

January 2005 Newsletter

Dec. 4, 2004

Dear Brothers,

Seasons greetings to you and your families,

I hope the season finds you and yours well. Let me fill you in on our plans for the coming year and some highlights (or lowlights) from 2004.

In April the Alum's went nine innings of full contact softball with the student brothers of ZBT. We tactfully lost in the 9th behind my full game pitching performance. This big unit wasn't shutting anything down. Believe me we can use some help next year.

In June we held our annual reunion/business meeting at Mill Valley Golf Links. Five scholarship winners for 2004 were selected and preliminary plans were made for Reunion 2005. Details of the golf tournament and Reunion 2005 follow later in this newsletter.

Vinny Grandonico and John Cycz made the drive from "God's country" to meet me and Rich Lousararian at the heights of Boston College for a renewal of this intense football rivalry. As usual the Louse almost punched someone's lights out. This time the target was a 70 year-old noisy UMass fan! After we "decided" to move we ran into our long lost brother, Lenny Harris. Apparently, he has gone over to the dark side because Lenny is a BC season ticket holder. By the way your UMass Minutemen lost a nail biter. Lenny said he could claim victory no matter who won.

The UMass Minutemen did better at Homecoming beating the always tough Maine Black Bears in overtime. We had a small contingent of alumni tailgating before the game. Then we did more celebrating at Rafters where Joe Parslow was holding the table. Joe doesn't actually go to the game if it's cold or raining. After drinks and some food it was off to the beautiful Mullins Center to cheer the UMass Hockey team to victory over Providence.

Now for the upcoming year, Rick Fortier is busy coordinating the five-year reunion on our beloved UMass campus for August 12-14, 2005 with a full agenda of events for the alumni and family. It's not too late to entertain ideas for the weekend like softball, biking or golf. Just send me an email (wspierdowis@comcast.net). Yes, adult beverages will be available with proper ID. We are communicating the date early with the hope that we'll have a great turnout. So save the date and plan to join your old Phi Sigma Delta and ZBT brothers for another good time.

Hoping the New Year brings all our brothers health and happiness.

Fraternally, Bill (Spier) Spierdowis '72

Golf Tournament:

On Saturday June 5, 2004 the now almost annual Alumni golf Tournament of Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau of UMass was held at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown. Tim Kurty '76 again made his ever-improving facility available for this tournament. This year 6 teams competed for the coveted awards, prizes, and prestige of winning this tournament. Lloyd Bristol '74 and Vin Grandonico '73 paired together outdistanced the entire field with an outstanding round of net 29 to take first place honors. In second place through tie breaking rules the team of recent alumni Dan Springer '02 and Gene Rodriguez '03 (probably a distance relative of Chi-Chi) combined for a net 37. Also with a net score of 37 in third place was the dynamic team of Dana White '73 and son Connor. In fourth place again because of tie breaking rules with a net score of 38 was the team of Mel Thompson '73 and son Jeremy. In fifth place with a net of 38 came the official officer's team of Rick Fortier '69 (Vice-President) and Bill Spierdowis '72 (President). Obviously they were distracted by their official duties of the day. Rounding out the field was host Tim Kurty '76 who without the aid of a partner was not able to put together one of his better rounds. All who participated thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Fraternally,
Roy Immonen '71

NEW SECTION: Brother Biographies

In an effort to improve the newsletter and keep the brothers informed of happenings related to the fraternity, each newsletter will highlight one brother including his accomplishments and actions since his departure from UMass. To kick things off we've selected Rick Fortier ('69) because of his continued involvement with the fraternity through the years. Rick is Vice President of the Fraternity's Alumni Association and is also coordinating this year's summer Reunion at UMass.

By Rick Fortier ('69)

I finally escaped UMass in 1969. I went to work for USF+G Ins. that year in the Claim Dept. In 1970 I started law school in the evenings at WNEC School of Law. Joan and I were married in June '71 and are still going strong (she gets all the credit). I finished law school in 1975, passed the MA bar that year and joined Travelers in 1976 as an attorney in the Bond Dept. I handled major construction default cases all over the country (and some outside) and moved into the Corporate Law Dept in '84 after passing the CT bar. I remained in the Law Dept. until taking early retirement in 2003. My last 14 years were spent as senior counsel specializing in employment and labor matters. I currently consult with some local firms in town on this type of case (discrimination, wage and hour) and work three days a week at Ski Sundown as an instructor. I also serve on the Advisory Board of STRIVE in Hartford. This is a non-profit that works with the hard core unemployed, substance abusers and ex- offenders to give them some life skills and try to place them in real jobs. Quite rewarding. Joan and I have started to travel (France in Sept.) and I have been working on my golf game with mixed results. Joan and I have two daughters, Lisa and Sara. Lisa and her husband live in Chicago where she is the Asst. Controller of Harpo Productions, which is Oprah Winfrey's company. Sara is a manager for CIGNA in Manhattan.

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 received since the last newsletter.

Tim Maki '73 244 South Rd Averill Park, NY 12018

Vince Ryszewski '70 8107 West 152nd Terrace Overland Park, KS 66223

Joe Parslow '72 Joseph.Parslow@comcast.net

Dick Tandy '75 rtandy@verizon.net

Scholarships:

Scholarship applications are due to Chairman John Cycz '76 by May 30 2005. Our scholarship applications are now available on our web site umassalumni.com/phi_sigma_delta (**NOW CHANGED TO** <http://phisig.atspace.com>) or from chairman Cycz at: 23 Capped Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01371 (413)-665-7089 or at: dcycz@massed.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 2005.

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 umassalumni.com/phi_sigma_delta. Scholarship applications are available on the site. **DEC 2005 UPDATE!!!!!!!** Umass website is CLOSED now. Check out the new one at <http://phisig.atspace.com>

Get an application at <http://phisig.atspace.com/application.pdf>

What's coming up:

If the undergrads call we'll play softball again this spring. TBA

Reunion 2005

At UMass Amherst Aug 12-14, 2005

The Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Association will hold our annual Reunion at UMass August 12-14, 2005. The UMass Amherst Alumni Association will be assisting and providing administrative support. Please RSVP early on the website at UMassAlumni.com/phi_sigma_delta. Below is a list of the tentative schedule of events.

Friday August 12 7:00 p.m. **Reception** at Memorial Hall (cash bar)

Saturday August 13 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Brothers brunch and business meeting** at Memorial Hall
UMass guest speaker TBA
Scholarship selections

Elections: This is an election year so we will be electing new officers. (Officers serve a two-year term) Nominations will be taken from the floor during the business meeting.

Good & Welfare

Note: Any brother who would like to place an item on the meeting agenda please contact President Spierdowis prior to the meeting

12:00 Noon **Lunch** (golfers may eat at the club) (those staying on campus to play softball may tailgate at the field)

6:00 p.m.-midnight **Cocktail Hour, Dinner and Dancing** at The Top of the Campus dining room

Sunday August 14 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast & Goodbye** at the Campus Center Blue Wall Dining room
or more golf for the hard core

If you have never been to a reunion or have not been lately we encourage you to call a brother and attend this year. The early response indicates we will have more brothers in attendance than in any previous year. As always, we welcome your entire family.

Please reserve your room reservations at the Campus Center early, as there are a number of events going on at campus that weekend.

This year we are celebrating the anniversary of the classes of 1965 and 1970.

We believe those classes are represented by the following brothers:

1965		1970	
Dr. Gerry Goldharber	Jerry Bliss	Jim Bakos	Marty Berkowitz
Edward Hanson	Albert Dahl	Ken Bodzioch	Mark Delsesto
Neil Baker	Richard Dimock	Steve Garanin	Mark Goodfriend
George Donavan	Stephen Ezer	Roy Immonen	Bob Jackson
Ronald Juluis	Paul Paisner	Joe McGrath	John Nourse
Oheh Pawuk	Rod Rodriguez	Ron Payne	Don Petrone
Col. Keith Ross	James Ryan	Vince Ryszewski	Bob Singer
James Wantman		Craig Shuffain	Charles Smith
		Clint Smith	Bob Sprague
		Paul Johnson	Benn Tittleman

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

2005 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

2005 Reunion Costs:	Friday Night cocktail reception-Memorial Hall	\$10.00
	Saturday brunch	\$10.00
	Saturday cocktail hour and dinner/dance	<u>\$35.00</u>
	Total	\$55.00

We realize everyone has great demands on their time so if you can not make all three of the above please make an effort to attend what you can. Early feedback indicates this will be our best-attended reunion ever. Let us know early that you'll be coming register on line at UMassAlumni.com/phi_sigma_delta or send your check Attn: Janine Sicks, UMass Amherst Alumni Association, 134 Hicks Way, Memorial Hall Amherst, MA 01002. Make checks payable to: UMass Amherst Alumni Association.

Please make your own hotel reservations. The campus center hotel has reserved rooms for our reunion but requests you reserve them early by calling (413) 549-6000.

Fraternally, Stan Kittredge '72 kitco1@comcast.net