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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers,

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Smoogledoogle. Stan informs me that some Brothers we haven't seen in quite awhile will be there. Some of the guys we feared as pledges (Parker, Campbell) and some of the guys we still fear (Grzenda). It wouldn't hurt to give some brother a call this week—the Cape isn't all that far away and the weather prediction looks fine..

Fraternally,
Kevin O'Reilly '69

NEW SECTION: Brother Biographies: The Spring 2005 newsletter introduced this new section. Each future newsletter will highlight some of our brothers and bring the Association up to date on what each brother has been doing since graduation from UMass. The below information was sent by brother John Shagoury '67.

Stan,

I appreciate getting the newsletter and hearing about the guys, but I have been too lazy to send an email. Here is my brief biography of 40 years.

I got married to Diane, a high school math teacher, in 1971 and we did go to the 10th reunion at UMass. We have two boys Jay and Michael. Jay got his 2nd degree in Japanese at UMass.

As for myself, I started work at GE Aircraft Engines in 1967 and I am still here. I met Diane here when she was a summer intern. I am currently the Design Leader responsible for

Turbojet/Turbofan engine lubrication systems and external piping. Working in the jet engine field has been exciting and challenging. I was deeply involved in the original design of the T700 engine used in the Blackhawk and Apache helicopters. Now the US Navy F18 fleet keeps me busy, especially when fleet readiness is so important with the world conditions at this time.

My days of playing basketball, tennis and touch football are over since my two knee replacements, but I am still an avid golfer. I have stayed in touch with Bill English and we often see Bill Troupe and Linda on the golf course or at dinner. I kind of resurrected Bill's golf game many years ago and he has been beating me ever since. I guess I'll need to retire so I can practice more. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the reunion this year, but I wish you and the rest of the brother's good health and happiness.

Fraternally, John Shagoury '67

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.

Peter Benson '67 can be reached at: peter.benson@kellogg.com or 26147 Hideaway Run Drive, Spring, TX 77389

Jon Campbell '67 has had an area code change to 321-777-8239

Roy Immonen '71 has a new email address: royimmonen@yahoo.com

Barry Lukach '67 can be reached at: 603-279-2525

Tom More '68 can be now reached at: more.mt@gmail.com

Ron Rogers '67 can be reached at: 860-464-9631 or ronroger@comcast.net

Vince Ryszewski '70 has retired from the FDIC and now resides at: 29610 West Lake Miola Dr. Paola, KS 66071 and can be reached at: c-913-259-9431.

Clint Smith '70 is at: clinton.smith4@verizon.net

Scott Smith '73 is at: scsmith74@verizon.net

Nick Johnson '72 is at: waycobar@sbcglobal.net

During the last year or so Kevin O'Reilly and I have redoubled our efforts to reach out to brothers who we have not seen or heard from lately and encourage them to get involved with the Association or at least let us know what's going on in their lives. Although those days at the Chapter house are long gone many of us still enjoy each others company and brotherhood. We continue to try and make all feel welcome.

One of the brothers I've been able to contact recently is Leland Katz '60. Lee is one of the original guys that founded the Alpha Mu Chapter in 1957. Do to space limitations in previous newsletters I have been unable until now to publish the following information on some of the original brothers and founding of our Chapter sent to me by Lee.

Hi Stan, Vin Parisi, '61 has agreed to be "found." You can reach him at 56 Crimson Court in Leominster, Mass. 01453 and his home telephone is 978-537-9704.

Vinnie doesn't have an e-mail address but I reach him through his wife, Kathy's, E-mail at _kparisi@tiac.net (mailto:kparisi@tiac.net). Vinnie & Kathy spent most of their careers in public education and are now retired. Aside from being a fraternity brother, Vin was a roommate, best friend, and best man at Judy's and my wedding and is Godfather to our daughter, Sarah, who is about to turn 41 next month (how did THAT happen?). In other words, brother Vin & I have been buds since before I met my wife and we are having our 45th anniversary two weeks from today! In fact, Vin, Kathy, Judy & I had dinner together just this past Friday and see each other as often as we can.

Neil Gordon '57, Sandy Slade '58 & Dave Weinberg '58 were, to my memory, the real founders of the Alpha Lambda Colony of Phi Sigma Delta before I even came up to UMass. Neil & Sandy were the driving forces behind the organization and -- interestingly -- Dave's family and mine had been friendly when we all lived in the West Springfield Garden Apartments together. I know Sandy and Dave (as was I) were from Springfield and I think Neil was also but don't remember. Actually Dave was older than his class would indicate as he tended to not let classes interfere with either Bridge games or naps. He did graduate as an accounting major and became a CPA so it certainly wasn't a lack of brain power that held him back a little in those early years. Last I knew, Dave was in Sharon, Mass. and Sandy was in Springfield having retired from Mass. Mutual where he was a fairly high powered guy on the actuarial side of the

insurance business. Sandy and I roomed together in Lewis House his senior, my sophomore year and after what seemed like a long time and endless delays, we finally achieved a high enough membership and became a chapter after Alpha Mu Colony became Alpha Lambda Chapter and we were thus relegated to Alpha Mu -- next on the alphabetical list.

Some of our brothers were legendary. Al Brockman, for example, a civil engineering major was small in stature (not much more than 5') and had a bum hip which, even though he still played intramural football caused him to walk with a limp and which he parlayed into being able to park his car on campus. The car, a candy apple red and cream Olds convertible was visible for miles and Al used it to interest co-eds who might otherwise not give him the time of day because of his height.

It was, if I'm remembering correctly, fall of my junior year that we bought the house with the help of national, went to the Town Fathers of Amherst for permission to turn it into a fraternity house (next door to a church which was a major controversy at the time) and then redid the plumbing and electrical work ourselves to make the place habitable for a bunch of guys. We hired a house mother (required in those days), Mom Sangree who was absolutely wonderful, and Mrs. Slowaski (sp?) who made great golumpkis as a cook to provide us with, at the very least, decent dinners which we took together. It was a hell of a time. I think I have some old composites in storage but they are in the storage attic of our condo and with the weather being what it is at the moment, I may have to wait for a break in the heat before I go looking for them.

We were not the "coolest" house on campus but we did some ground breaking things. We created a true non-denominational house on a campus where the "Jewish" and "Christian" Houses did NOT mix. We sent Jim Nambu (a Hawaiian of Japanese descent) to a national conference and, I think, blew the minds of some older alums and the national officers. The Fuczak (pronounce FooJack) brothers were our gung-ho Army ROTC guys and both ended up in the armored tank Corps. Where they went from there, I don't know.

In any case, we may not all have kept up with each other (I ran into Steve Sackmary working as an engineer for GE in Syracuse when I went up there for my first active duty assignment in the Air Force but then lost touch with him again). E-mail, unfortunately, did not exist.

Since UMass, where I was an AFROTC guy and a WMUA jock with a couple of late night (10:00 and 11:00 PM) shows that focused on jazz and soft sounds which I used to impress some girls and eventually wooed the freshman girl my senior year who became my wife, I spent a year at BY getting a MS in Communication Arts, three years in the Air Force where I had duty assignments in Syracuse NY, a British Air Base in Germany as a nuclear weapons alert duty officer and part of the NATO nuclear strike force immediately after the Cuban Missile Crisis and Athens, Greece where I was officer in charge of the Athens station of the Armed Forces Courier Service with top secret and crypto pick-up and

delivery responsibility for Greece, Crete, Cyprus, Tripoli Libya, most of Turkey and points East as far as Peshawar Pakistan (an interesting part of the world for a Jewish kid from Massachusetts to go bouncing around with a .38 on his hip).

After that experience, I looked for jobs in advertising and broadcasting but, since I was married and Judy and I wanted a family ended up taking a job in manufacturing at Honeywell EDP in the plant they had then on Life Street in Brighton where we were building mainframe computers. That was how I got my start in high tech and, since then, I kind of never looked back. Picked up a night time MBA at BC and made a career primarily in high tech marketing and sales that lasted 38 years. I finally decided to retire when, on a nine day, whirlwind tour of Sydney and Melbourne Australia, through Hong Kong to Beijing and back to San Francisco through Tokyo, the next oldest guy on the trip was half way between the ages of my two kids. And so, Judy and I are now retired in Bellingham Mass. Our daughter, Sarah is a tax attorney working for the IRS in Washington and our son, Daniel, is a professor of secondary education at Seton Hall in New Jersey.
Fraternally, Lee Katz

Scholarships: Scholarship applications are due to Chairman John Cycz '76 by May 30 2007 or until 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 01373 (413)-665-7089 or at: jlcyz@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). If you have not checked this 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.

What's coming up:

Reunion 2007

Less than a week away

The Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau UMass Alumni Association will hold our annual reunion 2007 reunion July 27 & 28 on Cape Cod.

Rick & Joan Fortier are hosting us at 6:00 on Friday July 27 at their townhouse in Brewster, MA We'll have our annual business meeting that Friday evening.

Saturday plans include a golf tournament at The Captains course for those of you who are golfers. Contact Rick for tee assignments. Check out www.captainsgolf.com

Mike & Kate Parker will be sailing their boat to Cape Cod for our reunion. They have generously offered to take some of the non golfers for a sail on Saturday July 28th.

Please note we have changed Saturday night's 6:00 dinner to the Ardeo Restaurant on Under Pass Rd Brewster, MA

We have chosen the Seashore Park Inn, Orleans, MA as our host hotel. Rooms have been blocked under the Phi Sigma Delta name. **Please make your own hotel reservations now as rooms can not be held much longer (508)-255-2500.** A special rate is in place for our reunion @ \$124.00 per night for a two night's stay or \$139.00 for just one night. We have filled the first block of rooms and I have secured additional rooms however, they can only be held open for a short while, so book now. All rooms have double beds.

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 to Rick so he will know how many to prepare for: (860-658-5627) or rfortier02@snet.net

At the 2007 reunion we will be celebrating the 40th and 35th anniversary of the classes of 1967 and 1972. We believe those classes are represented by the following brothers. We hope you are all able to attend.

1967

1972

Tom Andre'	Bob Astorino	*Tom Casper	*Fred Chabior
Peter Benson	Jon Campbell	Brian Chadwell	Bob Fultz
Jerry Creem	Bill English	Nick Johnson	Rich Johnson
Sheldon Drucker	Dave Fisher	Dan Lew	*Jeff Lewis
Ron Rogers	John Shagoury	Rich Lydon	Bob Mallett
*Walter Pasko		Gary Menin	Joe Parslow
*Steve Hartley		*Jim O'Donnell	Dave Picchi
*Larry Hirsch		Steve Schmoyer	Bill Spierdowis
*(no address)		Dennis Wrenn	

If I have inadvertently left anyone off the list or you know the addresses of those whose addresses I do not have please let me know.

2007 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
Dues pay for this newsletter, postage, scholarships and other related association expenses

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the reunion!!!

Fraternally Stan