



# Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association

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## Phi Sigs - Delta Chapter - The Second House

For almost 5 years, the Phi Sigs at Eastern called 1010 Sixth St. their first home. An article in the Fall 1993 Newsletter proclaims its rich heritage, both historically and from a personal point of view. Then, on Jan. 2, 1935, Phi Sigma Epsilon moved its residence to another stately Charleston home, exactly one block east.

From the outside, the house at 1014 Seventh St. looks remarkably like the first PSE House. It is a 2-story house with a pillared front porch, complete with a basement and a 3rd floor attic that was converted by PSE into a sleeping dormitory, according to a May 7, 1935 Eastern newspaper article. According to J. Rex Hovious ('36), both houses also shared the feature of a sleeping porch on the second floor. And Rex should know. He lamented in a recent phone conversation that more than once, he woke up with a light dusting of snow covering him. It appears that he shared these living quarters with about 13 other Phi Sigs in 3 or 4 small bedrooms and the aforementioned attic conversion. The following excerpt from the May 7, 1935 Eastern newspaper details much of the interior furnishings, which sound reminiscent of the furnishings of my days in school, collectively referred to as "early attic". Quoting the newspaper "A dining service is to be started next fall . . . Gifts and purchases during the past year have added considerably to the furnishing of the house. Dressers were secured last fall. Several double deck sleeping cots were installed . . . an occasional table and floor



lamp, gifts from Orick Wickham; a day bed and six dining room chairs . . . two overstuffed davenports, a fireside chair, several wicker chairs and a davenport table, secured through the cooperation of President R. G. Buzzard. Several recreational facilities have been introduced during the year including a ping pong table and a wrestling mat. Mr. Harwood is negotiating for the

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## SUMMER 1995 PSE REUNION?

Oh sure, it's been talked about many times longingly by many Brothers, but can it ever again really happen? Recently, the topic came up again in discussion at the Phi Sig-South Reunion in Alton (see accompanying Newsletter article). Increasingly, as Brothers have started getting together during local reunions, ski trips, golf outings, camp outs, Homecoming and other associations, the question asked is if there are any plans for the PSE Alumni Assn. to plan and sponsor an all EIU Phi Sig Reunion encompassing the years 1930-1986. The answer is that no, there is nothing officially planned, but we hereby solicit your input to gauge the interest in having such a reunion. If the interest seems to be there, the Summer of 1995 affords the best opportunity to "put it all together." Also, 1995 represents the 65th Anniversary of PSE Alumni at EIU and that in itself is worthy of recognition, even if we don't have a fraternity here anymore. After leaving EIU, you realize anyway that the fraternity is in your heart, not only in a physical premise. Finally, the PSE Alumni Assn. is firmly entrenched here in Charleston and again judging by your comments, you obviously feel that we are doing a capable job. Let us know about your ideas as they regard a Phi Sig Reunion, so that the planning can begin.

## NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

This issue of the P.S.E. Alumni Association Newsletter represents the seventh issue since the Spring 1991 initial newsletter. The Spring Newsletter is followed by its Fall counterpart for each year. For those of you who did not receive any particular newsletter, we do have extras available and will be happy to forward a copy to you upon request - let us know.

## APOLOGIES

The editor wishes to extend his apologies for the lateness of this Newsletter. It was progressing nicely at the beginning of April, until an unexpected kidney stone attack put me out of commission until May. The Fall Newsletter will be back on schedule.

## SECOND PSI-SOUTH REUNION A HIT

To paraphrase Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times" at the second annual Phi Sig-South Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1993, in Alton, IL. Instead of meeting at a public bar however, Bob Hilligoss ('64) graciously allowed the Phi Sigs to take over his dining establishment called "The Shoe Factory", by closing it off to the public in the early evening, thereby assuring the maximum allowable "cheap talk" and "living in the past" to go on. And it did! It could not be otherwise, if you look at the collection of Brothers who assembled for this occasion. Not only was Bob Hilligoss there, but also Bob "Bull" Durham, Doug Rose (D.R.), Steve Ringhofer (Ringo), Joe Arro (and son Tony), Dick (Barney) Level, Jim "Sac" Davis, Larry Carli (Carls), Jack Vaughan (Jace), Sheridan "Mequa" Pulley, Loren "Sarge" Hunsaker and Tom Homma. I heard more stories about Tom Homma that night - he was what many lovingly called "a real work of art". Also present and having as much fun as the others were Mike Goodman (Nui), whose snoring later reached seismic proportions, "Big Boone" Chaney, Bob Colter, Mike Edwards, Otto Daech, Ralph "Squeak" Hart, Mel Medder, Al Ortegren, Roger Long (R.L.), Bill Granger, Tom Evans, Randy Richardson, Ron Fedorchak, Rich Carr and me, Gary Brinkmeyer. About 10 others that indicated they would be there were not in attendance for whatever reason. They missed a great time. As I took pictures throughout the evening, it was as if we were back in school again sitting in the living room at the House. Everywhere you looked, small groups of Brothers had smiles seemingly painted on their faces after listening to a joke or remembering an old story from the past that



never gets old. The atmosphere was punctuated periodically with outbursts of genuine laughter and the exuberance of unexpectedly seeing an old Brother from years past. I wish everyone could experience such a get-together and maybe we can next summer in Charleston (See Summer '95 article). Kudos are hereby extended to "Sac" Davis and Larry Carli for again organizing a super time for everyone involved and also to Bob Hilligoss for allowing the use of his perfectly-suited restaurant for our Reunion. The work has already started for the 3rd annual PSE-South Reunion. We would like to hear about some plans for a PSE-North Reunion. How about it Brothers?

## P.S.E. TIDBITS

- **Congratulations to Ernie Monk** ('67) of Momence, IL, who is retiring from 27 years of high school guidance counseling at Momence High School and who recently was named Momence's 1993 Citizen of the Year. An article recently received details a very active and rewarding career for Ernie, who along with wife Sheila (O'Connor) and sons Todd and Brian, claim that the allure of the Kankakee River has kept them in the area all this time. Enjoy your RETIREMENT, Ernie!

- **The EIU '94 Homecoming** is a bit earlier than it has been the past several years. This year's Homecoming activities, highlighted by the parade, football game and concert will be on Oct. 8, 1994, with the football opponent being Northern Iowa. Plan to attend the festivities and get together with some of the old Brothers that are returning.

- **The current officers for the P.S.E. Alumni Assn.** includes some new faces, whom we are happy to include for the 1994

term of office. Officers and Board members include Gary Brinkmeyer - Pres., Paul Klopfenstein - V.P., Jeff Moore - Sec'y-Treas., Boone Chaney, Marvin Randolph, Gene Everett and Tom Swanson.

- **The P.S.E. Alumni Assn. wishes** to extend its sympathy to Gordon Krieteimer ('62) of Marriottsville, MD upon the recent loss of his mother and Monte Popham ('79) of Charleston, IL upon the recent loss of his father.

- **At the Homecoming Alumni Board** meeting last Fall, we were honored with the presence of several older Phi Sigs, specifically John "The Toe" Simmons ('53) of Edinboro, PA, who recently retired from teaching at the Univ. of Pa. (Edinboro) and Ernest "Organ Grinder" Ballard ('36) of Altamont, IL. Also making it back to see some of his old friends was Bob Miller ('53) of Auburn, IL, where he is still in the insurance business.

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purchase of a pool table at the present time."

The Phi Sigs did start a dining service in the fall of 1936 according to a May 7, 1937 article. "The two social fraternities, Phi Sigma Epsilon and Fidelis, have been accommodating 25 to 30 men ever since last fall. A flat rate of \$5 for room and board will be charged, it is expected." Fidelis was the predecessor to Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

Phi Sigma Epsilon was notified during the first week of May 1937, that their residence House was being sold from under them, forcing them to look for a new House. The headline on the June 22, 1937 Eastern newspaper states "Phi Sigs Secure Substitute for Former Frat House on Seventh", with the byline stating "The local chapter of Phi Sigma Epsilon has negotiated a one year lease upon the property at 1422 Fourth Street belonging to Miss Elsie Stiff, making final arrangements last Friday. The fraternity will assume occupancy September 1." On Sept. 1, 1937, the Phi Sigs moved to 1422 Fourth Street. More about that in the Fall '94 Newsletter.

## 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.

Carl Shull

Joseph C. Whitacre

**HOMECOMING**  
- October 8, 1994



# What's In A Name?

A peculiar thing happens to prospective Phi Sigs whilst they are enduring the fun of pledging or even after becoming Brothers of the Heart. More often than not, their name changes. Not legally of course, but for many it may be as permanent as a legal change because you are tagged for life with a personalized nickname. A great many of us know each other better by our assigned nicknames than our proper first name and surname. I vividly recall trying to introduce my roommate Mike Snow to family or friends, only to find that the only word escaping my lips was Mike's nickname "Hank". And so it has gone for many of you I'm sure. To this day, upon greeting each other, many of us will evoke the name that we know each other by, instead of the more formal name. For instance, Ron Eichhorn becomes "Ike" or "Larry", Mike Goodman becomes "Nui" or Frank Farr is "Vacation". It is one of the lasting legacies of being a Phi Sig at Delta Chapter.

How did we get these nicknames? Probably the madness in the methodology of nicknames is as varied as the names themselves. Some are fairly obvious while others defy logic. See if you can correctly match up the lists below of proper names and their corresponding nicknames. This compilation is a selection of names from the first half of alphabetized names in the PSE Address Composite List. Another list from the latter half of the alphabetized names will appear in the Fall '94 Newsletter.

The correct match-ups appear on the back page of this newsletter.

## PROPER NAMES

1. Kevin Bachman
2. Bob Bass
3. Don Bellefeuille
4. Steve Benich
5. Jack Benline
6. Bob Brendel
7. Jerry Brendel
8. Greg Brucker
9. Larry Carli
10. David Carrell
11. Dick Christman
12. Otto Daech
13. Jim Davis
14. Steve Dawson
15. Bob Durham
16. Joe Fournier
17. Gene Girard
18. Bob Grigsby
19. David Haberer
20. Ralph Hart
21. Glenn Hoffman
22. Steve Houghton
23. Loren Hunsaker
24. Tom Katsimpalis
25. Dick Level
26. Steve Lombardi
27. Bob McGee
28. John McGrath

## NICKNAMES

- A. Poats
- B. Barney
- C. Heimer
- D. Combine
- E. AC
- F. Wailer
- G. Joe Teke
- H. Yogi
- I. Pekoe
- J. Boo Boo
- K. Java
- L. Darnell
- M. Toot
- N. Tom Cat
- O. Smallmouth
- P. Vince
- Q. Squeak
- R. Carls
- S. Bullet
- T. Bell
- U. Sac
- V. Gopher
- W. Bull
- X. Pellet
- Y. Dr. Death
- Z. Kerr
- AA. Magoo
- BB. Sarge

# Bios & Addresses

**Hugh Stone** - RR #1, Box 243A50, Scroggins, TX 75480 (903) 860-3361. Graduated from EIU in 1959 and lived in the Rantoul/Champaign area for 4-5 years before moving to the Newton area until 1974. Moved to Texas in 1974 and presently operates an Industrial Pump Service company. Hugh and his wife have three grown children, Frank, a commodity broker in Kansas City, Scott a bulk sales agent also in Kansas City and Stacy, a housewife in Newton, IL.

**Craig Nelson** - 204 Capistrano, Jefferson City, MO 65109 (314) 636-4276. Graduated from EIU in 1969. Worked for a year in insurance and teaching, served 2 years in the Army and then lived in the St. Louis area until July 1993 with his present company, Von Hoffman Press Inc. With his promotion to Vice-President in the company, specializing in Human Resources, Craig and family transferred to Jefferson City. Wife Jeanne, who has taught for 23 years, has taken a "teaching retirement", while son Brandon finishes his Senior year at the Univ. of Missouri and daughter Kara (11) begins her sixth grade.

**Bill Crail** - 631 Vilas, Onalaska, WI 54650 (608) 783-1191. Graduated from EIU in 1968. Now spends much of his time on the road as a Senior Acct. Rep. for CPC Food Service, where he has worked the past 13 years. Bill has 2 daughters, Trina (22), who is in school at SIU-Edwardsville and Amanda (20), who is in school at Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln, IL. Bill also became a grand-dad on Nov. 23, 1993, with daughter Amanda naming her new son Andrew William Lucerne. Bill personally showed off his grandson's pictures on a Christmas visit to Charleston.

**John Dosen** - 2107 Hackberry Rd., Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 663-4388. Graduated from EIU in 1970. Has been with State Farm Insurance in several capacities and has just moved back to Bloomington from Colorado. Presently, John is the Director of Catastrophic Operations for State Farm and has spent 2 major time stints recently away from home, due to Hurricane Andrew last year and the January earthquake in California this year. John and wife Jackie have 3 children, Amy, a Freshman at Texas A&M, Nick (13) and Cathy (9).

**Don Ackman** - 309 Virginia Lane, Rushville, IL 62681 (217) 322-3535. Don works for a Vending company in Macomb that has the vendor contract for WIU, and is involved in all aspects of operation, from computers to vending machines. Don has 4 children, Drew, Service Mgr. for Shelby Imports in Champaign, Julie, working for an international phone company, John, attending Parkland College in Champaign and Matt, a junior in high school who lives with Don in Rushville.

**Dr. Kevin Guinagh** - c/o Dr. Barry Guinagh, 1129 NW 36th Drive, Gainesville, FL 32605. Although Dr. Guinagh was not a Phi Sig, he was a faculty advisor or sponsor for Phi Sigma Epsilon for many years beginning in 1934, and during the initiation rites, was made an honorary member of Phi Sigma Epsilon that year. It appears that he was held in high esteem, because even now, we have had requests for his address and relative information. Thanks to the efforts of Sam Taber ('54) at EIU, we were able to track him down. Maybe some of our older Brothers who remember him would like to contact him.

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The addresses in the most recent edition of the Newsletter will always reflect the most current addresses or changes that we know about.

## P.S.E. T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS

Because we are short on space with this issue and because we have pictured the T-shirt/sweatshirts that are available in all back Newsletter issues, we need only to mention that everything previously pictured is available in virtually all sizes. In fact we have just acquired sweatshirts in XXL size, any style also. The T-shirts and sweatshirts are 50/50 blends and the sweatshirts are Russell Athletic brand name. We are holding the price on T-shirts at \$10 but sweatshirts have gone from \$18 to \$20, which includes all shipping costs for singles or quantity. The new PSE golf hats shown in the Fall '93 newsletter are \$10 again including shipping costs. These are hot sellers.

# FOURTH ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

As you may well know by now, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association 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 Association has been able to award grants totalling over \$10,000 the past 3 years.

With the receipt of this Newsletter, eligibility is open for you to submit to the P.S.E. Alumni Association, the names of children who will be attending EIU in Fall 1994 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, 1994. Upon

receipt and verification of children attending or about to attend EIU, notification will be forwarded to you regarding the Student Award. 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 Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association, P.O. Box 931, Charleston IL 61920. Please be sure to send your address and telephone number.

## STUDENT AWARDS INFORMATION

### ALUMNUS INFO.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Graduated from EIU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years Attended EIU-19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_

### PHI SIGMA EPSILON INFO.

Pledge Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Active Member-19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFO.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ SSN. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Projected EIU Start Date (Semester) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Projected EIU Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Answers for What's In A Name? (1) J (2) O (3) T (4) I (5) Y (6) S (7) X (8) D (9) R (10) C (11) F (12) M (13) U (14) V (15) W (16) G (17) E (18) H (19) K (20) Q (21) A (22) L (23) BB (24) N (25) B (26) P (27) Z (28) AA



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