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Meet Brother Norman Fuller '56

- Very active in community for years

Brother Norman Fuller '56 retired on January 1, 1999 but you wouldn't know it by talking to him. Brother Fuller is currently a Fire Commissioner, chairman of the High Hill United Methodist Church Administrative Council, runs a food co-op program, and is an avid Civil War buff. Retired? Yeah right.

Fuller has served as the Fire Commissioner for the West Athens (NY) Lime Street Fire District for about 25 years. This year is the first year in the past three that he hasn't served as chairman of the district. "I have a strong belief that you pass things around," said Fuller. "One person shouldn't stay chairman for 20 years, for example. It helps develop leadership."

Fuller served as a volunteer fireman for about ten years before becoming commissioner. Part of this time he spent as president of the volunteer fire company. He became interested in becoming commissioner (an elected position) when he saw things happening he didn't like within the district. "Sometimes you get prodded into things," said Fuller. "I understood the fire company and the needs of the town. So I ran and have been commissioner ever since."

Fuller graduated from UM with distinction in 1956 with a 3.17 GPA and a major in Animal Husbandry and a Minor in Agriculture. Upon graduation Fuller taught



Brother Norman Fuller, from his 1956 composite picture.

vocational agriculture at the high school level in Maine. In April of 1962 he moved to New York to become a 4-H agent where he was responsible for coordinating clubs and getting youths involved in the organization. "We held fire prevention and control programs," said Fuller. "We also had programs at auto dealerships to teach kids driving safety."

After 4-H Fuller worked out of the Union Hall. As a member of Local 190 he got assigned to

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In Brief...

- Skullumni has set the weekend of May 24-25, 2003 as the date of our next alumni social event. Stay posted for details & be sure to keep your calendar clear on that weekend!
- Order a framed chapter house photo by Dec. 10 and receive 10% off! Your purchase funds Skullumni's missions of undergraduate enrichment and alumni social events. See enclosed brochure for more info.
- Skullumni is creating a networking web for alumni and undergrads. If a Phi Kap is looking for a job, an employee, or a mentor, we want to connect the generations. Contact us for more info.
- Skullumni is compiling a history book of the Alpha Delta chapter and we need your help! We'll be interviewing alumni from all eras asking about their time at the house and for any photos they might have. Help us put together this much needed piece of history. Contact us if interested.
- Get on our email list! Skullumni sends out monthly updates and other emails with information you need! Email us today to become

House Renovations Fund-raiser Underway

- It's about time!

The countdown to Homecoming 2003 has begun! That is when Skullumni and the Housing Corporation have tentatively set a ceremonial groundbreaking for a major chapter house renovation project.

Currently, Skullumni has gathered ideas from undergraduate and alumni members and will soon meet with the House Corp to decide which ideas will be implemented into the final plan. Once these ideas are decided upon, an architect and artist will be brought in to translate the vision on to paper. The cost of the project will then be determined by sending out specifications to contractors.

Around April 2003, a newsletter will be sent to all Alpha Delta alumni with a listing and drawings of the proposed renovations as well as the estimated cost. At that time we will be counting on the support of many of our alumni to make this project a reality.

Renovation ideas to date include: turning most of "The Ram" into rooms; renovating the chapter room to make it bigger and add fire-safe displays for archives; restore the original yellow/gold color with either siding or painted wood; create a sign for the chapter by the road; redo the walls and

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A Message From Skullumni:

Greetings and Happy Holidays! Phi Kappa Sigma means something special to each and every one of us. What we each learned during our time as an undergraduate is precious, as is the bond of Brotherhood we all share, regardless of our age. Being a member of Phi Kap requires a lifelong commitment to the Brotherhood and that is why we formed Skullumni. We all have an obligation to help enrich and enhance the experience of the undergraduate chapter and that is why Skullumni is using your dues money to bring in an educational speaker (see page 4) and beginning a major chapter house renovation project (see page 1). That is also why we helped counsel the undergraduates when the International Fraternity placed them on probation for incidents at last spring's formal. Equally as important as our commitment to the undergrads is our commitment to alumni members. Our duty is to maintain frequent communication between alumni through newsletters such as this, frequent emails, and our web site. We also have a responsibility to organize alumni social events such as Homecoming, a night out for dinner & drinks, or taking a group trip to Foxwoods or Fenway Park for a Red Sox game (see "In Brief" on page 1). This is an exciting time to be a member of the Alpha Delta chapter and we hope we can count on your continued support – of time, money or both – to enable us to continue with our efforts. A common question asked of Phi Kaps is "Does your blood run black and gold?" Skullumni offers a way for alumni members to show it does. We love Phi Kap and so do many of you, that is why we have been able to accomplish so much in a little over a year's time. We look forward to the coming year and all the challenges it will present and we look forward to taking this journey with you. Thank you for your support to date. *Once a Phi Kap, Always a Phi Kap!*

Chapter House Fund-raiser, Cont'd ...

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floors and re-paint the entire inside of the house; replace many of the doors; renovate the bathroom and rooms; put a gazebo in the back field; and replace several windows.

Skullumni is still collecting ideas for this project and we want to be sure everyone has a chance to give their input. We feel a project of this magnitude should reflect the wisdom of all generations of Phi Kaps so we can make the house at 89 College Avenue the pride of the Orono campus. If you have any suggestions, or would like to donate your time and expertise to this important project, please contact us ASAP!

Major renovations have not occurred since the wings were added in 1953 and the house is in need of a lot of work. A similar fund-raiser conducted in 1998 yielded approximately \$5,000 in alumni donations which funded some minor repairs. We are hoping that with a more



definitive plan, we can raise more money this time. The Housing Corp has already verbally pledged to donate the thousands of dollars they use for annual capital improvements to jump start the fund-raising effort.

On a side note, during the Annual Meeting in October, a few alumni members expressed an interest in also starting an alumni work weekend. Alumni with specific expertise could come to the chapter for a weekend in the summer and perform work, as needed, as well as socialize with other alumni. Skullumni is looking in to organizing something like this, possibly after renovations are completed.

While we are no longer its occupants, the Skull House still belongs to all of us and we have a duty to keep it standing strong. We hope we can count on your financial support when the time comes to fulfill that

Thanks to Brother Matthew Palmer for his "Santa Skull" drawing on page

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www.pksalumni.org

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Skullumni's 75 Voting Members

In last June's newsletter we listed our roster of 59 Voting Members and included updates on those members, if they were provided. Since then, Skullumni has grown to 75 Voting Members (as of 11/18/02). Below is a listing of these members and updates on the ones who have joined since the last newsletter (if provided) as well as any updates we've received on the previously listed members. Skullumni's diverse membership spans 61 years from 1941-2002 and represents 37 unique years of graduation. Our members live in 14 different states across the U.S. from California to Maine. *If you have information you'd like to share with your fellow alumni please contact us and we will be sure to list your update in an upcoming newsletter.*

1940s (4): Alfred Mann '41 (St. Cloud, FL) ... Albert Ehrenfried '44 (Acton, MA) ... Richard Palmer, Jr. '44 (North Bridgton, ME) ... John Marriott '45 (Peoria, AZ)



Class of 1953 (Front, L-R): Alton Brown, Paul Renick, Jr., Allan Smith, Richard LaPointe, John Curry; (Back L-R): Melvin Fuller, David Anderson, Donald LaRoche

1950s (18): Robert Eastman '51 (Center Lovell, ME) ... Alan Pease '52 (Tenants Harbor, ME) ... Allan Smith '53 (Farmington, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... Paul Renick, Jr. '53 (Wells, ME) ... Donald LaRoche '53 (Wells, ME)

... Richard Gray '54 (Gaithersburg, MD) ... Kendall Lund '55 (Fallbrook, CA): Wife Joan; "Love to hear from all the old farts." ... Foster Shibles '56 (Harrison, ME) ... Norman Fuller '56 (Catskill, NY) ... Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56 (Belfast, ME) ... Wilson Dyer '57 (Merrimack, NH) ... H. William Sterritt '57 (Savannah, GA): 4 children, 11 grandchildren, wife Sharon ... Robert McKown '58 (Wayland, MA): Wife Lois, 4 children, 7 grandchildren ... Robert Pearson '58 (Waldoboro, ME) ... S. Clyde Ross '59 (Farmington, ME) ... Robert Chase '59 (Naples, ME) ... Robert Munson '59 (Palm Beach Garden, FL) ... James York II '59 (Gaylordswille, CT)

1960s (21): Gary Auclair '60 (Saratoga, CA) ... Frank Antonucci, Jr. '60 (Winthrop, ME) ... Stanley Chenoweth '60 (W. Boothbay Harbor, ME) ... Rev. Arthur Wells '60 (Delmar, NY): 25 years in education, 5 in human resources, 11 as a minister – retired in September ... Carlton Jack '62 (Kennebunk, ME) ... F. William Smullen, III '62 (Fayetteville, NY): Professor at Syracuse University ... James Vamvakias '62 (Falmouth, ME) ... LeRoy Bingham II '63 (Surry, ME): Wife Glenna; Senior VP & President Southeast Tissue LLC; lives in Surry but works in Philadelphia & N Alabama; responsible for mergers and acquisitions & building a greenfield mill in Alabama ... Avard Walker, III '64 (San Francisco, CA) ... Leonard DiCarlo '65 (Laurel, MD) ... William Gould '65 (Calais, ME) ... Kenneth Howe '65 (San Bernardino, CA) ... Willard Flynt '66 (Hamburg, NY) ... Paul Sullivan '66 (Dallas, TX) ... Brian Bicknell '66 (Yarmouth, ME) ... Jeff Hengsbach '66 (Mukwonago, WI) ... Thomas Dwyer '67 (Manchester, ME): Wife Bonnie, children Matt & Katie, granddaughter Madelyn who he babysits two mornings a week ... Zachary Longley '67 (West Newbury, MA) ... Jay Smith '67 (Ogunquit, ME) ... Reed Thompson '68 (Alton, ME) ... Colin Leonard '69 (Harwich, MA)

1970s (8): Michael Carney '71 (Lincoln, ME) ... Jonathan Young '71 (Portland, ME) ... Larry LaPlante '73 (Presque Isle, ME) ... Robert Whittier '73 (Melrose, MA) ... Chip Stephens '77 (Westport, CT): Wife and 4 kids (5th coming in December); General Manager of Sanochemia Diagnostics of Vienna, Austria and high school wrestling coach in winter ... Jeffrey Welch '79 (Orange Park, FL) ... Wayne Penley '79 (Auburn, ME) ... Frederick Morton, Jr. '79 (Lewiston, ME)

1980s (1): Jeffrey Meader '87 (Billerica, MA)

1990s (14): Shawn Harris '91

(Camden, ME): Wife Maria; daughter Sophia and new baby, Genevieve, born October 22; in the process of building a new house in Camden; will complete MBA May 2003 ... Patrick Penley '91 (Auburn, ME) ... Elliot Mitchell '92 (Hope, ME) ... Eric Puls '94 (Killeen, TX) ... Matthew Stafford '95 (Winslow, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002; Project Engineer at Superior Controls ... Matthew



Genevieve Diane Harris, daughter of Maria & Shawn Harris '91, born 10/22/02.

Rocca '96 (Pasadena, CA) ... Pete Ruggiero '97 (Lowell, MA): He & wife Jessica are expecting a second child on March 14, 2003 ... Derrick Slowikowski '97 (Hookset, NH) ... John Chretien '98 (Livermore Falls, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002; Works for Ondeo-Nalco ... Nathan McLaughlin '98 (Saco, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... Kurt Feeley '99 (Portland, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002; webmaster for AAA Northern New England ... Chris Labbe '99 (Rome, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002; Development/Project Engineer for Philips ... Scott Morelli '99 (Portland, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... William Lewellen '99 (Clementon, NJ)

2000s (9): Robert Williams '00 (Dover, NH): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... Anthony Kvedar '00 (Windham, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... Rafael Ozdemirer '01 (Lewiston, ME) ... Michael Murphy '02 (Hollis, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... Jeremy Thiele '02 (Orono, ME): In grad school at UM for Engineering ... Eric Conrad '02 (North Kingstown, RI) ... Edward Regan '02 (Portland, ME): Attended Homecoming 2002 ... Jonathan LaBonte '02 (Norwood, MA) ... Justin Cobb '02 (Winthrop, ME)

Undergraduate Chapter Update

by Stephen Kneeland, Undergraduate Alpha

Over the last year, the Alpha Delta Chapter has been actively involved on campus and within the community. Our efforts were rewarded when we received a Chapter Excellence award and Most Improved Chapter award from the International Fraternity after our latest Mitchell Chapter Standards report. Progress has continued with the start of the fall semester and we fully expect to surpass the previous year's score.

By holding events such as our annual Haunted House, we were able to raise more than two thousand dollars for the national philanthropy in our most successful Haunted House to date. Last year we performed 600 hours of community service, and we are currently on pace to surpass that amount over the next year.

Rush has also been successful, as we currently have eleven dedicated pledges, which is the largest single class we have had in at least three years.

Scholastic excellence is something that all of our members strive for,

Skullumni to Bring in Educator for Undergraduates

In an effort to help enrich the undergraduate chapter, Skullumni is using a portion of your dues money to bring in Brother John Billen, an educational speaker and recruitment specialist. Brother Billen, a 1997 graduate from the Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Seton Hall University, worked for Phi Kap International from 1997-99, first as an Educational Consultant (EC) and then as the Director of Substance Free Housing. He will visit the chapter on the first weekend of February 2003 and give presentations on topics such as recruitment, finances, the Ritual, and living in an alcohol-free environment.

Brother Billen visited nearly every Phi Kap chapter during his tenure with "Nationals" and gave countless successful presentations on the aforementioned topics. He was also called in by many chapters to help them plan and execute a successful rush, which Skullumni hopes he can do for Alpha Delta (although they have had success in this area as of late). In addition to doing his presentations and helping with rush, Brother Billen will counsel the undergraduate officers on their responsibilities. Brother Billen consulted the chapter in his role of EC in the Fall of 1997, the year the chapter won the Most Improved and Best Community Service awards. Skullumni hopes he can help duplicate a similar outcome for 2003.

Skullumni expressed concern to the International Fraternity that the chapter had not received a visit from an EC since January 2000 and would not get one until Fall 2003 at the very earliest. This prompted the Skullumni Exec Committee to enlist the help of Brother Billen. Phi Kap International Executive VP Hamilton "Toby" Smith agreed to foot a portion of the cost of bringing Brother Billen to the chapter, which is very



John Q. Billen

Did You Know?!?

August 16 marked three significant dates for Samuel Brown Wylie Mitchell, the founder of Phi Kappa Sigma: It was his birthday (1828), the date he founded Phi Kap (1850), and the date he died (1879).

and our GPA has improved each semester over the last two years. Last semester we were able to surpass the all men's and all fraternity average, and we finished with the third highest GPA out of 13 fraternities (2.8). In house, our GPA was a 3.2. Our last pledge class worked hard to continue the trend, and they had the highest GPA of any pledge class at the University of Maine (3.7).

The Brotherhood is the strongest it has ever been since I have been a member, and we all expect yet another successful year for

What's Happening with Phi Kap International?

from information compiled by Chris Hanes, Director of Chapter Services at Phi Kappa Sigma International

Phi Kappa Sigma International is fresh off a successful 91st Grand Chapter Convention held in New Orleans in July 2002. Currently, they are planning a "Men of Honor" leadership development program to be held January 16-19, 2003 at Fellowship Farm in Pennsylvania. "Men of Honor" helps hone the leadership skills of Phi Kaps from across the country. It helps undergraduate members grow individually and as leaders and learn to deal with the many issues we all face as Fraternity men. They will also get to meet other Phi Kaps, including Grand Officers, and have a good time.

The Fraternity is also pleased that with the work of staff and volunteers, almost every chapter will get a visit by the end of this semester, the first time in a long time that this has been accomplished. The Fraternity plans a second trip to most chapters in the Spring.

The Fraternity has recently formed an Expansion Committee, dedicated to looking for opportunities for expansion across North America. An Insurance Committee has also been established to discuss new billing methodology for future years. Both of these committees have undergraduate representation.

In other news ... The 22nd Edition of "Skull Sessions", the new member education book, is available for chapters. The web site (www.pks.org) has also recently undergone a facelift and is now more professional looking and easier to navigate. And as always, the Phi Kappa Sigma Foundation will soon be awarding up to 22 scholarships of up to \$3,000 each to eligible undergraduate members of the Fraternity. The scholarships are awarded based on scholastic attainment (40%), financial need (40%), and campus/

HOMECOMING 2002

It wasn't the turnout we were hoping for, but during Homecoming Weekend 2002 a total of 23 alumni came back to the Alpha Delta Chapter House. Members reminisced, attended Skullumni's Annual Meeting and socialized in a reserved room at the Bear Brew Pub. Here are some of the attendees:



▲ Edward Regan '02 & Michael Murphy '02



▲ Anthony Kvedar '00 and Christopher Labbe '99



▲ Jonathan Chretien '97 and Kurt Feeley '99



▲ Robert Williams '00 and Scott Morelli '99



▲ Nolan Tanous '83, Robert Vile, Jr. '83, Christopher Cote '84, Ian Broadwater '85, & Bryan Salter '87



▲ Matthew Stafford '95 and Todd Mercer '94



▲ William Penley '77 with wife Patty '77 (Chi O) & Peter Deane '78 with wife Martha '78 (Chi O)



▲ Matthew Palmer '99 and Nathan McLaughlin '98



▲ Jeremy Thiele '02

Not Pictured: Allan Smith '53, Samuel Civiello '85, & Preston Maheu '97

Our thanks to those who attended and we hope to see the rest of you in 2003!

Norm Fuller, Cont'd ...

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various different jobs, including the construction of the Albany Mall. "It was tough work," said Fuller. "But the pay was more money than I could get as a 4-H Agent or as a teacher."

After six years of working out of the Union Hall, Fuller went to work for Spancrete Northeast (now Old Castle Precaste), a concrete products manufacturing company. Here, Fuller worked for 24 years leading up to his retirement, and participated in many major projects such as creating numerous pieces for tunnel construction for I-93 in Mass. He started in quality control and then came in charge of making steel cages and structures for concrete to be poured around. He became very skilled in this area so he was then moved to concrete repair during his last 15 years at the company.

Currently, in addition to his fire commissioner responsibilities, Fuller runs a food co-op program called "Share," which allows people to purchase food at a discount. His wife, Charlotte, chairs the program and he said the program serves "mostly low income people but it's open to anyone who wants it."

His duties as chair of the High Hill United Methodist Admin. Council keep him busy as well. Fuller has been the chair of the council for 30 years which he admits is "too long" and that he hopes someone will step up and take his place. His church recently celebrated its 150th anniversary and he was successful in creating a brochure capturing the church's history. Speaking of history, Fuller also belongs to a club for Civil War enthusiasts. Every year they take trips to different war sights, most recently to Chattanooga, TN. Fuller said he meets Phi Kaps from across the country on these tours.

Fuller became a member of Phi Kap when he pledged in February 1953. Although his older brother Melvin ('53) was a Skull, that was not his motivation for joining. "I was pressed hard by Alpha Gamma Rho to

join them," said Fuller. "But I didn't want to be in a Fraternity with all Agriculture majors, I wanted a cross section of people." He recalls the house working to improve its GPA, that they did well in singing competitions, and that there were many campus leaders. "We were an active house," he said. Some buddies from that time were Hans Van Leer, Kenneth Henrikson, Dick Herrlin, and Dave Foster, among others.

Fuller paid for school by working at the University Store Company located in Dunn Hall. "I didn't come from a family with money," recalled Fuller. "I earned my college education. My senior year [as the store supervisor] I earned \$1.50 an hour when the minimum wage was 75 cents." The store sold hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, school supplies, and souvenirs.

Although Fuller did not hold an office during his time at the chapter ("I could have been an officer but with working 20 hours a week I didn't feel I could do it justice"), he did learn a lot from his time at the Skull House. "It taught me a little bit about leadership," he said. "Fellowship is also a strong point, with people learning to work together and play together. You don't get that in the dorms."

When asked what advice he would give current undergrads, he replied, "All I can say is work together. If you get into a useless squabble you'll ruin it for yourself and others." He continued, "I've seen it happen in the fire district and churches where people start fighting amongst themselves and they lose the whole purpose of it. If people can't live together in harmony and peace and work toward a common cause then they've lost something."

One of the reasons Fuller joined Skullumni is that he thinks it is "good for the Fraternity to have contact amongst its alumni." He added that he thinks Skullumni "has some good ideas" and that he wished "more

"It was tough work but the pay was more money than I could get as a 4-H Agent or as a teacher."

Join Skullumni Today!

Help Skullumni fulfill it's missions: join or renew your membership dues today! While no amount is too large or too small, your donation of at least \$25 ensures you Voting Member status through December 2003. This means that you will:

- Receive monthly updates and information that non-members do not receive
- Get discounts on alumni social events
- Have access to Skullumni's 600+ name database so you can re-connect with your long lost pals

In turn, your donation will enable Skullumni to:

- Send frequent correspondence, such as this newsletter, and maintain a top-notch web site to keep alumni informed
- Fund educational speakers/presenters for the undergraduates
- Plan fun alumni social events

Don't delay! Send your donation (payable to "Skullumni") before January 1, 2003 to: Skullumni, P.O. Box 3093, Portland, ME 04104-3093. Thanks to those alumni who have supported us to date! We look

Bowing Down!



Oh, the things they had to do! Before heading to class in the Fall of 1950, Brother Al Pease '52 (far left) instructs pledges Dick Miller '53 (L) and Al Smith '53 (R) to bow to "Allah". Looking on in the background in delight are Paul Renick, Jr. '53 (L) and Don LaRochelle '53 (R). *Thanks to Brother Al Smith for this great photo!*