

Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

Est. 1890

June 2005

**We Honor the Brothers of this House
Who Served in the Second World War**

H Lee Moore '35 (K.I.A.)	Eugene Stull '43 (K.I.A.)
Cyrus Gordon II '36	Robert Galley '44
Henry McFall '36	William Schabaker '44
Thomas Cameron '37 (K.I.A.)	Richard Nicholson '45
James MacFarlane Jr '39	Daniel Balmer '46
Joseph Robb '39	Al Brennan '46
Richard Warfel '39	Charles Good Jr '46
James Mitchell III '40	William Clemmens '47
Fred Axelson '41	James Nichols '47
Robert Ernst '41 (K.I.A.)	Jack Nickle '47
John Good '41	William Anderson '48
George Blakslee '42	Charles Daiker '48
Henry Derbyshire '42 (K.I.A.)	J. Robert Post '48
James Fitzpatrick '42	Edward Horn '49
Thomas Moarn '42	John Weaver Mitchell '49
William Sandston '42	Tad Salom '49
Clay Sprecher '42	Fred Shihadeh '50
James Drylic '43	

"Stellis Aequus Durando" February 2005

Psi Chapter World War II Plaque to be Hung in Foyer of the House

The bronze plaque honoring Psi Chapter brothers who served in World War II has been completed and will be hung in the house. This plaque serves as a thank you from all Psi Chapter Skull members for the service of our fellow brothers.

A special thanks goes to brothers **Joe Robb '39**, **George Blakslee '42**, **John Mitchell '49**, **Bill Sandston '42** and **George Mills '45** for their help on this project.

The plaque joins the bronze Fraternal Walk plaques that were installed last year.



Hold the Date: NYC Alumni Dinner

We are continuing our series of alumni get-together dinners, with a New York City dinner planned for July 16. More information — including the exact time, location and attendees — will be sent in the monthly e-letters — will be sent in the monthly e-letters as well as posted on our Web site at www.psuskull.com. Any questions or RSVPs should be sent to psuskulls@hotmail.com before July 7.

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Matt Brown '89 and his wife, and **Lou Matlow '88** and **Erick Chizmar '88** relive the good old days at the Philly dinner.



Kevin Olsavsky '86 and his wife display those winning smiles.



Chris Wandling '87 and his wife dig in.

Philadelphia Alumni Dinner and Get-Together — Fun Had by All

In February a band of loyal Skull brothers joined together for stories, dinner and a few unsettled scores in the heart of Philadelphia. Special thanks goes to brother **Erick Chizmar '88** for helping organize the event. Also, congratulations are in order to **Kevin Olsavsky '86** for winning the Phi Kap mug. More photos can be found in the Photo Gallery at www.psuskull.com.

Use the online directory to find alumni in your area and plan a local Skull dinner! We'll advertise it on the web site and in Psidelights!

Skull House Alumni Magnets

We hope you enjoy the enclosed Penn State Skull House alumni magnet. Please place it in a prominent location so you can remember to check out the latest goings-on of your brothers. A special thank you goes to Full Force Promotions (www.beerheads.com) and brothers **Chris DePeppe '88** and **Lou Matlow '88** for their help with these magnets.

If you would like additional magnets, please e-mail psuskulls@hotmail.com.

Alumni Profile with George Harvey '35

Memories of Fly Fishing and Life in the Skull House

It is not hyperbole to refer to **George Harvey** as a legend in his own time. This Phi Kap from the class of 1935 is one of the world's foremost experts on fly fishing. Known as the Dean of Fly Fishing, he got his start at the Skull House.

When George joined Phi Kappa Sigma, the house was still young, a mere six years old at the time. In addition to serving the house as president, he ran both track and cross country.

"I was the captain of the cross-country team in the fall and captain of the track team in the spring," he said. "I was the only runner in the history of Penn State to win all my races in a season. That was my junior year. Then senior year, I was captain again, but I lost one race."

J. Orvis Keller Coming Home

This summer we are having a copy of the **J. Orvis Keller '14** portrait painted. While J. Orvis overlooked the house and the many activities for years from above the fireplace in the club room, he was stolen in '99. Luckily, a portrait of him remains in the Keller Building, and his son, **Henry Keller '43**, has provided additional photos of his dad for the artist to work from.

We hope to have the painting back above the fireplace next semester.

If you would like to contribute to the fund for this painting, please just make a note of that on your alumni donation form. All donors will be recognized on our Web page and in the next issue of *Psidelights*.

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Just Call 1-800-975-6699**

Updated Membership Directory to be Mailed to \$100 Donors in Fall

As a thank you to all alumni who have donated \$100 or more during 2005, an updated Psi Chapter alumni membership directory, the first since 1997, will be included with the fall issue of *Psidelights*.

Please be sure to update your details on www.psuskull.com, or on the enclosed sheet, so that your latest information will be included in this directory. (As always, up-to-date contact information is available to all brothers via our Web site.)

Any questions or special requests may be directed to psuskulls@hotmail.com.

George also worked in the house to earn money for tuition. He took care of the furnace and cleaned the house once a week. "I had to work to pay for school," he said. "Then when I graduated, the university wanted me to work for them, so I started in the College of Agriculture. I worked there until I retired."

All very simply put, but these few words are far short of telling the whole story...

To read the rest of this article about a true living legend, go to our Web site at www.psuskull.com.



The back stairs are looking good.

New Railings for Back Stairs

This past semester we installed new, solid-wood railings and banisters for both sets of back stairs. While refinishing the historical original wood railings, we replaced all the banisters and stabilized all railings. This is part of our commitment to return the house to the condition in which many of us remember it.

House Update at a Glance

Since our last issue of *Psidelights*, we have continued our successes:

- Kappa Alpha initiated five new brothers from the spring 2005 class, including a University Scholar.
- Nearly 40 brothers are expected to live in the house next semester.
- Weekly walk-through inspections and liter patrols continue via our partnership with the FPA Easycare program.
- Kappa Alpha raised \$85,000 for Dance Marathon, continues to have several brothers on executive committees of the IFC and also has a Lion Ambassador.



If you know the year or the event, please email psuskulls@hotmail.com. There is a larger picture on the web site.

Get 'News from the Bone' Every Month with Our E-Letter

Receive the monthly Penn State Skull House e-letter. Just send your name and e-mail address to psuskulls@hotmail.com, or go to www.psuskull.com and sign up there. You'll receive the latest Skull House news, including get-together updates, notification of the latest additions to the Web page and the Skull Photo of the Month.



The house in May 2005, with new windows on the second and third floors.

New Windows in Sleeping Rooms

We are very proud to announce that half the sleeping rooms on the second and third floors now have new insulated Pella windows. These windows include internal grills to maintain the traditional look of smaller window panes while providing double-pane insulation — key to helping us reduce the ever-increasing heating bills. Perhaps soon the Icebox will not be as icy.

Thank You to All Alumni Donors

Your Penn State Skull House Alumni Association wants to thank all 2004 donors for their generosity. You have enabled us to continue our full-color *Psidelights*, monthly e-letters, updated Web page, alumni get-togethers, updated alumni directory and recognition plaques. We are striving to make 2005 a memorable year, highlighted by the **J. Orvis Keller '14** painting, updated Web page and New York City dinner.



Samuel B. Eyer '48
(4 Birmingham Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130-3943; njeyer@comcast.net) I am retired and living in Highlands Ranch, Colo. We maintain yearly visits with **George Blakslee '42**. George was my first roommate as a pledge. We stay in contact .

Richard S. Schweiker '50
(8890 Windy Ridge Way, McLean, VA 22102-1558) We are expecting our 21st grandchild. Two of my grandsons are PSU students now.

James W. Davis '52
(9 Quail Lake Rd. E., Pinehurst, NC 28374-8337; watson8252@earthlink.net) Marilyn and I are living the golfing dream in Pinehurst, N.C., home of the 2005 U.S. Open, on our Course #2 where I play regularly, if poorly. We celebrated our 52nd anniversary last August. I've been in touch with **Levis Baldwin '52**. Jean and **Otto Grupp '51** stopped by last spring on their way north from Florida. I would love to hear from other brothers in our area.

Robert N. Irwin '52
(398 Marsh Point Cir., Saint Augustine, FL 32084-5861; rnirwin@aol.com) Our oldest son, John Wylie Irwin, passed away in June 2004 at the age of 51. We named him after my former roommate, **John S. Wylie '52**. John and I got together in Korea in 1953. He saw our son before I did. I was in Korea when my son was born. John followed me to Korea, and we went on R&R together to Tokyo, Japan. Had a blast! We also had many great times together at the Skull House. My wife, Carolyn, and I had four

children. We have lived in St. Augustine, Fla., since 1997. We live at the Marsh Creek Country Club on Anastasia Island. Give us a call when you're in the area, and we'll buy you a drink.

Graham W. Hume '55
(895 Coopers Ct., Brookfield, WI 53045-6653) Janet and I spend summers in Wisconsin and winters in Arizona. We are in the phone books. We see **Dick Vogel '54** and **Jack Cleland '55** often. Please give us a call when you're in the area, and bring your golf clubs.

Chester C. Buckenmaier '59
(8221 Shadowridge Dr., Fairfax Station, VA 22039-2437; chetstuff@aol.com) Since retiring in 1998, my wife Carolyn and I have been wintering in Punta Gorda, Fla., enjoying our six grandchildren, playing golf, racing sailboats and trying to beat the stock market. We're hooked on winter cruises to the Caribbean! We spend our summers in Fairfax Station, Va., but as our two sons, Chet III and Erich, and their families, move on we will consider hanging out permanently in Punta Gorda, assuming we get good at dodging hurricanes! Come on down, y'all! We'll fit you in between visits from our grandchildren! Life is good! **Gip Bonar '59** and **Jake Shook '58** were vacationing nearby recently, so we got together over some libations. We agreed quickly that we were born to be retired. I'm looking forward, hopefully,

to another Greatest Years reunion a la Delle and **Sam Curry '62** in the not-too-distant future.

Richard C. Solt '60
(1379 Sunset Beach Dr., Niceville, FL 32578; richdulce@aol.com) I've been keeping up with a few of the old gang since brother **Sam Curry's** reunion. I've had several fun outings with brother **Bill Euwer '61** in St. Louis. It's pretty nice in Niceville. Come see us.

Kenneth C. Louis '61
(157 Island West Dr., Bluffton, SC 29910; klouis1@hotmail.com) While building a home at Belfair Plantation near Hilton Head, we have moved from Nebraska to South Carolina. Come see us when you're in the area.

Donald M. Barnes '65
(8821 Sleepy Hollow Ln., Potomac, MD 20854-2883) My wife and I visited **George Baker '65** and his very charming wife, Pam, at their beautiful winter condo in Naples, Fla. Their summer residence is in Furlong, Pa. George is retired and flies his own plane. What a life.

Joseph G. Milroy '66
(1154 Swamp Rd., Furlong, PA 18925) Great golf outing



On July 28-30, 2004, a few of the world's worst golfers descended upon Tofires for the 1st Annual Phi Kap Open. From left to right: Joe Koletar, Hal Fundis, Don Barnes, Tony Pericelli, Joe Milroy, John Skaneski, George Baker, and Don Dieter.

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last July at Toftrees with **Joe Koletar '66**, **Tony Perricelli '67**, **Hal Fundis '66**, **Don Barnes '65**, **Don Dieter '65**, **John Skaneski '65** and **George Baker '65**. I'm looking forward to the 2005 outing.

Terrence P. McDevitt '76
(10978 Limbach Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46236; mmcdevitt@inobis.com) Any brothers in Indianapolis: Let me know!

Mark Roy Bugos '78
(35 Paxton Rd., W. Hartford, CT 06107; mbugos@harthosp.org) I recently joined Hartford Medical Group as the practice administrator of several of Hartford Hospital's primary-care and urgent-care centers. (I think this is my 50th job since graduating! Gone are the days of one job, one company for life.) Lisa and I have three daughters who are busy with soccer, swimming, dance and piano. (All the good looks, athletic ability and musical aptitude come from their mother.) **Jim Gaspari '78** came to visit a few months ago; I finally got to see his photos from his two years in Papua New Guinea.

Charles V. Rabolli '78
(1015 N. Hills Dr., Decatur, GA 30033; charles.rabolli@att.net) I have been in Atlanta for 20 years. **Dennis Elisco '78** was a roommate for the first five. I have a small environmental consulting firm. I stay busy with work, skiing, hunting and fishing, and playing and coaching soccer. Anyone wanting to ride motorcycles in the north Georgia mountains, give me a call. I see **Don Wright '81** and his

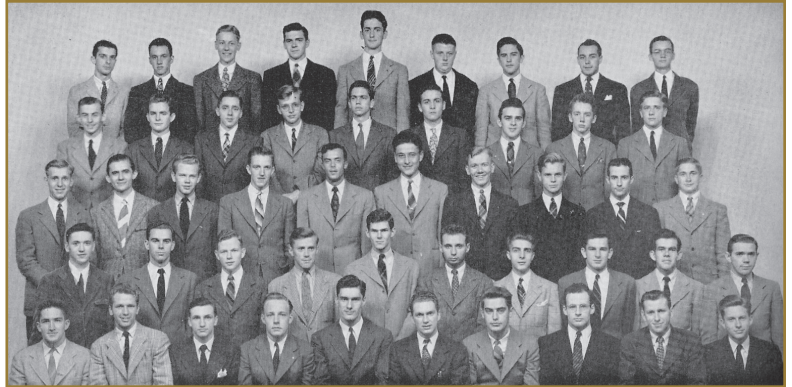
girlfriend regularly, and **Rand Ruland '81** on occasion. I would enjoy playing soccer with all those great players from 1977-80. I have fond memories of some truly amazing brothers in the house just before me. I would love to hear from **Steve Rotz '80** and **Frank Kravetz '79**.

Eric McCarl '81
(30424 Via Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-4472; eric.mccarl@verizon.net) I just released my third CD, titled "Touch the Sun." My first two CDs reached number one on the New Age charts. This CD can be purchased at www.ericmccarl.com/purchase.html. All Skulls receive free shipping! I look forward to getting together with all the alumni at Skull House. Hope you all are happy and healthy!

Stephen A. Kelly '83
(2327 Dryden Rd., Houston, TX 77030; skelly1@earthlink.net) My wife and I had our first child in 2004. I'm still living in Houston and working in the energy industry.

Henry J. Zielinski '91
(28 Marina Dr., Harvey's Lake, PA 18618; henryzielinski@cogentrix.com) I just bought a new pad at Harvey's Lake, Pa.

I am living with my wife Casandra and my two sons. Henry IV, who is 7, is shredding the black diamonds at Hunter on skis! Gabriel is almost 3. I



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am still mining coal and just officially became a licensed professional engineer (in two states). I've traveled around the country in the last few years, doing time as a power-plant engineer. It was nice to spend some time in California and catch up with old buddies such as **Dave "Hubbeef Turtle" Hubert '91**. Nice crib, Dave, and thanks for the hospitality! I'm settled down with a nice job in Pennsylvania, the same place I grew up, and hope to stay put for a while. I have been making more trips to State College lately and would love to see some Skull alumni in the area. Give me a shout if going to PSU, at (570) 760 6717.

Christopher E. Zuniga '91
(802 Highland Terr., Atlanta, GA 30306; tatichris@comcast.net) I had a great time at the Steelers/Eagles game with brothers **Brian Oswalt '90**, **Gordy Kauffman '95** and **Jim Kweder '91**. Jim's wife, Angie, came through with the tickets, courtesy of Heinz. I hope Jim made it safely back to his "comfort zone."



Since last summer, we have learned the following alumni are deceased:

- John O. Lawrence '15**
- William F. Strouse '15**
- Henry M. Black '16**
- Clinton D. St. Clair '18**
- Richard R. Gerhart '20**
- Andrew K. Wilson '22**
- William R. Black '25**
- Samuel W. Edgar '25**
- Robert H. Stevenson '26**
- Leroy S. Ferry '29**
- Charles H. Shaefer '29**
- Thomas E. Gettings '30**
- Frank A. Sinon '32 (5/03)**
- John J. Breneman '33**
- Herbert N. Breneman '33**
- James C. Harper '39 (2/22/05)**
- William J. Murphy '40**
- Richard W. Lebo '41 (4/9/04)**
- William W. Mills Jr. '41**
- Jack Nickle '47**
- Jacque A. Hogg '48**
- W. Andrew Shore '50 (8/29/04)**
- John P. Stewart '52**
- William F. Bauer '55**
- Rudolph Lutter Jr. '56 (12/14/03)**
- Steve G. Capezzuti '94 (5/4/04)**

Skull House extends sincere condolences to their family and friends.

Spring '88 Pledge Class at Christmas Formal. (Back row l-r: Scott Davis, Chris Zuniga, Anton Silich, Ty Torres, Eric Friberg. Front row l-r: Tom Beckett, Scott Cliff, Marty Pulli)