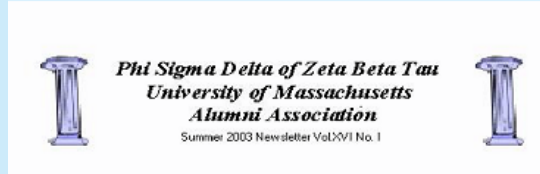


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Hello from UMass-land! Hope you are healthy and life is good to you and yours.

Our next reunion is scheduled for Sept 6/7. Stan will provide details elsewhere in this newsletter. Sept 6 is the first football game vs. Central Connecticut State and we plan to tailgate prior/after the game and to go out to dinner that evening. Our annual business meeting will take place Sept 7, 9:00 am, at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown (our web site has a link to the course's web site). Those who play golf will tee-off at 10:30 am, followed by a cookout at the course. Some spouses will want to play if they know other ladies are playing, so get your golf reservations into Stan/me early so we can let others know who is playing. Note that the course is co-owned by Brother Tim Kurty ('76), who did a marvelous job hosting us two years ago.

A key agenda item is the election of new Officers for two-year terms. Please consider becoming an Officer.

For those interested in UMass sports, the football team plays at 1A national power Kansas State on September 13. Also, Homecoming is October 18 vs. Hofstra. For you hockey guys, keep an eye on the Minutemen as they continue their rise in national prominence.

I've given some thought as to how we might memorialize our deceased Brothers and wondered if planting an American Elm tree (the new disease-resistant variety) on campus might be one way to do so. We could engrave a nameplate to be mounted. Perhaps in the area of the campus pond/Memorial Hall or on North Pleasant Street between the two Houses, now part of UMass Continuing Education. I could try to involve a local Boy Scout troop with the tree's maintenance. What do you think?

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing those of you that come to Amherst in September. Be well.

Faternally,

-Vin Grandonico, '73

What's been Happening;

Our last reunion in August 2002 at Sturbridge Village was a great success. It was nice to see some brothers attend whom we have not seen in quite awhile.

At our annual business meeting we were able award five educational gifts. The recipients for 2002 were Arene Bacon, Eric Immonen, Diana Picchi, Maren Nyer, and Robert Silva. This is the second year we have been able to give five awards and it appears we will also be awarding five at this years reunion/business meeting.

It was also nice to see so many brothers turn out this April for our annual alumni/undergrad softball game at UMass. More brothers attended this year than ever before which made getting everyone into the game a challenge but we managed to get everyone some innings and we all had a few laughs. Now that so many of the recent graduates are also returning we may have to go to some kind of a tournament format.

Unfortunately this year the alumni left the tying run on base and the potential winning run at the plate, which allowed the undergrads to prevail in a real pitchers duel 18-17.

The undergrads were once again the consummate hosts having us back to the chapter house for a cookout where we spent the rest of the afternoon. Pictures are up on our site so just click the PHOTO item in the top menu and choose Spring 2003 Softball.

Undergraduate news:

After four years of sustained growth the chapter hit that inevitable weak semester last fall. I'm happy to report however following the annual elections President Alex Vasserman '03 and the new officers reinvigorated the brotherhood and they had a successful spring semester meeting their rush goals, hosting the annual alumni day, participating in Greek week and completing some improvements at the chapter house.

I'm also pleased to report the selection of Gene Rodriguez '03 as UMass Greek Man of the Year. This is the highest award presented annually by the Greek community at UMass. A past chapter President Gene has been a tireless worker on behalf of the chapter and Greek affairs at UMass.

Each year we extend an invitation to join our alumni association to our graduating ZBT brothers at UMass.

The brothers write:

Some of the brothers have written and asked me to pass along best wishes and other information.

Bob Band '69 continues as President and COO of Perini Corporation. Mark Goodfriend '70 advised that Gerry Principe '70 is still lawyering in West Palm Beach, FL. Mark DeSesto '70 has relocated to Naples, FL. Craig Shuffain '70 winters in Boca, FL. and Marty Berkowitz '70 has relocated to D.C.

Bob Donovan '74 wants to know if Cat still has those dance moves. Al Bacon '74, Dan Lew '72, Dennis Wrenn '72, Len Nyer '69, Gideon Rechnitz '69, Dave Dec '71 all admit to being alive and send their regards.

When he's not traveling over seas Steve Karoul continues as VP Foxwood Casino

Reunion 2003:

This year we are holding our annual reunion/business meeting September 6 & 7. We have never held our reunion this late in the year but we are going to give September a try and hopefully we can eliminate some of the conflicts some of us have during the summer months. This will be your only notice so pay attention!!!

Sept. 6 10:00 AM tailgate in E lot prior to UMass vs. C. Conn. Football. Game tickets will be available on game day however, please let us know if you plan to attend so I'll know how much food to bring. After the game we'll make a decision about a restaurant for dinner.

Sept. 7 9:00 AM Business meeting/golf tournament Mill Valley Golf Links, Belchertown, MA This is an election year (officers serve a 2 year term) so the main order of business will be the election of Pres., V.P., Treas, & Sec. Additionally we will be making our annual selection of educational gift recipients as well as any other agenda business. If you have anything you'd like put on the agenda please contact President Vinny Grandonico [email Vinny](#). Please contact Vinny or myself so we will be able to coordinate with Mill Valley regarding times and numbers of players. Those of us who do not play golf will be playing cards and telling Ray Grezenda stories in the clubhouse.

Dinner will be at Mill Valley around 5:00

Cost: If you haven't sent your annual \$10.00 association dues now is the time:

Saturday - Tailgate/social- no charge my treat.

Sunday- 18 Holes at Mill Valley \$18.00 (pay when you get there). 9 Holes \$13.00 (Carts are available). 9:00 coffee/donuts/Danish- no charge.

5:00 Steak dinner at Mill Valley \$20.00

As Vinny mentioned earlier wives and children are always welcome. Please send your dues and dinner reservations to me no later than 31 Aug c/o Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Association 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA. 02038

Thanks, Stan Kittredge '72. (Please note my new email is: kitco1@comcast.net)

Please drop me a line and let me know even if you are unable to attend. Also, if you received a copy of this letter in the U.S. Mail I do not have a good email address on you. It would be most helpful if you have email please send it to me.

Fraternally,
Stan Kittredge '72