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PSE Student Award Application time is Here Again

With the online publication of this Spring 2013 PSE Newsletter, the opportunity is again made available to parents of any children of Phi Sigma Epsilon members at Eastern Illinois University to apply for the annual PSE Student Award. This monetary award is given in August to any student (son or daughter) enrolled as a full-time student at Eastern Illinois University and potentially has four years eligibility attached to it, although it has to be reapplied for each year. The vehicle of application is the printable form located at the end of this Newsletter. The deadline for submittal of any PSE Student Award application is July 15, 2013.

For a number of years, the numbers of parents applying for their Eastern student has been on the decline. We figured this was attributable to the natural attrition of Phi Sigma graduating from EIU after roughly 1988 or '89, that being several years since the untimely demise of the Phi Sig chapter in 1986. Figuring that they married within 5 years of graduation and figuring that they had kids within 2-10 years of their marriage, they could have younger kids coming up and ready for college. With the passage of time however, many of these Brothers may have just lost touch with alumni, what with the pressures of family and career always pressing on them.

It also could be due to the fact though, that our hopes for the PSE website have not been as successful as we had hoped they could be. Although we have encouraged members to pursue the easy registration that will allow you expanded informational access, there are presently only some 200 or less Brothers who have properly registered. What that means in terms of information, is that you will receive an email message from Tom Swanson whenever any new issue of the biannual Newsletter is online and ready for your reading perusal. That of course, makes you aware of the fact that it is time for you to apply or reapply for the financial Student Award. This is not to say however, that you have to be reminded by email to apply—the information is out there and all Phi Sig members, registered or not, have access to the PSE Newsletter online. Just access the website by inserting www.PhiSigDelta.com in the Url line "address bar". Once the Home page is shown, just hit on the PSE Newsletter icon and it will bring up the current Newsletter.

Last year we awarded only one PSE Student Award, that going to Evan Boone, son of Rusty & Karen Boone of the Hillsboro area. He is eligible for one more year of final help, but the parents will have to reapply to receive that award. I hope Rusty is reading his Newsletter. I have already heard from another younger Phi Sig from the Chicago area, who indicates that his daughter will be attending EIU this Fall as a Freshman. He saw the article about Evan Boone and wanted to apply for his daughter. There may be another student from the Gibson City area, who was in school last year, but failed to apply for the Student Award.

So, maybe there are still a few more years left out there for the PSE Student Award program to go on in helping out students at Eastern, whose Dad was affiliated with Delta Chapter-Phi Sigma Epsilon at good ol' EIU.

Main Article Delayed

The main article planned for this Newsletter has been delayed. It was planned to be a story about why we carried canes while we were pledging Phi Sigma Epsilon. Oh sure there are lots of stories out there, but I needed to make the critical contacts with knowledgeable Brothers who could give me the "CORRECT" information about what led that aspect of our pledgship. I will attempt to garner that information for an article by the time of the Fall 2013 Newsletter.

Obituaries

Emmett E. Baughman, Jr.

Robert L. Sheets

John R. Simmons

Aaron G. Gray

Donald T. Mead

Billy D. Williams

Look What Ebay Recently Gave Up

For any of you out there that have had any dealings with Ebay, you know that about anything that exists or has ever existed, is available on this website. It is a collector's mecca and since I am a collector (some would say "hoarder"), I deal with it on an almost daily basis. A while back, I bought some old high-school related photos—once you have done that, you are on that vendor's email list eternally, but sometimes that is okay, as I am about to tell you. This particular website I am referring to bought hundreds of thousands, if not millions of old AP & UPS (not the package delivery company) newspaper photos (all sizes), that were taken to supplement informational articles in newspapers all over the country. Since there are so many to peruse, they fortunately separated them into specific categories and then sub-specific categories within that area and on and on. Upon playing with these categories, I typed in Sports—that led me to pictures of every sport known. By picking football that led me to college and pro football pictures. Still too big, so I typed in Eastern Illinois within the football icon and BINGO! Look what turned up! The football picture had the following article taped on the back of it:

"Football Extremists"

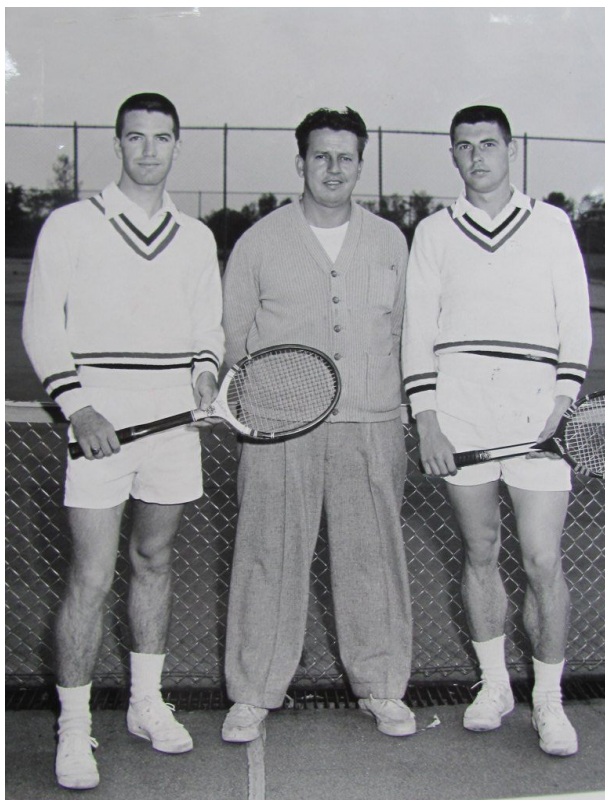
"Eastern Illinois University has the biggest and smallest football players in the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Tim Mash (center), 5-7, 155-pound defensive back, checks on how he measures up to 285-pound tackle Marvin Randolph (left) and 290-pound defensive guard Russ Benjamin. Mash is from Danville, Randolph is from Oblong and Benjamin from Monticello. Eastern will play its annual Homecoming game at 2 p.m. Saturday against Western Illinois University."

It is stamped on the back that it appeared in the October 20, 1965, edition of the Eastern Daily News. Of course, everyone from that time period knew who "Timmy" (Tim Mash) and "Steer" (Marv Randolph) were. To this day, I still receive many inquiries about these two Phi Sigs. The other man was not a Phi Sig, but many of you may have known him. I bought these two pictures off of eBay-however there are four more 2 x 3 individual pictures of Phi Sig team members from 1965 still available. Those pictures are Tim Mash, Marvin Randolph, Mike Mannix and Ray Schaljo. If you're interested in them, email me and I will give you contact data. My email is at the top of the Newsletter. The other picture shown here is a tennis picture showing another old Phi Sig, Tom Schreck, whom I happen to know. It had the following article taped on the back of it:

"Release: Immediate"

"Top tennis performers at Eastern Illinois State, Dick McDonald, left, and Tom Schreck, pose with Coach Rex V. Darling as they prepare for the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tennis meet May 21-22 at Carbondale. Schreck and McDonald, both from Mattoon, have dropped only two matches in ten outings at the No. 1 double position. Schreck, a senior, has a 7-3 record at No. 1 singles, while McDonald, a sophomore, has an 8-2 record at No. 2 singles. The Eastern tennis squad has won seven of eleven matches, tying one. The three Panther losses were to Indiana University, DePauw University and Illinois Normal." It is stamped May 14, 1954, from the Public Information Service at Eastern Illinois State College.

It is truly amazing what can be found on the internet, if you have the time to delve into it!



Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association Reunion - 2015??

Well, you might be saying, I thought we just had one or that's still a long way off. In either case, if you're in the retirement community, you know that time has started moving exponentially faster as we have reached a certain time in our lives. Yes, we did just have a Reunion in June 2010 and that was 3 years ago and allowing for the every 5 year spacing of Reunions, another will come up in 2 years. Given the time constraints of proper planning and scheduling, two years is not that much time. So, my question to you is "What do you think about having another one in 2 years-probably June 2015?" Let me (us-PSE Board members) know by email or phone. It would probably be in Charles again-not to worry though-the hotel has new local ownership who has plowed a lot of needed money into upgrades to rooms, restaurants, bars, outdoor amenities, sewer upgrades, etc. Sharon & I enjoy going out there often now that it has been refurbished. There are probably not a lot of future opportunities for us to get together as a group we always do seem to have a great time living in the past when we do get together.

Phoenix is Huge-but not for Floyd

As you may well know, if you've been there or you live there-Phoenix and its surrounding 'burbs constitute a huge megalopolis.

Having had the occasion to travel there with my wife Sharon in mid-May by flying into Mesa, AZ, and then driving a car home through Santa Fe, NM, Denver, CO (visiting friends), Lincoln, NE (seeing two of my grandkids) and then home, I can tell you categorically, that too, is a long-*** drive. About 2100+ miles.

Because I knew in advance that I would be flying into the Mesa airport (smaller than main airport) and that I would be picking up a car in Scottsdale, AZ, I made contact with Floyd Leonard ('71) weeks earlier to arrange a visit with him and his twin brother Lloyd, a TKE at Eastern, with whom he lives, in Sun City, AZ. He and Lloyd (both divorced) live in a Del Webb community with about 4 or 5 great golf courses very close by. With golf being one of their passions, they spend a lot of time there (why else would you venture into their sometimes oppressive heat). Floyd also has most of his grandkids living nearby (Phoenix area) and spends as much time as possible visiting with them.

After arriving at their comfortably remodeled home in the afternoon, we visited for awhile, looked at old photos and talked about the good times in college and the whereabouts of lots of different people. Floyd & Lloyd chauffeured us around their area, showing us their huge, new Rec Center (it looked like a mall inside a building) and going out to eat at one of their favorite haunts, Dillon's BBQ. Because Floyd is retired from the business of limousine chauffeuring, he really knows his way around this area. After dinner and just at dusk, he wanted to take us out to an exclusive Hilton Pointe property located in an elevated, mountainous area of the city. Since Phoenix essentially sits in a bowl, it affords a breath-taking 360 degree view of the city and all the surrounding areas. At dusk and with the onset of darkness, it was like looking at stars in the sky from an area not spoiled by our artificial lighting. I am glad that he was driving though, because I was totally lost during an almost 45-minute (one-way) jaunt. After getting back to his home, we settled into some more visitation, before the effects of both the meal and the warm weather acted like a shot of tryptophan (chemical in turkey that makes you sleepy). Knowing that we had an early departure planned for the next morning, it was off to a good night's rest.

With a relatively cool morning (for Phoenix anyway) awaiting our departure, we said our farewells before Floyd literally guided us in his car to some cheap petrol for the car and a 15-minute, follow-me excursion to our highway exiting the city. Thank you Floyd (and Lloyd too). It was great to see you, even if it was for a too-brief period of time. A couple of pictures taken from their backyard are shown.



L to R - Floyd Leonard, Gary Brinkmeyer, Lloyd Leonard



L to R - Floyd Leonard, Gary Brinkmeyer

PSE Tidbits

More and more Phi Sigs are making the move to sunny Florida, either in purchasing a second home or condo there or outrightly moving there. Jeff and Rhonda Estes move to an area just east of Orlando in early 2013, while Boone (Li'l Boone) Chaney bought a house near Tampa and Tom Swanson bought a condo near Naples so he can spend winters in Florida, and this is just amongst the little group of Brothers that I know about. Boone hasn't moved there, but he does spend roughly six months there through the winter, and if you talk to him about it, you realize that the writing is on the wall for a permanent move someday. Of course, plenty of us retired folks spend part of our winter in different areas of Florida (myself included-Destin area). Bucking that trend though, is Jay Solheim and his wife, who just recently moved from the Ft. Myers golf course area to Frankfort, IL, just south of Chicago.

The 41st Annual Phi Sig Camp-In is scheduled for the September 20-22, 2013 weekend again this year and again we will be congregating at the Whitetail Cabin Crossing Shelbyville, IL. We campers have unofficially adopted this site as our ex-officio campground because it affords us so many of the amenities that we have become accustomed to. Besides the regular crew of camping couples, this year we are welcoming back Scott & Kathy Hahn from Clinton, TN. They spent a couple of years with us in the early Michigan era time period, but family, work and distance has kept them away until now. Welcome back! We also may see Randy & Linda Waldron at some point on Saturday although previous commitments are pending. We are also working on another former camper, Dick Swing and his wife Barb, to get them over for a day or the weekend. Of course, any other Phi Sig, single or couple, is welcome to join us for the day, days or weekend-just give me some advance email or phone call notice that you will be coming. We fifteen couples, plus or minus, always have a great time. Come on by and see why!

The annual Eastern Illinois University Homecoming Day festivities will take place this year on October 19, 2013. This will include the Homecoming parade, tailgate at the house near the stadium, football game (this year's opponent is Southeast Missouri) and special activities surrounding the Golden Anniversary (50 year) class of 1963. Many of the different schools within the university (ie-Business, IT etc.) will also have informal gatherings at both their campus buildings and also at the tailgate adjacent to the football stadium. With the hiring of a new football coach last year (from Nat'l Champion **Baylor University**), a struggling EIU team turned itself around and ended up winning the Ohio Valley Conference title. More good things are expected this year. Come on out and check them out.

The arrival in the mail to the PSE Alumni Assn. of an obituary notice from the wife of Aaron G. Gray and a verbal notice via a telephone call to Bill Brewer about the passing of Billy Del Williams, prompted me to think about how many other notices I am probably missing. I try to be as diligent as possible in finding out about the loss of PSE alumni, but there is a lot of territory to cover. The EIU Alumni Assn. has been very cooperative over the years and their biannual Alumni magazine is also a good source of information too. Now I am extending my reach out to you Brothers to enlist your help in providing any information you can about the loss, past or current, of any member of the PSE fraternity alumni that you know about. Having you spread out all over the country provides multiple new eyes and ears to help maintain as current and correct a listing as possible for our membership composite directory. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

The Spring 2013 EIU graduating class officially graduated on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Consistent with past years of graduation, the awarding of degrees was divided into four separate ceremonies over the entire day, each representing a particular field of endeavor or college. One of our own Delta-PSE Alumni, William L. Robinson, '76 (better known as "Robo") was charged with delivering the commencement address to two of the four assembled gatherings of graduates. I hope they were listening to what he had to say to them, because as a retired Senior Vice-President and General Manager of the \$1.2 billion Pepsi Bottling Group, he probably imparted to them, some very real-world wisdom and experience. Bill is presently serving his third year on the EIU Foundation Board and his second year as its treasurer, communicating mainly from his home in Scottsdale, AZ, but occasionally returning back to the alma mater for obligations related to the EIU Foundation Board. He is also a past recipient of the EIU Distinguished Alumni Award, which was presented to him in 2003.

PSE Golf Outing - May 18, 2013

A little diversion from the normal course of action this year puts the PSE Golf Outing article in this Newsletter, rather than the normal Fall counterpart of past years. The reason for this is two-fold: first is due to the early date of the outing and second is due to me being behind by a couple of weeks in the issuance of this Newsletter. And, the reason it is late, is that we just got back from a weeklong excursion driving from Phoenix with a different vehicle. I was not able to make the PSE Golf Outing this year which means there is not a new crop of balls in the roughs, but at least the course was spared the impropriety of fairway tees that I may have missed picking up here and there.

The outing was once again held at the Railside Country Club in Gibson City, IL, on May 18, 2013, with 16 golfers competing for the honors of being the winning foursome. And as always, the courtesy and hospitality mat was once again extended by Gene ("Carrot") and Sue Everett at their home, both for a before-golf breakfast and an after-golf dinner off the grill. I say that, not even having been there, but knowing the degree of hospitality normally extended by Gene & Sue. I understand that they also again provided a place to lay your head, for those who chose not to undertake a trip home after dinner and a few beers. That was probably very welcome for John Ziebarth, who drove up from Alabama. Thank you Everetts, for all the effort extended for another successful golf outing.

As per the email I received from "Carrot", here are the results of the golf outing:

First place team - with a 6-under par-each received a sleeve of new golf balls

Ron Eichhorn, Dick Carpenter, Wally Kos and John Ziebarth

Second place team - finished with an even par

Tim Kearns, Jerry Nyckel, Jim Luthe and John Tate

Third place team - with a 2-over par

Gene Everett, Al Story, Boone Chaney and Vic Jennings

Fourth place team - Carrot couldn't recall the score - call it a ?

Dave Carrell, Dwayne Nyckel, Tom Swanson and Ken Dennison

The weather apparently cooperated for both the golf outing and the dinner on the outdoor deck of the Everett home. The outdoor venue and the requisite socialization also attracted Greg Brucker, a local area Phi Sig, who was involved with farming activities that golf day and Bob Kincade (owner of What's Cookin' restaurant in Charleston), was returning home from a Chicago food show. Below are a couple of pictures from the event. If you count the number of golfers in the group picture, you will find fifteen. The 16th golfer took the picture-that was Vic Jennings. Vic is a friend and neighbor of Carrot's, who also went to EIU where he was a Delta Sig at the same time we were in school. He even attended one of the tent camping escapades at Lake Shelbyville, where it surely must have rained on us that weekend. Thanks for your help, Vic!



PSE Golfers at the Railside:

L to R - kneeling - Boone Chaney, Ken Dennison, Dave Carrell, Tim Kearns, Jerry Nyckel, Dwayne Nyckel and Gene Everett

L to R - standing - Ron Eichhorn, Al Story, Wally Kos, Tom Swanson, John Ziebarth, John "Rick" Tate, Jim Luthe and Dick Carpenter



Boone Chaney, it would seem, is demonstrating and explaining the proper grip for mastering the chip shot, to everyone's amazement.

Twenty-Third Annual Student Awards

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 Sigs (P.S.E., that is), Delta Chapter at Eastern Illinois University. The Alumni Assn. has been able to award grants totaling nearly \$50,000 over the past 22 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 2013 or that are already in school as full-time undergraduates.

The cutoff date for submission of the Student Award Information questionnaire form in this Newsletter is July 15, 2013. 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 18, 2013, in Charleston. Only one monetary award will be granted per family per year. This monetary grant is free of all payback and has no provisions as to how it must be used. Additionally, it is restricted 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 201, Charleston, IL 61920, or you may email me at the email address noted on the front page of the Newsletter, between the crests.

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