



# Skull and Bones NEWSLETTER

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## The President's Message

This year's Arts Festival party will be Saturday, July 16 at Kathy Whipple's, 307 South Pugh Street (corner of Pugh and Foster directly across from Gumby's Pizza and Subway). It starts at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see all of you there. In case you need it, Kathy's phone number is 814-867-2385. Jennifer Eggers, outgoing S&B President, sent her comments on the past year. Her letter is attached at the end of this newsletter.

## A Letter from the Editor

Several people will not receive this newsletter because I haven't heard from them in more than three years. If you know one of these people tell them to send me something I can print. You can't read about everyone else if you won't contribute something about yourself! I can't find addresses through any of my sources for the following people on the newsletter mailing list. If any of you have an address or phone number please call me, otherwise they'll be dropped from the newsletter list.

John Bove  
Courtney Pinkney

Amy Dorenflod  
Theresa Sumner

David Muir  
Steve Siegel

Lamont O'Neil  
Tara Webb-Jones

I spent a week traveling around Arizona with Mary Spyridakis and I'm ready to move today, but I have some things to finish up on the east coast before I can go. I hope to find a job with a company who will pay to move me out there. Any contacts in the Phoenix area would be appreciated. I'm going to Los Angeles from July 1 through 9 to see some of the places I missed when I lived there. Then I'll be up in State College for the Arts Festival from Thursday, July 14 through Sunday, July 17. I'll be staying at the Autoport, I don't know my room number but stop by the front desk or call 237-7666. One of the projects I want to get off the ground this summer is the ARHS 25th Year Reunion. Mary Spyridakis and I volunteered to co-chair this event. It will probably take place in May 1995 at Penn State. We are waiting for this year's ARHS council to give us the go ahead to start planning. I'm hoping those of you who worked on the 20 Year Reunion will re-enlist on this project. We are extending an invitation to all S&Bers to join us ARHSers at the reunion. If you want to be included on the mailing list let me know. **Bob Costagliola:** My time on the east coast is running out and you still owe me a phone call! **Laurie Dieffenbach:** Sorry I missed your birthday party. Let's try again sometime. **Jennifer Gould:** I'm still trying to find you, give me a call. **Jeff Glazier:** Thanks for dinner! It was great to see you, Carrie, Eli and Daniel. Sorry you didn't get to take the Eves tour of Disneyland, how about the Philadelphia Zoo? **Harold Love:** I saw your Sheetz commercial. There's a future for you in situation comedy. Have your agent get me a tape, I'll send it to my friend Nat Bernstein, he's a producer for Stephen Bochko. **Pieface Gaertner:** Thanks so much for your hospitality and the taste of the real wild west (bang, bang). I miss Smart & Final, Cost Plus, Trader Joe's, and my other favorite west coast shopping spots, now if Ralph's would move to Phoenix that would be paradise! I hope to be your neighbor real soon! **Swiderski:** Looking forward to celebrating your birthday with you this year!

## Alumni News

**Shawn Arango (Ricks)** - Campus Centre Box 3375, Selinsgrove PA 17870, 717-372-3700 - Just completed my first year as Director of Multicultural Affairs at Susquehanna University. Celebrating my first wedding anniversary to Darrell Ricks on March 13, 1994. Our daughter, Imani, will be five in May and our second child is due in June. **Nicole Batts:** Hey girl, just wanted to surprise you. **Wes J:** How's it going? **To the rest of my tap class:** I hope to see some of you Blue-White weekend.

**Mike Bowie** - new address: 2337 SW Archer Road #412, Gainesville FL 32608

**Pat Conway** - 205 S. Patterson Street, State College PA 16801, 814-238-9699 - Still managing PA offices of Rep. Bill Clinger, but also volunteering my free time to Congressman Tom Ridge's campaign for governor of PA. Bought a house in downtown State College. It's great! Come visit! **Tom Lynch:** Congrats on your wedding. **Margie Utt, Slim Pickens, Doug P.:** HELLO!

**Mary Ann Deno Brock** - Our daughter Sara will be one year old on March 16, 1994. She's one of the most cheerful babies that either Tony or I have met. Of course, having a child has seriously slowed down our other activities. I only ran a couple of road races last year and Tony's mileage is half of what it was before Sara came along. Tony has one more semester in law school, he and a partner placed second in the Regional Client Counseling Competition in St. Louis. This past year he served as a research assistant for a professor at the University, worked for the Nebraska Attorney General's Office writing briefs for the Nebraska Court of Appeals and the Nebraska Supreme Court, and in July 1993 he was asked to clerk for a small private firm of 6 attorney's specializing in insurance defense.

**Jeff Dooling** - 612 Highland Avenue, Naperville IL.. 60540, 708-527-9316 - Greetings from Naperville, Il. Being a father is beginning to sink in. Changing diapers is now routine as is getting up in the middle of the night, though neither are much fun. Caleb Ash started out at 61bs 10 oz and 21 inches; now at seven months he's just under 19 lbs and is 28 inches tall. But much more than numbers, he's a little personality, has a great big smile for just about everyone, and he can babble and drool to beat the band. Life has changed a lot for us. I just started working again in April, this time for Argonne National Lab. It's a great opportunity for me. I wrote a proposal to the Department of Energy for a Small Business Innovative Research grant; the people I worked with at Argonne developing the proposal were interested in beginning work on the project immediately (we still don't know if the proposal will be funded). They offered me a special term appointment with the lab. It's my first chance to work for a National Lab, so I'm quite happy about it.

**Michael Feinman** - 9 Liberte Lane, Wayne PA 1987, 215-644-7036 - Lynn and I have been married 4 1/2 years, our son Jared is 2 years old. This is my 4th year in life insurance and business is doing well. I'm a good golfer, all other good golfers are welcome to join me anytime at the Green Valley Country Club.

**Sue Gainor** - 609 Alma Street SE, Vienna VA 22180 - After a year in Cairo, Egypt, Scott and I are returning to the Washington, DC area. Egypt was interesting and offered great travel opportunities such as Israel and Kenya. but it's time for me to return to my career. I go back to my old job at BDM while Scott looks for a new job. **Dr. G.:** Thanks for the offer of PSU alums in Cairo, but our time here is short. Took Arabic through AUC, so I know enough to get myself in trouble! **Greg Martin:** How's life out of the Air Force? Call me at BDM sometime this summer. **Doug:** Where are you these days?

**Mike Gillespie** - 6633 Ardleigh Street, Philadelphia PA 19119, 215-843-1884 - Teaching at West Catholic High School is going well; I'm getting used to everything, finally. Classes at LaSalle are also going well. I've decided to focus on my MA in Secondary Education, which will take two years of night classes and summers. Things in the Christian Brothers are also going well. I'm already working in getting more involved with various things within the brothers. **Fall '92 Tap Class:** Hello! How are you? Hope all is well write if/when you can because I'm anxious to hear from you. **Kim Snyder:** I have a picture for you but I need your address! **Kevin Cripasuk:** Hey what's new? **Adam Dombchik:** Another friend of mine really liked your honors thesis! **Fran McDermid:** Missed you at the Homecoming Tailgate. How are you? **Mark Stewart:** How's life? Write or call when you get a chance.

**Tara Goff** - new address: 20 Lawton Avenue #102, Cliffside Park NJ 07010

**Stacey Ishman** - new address: 537 W Aldine #2N, Chicago IL. 60657, 312 248-8435.

**Joe Jorzak** - 380 Mountain Road #200B, Union City NJ 07087, 201-319-0566 - Well, I didn't get promoted to Asst. Manager, but I was transferred to a new Barnes & Nobel Superstore opening April 1994 in the West Village/Chelsea area of Manhattan (6th & 21st). This is still a step up for me having only been with B&N for 7 months. I'm definitely looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that a new store presents. I made it through Christmas unscathed and now I wish that the snow would go away, my car is in storage for the winter so I'm pretty much NY-bound until the spring thaw. It was good to see Dr. Goldschmidt's message in the last newsletter, I wonder what the other Honoraries are up too? **Gerard:** Had a great time at the St. John's game and Houlihan's and I hope that all is well with Lynnea. **Adam D.:** Hang tough, spring is just around the corner. **Bill D.:** How's it feel to finally give up the mantle of IFC Pres? Great, I know. **Val:** As busy as we are, we'll probably end up getting lunch at a hot dog stand. **Rich P.:** How's things with D&T and ODK? **Class of 93:** Remember at the banquet when we all agreed to keep in touch through the newsletter? Write back, I'm eager to hear how all my favorite Penn Staters are doing.

**John Lord** - 11 Swarthmore, Hershey PA 17033, 717-533-1007 - Appointed Secretary of Pennsylvania Board of Pardons in November 1991.

**Kelly Maloney Frager** - 11 Sunrise Court, Randallstown MD 21133, 410-922-3307 - After 2 years, I still love my job with Ryland as a Human Resources Generalist. When I am not at work, I'm working hard on my Master's in Human Resource Development at John's Hopkins. I will be done by the end of his summer. I have been married and a homeowner for a year now (a Ryland home of course). Todd and I met while we were both working for Hyatt Hotels. Our wedding was last May and we moved into our new home right before the wedding. **Hello to Everyone:** I truly enjoy reading the S&B newsletter, especially the updates on everyone's life.

**Jane Moyer** - 20 Upton Park, Rochester NY 14607, 716-383-7809 - Still climbing that corporate ladder and still love my job. I am now the national spokesperson for Xerox Gay & Lesbian Caucus. If any S&Bers are involved in their company's group we'd love to network. **Janyne Althaus:** Good luck with the end of school. Let me know how it goes and where you'll be. **Tom Lynch:** I understand why you no longer live in Monroe County, this truly is the frozen tundra! **John Bell:** Girlfriend! How/where are you? How's Peter? **Laurie Dieffenbach:** I have a 1966 Vespa 150 and a 1981 Vespa 250. Interested? **Anyone:** Going to the Gaymes in June?

**Andy Raine** - 2946 Rambling Way, Bloomfield MI 48302, 313-334-169 - Heidi and I passed a significant milestone by taking down and putting up wallpaper without killing each other. Looking forward to seeing any and all at Penn State vs. Michigan, October 1994!

**Craig Waldo** - 202 W. Columbia Avenue #204, Champaign IL 61820, 217-355-4741 - I am in my first year of a PhD program in clinical/community psychology at the Univ. of Illinois. Don't worry, I am and always will be a Penn Stater! I'm keeping busy with research and they are working me hard. **Mark:** I miss you! Only 2 1/2 more months. **Jeffrey K:** You will move back girl I just know it. **GAL:** 'sup G? **Ms. Ness:** Hope that your job is treating you well. **Joe J:** Looked in a Barnes & Noble for you but it was the wrong one. Where are you? **Amaechi:** I'll be at the game in Illinois rooting for you. **Carla C:** Congrats on #1. Keep it going! **Neena:** What are you doing? **Phil F:** I'm sure well be back soon. Miss you! **Serg, Trish, Durant, John:** I miss you all!

**Mary Weaver** - 1800 North 21st Street, Arlington VA 22209, 703-525-1925 - Became engaged to Douglas Bennett on Jan. 1, 1994 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Despite every temptation to tie the knot at the Wee Kirk o'the Heather Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, we will be having a wedding in Washington, DC in September 1994. Doug is not a PSU alum. but is a former student body president at the Univ. of Utah. Is this a coincidence?

Dear Maryanne:

I am sending this to you in hopes that it can be included in the summer's newsletter. It contains my thoughts regarding this year's activities of the active chapter.

First, I want to congratulate the newly elected officers:

President:	Erich May
Vice President:	Kirk Skogland
Secretary:	Lillian Rodriguez
Treasurer:	Jennifer Stoltbach
Historian:	Leigh Bakun
Social Chair:	Mike Steinberg
Service:	Robin Jaffe

Looking back over this year, I can't help but sigh and relish the thought that it is now over. I would be remiss if I didn't admit it was quite a struggle for this year's executive board to maintain unity in a time of great financial hardship. Our biggest challenge was definitely to overcome the debt situation we inherited. The challenge was not only to raise funds, but also was to determine why we needed to. The time involved distracted me from planning many other important activities. But I will say that we came together as an organization to meet that challenge. To those alumni that helped us, thank you. I cannot begin to express our gratitude. To Bill Cluck, Dianne Taylor Gregg, Maryanne Eves, and Rich Davis - you guys are the greatest! Thanks for giving of your time!

When I was elected, I asked each active member to become accountable for some small project in the organization. To those of you who took me at my word - it is only through involvement that we become stronger - the society thanks you.

Leigh Bakun - for your support and help with the pep rally
Shelly Simon - for organizing the banquet
Lucas Shelly - for completing the scrapbook
Lillian Rodriguez - for working on the banquet
Ali Throver - for volunteering to help with the antiques party
Mike Steinberg - for making me laugh when I needed to

As far as the state of the society goes - Although this year may have been tough, we are on the road to progress. Yes, our debt hurt us, but we didn't let it bring us down. Instead we met it as an opportunity to ensure that it never happens again. We have also maintained the high standard of excellence in our initiatives that keeps membership in The Skull & Bones Society as one of the highest honors achievable at Penn State. We have worked towards our goal of positive publicity for the organization through our efforts coordinating the Whip the Wolverines Pep Rally and through distribution of welcome back flyers on campus. In addition, we have met with the Dr. Thomas twice, and from those meetings, we have identified areas where the society can make life better at Penn State. I urge you, as a society, to continue this thought and follow through with the lecture series and alternative activities for students under 21.

My recommendations for the future include: establishing our account with A.S.A. in such a way that the treasurer is the only person permitted to authorize purchase orders, meticulous financial record keeping, treasure's reports once per month at meetings, (once our name is cleared with Balfour Company) a fund-raiser to offer our logo rings, pins, and charms to alumni, a major project aimed at improving some aspect of students' lives (this has potential for symbol visibility), and the formation of an Alumni Board of Directors (ask Bill Cluck about this).

As I prepare to leave Penn State, I just wanted to recognize some other individuals who have been extremely supportive of myself and the organization this year. To:

Paul Kayser	Tom Dymek
Bill Donato	Olga Cherymak
Erich May	Michael LaFlam

- Thank you for believing.

In closing, I wish the new society the best of luck. You have an excellent slate of officers - hold them accountable, but let them lead. If anyone is going to be in Pittsburgh, look me up! (I'll be working as an assistant buyer for Kaufmann's Department Store.

For the Best of the Deeps,

Jennifer C. Eggers, '94

Skullmaster