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## A Message From the Chapter President

I am pleased to announce that the Pi Chapter is continuing its upward trend of improvement. We set a number of goals for ourselves this past summer, which included contributing to house restoration projects, actively engaging with Pi alumni, and expanding on past Pi traditions.

As detailed elsewhere in this issue of the *Garnet*, a major renovation project was initiated on the Pi cupola. Through the generosity of alumni, young and old, we now have the starting point for a major exterior renovation. Local Pi undergraduate brothers assisted Pete Daly, Pi '80, in periodic cleaning of the work area of the cupola, and that work effort was completed this past September.

Another project we undertook this semester was engaging in an alumni thank-a-thon at the Stewart Howe Alumni Service office. This past September, 12 brothers traveled to Lansing, New York, where we called and thanked over 300 Pi alumni. The event was the first of its kind for the Pi and an incredible success. The calling list featured many alumni (dating all the way back to the '40's) who donated to the first phase of the cupola restoration, and extended to many alumni who have donated selflessly to the Pi

over the years.

In October, we hosted Assistant Director of Student Life J.R. McGrath for a formal dinner. Our mission this semester has been to reach out to faculty, staff, the university, and the community, in an effort to collaborate on projects and distinguish ourselves as one of the most involved fraternities on campus. J.R. McGrath is highly involved in overseeing the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Through our relationship with him, brothers have performed over 200 hours of community service for Habitat for Humanity this semester in the cities of Syracuse and New Orleans.

As president, it has been my honor to preside over this house and represent such accomplished brothers. I

have learned that empowering others and delegation are central to success, especially with a large brotherhood. I look forward to applying these skills to my future career and will look back on my semester as president as a key building block for my leadership and cooperative skills.

Jim Armstrong '10  
Fall 2009 Chapter President



*Brothers call to thank alumni for their generous donations.*

## Pi Raises Bar for Philanthropy Goals

Psi Upsilon is a social fraternity, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't give back to our community and establish ourselves as a positive force at SU. This semester, we plan to accomplish this by participating in community events, giving to charitable organizations, involving ourselves in the philanthropic events of other Greek life organizations, and maintaining an all-around good rapport with the university and the interfraternity council.

Our primary event is called "Basketball" (a combination of



baseball and basketball), and Greek organizations and club sports teams will be invited to participate. The ALS Association will be receiving the profits from this event, because it is a disease that has affected my life as well as other brothers in the house.

(ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.)

The Pi has also participated in philanthropy events hosted by other Greek organizations, such as Delta Gamma's "Mr. Golden Anchor," as well as Alpha Zeta Delta's "Kicks for a Cause." The Pi's own

Brother Tirado almost won the Alpha Tao Omega hot-dog eating contest; though he built a huge lead in the first seven minutes, hot dog number 14 proved one too many for his stomach to handle, and he was disqualified.

Campus philanthropy is a very important part of the Greek accreditation process that we plan to use to bring good graces to Psi Upsilon, as well as solidify our reputation as a top-tier fraternity at Syracuse University. Our goals are to raise money for good causes and to have an enjoyable time doing it!

Trevor Elwell '11  
Philanthropy Chairman

## Homecoming: Welcoming Alumni Back To The Pi!

Spectacular weather greeted alumni, young and old, for Homecoming/Reunion weekend in early October this past Fall. The classes of '84 and '59 were welcomed back to campus, and approximately 30 Pi alumni returned for a day of fun and reminiscing.

The Pi undergrads hosted a pregame barbecue, and although the SU football team was unable to pull off a win that day, all was not lost. A postgame reception, followed by a toga party later that evening, certainly made up for the disappointment with the game. What was notable this year was the large contingent of alumni who have not been back to the Pi in many years.

One Pi alumnus remarked, "This was an extremely special event for me. I was able to reconnect with a long-lost Tri Delta formal date from '83! Who knows who I'll meet up with next year!" We can't promise special moments like these for everyone, but definitely mark your calendar for next year as we welcome the classes of '85 and '60 back!

Jim Cornacchia '86  
VP, Psi Upsilon Trust Association

## Improving the Pi Interior, One Detail at a Time

This past summer brought numerous changes and significant upgrades to the Pi. Thanks to the work of the trust association and all members of the brotherhood who donated, the cupola of the Pi received an amazing renovation that can hopefully lead to further restoration of the house. Also this summer, we took the liberty to construct a new barbecue pit out of concrete blocks that can grill enough burgers for every brother at one time. The porch was also completely repainted a garnet color, which contrasts nicely with the rest of the house.

There were numerous projects accomplished this semester to make sure the Pi looks as beautiful as possible. Projects included repainting interior walls; waxing all woodwork, including the benches on the first floor; and replacing broken and damaged ceiling tiles on the second-floor landing. As a brotherhood, we are all trying our best to make sure the Pi looks its best at all times and can withstand the constant wear for many years to come.

Sam Lituchy '11  
3rd VP, Fall 2009



Rob Wildhack '11 (center, in white shirt) and Matt Murphy '10 (center right, in dark shirt) practicing karate moves at the leadership seminar.

## Pi Shines at the Psi U International Convention

Over the summer, the Pi Chapter was represented at the Convention of Psi Upsilon Fraternity by a contingent of two active members of the Pi. The Pi Chapter's 2nd vice president, Rob Wildhack '11, and I flew out to Vancouver, British Columbia, to attend this event, hosted by the brothers of Psi Upsilon at the University of British Columbia (Zeta Zeta Chapter). We had such a great experience at the convention that many brothers have since expressed interest in attending future national convention events.

Upon arriving at UBC, Rob and I were put up in a four-bedroom suite at the conference center on campus. We roomed with two brothers from the St. Francis University Chapter (Sigma Phi), and made connections with not only these brothers, but also with brothers from a number of other chapters. At the opening ceremony, we were introduced to the executive council, and learned more about exactly what national's role is and how it affects operations here at the Pi. Following the opening ceremony, there was a harbor cruise, where we met and conversed with a number of current brothers from all over the continent, as well as several prominent alumni. Rob and I noted that the Pi Chapter is quite renowned among other chapters for our commitment to traditions. Many people also commented on how intrigued they were about our chapter retaining its

status as a very secretive and autonomous chapter. It was very eye-opening to hear other chapter members speak about our chapter in such high regard, and to be envied by others as one of the prominent chapters present at convention. The following days brought many exciting events, which we participated in eagerly, including subcommittee meetings, where resolutions were created to better the entire fraternity, and a leadership seminar. The closing ceremony saw many resolutions passed, and overall, it was a very productive meeting.

The closing dinner brought us several prominent guests and speakers. We sang many songs together, including awesome renditions of some new songs that will be brought back to the Pi, and we even toasted the president as well as the queen of England. Speakers throughout the weekend included Michael Dunphy, Ph.D.; Barry M. Gough, Zeta Zeta '62, who is the author of many critically acclaimed books (including, most recently, *Through Water, Ice and Fire: The HMS Nancy and the War of 1812*); and Thomas D'Aquino, Zeta Zeta '62, who regaled us with tales of his travels with Ronald Reagan, and touched on the history of American and Canadian cooperation in the business realm. One of the highlights was meeting Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56, the author of several Psi U songs and connoisseur of all Psi U songs, the likes of whom we have not seen before.

All in all, this was a great opportunity and experience for two leaders of the Pi, and our experiences were shared with all the brothers of the Pi Chapter. Our presence on the national level is felt strongly by the entire fraternity, and this was an event that neither of us will soon forget. Vancouver is a beautiful and picturesque site, and our hosts were very gracious. I encourage any and all brothers to attend future conventions, and I guarantee that doing so will result in lifelong memories that you will cherish.



Rob (left) and Matt at the closing ceremony.

Matt Murphy '10  
1st VP, Fall 2009

## Pi Exterior Renovations Commence

### *Cupola Gets a Much-Needed Facelift!*

It has been a long time coming. Over the years, the cupola has probably earned its spot as the least likely house feature to receive periodic maintenance. For one reason or another, other projects have taken higher priority: heat, foundation, exterior painting, the list goes on and on...

We have heard, loud and clear, that many Pi alumni are not happy with the exterior condition of the house. We couldn't agree more, and have started looking at alternatives to not only restoring the Pi exterior, but also upgrading it so it can endure year after year of harsh Syracuse winters. It should be no surprise that the Pi is one of the last remaining all-wood structures on the university campus. Even more amazing is that much of the exterior siding is original, dating back to the turn of the century. Layers and layers of paint have built up over the years, to the point that there is simply no way to paint over the existing layers. There is no real surface for the paint to adhere to anymore, and this is most evident on the upper floors of the house.

The trust association decided that some critical work needed to be done on the cupola, and set aside money to get the roof and interior ceiling replaced. Our overall plan was to do an incremental overhaul of the Pi exterior, with the intention of returning the chapter house back to the much-desired flat white color. Some alumni mentioned that the chapter house was originally a subtle two-tone white and neutral gray, which is also under consideration. Either way, the desire is to get away from the current mustard-yellow color, which might be historically correct, but is simply not visually appealing.

Our original plan was to start with the cupola; we had numerous issues with water leakage during heavy rainstorms, and our concern was that ice could form, and during



thaws, drop on the stain glass dome. Our first project would be to remove the existing, rotted coop interior ceiling, and completely replace the exterior roof membrane. Pete Daly '80 was contracted to do the work, as he has worked on other roof and exterior carpentry projects within the Pi, and probably is the one person most familiar with the house infrastructure and its numerous quirks. The original project was slated to cost between \$14,000–\$16,000.

The good news is that the cupola roof and supporting wood were quite sound. There is, however, one area that needed repair in the southwest side of the coop. This area had a small leak, and there was some evidence of dry rot. The bad news was that the majority of water was entering through rotted window frames and exterior siding. To truly fix this problem, we had to expand the scope of the work.

Pete proposed replacing all the windows with custom-fitted, vinyl-framed replacements. In addition, the exterior would be redone with white vinyl siding, and the architectural details, such as the columns and crown molding, would be replaced with a composite fiberglass material. Vinyl was chosen for the cupola because of its cost, durability, and ease of maintenance. We would not consider vinyl for the lower floors, because it would not look as good close up, and could be easily damaged by a flying football or other object. For the lower floors, we are considering a composite siding material

that will look like true wood and wear for years without painting.

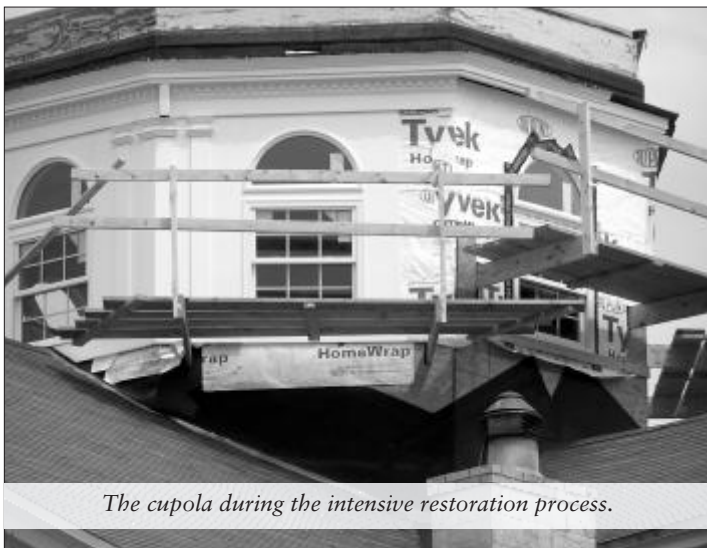
We are extremely pleased to report that the exterior phase of work was completed over the summer, and was made possible by a targeted emergency fundraising campaign. The trust association raised over \$20,000 in donation pledges in the span of approximately three weeks, and almost all money was collected by the start of the fall semester. More than 80 Pi alumni contributed to this effort, with the top cumulative donations coming from the classes of '72, '88, '90, '89, and '80!

While our work on the cupola is almost complete, we still need to frame the interior windows, and sheet-rock the interior walls and ceiling. Now that the cupola is watertight, we can bring in a glass specialist to repair and restore our most prized possession, the stained-glass dome given to us as a gift from the Theta Chapter when the house was built. The interior renovation and restoration work could cost in the range of \$15–\$20,000, and will be done in phases as budgets permit.

If you did not have the opportunity to participate in the exterior fundraising campaign this past summer, now is the opportunity to make a lasting change to a part of the chapter house we can all identify with! Your contribution, large or small, will greatly impact the chapter and those who currently call it home. We will be placing a memorial plaque in the cupola that names all alumni who have contributed to the campaign, so please consider making a donation today to the 2009–10 Cupola Renovation Fund.

Once again, thank you all for your support. The Pi is blessed with a strong and supportive alumni community, and your generous contributions help strengthen the Chapter year after year!

Jim Cornacchia '86  
VP, Psi Upsilon Trust Association



*The cupola during the intensive restoration process.*

## Dick Horstmann: In Memoriam (1935–2009)

Psi Upsilon and the Pi Chapter lost a unique member of the brotherhood on July 5, 2009, when Richard Arthur Horstmann, Pi '57, died in West Boylston, Massachusetts, following an extended illness. Because of an aneurysm, the last 15 years of his life were not so good. This story is not about his death, but rather his life, and what a life it was!

Though he was born in Brooklyn, New York, he became a longtime resident of Syracuse. He received a bachelor's degree in communications from SU, and thereafter completed a tour of duty in the U.S. Army. Dick then returned to SU for his master's degree in radio and television.

During his undergraduate days at Syracuse, he was a member of the SU crew team. After his freshman year, Dick had outgrown the coxswain seat in an eight-oared shell. He could have dropped out at that point, but chose to stay on as manager, and eventually became commodore in his senior year.

Jack Maclelland, Pi '57, writes: "Dick brought passion and commitment to everything he did. He became the glue that held our class of oarsmen together. If someone other than an oarsman had been eligible for captain, Dick would have beaten me out in the voting. Thereafter, over the years, he continued to keep many of the class of '57 oarsmen in constant touch with each other."

Another '57 classmate, and fellow crew member, Tom Lotz, writes: "After college, Dick retained his love of the sport of rowing. For many years he served as the dockmaster and dispatcher for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) regatta, held annually on Onondaga Lake in Syracuse."

Over time, he became more involved, and in 1977, earned an associate referee license in the National Association of Amateur Oarsman, now known as USRowing. He was a frequent referee at major regattas, including the Eastern Sprints in Worcester, Massachusetts, plus collegiate dual and triangular events, and became a full referee in 1982. He was extremely proud to be selected as chief referee for the 1991 IRA Championship Regatta. He continued to be a prominent referee until the time of his aneurysm.

Dick began his professional career as a sportscaster, newsman, and disc jockey for SportsRadio 620 WHEN in Syracuse. Thereafter, he became executive assistant to Syracuse Mayor William Walsh. When Walsh was elected to Congress, Dick was executive director of his Syracuse office, and he also managed several

election campaigns. Over the years, he always found time to visit with, counsel, and advise the undergraduates of the Pi chapter. In later years, he served as chairman of the alumni advisory board of the executive council of Psi Upsilon.

Bill Cavanagh '72 had this to say about Dick Horstmann's involvement with the Pi: "Dick personified the term 'brotherhood' in all its many manifestations. He served as an integral member of the Pi Chapter's alumni trust, and was a guide, mentor, and trusted advisor to an entire generation of Pi brothers. Traditions are very important to the Pi Chapter, and Dick was instrumental in helping the Pi maintain those traditions. No one will forget the memorable role he played in each initiation. Dick was also our friend. He spent time at the Pi Chapter house getting to know each of us; he helped us (me) get jobs; he helped us (me) get into law school; and we knew he was always in our corner."

Dick never lacked for avocations. He became a "fire buff" at an early age, hanging around fire houses and chasing fire engines all over the city, and at one point owned a 1928 Seagrave. In 1958, he founded SPAAM-FAA, a national organization for the appreciation and preservation of antique fire apparatus. He had a similar passion for railroads and trains. He rode on, photographed, and enjoyed every train he could find.

He was not quite in the same league with Warren Buffet, who recently bought an entire railroad for \$26 billion, "because my father never bought me a train set when I was a boy." Dick did, however, buy himself a 1915 vintage railroad car LV353, formerly the private car of the president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. For many years he took that car on a variety of excursions, carrying groups of railroad buffs on trips all over the U.S. and eastern Canada. (This writer joined Dick's team as a steward on many of those trips around North America.) That car became not only his livelihood, but the love of his life as well. He was also an officer in AAPRCO, the national organization of private

railroad car owners.

The final chapter to Dick's life was written on September 12, 2009, when a memorial service was held on a sunny early autumn day, appropriately enough, at old firehouse four in Syracuse. Close to 150 people from near and far came to honor and remember Dick. The service lasted two and a half hours, with personal remembrances by nearly 20 people taking up over two hours. There were many poignant and amusing stories shared.

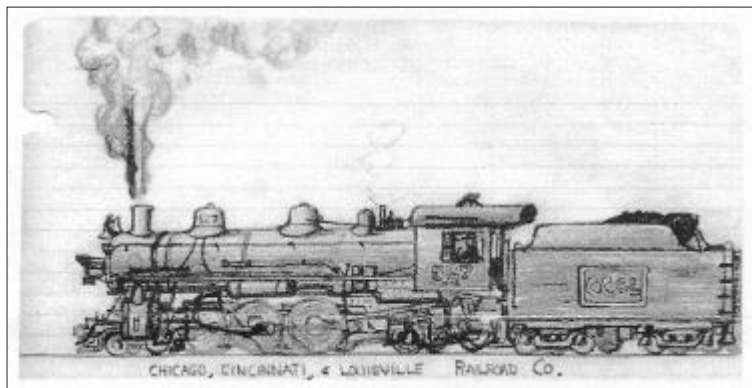
One speaker told of a time when Dick was on the air doing a political commentary and smoking during his commercial breaks. His cigarette rolled off the table and landed in the cuff of Dick's new slacks. "Yikes!", thought Dick as his pants were aflame. He hit the "kill-mike" button, swore profusely, and retrieved his cigarette. The only problem was, the switch was defective, and his profanity went out on the air. Dick soon got a call from the station owner saying, "No personal comments, Dick, just stick to the script as written."

Another speaker, who knew Dick from way back, was missing both his legs above the knee. To be there for the service, he drove himself all the way from Ann Arbor, Michigan, in his vintage, specially adapted Oldsmobile.

The following remarks were written to the Psi U board by Mariann Williams, the director of development and alumni services for Psi Upsilon in Indianapolis, following her trip to attend the service representing the national office: "It was a privilege to attend Dick Horstmann's memorial service. Parked outside the firehouse were two antique fire engines, in all their polished splendor, one formerly owned by Dick. It was standing-room only as friends from his multi-faceted life spoke about his passion for life and how he readily helped others."

Members of the SPAAMFAA wore the uniform Dick designed—blue shirts, headgear, and red suspenders. Also in attendance were railroad buffs, SU crew members, a congressman, two judges, Syracuse broadcasters, and local politi-

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*A sample train sketch, with incredible detail, by Brother Horstmann. Many similar sketches were rendered during the many initiation banquets he attended!*

## The Pi Trust Association: Help Us Continue Dick's Legacy

Gentlemen, this article is a call to action. In the wake of the passing of Brother Dick Horstmann, Pi '57, on July 5 of this past year, I am both saddened by the loss that the Horstmann family and the Pi Chapter has suffered; yet, I am also encouraged by the memory of the decades of unbridled service to our brotherhood that Brother "Whales Tales" has left behind. As the chairman of the traditions committee, this letter may seem outside the bounds of what my charge is, but the continuation of our traditions relies entirely on the combination of the undergraduates' implementation and alumni participation. Just as the Pi gets a new infusion of blood every semester, the trust association needs new members and continued support.

Since 2000, several key members of the current trust for the Pi have served—and continue to serve—our beloved house with selfless dedication. Since this core group was developed, a few key additions from more recent classes have kept the lines of communication open with the undergraduate brotherhood, and helped to preserve the ideals and goals of our organization. Without the continued guidance of those who have walked the halls of yore, tradition and ceremony can be lost. We need your presence and want to hear your ideas on how to keep our chapter a strong entity,



Dick Horstmann, Pi '57 (1935-2009)

one that we all want to continue visiting for decades to come.

Serving as an elected official or committee chair is not the only way to lend a hand; your presence at an occasional meeting—either in person or via conference call, or by being a liaison, that can visit with the active brotherhood, attend a brothers meeting, or Owls' Club—you could participate in a very simple, productive, and much-needed way. Every time we gather for our meetings,

whether our regular quarterly meetings or at special events, old stories and different memories are shared that help us all remember not only what we experienced in our short time at the Pi, but also *why*. We have each taken our own personal meaning from our times, but it is now our responsibility to make sure that the big picture, which we all shared in, continues.

When considering this call to action, recall your years at 101 College Place. Do you have a glowing memory of Brother Horstmann giving you a guiding piece of advice or morsel of Pi history that only a few men had the privilege to know? Or was it another esteemed alum that stopped in for a brothers' meeting and gave a mystery that helped you get through the next week? Or was it just another day at the Pi when you had a conversation with an alum that has created a lasting memory that you continue to use in your daily life, or have passed on to your own children? Many hands make light work; collaborate with us however you are able. With one day, one Pi visit, or one term as an elected member of the trust, your reward is sure to be manyfold.

Eric Paradis '96, Traditions Chair  
Psi Upsilon Trust Association

## Psi U Brothers Remember Dick Horstmann

"Upon arriving at Watson Dormitory in 1958, the first thing I noticed was an antique fire engine across the street at Psi Upsilon. Imagine! I will always remember Dick's enthusiasm for life, and his dedication to the Pi Chapter. Thanks for the memories, Dick."

— Bill Mollineaux, Pi '62; Granby, CT

"In Dick's presence at conventions, or a Psi U dinner, there was fun and life in the air. Dick, Eldred Halsey, and I all loved to sing Psi U songs, and we pretty much knew all of them... and the laughter! Oh, how we laughed! Time and distance, health and age kept us apart near the end. But at every Psi U convention, we felt the absence of Dick's enthusiasm and warmth—one of the three musketeers is missing. The thing about Psi U is that some of us love it so much that it becomes one of the mainstays of our lives. We, and others, were among the lucky people who loved Psi U beyond reason and logic. Dick touched us all in so many ways, and his poor health at the end was a sad ending for such a beautiful man. We have missed his vitality for so long, and now he's finally at rest."

— Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56  
East Rockaway, NY

"I knew him when I was a Psi U pledge. I'll never forget the ride in that 1928 Seagrave engine on a c-c-c-cold November day, nor his call-

ing cadence as the coxswain to the crew of the racing shell on Onondaga Lake. Rest well, my friend; your memory is, and will be, an inspiration to all loyal Psi Us."

— John Reinhardt, Pi '59; Oneida, NY

"It was a privilege to know Dick. He brought a smile to everyone who knew him. Dick was a true Psi Upsilon 'until his last faint, faltering breath.' May the 'King of Whales Tails' live in eternal peace."

— Jeffrey J. Chapman, Pi '82; Fayetteville, NY

"Thanks for all you did, Dick. You were truly an American original."

— Henry Wildhack, Pi '75; Syracuse, NY

"Fond memories stretch back to grammar-school days, when Dick delivered the *Post-Standard* to our home. My folks so enjoyed fascinating conversations with Dick as he hustled through our backyard, often carrying and sharing his incredible 'sketches.' Dick was influential in my joining Psi U. He reminded us all of the importance of respect for others. Whenever he told a story or joke, he always had an appreciative audience. He will be fondly remembered."

— Paul Hutchins, Pi '58; Ridgefield, CT

"'Horse' and I went thru the 'fires' of initiation

together, as well as many escapades as undergraduates and citizens of Syracuse. I was deeply wounded when the surgery was unsuccessful; sadly, Horse passed through the veil of tears at that time. We all have missed him."

— Carlo "Ralph" deRosa, M.D., Pi '57  
Placida, FL

"Dick was one of the funniest people I ever knew. I, too, was a member of The Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America. We raised ladders and we raised a little hell as well. I miss those times dearly."

— Piet Verbeck, Pi '61; Norwalk, CT

"Dick was a true one-of-a-kind person and a profound influence on me, both as a Psi U brother, and professionally, supporting and helping, even when he didn't agree with me. A man of many passions, he loved them all. A guiding light for me. I treasure the memories."

— Mike Greenstein, Pi '70; Seattle, WA

"While Dick was many years my senior, his ability to connect with me and the others of my generation was truly unique. He was a brother, a mentor, and most importantly, a friend. My life and experience at Syracuse and the Pi was richer thanks to Dick."

— Jim Sullivan, Pi '89; North Andover, MA

# Pi WWII Memorial Composite: The Job is Done!

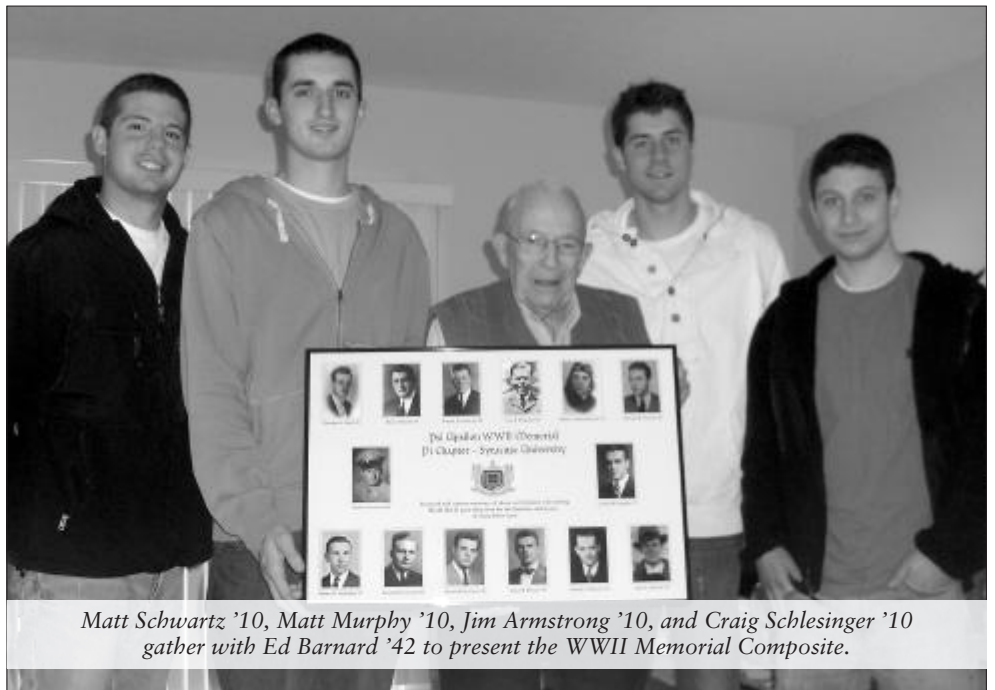
As detailed in the summer 2009 issue of the *Pi Garnet*, we have been working toward the reconstruction of the WWII Memorial Composite that was stolen from the chapter house not too long ago. While seven of nine photos were positively identified, there were still two unidentified photos, and four brothers for whom no photos could be found. As the grandson of a WWII veteran and a fellow brother of the Pi, I am proud to announce that Jim Cornacchia '86 and I, with the help and support of many alumni brothers such as Ed Barnard '42 and Alfred Hahn '61, were able to properly find and identify pictures for all of the brothers who were on the stolen composite, using the *Onondagan* yearbooks at the SU Archives.

On November 22, Matt Schwartz '10, Matt Murphy '10, Jim Armstrong '10, and Craig Schlesinger '10 took a trip to Victor, New York, to visit Ed Barnard '42 to show the final framed WWII composite. Ed reported that he and his wife (an Alpha Phi from SU) had a wonderful time reminiscing with the undergrads, and they finished their visit with a rousing rendition of "Welcome Brothers"!

In our search to recreate this valued composite in its entirety, Jim was able to obtain some very moving background information about the lives of our fallen brothers.

### Temple James Lynds, Jr. '40

Brother Lynds was lieutenant of the *USS Emmons*, and commanding officer at the time of his death. The *USS Emmons* saw action around the world and has a rich history of heroic action. Brother Lynds died in the final weeks of the war, after several Japanese



*Matt Schwartz '10, Matt Murphy '10, Jim Armstrong '10, and Craig Schlesinger '10 gather with Ed Barnard '42 to present the WWII Memorial Composite.*

kamikaze airplanes collided with various parts of the *USS Emmons*. For a complete history of the *USS Emmons* and a direct mention of Brother Lynds' visit, see [www.destroyerhistory.org/benson-gleavesclass/ussemmons/firstperson457.html](http://www.destroyerhistory.org/benson-gleavesclass/ussemmons/firstperson457.html).

### Carl Alexis Bergsten '39

Brother Bergsten was a flight sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was buried with full military honors in Harwell, England, from which the military air station RAF Harwell

takes its name.

### Walter Scott Rutherford Jr. '37

Brother Rutherford was a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and died while "flying blind" (without the use of flight instruments) in an Army training plane in the heavily wooded hill country of Sunol, California. During his time at Syracuse University, Brother Rutherford played two years of lacrosse and managed the freshman football team during his senior year. After graduation, Brother Rutherford worked in the engineering department of Central New York Power Corporation until he enlisted in the military.

### Richard Burr Prentiss '42

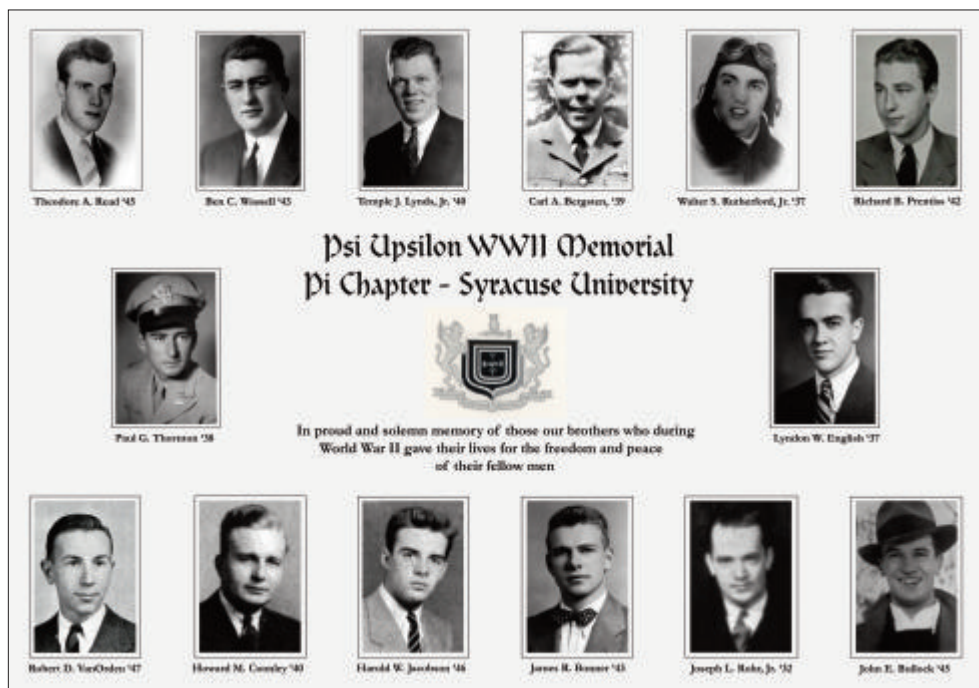
Brother Prentiss was the captain of an A-20 "Havoc" bomber designated for tactical bombing to support ground troops. Brother Prentiss flew in many routine missions, but faced many close calls and near brushes with death. A highly respected commander, Brother Prentiss was set to be married to a woman he met in London. Three weeks before the date of his wedding, on Christmas Day 1944, Brother Prentiss' A-20 was shot down during the Battle of the Bulge.

### Robert Douglas Van Orden '43

Brother Van Orden was a private in the 102nd Division fighting in Germany, when he was killed in battle on February 24, 1945. For his heroism, Brother Van Orden was awarded the Silver Star.

### James Robert Bonner '43

Brother Bonner was in command of Com-



*The completed composite, honoring Pi brothers who gave their lives during WWII.*

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## The Job is Done!

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pany I-310th Infantry Regiment, the first to cross the Rhine with the 78th Infantry Division. On April 6, 1945, five days after being awarded the Bronze Star, Brother Bonner was killed in battle near Kalteich/Betzdorf, Germany, at the age of 26. For his heroism, Brother Bonner received the following decorations: the Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Bronze Star.

Joseph Lay Rohr Jr. '32

Brother Rohr was a lieutenant aboard the

cargo ship, the *USS Henry R. Mallory*, when it was attacked by a German U-boat and sunk, killing Brother Rohr, as well as 271 others.

On behalf of the current undergraduate brothers of the Pi, we are honored to be able to recreate such an important memorial representing the history and heroism of our fallen brothers, so that past and future Pi have a reminder of the events the Pi Chapter of Psi Upsilon has persevered through during its rich history.

Bryan Fischer '11  
2009 Traditions Chair

## 2009's New Class

This past fall semester, I was proud to be the guide for 10 new members who all bring great things to the house. The pledging process went extremely smoothly, thanks to all the brothers, and as a result, this class is one of the tightest groups that I have seen come through the chapter. Time and time again, these men are there for each other, whether it be around the house or through moral support.

On November 21, 2009, the fall pledge class of 2009 was initiated into the Pi Chapter: Zach Albert Carlin • Roslyn, NY  
Curtis John Wales Greene • Dryden, NY  
Harshal Yogesh Jani • Commack, NY  
David Hess Kaplan • Roanoke, VA  
James Kushlin Markowitz • Boca Raton, FL  
Scott Raymond Mcloughlin • Williston, VT  
Simon Arthur Rosenwasser • Chicago, IL  
David Matthew Wychorski • Rochester, NY  
Blake Lindsey Berg • Golden Bridges, NY  
Tony Maurice Brown Rejiman • King Ferry, NY

Jason Troy Nelson '11  
Pledgmaster

## Alumni Send Their News

"It's good to get news from **Thomas Dickinson '43**, **Kenneth Lavoy '43**, and **Gordon 'Twigs' Terwilliger '42**," writes **Edgar Denton '42**. "Fair Haven is as delightful as ever during the summer. I don't get to Syracuse as often as I'd like, but manage to at least pass the '101 ranch' when I do. The current *Garnet* is excellent! It'd be nice to find Modern Elston and Virginia Cole to prepare meals, an essential part of real fraternity life." Send greetings to Edgar at P.O. Box 610, Fair Haven, NY 13064.

**Graham C. Davis '52** has been traveling and writing fiction. Catch up with him at 13190 Tahosa Ln., Colorado Springs, CO 80908; maharg1@earthlink.net.

**Robert M. Brown '54** has a new address: 157 W 3rd St., Apt. 410, Winona, MN 55987.

"I sold my business; we had been the leader in ultra-high temperature coatings in the U.S.," reports **Michael Novakovic '55**. "I am now enjoying travel and volunteer work." Get in touch with him at 113 N Spring Mill Rd., Villanova, PA 19085; phebeshn@aol.com.

**The Rev. Dr. David Luce Jeffery '58** is "seriously retired," and he and his wife, Priscilla, have been traveling to places including Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Peru, and taking trips to Texas to visit family. He writes, "I do very few church services now, and we enjoy sitting it out. We live just a block from fine Atlantic Beach (note the address!) and would enjoy hearing from any and all brothers." Find David at 1843 Seminole Rd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; dandpjeffery@aol.com.

**John J. Schantz '59** has retired. He lives in Rochester, New York, and spends his winters in Naples, Florida. Reach him by e-mail at jjiaviator@aol.com.

"I've been retired from the city/county planning agency for 10 years, after 33 years in the business," reports **Bruce N. Johnson '62**. He resigned from the Town of Clay Planning Board after 10 years, and is now a town councilor there. "After dealing in rare books for over 20 years, I changed my focus to historic documents, specializing in political, disaster, first-hand accounts, and 19th-century posters. I issue one or two catalogs a year." Keep in touch with Bruce at 20 Orangewood Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090; bnj@twcny.rr.com.

"I went to the IRA regatta in Sacramento in 2009, and just missed **Steve Gladstone '64** and one of the Kakas boys," writes **Burr Cain '64**. "Steve recently retired as the crew coach at UC Berkeley after many successful years. I still keep in touch with **Bill McDowell '64** and **Dick Walter '64**, both of whom have homes in Florida but are traveling around. Glad to hear the cupola on the house is repaired—it was shaky when I was living in the house!" Write to Burr at 7460 Oxford Cir., Dublin, CA 94568; abcain@comcast.net.

**John F. "J.T." Thomas '67** and his wife, Barbara St. Clair, spent some time with **Leslie** and **Mike Lanahan '68** at their vacation home in Jamaica this past February. J.T. writes, "Leslie and Mike are doing well, and are very busy as chairs of the Gordie Foundation ([www.gordie.org](http://www.gordie.org)), established in memory of their son, Gordie. They are doing yeoman work and produced the movie *Haze*, which is a feature documentary that addresses the national crisis of alcohol abuse and hazing on college campuses. **Ken Douglas '67** and I are honored to serve on the foundation's board." Say hello to J.T. at 1938 Portage Landing N, North Palm Beach, FL 33408; thomasjft1@comcast.net.

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## Dick Horstmann: In Memoriam

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cos. Many Psi Us attended, including Jack MacLelland, Pi '57; Don Piper, Pi '57; and Jim Cornacchia, Pi '86; all of whom spoke of Dick's love of the Pi chapter and Psi Upsilon. Several current undergraduate brothers attended, including Rob Wildhack, Pi '11. He said he'd heard about Dick Horstmann at last summer's convention, but only now did he understand why Dick was so fondly remembered—and why, today, it's important for the chapter to live up to the standards set by those who came before them.

Following the service, all guests were invited to enjoy a buffet in the firehouse, highlighted by ample supplies of Dick's favorite beverage, Jameson Irish whiskey. The entire experience was truly memorable, and as Dick would have said, "It was a nifty day."

In closing, Dick led a multi-faceted life. He did what he wanted to do, when he wanted to, and with whom he wanted to. In the process, he made hundreds of loyal friends, many of whom supported him loyally throughout his long illness. May he rest in peace.

*Editor's Note: article compiled by Don Piper, Pi '57, Dick's classmate and lifelong friend. Special thanks for resource data from Mariann Williams, Jack MacLelland, Tom Lotz, and the Miles Funeral Directors' website.*

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"Still on Martha's Vineyard in the summer, and Alta, Utah, in the winter," reports **John L. "Hugger" Burrows '69**. "After running way too many marathons, I had both knees replaced." When he wrote in July 2009, he was getting ready for the upcoming ski season, and planning to meet with Chris "Twanger" Stringer '69, **David "Grub" Craig '69**, and **Robbie "Fife" Stevens** at the Vineyard Sound during the summer. (Check out his website at [www.mvflyfishing.com](http://www.mvflyfishing.com).) Stay in touch with Bucky at 30 Wampeche Rd., Vineyard Haven, MA 02568; [buckyburrows@yahoo.com](mailto:buckyburrows@yahoo.com).

"I started a new job on July 1, 2009, at the Baldwinsville Central School District, after five years as a school business admin at the Tully CSD," writes **James J. "Scrods" Rodems '73**. "Same job at Baldwinsville, although there are about five times more students there than there are at Tully. The work is fun, though, and I have a good staff. The new job kept my wife and I from spending as much time boating as we had in prior summers, though. We sold our three-family home at 708 Comstock four years ago and named our Sea Ray 'Comstock.' We keep it at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay. We are empty nesters, and we're liking it. Thank you to the trust association for the hard work keeping the Pi going." Write to "Scrods" at 26 Drumlins Ter., Syracuse, NY 13224; [jrodems@aol.com](mailto:jrodems@aol.com).

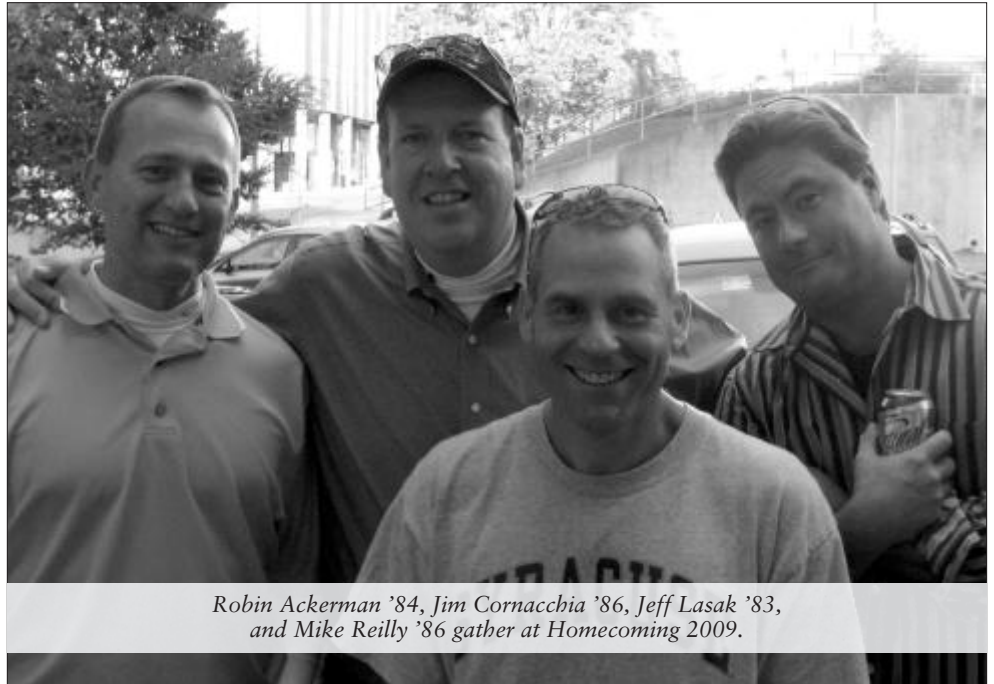
**Edward Rybak '74** now receives mail at 72 Azalea Rd., Sharon, MA 02067.

**James D. Williams '74** has moved to 3715 Perkins Rd., Arlington, TX 76016; send e-mail to [jim\\_williams23@hotmail.com](mailto:jim_williams23@hotmail.com).

"After 20 years with PaineWebber/UBS, I accepted a position as senior vice president and financial consultant with RBC Wealth Management," writes **Wes Johnson '81**. "My focus is primarily on high-net-worth individuals and corporate retirement plans." Catch up with him at 3 Golfview Ln., Jamesville, NY 13078; [wes.johnson@mac.com](mailto:wes.johnson@mac.com).

**Erik Fredrikson '84** has a new address: 227 E. 59th St., #5D, New York, NY 10022. Send e-mail to [efredrikson@nyc.rr.com](mailto:efredrikson@nyc.rr.com).

"I recently completed the Boston Marathon with a time of 3:16," reports **David "Shake" Speer '85**. When he wrote to us, he was training for the 2009 New York City Marathon, and planning to run on "Fred's Team" on behalf of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center's pediatric cancer-research division. Get in touch with him at 134 W 82nd St., Apt. 4B, New



*Robin Ackerman '84, Jim Cornacchia '86, Jeff Lasak '83, and Mike Reilly '86 gather at Homecoming 2009.*

York, NY 10024; [dshakespeer@msn.com](mailto:dshakespeer@msn.com). "I'm living the American dream in sunny Ardmore, Pennsylvania," writes **Michael G. "Kazoo" Barton '91**. Find out what's going on with him at 614 Georges Ln., Ardmore, PA 19003; [therealbarton@hotmail.com](mailto:therealbarton@hotmail.com)

**Kenneth Almstead '92** has moved to 11 Hilltop Rd., Waccubuc, NY 10597. Send e-mail to [kalmstead@almstead.com](mailto:kalmstead@almstead.com).

**Josh Fine '94** has a new e-mail address: [joshfine72@gmail.com](mailto:joshfine72@gmail.com). Send mail to 453 Shawmut Ave., #3, Boston, MA 02118.

**Steve Koch '98** now receives mail at 290 Great Oak Rd., Orange, CT 06477; send e-mail to [koch\\_steven@hotmail.com](mailto:koch_steven@hotmail.com).

**Shawn Dahlen '01** has moved to 141 E. Miner St., West Chester, PA 19382; send e-mail to [smdahlen@syr.edu](mailto:smdahlen@syr.edu).

**Ian Heim '01** has a new address: 6399 Christie Ave., Apt. 240, Emeryville, CA 94608. Send e-mail to [iwheim@gmail.com](mailto:iwheim@gmail.com).

**Brent Lazar '01** now receives mail at 1354 Riverside Dr., Wilmington, DE 19809; send e-mail to [bkazar@aol.com](mailto:bkazar@aol.com).

"After six years in sunny Florida, a promotion has brought me to the bluegrass state for my next life adventure," writes **Devin "Tyson" Downs '02**. When he wrote to us, he was looking forward to the SU vs. Louisville football game. Write

to "Tyson" at 13400 Eastpoint Centre Dr., #145, Louisville, KY 40223; [downscuse@hotmail.com](mailto:downscuse@hotmail.com).

**Mark Loga '07** has moved to 828 Potomac Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209; send e-mail to [mjloga@gmail.com](mailto:mjloga@gmail.com).

## DECEASED

*We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:*

**Traver L. Berry '34**

**James F. Evans '43**

**James B. Scobell '43**

**Edwin B. Bruce '45**

**Charles F. Metzger Jr. '46**

**Arthur C. Friedel Jr. '47**

**William McAdoo III '52**

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