

Winter 2008 Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau
Umass Alumni Newslatter

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers,

Usually this space is filled with a letter from our Association's President.

However President O'Reilly '69 recently fell 12 feet from a loft and only this week returned home to recoup from 8 broken ribs, damage to his vertebrae and a nicked lung. Rather than delay the newsletter I'll do my best to pinch hit while Kevin heals.

Most of you know that 2007 marked the 50th year of the founding of Phi

Sigma Delta at UMass. It also marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of

our Alumni Association. The 2007 reunion celebration of our founding brought

several brothers to the reunion who we had not seen for many years. I want to

thank all of those who attended and responded and particularly Rick & Joan

Fortier for their hospitality as well as Mike & Kate Parker for their sailing lessons.

Recognition should also be given to Lenny Harris on his hole in one during the

reunion golf tournament. Lenny will be talking about that for the next 50 reunions.

Kevin & I redoubled our efforts during 2007 to reach out and find those long

lost brothers who appear on our lost brothers' list. Together with leads provided by many of you at the reunion and many hours of searching I'm pleased to announce that more guys have been located and you will find those names and other updated address information listed in this newsletter. Special thanks to Benn Titleman '70 for his many hours of address research.

Unfortunately our research has discovered that two of our brothers are deceased;

Howard (Butch) Guimette '68 passed away 9/13/06
Jackson (Jack) Baker ' 71 passed away
approximately 4 years ago -no details
are available at this time.

We now have approximately 200 members of our Chapter at UMass in our database most of whom are members of our Association along with another 100 "lost Brothers" If you are not a member I encourage you to join and be among those who revisit the brotherhood, fellowship and camaraderie we enjoyed at our Chapter. The \$10.00 annual dues provide funds for scholarships, printing, postage, photo's and other associated expenses. I think that each of you will agree that our time spent at the Chapter is well worth \$10.00. Those of you who continue to make additional contributions, be assured the funds will be spent as your direct.

Now that 2008 is upon us and we enter into our 51st year I know we will continue those strong bonds of brotherhood and as we are joined each year by graduates of the current Theta Alpha Chapter at UMass our Association will continue to flourish. My best wishes to you all.

Stan Kittredge '72 Treasurer

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 gradation from Umass.

The following information was sent by Scott Smith ' 73.

Stan, Thanks for the trip down memory lane! Wow! My best memories have to be partying at the old Phi Sig house, although living across the street with Kenny Bodziak was great too. Lot of fun memories.

I last talked with David Picchi several years ago when Pamela (my ex, who I was dating in ZBT days) and I called him and Jackie sometime after they moved to NH. I tried to reach Dennis Wrenn, but only got his mom, who filled me in on his

divorce from Beth and also having a son named Scott, which I thought was pretty cool. I heard he had gotten skinny.

I've been up and down in the weight department. I'm back up again, having slacked off on the exercise. When Pamela and I split five years ago (28 years, two great kids, one of whom lives with me: my son Mark, who's 29 and is a manager at a local hotel and is writing screenplays and making independent films; Emily is 24, lives with her awesome boyfriend, and is planning to live in a log cabin in NH some day), I got into working out, dropped a lot of weight and got into great shape. I met an awesome girl named Mary, and we were inseparable for 2 1/2 years, when she died from metastatic breast cancer. That was just over two years ago. I can say her illness was the worst six months of my life. But I also believe that death is part of life, and life goes on, so after a while of mourning, I accepted her passing and look forward to more adventures. I've dated some (for some reason younger women are attracted to me.....thank you, God!), and am pretty much intending to stay single.

Most of my time is spent working.....I work way too much for a middle aged white guy. But I love what I do, and I love where I live, so it's good. We publish

nine weekly newspapers that cover the greater Plymouth area. I'm the ME and I also edit some of them. Go online and look up wickedlocalplymouth.com and wickedlocalduxbury.com and you'll see a couple new sites we're developing (that is, corporate is developing, with our participation). Duxbury is one of my towns. My weekly column is in there, in editorial: editor's notes. We're in the process of merging with Community Newspaper Company, which publishes your weekly Gazette paper. We were both bought by a big newspaper company out of the midwest. So change is in the works.....just waiting to hear what.

Stan, please give my regards all around, especially to David and Dennis, and let me know who showed up at the reunion. And do put me on your mailing list. I'd love to get together sometime.

Thanks, Stan. Best to you and Jayne.

Scott Smith ' 73

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.

As said earlier, this years reunion brought in some brothers who we have not seen for many years. Jon Campbell ' 67 was one of several who traveled a considerable distance to the reunion. Jon has retired from two careers and now lives in Florida. Because he was a past Chapter President and had the unique perspective of being at his first reunion after fourty years Stan asked if he would like to contribute his comments in the next newsletter. Jon quickly responded and sent the following comments.

PHI SIGMA DELTA - FORTY YEARS LATER FOR JON CAMPBELL '67

A fortieth college fraternity reunion! The first one I've ever attended-very daunting! To ease the trepidation of seeing guys for the first time in 40 years, I sandwiched the reunion events on Cape Cod between visits to newborn grandchildren and Fenway Park. Arriving at the designated reunion hotel, I recognize and talk to guys from my era. It's amazing- they look the same, except they're sixty-ish, most with less

hair but fuller faces and frames. This gets reinforced at the Fortier's party, where more guys show up. Mixing with everybody, it's a trip back to simpler times before we all entered the workforce and left the fun we shared at Phi Sig.

Remembering and reminiscing you realize that the guys have the same mannerisms and act the same as they did 40 years ago, except that now they seem much more sophisticated. The highly relaxed level of social interaction is obviously a tribute to the training received at Saturday night parties. This time, nobody is real loud or drunk even though they're talking about "Return to the Womb", "Toga" and "Beach" parties ! And there's only one moon, and it's up in the sky! Much more sophisticated.

So this easy going, laidback group of guys hold a "house meeting", a rundown of the financials and upcoming activities. It concludes with "Good & Welfare", something I had long forgotten about. I only remembered debates over one-ply versus two-ply toilet paper! As you look at everybody, it's surprising how many of our debaters became lawyers and that we don't have any known criminals.

The concluding event, a restaurant dinner, was a little different than when we

hosted the Globetrotters for dinner at the house. It's more like one of the Pi Phi or Lambda Delta Chi sorority dinners because all the wives are there. Another trip back to the carefree days. The dinner allows us to socialize some more and get to know the guys who came after us. As you talk with the "younger" guys it's easy to see why they chose Phi Sig. Seems like they would have fit in real well in our own era and the house has certainly been well served to have them.

Lining up for the group photo at the end, it hits you again that these are the guys you lived and ate and partied with for 3 or 4 (or even more) years, and you still have an affinity with them-- they are your fraternity brothers. The reunion was great, well worth the effort. Everyone should try to make a reunion if they can. It would be great to see everybody. My only disappointment was that the Red Sox lost on Tuesday!

Invitations to join our Association have been extended to all newly ("found brothers"). All found since the last reunion.

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Scholarships: Scholarship applications are due
to Chairman John Cycz '76 by
May 30, 2008 or until the first day of each
year's reunion. Our scholarship
applications are now available on our website:
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member who has paid his dues may
nominate one or more individual. We expect to
again be able to give five

scholarships in 2008.

Web-site: The Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau
UMass Alumni website

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 out 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: I have not heard anything yet
from the undergrads about a

Spring softball game but I am anticipating an
invitation to what has become an

annual event. Will advise once they set a date.

No plans yet for a 2008 reunion. Please send
your ideas or suggestions to Kevin

or Stan and we'll get on it.

This year will be the 40th anniversary of the
class of 1968 and the 35th of the

class of 1973. If my information is correct
those from 1968 include Jay Cohen,

Jack Marquis, and Robert I. Singer whose
addresses I do not have. Also

from '68 are Thad Dumbrowski, John Earle, Ralph
Goldfarb, Mike Helfren,

Mike Parker, John Rybak, Steve Whitkin, Eric
Winston, and Gordon Bienvenue.

I have no addresses on John Willshire and Ed
McCarthy from the class of 1973.

Others from ' 73 include Rod Loiselles, Walter Chow, Dave Kelley, Jim Kurty, Rich Lousararian, Tim Maki, Scott Smith, Al Spekin, Mel Thompson, Dana White and Jim Zygmunt. Did I miss anyone??

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.

2008 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.

PLEASE if you receive a copy of this newsletter by U.S. Mail it is because I do not have your email address. Please forward your email address to me at: kitcol@comcast.net

Fraternally Stan