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Skull and Bones AIG



Golf Tournament Held at Blue Course

AIG Members and Guests Gathered to Honor Two Members of Our 1982 Classes

On July 11, 2004, the Alumni Interest Group (AIG) held a golf tournament at the Penn State Blue Course to begin the fundraising for a Trustee Scholarship. Event Co-Chairmen **Brad Kittsley** (F '97) and **Steve Ripp** (Sp '82) reported the event raised over \$2,000 towards the ultimate goal of \$50,000 and met expectations for the first-time tournament, all without spending any AIG funds.

Trustee Scholarships are a tool the University inaugurated in July 2002 to allow donors to make the most of their philanthropic dollars. The program matches donations with funds from Penn State, in effect doubling the funds available. The scholarship will honor two members from our 1982 classes, **John Lord** (Sp '82) and **Judy Shepherd** (F '82). John and Judy were outstanding student leaders and achieved excellence at the start of their careers before unfortunately passing away in 1993 and 1995 respectively.

Sunday, July 11th dawned a beautiful summer day and the weather stayed gorgeous all during the tournament. Coincidentally, this was also the final day of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts and the weekend Penn State chose to launch its year-long sesquicentennial celebration. Golfers began arriving at 8:00 a.m. and both S&B members and their guests were greeted with the first order of business, the distribution of those ever-loved "goody bags." Several donors contributed items for the bags, including

Robert Brinley (F '69), founder of Brinley Gold Rum, who provided samples. According to University policy – hint, hint – these samples were not consumed on University property.



AIG Officers & Board Members prepare for a day on the links. (L-R) Tom Hesketh, Tan Falkowski, Russell Bloom, Steve Ripp, Brad Kittsley, John Hook & Dusty Tome

Following the cart assignments and some warming up on the range and practice green, our foursomes went to the first tee for a few words from the event Co-Chairmen. Fully motivated about the worthy cause everyone was supporting, the golfers took to the fairways and began play. Even though there were several worthy challengers, tournament co-chairman Brad Kittsley could not hold back his prodigious

skills and ran away with the championship. As many of the younger alums are aware, Brad was captain of the PSU men's golf team, was selected as an All-American Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America in 1996 and 1997 for maintaining a grade point average of at least 3.2 and a season stroke average of 78 or lower, and was an NCAA All-District II selection in 1996-97. In addition, in his younger days at a junior tournament, he posted a better score than a competitor named Ben Curtis who went on to win the 2003 British Open. Needless to say, Brad knows golf.

At the end of the day all the participants had the chance to reflect on what a great day it had been, and best of all, we had set in motion what we hope will be a scholarship that benefits students at the University for years to come.

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Letter from the Vice-President

From Skull and Bones Alumni Interest Group Vice-President Tan Falkowski

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Bone:

Greetings and best wishes for the fall – can you believe it’s time for autumn leaves, football games and academics again? And, of course, time for another edition of the Skull and Bones Alumni Newsletter! We hope you enjoy the news and updates here.

New on the AIG website (www.SkullAndBones.org) this fall is the password protected jobs and resumes section. The Ligament Program is one with the most potential to successfully serve both the actives and the alums over the long haul. I have been so excited about the program since its inception and seeing this latest step makes me even more confident of its long term success.

Over the summer, we had a fabulous day to kick off our fundraising drive for the Trustee’s Scholarship. Foursomes hit the fairways in State College as we brought in over \$2,000 to base our scholarly efforts.

Also this summer I, and a few other oldsters, had the opportunity to invite ourselves to a meeting of the new active group. New president **Scott Munro** (Sp '04) and others were there, full of summertime chatter and good memories about their recent induction to the Brotherhood. I was surprised to find out that there are going to be only six (6!) active members to start the year. As you may recall, we try to maintain an active membership of 39 – making each active roughly one in a thousand and making this fall’s class a really big one!

Just listening to the talk about the sports teams, the arts groups, the student government and THON committees made me both nostalgic and excited for the immediate future of our society. While it may not seem that this big class will immediately impact the AIG, our finances do in part hinge on the numbers inducted each semester. As a service to the active class,

we alums purchase the HATs and sweatshirts that new inductees receive, thus an unaccounted for rise in class size is felt immediately in our treasury. Despite the pinch we feel, the officers and board feel this is an essential service to provide to our newest members.

We look closely at the expenditures we have as compared to the goals we have. We want to do more for our actives and for our alma mater but, to be frank: to do more, we need more. We are serving the actives in new ways: HATs and sweatshirts as well as the upkeep of the Ligament Program. We want to serve the University in new ways: maintaining the SABRE award, funding projects like the recently completed Honor Rock and creating a Trustee’s Scholarship. And we want to serve each other – the alumni – through networking as well as on-campus and regional events.

In our last officers’ meeting we debated the best way to fundraise and talked through a number of common strategies, but the one that appealed was perhaps the simplest: tell our alums what exactly their contribution will do. So please think about this: \$30 will buy one new inductee a HAT (and is comparable to a new book), \$60 will sponsor a HAT and sweatshirt for new active (and is like going out to a nice dinner), \$120 will purchase our office supplies for a whole year (and might match up to a new sweater), and while \$500, \$1000, or \$5000 are large sums, think about how that can keep this newsletter in existence or just how much closer to funding a Trustee scholarship we will be with that money.

Please consider giving what you can to the AIG – supporting the actives and the University is supporting a strong future for our Society, for us alums and the current students and, ultimately, industry leaders of the very near future.



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Tailgates

The new Fall 2004 class held a Homecoming tailgate before the football game on October 23, 2004. **Arnold Gasche** (Sp '52) graciously provided his parking space next to the west side of the stadium. The Spring 2005 class will hold a tailgate before the 2005 Blue/White spring scrimmage. All alums are encouraged to stop by if in town to meet the new members. Check the website for updates!

The purpose of the Skull and Bones Alumni Interest Group (AIG) is to promote communication and stimulate professional interaction among our members. We are a group of Penn Staters who have a common bond arising from our membership in the Skull and Bones Senior Honor Society. As an affiliate of the Penn State Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations to the AIG are tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes to the extent allowable by law. Our EIN is 20-0000907.

Donor Recognition

The officers and board of the Skull and Bones Alumni Interest Group would like to recognize the following individuals for their generous support (*tap class in parenthesis*):

Herbert Longenecker (*Sp '32*)

James J.B. Worth (*Sp '51*)

William Hirsch (*Sp '52*)

Lincoln Warrell (*Sp '52*)

Charles "Chuck" Gibbs (*Sp '53*)

William Duff (*Sp '55*)

William Bowers III (*Sp '59*)

John J. Todd (*F '72*)

Curt Brosky (*F '73*)

Steve Osborn (*F '79*)

Steve Ripp (*Sp '82*)

Mike Pirrotta (*Sp '87*)

Kris Zwycewicz (*F '87*)

Amy Constantine (*Sp '88*)

Joe Jorzak (*Sp '92*)

Brad Kittsley (*F '97*)

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Ligament Program

Networking Effort Now Has Password-Protected Job Listings on Web Site

The Ligament program was created to stimulate professional interaction among our alums so we can make the connections we need to reach our full potential. On a very basic level it can provide you with the names and contact information of other members who are in the field, location, company, etc., of your interest, so that you may make this connection.

On a larger scale, the Ligament Program now has a password-protected section on our website with job listings and resumes. It allows S&B alums to post job opportunities or resumes for viewing by other S&B members only.

To access this great new service, go to the "News and Events" section of the website and click on the "Ligament Program." Then follow the link to the "password-protected" area and type in the password "**not printed in online version**" and the page will open.

This is a tremendous opportunity for all members to support the mission of the Alumni Interest Group and each other. We ask that you be as helpful as you can if another member gets in touch with you from a job listing on the website or for general career-related information and identifies that they are contacting you through the "S&B Ligament Program." ■

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Alumni News

Mickey Bergstein (*F '42*) showed up in the May/June 2004 *Penn Stater* magazine in a "Vintage Penn State" photo as he was doing a broadcast interview of PSU heavyweight boxer Chuck Drazenovich after winning the 1950 national collegiate boxing title.

Fred Dietz (*Sum '44*) and wife Estelle have moved. 5951 Autumnwood Drive, #2A, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, GFDietz@comcast.net.

Harvey Harold Scheiner (*Sum '44*) 33 Hickory Hill, Southington, CT 06489, hhsch@cox.net.

Harold Benjamin (*Sp '46*) the founder of The Wellness Community, has lost any pictures he had of his class. If any alums have photos of members from the 1945-47 classes, he would love to have a copy. Please contact Harold at HBenjamin@twc-wla.org.

Peter Johnson (*Sp '46*) won a friendly bet on the validity of a Skull and Bones Chapter at Penn State by producing his certificate of membership. 566 Highland Ave., Salem, OH 44460, ppccj@aol.com.

John Krusen (*Sp '48*) is retired. John was S&B President in 1949. 11 David Court, Clintondale, NY 12515, JKPSUlionfan@aol.com.

Lewis Stone (*Sp '48*) and wife Jan had a fantastic but short trip to Washington, DC to attend the dedication of the National Memorial to honor the veterans of WWII and says it is an awesome and meaningful memorial. Lew would like to know about any other '49ers who were there. 4555 Hunt Road, Adrian, MI 49221, LewStone@tc3net.com.

Dave Morrow (*Sp '55*) and wife Linda had their first grandchild, a 9 lb. 4 oz. boy named Samuel David de la Riva, on July 26. His mother is their daughter Laurie (PSU '92, a Parmi Nous). Linda and Dave plan to move to the Village at Penn State, in January 2005. They will sell their house in State College but keep their farm at Arch Spring where they have a B&B for home football games and fisherman. 1060 Haymaker Road, State College, PA 16801, DMorrow@psu.edu.

Tom Dye (*Sp '56*) 690 Fern Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, TomRDye@aol.com.

Jim "Scott" Olmes Rogers (*Sp '57*) is with Clear Channel Communications and moved to Lone Tree, CO, a suburb of Denver. 10200 Park Meadows Drive, #726, Lone Tree, CO 80124, CallJR@earthlink.net.

Eugene L. Grumer (*Sp '60*) and wife Diane celebrated their 20th anniversary in May with a tour of Italian

cities. On July 30th, son Elliott and his wife Lisa gave them their first grandchild, Alex Joseph Grumer. 60 Cormack Drive, Clarenville, NL, Canada, A5A 1C6, EugeneGrumer@na-refining.nf.ca.

George Henning (*Sp '62*) was elected by the alumni to the Penn State Board of Trustees. He joins several other Skull and Bones members on the board: Ex Officio Trustees **Eugene Chaiken** (*Sp '61*) and **Graham Spanier** (*F '02H*), Trustees **Anne Riley** (*Sp '98H*) and **Dave Joyner** (*Sp '71*), and Emeriti Trustees **Dave Morrow** (*Sp '55*), **Boyd Wolff** (*Sp '52*) and **Edward Zemprelli** (*S '44*). George urges all PSU alums to sign up for PSU's email forwarding service using the PSUalum.com address. It's free and will be your permanent email address for life no matter what service you use. GHenning63@PSUalum.com.

Warren Hartenstine (*Sp '66*) 225 Prescott Court, Havre de Grace, MD 21078, WHartenstine@comcast.net.

Robert Brinley (*F '69*) is the founder of Brinley Gold Rum which won two gold medals at the International Rum Festival, less than a year after the company was launched. Robert, wife Maryann and son Zack -- all Penn State alums -- were featured in an article in the July/August *Penn Stater*.

Penn State Trustee **Dave Joyner** (*Sp '71*) was inducted into the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in March. Dave was an NCAA runner-up at heavyweight in 1971 and a three-time EIWA champion.

Stephan Rosenfeld (*Sp '72*) is the founder and president of Identity Advisors, LLC, a communications consulting firm Steph established with Dr. Ted Reed, a noted market researcher in Media, PA, who heads Liberty Poll, LLC a regional public opinion poll serving PA, NJ and DE. Visit www.libertypoll.com for more information. Discounts for S&B members gladly extended. 8234 Brookside Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, Steph@IDAAdvisors.com.

Frank Muraca (*Sp '74*) 542 Hillcrest Avenue, State College, PA 16803, FJMuraca@hotmail.com.

Jeff Glazier (*Sp '78*) is owner of Glaziers Furniture and President, Allentown School Board. 2915 Parkway Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18104, jazz5@rcn.com.

Jerry Micco (*Sp '78*) joined the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as Assistant Managing Editor/Sports on March 15, 2004. He also serves as the President of the Associated Press Sports Editors and would be glad to help or mentor any journalism students at Penn State. 204 Wilshire Ct., Gibsonsia, PA 15044, jmicco@post-gazette.com or miccoapse@aol.com.

Harold Love (*Sp '80*) 5814 Hampton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, Harold.Love@verizon.net.

Mike Sillup (*Sp '80*) works as an editor with Bloomberg News and lives in Hackettstown, New Jersey. MSillup@Bloomberg.net.

Mary Anne Eves (*Sp '81*) is the Office Manager and Project Planner for Campbell Thomas & Company, an architecture, historic preservation and transportation planning firm in Philadelphia. 58 Barren Road, Media, PA 19063, MA_Eves@hotmail.com.

Coach **Joe Battista** (*F '81*) and the Penn State men's Ice Hockey team compiled a 35-3-0 regular season record in 2003-4 and barely missed a fifth consecutive ACHA title in their championship game against Ohio. Icers **Bill Downey** (*F '03*) and **Curtiss Patrick** (*Sp '03*), both four-time All-Americans at Penn State, went on to join the Johnstown Chiefs of the East Coast Hockey League. Coach Battista was also inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, East Boro's Chapter on October 14, 2004.

Todd Becker (*Sp '82*) has two kids, Elsie (age 6) and Dirk (age 4) and completed an EMBA from the University of Missouri. If you are coming through Kansas City, give him a shout. 2301 SW 9th Terrace, Lee's Summit, MO 64081, ToddBecker@PlanetKC.com.

Bill Fracalossi (*Sp '82*) writes, "what's happened over the last twenty years... sold Chevy and Volkswagen dealerships, joined First Union in 1996, stayed until it morphed into Wachovia in 2003. Recently opened a small investment/insurance firm, Susquehanna Investments, affiliated with GE (now Genworth), in my hometown. Have a terrific wife, Kathy, and two great (but teenage) sons. Sean, nearly 18, is captain of the legendary Mount Carmel Tornados football teams, with 5 state championships in the last 10 years, and has the most wins (737) in the state, and fourth in the nation. He is a Division I-AA recruit (sorry, not fast enough for Dear Old State) with much interest from the Ivy, Patriot and Atlantic 10 leagues. Ryan, 15, is skateboarding, guitar playing, discus and javelin throwing class president." 960 Pine Street, Kulpmont, PA 17834, frac83@ptd.net.

Sue Gainor (*Sp '84*) after living five years overseas, in Germany, Kuwait and Oman, my family and I have reluctantly returned to the states. We can be reached at gainor_murdock@yahoo.com or at 2422 Winchester Circle, Vienna, VA 22180.

Stefan Levine (*Sp '84*) has moved to West Palm Beach and says the guest room is set up. 2609 Mohawk Circle, West Palm Beach, FL 33409, StefanLevine@bellsouth.net.

Lisa (David) Schroeder (*F '84*) writes: "After graduating in May 1985, I moved to Atlanta, GA for 5 years and then to Naples, FL for 12 years. Since summer of 2002, I'm back in Happy Valley! My husband Steve, and children Lauren (10) and Lacey (5) enjoy living here too! I'm a realtor with Kissinger Bigatel & Brower and love assisting buyers find the perfect new home here in Centre County." 320 Fairfield Drive, State College, PA 16801, NaplesPSU@aol.com or Lisa@1kbb.com.

Mary Weaver Bennett (*Sp '85*) as of March 2004 accepted a position as Associate Director of The Washington Campus. You can check them out at www.washcampus.edu. 2525 North Nelson Street, Arlington, VA 22207, weaves@erols.com.

Larry Nixdorf (*F '85*) 158 Shawnee Avenue, Easton, PA 18042, Seaside516@aol.com.

Erika McDaniel Edwards (*Sp '90*) 2225 Fifth Avenue, #11B, New York, NY 10037, ErikaMcDan@aol.com.

Andrew Jackson (*Sp '90*) successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation in the Special Individualized Interdisciplinary Doctoral Majors Program in the Graduate School at Penn State in Multicultural Education on February 12, 2004. His dissertation was entitled, "Dr. James A. Banks' Contributions to the Introduction and Evolution of Multicultural Education in a Survey Research Study and Pilot Diversity Course at the Pennsylvania State University." AXJ119@psu.edu.

Andre Powell (*Sp '90*) is the Vice-President of Business Development at Life Style Staffing. AndrePowell@wi.rr.com.

Keirsten Walsh Davidson (*Sp '91*) is an Attorney with Johnson, Duffie, Stewart & Weidner. 223 Fox Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, KWDLaw@hotmail.com.

Mike Gillespie (*F '92*) taught for six years after graduation and then joined his family's ad agency in Philadelphia in 1999 and serves as the Vice President of Client Services. Mike and his wife, Jen, live in center city Philadelphia and have a two-year-old daughter Madeline. He also serves as President of the Smeal Business Club of Philadelphia. Mike@GillespieGroup.com.

Minerva Matos-Garner (*F '93*) and her husband Damon have one daughter, Felicita, who will be 2 in October. Minerva teaches Spanish for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. MatosGarner@hotmail.com.

Leigh Bakun Milander (*F '93*) after many years in brand management at Nike and Gardenburger, joined

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Bluedog Design, a branding firm which specializes in packaging design. She married Curtis Milander at a vineyard outside of Portland, Oregon on July 17, 2004. Fellow S&B alum April Campbell (F '94) attended with her husband Tim Slinger and their dog Ivan. 5445 SW 14th Avenue, Portland, OR 97239, lbakun@comcast.net.

Jen Stolbach (Sp '94) 4823 Chevy Chase Drive, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, JStolbach@cms.hhs.gov.

Coni Zingarelli (F '94) moved to Los Angeles, CA, and would love to hear from others in the area, especially Fall '94. 1440 Veteran Ave., #311, Los Angeles, CA 90024, CLZing@yahoo.com.

Sara Woods, Esq. (Sp '95) is the Director of Public Service Careers & Pro Bono Programs at Villanova University School of Law. WoodS@Law.Villanova.edu.

James Delattre (F '95) is a plasma chemist at the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) in Bari, Italy and writes "I have wives and children on several continents." Delattre@PSUalum.com.

Kara Annechini Klaiber (F '95) and husband **Mark Klaiber** (Sp '96) have a daughter Caroline Grace who was born April 26, 2003. Markara@netzero.com

Rafael Ramirez Casablanca (F '96) founder of Phi Delta Psi – Hispanic Fraternity, is the Senior HR Professional at Ethicon Johnson & Johnson in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico. Rafael notes that at the same plant **Mereddy Danger** (Sp '97) is the Prolene BU Manager and **Rita Anglero** (Sp '02) is a Prolene Line Facilitator, and his counterpart at Johnson & Johnson corporate is **Shamita Alwani** (Sp '96). RRamire9@ethpr.jnj.com.

Megan Dolbin-MacNab (F '96) completed her Ph.D. from Purdue University and is now working as an Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Virginia Tech. 1615 Honeysuckle Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Sandy Meyer (F '96H) was elected President-Elect of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) and will serve as the organization's president in 2005-06. skm2@psu.edu

Brian Romesburg (F '96) 638 W. Springfield Road, Springfield, PA 19064, BRomes@comcast.net.

Brad Kittsley (F '97) married Julie Sullivan on October 16, 2004. 217 William Drive, Canonsburg, PA

15317. BKittsley@Hotmail.com

John Lange (F '97) is starting his fifth season at Eastern Michigan University. John bought a house with his beautiful fiancé and they are planning an August, 2005 wedding. 44617 Cranbrook Ct., Canton, MI 48188. lange_at_emu@hotmail.com.

Tracey Larson (Sp '99) accepted the position of assistant field hockey coach at Columbia University in New York City effective July 1, 2004. Tracey was a member of the U.S. national team from 1999 until this year and looks to help new head coach Katie Beach turnaround the Columbia program. TrayLars7@aol.com.

Jen Borowy Lashua (Sp '99) and **Tim Lashua** (Sp '99) 1855 Clay Street, #5, San Francisco, CA 94109, tlashua@kpmg.com; jennifer.b.lashua@intel.com.

Dave Theis (Sp '99) 1165 North Vernon Street, Arlington, VA 22201, DavidJTheis@yahoo.com.

Jami Totten (Sp '99) 1630 Chicago Avenue, #508, Evanston, IL 60201, TottenPSU@hotmail.com.

Catherine Anderson (F '00) finished a two-year commitment to Teach for America in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She will be teaching PE at a school in Oakland, CA and is looking forward to meeting PSU alums in the Bay Area. 731 Oakland Ave., Apt. 1, Oakland, CA 94611, CMAnderson200@yahoo.com.

Annina Burns (F '00) is at grad school studying economics at Oxford in England until 2005. Oxford University, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, OX2 6QA, United Kingdom, Annina.Burns@lady-margaret-hall.oxford.ac.uk.

Jen Wherley (F '01) is living in the Ft. Lauderdale area and loving it. She is very interested in locating any other Boners in the area. 5440 Lyons Road, #110, Coconut Creek, FL 33073, JWherl@hotmail.com.

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Dana Cuomo (F '02) DanaQmo@yahoo.com.

Myron McClure (F '02) 315 East Irvin Ave., State

College, PA 16801, MDM299@psu.edu.

Jamie Miller (*F '02*) 251 West Dekalb Pike, Apt. 202C, King of Prussia, PA 19406, Jamie.Miller@villanova.edu.

Nealy Ambron (*Sp '03*) was commissioned a 2nd Lt., Army. 6756 Willowbrook Dr. #8, Fayetteville, NC 28314

Varun Purohit (*Sp '03*) is in San Antonio, Texas in Air Force flying training which is going well but definitely taking away from some sleep. 6000 Randolph Blvd., Apt. 32204, San Antonio, TX 78233, VPurohit@PSUalum.com

Jill Pakulski (*F '03*) graduated on August 14th and moved to New York City on August 15th to do graduate work at Columbia University! 240 West 104th Street, Apt. 3A, New York, NY 10025, jap338@psu.edu will be active until January 2005. New York or BUST!

In Memoriam

Clarence Hugh "C.H." Evans (*Sp '39*), April, 2004

Milton "Milt" Bernstein (*Sp '51*), March 26, 2004

How to submit Alumni News:

Have you moved recently? Retired? Started a new job? Had kids or grandkids? What has been happening in your life? Keep everyone in Skull and Bones up-to-date by contributing information for the "Alumni News" section in our next newsletter! Send in the response form on the back page and include your "News" (add a separate sheet of paper if necessary), or email Info@SkullAndBones.org with your information. You can also submit news on our website by clicking on the News/Events button and scrolling to the newsletter archives at the bottom of the page. Pictures are always welcome and encouraged!

Miscellany

● **EMAIL:** Both the Alumni Group and the active Society maintain email lists to keep you informed of upcoming activities. The Alumni Group list is used only by officers and board members for distributing information and all email addresses are hidden. The Society maintains two "Listsers" which distribute emails from anyone on the list to everyone else on the list. **James "Dusty" Tome** (*F '97*) has created pages on our website which explain the differences between the lists and how to sign up. Please utilize this low-cost tool to stay in-touch with everyone! If you have any questions, you can email Dusty at 1Dusty@PSUalum.com.

● **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** Thinking of becoming a lifetime member of the Alumni Association? When you join as a Lifetime Member you can support our Alumni Interest Group at the same time. Write "AIG code IAN" anywhere on your lifetime membership application and the AIG will receive a portion of your dues!

● **COMPANY MATCH:** Does your company match your personal contributions to charities? As an affiliate of the Alumni Association, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) organization, the AIG is eligible to receive matching funds contributions!

● **REGIONAL EVENTS:** There are several geographic areas in the country with high concentrations of Skull and Bones alumni. Baltimore/Washington, New York City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh all have 100 or more alumni. If you live in one of these areas and would like the AIG's support in coordinating a gathering or event, please email your name and tap class along with your ideato Info@SkullAndBones!

Ross Lehman Freshman Leadership Award

Freshman Gymnast Honored For Outstanding Service And Leadership

On April 29, 2004 in the Alumni Lounge in Old Main, members of Skull and Bones presented the 2nd Ross Lehman Freshman Leadership Award to Matt Cohen, a southern California native who is a gymnast and active member of Campus Crusade for Christ. The award consists of a certificate, a semester of books and a cash scholarship. It is given in the spring to a deserving freshman who in their first year on campus embodies the trademark Skull and Bones qualities: outstanding service, leadership, humility and Penn State pride.

Adam Duff (*Sp '02*) and **Carolyn Dolbin** (*Sp '97H*) arranged the ceremony and **Anne Riley** (*Sp '98H*) and **Graham Spanier** (*F '02H*) made the presentation of

the award. **Norm Brown** (*F '93H*), a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Interest Group and president of the Student Bookstore – The Big Blue On The Corner! – generously provided all the books Matt will need for his next semester. As Matt is a gymnast, he could not receive the monetary portion of the award without affecting his financial aid package under NCAA rules, so part of the scholarship money was given to the 2003 honoree, Tara Burnham, and the rest was put back into the endowment. If you would like to contribute to the award you may do so by using the response form on the back page of this newsletter, or you can make checks payable to Penn State and mail them directly to 1 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802. ■

Awards and Accolades

Honors Received by Skull and Bones Members

• In June, Lincoln “Linc” Warrell (Sp ’52) was awarded the 59th Kettle Award during the All Candy Expo in Chicago. The award, the Oscar of the candy business, recognizes excellence, achievement and lifetime contributions to the confectionery industry.

With the award, Linc, CEO of The Warrell Corporation based in Camp Hill, PA, joins the ranks of confectionery’s elite. The Warrell Corporation produces an extensive line of high quality confectionery products such as Katharine Beecher and Pennsylvania Dutch Candies as well as private-label goods.

• On January 23rd the Penn State Board of Trustees selected eight Penn State alumni to receive the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards, the University’s highest award for an individual, and two are Skull and Bones members. **Edward Frymoyer** (Sp ’58), president of Frymoyer Holdings Inc., earned his bachelor’s degree in 1959 in engineering science and his doctoral degree in 1967 in physics. **Edward Zemprelli** (Sum ’44), attorney and retired state senator from the 45th district of PA, earned his bachelor’s degree in 1945 in commerce and finance.

• On April 25th the University presented five seniors with John W. Oswald Awards for outstanding leadership and two of the recipients are Skull and Bones members. The award is given to graduating seniors who provide outstanding leadership in at least one of several activities at the University. **Dana Cuomo** (F ’02) graduated in December 2003 with a 3.81 GPA. Dana was a member of the Schreyer Honors College, a three-time All Big Ten Academic honoree from the women’s gymnastics team, volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity and served as President of the Skull and Bones Honor Society. **Jill Pakulski** (F ’03) graduated in December 2003 with a 3.95 GPA. A member of the Schreyer Honors College in journalism, Jill served as head writer and producer for “Mission: Nutrition,” a nationally syndicated TV nutrition news program, served as a community nutrition educator in the State College schools and interned at WPSX.



Lincoln Warrell (Sp ’52) and his wife Marilyn with the 59th Kettle Award for excellence in the confectionery industry.

• Also on April 25th the University presented the Eric A Walker Award to **Christine MacAulay** (Sp ’04). The award is given to the student who has contributed most to enhancing the reputation of the University through extracurricular activities. Christine is a

member of the Schreyer Honors College, Golden Key, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and received the President’s Freshman Award in 2000. One of her most important accomplishments was establishing the Penn State Global AIDS initiative.

• Pennsylvania State Senator and President Pro Tempore **Robert Jubelirer** (Sp ’58) was the recipient of the Alumni Fellow, the most prestigious award given by the Alumni Association. The award is given in cooperation with the University’s academic colleges and winners accept an invitation to return to campus to share their expertise with students, faculty and administrators.

• Penn State Alumni Association President Marianne E. Alexander recently appointed three alumni to serve three-year terms on the Alumni Council and one is a Skull and Bones member. **Darryl “DB” Bundrige** (Sp ’91) will serve on the 84-member Council through 2007.

• The Penn State Alumni Council recognized two members with Outstanding Council Member awards for their dedicated service and outstanding contributions and one is a Skull and Bones member. **Pat Farrell** (F ’01H) is currently serving her fourth term on the Alumni Council and serves on the executive board.

• **Kelly Mazzante** (F ’03) was featured on the cover of the March/April 2004 issue of the *Penn Stater*. Kelly finished her basketball career at Penn State as the Big Ten’s all-time leading scorer -- men’s or women’s.

• **Douglas Struck** (Sp ’72) was named a member of the 66th class of Nieman Fellows at Harvard University for his work as Tokyo bureau chief for The Washington Post. The Nieman program was established in 1938 and is the oldest midcareer fellowship for journalists in the world.

Officer's Note: This year, both presidential candidates from the two major political parties are members of the Skull and Bones Society from Yale University. Although we have always gone to great pains to note that, except for the name, there is no affiliation whatsoever between our group and the Yale group, we felt that due to the all-encompassing nature of a presidential election, it does provide us with a topical and timely subject for the newsletter. In addition, as a non-profit organization, we have a duty to be non-partisan regarding candidates in any election, and are including this section purely for educational purposes. We hope you will appreciate the information on the next two pages in the spirit it is intended.

Presidential Debate at Penn State?

AIG Vice President Tan Falkowski Recounts Our Brief Efforts To Bring Bonesmen Together

Do you ever find yourself wondering – what do those S&B AIG officers talk about between newsletters? Perhaps you haven't, but we do talk about a great deal of things and one item in particular seemed worthy of sharing with our fellow alums.

In mid-September we spent three days furiously emailing – debating the merits of hosting a debate. Yes, a debate between the nominees for President of the United States from the two major political parties. Yes, really.

Bringing events of national value to the Penn State campus and community was at the crux of our discussion. Presidential and Vice-Presidential debates were scheduled by the Commission on Presidential Debates, yet none took place in the Northeast section of the country – undeniably an extremely important voting bloc to both campaigns. Is it our place to be involved in something like that? If we succeed in bringing a debate to campus, who do we collaborate with? Whose permissions do we seek? What would our roles be? How would we integrate our alums?

In the end, for this event we were a little late. But we did try – we emailed and discussed it with our Board of Directors (who agreed there is never harm in trying)

and emailed Dr. Spanier (who very politely suggested the decisions had long since been made and spending our time would likely be futile) – but to no avail. For me, that worked out OK. We would have gone crazy trying to pull it off – even though we would have done it well.

But for me, this debate on debates really opened up the bigger question of what do our alumni want us to work towards? Are politically motivated events appropriate? Would regional events be well received? Should we look to be hosting more social opportunities? Do our alums want to network with each other for professional reasons?

It may seem that we are often soliciting ideas and comments from you, but, in my mind, that is the only way to serve the alumni – find out what they want and work to make it real. Please let me or any of the officers know what you think – would it have been a good idea for Skull and Bones AIG to initiate and “host” (through the greater Penn State umbrella) a presidential debate? What events do you want to see us produce? Please email me at 19tan@lycos.com.

I look forward to hearing from you – and I look forward to our future events! ■

News Reports on Skull and Bones

Elite Organization? Recent News Accounts Of The Yale Skull And Bones Group

The Monday, February 2, 2004 issue of *The New York Times* contained an article by Elisabeth Bumiller postulating the pending match-up of President Bush (Yale '68) and Senator John Kerry (Yale '66) would “be a field day for conspiracy theorists” as the first time two Skull and Bones members went “skull-to-skull” for the presidency. The Yale group has had two previous members occupy the White House – the current president's father and William Howard Taft – but neither faced an S&B opponent. Noting the two men knew one another during their time at Yale, the report questioned whether their shared S&B experience “inculcated values of leadership” beyond those provided by the school, eventually leading them to their political destiny.

TIME magazine, whose founder Henry Luce was a member of Yale's Skull and Bones, regularly contains a “10 Questions For...” feature where well-known individuals are given the opportunity to respond to a series of ten questions presented by the magazine. In the April 12, 2004 issue the queries were directed at conservative thinker William F. Buckley – a member of Yale's Skull and Bones who at one time purportedly obtained a court order with other Bonesmen to block the initiation of women into that group. Question #3 of the ten questions was: President Bush and Senator Kerry both went to Yale, and both were members of Skull and Bones. Is American politics becoming more elitist? Buckley's short and interesting response was: “No. Skull and Bones is becoming less elitist.”

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Both these articles came several months after 60 Minutes first reported on Skull and Bones in October of 2003, hinting about the potential S&B matchup. The report, by CBS New Correspondent Morley Safer focused mostly on the recently published book "Secrets of the Tomb" by Alexandra Robbins. Robbins allegedly was able to speak with about 100 members of the organization and used these discussions to provide an insight into the customs and activities of the Bonesmen at Yale. The popularity of the 60 Minutes report in October caused well over 100,000 hits on our own website. ■

Officer Elections

Officer elections for the AIG were held earlier this year. Former AIG President **Brad Kittsley** (F '97) reported the results as follows:

President - **John Hook** (Sp '80)

Vice President - **Kristan "Tan" Falkowski** (Sp '99)

Scribe - **Russell Bloom** (F '95H)

Treasurer - **Tom Hesketh** (F '80)

The new officers assumed their duties on April 1, 2004 and will serve until March 31, 2006. Former Scribe **Jenny McCarthy Zollars** (Sp '00) and former Treasurer **Dan Halperin** (Sp '00) moved over to their immediate past officer spots on the Board. ■

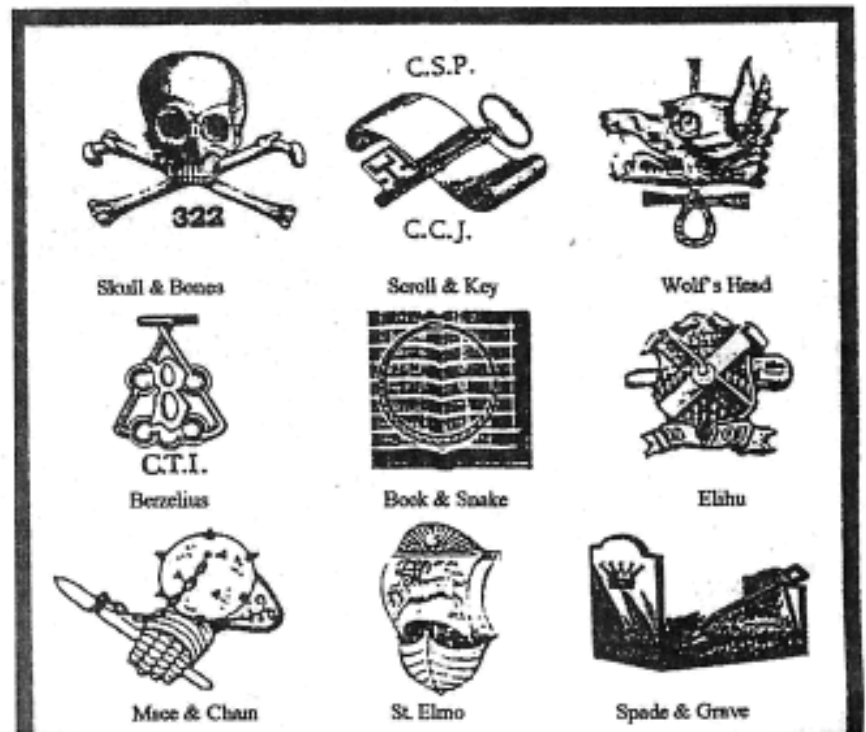
From The Other Skull & Bones

Our Skull and Bones AIG Vice-President files this report from New Haven, CT

To the right are the seals of the nine Secret Societies here on the Yale campus – the place where I have been spending my days for the last three years as I have moved from employee to grad student at the Yale School of Drama. In addition to being a fascinating place on its own, the YSD is located directly next door to Wolf's Head and but a block away from the famed S&B Tomb. As an interested party, I have kept an eye on the goings on next door and at the S&B house with an eye to how their processes compares to our own.

To my surprise, their Tap Night is anything but secret. And their initiation process less than dignified. With a smaller Greek system than PSU, Yale seems to want for an excuse to have house parties and to harass the underclassmen. The harassing is especially shocking to me since I had grown accustomed to the comparatively strict anti-hazing laws at Penn State. Here the norm is for black cloaked and hooded and white masked seniors to kidnap, blindfold and lead suspecting juniors about Old Campus for all to see. Over the next week or two it is not uncommon for the main drags to be littered with soon-to-be seniors dressed in drag and soliciting for change or asking passers-by to join them in some

sociologically inappropriate behavior (nothing obscene to date...). Don't get me wrong: the juniors, and the seniors videoing them, all seem to be having a great time. Following this there is an evening of silence as the secret – and theoretically most dignified – ceremonies are performed in the society's respective



houses. And as with all groups – our own included – there is a night of blow-out parties that follow. Watching the students here makes me all the more proud of our process – I really believe that the symbolism, solemnity and pride with which it is treated make the tapping and initiation to Penn State Skull and Bones all the more of an honor. ■

SKULL & BONES ALUMNI GROUP
FALL 2004 RESPONSE FORM & CLOTHING ORDER



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Skull and Bones Hooded Sweatshirt

100% cotton, black "Lee" pullover sweatshirt with drawstring hood and front pockets. Stitched insignia in upper left.

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Indicate Sweatshirt Size(s) on the lines above.

(Clothing orders will be accepted until January 31, 2005 and should ship to you by Mid-March 2005)

Trustee Scholarship - The Judy Shepherd (F '82) and John Lord (Sp '82) Trustee Scholarship honors two of the youngest deceased members of our organization. A one-time donation of \$50.00 per member is requested.

Legacy Program - The Legacy Program supplies every new initiate with an official Skull and Bones sweatshirt, hat and membership directory. An annual donation of \$10.00 per member is requested.

Newsletters - The organization publishes a newsletter several times a year. The number of newsletters published is based on the amount of support received. An annual donation of \$15.00 per member is requested.

Ross Lehman (Sp '41) Freshman Leadership Award - This award named in honor of the former Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association is given annually to a freshman chosen by the active members who demonstrates Skull and Bones ideals: leadership, humility, service and Penn State pride.

Enclosed please find my tax-deductible donation(s) for:

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