



## The Omega of Psi Upsilon

### *Autumn 2009 Newsletter*

#### J. LAURENCE AND JOAN G. COSTIN SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

By Chuck Werner (MBA '55, JD '61)

The University of Chicago announced in September that it reached agreement with J. Laurence Costin for the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund in the College that will be awarded each year in perpetuity to a qualified undergraduate. Importantly, the J. Laurence and JoAn G. Costin Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will “advance the interests of the Omega Chapter of Psi Upsilon,” legalese for an Omega undergraduate. Should no Omega undergraduate apply for or be eligible for the scholarship, the University will award it to another qualified undergraduate at its discretion.

This scholarship is precedent-setting in that it is the first time that the University has agreed to recognize a scholarship specifically established for the benefit of a member of an undergraduate “social” fraternity (as distinguished from graduate “academic honorary” fraternities). Furthermore, brother Costin’s gift will be matched by the University’s Trustee Odyssey Match Fund, effectively doubling the endowment of the Costin Scholarship Fund.

Larry grew up in Chicago and Hammond and Crown Point, Indiana, matriculated at the U of C in the Fall Quarter, 1959, and was initiated as an Omega brother in Spring Quarter, 1960. He served in a number of capacities during his time in the house, including Archon, and also played on

the Maroon’s varsity basketball and golf teams, lettering in both. Although a member of the class of 1963, Brother Costin’s studies were interrupted by the U.S. Army, delaying his graduation until 1966. He and his late wife, JoAn Gayley (AB '63), met during their first year in the College and married in 1964.

Since graduation, Brother Costin has remained active in his support of both the Omega and the University. Regarding the former, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees on two occasions (including currently) totaling 30 years, during which he served as treasurer and president. Activities on behalf of the University have included: the Board of the Graduate Order of the C (including president); member of multiple reunion committees; the Alumni Award Committee; the Visiting Committee for

the College; and the Centennial Campaign. Brother Costin is Vice Chairman of CCC Information Services Inc. in Chicago.

With the establishment of the Costin Scholarship fund, it is now possible for U of C Psi U’s to provide tax deductible gifts that will directly benefit an Omega undergraduate by specifying that your contribution is to be applied to the Costin Scholarship Fund. To do so, or if you are in a position and of the inclination to make a major “named” contribution of your own, contact the University’s Susan Rossetti, Senior Associate Director – College Development, at (773) 702-6097, e-mail [srossetti@uchicago.edu](mailto:srossetti@uchicago.edu). Also, if you would like to discuss this with Larry Costin, he can be reached at (312) 229-2570 or [lcostin@cccis.com](mailto:lcostin@cccis.com). ΨΥ

#### THE PSI U BROTHERS CELEBRATE SENIOR DINNER 2009



## GENE SHIN '86 INDUCTED INTO THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

On Friday, October 23, 2009 in a ceremony at Hutchinson Commons, Gene Shin (1986) was inducted into the University of Chicago Athletic Hall of Fame. Gene was a two-time All-American in wrestling and claimed four consecutive Midwest Conference titles. Gene has continued his athletic career as a coach and credits much of his success to University of Chicago coach Leo Kocher.

Gene joins eight other Psi U's as members of the Hall of Fame: A. A. Stagg, Jay Berwanger, Bill Gray, Bill Haarlow, Ted Haydon, George Lott, Floyd Stauffer and Joel Zemans. ΨΥ



## CHUCK WERNER RECEIVES ALUMNI SERVICE CITATION

By Larry Costin, '63

On June 6, 2009, in an impressive ceremony at Rockefeller Chapel, Chuck Werner (MBA '55, JD '61) was honored by the University with its prestigious University of Chicago Alumni Service Citation. The award, which is bestowed annually during the ceremonies surrounding Spring graduation week, recognizes outstanding service to the University over an extended period of time. Among his many activities in support of the University during the last 50 years, brother Werner's 20 years as a Board Member and Treasurer of the University's International House and his 45 year commitment to more than a generation of young U of C students who became Psi U's were cited by the Alumni Awards Committee as exemplifying the role of an engaged alumnus of the University.

Chuck's involvement in the Omega has been, of course, unprecedented, serving as either President or Treasurer of the alumni Board of Trustees throughout his four decade tenure and having an inestimable influence on the academic, personal and professional lives of countless U of C Psi U's. His nominations for the Citation were broad based and included, in addition to a number of fellow Omega men, William Michel, Assistant Dean of Students for the College, and Bernie Del Giorno, a distinguished alum of Phi Gamma Delta's U of C chapter who was previously honored with the University's Alumni Service Citation.

Chuck remains heavily involved with the Omega while continuing his professorship in Accounting at the Loyola University School of Business. ΨΥ

## BILL GRAY ELECTED HONORARY TRUSTEE

At the fall, 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Bill Gray '48 was elected an Honorary Trustee. He joins John Phelps Davey '59 who was our first Honorary Trustee. In this capacity Bill can attend trustee meetings as a voting member and otherwise provide advice to the board and the chapter.

Bill holds an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He is a retired Senior Vice President of Harris Trust. Bill served for many years as President of our board of trustees and was instrumental in executing a major capital fund drive for the chapter. A year ago Bill was elected to the University of Chicago Athletic Hall of Fame for his great feats on the University's basketball and baseball teams. ΨΥ



*Chuck Werner, '55 received the UC Alumni Service Citation.*

## BATHROOM FUND DONATIONS REACH \$50,000

By Chuck Werner '55

We have received over \$50,000 of donations from 60 alumni brothers toward the remodeling project on our bathrooms. Donations have ranged between a few hundred dollars and \$10,000. However, we badly need to raise about \$25,000 more to pay off the project which has been completed.

Brothers who have already contributed significant amounts include:

Mark Contreras '84	Larry Costin '63
Bill Gray '48	Douglas Hahn '89
Joe Henschel '70	Mike Kirschenheiter '78
Mike Lockhart '70	John McGinn '90
Jon Persky '85	Max Puyanich '01
Clay Rose '80	Sam Tinaglia '88
Chuck Werner '55	Mike Zolik '94



Please help us to pay off this project. And a great big THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed!  
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## SOCIAL REPORT

By Dan Wiedenhaupt '10

The Omega has enjoyed an active fall quarter, throwing cocktails with sororities, small parties, and even a birthday celebration for one of our brothers. Our biggest successes, however, were our annual DisOrientation and Halloween parties, which managed to top everyone's expectations. The brotherhood has also spent a lot of time bonding over sports games, ping pong tournaments, and enjoying Chicago's nightlife. ΨΥ

## RUSH REPORT

By Hiroyuki Sato '11

We have started very strong in our rushing process this fall. Although it has only been a short time since school started, we have over 20 rushees composed of athletes and non-athletes. Athletes come across the board from soccer, tennis, cross country, track and wrestling. Non-athletes come from different states, countries, ethnicities and academic interests. We are trying to bring in a diverse group of rushees in all aspects and also in numbers as we're graduating a large number of senior brothers this spring. We feel confident in a successful rushing period and compiling a great winter pledge class for next quarter. ΨΥ



## ATHLETIC REPORT

By Andrew Marshall '10

Currently, the chapter represents a variety of teams on the University of Chicago Athletic Field. This past spring, Brother Will Zhang '11 was named a D III All-American!

Below is a list of brothers and their sports:

**Soccer** - Andrew Marshall '10, Edgar Friloux '10, Alex Clifford '11, Chris Guisto '12, Alex McVey '12, Ryan Tunstall '12, and Stan Coville '12

**Tennis** - Garrett Brinker '10, Mark Bonner '11, Will Zhang '11, Paul Namkoong '11, Jan Stefanski '12, and Troy Brinker '12

**Track and Field** - Patrick Kane '11 and Joe Walsh '11

**Wrestling** - Wesley Rosamilia '11 and Alex Murray '11

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## ALUMNI REPORT

By Matt Brickell '11

First, thank you to all the alumni who came out to the Inter Fraternity Sing last June! While Psi Upsilon failed to win an award I think it is safe to say we had the most fun of any performers.

Our final official alumni event of the quarter was our annual Jazz Night on December 4th. We had a good number of alumni attend last year and a great time was had by all. As always, if you're in the Chicago area and

feel nostalgic, please feel free to stop by the house and meet the actives. ΨΥ

## HOUSE REPORT By Joe Walsh '11

The house has had some major improvements made of late. First and foremost the bathroom renovations have been completed and they look incredible. Both the second and third floor bathrooms have all new fixtures, new tile floors, and new lights. The current brothers in the house can't say enough about them. We have also had the ceiling downstairs recently painted, and broken windows fixed on the first floor. Finally, there has been one more addition, a brand new gas grill. The days of charcoal are gone, and the new grill is a thing of beauty. Although the winter months are quickly approaching the grill has been put to good use, and will surely be used throughout the spring and summers to come. Overall, the house is in great condition and we would like to thank all those who have donated or helped in any way! ΨΥ

## PHILANTHROPY REPORT By Joe Walsh '11

Our house has been very busy lately when it comes to serving the greater community. We have a number of brothers involved in various service organizations, and a number of events that are happening right now or are in the planning stages. Currently brothers Joe Walsh and Alex Clifford are working with the National Coaching Fellowship, where they are coaching a 2nd and 3rd grade soccer team at a local school in Hyde Park. The house is also currently being used by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chicago as a food pantry. Organized by Chris Boots, the house library is holding food and clothing that is being collected for Matthew's House, a south side shelter. Currently two events are being planned as well. The Second Annual Papa's Pancakes for Charity happened in the 8th week of the fall quarter, and the organization that will receive the raised funds has yet to be determined. Finally Brother Garrett Brinker has also begun planning a benefit party for a global medical brigade. He has asked Psi Upsilon to help raise funds for the trip, where he will be giving medical care to the impoverished in South America. The brotherhood has been very dedicated as of late to serving the greater community, and it looks like there are only more opportunities and stories on the way. ΨΥ

## CALENDAR

SING - SATURDAY, JUNE 5

PSI UPSILON CONVENTION JUNE 2010 - CHAMPAIGN, IL

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATION

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