

June 2000 Newsletter

PHI SIGMA DELTA of ZETA BETA TAU
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Almost a year has passed since our Reunion '99 at UMASS. As you know from the last newsletter we found out at that time that a new ZETA BETA Tau colony had been started on campus within the year. Since then others and myself have been in contact with the members of the colony and have done a number of things together. We were delighted to find a colony back on campus after so many years and they are delighted to find alumni interested in the fraternity and UMASS. We have tailgated at football games, taken in a basketball game or two and even attended and participated in several house meetings. They are a great bunch of guys who are doing lots of good things at UMASS. Seeing them work together only reminds me of how tight our brotherhood was when we were at UMASS. Enclosed later in this newsletter are some information and an invitation from colony President Tom Hoeffy '01.

Without a doubt the best thing we alumni have done with these guys was to accept their invitation to the first annual spring alumni/undergraduate day. Late in March, 14 alumni traveled to campus to play intramural football against 35 undergraduate brothers from the chapter. THAT'S RIGHT I SAID FOOTBALL. Can you believe a bunch of 50+ year old, bald, fat guys taking on these 20-year-old studs? Although they had the speed, youth, and numbers on their side it was estimated that the total gross weight of their 35 and our 14 alumni we just about equal. The final score was alumni 18, undergrads 12, but the important thing was that we had a great time. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd get a chance to play football with guys from the house again. After the game, they hosted us to burgers and beers and we told old house stories. We really had a good time. Two weeks later, my limp was nearly gone and my knees were again working.

History: 1909 Phi Sigma Delta founded at Columbia Univ.
1959 Phi Alpha merged into Phi Sigma Delta
1961 Kappa Gnu merged into Phi Epsilon Pi
1969 Phi Sigma Delta merged into Zeta Beta Tau
1970 Phi Epsilon Pi merged into Zeta Beta Tau
1995 National Headquarters moves to Indianapolis
1999 Zeta Beta Tau back on UMass Campus

From a high of 145 chapters following the 69/70 mergers, ZBT dropped to a low of 56 chapters in 1973. Today, the merged Zeta Beta Tau brotherhood is some 110,000 brothers strong and ZBT chapters and colonies are established at over 80 campus locations. ZBT enjoys the wisdom and vitality of five traditions merged into one and the dedicated support of alumni who have joined its five antecedent fraternities.

Tom Hoeffy '01, President of ZBT colony at UMASS asked that the following be included in the newsletter.

Alumni:

We, the brothers of the Zeta Beta Tau colony here at UMASS would first like to extend our sincere thanks for the ways in which many of you have been in contact with us, willing to lend support and help when necessary.

Here at UMASS, our colony is growing very quickly. Just over a year ago, nine founding fathers introduced ZBT to the UMASS campus once again. Since that time we have grown to become thirty-four men strong. As we continue to grow, we continue to search out new options for places to house our brothers collectively in the future.

Currently we are involved with the greater Amherst area to a large extent. Over three semesters ago our Philanthropy chairman managed to create a program at a local community center that is designed to address the large gap that exists between senior citizens and adolescents. The program formally named Seniors and Teens Together is in its third semester of operation. During the week, brothers go to the Bangs Community Center and serve as facilitators between the two groups while playing billiards, ping pong, or cards. The program is designed to break down the barriers of fear and stereotyping that exists between the two groups. With regards to National news, we have completed our application for charter and should hear back from National in September. National has approved our request and named Stan Kittredge '72 as our advisor.

Lastly, if you have not heard from our alumni chairman yet, be assured you will in the future. We are looking to interact with alumni in any way possible. We recognize the valuable input that you are able to lend and look forward to meeting each of you.

If at any time you would like to join the undergraduate members at the University please do not hesitate to contact me. We are open to any thoughts that you may have and would love to see you if you are in the Amherst area.

Fraternally,
Tom Hoeffy, Jr.
President ZBT UMASS

I have again spent some time working with the UMASS alumni office trying to locate our "lost brothers" whose addresses we no longer have. In doing so I was able to contact Jim Baskin '64 among others. Jim was able to provide a list of PHI SIGMA DELTA brothers from 1960 - 1965 that I did not have on our master list. I have located addresses on some of these brothers and they will be receiving this newsletter. I have added the names of those I could not find to the "lost brother list"; anyone who has any info on those guys please let me know.

Many of you have written or called since the last newsletter. Thanks, I have added all E-mail and address changes to the master list. Send in your \$10.00 dues for 2000 and I'll mail you an updated list after the July reunion.

General Info:

Bob Band '69 named CEO Perini Corp
Tim Kurty '73 would like to see some brothers at his Mill Valley golf links,
Belchertown, MA for an annual golf outing. Note-Tim, lets firm that up at the
July reunion.
Tony Lauria '71 sends regards to all
Tom Andre '67 Professor at Iowa State University

Good News: Contrary to previous reports, Sarmento Silva is not deceased. Information received previously was incorrect. (I'll bet Sarmento is relieved.)

Jay Camarata '71 is engaged with a wedding in the works
Rich Cook '71 relocated back to Hadley, MA
Rick Mosback '76 is the VP/CFO Plassein Corp.

Calendar of upcoming events:

July 29, 2000 - Reunion/pool party Stan's house, Franklin, MA
Please RSVP (508) 528-1107
Nov 4, 2000 - Homecoming 12:30 Villanova at UMASS

Other UMASS home football games:

Aug 31 7:00 Thursday under the lights Wm & Mary
Sep 23 1:00 New Haven
Sep 30 1:00 Hofstra
Oct 14 1:00 Maine
Oct 21 1:00 AIC
Nov 4 12:30 Villanova (Homecoming)
Nov 11 12:30 Delaware
Usually about half a dozen brothers will be tailgating at each game.
Spring 2001 - Softball/ BBQ Alumni vs. Undergrad brothers at UMASS
Point of contact for the above events is:
Stan Kittredge (508) 528-1107 or
Vin Grandonico (413) 665-4792 v.grandonico@umassp.edu

REUNION 2000

July 29 Franklin, MA

When: 1 p.m., Saturday, July 29th
Where: Stan Kittredge's kitco1@comcast.net
399 Old Farm Rd
Franklin, MA 02038
(508) 528-1107
Who: UMASS Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau Alumni & their guests
What: Food, drinks, swimming, basketball, volleyball, more food

There will be a short house meeting (time to be announced) reports from president, treasurer, and scholarship committee.