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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 cannot be taken back, that's what makes it an oath. We may have outgrown pounding down beers but you can never outgrow your commitment and the bonds of brotherhood.

From the President:

Hello everyone. Hope you all are enjoying this beautiful and warm winter season. I've been in Florida a lot this year and golfing is fun. Just another note to say how great it was to see several brothers at the Cape get together that hadn't been able to make it to reunions in the past. It really is so much more enjoyable seeing you guys and hearing some new stories from the 50's and 60's. We also had a mini reunion in January at the new Mullen Center in Amherst and got to see UMass beat St Louis University in hoops. That new sports complex is beautiful and I'm ashamed to admit that it was my first visit to the inside of the building. I try to get up to Amherst at least once a year. I tell my wife I need another "mental health day" and I drive out and spend a few hours on campus. (easy for me in the Boston area) It sort of recharges my batteries. We really have the best alumni organization of any house at UMass and we are so lucky to be part of this special "Band of Brothers." Hope to see you at the next get together. Bill Troupe '67

From the Treasurer:

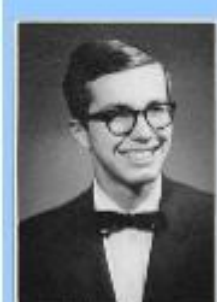
Thanks again to Rick Fortier for the help with last fall's reunion and to Lloyd Bristol for the continued great job with the web site. Reunion photo's are up on the site along with some other great information. Forty-seven Brothers and spouses attended last Fall's reunion on Cape Cod, one of our largest groups ever.

Dick Tandy missed the reunion due to an engagement playing the trumpet.

Tom Andre' was on vacation in Australia and New Zealand and also missed this years reunion.

I was recently contacted by National Headquarters and asked if I would contribute an article about our Alumni Association to the next edition of the Deltan. It seems that word about our reunions, programs and other activities have reached the national level and we will be featured as the "Alumni Association in the spotlight" in the next issue of the national magazine. Stan '72

Brother Biography: Since 2005 newsletters have included biographies on Brothers.



Ed Hanson '65

It was a dark and stormy night when Ed came into this world as the result of an emergency C-section delivery at Lowell General Hospital. Although it was March 20, 1944 and technically the first day of Spring, Ed was born at 45 minutes past midnight and thus in the waning hours of winter which was foreboding in and of itself. It probably explains a lot.

Ed grew up on a small farm of 55 acres in Dracut. For those of you who don't know, Dracut is the space between Lowell and New Hampshire. He spent many summers working at the farm and roadside stand where they specialized in the best sweet corn around. He attended Dracut High School and in 1961 found his way to UMass. There was only one UMass in those days. He started out as an Economics major but changed to Business and Economics when he found it impossible to master any language other than English. One day in the hall of Brett, Dick Furash invited Ed to consider pledging Phi Sigma Delta so, in a way; Furash is responsible for this interminable biography. Although Furash may have regretted his action, Ed has always been grateful. Ed's Big Brother was Lenny Kane and Ed moved into the house and served as Treasurer during his junior year. Ed was also involved with Air Force ROTC and served on the Flying Redmen AFOTC Drill Team, for all four years. It was also at UMass where he met Gay Henry whom he would later marry.

After graduation and getting his Air Force commission in June of 1965, Ed bought a 1956 MGA sports car and got a job as a union summer vacation relief forklift driver at the Mead Paper Mill in Lawrence while waiting to report for active duty with the Air Force. He probably got that job thanks to his mother who worked at the Lawrence Massachusetts Employment Security Office. It was quite a job. He got union scale but worked rotating weekly shifts of six days a week. Every third weekend he would have enough time to run down to Cape Cod to see Gay. In September Ed loaded the MGA and headed for Carswell Air Force Base, a attended Texas Christian University (TCU) at night and obtained an MBA degree courtesy of the Air Force.

Unable to get a job back in New England in 1970, Ed accepted a position with The Humble Oil Company (ExxonMobil) as an internal auditor in their Exploration and Production Department. Thus began a career with ExxonMobil that took him and Gay to Houston, Texas; Huntington, West Virginia; Denver, Colorado; Corpus Christi, Texas; back to Houston; Brussels, Belgium and finally back to Houston a third time. Ed worked in accounting, procurement, administrative services, materials management, and as an internal controls expert. Along the way he became a CPA. He never imagined that he would have a career in the Oil and Gas Industry as well as a few years in the Coal Industry. He remembers once driving alone across the famous and vast King Ranch in South Texas, where Exxon had all the oil and gas production rights, and thinking what a strange place for a kid from Dracut to be. After retiring in 2004, Gay and Ed decided to return to Colorado where they had enjoyed living for two years in the early eighties. They purchased a patio home in Erie just north of Denver and east of Boulder with a view of the Rocky Mountains. However, Ed had inherited a small Cape Cod cottage he had been visiting all his life from an aunt. Thus he and Gay spend from June to October each summer in West Harwich on the Cape. This has the added benefit of enabling him to attend Phi Sig reunions which he has come to enjoy very much.

Ed and Gay have one son, Scott, who is a Texan born in Houston and a commercial film editor. Scott recently moved from Dallas, Texas to Los Angles, California and Ed and Gay look forward to visiting him on the west coast.

Phi Sigma Delta is a unique fraternity in that it has a finite number of members. Thanks to the efforts of Stan Kittredge Ed has been reunited with many of his old fraternity brothers plus has come to know many that came before and after his years at UMass. He has been enriched by this experience and believes himself privileged to be in such a group of brothers.

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Health Issues:

John Laczeck was unable to attend the reunion at the last minute due to being hospitalized with kidney stone trouble. John is fine now.

Joe McGrath was hospitalized for two surgeries to remove cancer tumors from his bladder last fall and his treatment continues. Joe advises that he has given up smoking after 40 years.

Bob Malavich continues in his rehab and has seen marked improvement.

Scholarships:

Once again this year we were able to award scholarships to every applicant. Thank you to all of you who send in your dues and donations to keep not only our scholarship program funded but also our general fund which allows us to pay all our expenses.

Scholarship applications may be downloaded from the web site or obtained from Chairman John Cycz 413-665-7089 jlcycz@verizon.net; Applications are due to John prior to our business meeting at the next reunion. Mail to John Cycz at 23 Capt Lathrop Dr So. Deerfield, MA 01373. Any association member who has paid his dues may nominate one or more dependents.

LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD FROM THE B.A.R.F. COMMITTEE - SPRING 2012

Since the beginning of the Brothers Helping Brothers concept and the subsequent information of B.A.R.F. as an alternative support resource for brothers in need, there has been a constant evolution and improvement in our purpose and actions. We are more connected than ever and we are more aware of issues that are affecting members of our group.

We know of several brothers that are dealing with medical issues. Some are at crossroads in their personal situations that may affect their quality of life. Some are dealing with serious legal issues. Our Brotherhood has demonstrated, individually and as a group, a remarkable ability to support our own, regardless of what the situation may be. No surprise. We were, we are, and we always will be a special group, with a special bond.

We have two requests. To the best of my knowledge, none are in need of financial support at the present time. We had a very active, generous response to our initial fund raising requests. Although we have a substantial fund of over \$5000.00, I want to ask that when you send in your annual dues, that you consider adding an additional \$10/\$20/\$30 designated for the B.A.R.F. fund so that if and when that day comes, we will be able to make a substantial assistance to a Brother's need.

1. **Make the check payable to - Phi Sigma Delta Alumni**
2. **Memo- Benevolent Fund**
3. Mail to Stan Kittredge, Association Treasurer, 399 Old Farm Rd, Franklin, Ma 02038

We have demonstrated our ability to respond to any need. But we are always concerned about those that we do not hear about, whether it is emotional, physical or financial support that they need. So we remind you all that we are our brother's keepers and we need each other's help to watch out for one another. If someone needs a brother, contact one of us. Thank you.

Fraternally, Your Board of Trusty's John Cycz, Kevin O'Reilly, Bill Troupe, Mike Parker, Ralph Goldfarb

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 (no www). Lloyd Bristol ' 74 has done a fabulous job adding many new items. Scholarship applications are available on the site. If trouble with link, try <http://phisig.atspace.com> 2011 photos of the reunion at the Cape are up ! Check out the military service your fellow brothers gave their country. Website changes made weekly so check the site often.

Association Dues:

Dues for our Association are strictly voluntary but as you know it does take money to make our Association work. I believe every one of you will agree that our time together has been well worth the \$10.00 annual dues. Please remember that in order to have a vote at our meetings you must be a member in good standing. If you are unsure of your dues status give me a call or drop me an email at 508-528-1107 kitco1@comcast.net. Mail to: 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038 Thanks, Stan

NEXT REUNION: Plans are in the works for our next reunion to be held in January 2013 somewhere in the Orlando, Fl area. Gideon Rechnitz is the point man on plans for the reunion so if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Gid at: gidrech@yahoo.com or 727-656-5556

Mini Spring Reunion:

Plans are also in the works for another RED SOX game at Fenway, probably June 9th. We had such a great time there last year thanks to Al Spekin, several guys asked for a redo. Stan is the point man and will get the info out as soon as we get the tickets (20) confirmed.

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