

Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

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Update on Vietnam War Memorial Plaque Donated by Bob Brown '70

Work on the Bronze Vietnam Memorial Plaque donated by Bob Brown has begun. We hope to have a picture of the completed plaque in the next *Psidelights*. Keep an eye on www.psuskull.com for details of the dedication.

Again, we thank Bob for his generosity.

Names Needed for Korean War Memorial Plaque

If you served in the Korean War, or know of any Psi Chapter Brothers who did, please e-mail your name to psuskulls@hotmail.com or call 1-866-SkullHouse. We will ask for names again in the next *Psidelights*, and hope to begin work on this plaque next summer.

If you are interested in covering the cost of the plaque and donating the plaque, please e-mail psuskulls@hotmail.com or call **Michael Rycheck '87** at 1-866-SkullHouse.

We Need Your E-mail Address

Make sure you are getting the monthly Skull House E-letters. Just e-mail your address to psuskulls@hotmail.com, or go to www.psuskull.com and update your latest e-mail address there, or write it on the enclosed update sheet and stick it in the mail.

All Classes Reunion – Big Hit

We want to thank the over 70 Brothers, family and friends who joined together for the All Classes Reunion over Arts Fest Weekend. Many took tours of the House and then we met at the Nittany Lion Inn for dinner, drinks, and stories. Great weather and great friends, with the overflow crowd dining outside on the patio of the Inn. **Toby Smith**,

President of Phi Kappa Sigma National, gave us an update on the national scene and **Otto Grupp '51** reviewed all the Psi Chapter highlights. The evening ended with photos, drinks, and the promise to return to the next Reunion.

Check out more Reunion pictures at www.psuskull.com.



Help Us Make this the Best Year Yet for Your Psi Chapter Alumni Association – Make a Donation

Help us hold more reunions. Show your support if you attended this summers All Class Reunion at the Nittany Lion Inn. Help keep the *Psidelights*, our website, and monthly e-mail updates going. Join your Brothers of the Bone in the recognition of Your Alumni Association. Please make a donation.



Second World War II Bronze Plaque Unveiled at All Classes Reunion Dinner

The second bronze plaque honoring our Psi Chapter Brothers for their service in the Second World War was unveiled at the All Classes Reunion dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn. Psi Chapter veterans from several wars were in attendance for the unveiling including: **Henry Keller '43**, **Norm Marlin '48**, **Hobe Pollard '50**, and **Bob Schuster '50**. The plaque will soon be joining the other WWII plaque in the foyer of the House.



— Thank You All Psi Chapter Brothers for Your Generosity in 2007 —

Thank you to the following alumni who have contributed so far to our 2007 annual fund. If your name is not listed, there's still time to make your donation before the giving year ends on December 31! Make your donation online at www.psuskull.com.

1890 Club (\$890+)
Otto Grupp III 1951

Stellis Aequos Durando Club (\$500 - \$889)
Thomas P. Woolaway 1954
Stephen A. Kelly 1983
Michael P. Rychek 1987

Psi Club (\$250 - \$499)
Jake C. Forney 1935
Ralph E. Breidenthal 1953
Graham W. Hume 1955
John C. Molloy III 1956
Robert K. Betts 1957
Don F. Marshall 1968
Christopher J. McKown 1977
Sean M. Lacey 1978
David T. Simmons 1983
David R. Sieling 1993
John C. Stuntebeck 1994

Club Skull (\$100 - \$249)
Miles W. Smith 1943

- Charles W. Daiker 1948
- Norman H. Marlin 1948
- Malcolm R. Fisher 1950
- James W. Davis 1952
- William L. Hafley 1953
- Frederick P. Le Van 1954
- Robert "Bob" Brown Jr. 1955
- Robert B. Mowery 1955
- Robert W. Springer 1956
- John F. Albrecht 1957
- Charles J. Yarbrough 1957
- Jacob C. Shook 1958
- Noel B. DeCavalcante 1959
- Kenneth C. Louis 1961
- Henry J. Oppermann Jr. 1961
- William H. Swisshelm 1961
- David T. Allison 1962
- Joseph W. Koletar 1966
- Robert E. Brown 1969
- G. Michael Breneiser 1972
- Christopher S. Woodward 1973
- Jeffry Brightman 1982
- Michael S. Paul 1985
- Brent R. Beabout 1987
- Michael S. Cardonick 1990

- Michael Grigor 1990
- Eric T. Arcudi 1993
- Ryan P. Woodring 1994
- Jason P. Smith 1995

Dues Giver (Up to \$99)
Anne M. Burns
Robert M. Jameson Jr. 1942
John W. Mitchell 1949
Ronald T. Coder 1951
Vance Genzlinger 1951
Thomas L. Davies 1954
William Otto Rother 1955
Thomas H. Schneider 1958
John B. Haberlen 1962
James B. Clark 1968
Charles W. Schwambach 1970
Guy Randall Ackley 1971
Mark Roy Bugos 1978
James R. Hartman 1992

*Reflects gifts received as of October 4, 2007.



Jacob Forney '35
(690 Chandler Rd., Apt. 206, Gurnee, IL 60031-3181; jcfco@abcglobal.net) I sold my company but remain active as a VP to stay out of trouble and avoid temptations for a "kid" my age. Some nasty arthritis has curtailed my Key West and Canada fishing trips. I am proud to be a "Skull."

Maj. John Mitchell '49
(79308 Montego Bay Dr., #16, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203-8051; weavermitch2000@yahoo.com) Did you know? The mansion where

Gram Spanier lives was built by Judge Mitchell (Centre County Circuit) whose daughter married "**Short**" **Forncrook** (Student Manager for 1921 P.S. Rose Bowl Team) and a PKS. Mr. Forncrook's daughter Anne sold the house to the college. When I was in school (1946-49), Forncrooks let PKS Brothers stay in the house during summers as they didn't use it and the PKS house was closed or rented out. Anne was a Theta and a good "friend;" she still lives in Pittsburgh.

Graham Hume '55
(895 Coopers Ct., Brookfield, WI 53045-6653) We live at the Brookfield, WI Address in the summer and 13446 N. Holly Grape Drive, Marana, AZ

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News From the Bone

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85653 in the winter. We see **Vincent Richard "Dick" Vogel '54** and **John "Jack" Cleland '55** regularly. Anyone else available? Please call 520-572-4107 in AZ.

William Rother '55

(68 River Rd., Weston, CT 06883; rother1@webtv.net) Retired after 40 years in travel and another 5 years as tour manager for Jose Feliciano, being paid to travel around the world. My new career is as a singer/songwriter. I just produced a CD of original songs entitled "Life's Been Good To Me." For a copy, send 10 bucks to Bill Rother at address above.

Dr. Robert Springer '56

(1916 Seminole Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525; springer.rw@gmail.com) I still have many fond memories of my days at the house. Although I was, in many ways, out of place there, I was certainly blessed to be among such a great group. I was always aware of how much I enjoyed it but only later realized how much I had learned from fellow members during those three years. I was a poor student while at Penn State. Fortunately, I later learned to be a good enough student to complete—no doubt this would shock many—a PhD from the Mechanical Engineering Dept. at Northwestern U. I even spent quite a few years as a university faculty member, teaching engineering. In the process, I came to appreciate the efforts of those who tried to encourage and prod me to better scholastic efforts, prominent among them being my roommates **Vincent Richard "Dick" Vogel '54** and **Harry J. Solomon '54** during my pledge semester, and to regret my late start. As of last November 2006, I am now fully retired and enjoying life in Colorado. Through the many years, I have enjoyed receiving the house newsletter and, through it, seeing what

others have done and, at the same time, rekindling old memories. So, after many years of good intentions, I am enclosing a check to support the chapter. I do, however, have a request.

Influenced a great deal by my own experience, no doubt, I would like to urge

the chapter to emphasize the value of academic work among members and to regularly publish data on such things as the average grade point average relative to other undergraduate groups. Many young members would be well served by such an effort.

John B. Haberlen '62

(4157 Barberry Dr., Roswell, GA 30075) Will retire Nov. 30, 2007.

Charles Schwambach '70

(813 Sierra Ln, Flower Mound, TX 75028-7185; cschwambach@greystonecommunities.com) New email address.



Pledge Class of Winter '84 races to the Illinois/PSU game - Brent Beabout '87, Mike Rychek '87, Fritz Breisch '87.

Michael Grigor '90

(64 Witch Hazel Drive, Deep River, CT 6417; mgrigor64@comcast.net) All memories are my favorite. My home is in Deep River, CT. I have an established tree service and expensive golf habit. My son Magnus (9) has quite the fast ball at 50 mph. Health and happiness to all.

Special Donor Recognition - Help Us Achieve a New Donor Record

Recognizing those Brothers who donate \$500 or more in 2007

As an additional thank you for helping support the House and The Penn State Skull House Alumni Association, all donors of \$500 or more made during 2007 will receive a framed, antique Phi Kappa Sigma etching. These 8x10 matted antique etchings are from the early 1900's and most were produced in Philadelphia.

Summer House Improvements Continue

New Windows, Fraternal Walk is Expanded and Masonry Work is Completed

It was a busy summer for work at the House:

- We added four new Pella windows to the sleeping rooms in the back of the House. Continuing to make the House more environmentally friendly.
- The Fraternal Walk was expanded with an elm and two locust trees added between us and Triangle; and several hemlocks were added along the other side of the House.
- The electrical system continues to be improved and repairs were made to the interior of the House.
- Masonry work was completed on the front stairs, front walls and rear stairwell.



Phi Kappa Sigma Philanthropy Gave Jim Broadhurst '65 a Community Appreciation; Now he Gives Back as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Jim was an Integral Part of the Grand Destiny Campaign at Penn State

When **Jim Broadhurst '65** was rushing, he was immediately drawn to Phi Kappa Sigma. He loved the beautiful old stone house and the history it carried. The location was



Jim Broadhurst '65

conveniently a block away from campus, which was a nice perk. But most of all it was the members themselves that made him decide that he wanted to be a Phi Kap.

"I liked the brothers a lot," Jim says. "There were great men in that house. They were able to balance getting good academics and having great parties. I liked the combination of those things that the fraternity had to offer." Phi Kappa

Sigma was well known for its toga parties, which were not as common as they are today. And the big room was well suited for dances. Jim loved to dance. "That's where I learned to do a split on the dance floor," Jim says, recalling the fun they had. "The mixers were always with the best sororities. The Delta Gammas were very popular. They were my favorite because that's where I met my wife - Suzy."

Jim lived in the house for two and a half years, and most of that time he roomed with **Bill Chapas '65**, who remains a good friend to this day. "Bill had a great sports car when we were at school—an Austin-Healy," Jim recalls, noting that Bill even loaned him the car occasionally for weekend dates. One of Jim's favorite memories is of playing bridge with Bill and a few other Brothers in the early morning hours after a party.

After changing his realm of study a few times, Jim graduated with a degree in Economics in the college of Liberal Arts. He began his career with PNC Bank as a Commercial Banker. In 1973 he joined Eat N' Park Hospitality Group, a regional food service company headquartered in Pittsburgh, of which he is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. All three of his sons are in the business, and he looks forward to turning more responsibilities over to them in the coming years.

Jim's philanthropic experience in Phi Kappa Sigma made quite an impression on him, and he continued to offer his help and services to many organizations in his adult years. Jim was on several boards in the Pittsburgh area, including the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the United Way of Allegheny County. Ten years ago, Jim realized he hadn't paid homage to his alma mater. When the Grand Destiny Campaign emerged, he decided the time was now. "I thought, 'You know,

I haven't done a lot with Penn State, and this could be a way I could give back," Jim says. He became a Campaign Chair for the effort and helped it raise \$1.4 Million in seven years. He is now the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Jim notes that though they don't currently have a chapter on campus, he would love to see his fellow alumni help make that happen. "We're hoping it will come back on campus in the next year or so," he notes. "We have a beautiful house to move back in to, and with lots of interest and support, we can come back and get a good recruiting class."

In his spare time, Jim loves to travel and play golf. As his career begins to wind down, he looks forward to spending more time with his five grandchildren and visiting their home in Florida when they can. He hopes to get back in contact with friends he hasn't seen for a while now that everyone's daily schedules will become less hectic. He would also like to continue his strong involvement at Penn State. They are about to start a new campaign that aims to raise \$1.5 to \$2 Billion. "I'm having fun with my responsibilities at Penn State," Jim remarks. "I hope to continue helping the university with all the good things they're doing and helping them achieve their goals."

*For more profiles on Skull House alumni, visit
www.psuskull.com*

In Memoriam



Since the last *Psidelights*, we have learned of the following deaths:

James Swab '61

Psi Chapter mourns the loss of our Brother and extends our sympathy to his family and friends.

