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## Alumni Profile: Chuck Hurter, P.E. '48

*World War II Veteran, Loyal Omicron Brother, and Proof that Sometimes it Actually Does Take a Rocket Scientist*



We caught up with Brother Hurter after cold calling him on a Sunday afternoon in July to see if he would be interested in talking to us for the Arrow. After explaining why we were calling, he enthusiastically said, "Well, what do you want to know?" Here is a bit of what unfolded over the next hour.

**Q: Tell us a little about yourself and your family.**

I am originally from Oak Park, Illinois. The Army got a hold of me from there - I served in the 104th Infantry Division in World War II, where I was a heavy weapons gunner firing 81 millimeter mortars. We were in France, Germany, Belgium, and Holland. Luckily, I made it through alive and returned to the University

of Illinois in 1945 to earn my degree in Aeronautical Engineering. I was in the program shortly after it was established at the university. I was in the second graduating class – there were about ten graduates that year.

While at the University, I met my first wife, Jane, and we were married in 1949. She received her master's degree in English and worked as a high school English and History teacher. We had three children, all girls, during our 31 years of marriage. After her passing, I married my second wife, Gretel in 1983. She brought her four children into the family. We were married for 29 years. After her passing, I

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## Alumni Profile: Andrew Chapello '10

*Young Alum on the Rise, Proponent of Psi Upsilon, and Avid Marathon Runner*



Initially when contacting Brother Chapello, he said he would be happy to talk, however he was going to be in Europe for the next three weeks. He was gracious enough to work with us (and the time difference) and we were able to Skype over the pond. Below is a little of what ensued.

**Q: Tell us a little about yourself and your family.**

I grew up in Hinsdale, a west suburb of Chicago. I went to Hinsdale Central High School. My dad is an alum of the University of Illinois Law school, so Illinois was one of my top choices when I was looking at colleges. My sister is also an alum. She was a freshman when I was a

senior. So, Illinois runs pretty deep in our family.

Since I graduated I spent a little time doing consulting for Accenture in Chicago. Then I ended up moving out to San Francisco to work for an enterprise technology company called Box, which does document storage for companies. I started working in finance for them and have been living out in California for about three years. Working in technology in Silicon Valley has been a fun ride and the job has let me build on a lot of what I learned in school.

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

When I came to school I really didn't think I

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After being directly involved with the Arrow for 10 years - 5 years assisting Dean Marinakis '90 and 5 years tackling it solo - Dave Komie '92.5 stepped down for this edition. To show our appreciation for his decade of work and dedication, we figured it was fitting to put his kudos for the 2014 version front and center.

**Adam Boyko '99** writes: "Looks terrific Dave, thanks for all the hard work putting it together!"

**Tim Miller '80** writes: "Another INCREDIBLE Arrow. This rivals most national magazines put out by fraternities and sororities! Great Job!"

**Tad Huntington '95.5** writes: "Great job on the Arrow!"

**Dave DiPrima '89** writes: "I quickly scanned through this and it looks great! I can't wait to read through this a little more thoroughly."

**Charlie Chen '86** writes: "Great job as always. I found myself quickly and easily getting engrossed in all the content. It's great to get the updates and hear that the house is doing well and Psi U is going strong! Thank you so much!"

**Jay Steinhilber '92.5** writes: "Outstanding job Dave!"

## NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations on Job and Educational Advancements -

**Tad Huntington '95.5** on becoming Partner at Bullaro & Carton, P.C.

**Frank Biesczat '04** on becoming Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Appeals Division for the State of Illinois

**Brandon Burd '13.5** on becoming Staff Auditor at Prado & Renteria CPA

**Tom Doenitz '96** on becoming Senior Project Engineering Coordinator at Northside Hospital

**Jan Lumibao '13**, former undergraduate archon, on his acceptance to the Nutritional Sciences PhD program at the University of Illinois.

Congratulations on Nuptials -

**Evan Ringel '13.5** and Courtney were married on April 11, 2015

**Matt Buckles '08** and Elizabeth were married on September 27, 2014

**Mikey Ryan '05** and Candice were married on October 10, 2015

Congratulations on New Additions-

**Dean Marinakis '90** and Christine on the birth of their daughter, Constance Eugenia 'Nina' on April 30, 2015

**Rick Riley '07** and Jesse on the birth of their son, Benjamin Richard, on April 28, 2015

**Chris Plencner '06** and Laura on the birth of their daughter Evelyn Marie on March 31, 2015. Chris writes, "Laura and I couldn't be happier about our growing family."

**Jerry Chen '07.5** and Shannon on the birth of their daughter, Olive Adelaide in September 2015

# Thinking Entrepreneurially

Birton Cowden, PhD '05.5

Gentlemen, let's face it, the reputation of US fraternities is not great. Headlines showcase hazing, racism, sexual assault, and numerous illegal activities within fraternities. While we all hope that our Omicron chapter never has these issues, it is clear that modern fraternities need to make some changes to survive.

With societal changes and a new generation, we should focus on a path that sets us apart from any other fraternity and allows us the most sustainable growth over the long-term. So, what am I getting at?

I propose that over the next five years, Psi Upsilon should become the preeminent entrepreneurial fraternity in the country, with the Omicron chapter taking the lead. What does this mean? The definition I like to use of an entrepreneur is a person that gets cool stuff done without anyone telling them to do so. Thus, an entrepreneur is a person that hustles to get things done, which could result in a business, a nonprofit, a club, an organization, or a movement. From this approach, Harmon V. Swart, our founding member, was a true entrepreneur. This definition also allows all majors to be involved, and attracts highly motivated individuals to work on valuable issues. If done well, think about the long-term positive impact of this focus:

- ◆ Membership quantity and quality become even better
- ◆ Sense of community is enhanced
- ◆ Capacity and willingness of alumni donors rise
- ◆ Positive PR

Why is now the time?

## 1. The need for entrepreneurial thinkers is on the rise.

The traditional model of go to college and then start your career is waning. The global market is becoming too competitive for such a static approach. Our economy thrives on the success of entrepreneurs and small business owners constantly building on or providing shocks to the system. A recent report has shown that the number of new ventures has actually declined over the past few decades. Such indicators have provided enough alarm for public and private entities to begin incentivizing the public to start something new, grow it, and employ others. Thus, if thinking about what is produced after 4 years at U of I, more entrepreneurial thinking individuals is in high demand all over the world.

## 2. No one has claimed this space.

To date, no other traditional fraternity has claimed the entrepreneurship space. Every organization has an issue with differentiating itself in the marketplace. As one of the first VPs of Recruiting, it was always a challenge to have any broad appeal to get people to check out our house. Much was driven by personal connection, which is why pledge class numbers vary so greatly. By being the first to claim this space and making some minor changes, we will be able to quickly spread our positive brand to all incoming freshman. This will become a competitive advantage by sticking out in the very large Greek system at Illinois. In such a competitive landscape, other organizations will fight for their own space. Eventually, one organization will pick up on the entrepreneurship trend and use it to its advantage.

## 3. There are an abundant amount of resources.

Entrepreneurship on college campuses is on the rise and has received a lot of attention from those with deep pockets. Schools are making major investments in this area as they hope it will allow new revenue streams during times of declining funding. Because of this, schools are competing on how much money they are giving away to entrepreneurs, competing for the number of startups they help create each year, and competing for investors to check out their students. Thus, for current and future students at U of I, money, mentors, and other resources are waiting to be utilized. The sustainability of the fraternity will come from its maximization of the free resources the university provides it. Again, by claiming this space, the fraternity can ensure its ability to secure such resources.

Being and thinking entrepreneurially is quickly becoming a necessity to survive in today's world. The need and the resources are there. I encourage you to think about the opportunity we now have to secure the future of our chapter. We would not be here if it weren't for the entrepreneurial efforts of Harmon V. Swart and the many others that make up our lineage. Now we must assess our abilities to thrive in the future. If nothing else, think about this: What will the class of 2025 look like? What will they want and need? How is Psi Upsilon going to evolve to meet those needs? 



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# Undergraduate Profile: Josh Seiter '16



## Q: Why did you join Psi Upsilon?

For me, I came from Chicago Christian High School, which was a really small private school. It was about 300 people total. With the transition to a university with about 40,000 students, I thought it would be a good way to meet new friends and get involved on campus. Also, my grandfather and great uncle lived in the house in the 1940s after the war. Really, Psi

U was the only house I knew.

## Q: What is your major? What career do you think you will pursue?

I am getting a dual degree in accounting and finance. After school, I would like to get into a career working with mergers and acquisitions – specifically financial due diligence.

## Q: Tell us about your family.

I have one older brother, but as a whole I have a pretty big family. My mom is one of eight siblings – so a really big Irish Catholic family. I was raised on the south side of Chicago in Evergreen Park.

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

Initiation week and night have to be up there. You have that comradery, you're up there with your pledge brothers and everyone is glad you all made it together. After that, last fall's formal. It was my last event both as VP External that semester and serving on the executive board, so that was pretty cool.

## Q: What is your favorite Omicron tradition?

I enjoy the way we do Homecoming and how it's been improving the last couple years. It's been great being able to meet alumni and hear their stories about the house, and with us having such an unique and old house its crazy thinking about all the history within those walls.



Josh prior the Formal he planned as VP External

## Q: What positions and chairmanships have you held in the house? Tell us about your experiences.

I was treasurer for a year and then I was VP External for a second year before I went to study abroad. Holding those positions I really got to work on my communication skills, especially as treasurer. You were constantly communicating with the alumni executive board and the undergraduate executive board, as well as all the undergraduate members. It was a lot of the same as VP External, except you were communicating with

sororities and venues on campus, then providing that information to the chapter. Time management and delegation were also some skills that were crucial in being successful in both roles.

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

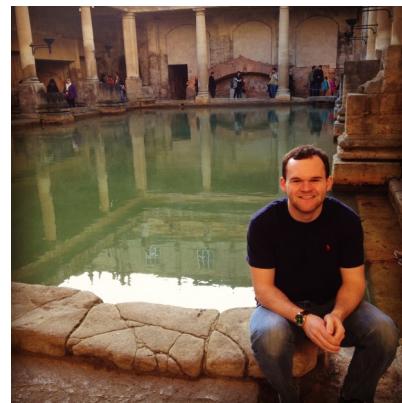
I like to play soccer and volleyball. Fitness is also a big part of my life. One of my favorite things to do is work at Espresso Royale in the business building – so I'm in there for class and for work. I have had professors in the building who are regular customers, and then it turns out the next semester I have them for a class. I also get to know a lot of recruiters for companies since they use us for catering.

## Q: What was your favorite room to live in at the house?

I actually only lived in Room 17, so I'm a little biased. That is the room that is directly above the front door with the big Chief painted on the wall.

## Q: What has been your favorite class or professor?

It is probably Finance 423, which is Financing Emerging Businesses – which was like entrepreneurship finance. It talked a lot about how you can finance your own business. The best part about the class was that the professor didn't just go straight through school and get his doctorate, but he owned about 20 different companies before coming back to teach. So, he had a lot of real world experience. Also, there was no textbook, so every class was a discussion about a real world project with real world implementation.



Josh Traveling while Studying Abroad

## Q: I see you studied abroad last semester. What was the best part about that experience?

I studied in Bath, England. When on campus in Champaign, I have a lot of extra credit hours to take with my dual major, so probably the best thing was the opportunity to be semi-relaxed with less school work. Also, I was able to travel around quite a bit, going to 15 different countries and experience as many cultures as I could.

## Q: What other organizations are you involved in on campus?

I am in a business fraternity called Alpha Kappa Psi, which I joined second semester freshman year. Also, I am a peer advisor for the college of business. With that, I help freshmen make four

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## CHAPELLO PROFILE, CONTINUED



would be part of a fraternity. The first night of school I ended up running into [Mike Chen '09](#), who was a friend of a friend, and started a conversation with him. He invited me over to the house. I ended up meeting a couple other guys that night. After that, I kept going back. It was really the only house I was interested in joining. It was really just a group of people who were a lot of fun and people I would want to be friends with even if I wasn't a part of that environment. So, it was a pretty natural decision when they asked me to join.



*The 2010s on Initiation Night*

### **Q: What positions or chairmanships did you hold in the house?**

I was treasurer for a year and I also served on Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). While on IFC I tried to be a liaison to the rest of the Greek community through my position as VP of Standards. I ran the judicial board which handled instances where people were caught drinking, violating pledging rules, and other similar offenses. The board reviewed the case and made determinations on sanctions and remediation.

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

We put on a couple of fundraisers that were a lot of fun. For one, we got a big inflatable boxing ring and gloves and did a tournament – it was a really fun day. Really, it was just being able to live with everybody and spend a lot of time getting to know everyone at the house. Homecoming was also a good time getting to know some of the alumni. Tailgating at football games and all the house traditions are two other things I really enjoyed.

### **Q: What leaders within Psi U helped mentor you?**

Sure, there were a couple guys. Matt Buckles '08, who was a couple years older, was a guy I really enjoyed talking with. [Andy Stamatkin '08](#) was another one. I looked to them for school and general life guidance – what classes to take, habits, routines, etc. We got into a lot of late night conversations that seemed to always turn broad and philosophical – which can get interesting at 3 or 4 in the morning.

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

I really liked my business law class. I forgot the professor's name – but he was the whole reason I liked it. He didn't have a cell phone or computer – keep in mind this was 2008 – but he had received 8 Fullbright grants and had lived all over the world. He was a really interesting guy who had a lot of practical knowledge

about how to navigate the world and relate to different cultures. It was a relatively small class, so you were able to engage with the professor. The 200 person lectures weren't my thing. I liked small classes where you could get hands on with the material.

### **Q: What hobbies do you enjoy?**

I run a lot of marathons – I probably do about 5 of those a year, so I do a lot of running around the Bay area. It's a nice way to keep myself busy when I'm not working or hanging around with other people. Running allows me to be active and occupy my mind – or else I'd go insane. I also like to travel. I'm in Europe right now for several weeks visiting my girlfriend and getting a little work done in the process.

### **Q: What influence has the fraternity had life since graduating?**

I'm still great friends with a lot of the guys I was with at the house – I regularly keep in touch with about 15 guys – a great base of friends all over the world. The skills I learned as treasurer were also beneficial – as you can imagine the budget for the house was a little bigger than my personal budget. So being able to work through that with Joe Miller was a lot of fun and I learned a lot from him. Being on IFC, we were working on an incentive base program while I was there, that I'm pretty proud of, to urge houses to get better grades or do more for philanthropies – basically the stuff they like to put you in the alumni magazine for and paint fraternities as something other than common negative stereotypes. Knowing how to originate a program like that and create incentives for groups to positive things is something I really took away.

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

Live in the house as long as you can – you will never get an opportunity to spend so much time with a group of people like this again. You might live with a couple roommates after school, but it never works out like living with 30 of your best friends. Treasure the late night conversations – there's really no way to replicate those outside of school. Look for opportunities to give back where you can. Doing philanthropies is something you aren't forced to do, but are important. Just being able to go to school is a huge gift and being able to help the community is something that is important. Being a part of an organization really allows you to make a difference.



*The 2010s 4 years later*

## HURTER PROFILE, CONTINUED

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married my third wife, Mary Margaret, who brought her 4 children into the family. All told, I have 10 children (6 girls and 4 boys, one son passed). They are between 50 and late 60s today.

Right after graduation, I worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Connecticut. At the time they were transitioning from piston engines to jet engines. I then returned to Illinois for a master's degree, after the Air Force was helpful in obtaining my discharge from the Army and I avoided the call to service and fighting in Korea. During that time I worked in the aeronautics lab, taking two years to acquire a master's degree. Once I completed my master's degree I worked for Aerojet in southern California for 30 years where we were working on developing and producing liquid and solid fueled rockets. From Aerojet, I moved on to Boeing's space program in Kent, Washington, from where I finally retired. At Boeing, I was in charge of the final acceptance and qualification tests for ground equipment supporting the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system. I am a registered professional engineer in the States of California and Washington.

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

I was pretty against fraternity life when I first started at the university. However, based upon my time in the Army, I decided that I needed to be a little more social. I had some friends from high school that were part of the house and they invited me over. After spending some time at the Omicron Chapter, I started to appreciate the experience, and I ended up joining.

### Q: What positions or chairmanships did you hold in the house?

My main position was keeping the house average GPA up. I stayed pretty focused on my school work while I was there.

### Q: What are your favorite memories from your fraternity days?

It was probably the congenial relationship we had with Alpha Omicron Pi. In fact, there were three of us that went on to marry girls from there – myself, one of the Pierce brothers, and Herb Jackson.



### Q: What Psi U leaders helped mentor you?

I was the only person in aeronautical engineering in the house at the time. However, one of my roommates, Larry Fisher, was in electrical engineering and a couple of years my senior. He had a good perspective and I usually sought out his opinion.

### Q: What were some of your favorite classes/professors?

The most memorable professor I had was when I went back for my graduate degree. His name was Paul Torda. He was an Austrian that the university brought over to teach thermodynamics related to jet propulsion. Not only was he helpful in the classroom, but he was also instrumental in getting me a position with Aerojet.

### Q: How did you get into the Aeronautical Engineering profession?

As a freshman I started in Chemical Engineering. I was taking a chemistry class, and realized that I didn't like it. The Aeronautical Engineering department just started, so I transferred.

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

In my youth I was really interested in things with internal combustion engines – namely motorcycles and cars with big engines. This interest is part of the reason I worked for Pratt and Whitney after graduation. As an adult, I had a 1959 Ford Galaxie convertible with a retractable hard top that I enjoyed taking to car events.

Gretel and I enjoyed marine activities, so we spent a lot of time teaching boating safety to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders around Washington State. I generally like to do volunteer work too, so teaching these classes was a fun combination.

### Q: What advice would you give to an undergraduate brother?

First, prepare yourself for life the best you can with education. Second, be willing to stick with a job for a while, even if it doesn't seem right at the time. There are often opportunities for later advancement.



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year plans and provide career advice, along with choosing a major advice. I used to be involved in Global Business Brigades, which is a group that does a trip each year to rural Panama to teach financial literacy. I am also involved in Finance Academy, where 40 of the top students in the finance college get together along with some finance professors weekly to discuss the market, hold discussions and debates on different financial issues and host guest speakers from various industries. Also, this upcoming semester, I am going to be an Integration Coach for the college of business Masters of Science in Accountancy program, a position which primarily helps master's level international students who did not major in accounting in their undergrad learn the necessary soft skills to help land jobs and feel more at ease on campus.

### Q: Looking forward, what are some of your goals?

I'm looking to start studying for my CPA in the spring semester,



so I'm hoping to get that passed by the end of next summer before I start working full time. I would like to do due diligence or management consulting for the next 3 to 5 years and either go back and get a Masters in Business Administration or try to land a job in private equity – and along the way get my Certified Financial Analyst certification.

### Q: What has the Psi U experience meant to you?

The word "home" comes to mind. Being away from your family can be hard, especially in the midst of trying to shuffle time between classes, extracurricular activities, and trying to find jobs. Psi U has really been a home for me. Whenever you are stressing out, there are always people to talk to and when there are things to celebrate; there are always people to celebrate with you.



# 60 Years of Psi Upsilon Experiences

*An exploration of Similarities and Differences with Brothers Hurter '48 and Chapello '10*

After receiving a note (included on page 19) from the widow of Wally Hanlon '48, we became interested in the post WWII era of Psi Upsilon. As the note suggests, life on campus was unique. What shared experiences have remained the same over the last nearly 60 years? Which ones have changed? How does this compare with your time at Psi U? Keep reading and find out.

**Q: What was the best meal at the house?**

**Hurter:** That's a hard one. Trying to recall information from about 70 years ago, nothing really sticks out in my mind. It was pretty typical institutional food. I remember being mainly concerned about there being enough food to eat, not so much what it was.

**Chapello:** The meal I still remember was my freshman year. We had a cook (Jack) that made spicy chicken sandwiches on Fridays for lunch. That's what everyone was always excited about. Breakfast for dinner was always a good time, too.

**Q: What was the best hangout spot on campus?**

**Hurter:** There were a couple taverns that we frequented. One was Bidwell's. It was on Wright Street up by the engineering campus. The other was Prens which was in Urbana on Oregon Street.

**Chapello:** I liked going to Firehaus on Sixth Street between Green Street and John Street.

**Q: What was the one house event that everyone looked forward to each year?**

**Hurter:** Homecoming was generally considered the event of the year. We also did a lot of social events with Alpha Omicron Pi, of which my first wife was a member, so naturally those events really stuck in my mind.

**Chapello:** Barn dance and formal were the two biggest ones. Those were always a really good time. I think those were the two ones that pretty much everybody would go to. Initiation was always a pretty big deal as well.

**Q: What was the best practical joke you were involved with?**

**Hurter:** At that time it was common to do short sheeting. In that joke, you would take a bunch of ice cubes or a bottle partially filled with water without the cork and wrap it up in someone's sheets. You needed to make sure that you got it between the sheets within an arm's reach. When the person in bed would try to get the obstruction out, they would inevitably spread either water or ice throughout the sheets and all over the mattress.

**Chapello:** We once covered Mark Baker's floor with about 500 little Dixie cups full of water. I also remember moving all the furniture in the living room to the BX to block all those guys from getting out of their rooms. My door was stolen a couple of times for forgetting to do my work details. (The last two practical jokes are fire hazards and should not be performed at the house.

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Alumni Association.)

**Q: What was the general education class/required for your major class that everyone dreaded?**

**Hurter:** All of the classes in my undergraduate curriculum were pretty essential to my engineering degree. However, when I came back for my graduate degree, I remember having to take a Technical Report Writing course from the English department. It was a class where they tried to make sure engineers could actually write and arrange content so other people could read it. Not only was the course a little outside my typical interests, but since I was in the Army, I was the oldest student in the room. In fact, I think there was a good chance that I was older than the person teaching the class.

**Chapello:** Oh man. It had to be ECON 102 – Microeconomics. It was this huge lecture in Follinger Hall. It was awful. Everyone hated to go to that one. They had a clicker that you had to answer questions with so they could ensure that you showed up.

**Q: What was the favorite room you lived in?**

**Hurter:** I lived in two rooms throughout the house. I spent some time in the corner room, on the second floor, that faces the Armory building. I also lived in the room on the second floor that was immediately above the front entrance.

**Chapello:** I loved room 14 (I believe this is right - the single right by the sundeck). While it was small, I loved being near the sundeck and was always getting pulled into fun conversations and goings-on on the sundeck and in the adjoining rooms. I generally left the door to my room open until very late in the evening and always had people stopping in - that was the best part of living in the house for me.

**Q: What was a typical Friday night like?**

**Hurter:** The one typical Friday event was Happy Hour in the Red Room. At the time there was a local African American police officer, with the name of Al Rivers. For some reason he took a liking to a group of us in the house. He never gave us trouble when he was on duty. He commonly came over for Happy Hour off duty to socialize and was quite jovial.

**Chapello:** It was pretty unscheduled - guys would get home from class, go to the gym, grab dinner out of the house, then start to plan the evening around in each other's rooms or while sitting downstairs. We'd generally head out to the bars after hanging around the house for a while, and it usually ended up being a huge group of us out in town.

**Q: What intramural sports was the house involved in?**

**Hurter:** I don't remember the house being involved in any intramural sports at the time, as I was paying a lot of attention to my scholastics. We did have a couple folks that were collegiate athletes – Tommy Davis was a tennis player and we had someone on the swim team.

**Chapello:** We didn't do a whole lot of sports during my time...I

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# 60 YEARS, CONTINUED



think we had a soccer team for a bit but not much I can recall.

## Q: What sororities did the house socialize with?

Hurter: I remember numerous events with Alpha Omicron Pi, but I was pretty enamored with a girl over there. We also did some events with Chi Omega.

Chapello: Sigma Kappa, Pi Beta Phi, and Alpha Epsilon Pi were probably the biggest.

## Q What was the best restaurant to take a date?

Hurter: I would take my wife to anniversary dinner at the Lincoln Hotel. At the time they had a nice dining room with dance floor which somehow got gulf coast lobsters – so we would go out for a lobster dinner and dance. Other than that, I remember there being a nice steakhouse, Wright's, north of town on Route 45 that a lot of people attended.

Chapello: I really liked going to Seven Saints in downtown Champaign.



**1948** - James A. Down represents the University as Chief Illiniwek from 1948-1950. *Above:* Mr. Down in Memorial Stadium.

**2010** - The Chief performance no longer officially exists after the 2007 University retirement decision.



**1948** - Mark Hindsley was named interim director of bands. Hindsley and Assistant Bands director, Everett Kisinger, enhanced the band's reputation through intricate and innovative halftime shows. During these early shows, radio announcers were known to do "play-by-plays" of the performance.

**2010** - Though the football team had a winning season under Ron Zook (7-6) and defeated Baylor in the Texas Bowl, the Marching Illini continue to be the primary attraction drawing fans to Memorial stadium on Saturdays.



**1948 - 49:** Men's basketball achieves the team's first 20 win season since 1908, finishing 21-4. They lost to Kentucky 76-47 in the tournament semifinal game at Madison Square Garden.



**2010 - 11:** The team enters Bruce Weber's 8th season, finishing 20-14. They received an at large bid to the tournament, losing to Kansas in the 3rd round.

# SECTION 2

## UNDERGRADUATE HAPPENINGS

### Archon's Chapter Report

Zach Anderson '17

Over the last year, the Omicron chapter has proved to be filled with growth and unbridled success, both for the individual brothers as well as the chapter as a whole who strive to live by the values of any Psi U: moral, intellectual, and social excellence. Kevin Lannon '16 and John Harlan '17 proved to be excellent during the recruitment process for the past two semesters, able to initiate a fall class of 26 and a spring class of 8. These two classes combined served/are serving 4 executive positions and numerous chair positions including lead rush chair, a daunting task for any new initiate. The size of these classes will surely lead to advancements in every aspect of the house and I look forward to seeing this as an upperclassman and alumni upon graduation.

Under the guidance of Jimmy Montelongo '16, former Archon, our current academic development initiative was implemented leading to a ranking of 9th out of 43 fraternities for the fall '14 semester and another improvement to 6th out of 43 for the spring '15 semester with a 3.248 GPA. We are incredibly proud of this, it takes every brother striving to better the house GPA, not a select few outliers. My next personal goal is to improve the GPA to surpass the all fraternity and sorority GPA, which is never easy to do, and get within the top 5 fraternities.

**Did you know?** The Omicron Alumni Association awarded \$900 in GPA incentives to in-house members for Fall 2014. These were awarded to those with a 3.5 GPA or better because the chapter was over 95% current on A/R for the semester.

Our brothers continue to immerse themselves within extracurricular activities campus wide ranging from academic honor societies to racing teams. Here are the highlights:

- ◆ Justin Dierkes '15 was internal VP of American Society of Civil Engineers.
- ◆ Connor Forsyth '18 is the treasurer for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
- ◆ Joe Batherson '15 is the Pre-physical therapy club president.

- ◆ Mike Larsen, '16, was on the Dean's List in the fall and has a finance internship with Granger this coming summer.
- ◆ Kevin Lannon, '16, was able to teach on the Navajo Nation reservation for a week over winter break through the College of Education.

We had a great turn out to the *It's On Us* campaign speech where the university hosted Joe Biden to discuss the growing publicity and campaign to end sexual assault on campus. Psi U was one of five fraternities to be recognized by IFC for our level of participation.

This past year has been a wonderful welcome to the role of Archon, something I was certainly nervous of initially; however, the undergraduates made this an easy semester for the undergrad exec having no issues with the university and continued to improve our relationship with the Office of Greek Life.

Our four philanthropic endeavors grew this year to include our fall event "Phace off with Phi's" in which we partnered with AEΦ to benefit their national philanthropy. A huge thanks to Kyle Copeland '18 and Will Walker '16 for organizing this event. This spring, in conjunction with Kappa Kappa Gamma, we held a "Kapture the Flag" tournament benefitting the Central Illinois chapter of Habitat for Humanity. This spring was filled with philanthropy; during Mom's Weekend we held another successful silent auction while many of the brothers competed, and won, the Atius Sachem performance with the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi. All told the weekend raised over \$4,000 for Camp Kesem. We have already partnered with Camp Kesem, an organization that gives children whose families' have been affected by cancer the opportunity to go to summer camp, for our fall philanthropy and hope to keep this partnership for many years to come.

Our social calendar this past year was packed full of events from barn dances, formals, date bar crawls, and a Christmas party. We hosted events with many sororities including ΔΔΔ, ΔΓ, ΑΟΠ, ΠΒΦ, ΑΕΦ, ΧΩ, ΑΞΔ, ΑΓΔ, ΑΔΠ, ΔΖ, and ΦΣΣ.

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# ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS



"Psi U of the Year" &  
Junior of the Year  
**Patrick Huslebosch '16.5**



Joesph A. Miller '57  
Psi U Alumni of the Year  
**Dave Simpson '07**



Kenneth F. Reimer '51  
Pledgeship Award  
**Dan Cylny '18**



Salvatore (Sam) Biardo Jr '02  
Biggest Heart Award  
**Seth Errion '17.5**



Griffin Award for Senior  
Excellence  
**Robert Bansfield, Jr. '15.5**



Fall 2014: Molly Rademacher  
Spring 2015: Erin McGinnis

Left: Molly with Mike Madsen '17  
Right: Erin with Alex Burzinski '16

## ARCHONS REPORT - CONTINUED —

The Omicron completed over 1,500 service hours for the academic year and donated over \$7,200 just in money raised by our chapter. While we require 10 service hours per brother, many of our brothers go above and beyond this, Seth Errion '17.5 was named a Bailey Scholar for his work in community service!

The house is looking great from work the chapter has put forth and we really appreciate the donations to get some of these projects completed. Annual dues go a long way to support some of the smaller things we did this semester such as resurfacing the pool table, refinishing the hardwood flooring in the living room and re-tiling to solarium (Thank you Jared Simpkins '17 for your help).

One of the aspects we all enjoy is the opportunity to meet, socialize, and network with the alumni. The undergraduates would love to see all alumni back at our chapter house for Homecoming, October 23-25. Building off the success of last year, it should be a great time! 

## MORE ON ARCHON ANDERSON —



Originally from Nashville, Tennessee I didn't expect to end up in the Midwest for school; however, the tame winters and beautiful landscape quickly won me over. Moving to Champaign and leaving my parents and sister, a freshman in high school, for the first real time hurt, but quickly I found out that so many people on the Illinois campus are welcoming and ending up at Psi U the second night I was in town might have been the best experience I've had. This holds true with every alumni I meet and our brothers across the country I've had the pleasure to visit.

I'm majoring in Mechanical Engineering and hope to work for a consulting firm. I've always enjoyed tinkering with things in my spare time and Habitat for Humanity became one of my favorite groups on campus allowing me to get out of campus and work with the community while getting my hands dirty. I look forward to where my next experiences lead me in life and my career.

## 2014 - 2015 PSI U SWEETHEARTS



# 2015 ATIUS - SACHEM MOM'S DAY SING

Kyle Copeland '18



This past spring 19 brothers and myself were given the opportunity to participate in the annual Atius-Sachem Mom's Weekend singing and dancing competition with the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. Atius-Sachem is a student run organization that promotes on-campus leadership skills that will follow students throughout their lives.

Before practices began in January, Brother [Ricky Perry '16](#) collaborated with Hannah Spalt and Rachel Full, of Alpha Omicron Pi, to coordinate and create the dancing and singing routines and skits that would be performed. This year the theme of the competition was "Mom's Just Want to Have Fun", and together with the ladies we danced and sang along to a rendition of the movie Grease. The words were changed to highlight some favorite Illini traditions, such as KAM's, and the dance moves were simplified so even the talented Psi U's could attempt to look good up on stage at Foellinger Auditorium. After they choreographed the dances and skits, the fun began with practicing.



*Jeff Fryza '18, Jared Simpkins '17, Kyle Copeland '18, and  
Dan Cylny '18*

## MORE INFORMATION ON ATIUS - SACHEM

Atius and Sachem are leadership honoraries at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Atius takes its name from the Pawnee Indian word for "wiser leader." Sachem takes its name from a Native American word for "young chief." Today, both Atius and Sachem are open to men and women regardless of Greek affiliation. The purpose of Atius-Sachem is to recognize and promote student leadership. Membership is based upon outstanding contributions to University activities. These members are encouraged to continue their active leadership in other organizations, as well as to plan quality programs within

The practices usually ended up lasting an hour or more, especially leading up to our first audition for the judges in early February. After not exactly wowing the judges but still making the show, we knew we had to step our game up and began practicing twice a week in our living room following along with the much more talented leaders of AOPi. Along with trying to teach some two left-footed men some simple dance moves, there were also skits that had to be rehearsed. Now this is where the show became really interesting, because it was a Mom's Weekend production so the show had to highlight the mother's of Grease. So true to form, who better to strut out in skirts, dresses, and wigs than the courageous men of Psi U. Myself, along with Brothers [Jared Simpkins '17](#), [Dan Cylny '18](#), and [Jeff Fryza '18](#), shouldered this great responsibility! The moms and ladies in the audience told us we pulled it off quite well.

After countless hours of practice we were all ready to don our wigs, poodle skirts, jean jackets and entertain the Mom's of Illinois. And boy did we, after two raucous performances Friday and Saturday night filled with laughter and cheering from the crowd, the women of Alpha Omicron Pi and the men of Psi U took home 1st place out of 10 teams across the entire competition! Not only did we all have a blast with the performance and getting to know the ladies of AOPi even better, after all was said and done we were able to donate more than \$2,000 to Camp Kesem, a kids' camp for children of parents with cancer. All in all, it was a fun few months for the men of Psi U especially after being able to hoist the trophy for 2015.



*Psi U Brothers posing with the first  
place trophy*



their respective honoraries. The skills and involvement members possess often leads to post-graduation success. Members of Atius-Sachem include George Halas and Roger Ebert.

Atius-Sachem members produce the Sing in order to provide students units with the opportunity to showcase their talents for parents and other students during Mom's Day Weekend. Proceeds from the Sing are donated to the first, second, and third place winner's philanthropies, used to pay for overall production costs, and used to provide money for next year's show.

# UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2014.5

John Cheline      Gilberts, IL      Molecular & Cellular Biology

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2015

Joe Batherson      Westchester, IL      Kinesiology

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2016

Alex Burzinski	Orland Park, IL	Economics & Chemistry	Kevin Lannon	Arlington Hts, IL	English
Christopher Gerhard	Orland Park, IL	Chemical Engineering	Mike Larsen	Park Ridge, IL	Finance
Sean Haney	Burr Ridge, IL	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Ricky Perry	O'Fallon, IL	Dance
Carmani Lane	Glen Ellyn, IL	Political Science	Will Walker	Park Ridge, IL	Economics

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2016.5

Sam Cohen	Northbrook, IL	Advertising	Jimmy McMahon	Arlington Hts, IL	Electrical Engineering
Joe DeBrock	Champaign, IL	Engineering Physics	Jimmy Montelongo	Peoria, IL	Finance & Accountancy
Pat Hulsebosch	Palatine, IL	Agr & Biological Engr	David Sachs	Chicago, IL	Industrial Engineering
Josh Knitter	Park Ridge, IL	Kinesiology	Doug Wagner	Park Ridge, IL	Animal Sciences

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2017

Joseph Amari	Darien, IL	Political Science	Michael Madsen	Lemont, IL	Civil Engineering
Zach Anderson	Nashville, TN	Mechanical Engineering	Sean Romberg	Frankfort, IL	Psych & Env Sustainability
Peter Danos	Wadsworth, IL	History/Secondary Education	Will Schwarzkopf	Arlington Hts, IL	Mechanical Engineering
Lorenzo Grego	Chicago, IL	Psychology	Jared Simpkins	New Lenox, IL	Agr & Consumer Economics
John Harlan	Peoria, IL	Architecture	Ryan Steckler	Mt. Carmel, IL	Aerospace Engineering
Josh Haseltine	Lisle, IL	Advertising	Grayson Stout	Kildeer, IL	Mat'l Science & Engineering
Mitchell Kahl	Bradley, IL	Psychology & Advertising	Ivan Villamar	Urbana, IL	Chemical Engineering
Jackson Lenz	Manalapan, NJ	Electrical Engineering			

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2017.5

Daryl Cook	Chicago, IL	Community Health	Luke Slavicek	Kildeer, IL	Env Sustainability
Seth Errion	Tremont, IL	Psychology & Sociology	Ben Wolf	Palatine, IL	Computer Science
Steve Kohn	Arlington Hts, IL	Aerospace Engineering			

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2018

Tom Bristow	Suffern, NY	Civil Engineering	Steve Jeschke	Barrington, IL	Finance
Justin Cooper	Carpentersville, IL	General Engineering	John Kozak	Park Ridge, IL	Economics
Kyle Copeland	Libertyville, IL	Undeclared	Grant LaRussa	Plainfield, IL	Horticulture
Daniel Cylny	Frankfort, IL	Communications	Jack Lebert	Orland Park, IL	Chemical Engineering
Jim Drynan	Orland Park, IL	Economics	Joey McGovern	Arlington Hts, IL	Civil Engineering
Connor Forsyth	Tampa, FL	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Michael Mergenthaler	Tinley Park, IL	Undeclared
Jeff Fryza	Johnsburg, IL	Undeclared	Alex Mills	Libertyville, IL	Advertising
Jimmy Gardiner	Park Ridge, IL	Undeclared	Tyler Parse	Hinsdale, IL	Math & Computer Science
Chris Giebel	Naperville, IL	Civil Engineering	Nick Rohner	River Forest, IL	Mechanical Engineering
Michael Girot	Joliet, IL	Journalism	Seth Stockl	Plainfield, IL	Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Gonzalez-Stewart	Wheaton, IL	Mechanical Engineering	Mitch Sullivan	Bartlett, IL	Economics
Drew Higley	Chicago, IL	Actuarial Science	Dzenis Zigo	Westmont, IL	Mechanical Engineering
Dylon Hopp	Cedar Park, TX	Advertising	Zach Zlevor	LaGrange Park, IL	Industrial Design

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 2018.5

Anthony Balderas	Romeoville, IL	Accounting	Manan Mongia	Naperville, IL	Political Science
Andrew Christiansen	Des Plaines, IL	Advertising	Viek Narayan	Singapore	Chemical Engineering
Jack Grayeb	Lebanon, IL	Civil Engineering	Nicholas Spizziri	Des Plaines, IL	Forensic Psychology
Andrew Meisner	Richman, IL	Community Health	Aaron Yu	Wauconda, IL	Chemical Engineering

# SECTION 3

## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

### Alumni Update

Dave Simpson '07

*Internal Vice President, Omicron Alumni Association*

Dear Brothers-

I was on an unusually pleasant flight from Sacramento to Minneapolis a week or so back and found myself thinking about Psi Upsilon and the Omicron Alumni Association. I believe that many of us view them together as an organization while continually present, is often lingering in the background with little to offer in day-to-day life. However is this really the case? Is the Omicron Alumni Association really just an outlet for donations and offers little other value? Here are the areas where I feel that Psi Upsilon and the Association can be a rewarding experience.

#### Brotherhood

Hopefully you have taken note of the opportunities in the last year for increased brotherhood amongst the alumni base. This has been a focus area of the current executive board, and while we are still feeling out different events, I hope you have had an opportunity to participate. From the Bowl-o-Rama, to the Golf Outing, the Alumni Work Day in Champaign, and others, the goal is focused on providing opportunities for alumni and undergraduates to socialize and build relationships. As [Mark Tallungan '00](#) noted about the 2015 golf outing, "there were 50 years of the Omicron represented – from [Bob Petersen '68](#) all the way to some of the younger undergrads participating who were the 2018 pledge class." I think the broad generational connection is something very unique to the Association and I hope it is something you take advantage of in the next year.

Just as weekly chapter was an integral part of our brotherhood building during our undergraduate years, I feel that good communication is critical on the Alumni side of the organization. By no means perfect, we have tried to improve our communications in the last year. The generational spread mentioned above provides a challenge with our communications, thus we have tried to employ all means available. The Omicron Point winter newsletter was printed and mailed in February,

Facebook and email listservs have been more active this year, and Homecoming information was provided both in print and electronically. Every organization I have been a part of has listed communication as a shortfall. Frankly, I think it is an area in which you can never achieve perfection. Therefore, if you have recommendations on how we can be communicating better to promote brotherhood, please let the executive board know.

#### Leadership

I work at a large, bureaucratic – yet leadership focused – organization. When Psi U and my serving on the executive board comes up in discussion, I often hear scoffs based upon the general fraternity stereotypes – we are all about boozing, I am trying to relive my college days, etc. I usually reply with a question, "What is the most difficult form of leadership?" Most leadership theory will suggest that peer leadership, where there is not a clear supervisor/subordinate relationship, as the most difficult. This is exactly what we are expecting of the undergraduate chapter on a daily basis.

The Association also provides the opportunity to exercise this most difficult leadership style. Whether it is serving formally on the executive board, or heading up a particular event like [Dave DiPrima '89](#) and [Jim Yale '86](#) with the annual Golf Outing, there are endless opportunities to take the lead, gain experience, and make a difference within the Association. The more individuals we have that step up and take the lead, the more efficient and more effective the Association will become. Please consider running for an executive board position or volunteering to head up an event.

#### Campus Presence

As I often discuss with the undergrads, the undergraduate chapter and the alumni association are dependent on one another when it comes to our campus presence. A strong undergraduate chapter is required to provide necessary rent

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income for the alumni to operate and maintain the physical structure. A strong alumni association is needed to provide long term oversite, maintenance, and improvement of the physical structure. Both the undergrads and the alumni have their part in maintaining a positive relationship with the University. The fact that the Omicron has been both the owner and tenant of 313 East Armory since construction in 1924 to today (with exception of a several year period during World War II) is a point of pride for me and a longevity that I do not think can be matched by many other Greek organizations at the University.

When it comes to property maintenance, over the last couple years we have tried to move to quality maintenance and repair focus. What does this mean in regular English? First, when managing buildings, the longer one can keep a good system in good condition through preventive maintenance leads to the most efficient building operation. Second, performing repairs that treat the problem, vice the symptom, is most efficient. Third, to be most efficient with repairs, good techniques and good quality materials are needed - even though the initial cost may be higher. These three principals have guided our decisions with the physical plant. So, here is what we have been up to:

- ◆ Preventive Maintenance: repainting and re-caulking of BX bathroom components, replacement of BX bathroom exhaust fan with more powerful model to ensure proper ventilation, steam cleaning of kitchen vent hood, and annual maintenance of fire alarm and suppression systems.
- ◆ Problem vice Symptom based Repairs: replacement of gutter components and downspouts around the house to address water infiltration issues. Many of the gutter components were original to the house. Replacement of three windows in the southwest corner of the kitchen and the two windows facing the sundeck to provide a more substantial barrier to vandalism and break-ins. Cutting down on vandalism/break-ins will reduce costs associated with repairs of windows and other interior components.
- ◆ Quality Repairs and Materials: Replacement of the window on the red stairs due to wood rot and replacement of two room windows due to squirrel infiltration. Yes, some of our 92 year old windows are in poor enough condition that squirrels can chew through them. For all the window repairs (including those listed above), we have selected what we feel is the right product, as opposed to the cheapest product. We have been using a Kolbe branded commercial-grade wood window with maintenance free brown aluminum-clad exterior, which should provide for long life in a challenging service environment while keeping the character of the house intact.

While all the above work has been completed with operating income, some alumni have expressed displeasure that donation money in the past has been utilized for projects that they felt should be completed with operating income. Simply put, it is my opinion that we have missed the preventive maintenance window on the majority of building components – which is leading us to perform more costly replacement to compensate for our deferred maintenance. To cover all these repairs with

income would lead to unreasonable undergraduate fee increases. Considering our current debt load, we feel that taking out additional loans is not appropriate at this time.

To provide some balance, we have begun taking the “mini-campaign” focus for donations. We try to identify needed, but more fun and nicer to have projects to fund with donations (i.e. dining room chairs and red stairs carpet) while keeping the less visible, less sexy projects (i.e. windows and gutters) to be covered with operating income. Additionally, the mini-campaign process allows donors to know and see exactly where their generous dollar is being spent.

To help us ensure that our campus presence remains strong, I encourage you to consider donating your time, skills, or providing monetary or material support. If you would prefer to provide goods (i.e. table and chairs for the '28 room, a newer pool table, etc) as opposed to money, please let the executive board know and we will be happy to discuss and have your generosity be annotated towards your annual dues.



New windows installed. Left: one of two replaced off the sundeck. Right: two of three replaced in the kitchen. Wooden frames of all were in poor condition due to age and vandal friendly locations.

In closing, my wife and I like to go on state capital building tours when we find ourselves in a capital city. At the conclusion of the California tour, the guide challenged us to become more engaged in the political process. He emphasized that this engagement did not need to be significant – simply looking at what legislation is being voted on and writing a letter to your elected official voicing your opinion or watching some broadcasted proceedings. While frustrating at times, he viewed our governance system was a benefit, thus we should be engaged. I draw a parallel to the Omicron Alumni Association. Being a member of the Alumni Association is a lifelong benefit of our undergraduate membership and I encourage all members to become more involved and engaged. Whether it is paying your annual dues, participating in the March Madness bracket challenge, attending an event, or emailing a question or frustration to the executive board, the executive board welcomes your involvement and the opportunity to better serve you.

# 2015 DONORS as of 10/13/2015

## GOLD (\$2,500+)

John Zick '65

## GARNET (\$2,499-\$1,000)

Bob Petersen '68

Brian Hughes '89.5

George Fearheiley '55

Tim Miller '80

## GRAND PATRON (\$999-\$500)

Bob Doak '72.5

Bob McIntire '68

Dave DiPrima '89

John Healey '58

## PATRON (\$499-\$300)

Charles Chen '86

Dave Komie '92.5

Gary Olson '63

K. Arthur Wells '81

Jim Yale '86

Stan Parker '89

Mark Palmer '14.5

Tom Fox '00

Matt Petersen '89

Patrick Godfrey '96

## BENEFATOR (\$299-\$200)

Daniel Wojnowski '81.5

Jay McManus '89

Robert Rhinehart '72

William Young '70

Gene Palagi '94

John Healey '58

Robert Root '64

Lou Margaglione '91.5

Greg Michuda '86

Lucio Herrera '01

Roland Yeast '62

Mark Bittner '86

Jason Ornduff '93

Mark Hoffman '74

Tom Slattery '89

Mark Netter '69

## SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$199-\$100)

Adam Judd '93.5

Dave McNeela '88.5

George Duffey, Jr '70

Mark Rewerts '83

Andy Larson '77

Dave Yang '89

Jack Hester '51

Matt Hower '79.5

Ben O'Connor '81

David Ko '92.5

Jay Steinhilber '92.5

Ronald D. Yeast '58

Bill Cowden '00.5

Dennis Van Dyke '80

Jim Colombo '01

Scott Beauprie '71

Birton Cowden '05.5

Doug Barnes '95

Jim Cunningham '87

Scott MacGregor '00

Bob Lies '88

Doug Truskowski '89

James Baker '69

Tim Hansen '83

Bob Segiet '90.5

Eric Larson '73

James Watters '65

William Mathers '76

Boyd Bach '91

Eric Madland '89

Jeff Van Echaute '80

Justin Cajda '03

Brad Corner '72

Eric Vallejo '94

John Bailey '73.5

Jun Yoshitani '90.5

Chris Jepsen '80.5

Erik Sundquist '94

John McLean, Jr. '90.5

Kevin Lannert '93

Craig Farnsworth '65

Everett Andrews '43

Pat Doherty '13

S. Neil Sorensen '55

Dan O'Brien '90.5

Fred Drummond '71

Pat Zurek '03.5

William Kelly '85

## MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$99-\$30)

Andrew Chapello '10

Jake Persons '15

Mike Santoro '03

Howard John Iber '62

Andrew Kovakevich '99

Justin Dierkes '15

Pat Doherty '13

Arnaud Brisard '14

Kenneth Fairbanks '55

Pat Zurek '03.5

Brandon Burd '13.5

Mark Deming '05

Robert Bansfield, Jr '15

Howard John Iber '62

Matt Cajda '03

Robert Maxey '52.5

## IN - KIND DONORS

Dave DiPrima '89 and Jim Yale '86 - Golf Outing Organizers and Hosts

Bob McIntire '68, Mark Bittner '86, Doug Truskowski '89, Tom Fox '00, and Mark Tallungan '00 - Alumni Work Day at the House  
Justin Kuehlthau '03.5 - Website Technical Support

**Thank You for your Generous Support!**

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# 2014 GOLF OUTING

## Psi U hits the links at Old Orchard Country Club

Coordinated and hosted by Dave DiPrima '89 and family, the Omicron Alumni Association hit the links for a friendly competition and a post-round BBQ. Locations were switched due to refurbishment projects at Mount Prospect Golf Club.



Left to Right: Andy Larson '77, George Duffey '70, Eric Larson '73, and Bob Doak '72.5

### 2014 Winning Foursome

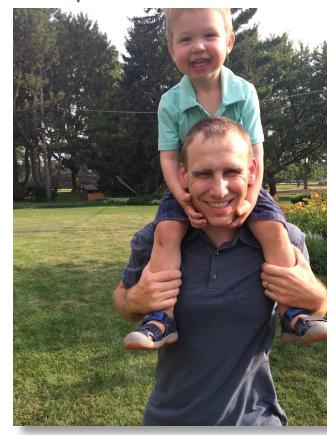
Bob Segiet '91.5  
Dan O'Brien '90  
John McLean '90.5  
Jun Yoshitani '90.5



Gracious host Dave DiPrima '89 distributing souvenir Omicron Golf Outing hats to competition winners.



Left to Right: Boyd Bach '91, Boyd's son Brian, and Dave Ko '92.5



Justin Kuehlthau '03.5 and son Jackson



It is a family affair with the DiPrima's. Taylor debuts the cupcake replica of the 7th Hole.



Left to Right: Jim Cunningham '87 and Jim Yale '86



Left to Right: Dan Wojnowski '81.5 and Matt Hower '79



Matt Hower '79 with wine donated by Jim Yale '86. According to Jim, the bottle was a 6L (Imperiale) of 2000 Chateau St. Georges, a Bordeaux wine from St. Georges-St. Emilion.

## THANKS FOR 2015 -AND- LOOKING TOWARDS 2016

Putting together a newsletter of this magnitude takes a team effort. A special thanks goes out to our content contributors for this edition. Chuck Hurter '48, Andrew Chapello '10, and Josh Seiter '16 provided their stories, time, and editing for profiles. Birton Cowden '05.5, Zach Anderson '17, and Kyle Copeland '18 provided articles and content. Proofing and fact checking provided by Mark Tallungan '00 and Brandon Burd '13.5.

Producing the Arrow is truly a year-round task. We are always on the prowl for Omicron updates, information, and content suggestions. As life happens, please note the new Arrow email address [psiuoarrow@gmail.com](mailto:psiuoarrow@gmail.com). A quick email will make the 2016 publication even more enthralling!

Best Regards and YITB, Dave Simpson '07

# 2015 GOLF OUTING

## Psi U hits the links at Old Orchard Country Club, Again!

Déjà vu? One year later, **Dave DiPrima '89** and family, along with **Jim Yale '86** take the lead. Along with hosting a wildly successful event with 34 participants, they also innovated with the *Adopt an Undergraduate Foursome* initiative. Thanks to generous donors, we raised enough to sponsor 12 undergraduates at the event. Two were able to make it to the 2015 event, leaving 10 slots for 2016. A fantastic opportunity outside of Homecoming for undergraduates and alumni to share the bonds of Psi U.

The event raised over \$2,000 for the house. Additionally, **Mark Tallungan '00** set up a split the pot raffle. Keeping it in the Psi U family, proceeds from the raffle went to the Little Giraffe Foundation, founded by **Mike Santoro '03** and wife Amanda.



Right to Left: **Mark A. Palmer**, **Mark E. Palmer '14.5**, **Nadine Palmer**, and **Micheline Piekarski**

### 2015 Winning Foursome

Left to Right: **Jay Steinhilber '92.5**, **Erik Sundquist '94**, **Dave Ko '92.5**, and **Eric Vallejo '92.5**



Left to Right: **Jim Drynan '18**, **Jim Yale '86**, **Greg Michuda '86**, and **Pete Michuda**



Left to Right: **John Bailey '73.5**, **Eric Larson '79**, **Pat Hauser '03**, and **Andy Larson '77**



Left to Right: **Bob Petersen '68**, **George Duffey '70**, and **Bob Doak '72.5**



Left to Right: **Dave Yang '89**, **Brian Hughes '89.5**, and **Eric Madland '89**



### Adopt an Undergrad Foursome Sponsors

**Jim Yale '86**      **Doug Truskowski '89**  
**Greg Michuda '86**    **Dave Komie '92.5**  
**Mark Bittner '86**

*The DiPrima Family.*  
Left to Right: **Taylor**,  
**Beth**, **Dave '89**, and  
**Toni**

## 2015 ALUMNI WORK DAY

The first ever alumni work day was held at the Chapter House in August 2015. Coordinating with undergraduates, a list of projects was developed. Credited 2015 membership dues, breakfast, BBQ lunch, and refreshments were enjoyed. It was a great opportunity for alumni and undergraduates alike to take some pride in ownership of 313 East Armory.



The undergrads placed a new area rug under the pool table. Note the new blinds, replaced in January 2015 and the new tile floor installed by the undergrads over Spring Break 2015.

### Alumni Participation

Mark Bittner '86

Doug Truskowski '89

Tom Fox '00

Mark Tallungan '00

Bob McIntire '68

Dave Simpson '07

### Undergraduate Participation

Zach Anderson '17

Chris Geibel '18

Joey McGovern '18

Kyle Copeland '18

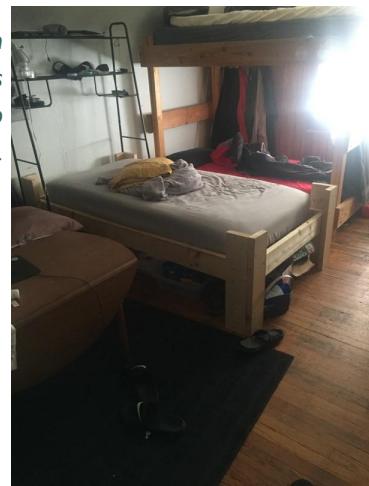


This might be reason enough to come to Homecoming. New soap and towel dispensers were installed in the Little Sister's Room along with 2 other locations. Your spouse might hate using that bathroom a little less now!



A hallway so bright white it nearly blends with the paper - not always a common sight at Psi U. The back stairs were scraped then primed and double coat painted.

One of several new bedframes built in its new home. Additional bedframes and new mattresses were needed to support the 36 men living in the house.



## IN MEMORIAM - CARTER E. SARVER '59



Carter E. "Gene" Sarver, 75, of Ottawa, died Tuesday, June 3, at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa.

Gene was born Aug. 24, 1938, in Princeton, to Carter and Dorothy (Johnson) Sarver.

He received his degree in civil engineering from Bradley University. He was co-owner of Vegrzny Sarver & Associates and a registered professional engineer and land surveyor.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He married Donna Rossetto on Nov. 23, 1963, at St. Joseph Church in Marseilles.

Gene was a member of Ottawa Rotary Club, American Legion Post 33, Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa Boat Club, Deer Park RC Flyer's Club, Illinois Valley Radio Control Club and the Streator R/C Flyers. He was a former board member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Ottawa Boat Club.

A lifelong tennis player, he was a member of the former Illinois Valley Racquet Club. He could often be found at the courts either playing tennis or cheering for his grandsons. He is survived by his wife, Donna; two daughters, Michele (Peter) Lindemann, of Ottawa, and Megan (James) Schott, of Peoria; and four grandsons, Zachary, Tyler and Alec Lindemann and Carter Schott.

## IN MEMORIAM - WALLACE H. HANLON '48

Sue Brown Hanlon



The below note was written and sent to the Alumni Association after our traditional Homecoming 2014 mailer went out. In addition to notifying us Brother Hanlon had passed, it also provides some insight to activities at the house during his time.

Dear Mr. Simpson,

I'm writing to report the passing of a brother on May 26, 2012. He was my husband of 57 years, Wallace H. (Wally) Hanlon. Wally was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin of parents Ada and Homer Hanlon, the eldest of 3 sons. He was raised in Batavia, Illinois.

He then went to Illinois for college, and graduated in the class of 1952. This should be the pledge class of 1948. Wally was a top running back at Batavia High School, and also played freshman football at the University.

He helped pay his way through college by running a "Sandwich Stand" during evening study hours at the house. He kept it as economical as possible for the guys, while having a

menu of hamburgers, hotdogs, and peanut butter sandwiches.

After graduation, Wally served his country with is ROTC commitment of 2 years as an Army Lieutenant. One year was spent heading a code breaking unit in Korea.

When he came back, we were married in January of 1955. We met at the University where I was a Sigma Kappa, class of 1953. My hometown is Rockford, Illinois. We went right back to the University where he used the G.I. Bill to help get his Aeronautical Engineering degree. He worked on the U.S. Space program, often closely with many of our early astronauts. Later on he was also in business. He resided for 45 years in Huntington Beach, after originally coming to California with McDonnell Douglas Corporation.

Wally is the Dad of our 4 children, Kevin, Mitchell, Tracy, and Charles Patrick "Chip" Hanlon, and the grandfather to 7 - 4 boys and 3 girls.

Wally was proud to be a Psi U, Omicron chapter. Happy Homecoming to all! And, Go Illini...

Very Sincerely Yours, Sue Brown Hanlon

## IN MEMORIAM - ROBERT H. ROLLINS II '54



Robert Harvey Rollins II, 83, of Boonsboro, MD, passed away April 8, 2015, at his home.

Born April 6, 1932, in Chicago, IL, he was the son of Robert H. Rollins and Irene E. (Hensel) Rollins.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Jacqueline Alice (Aldridge) Rollins. They were married on Valentine's Day in 1953.

He graduated from York High School in Elmhurst, IL, in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, KY, from 1952 to 1954. He then attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1958 with a Master's of Science Degree in mechanical engineering.

He began his work on rockets at ARO, Inc. in Manchester, TN, in 1958. He was the 60th Manned Space Task Group employee hired by NASA in 1960. He worked on propulsion programs for both the Mercury and Apollo Missions. Hardware designed by him flew on Mercury Spacecraft. In 1962, he was assigned to the NASA Apollo Project Office in Houston, TX. Later that year, he moved to NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in the Office of Manned Space Flight.

In 1969-70, he was awarded a fellowship to the Alfred P. Sloan School of Business Management, graduating with a Master's of Science in management, after which he returned to NASA to work in the Advanced Mission Concepts Division.

In 1978, he was assigned to NATO's Advisory Group for

Aerospace Research and Development (AGARD) in Paris, France. He and Jackie spent four years in downtown Paris and four years in a country chateau, and had the time of their lives traveling in all of the NATO Alliance countries. In 1986, he returned to NASA Headquarters. He retired in 1988.

In 1989, he was a founding director of the Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum. He also served as a director of the National Railway Historical Society.

He served on the board of trustees and many other positions at Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church in Boonsboro before he became wheelchair-bound. He was a member of the Boonsboro Optimist Club.

Bob was a world traveler, always preferring trains. In 1994, he traveled around the world riding the Trans-Siberian Express, many other trains and the QE II. He also rode trains in China, Cuba, Australia, and his favorite place, New Zealand, from where he returned to the U.S. aboard a cargo ship across the Pacific.

He is survived by two daughters, Denise L. Troxell and Katherine A. Rigolage and husband Jacques; two sons, Lee Rollins and wife Jackie, and Robert H. Rollins III. He had six grandsons, R. Sean Troxell and wife Melody, P. Adrien Rigolage and wife Julia, Alexander D. Troxell and wife Devon, Robert H. Rollins IV, Thomas C. Rigolage and William C. Rollins. He had two granddaughters, Elisabeth A. Rigolage and husband David Glick, and Alicen L. Rollins. His three great-granddaughters are Audrey K. Glick, Grace E. Troxell and Colette B. Glick. He was also survived by one sister, Marilyn P. (Rollins) Peters of Manchester, TN; and nieces and nephews.

# OMICRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

## Past

## Future

January 3, 2015	1st Annual Psi Upsilon Bowl-o-Rama
March 7, 2015	Basketball Watching Party
March 17, 2015	March Madness Bracket Challenge
April 18, 2015	Spring Alumni Meeting
July 18, 2015	Golf Outing
August 15, 2015	Alumni Work Day at the House
September 19, 2015	Football Watching Party
October 23-24, 2015	University of Illinois Homecoming 2015
January 2016	2nd Annual Psi Upsilon Bowl-o-Rama
March 2016	March Madness Bracket Challenge
April 2016	Spring Alumni Meeting
July 2016	Golf Outing
October 28-29, 2016	University of Illinois Homecoming 2016

AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!



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**Keep in touch!** Find out about exact event dates and additional events as they are added to the calendar:

- ◆ Email Listserv - contact the Alumni Secretary at [psiuoalumsec@gmail.com](mailto:psiuoalumsec@gmail.com) to get added.
- ◆ Watch the *Psi Upsilon Fraternity - Omicron Chapter* Facebook page.

If all else fails, contact the alumni executive board (contact information on Page 2). We are ready to help!