



# Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association Merry Christmas



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## Website Update

As indicated in previous articles, we are attempting to move forward in the electronic age. While we had planned to have moved to the electronic version of this newsletter by now, several problems have slowed the full implementation. One of the problems we've heard about is the lengthy website address you had to type in to access the site. Because our website was set up as part of Larry Carli's website, we had to go through his site to get to ours. We have now solved that problem by purchasing our own domain name. Effective immediately, our new website address is **PhiSigDelta.com**. You should find this far less burdensome to type in. Once you do access the new site, bookmark it to make future access even easier. At this writing, webmaster Carli advises that the site is up and running with the exception of the navigation buttons (found at the bottom of the pages). By the time that this goes to press, the problem will probably be corrected. Even if it is not, you

can still access all parts of the site through the home page.

We hope that this is the last paper copy of the newsletter that many of you will get. We are mailing this one to all members due to the special enclosure. For all future issues, those of you who have provided e-mail addresses will only receive electronic notification of the availability of the newsletter online. We encourage the rest of you to provide us with an e-mail address. If you do not want to provide an address but can access the newsletter online, just let us know that you don't need the paper copy and we can so note in our database. You can send any information via snail mail to:

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## P.S.E. Alumni Static-Cling Decal For Everyone

As you no doubt noticed on the mailing information side of this Newsletter, there is a bold lettering notification of an enclosed FREE Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. static-cling decal for each alum we have an address for. We hope you like it and proudly display it on your car window or home or wherever.

This decal style is actually borrowed and updated from an old decal design that we used some 30 years ago. However, back then you had to immerse the decal in warm water for a half-minute or so, before it would slide off the paper backing and onto the glass surface that you were applying it to. It was most often on a car window, but I have seen them on home windows and even beer pitchers or larger beer glasses. That technology didn't allow for the movement of the decal from one locale to another – it was glued in place. This new static-cling is infinitely changeable (not that you will even do that), but is removable for cleaning the glass it adheres to or moving it to different windows or glass surfaces. It mounts on the inside of a glass surface, displaying the design logo to all who see it. The story is still told around here, of an old decal on a car being seen by a passing car, and both vehicles were driven by Phi

Sig alumni, both unknown to the other. The drivers did eventually stop and introduced themselves, and I'm sure had some interesting things to tell each other.

This project has been in the works since the last Reunion – that was in June 2005. We wanted to update our logo decal and talked to Jim Porter ('70), who operates Porter Specialty Advertising in Elmhurst, IL. Jim ("Woody") provided us with the Reunion favor glasses and offered suggestions and help along the way to come up with this final design. Although everything is done digitally on computers anymore, we think this 5-color decal blends all of our colors and designs perfectly. We received them several weeks ago, right on time to go out with this Newsletter, as the PSE Alumni Assn. had planned. There is one free decal with every Newsletter that we mailed (approx. 700) and this is the last scheduled mass mailing, since many future Newsletter mailings will go out to your email address. There are additional decals available should you desire an extra one or more. They will cost you two dollars (\$2) for each additional decal that you request (includes mailing).

## What Are Your Thoughts?

The subject has come up several times over the years and it is time that it is addressed here again. Periodically, a listing of the officers and members of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. Board of Directors is included within the Newsletter, as it has been within this Newsletter. The concern is that you PSE alumni have seen the same listing of PSE Brothers serving on the PSE Alumni Assn. as officers and members for many, many years. We would like to be

inclusive to others that may want to serve on the Board or interject new ideas into our organization.

As a group, the PSE Alumni Assn. Board of Directors meets to conduct business twice a year, although we plan for meeting four times per year. Our typical main meeting usually takes place towards the end of February each year and serves as the calendar assignment meeting for the rest of the year. That time period works

## PSE Tidbits

Well, we got several responses to the article in the last Newsletter entitled "Who Do These Nicknames Belong To?", but they were all for the same person. Go figure that! I received an email from Don Full, along with the story that was shared about how he got that nickname of "Pots". It seems that while in college, he was employed by a food service that required as part of his duties, the washing of assorted dishes and pots and pans. The "Pots" part of the dishwashing requirement stuck with him through his college days, as evidenced by several others who called to inform me of the same information. Now, if we could just figure out who belongs to the other a.k.a. nicknames, those being:

"J.O."	"Archie"
"Reggie"	"Hayshaker"
"Arthur J."	"Vido"
"Vince"	"Luckie"

And by the way, I did receive a nice email from John Ostanik, relaying some information about the goings-on in his life since college graduation and since retirement. "Chilly", his most notable nickname, was one of several that he explained, including the "John Osty" that we listed in the last Newsletter and that we figured belonged to him. Put your thinking caps on and help us out – and if you know of other nicknames, relay them to me. Thanks!

We received a humorous anecdotal letter that we can all probably relate to since we directly experienced it, at least to some degree in college. Jerry Malkowski ('75, aka "Schultz"), now living in California, went to visit his son's college fraternity house in San Jose, CA. Unlike being the stately mansion that he expected to see, it was as he describes, a house that brought back memories of life at Eastern. There was the aromatic blend of stale and spilt beer mixed with that of urinals and the complementary sticky floors that go with it. Both black & white and color composites of the Brothers hung on the walls, accentuating the early-attic collection of furniture. Many of the interior doors revealed evidence of violence heaped upon them, while the stone and dirt parking lot with a fire pit also contained many relics of earlier furniture from the house. The final irony was that the house also had a balcony, that I'm sure played witness to countless comments and visions of front yard antics similar to those in the classic film "Animal House". Jerry's final comment was "Sound familiar? Nice to know that things haven't changed too much at colleges, even after 30 years!"

Every time we send out a Newsletter, we receive a number of them back, marked "Unable to Deliver" or "Forwarding Address Expired" or similar notations. Although we are getting and maintaining better addresses, we are still looking to return those lost addresses to our database of correct addresses. Therefore, we are seeking your assistance. Each Newsletter will contain a listing of Brothers for whom we are seeking addresses, in the hope that as you peruse that list, you will recognize a name for which you have an address. Here is the first listing:

Robert P. Chapman  
William J. David  
John M. Schuster  
Thomas P. Johnson  
Ernest E. Monk  
John D. Padgitt  
Larry E. Irwin  
Jayson W. Ketz  
Stephen F. Weller  
Sanford P. Blovad  
Stephen P. Ringhofer

The initial offering of the new Polo-style PSE Alumni shirts (50 of them) went so well, that we had to reorder another quantity of them. They were described in the last Newsletter, but in case you forgot, they are a golf shirt that is Heather-gray in color with silkscreened cardinal red 1½" lettering of PSE (Greek letters) on the left chest, coupled with the word Alumni in ½" block writing) below the letters. These 50/50 cotton/polyester blend shirts are available in sizes from M to 3XL and sell for \$16.00 dollars apiece (includes shipping). Put out the hint for a Christmas present idea or just be ready for the next Golf season, once we get past this oncoming winter and you're chomping at the bit to get outside. You can con-

tact me at:

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for information or inquiries.

The PSE Alumni Assn. received a letter in late September from a lady in Harrisburg, PA, informing us that her father, Robert R. Alter ('51), a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon at Eastern Illinois University, had passed away in St. Petersburg, FL.

The name rang a bell for me, so I started checking through some old Warbler yearbooks that I have and assimilating some old information tidbits that I remembered from college days at the House. If you'll allow yourself to regress in time for a little bit, you'll probably remember the same things I did. This is for any and all of you who lived in the Phi Sig House at 1509 Second Street. Remember the front room (or living room) that was adjacent to the meeting room? It was the room where most visiting, smokers and social functions took place. Do you remember any of the furniture that was in that room? You should remember at least one item from there, because you had to learn about it during your pledge period. Although it may have been moved about somewhat in the room, it was the light maple constructed bookcase with wood-framed glass sliding doors. It was about 3 feet tall by maybe 8 feet long and 1 foot in depth with numerous books and other items stored within it. Centered on top of it was a memorial brass engraving that stated that this bookcase was donated in memory of John M. Alter. That was the information that you were required to know about while pledging, along with so much else. John passed away in September 1955, while attending EIU (as a junior) and a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon. Donald R. Alter, a former History professor at Eastern, was a father to both John M. and Robert R. Alter, although the siblings had both been adopted, as had a sister. Robert was born in Charleston, IL, attended and graduated from Eastern and retired as an advertising salesman, having moved from the Lansing, MI area to St. Petersburg, FL in 1999. He was an avid outdoorsman and an accomplished pilot in the Albert Whitted Pilots Assn. in St. Petersburg, FL.

The bookcase survived all the turmoils of life at the Phi Sig House until the very end. When the House had been sold and was being readied for demolition, the bookcase was however, surreptitiously stolen from the House in the middle of the night, before it could be removed for safe storage. And so, to paraphrase Paul Harvey "now you know – the rest of the story."

## Your Thoughts?

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because everybody is anxious to leave the long winter behind them and get ready for spring activities, and because the weather at that time in Illinois is conducive to travel. Additional meetings are planned for the Spring Phi Sig golf outing (again in Gibson City in late April/early May 2007), the Student Awards presentation in late August in Charleston and the annual Homecoming Day meeting, typically in October or November. As a practicality, it is normally only the February and Homecoming Day dates that are assembled as meeting dates, while the other two time periods serve as meeting times, if there is pressing business to be discussed. I typically host the two meetings at my home in Charleston, IL, which is somewhat central to both northbound and southbound traveling board members. The real draw however, is the beer and brownies served during the meetings here.

Seriously though, we do want your participation in this organization, either with your presence (ALL Phi Sigs are welcome to attend) or your email, snail mail or telephone ideas. We need to know the direction you would like to see this organization pursue and the Brothers you would like to see taking that direction, if different than the present group. This is not to say however, that should we receive minimal or no response from you members of the PSE Alumni Assn., that we current Board members are ready to vacate our responsibilities. That will not happen! We are simply making you aware of the present status of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. and that we welcome and desire your input.

The winter meeting is set for 1 p.m. February 25, 2007, at the home of Gary Brinkmeyer in Charleston, IL. You can email me or call (217) 345-4684 for details.

## PSE Sixteenth Annual Student Awards

After enduring nearly two weeks of hot and sticky days, the weather gods offered up a reprieve of sorts for the weekend presentation of the Sixteenth Annual Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. Student Awards on Sunday, August 20, 2006, in Charleston, IL. The preceding Friday and Saturday had evolved from that heat into two days of cooler, rainy weather that culminated in a sunny, but comfortable Sunday, that we gladly accepted for our activities.

Having awarded money the previous two years to groups of seven Eastern students who counted Phi Sigs as their dads, we made a considerable adjustment downward this year. Only four students came forward to be awarded a check of \$500 dollars each for their discretionary use during this school year. Their parents (who are responsible for submitting their student's application) were also present for the formalities, but even so there were only a total of about 16 people in attendance for the Awards presentation. Bringing up the rear though, were Austin Opp's eight Shih-Tzu cuddly dogs, doubling last year's attendance. Even the PSE Alumni Board's numbers were down, with only Boone Chaney and myself fulfilling that role. Our "Lustrious Potentate", Jim Luthé (PSE Board President) was also absent, due to family concerns. However, we were happy to welcome an old PSE alum, Garry Ernst ('64), to our Luncheon and Student Awards presentation. I think all the Phi Sig parents got to meet and converse with Garry, and at the end of the afternoon he presented the PSE Alumni Assn. with a Phi Sig jacket that both he and older brother Charles Ernst ('60) wore while attending Eastern. More about that in an accompanying article in this Newsletter.

Receiving their second year Student Awards were Ross Laux, son of Austin and Margaret Opp of Bethalto, Illinois and David Lux, son of Steve and Kathy Lux of Wheaton, Illinois. And, finishing up

this year with their fourth and final year Student Awards were Ryan Lipe, son of Greg and Joyce Lipe of Hillsboro, Illinois, and Robert "Rob" Grigsby, son of Robert and Kathy Grigsby of Orland Park, Illinois. For the second year in a row we awarded an all-male class of awardees and with the completion of this year's distributions of money, we have now exceeded \$45,000 awarded over the entirety of this Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. endeavor. What will next year bring? We don't know, but we do expect that the numbers will obviously continue to dwindle until we reach an endpoint of students eligible to participate. We'll keep you posted.



Pictured left to right are Austin Opp, Ross Laux, "Rob" Grigsby, Robert Grigsby, Ryan Lipe, Greg Lipe, David Lux and Steve Lux.

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## Brothers Eternal

The Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association is once again saddened to report to you the death of a number of Brothers of the Heart from over the years. Let us however, take solace in the fact that we are better for having known them.

James W. Lane, Sr.  
 John J. Willingham  
 Homer D. Hendricks  
 Jack H. Anderson  
 Lane D. Davis

James E. Guess  
 Robert R. Alter  
 G. Robert Frost  
 William F. Mortland  
 Roy J. Dillard

## Donations to PSE Archives

On August 20, 2006, Garry Ernst ('64) attended the PSE Alumni Assn. Student Awards Luncheon & Presentation and as mentioned, donated an old Phi Sig gray wool long jacket that originally belonged to and was worn by older brother Charles Ernst ('60). That jacket was passed on down to Garry, and with both consenting, was donated to the PSE Alumni Assn. The accompanying picture shows the unfamiliar-style jacket which is herein described.

This jacket is about the same length as the more commonly remembered gray wool iconic jacket of the 60's and 70's with the gray leather sleeves. It has five red snap buttons instead of a zipper on the front and a red braid highlighting the diagonal pockets on the lower front sides. Also accentuating the arms are two parallel red braids that start below the full collar and traverse down to the elastic wristbands, which have two horizontal bands of red woven into the fabric of the wristbands. The gray background sew-on Phi Sigma Epsilon crest on the left chest is identical in color and appearance to that of the decal that was enclosed with this Newsletter and has a felt-like appearance to it. Below the crest are the Greek letters for Phi Sigma Epsilon in red (about 2" high), that are stitched into the jacket fabric and on the right chest is the curiously written name "Ernst" in red stitching. It really is and probably was an eye-catching jacket on campus at the time. I was told that there was a picture of someone wearing one in a late 50's or early 60's Eastern Warbler yearbook, but I have not seen that picture yet.

Charles Ernst ('60) and younger brother Garry ('64) are both retired, Charles living in Dow, IL (near or overlooking the Mississippi River) and Garry splitting his time between Panama City, FL and Charleston, IL.

Several other donations have also been made to the PSE Alumni Assn. At the annual summer PSE Camp-In, Jeff Estes ('71) donated a lined, blue nylon jacket with yellow stitched Greek letters and a PSE paddle from his big brother. And from Ron Noren ('58) in Orange, CA, we received the following:

7 - Eastern State News newspapers (complete) from mixed dates in 1954-1957. Many have articles or pictures of Phi Sigs - Also enclosed were separate newspaper articles.

1 - His invitation to a PSE Smoker on Sept. 28, 1955 at Library

Lounge - signed by Claud Sanders - President.

1 - Original invitation to pledge PSE - 7 PM Oct. 10, 1955 at the Chapter House at 1509 Second Street - handwritten below that was "we are still at 1431 9th Street." This was a transition time between the old and new frat houses. We moved to Second Street later in the fall of 1955.

1 - Phi Sigma Epsilon Information Booklet - silver cover with old crest (same as at the top left front page of Newsletter) in red. Filled with information about Phi Sigma Epsilon and probably given to pledges.

Thank you all for entrusting your keepsakes to the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. Archives.



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