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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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KEVIN O'REILLY PRESIDENT

Last week I "celebrated" my 59th birthday and it occurred to me that older Brothers (Whitkin! Duke! Farb!) must already be in the, ugh, 6-0's. I guess with the exception of Petrone and Benson (who can picture those guys getting old?) we all have AARP cards (although with a 5th grader and sophomore in college retirement ain't in my immediate picture). At any rate before you begin to drool excessively make an effort to get to the Kittredge Castle this July 23rd. (see directions below). This year's reunion is one of the "off" or more informal years. Rick Fortier is planning next year's at the Cape in the early fall. Also next year, probably in early November, as we discussed at the last reunion, I hope to get together with some of you in Vegas. When the idea came up Stan knew exactly which Brother might be helpful in setting things up so there will be a plan in place. Presumably there is an abundance of expertise (including the Reader?) on the best gambling and stripper spots. However, I hope to spend a week or so doing the Grand Canyon tour/hike thing this year to give us another option while visiting the lovely city. See if you can sell your wife that a visit to Vegas is healthy/historical!!

Just a final note on this year's Smoogledoogal get together---for some of you it is not optional (Payne, Reynolds, Young etc.). If you think you are going to miss it you will find Grzenda our Sergeant at Arms at your doorstep to escort you. It won't be pretty.

Kevin

NEW SECTION: Brother Biographies: The Spring 2005 newsletter 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 gradation from UMass. The below information was sent by Brother Steve Karoul ' 69

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STEPHEN J. KAROUL

First, congratulations to O'Reilly on being elected President. Second, I am sorry that I have not stayed in touch. Most of my adult career now has been in the casino industry. I worked for 13 years as Vice President of International Marketing for Caesars World. I then worked and lived overseas in South Africa, Istanbul, Turkey, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Thailand, the Philippines, etc. and have actually conducted business in well over 80 different countries around the world. Quite exciting at times. Unfortunately my mother became quite ill with Alzheimer's disease. We were living in Bangkok at the time. My wife, who is Thai, said that I only have one mother so I have to return to the States. It was the right move. I was able to help her and my father quite a bit. She passed away about two years ago. For the past five years, I have been working as Vice President of Casino Marketing for Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. Foxwoods is the largest casino in the world today and is quite a property. We have 380 table games, 7,400 slot machines, 1,500 hotel rooms and about 12,000 employees. We just broke ground on our fourth hotel as part of our new expansion program. I usually work Saturdays since it is the busiest day of the week in the casino business. We normally see our biggest players and I normally experience our biggest problems and headaches on Saturday night. This is one of the reasons why it has been difficult for me to make the past reunions but I do follow all of your newsletters. My wife, Unchalee, is a pretty good jewelry designer and has her own business designing and making jewelry. She has everything made in Bangkok in her friend's factory. Our oldest son is in the Navy and our youngest son is in first grade which helps to keep me young. You cannot believe how much homework they send home every night for a first grader. I still do get back every now and then to U. Mass. I was invited to be on the business advisory council and help where and when I can. I think I am one of the few alumni in the casino business.

Best wishes to all brothers.

Steve Karoul (aka - the Riddler) '69

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 information received since the last newsletter.

John Cycz ' 76 jlcycz@verizon.net

Frank Taylor ' 69 <u>oils98@hotmail.com</u> 10 Quaker Dr Derry, N.H. 03038 603-421-9083

Tom Mosco ' 66 sostpm@comcast.net

Jack "Duke" Earle ' 68 has retired from the SocSec Admin and his work email address is no longer active. Duke will provide an email address at a later date. His home mailing address remains the same 31 Rosewood Dr Stoughton, MA 02072.

Lenny Harris (new email address) lharris@jackconway.com

Congratulations to Ben Gold ' 02 on his recent graduation from Roger Williams Law School. Ben plans on practicing law in the NY/NJ area.

National has announced that during the past year colonies have been started at the following: UNC, Penn State, Carnegie-Mellon, Towson and Florida. Atlantic. Our former chapter at UPenn will be reopening this fall.

Currently there are over 90 ZBT Chapters and Colonies with over 2600 undergraduate members. Alumni membership is 111,017.

Scholarships: Scholarship applications were due to Chairman John Cycz '76 by May 30 2006 or at the meeting the day of this year's reunion. Our scholarship applications are now available on our web site phisig.atspace.com or from chairman Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01371 (413)-665-7089 or at: jlcycz@verizon.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 2006.

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). Please note this is a new site address. UMass was no longer able to provide tech support for our old address. If you have not checked this new site lately please do. Lloyd Bristol ' 74 has done a fabulous job adding many new items. Lloyd updates the site weekly. Scholarship applications are available on the site.

Spring softball: Once again the undergraduate brothers invited the alumni back to UMass for what has become an annual spring softball game. This year it was the Alumni on the winning end of a 26-11 score. Following the game the undergrads and alum returned to the Chapter house for a cookout. If you have not yet had a chance to attend one of these Spring events I encourage you to take part. Not only is it a lot of fun but, it's a great example to these young brothers showing that our brotherhood and fellowship is still strong and that they can be part of something for more than just their four years at UMass.

What's coming up: Reunion 2006

The Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau UMass alumni association will hold our annual 2006 reunion on Sunday July 23rd poolside at the Kittredge Cottage. The following is the schedule of events:

Sunday July 23 10:30-11:00 Meet and greet (coffee and donuts will be available)

11:00 President O'Reilly calls house meeting to order

New & Old business

Scholarship selections

Good & Welfare

Note: Any brother who would like to place an item on the meeting agenda please contact President O'Reilly prior to the meeting.

12:00 (approx) adjourn to pool area

TBA BBQ and Volleyball

You are welcome to stay till dawn or until Stan runs out of beer whichever comes first.

If you have never been to a reunion or have not been lately we encourage you to call a brother and attend this year. As always, we welcome your entire family. Please RSVP right now so Stan and Jayne will know how many to prepare for: (508)-528-1107. Thanks

Last year we are celebrated the anniversary of the classes of 1965 and 1970. While the class of 1970 was well represented we missed many of those from 1965 who were unable to attend.

This year we will be celebrating the 40th and 35th anniversary of the classes of 1966 and 1971. We believe those classes are represented by the following brothers.

<u>1966</u>

Dick Furash

Paul Ginsburg

Tom Mosco

Russell Robinson

<u>1971</u>

Jack Baker Dave Callahan Jay Cammarata Paul Catarius Rich Cook Dave Dec Harlan Godes Tom Grace Roy Immonen John Laczek Tony Lauria Bob Littleton Ed Mello Bill Murphy Bob Santos Vic Slaicuinas Jack Young Bill Babin (I know there are others from 1966 but I don't have a good names to class year match)

If I have inadvertently left anyone off the above list please let me know. I also do <u>**not**</u> have good addresses on <u>all</u> the brothers listed above so, if you do, please let me know. Thanks, Stan

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STAN KITTREDGE

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

2006 Reunion Costs: There is no cost but, <u>PLEASE RSVP</u>. (508)528-1107 or <u>kitco1@comcast.net</u>

Directions: 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038

From the North Rte 495S to exit 17. Turn left at the end of ramp and left again in about 1 mile onto Beaver St. Through 2 lights and Beaver turns into Pleasant St... $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles turn left on Country Way. Left at end onto Old Farm (no Sign). Cross the intersection and it's the first house on the left.

From the South take Rte 495N to exit 16 (King St). Right at end of ramp cross Rte 140 in about a mile and continue straight for about 2 miles turn left after Flooring America onto Pleasant St. The fifth right is County Way. Turn left at the end onto Old Farm Rd (no sign). Cross the intersection and it's the first house on the left.