



Delta Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni



Reunion Edition

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So What Do You Think?

With the completion of the last Newsletter (Fall 2009) exclusively online at the PSE Alumni Assn. website (phisigdelta.com), we now offer to you the release of the second online Newsletter. That being said, we wonder – What do you think of our efforts to go online? What do you think of the Newsletter as your vehicle for alumni-related information? What type of changes or improvements could we make to the Newsletter to garner more interest on your part?

Having asked you those questions, we should say up front-this is a two-way conversation. We can't know what you are thinking of our efforts if you don't reach out to the PSE Alumni Assn. Board members and tell us. Oh sure, there are a few of you that have expressed the sentiment that you miss having the hard copy come to you in the mail. Fact is, I'm one of those. I've been dragged, kicking and screaming, into the tech age. I love what it can do for me, but I begrudge the fact that so many things keep changing just as I reach a "comfort zone" with the information that I use. And I'm still looking for that rotary-dial cell phone that only makes or receives a phone call! I haven't heard from anyone yet.

The move to online Newsletters for the future seems almost serendipitous at this time. It was an effort to stem the constantly rising costs for printing mailing that led us down the path of online Newsletters, and now that we aren't facing those costs, the economy will shortly diminish our investment income. The expiration of a nice yield on our large CD will whittle into our anticipated savings this summer. Looking at the bright side however, at least we are not outlaying those past Newsletter costs with the decreasing revenues ahead.

The one consolation to those above-described mailing costs that we have made, is for the one postcard from the PSE Alumni Assn. that you should have received within the last week or should receive shortly. With the Reunion coming up in June (see details within this Newsletter) and only about 160 Phi Sigs registered within the website to receive notification via your email of pertinent alumni information, we felt that we needed to snail-mail the Reunion information to the 600 or so addressed alumni. That postcard directs you to access the website and read up on everything that is going on in preparation for this 80th (and maybe final) Reunion. And don't forget! Every Phi Sig out there can access the Newsletter on the website, whether you are registered or not. Simply go to Internet Explorer (or other search engine) and access the website by typing in: phisigdelta.com, after the www. designation. Then look for the Newsletter category in the listing of subject areas that are highlighted. If however, you want to get into any more personal information about the 1200+ alumni listed within, you must be registered with the PSE Alumni Assn. The screen face that you access by going to: phisigdelta.com gives you directions on getting registered and the front page article on the Fall 2009 Newsletter explains the process. There, you have it. We hope to see many of you in June.

For Your Information

We have received a number of comments and emails from amongst you PSE alumni members out there, indicating that we have some errors in some of our Pledge Class listings on the website. The errors are in both the listing of members within the pledge class and the pledge class time period. We realize there are some errors present and we resolve to correct them, but we need help from you members. Besides having the membership absolutely correct, we need the correct pledge period listed. What we want is your pledge class start time, not when you went active. For instance, I started pledging in Fall '66, so my pledge class is listed as Fall '66, not Winter '67, which is when I went active. Keeping this information in mind will really help us out. Contact Rick Tate "Tater" or me for any additions, deletions or corrections. Thanks!

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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.

Albert H. Clark
 Ivan N. McDaniel
 Robert R. Edwards
 Richard L. Hood
 Bobby G. Miller

PSE Alumni Assn. 80th Anniversary Reunion

June 11-13, 2010 - Charleston, Illinois
What's Goin' On?

Well, if you don't know by now about the planned Reunion as noted above, you either haven't been reading the PSE Newsletter for 2 years, you have CRS (Can't Remember S___) syndrome or it doesn't spark an interest on your part to see and commingle with old buddies from the past. And none of those choices is good for your mental health. But now, it is CRUNCH time. In a little over two months, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. will host the 80th Anniversary Alumni Reunion to commemorate our existence as an organization at the home of Eastern Illinois University and Delta Chapter.

The active Phi Sigma Epsilon chapter began in March 1930 at Eastern and graduated its first alumni that very year, thereby validating the existence of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. in the same year. Although the Active Phi Sig chapter and indeed the name Phi Sigma Epsilon as a national fraternity no longer exist, we proudly strive to maintain the PSE Alumni Assn. With the final mailing of Newsletters last Spring, we had a database of some 600+ names and addresses, plus about 300 known deceased and some 300+ unknown addresses. Out of the 600+ names and addresses, there have been some 160+ registrations of Brothers on the PSE website, allowing them expanded information and opportunities within the website. We are striving to fill in all the unknown information about our lost fraternity brothers. Now that we are online only, we will not get the address updates that the previous first class mailings assured us, but other avenues may yet help us.

Upon reading this Newsletter online and having received the one reminder post card from the PSE Alumni Assn. recently, we hope that you will endeavor to attend this 80th Anniversary Reunion. You can register by either sending back the postcard with payment or utilizing the enclosed registration form with payment. Either method covers Reunion registration only-Golf is separate. The registration form and golf details are also included within this Newsletter.

Help Us Out With Pictures

I am enclosing within, an email from PSE Board member Jeff Estes, looking for some help with pictures for a continuous loop slideshow at the Reunion. He writes:

First, we're looking forward to seeing all of you at the June PSE Reunion.

I have been tasked with creating a slideshow that will be displayed. What I need all of you to do, is to look through your pictures and find the ones that most represent your time as a Phi Sig and send them to me for use in the slideshow.

It would be best if you go to your local drug store, Walmart, etc. and have the picture(s) scanned in and email them to me. Or mail them to me and I'll scan them in. I'll bring any hardcopy pictures to the Reunion, so you can get them back if you want, but will not mail them back unless you send me a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Brothers forever,
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Weekend Headquarters for the Reunion

The Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. 80th Anniversary Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of June 11-13, 2010, with the Worthington Inn serving as the headquarters for many activities. It is located on the west edge of the City, formerly a Best Western and originally a Holiday Inn. It is also the same location that we have utilized for the past 3 Reunions, starting in 1996. The hotel marquee sign will welcome all our PSE alumni and guests back to their university town.

On Friday, June 11th, just after lunch, the Inn will let us begin decorating our hospitality room, a 2-room suite (room numbers 300 & 302 that open into each other) that will serve as PSE Central. It will function as a meeting area and a showplace for some PSE memorabilia (mostly pictures and old photos) that will be on display from over the years. And of course there will be some refreshments there too, so you can slake your thirst while visiting with old and new friends (Brothers) and peruse the old pictures while wondering who those slim, fully-haired guys in the pictures are. That's always good for a lot of laughs and astonishment as to how young everybody looked. Somebody from the Alumni Assn. Board will be in the room during most hours of the day, to keep it open for your visiting time or to answer any questions you may have. In addition, the room (Phi Sig Annex) that I incorporated into the second story of my garage as a repository for the many donated Phi Sig memorabilia items, will be open part of the time for those who would like to see all the donated items from over the years.

Friday Evening Activities

The planned activity for all you arriving on Friday, is the informal get-together at the Panther Paw Bar & Grill (formerly Stix), located at 1412 Fourth St., just off Lincoln Ave. (the main drag in front of Old Main). It is the white brick building directly north of the new Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich Shoppe. Activities will begin at about 6 PM in the rear banquet area, which has been reserved for Phi Sig Alumni only. We will have our own bar and bartender on hand and enough seating to accommodate up to 150 people. The evening is strictly an informal gathering and socializing time for anyone who is back for the weekend. There is plenty of parking and with the bulk of the university population gone for the summer, activity should be a little slower. If your appetite catches up to you while enjoying the atmosphere and visiting, you can simply place an order from their menu with any of the waitresses that will check on our needs. After the last Reunion, it was noted that some complaints about the service from food orders were voiced from some of the attendees. In addressing it with the restaurant, they indicated they would try to be more responsive, but that large multiples of orders at the same time tends to slow down the kitchen and ultimately the waitresses. It is our hope that by bringing this to their attention, they will at least be aware of our concerns and try to address them, should they arise. The establishment has a wide variety of selections to choose from and they will bring your order back to you, once prepared. You literally don't have to leave the premises all evening if you so desire, unless of course, you have early Saturday morning activities planned and need to get some shut-eye.

Where Can I Stay While Attending the Reunion

P.S.E. Golf Scramble - Saturday, June 12, 2010

Weekend?

Since the bulk of our social activities are here in Charleston, the logical place to stay would be here, but if that's not possible, here is some additional information.

To reiterate, Reunion headquarters is the Worthington Inn on the west side of the city, as you come in on Rt. 16 from the east. We have been guaranteed 51 of the 65 rooms available at the Inn under the name Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn., which guarantees us a discounted room rate. As of this writing, 27 of those rooms have already been reserved, so you might want to get your reservations in quickly after reading this or the snail-mailed postcard that you should have received. As noted on the postcard, the Inn is blocking the group of 51 rooms until April 15th for our first choice, but after that date the block is lifted, essentially opening the balance of rooms to a first come-first served basis. However, that also means that if we fill our block of rooms and there is still room availability, we are treated as any guest calling in and we will be guaranteed the discounted room rate. So, o.o.o, get those reservations made early. The rooms vary in rate according to the requested accommodations, but they are basically \$55 or \$59 within our block of rooms. Outside of the block, there may be rooms with a different rate structure, so you'll have to check on that.

To help you with your decision in finding a room for the weekend, other than the Worthington Inn, below-noted is a listing of local motels and their appropriate phone numbers. Although we have a discounted rate with the Worthington Inn, we don't have a similar arrangement with any of the other motels.

- o Worthington Inn - Charleston (217) 348-8161 or (800) 528-8161
- o Days Inn - Charleston (217) 345-7689 or (800) 329-7466
- o Baymont Inn - Mattoon (217) 234-2355 or (877) 229-6668
- o Hampton Inn - Mattoon (217) 234-4267 or (800) 426-7866
- o Comfort Suites - Mattoon (217) 235-6745
- o Super 8 Motel - Mattoon (217) 235-8888 or (800) 800-8000

On Saturday morning, golfers will gather at Angus Links Golf Course in Windsor, IL, just southwest of Mattoon for a golf scramble. The Meadowview Golf Course (site of previous PSE tournaments) was not available to us this year. The Angus Links course (www.anguslinks.moon-fruit.com) is only about a 30-minute drive from the hotel and will be open for breakfast. A modified shotgun start will begin at 9 AM. Directions can be found at the website. Maps will be provided at Friday night's party and at the Worthington Inn.

A special prize will be awarded for the best pledge class team performance, so mark your calendars and start rounding up your pledge buddies for the challenge. Players can also enter as a foursome, twosome or as an individual.

The cost is only \$32 player and includes golf, 1.2 cart, and prizes, which will be awarded Saturday night at the banquet. Tournament scoring will be done back at the hotel near our hospitality suite.

If you'd like to play in the outing, please send the registration form shown in this newsletter and a check by May 31st to:

Charlie Henry
6599 Sylvia Beach Rd.
Caseville, MI 48725

Checks should be made payable to Angus Links Golf Course.

If you have any questions or would like to bring a door prize, please contact Charlie Henry at clh3@comcast.net

Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner

A 5:30 PM cash bar preceding the Banquet Dinner will allow you some time to mix with those present and discuss families, retirement, empty-nesting, jobs, how good it is to see you again or flash pictures of your kids/grandkids to your long lost newly found friends again. Hopefully, you will have had the chance to do that earlier in the weekend too, so that the opportunity to visit is not restricted by your time availability on Saturday evening.

The Banquet Buffet will begin at 6 PM at the Worthington Inn, provided by a new caterer named Two Flowers. They have been providing Third Sunday (each month) specialty buffets that are outstanding and have been the toast of the area for several years now. For our 3 entrée buffet dinner we will have the following: Roast Beef with Au Jus, Baked Ziti with Mozzarella & Fried Chicken.

Complementing that will be a Green Salad, Herbed Roasted Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans & Whole Kernel Corn, a side salad Fresh Fruit Tray, Bread Butter and Coffee (regular & Decaf), Iced Tea and Water. And since it is a Buffet, there will be plenty of food to satisfy the appetites acquired from golf and/or socializing. For the ladies who are more comfortable in a shopping environment, you can also work up an appetite for the Buffet Dinner at some great stores in the Tanger Outlet Mall at nearby Tuscola, IL, just off the I-57 interstate.

After the Dinner is over, the Program phase of the evening will ensue, with a special guest providing a short program that you will love. Remember our request from the last online Newsletter, that you send humorous stories or anecdotal situations to us from your years as a Phi Sig. Well, a few have been brought forth, but we would like to hear from more of you. What we are looking for are the kinds of stories that have almost become "urban legends", the kinds of stories that are told and retold again within different groups of Brothers. And we would like to hear from different decades of Brothers who have a story or stories to share. The program itself will be based upon some of these stories from the past. Following that, some additional information will be highlighted and some special awards will be presented to the victorious golfers from earlier in the day. After the evening Program is over, you are free to sit around and visit, either in the banquet rooms, the hospitality rooms or your own rooms at the Inn. There are no other planned activities.

A specially designed favor has been designed and created to commemorate and remind you of your attendance at this milestone Reunion. Each person in attendance will receive one with their registration. They will be distributed at the Program portion of the evening and because we ordered some additional units, they will be available for purchase after the Program is over.

Anatomy of the Old Crest and its' Builder

In the Fall '09 PSE Newsletter, I intimated that the Spring '10 Newsletter would have a follow-up story to the article about the restoration of the old original PSE crest. So, as Paul Harvey would have intoned, "and now, the rest of the story".

While living at the old Ninth St. Phi Sig House (1431 Ninth St. - still standing next to Family Video) in Charleston in the early '50's, a young Eastern student conceived an idea for a project that exists to this day. In a phone conversation with him last week and email correspondence from him several months ago, he relayed to me the following information. Oh, and by the way, his name is Billy J. Deeter, EIU class of 1954. He writes, "I was pleased and surprised to read that the coat of arms still survives. Well, the creator of the crest also still survives. How do I know this? He's an old fellow that watches me shave every morning".

In a directed question about how the crest idea came about, he couldn't recall that it was something the fraternity asked him to do; it was just something that with his background, he thought he could leave as a legacy to his time in the House. As an Art major from Oblong, IL, he also knew he had the skills to produce the crest, a picture of which appeared in the Fall '09 Newsletter. If you want to see that picture again or for the first time, you can still access that Newsletter online. He continues, "I hammered the crest out of Reynolds aluminum sheet about 57 years ago at the ripe old age of nineteen (1951 or '52)". Because the aluminum was relatively soft and malleable, he used sandbags as a cushion for pounding the individual cut shapes, to give them depth and curvature. Billy recalls that it only took him 2 or 3 weekends to complete this project, but admits it would have been impossible for him to do that today. He claims to have done too much metal forming since those days "to go back (if that makes any sense to anyone but me)". After finishing all the individual pieces, he framed up a rectangular piece of plywood that had been covered in black velvet and mounted the individual pieces with wood screws to shape them into the crest as we now know it. Whether the red paint work on the shield, the upper helmet or the lower banner was done prior to or after assembling the component pieces is unknown to me, although Billy might remember. He also doesn't recall if the House reimbursed him for any of the supplies, with the possible exception of the velvet. When it was completed, it was proudly displayed in one of the main rooms of the fraternity house and then made the move to the living room of the new Phi Sig House at 1509 Second St. in 1955, until its' demise in 1987.

The day after graduation from EIU, Billy married LaFern Hackett on June 5, 1954, with Brother Jim Biggs serving as Best Man and Brother Tom Lackey (Dec.) singing to those gathered, including several other Phi Sigs. He spent two years of active military service together with LaFern in Oceanside, CA, prior to

moving to Michigan in 1956 with a teaching contract in hand. Having purchased a small brick house in 1957, the first of the 3 Deeter daughters was born in 1958, followed by the other two, in 1964 and 1965. Using the GI Bill, he received a Masters degree from the Univ. of Michigan in 1959 and subsequently took a teaching position as an Art teacher at Southfield Public School the same year. In 1964, the new Southfield-Lathrup High School was opened with Billy serving as the new chairman of the Art department and for 3 years as chairman of the Industrial Arts department. In the peak enrollment era, he chaired a 6 Art teacher department that kept him busy teaching sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, Introductory Art and adult education in the evenings. And, in his spare time he built many props for different stage shows at the school, for which his Crest-construction efforts probably helped. Now retired, he and LaFern live in Westland, MI (near Detroit) with their 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren living within a dozen miles. "Life could not better be!" he postulates, while also stating, "What was it all about? I guess I'm trying to tell you I had a ball as a Phi Sig and ever since and still am." Billy, we are indebted to you for providing a memento to our past and a great story for our present.

80th ANNIVERSARY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Delta Chapter — Phi Sigma Epsilon

Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association Reunion

June 12, 2010

Registration — Banquet Activities

When: Saturday, June 12, 2010 — 9:00 AM "Modified Shotgun" Start
 Optional breakfast served at the golf course for early-risers

Where: Angus Links Golf Course — only 30 minutes from Charleston. Just south of Rt. 16 and Windsor, IL. Maps provided at Worthington Inn and at Friday night party. Check out their website — www.anguslinks.moonfruit.com

Format: 4 Person Scramble — Enter a pledge class team, your own foursome, a Phi Sig buddy, or yourself.

Cost: \$32.00 Player — Includes Golf, 1/2 Cart, On-Course Prizes & Team Prizes — INCLUDING BEST PLEDGE CLASS FINISH.

Scoreboard posting and "cheap talk" will be done back at the Worthington Inn — hospitality suite — with beverages. Prizes will be awarded at the evening Banquet.

Entry Deadline: Monday, May 31st. Earlier registrations preferred. Make Entry Check payable to: "Angus Links GC"
 Send Entry Checks & Registration Form to: Charlie Henry / 6599 Sylva Beach Rd. Caseville, MI 48725

Printable Form

Name: _____
 (Last) (First)

(M.L.) Spouse: _____
 (Last) (First)

(M.L.) Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email (for roster) _____

Yr. Grad. _____ PSE Nickname _____

Banquet — 6 PM - June 12, 2010	Price
Amount	
Couple — includes Dinner and Favor	\$60.00
Single — includes Dinner and Favor	\$30.00

Payment should be made out to:
 PSE Alumni Assn.
 and mailed to:
 P.O. Box 931
 Charleston, IL 61920

Total Amount Enclosed (Banquet) _____

Registration Banquet requests must be PAID IN FULL by MAY 28, 2010 to guarantee your Dinner and evening activities. This is the ONLY notification that you will receive, so please respond early.

Sweatshirt / Polo Shirt Sales

As denoted on the postcard you have or will receive by mail, there are some light gray sweatshirts with 4" block Greek Phi Sigma Epsilon letters or light

Printable Form

80th Anniversary PSE Golf Scramble

Phi Sig No. 1 _____
 Email: _____

Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____

Pledge Class: _____

Phi Sig No. 2 _____
 Email: _____

Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____

Pledge Class: _____

Phi Sig No. 3 _____ Email: _____
 Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____
 Pledge Class: _____
 Phi Sig No. 4: _____ Email: _____
 Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____
 Pledge Class: _____
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gray Polo shirts with smaller Greek Phi Sigma Epsilon block letters and the word ALUMNI that you can now order. They can be ordered now for pickup at the Reunion, but they do require prepayment to order them-this is so we don't end up with an unsold stack of them that we have to carry in inventory. They are pictured at the end of this Newsletter. To order either or both in sizes SMALL, XL or 2XL, fill out the following information and send to the PSE Alumni Assn. address listed in this Newsletter:

Sweatshirt - Qty _____ Size _____ Polo Shirt - Qty _____ Size _____
 Cost - \$25.00 Cost - \$16.00
 Total Amount Enclosed: _____
 Name _____
Printable Form

Twentieth Annual Student Awards

It hardly seems possible that this year marks the 20th year since the inception of the PSE Alumni Assn. Student Awards, and this year's awards will mark the TWENTIETH year that we have given financial assistance to eligible applicants. That's one-fourth of our years of existence as an alumni organization-hardly seems possible, but do the math and that's what it comes out to be.

As you may well know by now, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. has embarked on an annual Student Awards program to financially assist identified children of former Phi Sigs (P.S.E., that is), Delta Chapter at Eastern Illinois University. The Alumni Assn. has been able to award grants totaling nearly \$49,000 over the past 19 years.

With the online receipt of this Newsletter, eligibility is open to you to submit to the PSE Alumni Assn., the names of children who will be attending EIU in Fall 2010 or those already in school as full-time undergraduates.

The cutoff date for submission of the Student Award Information questionnaire form in this Newsletter is July 1, 2010. Upon receipt and verification of children attending or about to attend EIU, notification will be forwarded to you regarding the Student Award. These awards will be presented on Sunday, August 22, 2010, in Charleston. Only one monetary award will be granted per family. This monetary grant is free of all payback and has no provisions as to how it must be used. Additionally, it is restricted by age to those 25 or younger and the PSE Board also reserves the right to make discretionary exceptions to the above-noted guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

Further inquiry may be addressed to the attention of the PSE Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 931, Charleston, IL 61920 or you may email me at the email address noted on the front page of the Newsletter between the crests.

Printable Form

STUDENT AWARDS INFORMATION

Alumnus Info. Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone () _____ Email _____
 EIU Graduation _____ Years Attended EIU - 19__ to 19__
 Pledge Class Year _____ Active Member - 19__ to 19__

Student Info. Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone () _____ EIU I.D. Number _____
 Projected EIU Start Date (Semester) _____
 Projected EIU Graduation _____

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