

Summer 2002 Newsletter

From the President:

Dear Brothers,

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of summer. Life in "the valley" has returned to "normal" for the next three months with the departure of the students.

As a UMass employee, the current state budget crisis is the worst in my 23 years at the University, with devastating impacts on many academic and administrative departments. Early retirements have seen about 500 Amherst campus employees leave, with only about 100 (20%) of those positions able to be re-filled. Please keep UMass in mind if you correspond with Massachusetts' legislators.

Plans are underway for a one-day PSD/ZBT reunion August 3 in Sturbridge, MA. We are planning a picnic at Old Sturbridge Village (11am-1pm), a quick business meeting 12:30-1:30, family tours of OSV from 1-5pm, and a dinner at Rom's Restaurant (private room) in Sturbridge from 6pm-on (we have the room for as long as we need it). If you plan to attend, please reply to Stan no later than July 5th.

Stan and I have been in contact with the Alumni Office about our web site. They have provided us with a portal and we are back online, but we continue to work with them to provide us with additional features to our site. http://umassalumni.com/phi_sigma_delta

A few of us still sit together at UMass football games, so if you are interested, send me an email and I'll try to get you tickets near the rest of us.

As this is my first correspondence since September 11, I am thankful that none of us were killed or injured in those tragedies. May God bless those that were. I wish all of you a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Faternally,

-Vinny Grandonico

Summer 2002 Reunion/Business Meeting:
Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau
2002 Alumni Reunion Saturday, August 3rd
Sturbridge, MA

11a.m. -1p.m	Picnic, Old Sturbridge Village (meet under the pines at the far end of the parking lot next to the blue security building. Bring your food and a blanket).
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Business meeting during picnic
1-5 p.m	Alumni and families tour historic Old Sturbridge Village (Old Sturbridge Village located at 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566. 1-800-SEE-1830; http://www.osv.org/)
6 p.m.-on	Dinner, ROM's Restaurant; Route 131, Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-3349; 1-800-ROM-1952 (Vin handles all reservations)
Dinner:	ROM's Family Style Dinner. \$20/pp includes hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, platters of freshly roasted chicken, rigatoni and meatballs, seasoned Italian roasted potatoes, vegetable, all served family-style, beverage, dessert, 5% tax and 15% gratuity

We thought we'd try a day at historic Old Sturbridge Village, followed by dinner in a private room at ROM's restaurant in Sturbridge. Please join us for any/all parts of the day. Meet under the pines (before entering OSV) at the far end of the parking lot @11:00

For those of you who would rather not bring a picnic lunch, the village has several lunch options---check out their web site listed above.

Please note that August 3rd is "Summer Garden Day at OSV, with special tours given to guests throughout the day. Of course children are welcome at the reunion, as OSV should provide a nice family outing, even for those who have visited before. Cost to enter OSV are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids age 6-15, free under 6. We can coordinate a group rate of \$15 and \$7.50 at the picnic before we enter the village and pay with one check.

If you can not make the picnic, please join us for dinner at ROM's restaurant at 6:00.

To keep the private dinner room, we must have a minimum of 25 people. To reserve your dinner seats, please send your check (\$20/pp)(\$10/p child), payable to Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Association, 399 Old Farm Road Franklin, MA 02038 no later than July 5th. Please include a list of the names for whom you are paying.

Please email Stan and me if you plan to attend the picnic, the tour or OSV, the dinner, or any combination thereof. Looking forward to seeing some of you August 3rd.

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Stan kitco1@comcast.com

-Vinny Grandonico

Spring Alumni/Undergraduate day at UMass April 21, 2002:

All our alumni were invited to the third annual Alumni/Undergraduate day hosted by our chapter at UMass. Again, the brothers were the consummate hosts, setting up a softball game and then inviting us back to the house for a BBQ. The weather cooperated, injuries were none, and stories were plentiful.

Good conversation ensued with the young guys inquiring how things were in the "old days" and us old guys readily volunteering appropriate stories. (If you were not there you should show up next year to defend yourself). For those of you who have not made it I encourage you to make it next year as all of us had a great time. (Game Score: Alumni-15 Undergrads-12)

Special thanks to those alumni who were able to attend. We all had a great time and the undergrads certainly appreciated our support of their chapter efforts.

What the Undergrads are doing:

This year the chapter had its first large graduating class. Many of the chapter founders have graduated, turning things over to the next group of brothers to build upon what they started. The chapter will open in the fall with 25 brothers scattered in dorms around campus with several in an apartment that will serve as the chapter nucleus.

Award Winners:

We extend our congratulations to ZBT brothers Ben Gold '02 and Justin Levine '02 who were recently honored as UMass Senior Leadership Award winners.

The Senior Leadership Award was created to recognize graduating seniors at UMass who have demonstrated outstanding service to the University and service to the University Community. This year faculty and/or staff nominated 181 students. Seventy-seven seniors were selected.

Ben has served ZBT as Rush Chairman and Chapter President. Justin has served the chapter in a variety of roles including Chapter Secretary.

Both Ben and Justin have accepted invitations to join our Alumni Association. (Each year invitations are extended to all UMass ZBT graduates).

Web-site Update:

By the time you receive this newsletter or shortly thereafter updates will have been made to the website with several new items and photos added. If you have not seen it lately check it out: http://www.umassalumni.com/phi_sigma_delta. **UPDATE DEC 2005.** UMass WEBSITE SHUT DOWN. VISIT THE NEW ONE AT <http://phisig.atspace.com>

Educational Gift winners:

This year for the first time our association awarded educational gifts to high school seniors and college students who were sponsored by association members. Congratulations to Billy Spierdowis, Eric Immonen, David Lew, Diana Picchi and Ben Gold.

Selections for the fall academic year will be made at our annual business meeting Aug 3, 2002. Remember that any association member whose dues are current for the last two years is eligible to be a sponsor. Contact Educational gift committee Chairman John Cycz '76 at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01373 413-665-7089 or dcycz@massed.net for an application. Please return completed applications directly to John.

Membership dues:

2002 dues continue to roll in. If you have not sent yours please do so now. Payable to: The Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Assoc. c/o Treasurer Stan Kittredge '72 @ 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA. 02038

Any dues paying member who would like an email address list, a home address list and/or an update please let me know at kitcol1@comcast.com

The Brothers write:

- Steve Karoul '69 is V.P. of Casino Marketing at Foxwoods Casino in CT. He has worked overseas the past ten years in South Africa, Turkey, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Philippines and China and conducted business in over 70 countries. Steve sends his regards to all.
- Rich Cook '71 couldn't find the correct softball field but made the effort.
- Ralph Goldfarb '68 had open-heart surgery at MGH on 5/9/02 to replace his aortic valve and repair an aortic aneurysm. Ralph is home recuperating and can be reached at BRTZ57@aol.com.
- Through the recent efforts of Bill Troupe '67 and Gideon Rechnitz '69 several brothers who we have lost contact with over the years have checked in including: Bob Santos '71, Dr. Gerry Goldharber '65 Tom Mosco '66 John Shagoury '67 Bill English '67
- Other brothers who have sent emails or short notes include: Mark Goodfriend '70, Marty Berkowitz '70, Len Nyer '69, Tony Lauria '71, Steve Whitkin '68, Steve Garanin '70, Vince Ryszewski '70, Dick Furash '66, Jim Bakos '70, Jon Campbell '67, Dennis Wrenn '72, Dan Weir '76, Tony Dibartolomeo "?", Justin Levine '02, Tom Hoeffy '02, Ben Gold '02, Ed Hanson '65, Rich Lousararian '73, Rick Fortier '69, Kevin Gilligan '77, Jay Cammarata '71, Roy Immonen '71, Bob Mallett '72, Vic Keedy "?", Dave Dec '71, Tom Nastasia '69, Thad Dabrowski '68, Tom White '74.
- Apologies to anyone I've omitted.

I'm pleased to say that over 75 brothers have been in direct contact with me since our last reunion in Aug 2001. Currently there are 283 brothers on our roster of which I have 173 good addresses. Ten brothers are deceased. Our email list continues to grow (now totaling 80) which means my job of copying and mailing is considerably less. Those of you who do not receive this newsletter via email **PLEASE** forward your email address. All correspondence I receive for the brotherhood will be available at the reunion. Please keep me updated on any changes in your contact information. Thanks, Stan

Tear off and return to: Stan Kittredge 399 Old Farm Road Franklin, MA 02038

Please make checks payable to: Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Assoc.

Name:_____ Class year:_____

Dinner reservations Saturday night \$20/pp \$10/p child _____

2002 Association dues: \$10/year _____

Will attend the picnic Yes_____No _____ Tour of Old Sturbridge Village
Yes_____No _____

(We will organize the group tour at the picnic if there is sufficient interest)