

# Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

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November 2004

## Philadelphia Get-Together Scheduled for February 12, 2005

Come join your fellow Penn State Skull brothers in the City of Brotherly Love. The Get-together will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at Illuminare Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 2321 Fairmount Avenue between 23rd and 24th. Parking is available on 22nd and Fairmount.



The Get-together is open to brothers, spouses, significant others and friends (adults only please). There are many drinking establishments nearby for those who would like to relive the good ole days following dinner.

All attendees will receive a Penn State Skull House souvenir.

Please RSVP to [psuskulls@hotmail.com](mailto:psuskulls@hotmail.com) or use the enclosed envelope. Contact us by February 1, 2005 as we need at least 20 attendees.

Watch your e-letters and [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) for the latest details.

## Names Still Needed for Psi Chapter World War II Recognition Plaque

To remember and honor Psi chapter brothers who served in World War II, we are erecting a bronze plaque to be placed in the foyer of the house. If you served in WWII or know the names of any brothers who served, please send us those names by December 20, 2004. We hope to have the plaque completed by early February 2005.

Our current list includes the following brothers:

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| <b>H. Lee Moore '35</b>     | Clay Sprecher '42        |
| Cyrus Gordon II '36         | James Drylie '43         |
| Henry McFall '36            | <b>Eugene Stull '43</b>  |
| <b>Thomas Cameron '37</b>   | Robert Galley '44        |
| James MacFarlane Jr. '39    | William Schabaker '44    |
| Joseph Robb '39             | William Clemmens '47     |
| Richard Warfel '39          | Daniel Balmer '46        |
| James Mitchell III '40      | William Anderson '48     |
| <b>Robert Ernst '41</b>     | Charles Daiker '48       |
| John Good '41               | J. Robert Post '48       |
| George Blakslee '42         | John Weaver Mitchell '49 |
| <b>Henry Derbyshire '42</b> | Tad Salom '49            |
| James Fitzpatrick '42       | Fred Shihadeh '50        |
| William Sandston '42        |                          |

Note: names in bold represent men killed in action.

Thanks to brothers **Joe Robb '39**, **George Blakslee '42**, **John Mitchell '49** and **Bill Sandston '42** for their help on this project. Please e-mail your information to [psuskulls@hotmail.com](mailto:psuskulls@hotmail.com), enter your info at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) or use the enclosed envelope and mail the info to:

Penn State Skull House Alumni Association  
Alumni Relations Office  
P.O. Box 296  
State College, PA 16804-0296

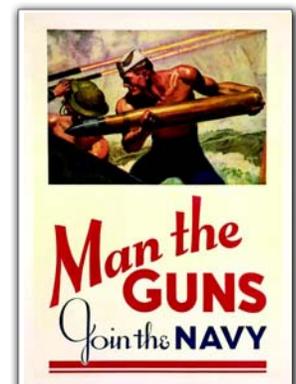
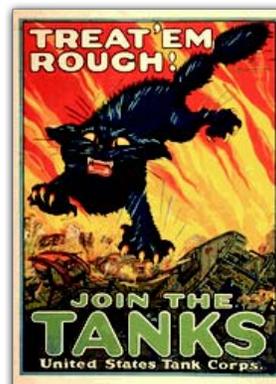
Watch the news section of [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) for updates.



The 1953 Pledge Dance weekend with **John Molloy III '56**, **Don Martin '53**, **Dick Lindfors '55**, **Bill Rother '55** with Micky Smith and **Jack Cleland '55** with Marion Fryermouth.

## Get NEWS FROM THE BONE Every Month

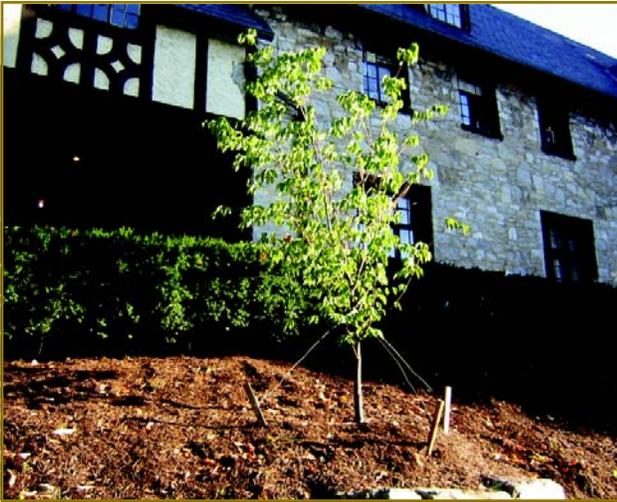
Make sure that you receive the monthly Penn State Skull House e-letter e-mail update. Just send your name and e-mail address to [psuskulls@hotmail.com](mailto:psuskulls@hotmail.com). You'll receive the latest Skull House news – including reunion updates, notification of the latest editions to the web page and the Skull photo of the month.



## Fraternal Walk Is Complete

We are proud to announce that the Fraternal Walk is completed. The walk includes a buckeye tree and a number of hemlock and oak trees. Thanks to the following brothers for their donations: **John Goldham '46, Thomas Hebel '77, James Kerrigan '78, Michael Rycheck '87, Erick Chizmar '88, Marti Pulli '91 and Brett Pulli '93.**

Two bronze plaques will be placed in the foyer honoring our brothers and the donors. The walk provides the House with more privacy and shade. We hope that on your next visit to PSU, you visit the House and enjoy the Fraternal Walk.



The Cap Tree planted in memory of **Steve 'Cap' Capezzutti '94** on the Fraternal Walk.

## 2004 Alumni Association in Review

Thank you to all alumni who have volunteered their time or pledged their financial support to the Penn State Skull House Alumni Association. With your help we have been able to achieve the following this year:

- P sidelights has been upgraded to full color with more photos and alumni information.
- [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) has continued to grow with more links and quicker updates.
- Over 400 Psi chapter alumni have been contacted to update and confirm their latest contact information.
- Monthly e-letters are now sent out with the latest news and the always-popular photo of the month.
- The Philadelphia get-together has been confirmed for February 12, 2005.
- The Fraternal Walk has been completed.
- Our fellow Psi chapter brothers who served in World War II will be recognized with a bronze plaque in the foyer.
- The number of brothers living in the house is the largest in ten years – with 20 more pledges on the way.

## McCarl '81 Update

In the last P sidelights, we highlighted **Eric McCarl '81**. Since then, he informed us that his second CD "Atlantis Lost" debuted at number one. You can purchase the CD at [www.ericmcCarl.com/purchase.html](http://www.ericmcCarl.com/purchase.html). Congratulations to Eric!



Please help us identify these Brothers, as well as the year, so that we can include this photo in the photo gallery of our web page. Please send info to [psuskulls@hotmail.com](mailto:psuskulls@hotmail.com).

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Catch a Koozie. Just call  
1-800-975-6699  
and make a donation.

[You can also donate from the secure location of the Web site [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) or use the enclosed form and envelope.]

All brothers supporting the Alumni Association this year will be recognized on the Honor Roll of our web page and in the Spring 2005 P sidelights. As an added bonus, all brothers who donate will receive a Penn State Skull House Koozie. These Koozies keep your favorite beverages chilled.

A special thanks to Brothers **Chris DePeppe '88** and **Lou Matlow '88** for supplying the Koozies. Chris and Lou are owners of Full Force Promotions, 1-800-832-2436.



## Alumni Profile With Jack Forney '35

*Family, Service and Clowns – yes clowns – are high on Jack Forney's '35 Priorities*

Jack Forney '35 is a busy man. At 81, he still goes to work every day, enjoys giving back to his community and has fond memories of Phi Kappa Sigma. He still tries to stay in contact with fraternity brothers. Jack says, "Although there is hardly anybody left, I still stay in contact with **George Harvey '35** who lives in State College and **Joe Thomas '35** who is in Florida."

A side that not everyone knows about Jack is his interest in clowns. "I've never tried to be a clown," he says. "But, I do have a collection of clown pictures, figures and memorabilia." These items are displayed

throughout both his home and office. Maybe his clown interest was inspired by some of his activities with PKS.

Jack joined the fraternity in September 1931. "I planned on joining a fraternity with **Henry Warren '34** and **George Harvey '35**. It was a toss up between BTP and Phi Kappa Sigma. PKS won," Jack says with a smile. He has plenty of great memories of fraternity days including the annual snowball fight with the Kappa Sigs. "We tried to see how many windows we could break," Jack says. He adds, "We were successful."

Jack also remembers the fraternity men were very friendly with the KKGs. "We had chaperons for dances. My parents were

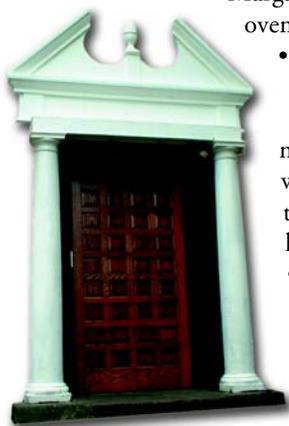
chaperons sometimes," Jack says. He adds that the girls stayed on the second floor and the boys moved to the third floor, and with a wink, remembers that there was a back stairway!

Jack lived in the fraternity house with **Bud (Vernon) Platt '35** and **George Harvey '35**. Roommate experiences included fishing, campus politics and a certain paddling received for late night activities. In addition to chapter activities, Jack was president of the Thespian Club and managed the fencing team.

[See the Skull House Web site at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) for the remainder of this alumni profile.]

## House Update

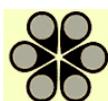
Since our last issue of Psidelights, we have continued to improve the house:



- Margaret, the cook, now has a new oven in the kitchen.
- The rear dormers and the roof have been repaired.
- The third floor now has a number of new Pella windows, which are improving the look of the house while dropping our heating bill.
- Electrical upgrades continue, as does the upgrade of the Party Room.
- Additional insulation has been added to the attic.
- Weekly walk through inspections are now

provided through the FPA Easy Care program.

- Kappa Alpha has a current Pledge Class of over 20!
- Over 40 brothers are living in the house this semester – the most in almost ten years.
- Kappa Alpha has several brothers on executive committees of the IFC.
- Big Red has been repaired and is back in action.



**SPECTRA WOOD**

*Quality Wood Furniture*

The Alumni Association thanks **Eric Friberg '91** and his brother **Andy Friberg '93** for donating even more cherry wood to the Party Room and for helping to fix the oak front door in their wood shop. Eric and Andy can be reached at Spectra Wood Furniture of State College ([www.spectrawood.com](http://www.spectrawood.com)).

## We Want Your Tailgate Photos

Please e-mail us photos of past or present tailgates. We will include them on the web page and in an upcoming e-letter.



Tailgating at the 2004 Wisconsin game with **Brent Beabout '87**, **Mike Rycheck '87**, **Fritz Breisch '87** and **Todd Rutter '87**.



## News From the Bone

**Charles C. Mathews '42**

(Gwynedd Estates, Apt. B-103, 301 Norristown Rd., Ambler, PA 19002) Last July 2003, I won first place in the Triathlon race of seniors in the 85-89 age group at the PA Senior Games held every year at Shippensburg University. On November 3, 2003, I had a brain tumor removed at the U-Penn Hospital. So far I am recovering very well, exercising daily and trying to regain most of my previous good health.

**Edward W. Horn '49**

(46 Balfour Rd. E., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418-7023; [c5ab@msn.com](mailto:c5ab@msn.com)) I was shot down and bailed out of my Martin B-26 Bomber sixty years ago on May 28, 2004. I was captured by the

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# News From the Bone

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Germans and became a POW. I was a 19-year-old pilot. For the next 11 months, I was in four different prisons. Finally liberated by "Old Blood & Guts" George Patton on April 29, 1945. Best wishes to my surviving WWII Psi buddies. We sure were lucky.

## Richard S. Schweiker '50

(8890 Windy Ridge Way, McLean, VA 22102-1558) I have two grandsons, Ryan and Patrick Schweiker, attending Penn State representing our third generation of Penn Staters. Both of their parents went to Penn State as well.

## John S. Wylie '52

(4012 E. Hinsdale Cr., Centennial, CO 80122) My wife, Millicent Vickers Wylie (KAT '53) passed away one year ago. We courted, got pinned and engaged while at PSU. We met at a PKS/KAT dinner at Skull House. I play some golf – not too well – and take some driving trips. Hello to Otto III.

## Ralph S. Laudenslayer '54

(12272 Lambert Cir., Garden Grove, CA 92841-3812) Since retiring in 1994, I have been busy with nine grandchildren. I am in contact with pledge brothers **Dick Vogel '54**, **Harry Solomon '54**, **Jim Leslie '55** and **Bob Murphy '55**.

## R. Nevin Rupp '54

(28354 Ruffian St., Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015-4810; nev-rupp@direcway.com) I retired from my practice of otolaryngology head and neck surgery in July 2001. After a year of being totally worthless, I felt guilty and now work for free teaching at the local medical school. My wife, Susanne Brossea '55, and I have been married 48 years. We have three grown children who have gotten as far away from us (San Antonio, Texas) as they could without crossing an ocean (Massachusetts and California). A major joy in my life now is my new airplane, a Cirrus SR20. Are there any other Cirrus owners in the brotherhood?

## Graham W. Hume '55

(895 Coopers Ct., Brookfield, WI 53045-6653) I am enjoying retirement in Tucson, Arizona. The Gallery Golf Club (the finest

golf club in southern Arizona) in the winter (November to May) and Brookfield, WI, in the summer (May to October). **Dick Vogel '54** and wife Karen stopped for a visit this spring in Tucson. **Jack Cleland '55** is now living and retired permanently in Sedona, AZ. Must have shown him some good stuff. He sold his motor home and is moving to Phoenix.

## William F. Moses '63

(16 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Sandy Hook, CT 06482; annainct@aol.com) I attended the "Best Years" reunion in October 2003 at **Sam Curry's '62**. What a great time. It was great seeing old friends and catching up on the last 40 years. Even though we are physically changed, everyone was the same as remembered.

## Craig G. Hacker '72

(15 Colonial Way, Malvern, PA 19355; craig\_hacker@ml.com) I joined Merrill Lynch Private Banking and Investment group as a Private Wealth Advisor. Meribeth was promoted to a District Sales Manager for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for eastern PA, NJ and Delaware. My son, Michael, who graduated from the University of Vermont, left Hartford and joined Wyeth as an inside Sales Representative. My daughter, Jessica, after graduating from Thomas Jefferson University, joined the Bryn Mawr Hospital nursing staff. She wisely invested her signing bonus into a house at age 24. My youngest daughter, Caitlin, graduated from high school and will be off to the University of South Florida this fall.

## George W. Bodenger '79

(412 Wynthre Lea Dr., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010; gwbodenger@duanemorris.com) I am married, with two children, Jacob (6) and Rachel (3). We live in Bryn Mawr, PA. I am an attorney in private practice in Philadelphia. I remain in close contact with **Dave Budney '79**, **Don McNees '80**, **Alan Renkin '79** and, from time to time **Dennis Elisco '78**. **Joe Gill '77** and I get our hair cut (for me, what is left of it) at the same place, though I have not seen him in awhile. I am looking forward to the October get-together in Philadelphia.

## Paul J. Latella '88

(33 Huntingdon Farm Dr., Glen

Mills, PA 19342-1478; pjlatella@comcast.net) Pledge brothers **Chris Depeppe '88**, **Lou Matlow '88**, **Brett Wenger '88** and I visited the new baseball park in Philadelphia in mid-June and were surprised to run into "Full Force" pledge captain **Steve Yorko '87**. It has often been said that Steve was out in left field and in fact, that's exactly where we found him. Steve looks to be doing well.

## Matthew Brown '89

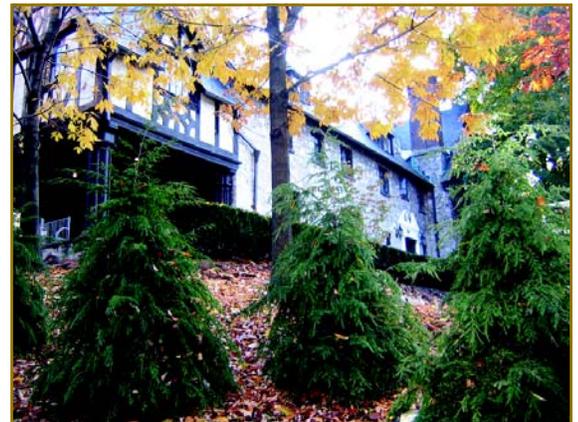
(2410 Harrier Drive, Audubon, PA 19403; mattbrown20@comcast.net) Hello Skulls from the late 80's/early 90's. Quick update: I'm living in Audubon, PA with my wife, Kim, of eight years and two kids, David (4) and Lauren (2). I'm working as a consultant at a mergers and acquisitions consulting firm. Would love to hear from any Skulls in the area.

## Eric C Friberg '91

(320 Lois Ln., State College, PA 16801-3072; ericfriberg@adelphia.net) On May 28, my wife, Kerry, gave birth to our third child and our first daughter. Carly joins Christian (6) and Cole (3) and the rest of the Friberg clan in State College. Note: Andy has four of his own. Between the two of us we almost have a six pack to pledge the house.

## Ty A. Torres '91

(24451 Lantern Hill Dr., #F, Dana Point, CA 92629; ty-torres@cox.net) On Friday, June 4, **Don Mendoza '93**, **Jim Hartman '92** and I ventured to the Hotel Café in Los Angeles to check out **Ken Dolman's '94** CD release gig for No North's new album "Beyond the Black." Get more info on No North at [www.nonorth.net](http://www.nonorth.net) and give a listen to their Hotel Café set at [www.intertone.net/records/nonorth/index.html](http://www.intertone.net/records/nonorth/index.html).



Hemlocks line Fraternal Walk at chapter house