of Tinley Park, Tiffany (Clinton) Guy of Chicago Heights, Allison Barfuss (Justin Walter) of Columbus, OH, Chad Washack of Chicago Heights & Shane Washack of Gary, IN. Cherished grandfather of Joey, Timothy & Mercedes Washack, Aubrey Hubert, Hunter Guy, Kassidy Washack & Joshua Hubert. Devoted son of Janell & the late Joseph Barfuss of Marlborough, MA. Fond brother of Bonita (Jim) Bradley of Marlborough, MA. Kind brother-in-law of Lenora (Brian) Holmsten, Elaine (Gregg) Burns & Kevin (Kelly) Sniatynsky. Proud uncle of many nieces & nephews. Joe was a retired truck driver, a bartender at Over The Edge in Monee, a graduate of Evergreen Park Community H.S. and he attended the University of Illinois where he was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.





## BONDS ETERNAL

“O DEAR OLD SHRINE; OUR HEARTS AROUND THEE TWINE;  
WE LOVE THEE YET; WE’LL NE’ER FORGET; THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE”

### Todd Philip Ginestra M.D. '88

Dr. Todd Philip Ginestra 47, passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in Crystal River, Florida. He was born in Rockford, Illinois and moved to the Lady Lake area in 2011, from Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was a graduate of Boylan High School in Rockford, Illinois, and he received his medical degree in 1992, from the University of Illinois and he was a Plastic Surgeon practicing most recently with the Mesos Plastic Surgery and Laser Center in Lady Lake, Florida. He also proudly served as a Major in the U. S. Army Reserves as a Plastic Surgeon and was elevated to an active duty status and served in Iraq. When asked about Todd, those close to him use words like brilliant, kind, helpful, caring, articulate, analytical, precise, and that “he was a man of his own mind” to describe his personality. His son, Blake, states that he was the “Best Father you could ever ask for.” He was happiest when he was spending quality time with his wife, Ginger, son, Blake and their golden retriever, Maggie. He truly loved being a doctor and loved caring for his patients. Todd was known as a phenomenal cook who enjoyed making “Sunday Frittatas” among many other dishes for his family and guests, but most of all, those closest to him will recollect that he was a loving husband, son, brother and a caring and nurturing father to his son, Blake. He was predeceased by his mother, Marilyn in 1999, and his sister, Mindy Trotter in 2013. He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Ginger; his father, Philip (Marion) Ginestra of Rockford, IL; his son whom he adored, Blake; brothers, John (Krista) Ginestra of St. Louis, Missouri and Jay Ginestra of Rockford, IL; brother-in-law, Mark Trotter; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.



## 2014 CONTRIBUTORS (From January to July 9, 2014)

### *Thank You and an Apology*

We would like to thank the following brothers for the generous support and contributions for 2014. Due to an oversight, the President’s Letter and dues form was not mailed this February, accounting for the much lower than average donor participation this year to date. Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Please keep an eye out for the Homecoming letter accompanied with the dues and reservation form.

Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this list. Please contact Omicron Alumni Association V.P. **Dave Simpson '07** (psiuoalumvp@gmail.com) if there’s an error. Numbers in parentheses indicate consecutive years of giving since 2005 (Year 1 of the 10/10 Challenge), and italicized indicates multiple donations and cumulative total for calendar year.

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None reported

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### *Looking ahead to the Omicron Alumni Association's 2014-2015 year*

Dear Brothers,

I had the opportunity to turn the pages through **Dean Marinakis's '90** 2010 convention speech the other day. Arguably written during one of the Omicron's "feast" periods, this speech highlights a number of positive changes and initiatives. However, he also mentions characteristics of some of the "famine" periods the Omicron has historically cycled through – "toxic" alumni meetings, poor communication, and long periods of sluggishness. Reflecting over the last year and nine months I have served as Vice President, I could not help but feel the Association at large slipping into sluggishness. Many of you (undergraduates and alumni alike) may have experienced frustration over shaky finances, house conditions, and less than ideal communications.



*Dave Simpson '07*

Identifying this trend, we've taken some initial actions to right the ship and return to health and vitality. This is no easy task – many challenges identified by **Dean** four years ago, including University support of Greek organizations, operating costs, and undergraduate financial challenges, have only intensified. While many of the day-to-day decisions fall on the alumni and undergraduate exec. boards, maintaining the Association truly requires a team effort.

Make no mistake, there is a lot of work to do. We have started pressing forward. Some of our new initiatives:

- ◆ Creating a new Operating Instruction regarding Undergrad Budgets that went into effect in Spring 2014. This document clearly identifies how much money the undergrads can expect in a semester and how it'll be dispersed. Most importantly, it ties their budgets directly to the % of accounts receivable paid. Therefore, delinquent accounts directly affect their budgets. Additionally, it provides emphasis on the business side of the organization.
- ◆ Modifying undergraduate agreements for the 2014-2015 school year. This includes increasing rent rates to reflect increased costs, while also being mindful of the financial strain experienced by many undergraduates. Out of house agreements now are tiered, with younger members paying slightly higher out of house fees to encourage brothers to live in-house. Rest assured, our in-house rates continue to be below the cost of University dorms.
- ◆ Tracking meals for in house versus out of house members starting in Fall 2014. Food service is one of the three largest costs for the house. To stay relevant in the current environment, quality food service is a must. As student financial situations have changed, a greater number of out of house members have been eating at the house. Using last spring's numbers as an example, we had 27 members living in, but averaged 43 diners for each meal. This is unsustainable. Working with the waiters, we will start tracking meals to ensure out of house members only receive their two meals per week by contract. We have also started an out of house meal plan, where for an additional payment; out of house members can enjoy the same food service benefits as in house members.
- ◆ Proposing an inter-house agreement with Alpha Chi Rho regarding refuse service starting in Fall 2014. We both have problems: the City of Champaign wants their dumpster in an enclosure and our enclosure is built partially on their property. To develop a win-win situation, we have suggested and drafted an agreement which allows us to share our current refuse service (and a portion of the cost) in the existing enclosure.

I would also like to highlight some of the brick and mortar changes to the house itself. Hopefully by this point, you have also had an opportunity to visit the remodeled BX bathroom. Described by **Dean** as "scary" in 2010, conditions certainly have improved since then. Not only did this project modernize the facility itself, but it also repaired the mechanical components found behind the toilets in the "scary layout" and replaced a portion of our exterior sewer service which was punctured with a metal rod, leading to sewage backups. Reviews from the undergraduates have been rave – and a big thank you to all the generous donors for contributing towards this \$89,000 project, which has been paid in full. The base bid was \$81,000 with approximately \$8,000 in unforeseen work – largely surrounding noncompliant existing electrical, providing the "step down" in the shower area to meet minimum clearance, and some additional hot water heat components. While any cost increase is undesirable, what we experienced (about 10%) is in line with the industry as a whole. Unlike some previous work at the house, we also went the extra mile to pull all the required permits to ensure the construction meets Champaign workmanship and life/safety requirements.

Some of you may be curious about the 2.5 bathroom's future. When we bid the work for the BX we also got quotes for the Little Sister's room and 2.5. At that time, work in those areas was expected to cost \$48,000 and \$60,000, respectively. The BX project largely spent our available donation funds, thus continuing bathroom renovations are likely several years out.



## PSI U HOOTS

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Along with upgrading the bathrooms, there is also a backlog of maintenance items on the house – amongst these are the tuck pointing project. Tax deductible donations towards this \$14,000 project can be made through the Society for Preservation of Greek Housing. At this time we have minimal funds towards this effort. In addition to tuck-pointing on the list of what some may consider more boring maintenance projects, to include the need for new gutters (likely the cause of the plaster deterioration in the dining room) and new windows and exterior doors.

While we are working to move in the right direction, this will require a team effort. Reading this, you may be asking yourself, “What can I do?” Allow me to make the following suggestions:

- ◆ Provide your generous support through membership dues. These go directly back into house operations, improvements, and alumni events. I realize that one executive board shortfall was sending the spring President’s letter and solicitation which caused some confusion among the Association. Our apologies. Please keep an eye out for the Homecoming mailer and dues form. Is writing a check not your style? Please consider an in-kind donation of new or gently used items. We have had everything from a gently used couch to new china place settings donated.
- ◆ Consider taking on a special project. Personally, a huge rose to **Dave Komie ‘92.5** and **Dave DiPrima ‘89**, who take the lead on two of our current annual projects: the *Arrow* and golf outing, respectively. These brothers provide an incredible benefit to the Association (and helps take one more thing off my mind). I welcome any other brother (or small group) to step up and take on a special project. Would you want to work with the undergraduates in the early spring to get the leases updated and executed? Perhaps pushing forward with the frequently mentioned endowment falls within your interests. How about that alumni bowling outing? Build a new website? These are just a few that come to mind – but really any shorter duration task would work.
- ◆ Think about running for an executive board position. How many times in the last 4 years have we actually voted between two people? While performing well in these positions is a significant commitment, they are the best place for your skillset and past experience to positively impact the Association as a whole.

The time for change is now. The undergrads deserve an alumni association that is not on the brink of disaster. Likewise, fellow alumni deserve an efficient association focused on member needs, physical plant improvements, and ensuring that Psi Upsilon continues to provide brotherhood and friendship that initially drew us all through the front doors.

I personally welcome any questions, thoughts, or considerations. Please feel free to contact me at [psiuoalumvp@gmail.com](mailto:psiuoalumvp@gmail.com) or 307-256-6097.

Best Regards and YTTB,  
**Dave Simpson ‘07**



## SHOUT OUTS FOR THE 2014 ARROW

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*Dave Komie ‘92.5*



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