

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers,

Once again the Brotherhood made the mistake of electing me a President at this summer's Reunion. They further compounded the situation by electing Rick Fortier as Vice-president. Since neither of us has any discernable skills (some things never change) it appears that we have to fall back on our innate talents of being pests. Be on notice that we have taken it upon ourselves to contact as many of the Brothers as possible that don't at least occasionally show up at the announced shindigs. Come on— just at this past meeting at UMass among the many others you would have seen a tanned Lauria, a bald Gideon, a respectable Garanin (a Colonel no less), an unchanged Petrone, and an unmurdered Grzenda. There are a bunch of guys out there rumored to exist that continually come up in conversations-(Reynolds/Young/Payne) along with guys that may never have existed at all (Graves/Barnes/Tittleman). If any of you reading this missive know where to locate these and other AWOL guys drop me a line, email or call.

At this summer's meeting quite a few Brothers came considerable distances (California, Florida etc.) and it was discussed that it might make sense to plan a different type of get together not in the Massachusetts area which would not be an annual Brother's Meeting. To this end I'm looking into putting together a package in Las Vegas probably in the fall of 2007. For the last couple of years I've met with Brother Goldfarb out there and this seems like the perfect place to meet while we still can. At our age, (a good portion of us will be at or around sixty by then), we present no threat to the city or ourselves. This proposed meeting would be family orientated, as this is certainly a destination that can appeal to anyone. At any rate I will shoulder the onerous task of visiting and inspecting the fair city over the next year or so to see what we can do.

Fraternally,

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NEW SECTION: Brother Biographies- The last two newsletters introduced this new section. Each future newsletter will highlight one of our brothers and bring the Association up to date on what that brother has been doing since graduation from Umass. The following information was provided by Bill Troupe ' 67.

Hello out there. I just got a bunch of email URLs from Stan Kittredge so I thought I'd send out a generic note to a bunch of the guys who may remember me from 1963-1967-8. From what I can see Stan has done yeoman's work in keeping things together .

After grad in 67 I went into insurance adjusting. I could see that lawyers, with whom I had to deal, made much better money than me, for doing essentially the same things, so I went to law school nights. I've been practicing law here in Boston since 72. My practice is concentrated in the areas of workers compensation, social security disability law, and asbestos litigation.

I had the great fortune to be hired as a young pup atty by the two leading experts in comp law so doors sort of opened up for me due to their reputation and Harvard degrees(eg, writing articles for law journals and teaching)

I still play the drums and actually for the last 10 yrs I get together now and then with some other old fossils from the 60's era and play live.

I play golf all the time with John Shagoury 67 and we see Bill English(tq Bear) and Paula quite often.

John Shagoury has been with GE as a lead engineer at Lynn Ma plant working on Jet engines since (get this) 1967!! Bill English has his own marketing company selling to the supermarket industries, labels, tags, pricing equipment etc.

I married Linda (UMass 70) nee Corbett, in 1970 and we have two

children. Allyson grad from Univ. of Notre Dame in Indiana. She is a CPA and was married last May. Adam grad from Fairfield Univ. in CT and is in his second year of Suffolk Law School in Boston.

Linda and I purchased some property in Naples Fl a couple of years back, to beat all the baby boomers to the punch, and built a house on a golf course down there. We get down a lot in the winter and hope to spend some months there as I slow down the practice up here. Shagoury and I spent a week there in March with two other golfing buddies. We also bought a lot on the water at Marco Island. The way that has appreciated in the last four years is scary and we are letting that sit. I hope this note finds you all happy and healthy!

Sincerely, Bill Troupe

p.s., Some brother info, Tom Mosco is a computer guru and can be reached at sostpm@oco.net, Barry Klickstein is an Atty. in Boston as is Shel Drucker, Fortier now a retired atty. after years with Travelers in CT, I'm told Jack "fat Jack" Marquis is a foot doctor, Tom More works for (30 yrs) Smokey The Bear, US forest service and for many yrs was at UMass, Thad Dabrowski lives in Amherst and works for the Univ. (I saw Thad last year, still has blonde hair and looks thirty), Dave Fisher moved out to Seattle area, married with four kids and tells me he is mostly a "Mr Mom", Ed Hanson after a stint in the Air Force, has worked for Mobil Oil in Texas for 30 yrs.

The brothers write: During the course of any given year we hear from approximately 100 of the brothers, most are short notes, Christmas cards or emails acknowledging the newsletters and/or making plans to attend the reunion. Stan Kittredge '72 maintains the master address list and email list as well as editing the newsletters for our association. Anyone who would like a copy of either list or has an address change please contact Stan. Below are address changes and some comments received since the last newsletter.

Although Tony Lauria ' 71 has been a member of our Alumni Association since the beginning, the 3000 miles between here and his home in California has prevented him from attending our reunions. While attending this summer's reunion I asked Tony to send me his thoughts on attending the reunion and being involved from the perspective of someone who has not been in attendance in the hopes that his impressions might spur others to attend future events. I've published Tony's comments in their entirety because his comments are representative of many that were expressed by others both at the reunion and to me since.... Stan

Tony's comments:

So after 34 years I finally made it back to UMASS --- not specifically to see the campus but to attend our Phi Sigma Delta Fraternity reunion. It was a great time!

Sure I had been back to Massachusetts about a half dozen times before but not when I could have the sole purpose of going back to see some of my brothers, the "old house" (it is still standing and brought the chills up my spine when I drove past it) and our new house (now property of UMASS).

The Friday night reception was a blast! It was a lot of fun seeing if anyone could remember who the hell I was. It also was great to see many brothers who come back to the reunions each time they are held. The night was filled with lots of stories (some I would like to forget) and some GREAT MEMORIES revisited.

If you look at our new web site (<http://phisig.atspace.com>) you'll see some pictures of who showed up that way I won't offend anyone by not mentioning them in this letter.

Saturday's picnic at the campus pond was more of the same relaxing fun and yes more storytelling (Judy heard some stories I had to claim were not true just "old tall tales"). The rest of the day was spent touring the campus and yes, visiting the Intramural Fields in front of Boyden Gym (must say I got a little emotional at that point). It was here that (in my mind) we established "Phi Sigma Delta" as a true brotherhood! It didn't matter if you played for one of our teams; you always went to the game or to the match at Boyden. It was just what we all did together cheering; participating and yes of course "celebrating after the event". It was one of the ways we rose to prominence among the rest of the fraternities –we went from smoogs to SMOOGS and be careful how you say it or we'd kick your ass!

Sorry old emotions are still alive and well in me.

Saturday night was also a great time – good food, great friends, and lots more stories!

As with all good times, it was pretty sad to have to say good bye but it remains true in my life that when all is said and done, all you have left is MEMORIES and I have some GREAT ONES of being a brother of PHI SIGMA DELTA.

Thanks to those of you who showed up and made this a fun reunion!

Thanks to those of you who put in countless hours keeping our brotherhood alive – and not giving up on those of us who live so far away. Hope to see you again at another reunion at least before all I can do is sit and drool!

Fraternally,

Tony Lauria

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Lloyd Bristol wyattrrp@yahoo.com

Marty Berkowitz mdajs@bellsouth.net

Roy Immonen rimmonen@peoplepc.com retired from public teaching this year

Ray Grzenda raygrzenda@cbpp.com Bob DeGloria fmco49@aol.com

Vince Ryszewski vryszewski@kc.rr.com retired from FDIC this year, Hip replacement this year

Paul Catarius pcatarius@aol.com

Skip Kelly dekpca8340@aol.com

Gerry Principe principegr@aol.com Recovering from heart transplant and back to work part time

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In addition to the above noted health issues it has come to my attention that:

Rich Cook is back to work after suffering a stroke earlier this year. Bob Band also is back to work after prostate surgery. Dennis Wrenn has had leg and hip issues but is well.

Reunion 2005:

Thanks to Rick Fortier and the UMass Alumni office for the great work in putting together this year's reunion. We had a great time, got some guys like Ed Hanson '65 and one of the founding fathers Dave Hautanen there as well as some guys who traveled considerable distances.

We were pleased that special guests Sharon Harder (wife of the late Jack Harder '70) and her daughters Liz and Kate were able to attend.

Reunion 2006:

Rick Fortier is handling preparations for this year's reunion. Looks like we may be going to Cape Cod. More info will be forthcoming as Rick solidifies the plans. Ideas??? Contact Rick @ rfortier02@snet.net or 860-658-5627.

Scholarships:

This year we drew at random five scholarships from the applications submitted. Following the meeting I was approached by brother Gideon Rechnitz '69 with cash in his hand and instructions to use that money to fund all those who had applied for scholarships this year. Many thanks to Gid and all that have donated to the scholarship fund.

Scholarship applications are due to Chairman John Cycz '76 anytime before May 30 2006. Our scholarship applications are now available on our web site www.umassalumni.com/phi_sigma_delta or from chairman Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01371 (413)-665-7089 or at: dcycz@massed.net Any association member who has paid his dues may nominate one or more dependents. We expect to again be able to give five scholarships in 2005.

Web-site: The Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau UMass Alumni web site still remains up and running however updates are limited. Please check it out if you have not seen it lately at www.umassalumni.com/phi_sigma_delta (be aware that the spaces between phi and sigma and delta actually are underscore characters _). Scholarship applications are available at that site and the new website described below.

What's coming up:

Not sure how long UMass would be able support the above mentioned web site Lloyd Bristol '74 has created an additional and expanded site at phisig.atspace.com (do not type in www). Lloyd has added much of the collection of photo's available from our days at UMass as well as past reunions. Problem is, many are missing from the late 60's and early 70's. If you have some from that era, contact any of us. When pointing to a photo, try clicking on it. Many will enlarge to full screen size. Lloyds' done a ton of work on the site and continues to up date it weekly so check it out often. A link to the new site is <http://phisig.atspace.com>

Reunion 2006- Cape Cod Spring /Summer -TBA

2005 or 2006 Association dues:

If you have not sent in your Association dues \$10.00/year now is a good time.

Send to Treasurer Stan Kittredge '72 at; 399 Old Farm Road Franklin, MA 02038

Dues are used for newsletter postage and scholarships

My best to all for the up coming holiday season

Fraternally,

Stan Kittredge ‘ 72

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