

News from the Grotto

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National Service Week April 17-25, 1999

CALLING ALL D.C., MARYLAND, NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALUMNI TO SERVE

In the spirit of service week, the Boner alumni of the Washington DC Metro area are going to help distribute food to others starting at 9:00am, Saturday, April 17th. We will be helping members of the Washington Area Gleaning Network to sort and transfer fresh vegetables to local food banks. The Gleaning Network takes excess produce from farmers throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and organizes volunteers to help distribute the produce to those in need. Our role will be transferring the vegetables from the trailer trucks they arrived on, to bins that the food banks can easily manage. There is also a chance that we will be able to travel to a nearby farm and pick the crops right from the ground. After sorting, those of us who are interested can take the produce to smaller shelters that the food trucks are unable to go to.

Its not flashy work - but you will be taking part in a project that will directly benefit people who need help the most. Everything that we will be doing is located just 30 minutes from the nation's capital and the work lasts only a few hours. For everyone near the DC area here is an opportunity to continue to fulfill the spirit of Skull and Bones beyond Happy Valley! If you are interested, please contact Josh Bokee, Fall '95, #1 at 301-681-9066.

SKULL AND BONERS DANCE AND WORK TOWARD A CURE

Congratulations and thank you to all of our dancers and THON workers. This year's event was held Feb. 19-21, in Rec Hall. A special thank you to Sharon Entenberg showing that Service doesn't stop after graduation. Sharon was one of the 600+ dancers. Check out Hector's Website for Photos of the event.

http://trantor.cse.psu.edu/~caro/S_and_B/

Local State College Alumni and Actives call to duty

Local Boners need your help. The Active members are looking for volunteers from local alumni or alumni visiting the State College area Saturday, April 17, 1999. From 9:30am until 2:00pm, Skull and Bones will be at the Easter Seals of Central PA. The Easter Seals are running a carnival for children in the area. They will need volunteers to help run game booths for the kids, as well as handing out snacks and prizes. They had asked for about 15 to 25 volunteers. Contact Dave Theis, 861-9907, djt139@psu.edu to sign up. He is collecting volunteer's name and number and will keep them up to date about the project (i.e., where they have to go, when they have to meet that day, etc)

What a great way to spend a Saturday!!!

Mark your calendar!

Alumni and Active Arts Festival Picnic

The Alumni Interest Group is in the planning stage of our Arts Festival Picnic. This year's event is scheduled for **July 10, 1999. Noon until 2:00pm. Location TBA.** There will be a small donation to cover food and drink and \$\$\$'s to start a scholarship fund.

The event coordinators are Sharon Entenberg (sharon_entenberg@hotmail.com) and active member John Wood (jcw161@psu.edu).

For more information, please email the event coordinators or call Nancy Pope at 703-222-2942.

Watch your mail /email for ways to register. We hope to see you all there.

AIG MEETING NEWS

A group of AIG members and Active members recently met at the Nittany Lion Inn on Sunday Feb. 21. National Service Week and Arts Festival were the topics of discussion. Complete minutes from the meeting were sent via the new list serve. To request a hard copy, call Nancy Pope (703) 222-2942.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: July 10th @ 2pm following the Arts Festival Picnic. ALL ARE WELCOME.

OFFICERS NEEDED

The Alumni Interest Group (AIG) is looking for interested people to fill executive positions. Call Nancy Pope if you are interested.

\$\$\$ News

Our treasury currently holds @ \$100. We have recently appointed a team to begin our fundraising efforts. We hope we can canvas our membership and obtain our financial goals to;

- Provide scholarship funds to active members
- Provide communication through a newsletter
- Provide activities to reunite members
- Provide funding for efficient operation.

We invite you to contribute to these goals, it is not our intention to burden anyone; we all receive numerous solicitations. Our hope is that each of you can contribute what we can to move our goals forward.

We need your support. Mail your contribution to:
Skull and Bones Alumni Interest Group
C/O Nancy Pope
12309 Oak Creek Lane
#1407
Fairfax, VA 22033

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and support!

CAREER CORNER

We know it's true, making the transition from college classes to a successful career or making that career change is never easy. If you have opportunities or career advice, let us know. We would like to publish these listing on our new List Serve and through our newsletters. If you are interested in acting as our Career Corner contact, please write or email Nancy Pope. Until a coordinator is identified, forward all listings to Nancy Pope.

SKULL AND BONES ALUMNI WHO and WHERE are WE

Of the 1019 Skull and Bones alumni on the Alumni Association's "active" list, 586 or 57.5% are members of the AIG. Of that number, 68 were graduated in 1940 or before.

The earliest Skull and Bones alumnus still active is Earl V. Singer '24, Metallurgy, who resides in Hackensack, NJ From the 1929's era there are five other alumni: Herbert V. Gerding '27, Civil Engineering, St. Petersburg, FL; Frederick W. Kaiser '27, Landscape Architecture, Wilkes Barre, Pa; Revered Charles C. Berryhill '28, Paralegal, Lakeland, FL; Henry F. Blankenbiller '28, Electrochemical Engineering, Beverly, NJ; and Frank B. Mahon '28, Electrical Engineering, Doylestown, PA.

Skull and Bones alumni live in 45 of our country's 50 states and seven foreign countries. Seventeen of the States have 10 or more Skull and Bones Alumni: PA leading the way with 433.

The service and leadership for which these alumni were tapped in their college days have obviously been confirmed in their subsequent careers, which are described by such prestigious titles as Chairperson, CEO, President, Producer, Business Editor, State Senator, Professor Emeritus, Dean, Vice President, State Representative, Foreign Affairs Columnist, Executive Sous Chef, Director of Sports Medicine, Professional Football and Basketball Players, District Judge, National editor, Entertainer, Nuclear Scientist, Mother, Father, Grandparent and Foreign Correspondent.

Let us know where you are and what you are doing. Email or write to Nancy Pope.

A special thanks to Bob Goerder for researching and writing this article on our alumni.

NEW LISTSERVE IS HERE

Sign up now to receive news from alumni and actives via our new LISTSERVE. For information, contact James "Dusty" Tome at jft108@psu.edu.

A special thanks to Dusty for his work in establishing our LISTSERVE.

WEB PAGE UNDER CONSTUCTION

Keep your eye on the site. www.skullandbones.org
Thank you to John Hook for registering our website.

Bone -to -Bone

Chris Gazze: He has left the Air Force and off to new adventures in Vienna, Austria. Good Luck Chris. (Cafe210@ aol.com)

Heather Liszka, Fall '92: (Excerpts of an email from Heather) Inspired by Pete Lisicky's message from a remote town in Switzerland and by the recent abundance of messages regarding initiation, I would like to send my greetings from Mbabane, Swaziland. I am here on a 2-month elective in my fourth year of medical school and I too wake to the sound of roosters crowing. In fact, there are two that hang out by day on the neighbor's lawn.

hlistzka@hotmail.com

Martin j. & Judith (Johnson) Smith: March 1, 1997 marked the release of the Martin's first novel, examining the volatile issue of repressed memories against the backdrop of a sensational product tampering case. A winner of more than 40 newspaper and magazine writing awards, and 4 times nominated by his newspaper for the Pulitzer Prize.

Sally Hornick: Hey my fellow brothers and sisters. Sorry if I have been out of touch for a while. I was working insane hours and then I moved. I am now working in Arlington, VA at the Hyatt Arlington and I live in Falls Church. I miss you guys, especially Spring 97. Drop me an email if you get a chance.

sah162@alumni.psu.edu

Ftgb, Sally

Andrew Jackson: Calling all Boners that are members of a NPHC fraternity or sorority. Mark your calendar for the Greek Reunion April 7 -9, FY2000. Contact Andrew for more information. : axj119@psu.edu

(Send your messages for Bone-to-Bone to Nancy Pope for inclusion in the next News From the Grotto)

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Any questions, concerns, or contributions for future newsletters can be sent to Nancy (Narcum) Pope, 12309 Oak Creek Lane, #1407, Fairfax, VA. 22033 or email her at nancy_narcum@datatel.com.

News from the Actives

New Spring Tap Class Announced!

Asbury, Lisette Pres., *Minorities in Science & Technology*
Borowy, Jen *ELDU, Thon*
Cozzo, Tonya *UPAC programming sub-chair*
Esqueda, Alejandra Pres., *Soc. Hispanic Prof. Eng.*
Falkowski, Tan *VP Thespians*
Girod, Desha *Academic Assembly*
Gorman, Tiffany *SAAB & Thon*
Hauck, Ashlie *THON, Morale Captain*
Kum, Sabrina *NPHC, co-president*
Larson, Tracey *Field Hockey, US National Team*
Lashua, Tim *Men's Gymnastics, captain*
Mazzullo, Tony *Volleyball, co-captain*
Miller, Brad *Volleyball, SAAB*
Pastore, Jen *Women's Track, captain*
Silvia, Beth *USG legal affairs*
Theis, David J. *United Way, ITS*
Totten, Jami Pres. *Panhellenic*
Wood, John *USG Senate Pres.*
Youngblood, Brian *Movin' On, ARHS*

ACTIVES TO HOST TAILGATE AT BLUE AND WHITE GAME

The active chapter will be hosting a tailgate for the Blue & White game. All alumnae are invited to arrive an hour or two before kick-off, to share in food and conversation with the actives. The tailgate will be held on the West Side of the stands (campus side) and will be distinguished by a large black flag bearing the skull and crossed bones emblem flying overhead. The menu will include hot sandwiches, snacks, and beverages for all. The actives will also be around after the game for anyone who wants to stop by post-game and say hello.

Be part of the picture!

Please remember that Sunday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the Nittany Lion Shrine, the Official S&B photograph will be taken; all bones, actives and alumni, are encouraged to participate.