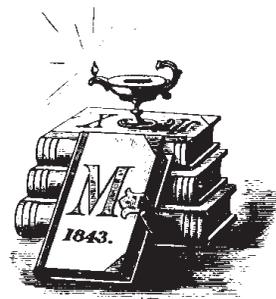


Panther Tracks

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Updated Website Will Bring Brothers Together

Brothers!

Let me begin this issue by thanking those of you who have sent us information about your families and your lives. As the period of our dormancy expands in length, it is critical that we continue to communicate with one another.

Most of us shared our lives in the Lodge at one time, and all of us experienced the closeness of brotherhood. Time, distance, family, and work—all of these factors make it difficult to see one another and enjoy one another's company. Yet many brothers rise to the occasion and travel great distances to

keep their bonds strong. As that is impossible for some, I am happy to announce that the Alpha Mu website has been upgraded to include a forum called the Virtual Lodge; a place where we can gather online and renew the bonds of our brotherhood, as well as discuss the future of Alpha Mu at Middlebury College. The forum includes a few public categories, and, for those who register, other places to forsake the throng. Boris (Bob Woithe '88) will be helping to add some history notes. Eventually, a gallery will also be installed so that we can add photos of family, friends, and the old days! Take a look today

at <http://www.alphamuofchipsi.org>.

Middlebury has had a change in leadership. Just what Ron Liebowitz's installation means to Alpha Mu, I am not sure. It is certainly an opportune time to restate our case with a fresh ear listening. I would ask all of you to send correspondence regarding our situation.

Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy 2005!

YITB,
Jamie Magee
Alpha Mu '79/Middlebury '82

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Alumni Sightings

THOMAS M. MURRAY '39 writes, "I have been in touch with THOR GUSTAFSON '39 and JOE TRASK '39. I tried to contact my former 'roomie,' NORM SMITH '39. I pushed for a 'get-together' at our 65th reunion. Thor will make it, but Joe has a heart condition that may keep him at home. Gertrude and I celebrated our 62nd anniversary in August, 2003. In 2002, I was inducted into the New York Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame for my 19 years as coach and athletic director." Send congratulations to Tom at 10 Landmark Dr., #122, Cornwall, NY 12518.

ROBERT T. ALDEN '40 writes,

"GLENN LEGGETT '40 died on June 2, 2003. He was the ex-president of Grinnell College, Iowa, and my best man at my marriage in 1941. He was a great guy, a great friend, and a great Chi Psi!" Bob is retired now and can be reached at 51 Otterside Court, Middlebury, VT 05753-1126. His e-mail address is bandbmid40@aol.com.

EDWARD J. REICHERT '40 writes, "Thanks for the *Panther Tracks*...good edition. I still think Chi Psi could have a local Middlebury chapter open to both sexes, although unaffiliated with the national at this point. Real estate (a house) is probably too expensive to swing, but maybe not.

Problem there would be the start-up group would be pretty small and with no experience in running a house, etc., and there may not be anyone in the local area to advise and watch over such a new group. There was an old red house down by the Marble Works exit road next to the railroad that I thought would be a possibility. I would want first members to be 'legacies' (sons or daughters of Chi Psi members). I do not favor a scholarship type of disposition of present funds, which was suggested in the past." Edward's mailing address is 3 Woodland Park, Gorham, NH 03581.

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GEORGE A. BERRY III '41 (10 Cannon Pt., Pumpkin Key, Key Largo, FL 33037) reports, "I received the request for dues to the alumni corporation of Alpha Mu of Chi Psi. For many years, I contributed to the fund, but with the takeover of the Lodge by the college, I stopped and made a gift scholarship to the college in the name of Alpha Mu of Chi Psi class of '41. My original contribution was in the amount of \$175,000, with an additional contribution in 2001 of \$6,000. FRED BUTLER '41 was the only other contributor to the scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,000, for a total of \$182,000. This fund was invested by the college, and in 2001, it had a value of approximately \$256,000 when last reported to me by the college. The terms of the gift were an annual scholarship grant of five percent of the fund value, approximately \$12,5000 from income only. The scholarship is to be granted annually to a male student/athlete who exhibits the kind of talent and leadership that was associated with the class of '41 members of Alpha Mu of Chi Psi. The other conditions of the gift require the college to make Meeker House, the former Chi Psi lodge, available to the alumni of Chi Psi at Homecoming and class reunions to hold meetings and/or cocktail parties. The condition of the gift scholarship also requires the college to refund 50 percent of the funds in the scholarship fund to the Alpha Mu Corporation if Alpha Mu were ever permitted to reestablish a male fraternity on the college property, in the town of Middlebury, or its environs. I do not believe that many of the members of the alumni corporation are aware of this gift or its conditions and of my desire to have Alpha Mu of Chi Psi retain a presence on the Middlebury College campus. The Alpha Mu class of '41 held a cocktail party at the former lodge in 2001 at the time of our 60th class reunion, with six of the 12 living members in attendance. I believe the alumni corporation of Alpha Mu should supply its members with an annual financial statement. You write, 'With our resources, we will have the ability to revive if the environment at Midd becomes more conducive to fraternities.' Perhaps the Alpha Corporation should consider setting up a scholarship on the conditions of the class of '41."

JOHN H. HICKS '41 also writes of the demise of GLENN LEGGETT '41. "He was a former provost of the University of Washington at Seattle. He had a brilliant academic career and was always the best of good company. I stay in touch with Middlebury classmates BILL BURSAW '41, GORDON BROOKS '41, GEORGE BERRY '41, RALPH LATHAM '41, HOWARD MUNFORD '34, et al. I remain a trustee and president emeritus of the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation in Carmel, California." Send greetings to John at P.O. Box 2995, Carmel, CA 93921.

CHARLES F. BAIRD '44 writes, "I completed my junior year in May 1943. Then the Marine Corps sent me to Dartmouth for my senior year. I went to Parris Island in February 1944 and later served in the second and third Marine divisions. I got home from the war in April 1946. Norma and I have two sons and two daughters, five grandsons and three granddaughters—all healthy. We are blessed. Being a Chi Psi was a highlight at Middlebury. Too bad that we have lost fraternities for the current Midds. We plan to see old friends at our 60th." Chuck can be reached at 4423 Boxwood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816.

ALAN WOLFLEY '45 reports that he is

still working, still traveling, and still regularly on the golf courses. Get in touch with him at 22 Canaan Close, New Canaan, CT 06840.

GEORGE W. "Joe" PECK IV '53 writes, "During the summer of 2003, I had lunch with BOB DELANEY '51, DON SHERBURNE '51, and CHARLIE RIELLE '52. Bob lives in New Haven, Vermont. Don spends the summers at Lake Dunmore and the winters in St. Petersburg, Florida. Charlie recently moved to Jupiter, Florida. I also saw PETE VAN VLAANDEREN '58." Joe receives mail at P.O. Box 1729, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

Say hello to DAVID B. KENNEDY '55 at P.O. Box 1203, Carmel, CA 93921. His e-mail address is campdavidwest@hotmail.com.

NOEL F. DAVIS '61 is retired and can be contacted at 223 Perry Rd., North Creek, NY 12853.

WARREN W. WHEATON '62 recently moved to 1090 Old Taos Highway, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Keep in touch with CHARLES E. BAXTER '63 at 87 Hampstead Rd., Sandown, NH 03873. Send him e-mail at cbaxter_ta@comcast.net.

PHILLIP A. NELSON '65 writes, "I retired in June 2003 after a 35-year career as a teacher and principal in Darien, Connecticut." He can be reached at 47 Bigelow Rd., New Fairfield, CT 06812; princphil@aol.com.

WILLIAM F. ELDRIDGE JR. '66 is a clerk magistrate at Barnstable District Court in Massachusetts. His mailing address is 67 Blantyre Ave., Centerville, MA 02632. Send him e-mail at seldridge02632@comcast.net.

Keep in touch with J. DUDLEY KING '66 at 50 Marsha Island Rd., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. His e-mail address is dudley@plantationinteriors.com.

GARY B. RICHARDSON '67 has a position at Upton & Hatfield, LLP. Send him mail at 1569 Briar Hill Rd., Hopkinton, NH 03229; e-mail at bpfool@comcast.net.

JEFFREY W. RUSSELL '68 is an assistant principal at South Columbus High School. Drop him a note at 4273 Arabella Way, Little River, SC 29566. His e-mail address is j68-russ@sc.rr.com.

MARIO R. LEESER '75 reports that he is the chief operating officer in Europe for ACNielsen. Say hello to Mario at Clos de Differdange 14, 1410 Waterloo, BELGIUM. His e-mail address is leeserm@yahoo.com.

ROBERT K. RACE '78 sends news that he is now executive vice president at Homesite Insurance. Send congratulations to Bob at 21 Willowdale Rd., Topsfield, MA 01983. E-mail reaches him at remkrace@comcast.net.

PETER H. BARNETT '78 can be reached at 44 Morrill Pond Rd., Canaan, ME 04924.

DOUGLAS H. WHEELER '80 reports that he has two children, aged six and nine. "I live in La Jolla, California, near the ocean. I am a co-partner of Summit Performance Group, a conference planning, incentive travel, sports travel, and marketing firm." Doug's contact info is: 5708 La Jolla Hermosa Ave.,

La Jolla, CA 92037. E-mail reaches him at dwheeler@summitpg.com.

CHRISTOPHER B. "Buck" DOMINICK '84 receives mail at 3691 E. Geddes Pl., Littleton, CO 80122. Send him e-mail at buck@dominicklaw.com.

PETER M. O'MEARA '84 recently moved to 6524 Fairway Ave. SE, Snoqualmie, WA 98065. His e-mail address is peteromeara@msn.com.

WILLIAM M. WARREN '88 writes, "I am enjoying many more sleepless nights with the addition of our third son, Jack, this year. I'm also pleased to be a board member of the Chi Psi Educational Trust and encourage any brothers of Alpha Mu interested in maintaining the values of and giving something back to the fraternity to contact me about supporting the organization at a national level." Get in touch with Bill at 2225 Riada Dr., Atlanta, GA 30305; bill.warren@sablaw.com.

JEFFREY H. STONER '90 reports, "I'm still serving as a foreign service officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. In the summer of 2004, my wife Kerry, son Jackson, and daughter Victoria moved to Jakarta, Indonesia, for a two-year tour. If anyone is out in the Far East, drop me a note at jeff_stoner@hotmail.com."

Note this new address for ERIC R. MENDELSON '92: 102 Beechwood Rd., Summit, NJ 07901.

JOHN M. SWANSON '92 writes, "I am now settled in Tahoe—more specifically, in Truckee, California. When not skiing or biking, I am chasing after girls—two of them, to be exact: Lucy (4) and Amelia (1). Darsie and I would welcome any Tahoe-area visitors. I am working in the region's trauma center in Reno, Nevada, on staff at the University of Nevada School of Medicine." Say hello to John at 11580 Alpine View Ct., Truckee, CA 96161; johnmswanson@hotmail.com.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

MARSHALL H. MONTGOMERY '31

RICHARD C. HUBBARD '36
February 21, 2004

LORING D. CHASE '37
March 17, 2004

GLENN H. LEGGETT JR. '40
June 2, 2003

A. WILLIAM SWEET '41

FRANK D. BLIZARD JR. '42

WALTER J. NELSON '48
April 20, 2003

THOMAS P. TURNBULL '50
April 18, 2003

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