

Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

Est. 1890

November 2008

Fall 2008 Pledge Class

Ryan Saupp
State College, PA

Stefan Choquette
Harrisburg, PA

Imran Waiji
Houston, TX

Sean Burke
Munhall, PA

Greg Spero
Roxbury, NJ

Leon Zhao
Columbia, MD

Kyle Conlon
Andover, MA

Robert Rizzo
Winterpark, FL

Jonathan Yulon
Floral Park, NY

Matthew Miller
Munhall, PA

Ikenna Bosa
Kano, Nigeria

Jonathan Fisher
Pittsburgh, PA

Adam Miller
Munhall, PA

Matt Hursh
North Huntingdon, PA

Luke Grice
Lancaster, PA

Visit www.psuskull.com to view full bios and photos of the pledge class!



Big Red under the renovated Brotherhood stairs.

Wanted

We Need Names of Recommended Freshman and Sophomores

Do you have sons, nephews or any other young men that you know that will be arriving at Penn State that you would like to recommend to Psi Chapter?

If so, please e-mail our advisor **Eric Friberg '91** at efriberg@spectrawood.com and we will arrange for a tour of the House and an introduction to the actives.

Phi Kap is Back!

Our Heritage Continues into 2008 as we Embark on Major Fundraising Effort to Restore and Preserve Skull House

By Otto Grupp III '51 (OHGEEIII@aol.com) and Mike Rychek '87 (mrycheck@aol.com)

Yes, Phi Kap is back. Back at Penn State and back in our House.

This spring, Skull House re-colonized, and we are proud to have 30 active members. Their GPA is well above the all-Greek and all-University average.

This summer we undertook extensive renovations to the House. Highlights include: renovating the club room and dining room, refinishing the club room furniture and purchasing new carpets and dining chairs. Corky and J. Orvis Keller are back. The gables on the outside of the House have been repaired and repainted and a new handcrafted wooden railing was built for the Brotherhood stairs. Work was also completed on the second floor hallway, such as installing new walls, ceiling and tile floors and refurbishing 10 bedrooms.

This fall, 15 new pledges were recruited, bringing the total number of actives to

45. The new brothers are participating in THON and led Phi Kap's return to PSU Homecoming with a float featuring Batman. They, along with our cook Margaret, served up a fine brunch for the alumni on Saturday morning of Homecoming.

We've been working on the foundation of a major fundraising effort to restore and preserve our beloved House. We are reaching out to those who have indicated that they would like to be involved. Step up in a volunteer leadership role for your pledge class! Contact either of us to get started.

We are also working "behind the scenes" with alumni who will provide leadership and the financial backbone for our efforts. Stay tuned to www.psuskull.com for details. This is an exciting time for us and we hope you will support our efforts.

Yes, Phi Kap is truly back, proving that *Our Heritage Continues*.

Advisor's Report

We Are! Skull House!

By Eric Friberg '91

I am sure I am not alone when I say it has been an awesome fall here in Happy Valley and throughout Penn State Nation. It has been a busy but productive fall for Phi Kappa Sigma and Skull House. Our new colony continues to grow, with 45 members all together, and has their sights set on being re-chartered by National at the end of this semester. This will officially recognize Phi Kappa Sigma here on campus by the University, as well as having the endorsement of National.

I want to thank all of the alumni who took the time to stop by the house during the home football weekends and especially during Homecoming weekend. It has been quite a motivator for the new members and it has also brought a greater understanding of why our brotherhood is so strong. And for those alumni who have not made it to Happy Valley this year, we continue to extend an open invitation to all alumni who come to visit PSU and to visit their Skull House!

Report from the Colony

Undergraduates Bring Back Traditions of THON and Homecoming Aim to be Rechartered by End of Semester

By Justin Molitoris and Max Abitbol

As the semester progresses, it is becoming quite obvious that the Skulls are officially back. With yet another great football season here at Beaver Stadium, thankfully alumni have been visiting their old

stomping ground. To those who stopped by for the Homecoming events, your enthusiasm and support has motivated us all to further establish Phi Kappa Sigma's prominence. Our main focus

continues to be recruiting quality men and regaining our charter from National. We have completed the majority of the challenge from National and are aiming to be officially chartered by the end of the semester.

As this is our first year back on campus, we made a

huge push for putting forth quality efforts into the campus activities. Our biggest activities for the year so far are THON and Homecoming. For THON we have already raised \$5,000 towards our goal of \$20,000. The Homecoming activities were a great success. We decided on Batman as the theme for our float and it turned out extraordinarily well.

We would like to thank all the alumni who were at the House over homecoming weekend. It is always great meeting alumni of the Psi Chapter and learning our heritage.

The new member class is 15 strong and dedicated to learning the traditions of the Psi Chapter. They are joining the 30 new Brothers and working to keep our GPA well above the all-Greek average.



The undergraduates built a Batman-themed float for the Homecoming parade.

Homecoming 2008



Left: Alumni who came back for Homecoming.

Right: Undergraduates and friends prepare brunch for alumni, along with our House cook.



Above: Corky in front of the fire.

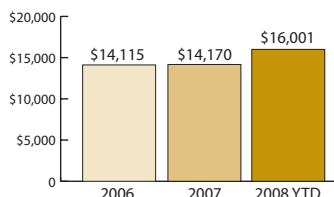
2008 Annual Fund

Annual Giving on the Rise

Thank you to the alumni listed below for financially supporting Penn State Skull House this year. Because of their support, we were able to provide a strong support network for our recolonization efforts and to maximize communications during this exciting time in our chapter's history.

We are pleased to announce that we'll end the 2008 giving year with more than \$16,000 in annual fund donations, making this our best annual fundraising drive in more than 15 years! Help us

to continue this great momentum by adding your name to the 2008 Honor Roll of Donors before the giving year ends December 31. You can make a gift using the enclosed form or online at www.psuskull.com.



Be a Big Brother to our Latest Class

With the recent re-colonization of Psi Chapter, our newest members do not have a big brother! They are without a big brother who can continue the tradition of presenting a Skull sweatshirt to their little brother. But you can help. For every donation of \$150 or more, we will use a portion of your donation to purchase a new Skull sweatshirt for an active! So help the new crew, and send in that check.

2008 Honor Roll of Donors

1890 Club

(\$890+)

John B. Goldham	1948
Otto Grupp III	1951
Michael N. Raiser	1962

Stellis Aequos Durando Club

(\$500 - \$889.99)

Thomas P. Woolaway	1954
Graham Bill Hume	1955
Mark C. Bokelman	1982
Michael P. Rycheck	1987
Henry J. Zielinski III	1991

Psi Club

(\$250 - \$499.99)

Hobart D. Pollard Jr.	1950
Paul W. Thayer	1950
James W. Davis	1952
Ralph E. Breidenthal	1953
John C. Molloy III	1956
Fred W. Montanari	1956
Christopher J. McKown	1977
Robert B. Jack	1980
John DiDonato	1983
Kevin W. Konopko	1985
Christopher T. Genovese	1987
Christopher E. Zuniga	1991
Gordon L. Kauffman	1995

Club Skull

(\$100 - \$249.99)

Anne M. Burns	
Miles W. Smith	1943
Richard K. Titley	1944

Norman H. Marlin	1948
Malcolm R. Fisher	1950
Richard S. Schweiker	1950
David W. Christopher	1951
Ronald T. Coder	1951
John S. Wylie	1952
Raymond A. Barr	1953
R. Nevin Rupp	1954
Stanley A. Ulsh	1954
Frederick P. Le Van	1955
R. B. Mowery	1955
John Frederick Jack Albrecht	1957
Charles J. Yarbrough	1957
Jacob C. Shook	1958
Chet Church Buckenmaier Jr.	1959
James C. Eckert	1959
Nicholas S. Molloy	1959
Alan John Davidson	1960
Richard C. Solt	1960
Kenneth C. Louis	1961
David T. Allison	1962
Samuel B. Curry Jr.	1962
John B. Haberen	1962
Lester W. Carl	1963
James C. Craft	1963
Dick R. Merrick	1968
William F. Gaul	1969
Robert E. Brown	1970
Craig G. Hacker	1972
James Van Pelt II	1973
Joseph P. Patonetz	1976
Mark R. Denkowski	1977
Thomas R. D'Andrea	1978
Russell C. Hatton	1978
James M. Kerrigan	1978

Jeffrey M. Logan	1980
Jeffrey C. Long	1980
Robert A. Clare	1981
Eric P. Johnston	1981
Albert Joseph Berardocco	1982
Jeffry Brightman	1982
Edward J. Patrick	1982
Brian C. Anderson	1985
Andrew J. Gibson	1986
Kevin M. Olsavsky	1986
Daniel Dygert	1988
Michael S. Cardonick	1990
Michael Douglas Rew	1990
Joseph L. Olenwine	1991
Tim M. Markart	1994
Benjamin S. Lewis	1995
Dan Cain	2000

Dues Giver

(Up to \$99.99)

Jennifer Silvoy Capezzuti	
William D. Brand	1948
Paul F. Corbiere	1949
John Weaver Mitchell	1949
Vance Genzlinger	1951
Ralph S. Laudenslayer	1954
Noel B. DeCavalcante	1959
Theodore G. Brown III	1969
Jack R. Beighley	1973
Mark J. Nowakowski	1973
Christopher S. Woodward	1973
Stephen T. Cramer	1982
Jeffrey D. Derr	1993
Ryan P. Woodring	1994
Anthony L. Nardini	2002



News From the Bone

John Mitchell '49

(79308 Montego Bay Dr., #16, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203-8051; weavermitch2000@yahoo.com) I think the picture that was featured in the April 2008 issue of *Psidelights* was taken in 1939 or 1940, as I see my brother **James Mitchell III '40** is in it. I am surprised to learn that **Henry Keller '43** had so many uncles in the chapter. I knew his father Orvis very well. I had four cousins, two distant relatives and two neighbors in Psi chapter. Congratulations on getting the chapter active.



David W. Christopher '51

(124 Lancaster Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15228-2354; dwcjade13@yahoo.com) We have two daughters, each of whom is married, also with two daughters. I retired as a Partner in Price Waterhouse after 39 years with the firm and now own a small Executive Search Firm in Pittsburgh.

Ronald Coder '51

(300 Lion's Hill Road W303, State College, PA 16803-1833; ronald.coder@verizon.net) I retired from the US Air Force in 1974 and moved back to State College. I am now living very comfortably at The Village at Penn State. Brothers **Henry Keller '43** and **Norm Marlin '48** also reside at the village. I also helped with the Psi recolonization.

Stanley Ulsh '54

(317 W Main St, Chester, CT 06412-1057) I was a USAF bomber pilot for three years

and spent 31 years in Connecticut in sales management. One of my favorite memories is a Saturday trip to Bellefonte in the snow with **Dean Porterfield '54** when the car overturned. Luckily, I had a hard miners hat on at all house parties. I'd like to see all eight members of the pledge class of 1952, especially **Hugh Quigley '54**. I have been retired since 1987 from my management career at Cigna and am now living at a retirement village in CT. I am lucky to have three sons with a gal I pinned at Penn State.

William Rother '55

(68 River Road, Weston, CT 06883-2819; rother1@webtv.net) My CD, for which I wrote the words and music, is being plugged to several singers. It would appear that two of whom may cover some of my songs on their next album are namely Jose Feliciano and Willie Nelson.

David Allison '62

(302 Cambridge Station Rd., Louisville, KY 40223-3339; b.allison@insightbb.com) I noted **Charles J. Yarbrough '57** as one of the 2007 annual fund donors. I do believe that Brother Yarbrough was our "paperboy" when the Allison's lived on Graham Blvd. in Wilkesburg, PA in the early '50s. Chuck, as we knew him then, was an excellent paperboy. Hi, Chuck! Now, one Brother **Chester Buckenmaier Jr. '59** (nickname Chet)...what a guy. Chet is/has served his fraternity and Penn State very well. I am happy to hear through "News From the Bone" that he is enjoying his retirement. What Chet has not told you is that he is a superb writer on the web. He calls his good thoughts "Chetstuff."

Dick Merrick '68

(3 Kerry Gardens, #25, Belfast, ME 04915-6167) I retired from the antique business and as an active owner of commercial real estate and now just invest in commercial real estate that I don't manage. I spend spring, summer and fall hiking, kayaking and bicycling. Winters I go snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Life is good.

John A. Lapinski '69

(245 S. Clark Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211-2608; jlapinski@clarktreve.com) I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary this August. Our daughter graduated last June and our

son went off to ASU this September.

Brian C. Anderson '85

(2332 W. Grace St., Richmond, VA 23220-1909; bcanderson24@verizon.net) I got married in June (my first!). **Dave Norrie '88** was in it. I work for the Federal Reserve in Richmond. Flounder, where is my pin and, really, who took my (12 pairs of) Levi's? The joke is over!

Christopher Zuniga '91

(802 Highland Terrace N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306-3412; tatichris@comcast.net) I currently live in Atlanta with my wife Tatiana and my 15-month-old son Lucas. I work for McNeilus Companies, a manufacturer of construction equipment, and run their international sales. I keep in touch with a number of Skull brothers and always look forward to the reunions wherever and whenever possible. I am especially excited about the recolonization of Psi Chapter. I would like to give a "shout out" to Oz for "keeping it real."

James R. Hartman '92

(4617 Castle Rd, La Canada, CA 91011-1442; jimh@lapropoint.com) I moved to southern California 15 years ago, and lived in Florida and Japan for some years working for Universal Studios. I now have my own business, a wife, Camilla, and two sons, Sean and Liam.

— In Memoriam —

Since the last *Psidelights*, we have learned of the following deaths:

Henry S. McFall '36
 Conrad H. Busch Sr '39
 Samuel B. Harvey Jr '47
 John A. Gray Jr '49
 Francis Kirk '49
 William Hafley '53
 Duane Buydos '55
 James R. Swab '61
 William Senn '77
 Robert Clare '81



Psi Chapter mourns the loss of our brothers and extends our sympathy to their family and friends.
