



# THE OMICRON ARROW

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## ALUMNI PROFILE: JOHN ZICK '65

*Family man, decorated veteran, successful businessman and generous Omicron supporter*

*Brother Zick has graciously committed \$25,000 to Psi Upsilon spread over five years, divided equally between the Omicron and Foundation. We thank Brother Zick for his benevolence in helping shape the bright future of our chapter in the years ahead.*

**Q.** Tell us about your family and where you are from:

I grew up on a farm near Thawville, Illinois, 50 miles north of Champaign. I attended a high school with 99 students, 22 in my graduation class. In high school I played basketball, baseball, track

and was very involved in 4-H. My wife, Anne, was also in 4-H in a neighboring

community. We met at the Ford County 4-H Fair: she was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader and I was a freshman. She was exhibiting baked good and sewing projects and I was showing cattle and pigs – I had the Grand Champion steer the same day we met. We stayed in contact by mail, dated in high school, and dated off and on through college, went our separate ways after college graduation and then came together after my service in Vietnam. We married on June 13, 1970. She is also from a farm and the only girl out of six children in her family. She was a Home Economics major



*John and Anne Zick, 2011*

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## BRINGING A LITTLE BIT OF CHAMPAIGN TO INDIANAPOLIS

*Brothers Bob Petersen '68, Brad Corner '72, Lew Finkelstein '83, and Tom Fox '00 carry on the Omicron tradition of service at Psi Upsilon International and Foundation*

As noted for our centennial celebrations, “Through war, depression, prosperity, and the myriad experiences of the past century, Omicrons have shaped life not only in Champaign-Urbana but across the country and world.” This also holds true for Indianapolis - home of the Psi Upsilon International Office and Foundation. Omicrons have long served these institutions with distinction, including Brothers Fox, Corner, Finkelstein, and Petersen who continue this tradition today.

### A History of Connections

Why does the Omicron produce so many brothers who serve at all levels of the fraternity? Some who have served in some capacity include **Rob Bohnsack '93, Dave Rank '86, Matt DalSanto '03, and Tom Phillips '85.**

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*Above: Tom Fox '00*

*Side: Lew Finkelstein '83 (r) along with Mark Bauer, Omega '83, past president of the Psi U Executive Council*

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## ARCHON'S CHAPTER REPORT

MATT HAMIELEC '14.5

The 2011-2012 calendar year was a bountiful one for the Omicron chapter. Thanks to the hard work and leadership of **Nico Guzman '13** and **Nick Kazanjian '14**, we initiated 17 brothers in the fall class while in spring we initiated 3, making for a total of 73 actives on campus. From internships and record GPAs to generous donations, our members earnestly sought to improve the Champaign/Urbana community and live up to Psi U's goals of social, intellectual, and moral excellence.

This past fall, Psi U cemented itself in its GPA standing, placing 13<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 50 houses. Our GPA was 3.143, placing it in the highest position in nearly a decade. Congratulations to the following brothers on their academic achievement, and a hearty "Psi, Psi, Psi" to Brothers **Brandon Clinite '14** and **Heath Reising '14** who achieved perfect 4.0 GPAs.



<b>Honors:</b>	Daniel Amador '13	Steven Bieszcztat '13	Chris Brown '13
	Chris Corey '12	Lucas Diehl '12	Eric Fuentebella '13
	Nick Greenway '12	Martin Griffin '14.5	Nico Guzman '13
	Matt Hamielec '14.5	Thaddeus Hatt '14.5	James Liu '13
	Sal Palafox '12	Ryan Madigan '13	Thomas Scriba '12

**High Honors:** Steven Toepfer '13

**Highest Honors:** Robert Chain '13      Brandon Clinite '14      Heath Reising '14

For the spring semester, the brotherhood made it a goal of theirs to be ranked in the top ten houses. Additionally, **Christopher Brown '13** graduated early with his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, and **Daniel Relihan-Johnson '14** was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma Honors fraternity. Brother Relihan-Johnson also did a fantastic job with the Omicron's *Scholarship Grant Program*, and is leaving this important job in the capable hands of **Max Evers '15** (chairman) and **Justin Dierkes '15** for the upcoming year.

From a professional perspective, many brothers are busy getting ready for the next step in their lives. **Daniel Amador '13**, **Jesse Sandoval '14.5**, and **Matt Hamielec '14.5** are currently preparing for the October LSAT, while **John Cheline '14.5** and **Jan Lumibao '13** took the spring MCAT. John and Jan also deepened their knowledge of the medical field by volunteering at Carle Hospital. More on the business side of things, **Matt Hamielec '14.5** and **Brandon Clinite '14** were inducted into  $\Phi X \Theta$  and  $\Delta \Sigma \Pi$  business fraternities, and **Robert Chain '13** was elected Vice President of the Illini Media Group Company. From an inter-fraternal perspective, **Daniel Relihan-Johnson '14** and **Matt Hamielec '14.5** served on the IFC's *Kolusis Board* for the academic year.

Keeping the professional ball rolling, **Nico Guzman '13**, **Alexander Johannsen '14.5**, and **Michael Henry '15** have all recently applied for jobs within the prestigious Illinois Business Consulting program. **Salvador Palafox '12** participated in the Shell Eco Marathon Competition in Detroit and took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Further, Brother Palafox accepted a job at Ford Motor Company's Engine and Powertrain Manufacturing department after being courted by several large firms.

Many of our members spent time abroad this year. **Steven Bieszcztat '13** studied in Glasgow, **Brandon Clinite '14** in Barcelona, while **Daniel Amador '13** is completing a nonprofit internship benefitting those living beneath the poverty line in Paris. Brother Amador also won a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, which is a nationally competitive award given by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The upcoming fall semester will see **Josh Klein '14** and **Jesse Sandoval '14.5** travel to Vienna and Washington D.C. for studies and internships.

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE: MARK PALMER '14.5 CHAPTER TREASURER AND WATER SKIER EXTRAORDINAIRE

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

I'm from Gilberts, a small town by Elgin, though I lived in Florida until age 11. I went to Hampshire H.S. It's a small school; we only had 200 in my graduating class. There's four in my family—my parents, myself, and my sister who just finished freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. My girlfriend, Ashley Galloway, is going to be a senior at U of I and is a double major in art history and history of art. She wants to be a museum curator.

**Q: What is your major? What do you plan on doing when you graduate?**

My major is accountancy and I'm going to be a junior. I'm in a five year program where I earn a bachelors and masters degree and satisfy the 150-hour requirement to be a candidate for the CPA examination in the State of Illinois. I'm taking two "accy" courses this summer and hope to study abroad or attempt to get an internship in the summer of 2013 as well as when I graduate in spring 2014.

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

I started out in the dorms over at Scott Hall in "Six-Pack" where I lived with my friend from home, **John Cheline '14.5**. After Winter Break I decided to rush Psi U after talking with **Dan Relihan '14** (who became my pledge father). He brought me over to play poker, which I love. I brought four of my friends from Scott Hall with me: **John, Thaddeus Hatt '14.5, Martin Griffin '14.5, and Kyle Machalinski '14.5**. It was a \$5 buy-in, and I had an awesome time. Later I came for other events & BBQs, and I just got along with all the guys, so I decided to pledge—as did all my friends.

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

Last night of I-Week—I love the ceremonies and how they help the pledges get to know your brothers inside and out. I also like Dress-Up Dinners on

Thursdays. We just got back in the tradition of inviting professors over, so **Matt Hamielec '14.5** hosted Professor Cynthia Turner, associate director of the undergraduate accounting program, who



even gave a little speech at the end of the meal. It went great, and we got to use our new china which was donated by an anonymous alum. It's awesome and we reserve it for Dress-Up Dinner and special occasions; *thank you* to the brother who donated it!

**Q: Favorite part of the social calendar?**

When we went paintballing with Sigma Kappa. We like to hangout with them—

they're a lot of fun. I also really like the pre-games we have with sororities which our social chair, **Anthony "Goon" Melone '14**, arranged. We do Barn Dance in both fall and spring semesters, and have Semi-Formal in fall and Formal in spring. Anthony was in charge of Formal and did an awesome job. We headed out to Peoria and did a dinner cruise on a riverboat.

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

Probably our Christmas Party. This past year Santa was **Josh Klein '14** and he was hilarious when he was handing out presents. His elf was **Tom Kim '15**, but he had too much fun and didn't make it out to the bars. I think our tailgates are my all-time favorite part of brotherhood. The Brotherhood chair gets a parking spot by Memorial Stadium, we invite over a bunch of girls and then go to the game. It was cool this past season when **Mark Tallungan '00** [alumni president] invited us to tailgate with him, too.

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

Yes, I lived with Thaddeus in the BX-Room 2. The waterbed is gone and we have bunk beds and a little futon in there. The Cave is the best room [Ed. note: It was also known as the "House of Blue Light" in the early 1990s], and the archon gets to live in the Penthouse. This next year I'm on the second floor in the middle room just to the left of the red stairs. It has a Chief's head on it now, but I don't know what it used to be called.

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

I'm big into reading, which I share with my dad. He mainly got me into it, and I'm reading all the time. Dean Koontz is my favorite author and his novel, *The Taking*, is my favorite book.

Besides that, I love to water ski. My grandparents have a place on a lake (Continues on pg 4)



*Mom's Day Weekend: Brother Palmer with (from l to r) his mom-Nadine Palmer, sister-Jessica Palmer, and aunt-Micheline Piekarski*



## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE: MARK PALMER '14.5 (CONTINUED)

in Wisconsin, so that's where I'd ski all summer. In the fall of my freshman year, I was on the Illini Water Ski team. It's a co-ed team and they go to four tournaments against teams from all over. We practiced on a lake near Decatur and I went to a tourney in Missouri. It was awesome—ski all day and party all night. I'm not a trick skier; slalom is my specialty. I tried jumping over a five-footer, but I fell every time.

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

The front—I love the patio. It's a whole extra space to hang out on, and for our philanthropy work, it's good to have extra space, too. Everyone is excited to have the bathrooms redone with the next project.

**Q: What positions have you held?**

I'm currently treasurer and held three spots before that. I was junior pledge educator, helping **Brandon Burd '13.5** with the '15s, and also a rush chair. The biggest one I did was Philanthropy chair.

I ran an event called "Cooking for Cancer" where we grilled out and charged \$5 a head, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. We raised over \$650.



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

Astronomy 150, aka "Astro-Disasters." The professor was really enthusiastic, and it was a cool topic to listen to. Plus I got a 104% in the class. Professor Susan Curtis

is my favorite professor. She teaches Accy 201 and 202. She's friendly and crazy in a fun way, and she's great at interacting with students.

**Q: What are your goals for the next few years?**

I want to focus on brotherhood and bringing the chapter closer together. I want to do another paintball event and want to do other things and exchanges. We're also having PhiredUp come in prior to the start of the school year. [Ed note: PhiredUp worked with the Omicron in 2007 and their lessons on recruitment and retention were excellent. A big rose to the alumni for bringing this team of experts back for a workshop].

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

In a word, brotherhood. Every single guy is my brother. It's about friendship and it's made my college experience that much more memorable and better.



## SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM - 2011 WINNERS

The Psi U Scholarship Grant Program awards scholarships totaling \$3,000. (1<sup>st</sup> - \$2,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$750; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$250) to three incoming male freshmen attending the University of Illinois who exhibit the highest moral, intellectual, and social excellence.

This year there were a record 95 applicants with Omicron brothers personally interviewing 28 in consideration for the awards. A huge rose to SGP Chair **Dan Relihan-Johnson '14** for his fantastic work in this important job.

Pictured here are (left to right) third place winner **Justin Dierkes '15** from Normal Community H.S.; first place winner Jackson Deremiah from Monticello H.S.; SGP Chair **Dan Relihan-Johnson '14**; and second place winner **Max Evers '15** of Hinsdale Central H.S.





## ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

“Psi U of the Year”

**Matt Hamielec '14.5**

Joseph A. Miller '57 Psi U Alumnus of the Year

**Mark Tallungan '00**

Kenneth F. Reimer '51 Pledgeship Award

**Robert Bansfield '15.5**

Sam Biardo, Jr. '02 Biggest Heart Award

**Steven Toepfer '13**

Dean C. Marinakis '90 & David P. Komie '92.5  
Scholarship Award

**Arnaud Brisard '14**

Griffin Award for Senior Excellence

**Salvador Palafox '12**

Junior of the Year

**Bob Chain '13**

Psi U Sweethearts

Britney Shlifka (Fall '11 - with flowers), Katie O'Dekirk  
(Spring '12 - see photo page), and Jelena Verkler (Fall '12 - right)



## ARCHON'S CHAPTER REPORT (CONTINUED)

Our social chair, **Anthony Melone '14**, scheduled many exchanges and pre-games with sororities this year. Sororities we did things with included ΠΒΦ, ΑΔΠ, ΣΔΤ, ΑΕΦ, ΚΔ, ΑΞΔ, ΑΟΠ, with the largest focus on ΣΚ & ΔΖ. Continuing the fun, this past March both the Rho and Epsilon Nu chapters sent delegates to the Omicron house for walk-out. Members swapped stories, participated in group singing, and collectively enjoyed the aesthetics and unseasonably mild temperatures of the Champaign campus.

Service-wise, Psi U has actively been involved in four philanthropies this year. During the fall, the house sponsored brunches for the *Make a Wish Foundation* and the *Cancer Treatment Centers of America*. These events each raised about \$1,000. This spring, we reprised our donation to the *Make a Wish Foundation*. Towards the end of the year, Psi Upsilon teamed up with ΔΖ and cut a check of \$5,000 from its accruing philanthropy fund to the *Painted Turtle Camp*, benefitting seriously ill children ranging in age from 7-16.

We also participated in a number of philanthropies. In the fall, the Omicron placed second in the ΑΟΠ *Mud Olympics* benefitting the *Alopecia Areata Foundation*. The spring saw even more success, as Psi U placed first in a jump rope competition held by ΑΓΔ benefitting free polio vaccination in third world countries as well as making the finals in ΔΖ's *Turtle Tugs*, whose proceeds went to the Painted Turtle Camp. Other

philanthropies participated in include: ΚΑΘ's *Theta Hoops* (CASA); ΔΔΔ's *Greeks at Bat* (St. Jude's Children's Hospital); ΑΞΔ's *Autism Speaks* (Autism Speaks Foundation); ΑΓΔ's *Water Wars* (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation); and ΑΔΠ's *Clash of the Greeks* (Ronald McDonald House).

Moreover, each member is required to complete 15 hours of service per semester. It gives us great pride to report that we totaled 1309 service hours amongst our 73 actives. This autumn, a large group of students fulfilled part of this requirement by volunteering at the local Urbana soup kitchen. Members aided in stocking the kitchen, as well as serving food to community members during the lunch and dinner hours. Other service performed en masse during the year included house painting, tutoring at the local Champaign/Urbana high schools, street cleaning, and youth sports coaching.

Brothers **Jan Lumibao '13** and **Nico Guzman '13** attended the Psi U convention and report that we won two things - The Clasped Hand Award for exceptional philanthropy and service, as well as the Award of Distinction.

Finally, thank you to our generous alumni for the improvements made to the chapter house's exterior. The lawn looks fantastic. We've been using it a lot for tossing the ball around, playing bags, and just plain old hanging out. Props to the brick area as well. It's great for putting couches out and not ruining the lawn!



# UNDERGRAD PHOTOGRAPHS

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



*Psi U’s Sweetheart - Katie O’De Kirk with boyfriend, Brother Max Mikulich ‘13*



*Above: James Liu ‘13 showing off a keeper*



*Above: Jamie Schmiedeskamp, Tom Scriba ‘13, and Anna Teale*



*Above: John Cheline ‘14.5, Brandon Burd ‘13.5  
Right: Having fun at Barn Dance*



*Jan Lumibao ‘13 and Jesse Sandoval ‘14.5*



*Jan Lumibao ‘13 and D’Andre Blount ‘15 with some friends*



*Anthony “Goon” Melone ‘14 and Andrew Klein ‘14*



# UNDERGRAD PHOTOGRAPHS

“O DEAR OLD SHRINE; OUR HEARTS AROUND THEE TWINE;  
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Top: Julie Aker, Hadrian Brisard '13, Dirk Dekoning '13, Eric 'Fuente' Fuentebella '13, Ryan Walleck '15, and Allie Pinder

Above: Max Evers '15 coming forward to accept his Scholarship Grant Award during Homecoming

Below: D'andre Blount '15, Ryan Walleck '15

Top left: Formal 2012 with Ashley Galloway and Mark Palmer '14.5, Maggie Palermini and Dirk Dekoning '13, Katie O'Dekirk and Max Mikulich '13  
Middle left: Garrett Conklin '15, Ryan Walleck '15, and Joe Batherson '15  
Bottom left: Michael Huyssen, Epsilon Nu chapter with Nico Guzman '13, and Jan Lumibao '13 at Convention



## OMICRON ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES



**Dean Marinakis '90** (right) reports that **Shigeki "Shagg" Makino '87** (left) was in town visiting from Boston and they met up for lunch.

Brother Marinakis writes: "Shagg is doing great. He will be teaching a class on investing at Cornell's business school this semester and his son, Dean, was accepted to Princeton. For those brothers who knew Shagg as an undergraduate, his success both personally and professionally comes as no surprise."

After six years working for the same company, **Nick Hauri '03** (l) and **Chris Plencer '06** were finally paired up to do some flights together. Brother Plencer writes, "We spent four days reminiscing good times at the curved house. We both work out of Chicago for Chautauqua Airlines flying regional airline flights for American Airlines. Keep an eye out for us the next time you fly out of Chicago."



Mary & **Ken Derby '57**, former President and General Manager for Cives Steel Co., outside their home in Charlottesville, Virginia during a visit by the UI's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. A Bronze Tablet honoree and undergraduate archon (see *Arrow* clipping), Brother Derby writes, "I have been retired for 12 years and have filled my time with local courses, Habitat for Humanity, gardening and local government (I was president of the home owners association for four years)."







## OMICRON ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

Lt. Col. Edward J. Godfrey, father of Omicron brother **Major Pat Godfrey '96** (second from right), was honored on Soldier Field when the Bears played the Lions on Sunday, November 13, 2011. As noted in *TribLocal* Lt. Col. Godfrey served in WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam War. He retired from the reserves in 1973 having flown 150 combat missions, 38 different aircraft, 163 carrier landings and over 4,000 flight hours in his career. Some of his many medals include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Bronze Star with Combat V, eight Air Medals, six Campaign Stars, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. **Brother Godfrey** writes, "It was great to see our dad get recognized by the Bears on Sunday..We received word that he was selected about 2 weeks ago so the family scrambled to make plans to get back to the area. I'm still in the Air Force and now stationed at Hickam AFB, Hawaii (just flew back). We have a video of the TV broadcast which you can see at: [www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=fBIkgbNNkAg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=fBIkgbNNkAg)."



**Dave Komie '92.5** started out the school year with a great surprise. In correspondence with **Dave Slack '75**, he writes: "I had to write you with this story - you'll never believe it. I'm a teacher, 8th grade social studies, and just started back. I have a homeroom of twelve, and one of my students is not only in HR, but also in my s.s. class later in the day. It's a special treat because I've taught his two older sisters and I really like and respect the family & kids greatly.



Anyways, I'm doing my opening schtick where I introduce myself & talk about my school experience. I showed the class a shot of my graduation day from Illinois, and then I showed a certificate from the 2010 Psi U convention. Suddenly the young man chimes in, 'Hey, that's the fraternity my dad [**Dan Slack '84**] was in at Illinois!' Can you believe that I have your nephew Ryan in class, and that I also taught Jordan & Skylar [Dan's two other children]? How funny is that!"

**Dave Slack '75** replied, "That is hilarious! I'll have to pass that on to Dan if he doesn't already know." What a small world!"

### ***Psi U Reunion at Shepard Middle School's Graduation***

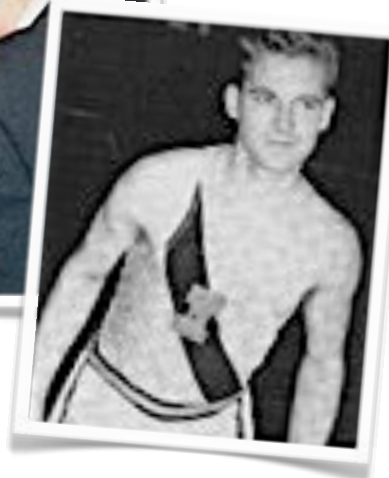
*(l to r) Arrow editor Dave Komie '92.5, Dave Slack '75, Ryan Slack, and Dan Slack '84*



## OMICRON ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES



**Art Wood '43** and his wife Marianne enjoying a conversation with the Honorable William H. Webster, Gamma '45. Brother Webster was keynote speaker for the 168<sup>th</sup> Convention held last year in Washington D.C. A former federal judge, Brother Webster was also Director of the FBI and later served as Director of the CIA.



Here's a photo of **Brother Wood** during his Fighting Illini athletic days. Art was awarded three varsity "I" letters for running track and cross country during 1940, 1941, and 1942. He also captained the Illini cross country team in 1942.

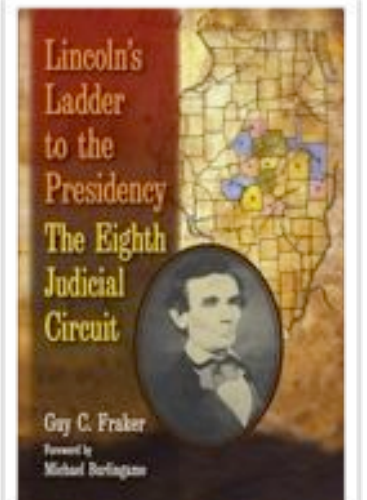
### Salvatore "Sam" Biardo Omicron 2004 Award from the Psi U Foundation

Congratulations to Brother **Matt Hamielec '14.5** on winning the 2012-13 Biardo Scholarship. Matt is the presiding chapter archon and previously was secretary and pledge class treasurer. An accountancy and history major, Matt's a James Scholar and in the College of Business Honors program, in addition to being in the McGladrey Emerging Leaders leadership program.



### Guy Fraker '60

has a new book which will be available later this year. *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency - the Eighth Judicial Circuit* is published by Southern Illinois University Press. Our congratulations to Brother Fraker on this accomplishment



**Dean Marinakis '90** reports, "Greetings - As I may have mentioned, my eldest nephew Paul was recruited to play football at the University of Chicago. Here's a link to a recent video at his official signing. ([http://illinoishomepage.net/fulltext?nxd\\_id=329782](http://illinoishomepage.net/fulltext?nxd_id=329782))

Check out the shot of his proud mom, my sister Lea...priceless. We're all very proud of Paul and wish him continued success. I plan on organizing a yearly tailgate party for one of his games.

Let's teach DIV III how it's done!"





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

### **Congratulations to:**

**Tom Slattery '89** and his wife, Kate, on the birth of their daughter, Anna Jane (2-7-12). Per Tom: "Mother and bubba doing well, Nate thrilled, daddy in shock." (photo below)



**Allen Hoover '90** on becoming an Adjunct Professor at the UI Law School. Brother Hoover's class was entitled "Current Issues in Patent Defense." Previously, Brother Hoover has held an adjunct faculty position at DePaul University College of Law and was a longtime lecturer for the BarBri patent bar review program. While in law school, Mr.

Hoover served as the executive administrative editor of the University of Illinois Law Review.

**Paul Repmann '96.5** on receiving his MBA from the University of Illinois. Prior to receiving the degree, Brother Repmann wrote to the *Arrow*: "I'm a little more than one year into the eMBA program through the University of Illinois. Classes are held in the Loop, at the Illini

Center, which is right across the street from the Sears (Willis) Tower, and are held every other Friday and Saturday. We spent 4 days in Champaign in May

taking elective courses, and the 20 month program caps off at the end of April with a one week trip to China, where we will be in Shanghai and Beijing."

**Tom Fox '00** on becoming Associate Executive Director at Psi Upsilon Fraternity. For more information, check the cover story.

**Dave Simpson '07** on being selected for a faculty position at the Air Force Civil Engineer School to teach pavement design, rehabilitation, and construction inspection. Brother Simpson writes, "Essentially I will be providing 'the basics' of the topic to both enlisted and officers in the Civil Engineer career field -- since a lot of folks don't have that background. Prior to instructing, I get to attend a civilian institution for 18 months to obtain a master's degree in the area where I'll instruct. I chose to come back to Illinois and in my first semester. Right now, I am working on research to develop bike path pavement design guidelines for IDOT."



**Matt Turk '08.5** and **Andrew Chapello '10** for completing the Chicago Marathon. Brother Chapello writes, "I had a tough race and wasn't satisfied with my time...the heat got the

better of me and I finished in 4:45. Matt finished with a much more respectable time, finishing in 3:56."

Abby Hall, Psi U Sweetheart from Spring 2010, on being accepted to attend DePaul University at in the Masters in Nursing Program. Her boyfriend, Brother **Kevin Sanchez '10**, is an analyst for Accenture Chicago currently working in Battle Creek, Michigan for the Defense Logistics Agency.

**Mike Chen '09**, who recently married his longtime girlfriend, Kate Minogue. Kate was a former house sweetheart and member of the AOP sorority. Many Psi U's attended, and Mike's groomsmen included **Matt Turk '08.5**, **Bobby Lee '09.5**, **Andrew Chapello '10**, as well as myself. Mike's dad, **Dr. David '83.5**, and uncle, **Charles '86**, were also in attendance. (See photo below)

**Paul Palamattam '10** on his graduate work at Seton Hall University. Brother Palamattam writes, "I'm starting my Masters in

Public Administration and my Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy. I'm excited to say that I am the Graduate Assistant for the MPA program. Two of my major responsibilities are Alumni Relations and New Student Recruitment, and I'm certain that my experiences from the fraternity are going to be a major help and asset with my new

responsibilities. Still not sure what exactly I want to do with the degrees, but I will be old enough to run for Congress when I graduate."



## 2011 - CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT

# WHAT WAS DONE?

Designed by Dan Swartz, landscape architect at BrownWoods, the house has a redesigned front lawn with new sod and landscaping, a brick patio, and seating wall.

Want to order a commemorative brick to be installed in the patio? Use the enclosed order form or visit [www.illinipsiu.com](http://www.illinipsiu.com)

I am thrilled to see a chapter take pride in their property, sadly we see so many facilities torn to shreds....I'll look forward to the new landscaping project (and hope they guys keep it up and weeded)! [Email after seeing the project] What a difference in curb appeal. I am really excited to see fraternities improve their facilities and take pride in their properties. Looks outstanding!

Jamie Redmond, U. of I.  
Housing Representative, Private Certified Housing

Looks even better in person...nice job! We're hoping for a big fall semester for Psi U as well!

Ashley Dye, U. of I.  
Assistant Dean for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

This project was a fantastic idea. The esthetics are phenomenal. Wonderful job to all those who participated and gave so much effort. This will undoubtedly help psi Upsilon on an internal and external level! YITB, **Matt Hamielec '14.5**

Dear Dave, Thanks for the fine letter on the improvements at the House. Very interesting and it looks great. The members have done us proud over the years. Count me in on one of the pavers. Let me know. Also hope I can come up with a wash basin or commode in the bathroom project. Always thought we had a great bathroom facility. My last semester we couldn't get any help so I took on cleaning it and the vacuum of the house every morning. So I know my way around that facility. YITB, **Everett G. "Red" Andrews '43**

It looks awesome! I can't express enough how grateful we are for having such fantastic alumni. ITB, **Steve Bieszczat '13**  
The front lawn really looks damn gorgeous, and I'm positive that will play a huge role in the fall to come and in years to come. YITB, **Jan Lumibao '13**

This looks great! No doubt we will see our investment returned through our rush number this semester. Thanks to all who put in the time and effort needed to make this project a success. YITB, **Anthony Melone '14**

Nice job on the front lawn btw! It really improves the whole house's look and brings the bball court and front together. YITB, **Ethan Knox '12** and girlfriend, Natalie Scibek

That patio is sick  
YITB, **Nico Guzman '13**



Looks great. Seeing summer scenes from out the doorway I definitely long to be staying in the house over the summer again taking just one course and making a career out of frequenting Kam's for the beer & peanuts specials! Kudos to [Dean] for helping to push this through. YITB, **Tim Miller '80**

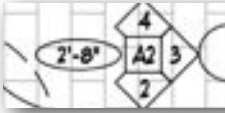
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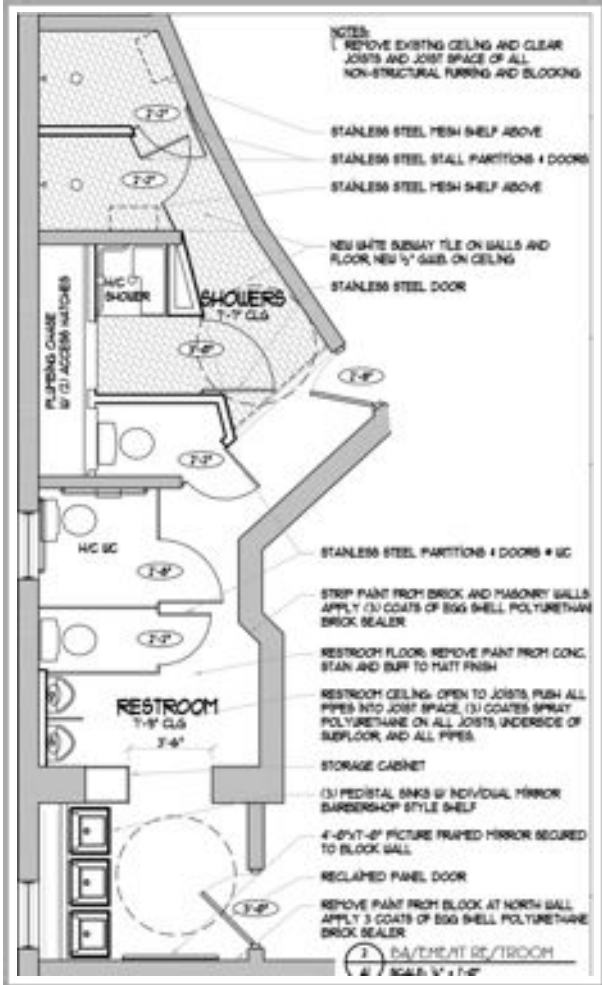




## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT PROJECT, DATE TBA BATHROOM RENOVATIONS - UPSTAIRS, BETA CHI, AND LITTLE SISTER ROOM

As stated in the President's Letter in February, there were multiple projects we intended to undertake this summer. The kitchen floor, because of its condition (which needs to be fixed in order to pass inspection), is a project that will be completed during the 2012 summer. Our Property Manager, Brad Luhrsen, is overseeing the completion of this project and his

### *Beta Chi - new shower configuration*



estimated cost for the kitchen floor replacement is \$15,000. This will be money well spent because it will not only help to pass inspection, but it will also give a great new look to a key common area in the chapter house.

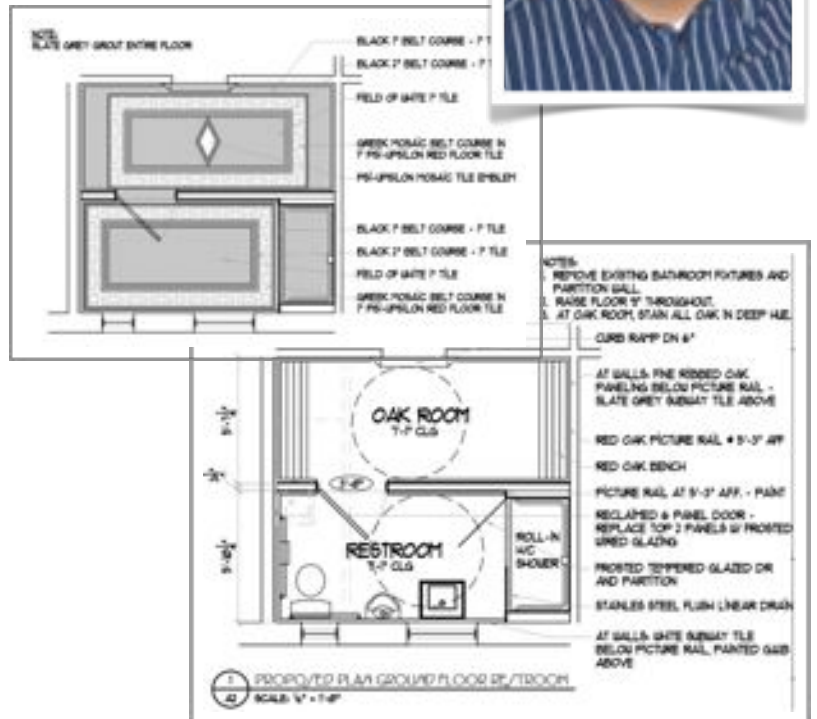
The 1<sup>st</sup> floor and 2.5 floor bathroom renovations will not be started this summer, as we do NOT yet have all the money raised to pay for the project. With the help of our architect Andrew Fell, we did submit our Bathroom Renovation Project Grant Application to the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing in early April 2012. The board reviewed our application, but because of the type of renovation being completed, they could only approve \$4,000 for project. While this is not ideal because of how much all the costs are for the project, any amount approved by the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing helps.

As you will see in the donation listings, many alumni have been making contributions and we ask that you keep those donations coming so we can make the bathroom renovation project a reality!

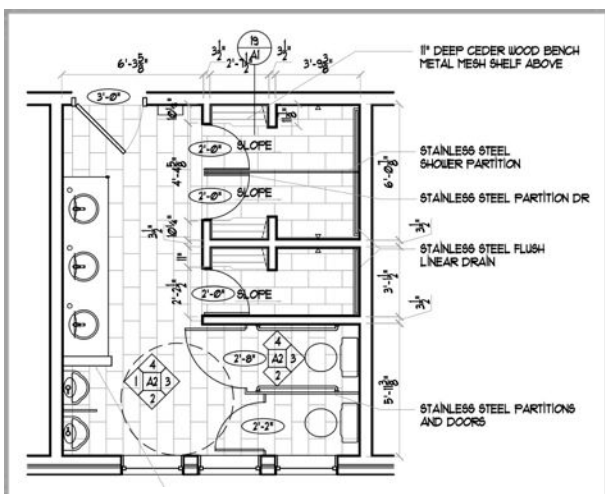
Yours in the Bonds,  
*Mark Tallungan '00*  
Mark Tallungan '00



### *Little Sister Room (below)*



### *Upstairs bathroom - new shower stalls*





## 2011 OMICRON GOLF OUTING



2011 Golf Outing  
Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mount Prospect Golf Club

Coordinated by **Mark Tallungan '00** and his team, 35 golfers enjoyed the 2011 Omicron Golf Outing held at the Mount Prospect Golf Club.

**Dave DiPrima '89**, whose home is on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway of the course, again hosted a post-golf BBQ "Psi, Psi, Psi" to these brothers for putting together a great event.

**Dave Yang '89** and **Ross Crotinger '87** won longest drive, while **Jim Colombo '01** and **Dave DiPrima '89** were closest to the pin. *Pictured at left*, brothers **Matt Petersen '89**, **Stan Parker '89**, **Doug Truskowski '89**, and **Dave Yang '89** were tournament champions.



*Alumni President Mark Tallungan '00 with Longest Drive winner Ross Crotinger '87*



*Dave Komic '92.5, Jim Colombo '01, Dean Marinakis '90, and Jim Yale '86*

Join us for the 2012 golf scramble. **Mark Tallungan '00** is coordinating things, and **Dave DiPrima '89** will host post-golf BBQ at his home. The course is at 600 S. See-Gwun Avenue in Mount Prospect, while Dave's house is located at 420 S. We-Go Trail just off the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway.

Cost is \$118.00 per person, covering greens fee, cart, lunch at the turn, post-round BBQ and other treats. Register at [www.illinipsiu.com](http://www.illinipsiu.com). Tee times start at noon. For those brothers who need a helping hand, we're also selling "mulligans" to raise money for the house - \$5.00 each with a maximum of five per person. Contact Mark for more info at [tallungan78@yahoo.com](mailto:tallungan78@yahoo.com)



## ALUMNI PROFILE: JOHN ZICK '65 (CONTINUED)

in the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois. She and I have had a great journey together and just celebrated our 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

We have two boys, our first being John Thomas III born in 1972, who graduated from Hinsdale Central High School where he was on the gymnastics team, winning the State Championship his senior year. John has a BA from St. Louis University and an MBA degree from UIC, and holds a management position at the Banana Republic store on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Michael Patrick is our other son, born in 1982. He also graduated from Hinsdale Central and also participated in

gymnastics, but focused primarily on swimming. He always wanted to go west to attend college, and since we have a second home in Oregon, he went to the University of Oregon

(Eugene) where he graduated with a BS in Business. He has a trading position with Nidera, a Dutch international grain/oilseed trading firm, at their headquarters in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

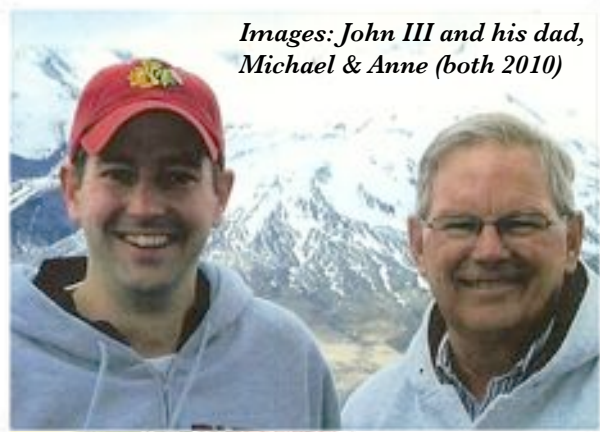
### Q. Why did you join Psi Upsilon?

I didn't know anyone at Psi U, but I had a strong desire to join the fraternity system. I was living at Garner Hall, one of the "six pack" which was incidentally only two years old at the time. I recognized the Psi Upsilon house because I spent a lot of time at the armory as a Naval ROTC midshipman. Back in those days, the house had beautiful ivy growing all over the front bricks and, of course, the half-moon shape made it stand out among all the other fraternity houses in the area. Rush was much more formal back then: I was invited over to the Psi U house by one of the brothers, liked everything

about it immediately, and pledged the second semester my freshman year, and with that became a '65. In the fall of 1962, we had a very successful fall rush with a big class of '66's. Since I was also a new resident of the house as they were, I had a tendency to bond with them rather than my class of '65's. I made life-long lasting friendships with many of them.

Q. What are some of your favorite memories of your fraternity days?

The formal



*Images: John III and his dad, Michael & Anne (both 2010)*

dances were a big thing in those days, both winter and spring formals. During the winter formal, the guys would move out of the house the night of the dance and their dates would sleep in our beds in the dormitory (no one slept in their study rooms in those days). We had to keep all of the windows open for circulation. My wife, Anne, stayed over at one of these and said she nearly froze to death because of the open windows even though she was using my electric blanket. During the spring formal weekend, the dance was held on Friday night. On Saturday afternoon and evening we would take our dates to Farmer Brown's farm which was west of Champaign, and picnic on the banks of the Sangamon River. Of course, we would have a keg of beer or two at these gatherings. My wife also participated in one of these and had a great time.

We also had a very fine football team. They had just split the league into large and small fraternities, and in '64-'65 we played for the championship. I played WR and DB; **Ken Hammer '66** was a rugged lineman; **Ed Melchin '66** had played tight end in high school & **Rusty Cotton '66** played in high school, too; and **Dick Frandsen '66**, who was a natural athlete, was our QB. We had been at Farmer Brown's the night before

the game & had too much to drink, so we were sluggish the next day and didn't win.

During my fraternity days, the fraternity atmosphere was much more formal than it is today. This

was very much a "coat and tie" era. Every Sunday at the noon meal we all wore our sport coats with the Psi U emblem on our jackets - the same for Monday night dinners and chapter meetings. Every Sunday night we had song practice led by **Joe Mountjoy '63**. We practiced songs which we would frequently use to serenade sorority houses when one of our brothers would get pinned to his sweetheart, as well as noted Psi U songs. Missing song practice was a \$5.00 fine and in those days \$5.00 was real money. My boys, John a Sig Ep and Michael a DU, laugh when they hear this. Guess that isn't a big thing anymore. Something else that has changed: pledges used to clean up the entire house, everything from scrubbing the floors to cleaning the bathrooms after hours, 1:00am on Friday nights, and would be assigned individually to watch the front door every day and evening in the event a guest would come in, he would be able to greet and assist them anyway he could.



## ALUMNI PROFILE: JOHN ZICK '65

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My wife and I are going to the U of I/ Arizona State football game this fall where we will see **Ken Hammer '66** and his wife who live in Mesa. He studied mechanical engineering and is recently retired from Boeing. We also frequently see **Dr. Jim Dougherty '66** and his wife for dinner. Jim is an Orthopedic Surgeon, recently retired, and lives in Rockford. I stay in touch with **Dick Frandsen '66** who is a Congressional House of Representatives Attorney in Washington, DC. I stayed in contact with **Ed Melchin '66** who unfortunately passed away not too long ago from an aggressive cancer caused by exposure to Agent Orange while he served in Vietnam. I keep in close contact with **Bill Kodak '68** who is retired and lives in Las Vegas. I see on occasion **John Squires '68** who lives in Wheaton, IL and is a Federal Bankruptcy Judge in Chicago. I also fondly remember **Chuck Buchanan '65** who recently passed away after a very successful engineering career with General Motors. He was a great guy and an excellent President of the Psi U Fraternity House. I served as his First Vice President my senior year. My wife and I were close friends with **Kevin Lannert's '93** parents. Sadly his mother has passed away, but my wife and I remember visiting Kevin with his parents when he was a freshman in the house. Most striking was walking through the dorm where much of the ceiling had fallen, plaster and all, just lying on the floor.

### Q What did you do for a living & how did you get into this profession?

When I was in high school, I thought I wanted to make the Navy a career. I thought about applying to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, but instead received a Navy ROTC Scholarship to the University of Illinois which paid for my books, fees, tuition and a \$50 monthly stipend (the \$50 paid for half of my room and board). With this scholarship I was

obligated to take a midshipman summer training cruise each of three summers. My senior year cruise I spent a couple of months on a nuclear submarine out of New London, CT. I majored in Economics with a minor in math and finance. The Navy offered me an opportunity to get my pilot's license at the University my senior year. At that time I intended and was accepted to go to Navy flight school at Pensacola, FL. I was commissioned an Ensign in the US Navy in the summer of 1965.

Just before going on active duty, an opportunity arose that I could attend Graduate School, before starting active service in the Navy. I enrolled in the MBA program at the U of I and attended classes at



*Brother Zick is seen here with the Psi U crest on his jacket in the fall 1964 Illio photo*

Commerce West, a brand new building at the time. I received my MBA in the spring of 1967. Because of my MBA experience, I decided not to pursue flight training, but just serve my 4-year service obligation and then go into the business world. I worked for a short time in the summer of 1967 in the Business Economics department at Caterpillar in Peoria.

I went active in the Navy in the summer of 1967 serving aboard a destroyer in San Diego being promoted from Lieutenant Junior Grade to full Lieutenant in July 1968 (same as Captain in the Marine Corps). I then received orders to go to Counterinsurgency School at the US

Marine Base at Camp Pendleton in California for two months and Vietnamese Language School in Coronado for two months. The Vietnam war was in full force at that time and were losing 250-300 men in combat per week in those years. Both my wife and I each lost classmates during that war.

In December of 1968 I went to Saigon, Vietnam and helicoptered to my duty station on the Cua Viet River on Christmas Day. This river was 2 miles south of the DMZ, although not too familiar to people in this day, it was constantly on the TV news during that time. I was a Senior Advisor of a 4-man American advisory team. The base had 3 Vietnamese officers and 150 Vietnamese sailors with 8 wooden junks, each with machine guns and mortars to patrol this river. We, including the Vietnamese, did everything one could think of in wartime – setting up ambushes, fire fights, clearing mines out of the river, calling in naval gun fire support, etc. Leaving in December 1969, I was awarded the Bronze Star with a "V" for Valor. My experiences in Vietnam have left a lasting memory --- some good, some bad.

Back in the States, I was assigned a position in Washington, DC for my final two years of service. My wife and I started dating again upon my return and this time we decided to get married. She joined me in Washington, DC. and worked for the EPA, which was a new agency just getting started at the time.

As I left the service, I interviewed with Continental Grain Company, Cargill, Proctor and Gamble, and Caterpillar and decided to pursue a career with Continental Grain Company. I was assigned to Continental Grain's Gilman, IL operations to learn first hand the grain business at the bottom level – tough assignment for someone who had been a fairly senior naval officer. We stayed 6 months and then were transferred to Continental Grain's Board of Trade





## ALUMNI PROFILE: JOHN ZICK '65 (CONTINUED)

office, where I was a Cash Grain Merchandiser and a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. I was then transferred in January of 1974 to the headquarters of Continental Grain in New York City as a Senior Assistant on the International Wheat trading and export desk. In that position we were selling wheat from the US to countries such as Egypt, Japan, Indonesia, China, Bangladesh, and the Soviet Union, to name a few. We lived in New Jersey and my commute was 2 hours door-to-door each way, every day. This made for long days, but it was exciting times in the grain business.

In October of 1975, we were transferred to Norfolk, VA living in Virginia Beach, where I was General Manager of Continental's export elevator. We were there until June 1976, transferring back to Chicago & buying our first house in Hinsdale. I was made Assistant Vice President and Assistant Regional Manager of the Chicago Region. In July of 1978, I became a full Vice President and was in charge of the Chicago Region which included all of Continental's activities east of the Mississippi including the Great Lakes.

In the summer of 1980, we were transferred to Hamburg, Germany to head up the office there. We had 110 employees in the office and were responsible for all grain activity in the Baltic area, West Germany, East Germany and Czechoslovakia. I traveled numerous times through Checkpoint Charlie meeting with East German buyers; it always was an experience walking over a wooden sidewalk through locked gates, and with barbed wire fencing running up each side. I also spent a time in Prague which was also communist in those days, a beautiful city but a sad native population because of the Soviet dominance.

As a note being transferred frequently is somewhat difficult for the man but all of the hard work falls on the wife, Anne in this case. It's everything – the schools,

doctors, dentists, shopping, and friends – and in Hamburg it was more difficult because of the language and culture. My wife quickly learned German as that was the language spoken when she shopped. There was very little American or British presence in Hamburg at the time. Our son was enrolled at the International School for his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and that became the center of our social life. Though difficult at times, it was a wonderful experience for all three of us.

In July of 1982, we transferred back to Chicago and I became President of Conti Carriers and Terminals, a subsidiary of Continental Grain, which owned and operated 550 barges, 10 towboats, and 2 terminals on the Mississippi River system. From the summer of 1985 until the spring of 1986, I undertook a reorganization of the Continental Grain business unit. In



*John and Anne Zick, 2010*

1986, I became the General Manager of this new unit and in 1987 became the Senior Vice President of Continental Grain's North American Grain Operations which included all of Continental's grain and transportation activities in North America. This business unit purchased and exported 2 billion bushels of grain every year.

I left Continental Grain Company in 1998 at the age of 55 and began pursuing other opportunities. I formed two startups in 2001: Cattlesale.com,

purchasing cattle across the country via the internet, and the second, AEI Environmental, specializing in environmental concerns in the swine industry, leaving these two companies in 2004. From the time I left Continental Grain Company, I have been a consultant to Nidera, a Dutch firm as mentioned above, helping them establish a US presence. I also trade grains, oilseeds, and cattle at the Chicago exchanges by computer.

### **Q. What activities do you enjoy?**

I would have to say that one of my hobbies is trading commodities on a daily basis; it keeps me occupied, keeps my mind busy, keeps my foot in the door of the grain industry, and is profitable. My wife and I do own, having purchased over time, 850 acres of quality farm land – corn and soybean production – in the Gilman and Thawville area. I do like to play golf, and am constantly trying to better my game. We love to visit our second home in Central Oregon. It is at a place called Black Butte Ranch, a development near the towns of Sisters and Bend. It has two golf courses that are cut out of the Ponderosa forest, along with extensive trails, swimming pools, etc. The town of Sisters is a little cowboy town of 2000 people – we just went to the Rodeo there last week. It has a large outdoor quilt show every July, the largest in the world, which Anne religiously attends. My wife is a hand quilter, very artistic, and has been accepted at shows in such places as Lancaster, PA (an Amish area) and many other places around the country. We have many of her quilts on display in our homes in Hinsdale and Oregon.

### **Q. Are you involved in particular charities or public service?**

We were very active with the Boy Scouts – my wife at the troop level and I as the President of the Des Plaines Valley Council for 3 years. Both of our boys are Eagle Scouts. We have financially supported both the 4- (Continued on pg 19)



## “BRINGING A LITTLE BIT OF CHAMPAIGN TO INDY”

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Historically speaking, Brother Fox notes, “Omicrons have always been involved - going back the first administrative director of Psi Upsilon was **Alfred ‘Doc’ Morton ‘19**. Partially this is because we’re all lucky to have been a part of the largest (and arguably best) Greek system in the US. Having Greek life be such a prominent, positive, part of our undergraduate experience helps motivate us to stay involved. But the thing that really gives the Omicron an advantage is we always have a great alumni support system in the chapter - having dedicated alumni like **Dave Komie ‘92.5** and **Dean Marinakis ‘90** taking care of the chapter affairs and how **Joe Miller ‘57** supported it for years frees up time for other alumni to get involved at the International level. Once those alumni are there, it helps inspire some of us to get more involved: for me it was Lew, Brad and Bill. We see that Psi U is much more than just a 4 year college commitment; that it is a lifetime commitment, and an honor. When tragedy struck, like the losses of **Sam Biardo ‘04** and **Bill King ‘73**, the chapter’s response was to create scholarships through the Psi U foundation, something that will give back in perpetuity and help ensure they are remembered by future classes.

### Who does what jobs?

**Tom Fox ‘00** was promoted in 2011 to Associate Executive Director. In this job, Brother Fox coordinates between the chapters and alumni associations with the International Office. He says, “It includes a lot of travel and late nights but working directly with undergraduates and watching the chapters, and fraternity, grow is incredibly rewarding.”

**Brad Corner ‘72** (pictured at right) has held many positions. Brother Corner writes, “I have the privilege to serve as Secretary of the Executive Council and chair the annual fund committee working with both the Council and the Foundation Board as well as many alumni and undergraduate donors from all Psi U chapters. Formally I have served six years on the Foundation Board 1996-02 and six years on the Executive Council, from 2006-12.”

**Lew Finkelstein ‘83** is an Alumni Term Member of the Executive Council after years of work as Treasurer to the Foundation. **Bob Petersen ‘68** is on the Board for the Foundation and also is its Treasurer.



*Brother Brad Corner ‘72 speaking at convention held in Champaign*

### What motivates these brothers to serve?

**Brother Petersen**, who is Senior Vice-President/Sales, Stifel Nicolaus & Company, says, “I have always been a big booster of the fraternity, especially the Omicron, but am now in a position (the kids are grown, married, and out on their own) to lend more than just financial support. Psi U has been instrumental in making me the person I am today. It has been an honor to be a member of the Omicron of Psi Upsilon for 47 years (so far).”

**Brother Corner** writes, “A lot of great friendships, guidance and advice were given to me by brothers both as an undergraduate and as an alumnus. When I was originally rushed Brother Carmen explained Psi U was a life long endeavor. No other fraternity put this perspective and expectation on the table the way Psi U did as a first impression. In a way I am just glad to be able to meet that original expectation and volunteer to help other brothers as I was helped. Plus we continue to have fun along the way.”

**Brother Fox’s** work is just that--his profession. He writes, “A job at the International Office was not what I was expecting to do with my life at all, but looking at how I got here makes a lot of sense. I was homecoming chair a couple time so I got to know **Lew Finklestein ‘83** rather well. **Brad Corner ‘72** and **Bill King ‘73** were always fixtures in the chapter and I got to know them much better after attending convention in 1998. We visited the Epsilon Nu chapter (Michigan State) a few times and became friends. The consultant before me, Ron Crichton EN ‘00, was just leaving staff so I knew a position was available and I decided it sounded like a good job for a bit before graduate school. It’s hard not to get inspired when working in a job like this - you meet amazing people and get to see fraternity at its very best. 12 years later I’m still here and couldn’t be happier!”



*Brother Bob Petersen ‘68 (l) standing next to long-time chapter supporter Bob McIntire ‘68*

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## MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **The 2011 Arrow**

I have not seen the Arrow yet, but word on the street is that it's magnificent. A Big Rose to you, Dave, for putting in so much effort and initiative into one of the greatest things about Psi U. The alumni of other houses on campus do not match up to what we are so gifted to have.

So thank you Dave, Dean, and Paul for all you do. You don't get thanked enough. **YITB, Jan Lumibao '13**

This was a really nice edition of the Arrow. Lots of interesting stuff in there, and it was nice to get a picture section to go along with the updates.

Nice job! **ITB, Grant Alsman '01**

As I posted on Facebook, I actually took some time and read through the entire newsletter. It was well worth my time.

Big kudos to Dave Komie and all, especially any of you undergrads, that helped put it together. **Dave Slack '75**

Hey Dave - my wife Sue and I were delighted to read that Psi U and Sigma Kappa made the Atius finals. Sue and I met in 1988 via Atius, when she was a Sigma Kappa undergrad, and when our houses paired up that year. And we made the finals then too! (Sue and **Jeff Naour M.D. '90** had the lead roles, and we sang "Under the Boardwalk" and "New York New York" at Foellinger in front of all the moms.) Congrats to the undergrads on yet another great achievement. **Allen Hoover '90**

Outstanding job, Dave! Seriously, the best Arrow yet. ITB, **Dean Marinakis '90**

Dean's e-mail isn't hyperbole; this really is the best one yet. Every page is full of good stuff! ITB, **Bret Coale '01.5**

Great Arrow! Really enjoyed reading about the brothers new and old....keep up the good work! **David Bell '76**

I sent a copy of *The Arrow* to Chuck Leight, who was quoted in the Arrow as a Rho alumnus. He got a kick out of it and thought you guys should win an award for outstanding communications from an active alumni association. I couldn't agree more! Keep up the good work!

**Mariann Williams, AΔΠ '78**  
Director of Alumni Services & Development, Psi U Foundation



## ALUMNI PROFILE: JOHN ZICK '65 (CONTINUED)

H Camp near Monticello, IL (Allerton) and also the Union League Boys and Girls Club in Chicago. We have both been very active at the St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale where I was Parish Council President. We have both been or are on the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Foundation.

**Q. What kind of influence has ΨΥ had on your life since graduation?**

During the 70's and 80's I came back to the house on several occasions but found that the fraternity system as I knew it had changed dramatically. I was willing to

help both financially and with other resources but didn't receive much encouragement. Only in the last years, including a couple of reunions, have I felt comfortable to participate. I might say that **Bob Petersen '68** along with **Mark Tallungan '00** have been instrumental in renewing my interest. Also the national leadership under **Mark Williams Phi '76** has also encouraged me to get more involved.

**Q. What advice would you give an undergraduate brother?**

As you know, I am a 1965 graduate -

seems like yesterday to me but to younger people, my sons included, I seem like ancient history. In any case, I would give the same advice that I have given my sons: "Each student has a small window of time while on campus. Make the best of it. Be responsible, enjoy school, enjoy the campus, study hard, and prepare yourself for the next phase of your life." Once campus life is over, it is over forever and real life begins. I would have to say that the six years I spent at the University of Illinois including the four years at Psi U have been some of the very best of my life and bring many fond memories.



## "BRINGING A LITTLE BIT OF CHAMPAIGN TO INDY" (CONTINUED)

### **Are there any exciting trends at International?**

**Brother Fox** writes that they're busy fundraising and growing the fraternity, writing, "We've also been much more aggressive about expansion, starting 3 new chapters in the last 5 years and also reopening dormant ones. We reopened the Theta (Union College) and Rho (Wisconsin) and have plans to reopen the Phi Beta (William and Mary), Upsilon (Rochester), Gamma (Amherst) and Iota (Kenyon). What I am most excited about is the Commitment to Excellence goal setting retreat. It brings alumni and undergraduates together to assess the chapter's strengths/weaknesses & then plan for its future. We've seen a lot of growth in our current chapters - this year Psi U will have its largest membership since the early 1990's. Also be on the lookout for a new history of Psi U to be published this fall; hopefully I can bring an advance copy to homecoming to show off to all!"



## UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS

Archon	Matt Hamielec '14.5	Accounting/History	Park Ridge
V.P. Internal	Bob Chain '13	RST/Sport Management	Crystal Lake
V.P. External	Anthony Melone '14	Civil Engineering	Elmhurst
V.P. New Members	Nick "Kaz" Kazanjian '14	Aviation/HF	Libertyville
Treasurer	Mark Palmer '14.5	Accounting	Gilberts
House Manager	Jose Martinez '14	Undeclared	Chicago

Daniel Amador '13 Global Studies/Pre-Law Chicago  
 Robert Bansfield '15.5 Electrical Engineering Palatine  
 Sean Barowsky '14.5 Electrical Engineering Lockport  
 James Barrett '15 Hist/American Studies Worcester, UK  
 Joe Batherson '15 Molecular Cellular Bio Westchester  
 Matt Biggio '13 Political Science Elmhurst  
 D'Andre Blount '15 Computer Science Joliet  
 Arnaud Brisard '14 Molecular Cellular Bio Mt. Carmel  
 Hadrian Brisard '13 Mechanical Engineering Mt. Carmel  
 Brandon Burd '13.5 Accounting Watseka  
 Alex Chapman '15 Accounting Elmhurst  
 John Cheline '14.5 MCB Gilberts  
 Garrett Conklin '15 Civil Engineering Washington  
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**Lawrence “Bud” Hatch ‘34**

Passed away on July 25, 2011 at age 99 in Urbana, IL. Among his many achievements, in 2006, Brother Hatch was among eight lawyers selected as the first class of the Champaign County Bar Association's “Pillars of the Bar.” He graduated from the UI College of Law in 1937 and joined the H.I. Green law offices, where he had worked before becoming a lawyer. As an associate, he became a widely recognized authority on mineral law in the development of gas and oil fields in southern Illinois. He has long been involved in drainage law, real estate, trust and probate law. His son, Bill Hatch, also of the firm now known as the Hatch Law Firm in Champaign, has practiced with his father for 39 years. Hatch also has two grandsons who are attorneys. Four lawyers from his firm have gone on to be state and federal judges. Overall, Brother Hatch practiced law for 74 years. In addition to his legal career, Brother Hatch was a veteran, serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific Theater and Pearl Harbor.



Bud married Ellen Ainsworth on June 4, 1938, in Mason City, Ill. She preceded him in death on April 29, 1995. Survivors include one son; one daughter; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Bud was preceded in death by his five siblings. Bob McIntire '68 writes, “Brother Hatch participated in alumni gatherings years ago; I know he had fond memories of his time at 313 Armory. He was a fine Psi U.”

**Jesse S. Hammer ‘43**

Brother Hammer of Farmer City passed away at age 90 on July 28, 2011 in Urbana. Brother Hammer was born on May 31, 1921, in Decatur and married Donna Hammitt on June 4, 1944. She passed away on May 26, 1997. Survivors include his daughter, Valli C. Hammer; three grandsons, four great-grandchildren, and a special soul friend, Mary Lou Beggs. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister. Jesse attended Onarga Military School for high school and was a member of ROTC at the U of I. He graduated with a degree in accounting and was a member of the Psi U fraternity. Mr. Hammer was a WWII Army veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star.



He was a choir member of the United Methodist Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis and Peace Meals, and he also served as an alderman. Jesse was a charter member of the VFW and American Legion. Brother Hammer loved music, singing and enjoyed playing the organ, trumpet and harmonica. Jesse owned the family grocery business that was 100 years old this year.

**Robert D. Llewellyn ‘44**

Brother Llewellyn, age 89, of Evanston, died May 15, 2012 of natural causes after a brief illness. He was a life-long resident of Evanston and graduated from the U of I. He then served as a naval aviator aboard a carrier in WWII. After graduation, Brother Llewellyn pursued a career in advertising. His final 20 years, however, were spent in various marketing positions with Baby Ruth candy and Tootsie Roll industries before retirement in 1989. He retained his interest in naval aviation as a weekend warrior at Glenview Naval Air Station. He had served as vice-president of the Navy League of Chicago. He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren.

In the photo at right, Brother Llewellyn is giving his memorable speech at the Omicron Centennial Celebrations held during the 167 Psi U Convention when it was held in Champaign. Featured in the 2006 *Arrow*, Brother Llewellyn was an Omicron legend, a masterful storyteller, and a great brother - he will be sorely missed by all.





## **BONDS ETERNAL**



### **Bernard C. “Barney” Quandt ’56**

As reported by Brother Ed Luczak ’56, Brother Barney Quandt ’56 passed away peacefully on September 25, 2011 after suffering a number of illnesses over last few years.

Brother Dean Marinakis ’90 writes, “After many years away from the house, Barney & Ed became reconnected and made it down to a few Homecomings in the recent years. Both were very supportive of all the changes going on with the house and the resurgence of our chapter. Barney was a real Omicron gentleman, indeed. We were fortunate to reconnect with him and others from his era, if even for only a brief time.”

### **John P. Hanlon ’90**

Brother Hanlon, of Inverness, 44, passed away in a tragic hunting accident on Saturday, November 19, 2011. He was born in Evergreen Park, IL. He was the loving husband of Leslie, nee Claeson; dedicated father of Nathan, Jack, Daniel and Kelly. He is survived by his father, Jerry; brothers, Jerry and Mike; sister, Jamie; mother-in-law, Marge; father-in-law, Hank; sister-in-law, Debbie; brother-in-law, Kevin; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carole.

John graduated, DePaul University, Masters of Science, Taxation; University of Illinois, BA, Economics & Accounting; and St. Laurence High School, Class of 1985, in Burbank, Illinois. John worked for Deloitte for more than 16 years where he was an International Tax Partner for over 12 years.

John was an avid outdoorsman and compassionate friend....one....“Cool Dude.” He loved hunting, fishing and boating with his family. His greatest pleasure was watching and supporting his children play football, basketball, baseball, soccer and dance.



### **Some testimonials for Brother Hanlon**

“I have many fond memories of John during our time in the house and as pledges. Following graduation, John excelled in his profession and became a partner at Deloitte. My heart goes out to his family. May he rest in peace.”  
YITB, Dean C. Marinakis ’90

“That is such sad news. I remember so many good times with John starting when we met as pledges. I had not seen him in many years, and was very sorry to hear about this senseless accident. He was a really good guy with a great sense of humor.”

YITB, Bill Hansen ’90

“Unbelievable. I had a so many good times with John years ago.”

YITB, Clancy Foley ’90

“John was a great guy and although I had not seen him in some time, I will miss him.”

YITB, Allen Hoover ’90

“This is incredibly sad, and as Bill said, senseless. I didn't know John as well as some of you, but I always enjoyed being around him. He had a huge personality -- you always knew when he was in the room.”

YITB, Jun Yoshitani ’90.5

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Dear Brothers, I'm pleased to report that the Buy a Brick...Build a Legacy fundraising drive has been an incredible success so far! The fundraiser, to help pay for the planned renovations of the 2.5 and Beta Chi bathrooms, will dramatically improve the interior of our chapter house, again cementing our status as one of the premier houses on campus.

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Since 2005 when we started rehabbing the chapter house, we have all seen the improvement and the giant strides we've taken. The new roof, sign, window blinds and cornices, the wood flooring in our entryway and dining room, the living room's home theater system, the Centennial grill and patio area and recent front landscape work – all made possible thanks to your generous support. The goal of rehabbing the bathrooms has been a long held wish for many of our members. Now, with your support, we can make this dream a reality. So please consider doing your share by purchasing a brick and supporting the 'Buy a Brick...Build a Legacy' drive. All purchases will be counted towards our yearly Dues and Fundraiser Drive.

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