



# Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau

## UMass Amherst-Alumni Newsletter



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**Brotherhood** - Is not a one year commitment, it is a life-time commitment.... We took an oath to remain brothers. An oath is something that can not be taken back, that's what makes it an oath. We may have out grown pounding down beers but you can never out grow your commitment to and the bonds of brotherhood.

### LETTER FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers:

Like many if not all incoming Presidents Bill Troupe is in the envious position of looking good by comparison with the stiff before him....I suggest he use that "capital" while it still exists.

Looking over the past four years I realize what a bunch of work and effort it takes to keep an organization together and this one is expanding. Needless to say without Stan carrying us on his back we would be stillborn but also there are quite a few other Brothers who help to keep the wheels on and jump in when they can. Along with Stan, John Cycz and Lloyd Bristol keep the informational flow and web site going....Vinny Grandonico is the UMass games and facilities maven for us, Rick Fortier did a remarkable job for us hosting the 2007 reunion on Cape Cod. Mike Parker sailed in with his boat and we had a great time sailing with him. This years Smoogledoogle reunion was excellent in part because of the work of Tony Lauria and Benn Titleman doing the golf preparations, Ralph Goldfarb for sharing his favorite food establishment (but keeping the lap dancing seat for himself) and Gideon, Benn and Ralph schlepping us to various venues etc. All in all this works because of the efforts of a truly good group of guys. Fraternally, Kevin



Outgoing Pres. Kevin O'Reilly '69



Incoming Pres. Bill Troupe '67



### LETTER FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dear brothers,

Seasons greetings and heartfelt thanks to all who were in Las Vegas and voted for me as the President of the Alumni Assn. It is a great honor to be so selected as I follow such an august group of prior presidents.

I also want to send a BIG thank you for all the work that Stan has done and continues to do for our Assn. Stan, "thanks" for the yeoman's work.

We are a group of about 200 brothers that have been located and have been in touch to one degree or another. I believe there are about 65 "lost brothers" which is a shame in this day of the Internet and its searching ability. I have asked Stan to include in this news letter a list of these lost souls ( and potential dues payers) so that we can redouble our efforts to locate them. What I'm suggesting is for everyone to try to search for anyone they actually knew while at UMass, and any lost brother who's last name begins with the same letter as yours or one letter either side of that letter. In other words I'd sleuth my way thru the old Internet for lost schmooos with last names starting with "T" or "S" and "U." Hey we could get lucky and find twenty or more.

Speaking of lost brothers, It has irked me that someone as "recent" as Dave Goldberg 68, remains among the missing. Anyone have

any info on him?? His Dad was chmn. of the astronomy dept. at Harvard. I found out that his dad died and I got the obit on line and it mentioned his two sons , one of whom was Dave, are in Arizona. Lets all give a try to find Goldie.

I'm thinking about a summer 2010 or 2011 get together somewhere close to Amherst. I know we had a great time at Amherst in 2005, and at Cape Cod(Fernies place) in 2007. I'd like to consider another Amherst get together and we can all play golf at Tim Kurty's course in Belchertown. This would fall soon after the recent Las Vegas extravaganza so perhaps 2011 would get wider approval?? Please feel free to email me or Stan so we can get a feel for a consensus. ( [willtrou@aol.com](mailto:willtrou@aol.com) ) You can find this email link on the bottom of many of the phisig.atspace.com web pages.

We were all saddened by hearing of the death of Larry Hirsch (67 ) this year. Larry was a wonderful guy and had the extreme patience to teach me how to play the drums. He played the fastest version of "Wipe out" I'd ever heard. I'll always remember Larry and his band playing on the front porch roof at 367 No Pleasant Street during Rush Roundrobbins in the hope of attracting more pledges to old Phi Sig.

Let us all have a great 2010 filled with health and happiness and lets see about finding more of us to share good times.  
Fraternally, Bill Troupe '67

### LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

2009 has been another great year for our Association. We have been able to reconnect with quite a few Brothers who have been "lost" to us for years. We have once again been able to award five scholarships and our Las Vegas reunion last month may have been the most successful reunion ever. Several Brothers arrived as early as Thursday and some did not leave until Tuesday. As Kevin mentioned in his letter I received planning and logistical help from a number of guys and want to especially thank them and all the guys that attended. We saw shows, toured Las Vegas, the Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon, gambled, ate at some wonderful locations, golfed, laughed and laughed some more. I don't know how it could have gone better. I think the letter below by Benn Titleman '69 is very indicative of how we all feel about this years reunion. > **Class of '69 - 40 Years Later - Ryszewski, Titleman, O'Reilly, Band, Rechnitz, Grzenda <**



Some tid bits from the reunion: Twenty-four Brothers attended with representatives from the class of ' 60 and every year from ' 65 through ' 76. Five Past Presidents were in attendance as well as six guys from the original class of ' 69 who celebrated the 40th anniversary of graduating from UMass. Elections were held at our annual meeting and "good and welfare" was held.

Thank you Marty and Gideon for the reunion photo's they are up on the web site. Thanks also to Steve Sackmary ' 57 who has sent some great photo's from the 50's, also up on the site.--Stan

### LETTER FROM BENN TITLEMAN ' 69 " LIVING THE LIFE IN LAS VEGAS "

When I got home from Las Vegas, my wife asked me if I had gambled a lot. I told her I didn't. When she asked me if I saw any shows, I told her, "No I didn't have time." "Well," she asked, "What the hell did you do out there over the weekend?" So I told her, "I laughed and then I laughed some more and I kept laughing until my sides hurt, tears of happiness ran down my face and my voice disappeared as I got to remember and experience how much fun it was to be with this wonderful group of guys I call my Brothers.

Almost forty years have passed since I've seen any of these guys and the years melted away in seconds. A group of us got together for dinner on Thursday night. Goldfarb, our resident letch, proceeded to 'test' Lorie Callahan, with some outrageous stories, and to her credit, she passed with flying colors. We spoke over the phone to Mark DelSesto who has successfully made the transition from Priest in training to Horse trainer. Everyone has a story.

At twelve thirty AM I walked up behind Ray Grzenda, who was just arriving at our hotel. I said, "If your checking in, then I'm checking out." He turned around and gave me a big bear hug. No claw hold, thank goodness. We got a bottle of hootch and went up to his room and talked for hours. You might think that there might not be much to talk about with someone I hadn't seen in years, but there was plenty. At seven am the next morning, we picked up the conversation over breakfast and then walked the strip gabbing away about everything and nothing.

Fortier, Goodfriend and I picked up Tony on the fly at the airport and deadheaded it to the golf course. Gid met us there and we laughed and kidded each other all afternoon. I shared a cart with Rick, who just might be the nicest guy that ever came out of our house. Was there ever someone who didn't like Smoke? Nope, didn't think so. Let me tell you how great a guy Rick is. He managed to lose our score card so nobody had to pay up. What a guy! Well, the hardest thing that day was finding our way back to the hotel for Happy Hour. I was driving this big Lincoln Town Car and was trying so hard not to miss any of the multiple conversations that I missed a couple of turns and had to come into the strip the back way. No matter as the traffic was awful everywhere.

Dinner downtown on Freemont Street and cocktails on the balcony afterward. More great stories and much more laughter. A few of us met later in the bar at the Sports Book. More stories, more phone calls to wake up the guys who didn't make it there. What the hell, why not. Somehow, I ended up passing much of my time talking with Tony Lauria, who could have easily passed for a successful Bay Area venture capitalist. He sure cleaned up nicely.

Saturday, breakfast buffet and a house meeting. Good and welfare, just like the old days. Kevin, Marty and Ed Hanson '65, who fit in nicely, joined up with the rest of the guys at the golf course. More fun. More stories. Benny got lost again. What the hell, they let me drive, they deserve to get lost. Cocktails at Paris and a wonderful dinner at a great Italian place. When it was over Stan said, "Pay up!" And you know what? The pot was right the first time around. All that cash was carefully accounted for by our resident CFO, Bobby Band, who looked just the same as he did when he was counting the proceeds of a good night when he owned the bar back in '67. We weren't finished yet. We hit the bar, sports book and a couple tables until we called it a night. Those of us who stayed through the weekend got together Sunday for a lunch of burgers, drinks (of course) and more stories.

Most of us came from nothing and somehow managed to grow into fine men. It was evident from the conversations that the true measure of our success was not what we did, but our commitment to family, friends and Brotherhood. No one got drunk. No one got mooned. But everybody had fun. Ranging from Harlan from Hollywood driving his \$100 Mercedes to the guys who still live in Hadley. From the class of '60 to the class of '76. We all came together to remember what it was like and also to make a commitment to support each other going forward. Good guys all.

When I got home late Sunday night, exhausted from lack of sleep and virtually no voice left, I told my wife, "That's the most fun I've ever had with my clothes on." And I'm sticking with that story. Benn '69



**BROTHER BIOGRAPHIES:** Just a note for any brother interested in learning what I have been up to, consult my company website and feel free to read our monthly newsletter, The Goldhaber Warnings Report, which can be accessed on our web site or we can add anyone's email address to our master list. Dr. Gerry Goldhaber ('65)

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#### IN MEMORIUM:

Robert Michael Patrick "Bob" McGrath '76 passed away on Monday 12/14/09 in California. He was 60. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife Kate and their family. Kate is planning a trip to Ireland where Bob was born to spread his ashes.

#### HEALTH REPORT

Many brothers are keeping the health profession active by experiencing a variety of ailments.

Al Brockman '60 couldn't attend the reunion due to a recent hip replacement and fractured femur. Jack Marquis '68 underwent bypass surgery October 16th, Jack Young '71 had work done on his colon, Vic Slaiciunas '71 had a knee replacement and Clint Smith '71 had his elbow replaced. Darren Green '00 received the good news that following the removal of a tumor he is cancer free.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES and OTHER INFO

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**From Don Petrone '70** :Some of you might know that the day after Thanksgiving, I fell 20+ feet through the air off my ladder while chain-sawing the top of a tree. I was in the hospital for a week and have been home completely out of commission for the last few



days. I landed flat on my back on concrete and so managed to get a concussion and four fractured vertebrae. However, I'm told all that is broken will heal back to normal in four to six weeks. But let me tell you, I'm in super pain anytime that my pain killers don't have me doped into sleep. My days are now about five hours long, twenty minutes of such I'm able to get up, walk around, and have my brain available. So this note let's you know that in the next couple of months my usual e-mails and letters might be irregular. But I'm sure that I'm going to be fine. I just have to operate on a half an hour a day to do tasks, e-mails, letter, and sitting to eat.

As always, you can e-mail me or letter me, but I currently have a grocery cart of letters, bills, and e-mails back logged.  
Will be in touch. All is fine. Family voted not to leave me in the backyard during last nights snow storm. If I don't contact you before have a great Holiday Season.~~~~ DonSpock (Dad Don Petrone)

**Paul Johnson ' 70** and long time partner Joan were recently married and Paul is working on a photo collection "Reimagine New England" and opening a Gallery. Check out his "Backroads of New Jersey" published by Voyageur Press and more at:  
[www.paulericjohnson.com/brnj.html](http://www.paulericjohnson.com/brnj.html)

We have lost contact with many brothers. Every time someone moves or changes their email address we need to get an update so we can keep in touch. If anyone has contact info on any of the following brothers, please contact [Stan Kittredge](mailto:Stan Kittredge) at [Kitco1@comcast.net](mailto:Kitco1@comcast.net). Are you aware of any additions to the deceased list?

Late 60's and Early 70's	Mid 60's	Late 50's Early 60's
Dennis Bak 73	Neil Baker 65	Michael Borin 63
Robert A.Balcom 70	Mark Brenner 64	Leslie D. Brown 61
John M Barysaukas 75	Jeffry Cohen 64	Walter Fuczak 60
John Boncaddo 73	Ernest Frankl 68	Robert Fuczak 60
Fred Chabior 72	David H. Goldberg 68	Richard Gloth 63
Jay Martin Cohen 68	Stephen Goldstein 64	Neil Gordon * 57
Thomas DeBolt	Stuart Kessler 64	Neil Holzman * 60
Daryl Drejza 73	James Leffler 66	Stanley R. Kramer 61
Peter Faino	Oleh Pawluk 65	Robert Kudera * 60
David Graves 67	Roderick Rodriguez 65	Ronald Lees 63
Mike Hardy	Col. Keith C. Ross 65	Stanley Miller 61
Paul E. Johnson 70	James E. Ryan 65	Charles Nelson 63
Bill Leary	Jonathan Stein 64	Richard H. Newmark 61
William Lover	James Wantman 65	Eric Ogren
David Marshall 69		William Parry 63
Robert McChesney		John Pirog 61 or 62
Chuck Mills		Edward H. Reid 60
Bernard Monagle (Monable?)76		Benton Roffman * 60
Keith A. Radcliffe 72?		Robert Schuster 63
Joseph C. Sainato III 72?		John Shuttleworth * 58
Richard S Sewell		Andrew or Alfred Soucy 61 or 62
Steve Sewell		Alan Turover 63
Robert I. Singer 68		David J Weinberg * 58
David Whitney 73		Maurice C. Weiner * 58
John E. Willshire 73		Richard J. Weiner * 58
		Hervey Weitzman * 57
		Melvin Yoken * 60

**LOST BROTHERS LIST:**  
We update this often on the website so check there regularly to see who is MIA that you might be able to help us reconnect with.

**Scholarship applications** are Please help us find these brothers who we have lost contact with:due to Chairman John Cycz ' 76 by the meeting the day of the 2010 reunion. Our scholarship applications are now available on our web site [phisig.atspace.com](http://phisig.atspace.com) or from chairman Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01373 (413)-665-7089 or at: [jlcycz@comcast.net](mailto:jlcycz@comcast.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 2010.

**WEB-SITE:** The Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau UMass Alumni web site remains up and running. Please check it out if you have not seen it lately at [phisig.atspace.com](http://phisig.atspace.com) (no www). Lloyd Bristol ' 74 has done a fabulous job adding many new items. Lloyd updates the site weekly. Scholarship applications are available on the site. If trouble with link, try <http://phisig.atspace.com> Vegas photos are

up !

**2009 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 IF YOU NEED AN UP DATE ON YOUR DUES STATUS DROP ME A LINE.

Dues pay for this newsletter, postage, scholarships and other related association expenses. I think we would all agree, our time at Phi Sigma Delta is still worth \$10.00 a year.

Thanks to all who have already sent dues for this year.

Any question, give me a call (508)-528-1107

PLEASE if you receive a copy of this newsletter by U.S. Mail it is because I do not have your email address. Please forward your email address to me at: [kitco1@comcast.net](mailto:kitco1@comcast.net) **Fraternally, Stan**

**The very best to you all for the holiday season and 2010.---Stan**

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