



Skull & Bones NEWSLETTER

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Skull & Bones News

On Friday, September 8, 1995 the following people were tapped for the Oass of Fall '95:

Kara Annechini	USG President
Josh Bokee	Former President, USG Senate
Tamika Brown	Choreographer, NOMMO Dance Company
Jamie Delattre	Committee Director, Lion Ambassadors
Michelle Jones	Healthworks
Brian King	Penn State Varsity Football Team
Jen Kopek	Volunteer Programs and Services
Alain LaFontant	Co-Chair, Nat'l Pan Hellenic Council
Bernie Liang	Treasurer, Asian American Student Coalition
Kerry McCoy	Penn State Varsity Wrestling Team
Matt Plocki	Coordinator, Council of Commonwealth Student Gov'ts
Saul Santiago (deferred)	Latino Caucus
Chris Schell	Chairperson, IFC Board of Control
Erin Stout (deferred)	Campus Editor, The Daily Collegian
Sue Bracken -Associate	Women's Studies Advisor
Russell Bloom -Honorary	Director, Music at Penns Woods
Harold Cheatham -Honorary	Head, Counselor Education Program

Initiation will take place on Sunday, October 1, 1995. A Homecoming Tailgate (Sat., Oct. 28) is planned in combination with the Who's. Alums interested in attending should contact S&B President Scott Payne (814-862-7249) or Secretary Coni Zingarelli (814-867-6801) for tailgate details.

A Letter from the Editor

Near the end of May, several Skull & Bones alums started receiving unsolicited magazines and invoices for magazine subscriptions. We were able to determine that these people's names and addresses were listed in the February 1995 Skull & Bones Newsletter. Someone was using the newsletter to fill in the names on subscription applications. We don't know who thought this would be funny, but there are many people who are quite upset. We were able to get several copies of these forged subscription cards from the magazines, so we have a sample of the perpetrator's handwriting. Several people have filed reports of mail fraud with their regional Postal Inspector's Offices, this is a federal crime.

All of the cards were post marked in Altoona, which is the area sorting center for State College. I think one of our members in State College may have been careless with a newsletter, please remember that this information should be kept confidential. Don't leave our newsletters out where non-Skull & Bones members can see them, especially those of you who have roommates or friends in Parmi Nous. If any of you think you know who may have done this, please contact me at once. As I said, we do have samples of this person's handwriting, and there are members who intend to prosecute this individual for the great amount of grief he or she has caused them.

Since the timing of this harassment coincided with the end of the academic year at Penn State, I thought it was an "end of the school year prank" and things would be back to normal by the end of the summer. However, that may not be the case. Within the past two weeks one member called to say they have been receiving magazines and packages all summer long, and another called to say that he had received nothing since June until an invoice for a new magazine arrived that day.

I need to hear from anyone else who may be a victim of this second wave. Depending on what I hear, I may have to stop doing the newsletter, or at least stop including addresses and phone numbers.

It is my sad duty to tell you that Brother John Lord passed away on April 17, 1995 as a result of complications due to AIDS. John was Director of the USG Political Affairs Department in 1980 and was a tireless worker for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, especially in Chester and Delaware counties. John served on the staff of, and worked closely with, Lt. Governor Mark Singel during the Casey administration. His friends and family are making a square for him to be part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. I have asked them to include the Skull and Bones logo from John's beanie on the quilt panel.

On a happier note, I found a graduate program at Goucher College in Baltimore for a Master's in Historic Preservation. This is a three year "limited residency" program, meaning that I take classes on campus in Maryland for two weeks in August, the rest of the year courses are by correspondence and I will be working on a thesis. This way I can keep my "day job" and not have to become a poor graduate student. I plan to start next summer, August 1996.

In celebration of finding a program, I decided to give myself an extended vacation. I quit my job at NSTL as of 7/28/95. This year I was becoming increasingly bored with the position I have held for three years at NSTL, and McGraw-Hill offered no opportunities for advancement in the Philadelphia area. Also, our department had been shuffled among several divisions in McGraw-Hill's corporate structure. I saw it becoming a political pawn in a corporate power struggle so the time was right for me to take some time off and seek my fortune elsewhere. As many of you know, I had been considering returning to the Southwest, perhaps Arizona or Nevada. There are times that I miss the warmth and the sunshine, but Media is where my family is, and it's wonderful being close to them again. Also, I love being near a city like Philadelphia, full of museums and historic places. It's also great being centrally located between Boston, New York, Baltimore, Washington, and Chicago.

On Sunday, July 30, I was off to see art, architecture, museums, and historic sites for a week in Washington DC. (**Robin Bronk**: thanks for the accommodations!). The weekend of Aug. 5 & 6 I was at Penn State for the ARHS 25th year Reunion. We had a great time and have started planning for our 30th Year Reunion in May 2000. I was back home for a few more days, then spent five days in Boston. (To those of you in the Boston area: I'm sorry I didn't call any of you, but I had never been to Boston and I was on a mission to see as many places as possible in the time I had.) Then it was a few more days at home, followed by two weeks in Chicago and the midwest, this time with Mary Spyridakis riding shotgun. (**Sue Ferrell Troller**: thanks for the hospitality!).

On Sept., 13 I decided to sign up with a temp agency so I could make some spending money while I set out to search for a new job in the Philly area. I started work at PECO ENERGY (formerly the Philadelphia Electric Co.) on 9/18. I'm doing clerical support work for their customer service center, it's brainless stuff but it keeps the bills paid. Those of you in the Philadelphia area may be hearing from me soon as I begin to seek out other opportunities. Anyone with positions open in customer service, marketing, or sales management let me know.

Sue Geist: Isn't it great to quit your job and roam around for a while? I hope the hurricane swells haven't caused you too much trouble on the high seas!

ALUMNI NEWS

Todd Becker - 521 Lexington Drive, Saline MI 48167, 313-944-2702.

Paul Bertalan - PO Box 216, Dewitt NY 13214, 315-474-6040, bert@sensis.com

Steven Brown - 2229 N. Delaware, Munster IN 46321.

Steve Castor - 1307 N. 13th Street, Apt. 84, Whitehall PA 18052, 610-776-6355, work: stcsrc@attme.cnet.at.com, home: srcastor@aol.com - I graduated and in June started working with AT&T's centralized purchasing organization. I am the buyer for linear integrated circuits. I moved into an apartment

in Whitehall, just outside of Allentown and am getting adjusted to life away from the perpetual party of Penn State. I'm interested in helping Jeff Kemp with the alumni interest group. I'm trying to keep in touch via email. **Paul Kasper:** How's living with "the easiest person to live with"? Save your receipts please. **Bill Damato:** Missed you at the Arts Fest party, you were right about the post Penn State blues. **Booth and Kilpela:** Keep that fraternity system going. **Branas:** Miss you. **LP:** Wish you were closer. **Bakun:** How's New Mexico? **Gerard:** Thanks for keeping the e-mail chain going, always enjoy chatting with you. **Campbell:** How's law school? **Steiny B:** I might be able to get a company discount on cell phones. **B. Miller, Farrall, Wayne:** Hi!

Maryann Deno Brock - We moved to a new house the last week in June: 5335 Oldham Street, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-484-7753.

Laurie Dieffenbach - 9071 Mill Creek Road 11202, Levittown PA 19054, 215-549-9065 - I started work for Omicron Consulting in January doing technical training. At the moment, I'm training mainframe programmers to develop client/server applications for a Sybase backend. It certainly is a challenge. I'm also teaching my last class at NYU. I really enjoyed it, but it's too far away. If anybody knows someone at Penn State Great Valley put in a good word for me, I'd love to work in their Instructional Systems Program. Meanwhile, husband Erik and I are considering offspring. (Those of you who know me are probably laughing, but it's true!) **Jim Phillips:** Did you drop off the face of the earth? Erik says you eat worms.

Judy Falce - 825 W. George Street #GRDN, Chicago IL 60657, 312-871-2492.

Sue Geist - somewhere in the North Atlantic (I can be reached through my parents, 961 Lawrence Drive, Emmaus PA 18049, 610-967-4762) - I got engaged last December to Scott Layne. In June '95 I quit my job, ending a promising but boring 9 year career with the power company. On July 4, (Independence Day!) we set sail to cruise the Atlantic coast from Maine to the Lesser Antilles on our 43-foot sailboat "Landfall". We decided before a house and kids, we would take a year off to chase our dreams. Summer and early fall will take us to New England and Maine. We'll return to the Chesapeake in October, then on to Florida by Christmas. After New Year's we'll cross over to the Bahamas and take about six months to island hop. Let me know if you are going to be in those areas around those times and want to go sailing.

Arthur Goldschmidt - 303 Weaver Bldg, University Park PA 16802, 814-863-0086 - My Historical Dictionary of Egypt was published by Scarecrow Press in fall 1994 and the fifth edition of A Condensed History of the Middle East is due to appear in November 1995. I will be chairing a conference at Penn State in December 1995 on "Science, Technology and Islamic Values", if we raise enough money to pay for the rent at the new Scanticon Hotel/Conference Center on campus. From 13 June to 2 August, 1995, I am living in the middle of Cairo as a faculty fellow of the Centre for Arabic Study Abroad, taking advanced courses in written Egyptian and Egyptian colloquial Arabic at American University in Cairo. **Sue Gainor:** I hope you still remember the hot days and pleasant nights of Cairo. **Luke Taiclet:** Greetings, please call me after I return to Penn State on 7 August.

David Han - 3217 Valarie Drive, Decatur GA 30033, 770-908-1513 - I'm finishing my surgical residency at Emory University Hospital and plan to continue my training for three more years in cardiothoracic surgery. Then I'll probably head back up north to enter private practice. I'm getting married December 16, 1995 to another Penn State grad, Betsy Hood.

Gigi D. Highland - 82 Merrimack Drive, Merrimack NH 03054, 603-595-6459

Rod Hutter - 101 Willow Avenue #3F, Hoboken NJ 07030, 201-963-1648 - I've been working at Merrill Lynch in the Asset Backed Finance Group for the past year. The hours are tough but the work is pretty interesting. I frequently run into Anish Wig who also works for Merrill Lynch in an International Private Client Group. We only discuss the Bone in private! **Pat Conway:** Congrats on your appointment. Have you heard from E.G.? **Bob Butler, Mike Pirrotta:** What's up? **Jody Caroselli Holt** - Thanks for your continued support of PSU clubs and societies, I believe my account is current now. **To all of the alums in my class, especially Jody:** Who's up for Arts Festival?

Stacey Ishman - 1309 N. Wells #506, Olicago IL 60614 - I'm still at Abbott Labs and I enjoy it. I'm also applying to med schools. I hope to be back in school in 1996.

Joe Jorczak - 1006-1 Oak Chase Drive, Tucker GA 30084, 404-934-4247 - I asked for and was given a transfer from my Barnes Noble Bookstore in NYC to a slightly smaller store in Atlanta, GA. I was also promoted to Assistant Manager for Operations at the new store. The move went smoothly and my new position has resulted in many new challenges. Since late last year I knew that I wanted to move from NYC. My girlfriend, Lisanne Farach (Parmi Nous), graduated from Penn State in May '94 and we decided on Atlanta. She has family here, my parents are in Florida, and there are lots of business opportunities in the metro Atlanta. So far, I'm very happy here in Georgia and I welcome anyone interested in Atlanta or visiting on business to give me a call. **Adam D.:** Love that Magic! Congrats on becoming "2L". **Sean:** Lisanne and I really enjoyed your visit. When's the next one? **Gazze:** Better visit Dobbins before it closes... **Gerard:** Very happy to hear Martin Marietta is going so well, say "Hi" to Linnea. **Jeff K.:** Please send me an e-mail re: S&B A.I.G., I'm very interested. **Tim D.:** How goes the internship? Any word from John Bove? **Amy D.:** Long time no hear, what's up? **Tom D. & Bill D.:** How's Philly treating you both? **Fran McD.:** Where are you?

Tony Knific: - 33 Nell Court, Dumont NJ 07628, 201-265-6935 - I'm a Systems Analyst, Division of MIS, New Jersey Economic Development Authority. A good job and experience, a blend of banking operations and systems support, but the pay and the commute suck. Looking at career change in the near future. Who knows? Otherwise, I'm still single, no one special, etc., "the usual". **Sue Z.:** Chris and Jane are nuts if they think I'm putting their kid through college. **Sherri:** How about that lunch? Call me. **John Zahor, Jane Moyer, Anish, Dr. G., Johnny "Blue" Greene, and anyone who remembers me or ever sent me a letter and got nothing back:** Hi. I'm alive. I remember you and hope you are all OK. I'm just real bad at keeping in touch. **Kelly G.:** Yo Baby, Yo Baby, Yo (for lack of anything better to say). See you around. **Gerard L.:** Are you the University President yet?

Todd Levin - 10 Chatham Place, Newtown PA 18940, 215-860-7569 -I just finished a year of Biology graduate work at New York University. This August I will start medical school at Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Whipple:** Sorry we missed each other. **Brien K.:** Recently ran into one of your friends in NYC, write me. **Amy Dfeld:** Hope to see you when I am in Chicago. **Gerard:** Thanks for keeping everyone informed on-line. **Adam D.:** How about planning another Alumni Weekend from LA? This one was great! **Shelly, Tom, Bill, Jill Lynn and Joe J.:** Hi!

Harold Love - 56615 Hempstead #202, Pittsburgh PA 15217

Tom Lynch - 165 West End Avenue #178, New York NY 10023, 212-580-5393 -I moved out of Price Waterhouse accounting/auditing practice into a consulting group called "Change Integration", a re-engineering group. Since joining the group I've worked on projects at IBM and USAir. My wife Andrea Lynch (formerly Halliwell) and I bought a coop in Manhattan with a gorgeous view of the Hudson (when I'm home tllat is). Please come by and visit anytime.

Beth Metzger Gruber -18 Maple Drive, Great Neck NY 11021, 516-829-0142 - Finished my MPA in Health Policy & Mgmt at NYU and got a great new job as a Planning Associate with Episcopal Health Services, a hospital and nursing home network on Long Island. I love driving to work, no more Long Island Railroad! **Pat Dugan & Jodie Crombie:** Congratulations on upcoming weddings! Married life is great!! Miss you and would love to hear from you. **Steve Siegel:** Are you alive? Hi to everyone, especially my friends who graduated in 1989.

Jim Minarik - 7 Skyline Drive, Coto de Cuza CA 92679, 714-589-7527 - I've completed my 3rd year as president of Clarion Sales Corp, the US automotive aftermarket arm of Clarion Tokyo, the world's largest manufacturer of car radios, speakers, and amplifiers. Time certainly does fly, I can't believe 20 years have passed since my first PSU graduation (MBA '77). My wife Megan and I are continuing to enjoy the growth and development of our kids, daughter Kelsey (8 years) and son Ryan (6 years). School, horseback riding, soccer, kung fu, swimming, Brownies, basketball, etc., etc., ...,

Sean Ness - 19 Verndale Street 31, Brookline MA 02146.

Rich Pirrotta - 320 E. Maple Road #313, Birmingham MI 48009, 313-396-3869 - Still project-bound in Hartford until the end of May. Janyne Althaus has been a great host for the city. Most exciting news is that I'm a visiting professor in the Graduate (MBA/MS) Program at the University of Michigan, teaching a short (7 week) course on "Environmental Management Systems". Very consistent in trying to build expertise in the Environmental Management Consulting field, and a lot of fun. **Bill & Mary Landis:** Thanks for the great hospitality at the Rose Bowl, wonderful to see you both. **Michael Schwartz:** What are you up to these days?

Ben Siegel - 2107 N. Glebe Road #210, Arlington VA 22207, 703-358-8213 - I am an attorney with the US Dept. of Labor, serving as a clerk to an administrative law judge. I'm working on federal whistle-blower and workman's compensation cases and getting great experience. I was married on 8/7/94 to Michelle Cassel (not a Penn Stater), we're buying a house in Frederick, MD. **Bob Butler:** Now that Brett plays for the Mets will you be moving to New York? **Pat Conway:** So, how does it feel to be engaged, finally?

Kimberly Snyder - P.O. Box 384772, Waikoloa HI 96738 - After two years of intense training at Hilton's top property in Short Hills, NJ, I ended up with my pick of assignments. I decided to head to "Aloha-land" on the Big Island of Hawaii. (Hey, why not?) I'm the restaurant manager at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, a 62 acre resort. The remoteness of the island is a welcome change. I think I finally found one part of the world where Uni-Mart does not exist. I'm also really enjoying being able to go snorkeling or sailing anytime I want to. I'd love visitors though, even if I don't know you, you are welcome to crash here. We've got black sand beaches, an active volcano and all but one of the world's climate zones so it's a great place for all kinds of outdoor fun. I hope to make it back to Penn State for 'Thon or Blue/White next year but in the meantime I'd love to hear from some of you! **Jen Eggers:** Yes, I was around there somewhere. Sorry we never got together but if you plan a SCUBA trip to Hawaii you've got a place to stay. **Darryl Bundridge:** I can't believe I lost touch with my EVP mentor! Where are you? How are you? **Michele Gentile:** Guess we'll have to postpone that weekend in Manhattan. I'll write soon. **Class of Fall '92:** Drop me a line! I'd love to hear what's going on with you all.

Ellie Sternberg - 5324 Doral Circle, Plano TX 75093, 214-867-7806. I quit my job at NBD in July '95 to follow Kirk to Texas. We got engaged, after 12 years of a great relationship, we're ready to take the plunge. Kirk was transferred here and I'll start job hunting after we're settled in. Dallas is great, if anybody is in the area please call, we know no one!

Joanne Swiderski Mclaughlin - 415 Ocean Drive, St. Augustine FL 32084, 904-471-3097 - I recently relocated to the Northrup Grumman facility in St. Augustine, Florida. I am the Senior Environmental Engineer for the Environmental, Health & Safety Department. I really love my job, although the hours have been grueling. Overall, it has been a positive change from Los Angeles. I know that my last names are almost as difficult to follow as my addresses. My husband, Michael, and two children, Christopher (2.5) and Annie (15 mos) have enjoyed the move thus far. The beach is great! **JohnO & Jackie:** Congrats on your new baby, we'll definitely have to get together now that we're so close! **Phil Stebbins:** Did you really do it? If so, I hope you're enjoying your new lifestyle! **Jeff Glazier:** Congratulations on your third, although, I think you're crazy. Two is where I stop! **Cluck:** Thanks for the lead in PA, let's keep in touch!

Tim Witham - 655 Devonshire Drive, State College PA 16801.

Kris Zwycewicz - 104 Mias Court, Newark DE 19702, 302-836-0849 - Life is good. Family is great. I still work for The Ryland Group and I'm enrolled at St. Joseph's University, I start the Executive MBA program full time in August.