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Freak Accident Injures Coach

Dick Hood ('64), head football coach at Belleville West High School, was injured and remains partially paralyzed in a freak accident at football practice on September 14, 1995. Following surgery the next day to remove a crushed disc in the cervical (upper) area of the spine, he experienced some movement in his arms and fingers and some movement in his toes, and is now in physical therapy.

Dick has been swamped with well wishes from many in the coaching ranks, but many of us Brothers who knew Dick probably did not know about his injury. It can be the type of injury that takes a long recovery period, so keep him and his family (wife Linda, daughters Paige and Brooke) in your thoughts. I am sure he would also like to hear from his old friends from college days as he faces the long road ahead, so drop him a note or card and let him know you are thinking of him. His address is:

Dick Hood
St. Luke's West Hospital
233 S. Woodsmill Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017

His wife Linda has informed us on 10/1/95 that Dick is feeling what he describes as "starbursts" throughout his body. The doctors feel that this is a good sign as it may signal the onset of sensory feeling and gradual movement. In addition, one of the best things going for Dick is a strong optimism that everything will eventually be fine, as well as the support of a close family and friends network.

Phi Sigma Epsilon South Reunion

Eddie's Lounge in Granite City, IL, for the second year in a row, will be the meeting site for the Fourth Annual PSE-South Reunion on Saturday, November 4, 1995. Unlike last year, the unfinished upstairs meeting area that we had for ourselves, will be a finished bar area. Like last year, we'd like to see everyone who was there (including the Casey crew) and more of the many St. Louis area Brothers. Again, I don't know the address, phone number or directions to it, but you can call Larry Carli at (314) 355-3097 for that information. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and lasts until we want it to end, so get a babysitter if you need to, bring your wife along if you want to and join us for an evening of cheap talk and living in the past. Many of us knew the wives of many other fraternity brothers that were in school at the same time, so we encourage you to bring your wife too. As one of my best friends is fond of stating, "It don't get no better than this," so come and find out why.

Last PSE House Story Delayed

The story about the fifth and last PSE House, located at 1509 Second Street, will be moved back to the Spring '96 Newsletter due to the extended length article about the upcoming Reunion, and to also allow more research time on the House that most of us can relate to.

PSE Alumni Association 65th Anniversary Reunion June 22, 1996

As we told you in the Spring '95 PSE Newsletter, the Reunion is on and will happen next summer. Specifically, the weekend activities will culminate in a Reunion Banquet on June 22, 1996, here in Charleston where it all started in 1931. Lest we wrongfully put forth the idea that this function is only for the PSE Brothers, let me be clear about this right now. This reunion is not only to get us alumni together, but also for the wives or girlfriends, and we would like to see again or meet as many as are able to be here.

Phi Sigma Epsilon Reunion headquarters for the weekend is the completely refurbished Worthington Inn and Business Center on the west edge of the city. It was the original Holiday Inn of two decades ago, but is hardly recognizable as that now. We have been guaranteed 30 rooms at the Inn of the total 67 rooms under the name Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn., which guarantees us a discounted room rate. In addition, you can also reserve a room(s) by calling in to make a reservation as a regular guest, and by mentioning that you are attending the PSE Reunion, receive the same discounted room rate. However, this is only applicable within a 2-week period of time prior to the Banquet and after our 30 room allotment is already filled, essentially treating us as any other potential guest on a first-come, first-served basis. Rooms vary in rate according to requested accommodations, but are basically \$54 for singles, \$59 for doubles, \$69 for king bed suites and a 2-room suite with jacuzzi, refrigerator, sofa, etc. goes for \$114 per night. The Inn is a non-smoking Inn except for the rooms, which must be requested as smoking or non-smoking. The Inn does have a Beer & Wine license,

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but cannot and does not serve liquor and mixed drinks on the premises. However, this does not preclude the consumption of alcoholic drinks in your room(s). A 2-room suite could also function as a hospitality suite, as could any other room for that matter. For instance, a pledge class hospitality suite, or maybe a Room #7 (PSE House) hospitality suite or any of a number of combination rooms or suites could be organized. We are relaying this information now to get you thinking about coming back to Charleston for this Reunion, and to start talking to other Brothers about plans to be here. We are presently working on an informal gathering place for Friday night (June 21, 1996) returnees and several local facilities come to mind. We can give you more information about that in the Spring 1996 Newsletter. If you are interested in this or are planning to attend, let us know. It is important that we know ahead of time that the interest is there, to be able to plan a hugely successful and fun Phi Sig gathering.

The Saturday night Banquet will be a special evening. For those of you that were able to attend the 50th PSE Reunion in 1980, the 65th PSE Alumni Association Reunion will strike a similar theme. We plan on having guest speakers from each decade since 1931 and possibly try to encompass each House since then, with someone who can relate to the highlights of life in those Houses. There will also be numerous awards to be presented, games to be played and of course the meal. The 7:30 p.m. banquet meal will consist of a 3-meat Buffet, highlighted by Prime Rib and enough other varied entrees and side dishes to fill even the heartiest of appetites—and since it is a Buffet, you know what that means. All of this is to be preceded by a 1-hour cash bar social at 6 p.m., with beer, wine and wine coolers available. The banquet meal and program, as well as a special PSE favor to remember the evening by, will cost \$50 per couple (\$30 per single individual), but will guarantee you thousands in the form of cherished memories. Speaking of memories, we are already requesting anyone who has old PSE memorabilia that we could showcase, to contact us. This could be old photos of individuals or the different Houses, paddles, T-shirts and sweat-shirts from bygone years (would love to see a TSMF shirt again), PSE composites from many years, pledge T-shirts, signed panties, and anything else that relates to the experiences you shared when you were in the fraternity house. The PSE Alumni Assn. still possesses some of the more important early items, and it is our intention to incorporate everything into a large display area for all to see and recollect upon. After the banquet, there will be plenty of time for socializing and possibly listening and/or dancing to the sounds of our own local DJ. That has not been finalized yet, but if it is, the music is varied to suit everybody's taste.

If you are staying at the Worthington Inn or even if you're not, there are several local restaurants to satisfy your other dining needs, including two restaurants within the Worthington Inn. The first is Tapestries, and if I may quote the Dining & Entertainment Guide from the 9/28/95 Eastern Daily News, "Offering a Victorian decor in shades of burgundy and teal, Tapestries provides a romantic and elegant atmosphere. Not only does Tapestries delight the eye, but the palate as well. Tapestries offers everything from lobster to pasta and provides an array of tempting dishes from new tastes to old favorites." Also within the Worthington Inn is J. I. Worthy's Grille, which affords you the opportunity to cook your own steak, seafood or chicken on the huge, brick-enclosed grill in the middle of the dining room. Customers can even choose their own meat from a meat cooler in the dining room, but of course if you choose not to do your own cooking, that is OK too. There are other nice restaurants locally and of course, plenty of fast food and pizza joints.

If the interest is there, there are tentative plans to have a Phi Sig Golf outing on Saturday morning, June 22, 1996, to get you

in the mood for the rest of the day. All the plans for that are being handled by Jim Luthe (Farmdog) of Lawrenceville, IL and you can work directly with him on that. He can be reached at (618) 943-5341 or Rt. 1, Box 428 in Lawrenceville, IL 62439. A group of Phi Sigs from the Chicago area have successfully had an annual golf outing for a number of years, and I can personally testify to having had a great, fun time. We would also ask that you read through this and if so desired, offer us additional suggestions of activities that you may be interested in seeing us promote. Some that we have discussed, but not implemented yet, are campus tours and an auction of older PSE memorabilia that may be available. Let us know what you think of these ideas.

Finally, it is our intention to discuss this at our annual PSE Homecoming meeting (October 28) to be held in the old part of the union in the McDonald's Restaurant area. The time is 12 Noon and we desire your attendance to generate a quality discussion of this Reunion and its program highlights.

Homecoming *October 28, 1995*

Newsletters Available

This issue of the P.S.E. Alumni Association Newsletter represents the tenth 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.

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.

William A. Herren

Harold S. Morgan

PSE Fifth Annual Student Awards

Amidst a late summer oppressively hot and sticky stretch of weather, August 20, 1995, dawned as an overcast, cooler and breezy Sunday, continuing on into the late afternoon. It was perfect weather for the Fifth Annual Phi Sigma Epsilon Student Awards presentation, an anniversary of sorts for the Alumni Association. Five years ago, the PSE Alumni Assn. was trying to determine how best to serve its interests (excuse the pun) by redistributing "interest" money earned on our savings principal. The annual PSE Student Awards, we think, as apparently many of you think, fulfills that goal of helping Phi Sig children the best way we meaningfully can. We therefore celebrate our Fifth Anniversary of presenting these awards.

Fall 1995, saw six EIU students receive checks for \$400 each from the PSE Alumni Assn., with two students being first-time recipients. They were Amy Root, daughter of Ed and Karen Root and Jonathan Porter, son of Jim and Terry Porter. Yeah, that's the same Porter we all knew as "Woody". Back for their second Student Awards were Steve Eichhorn, son of Ron and Lynn Eichhorn, Ryan Hilligoss, son of Bob and Donna Hilligoss and Brooke Hood, daughter of Dick and Linda Hood. Since Brooke was unable to be present, her sister Paige, a former Student Award recipient, stepped in to receive Brooke's check. Finally, our third year Student Award recipient was Bradley Neathery, son of Lynn and Linda Neathery. Bob Hilligoss was not able to be with us as he was last year, having had the recent misfortune of falling and breaking his leg quite severely. We wish Bob a speedy recovery, which at this time is probably going well.

After our traditional picnic dinner and some formal introductions of those present, including a brief summation of life since graduation, we convened to the more informal groups of "catch-

ing up" talk before heading home. We now look forward to our first decade of award presentations. It will no doubt be upon us sooner than we can imagine.



Student Awards (L to R) Dick Hood and daughter Paige, Jim Porter and son Jonathan, Ryan Hilligoss, Bradley Neathery and father Lynn, Ed Root and daughter Amy and Steve Eichhorn and father Ron Eichhorn (missing from the picture is Brooke Hood).

PSE 1st Frat At Eastern

The following historical article was printed in the Spring 1970 *Eastern News* and is hereby reprinted in partial commemoration of the upcoming PSE Alumni Association 65th Anniversary Reunion. More history in the Spring '96 newsletter.

Phi Sigma Epsilon, the first fraternity to be founded on Eastern's campus (Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at that time) will celebrate its national founding today.

Founded at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, in 1910, Phi Sigma Epsilon was the result of "a dream of Fred M. Thompson and Orin M. Rhine to have a Greek letter organization on the campus."

At one of the several meetings which were held in the fall of 1909, a temporary organization was set up. The initial membership consisted of 13 men.

Because the college administration refused to recognize the newly formed organization, it existed for some time as an outlaw group.

However, their willingness to cooperate and their program of scholastic and social improvement continued to win friends, and finally in 1913 the organization received recognition by the administration.

In 1926-27 the Emporia Phi Sigma Epsilon formed a union with Phi Sigma Epsilon of Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas, and Sigma Delta Tau of Kirksville State Teachers College (Missouri), becoming the national fraternity Phi Sigma Epsilon.

One of the new twentieth century college fraternities, Phi Sigma Epsilon expanded accordingly. Seven chapters were added in the 1930's admitting only established local fraternities at accredited teachers' colleges.

Also during these years sixteen men crowded together in a Sixth Street restaurant in Charleston, Illinois, and talked about the possibilities of a fraternity at Eastern.

Prompted by Delta Lambda Sigma local at Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, the group formed the Beta chapter of Delta Lambda Sigma, the first fraternity brought to a teachers' college in Illinois.

Under the sponsorship of Charles H. Coleman (after whom Coleman Hall is named) the group was officially recognized by Eastern Illinois State Teachers College that same academic year (1927).

Within two years of their first organizing, the fraternity became a colony of national Phi Sigma Epsilon. On February 21, 1930, having completed a two year probationary period designated by the college, they became Delta chapter of Phi Sigma Epsilon.

No longer limiting itself to teachers' colleges, chapter and colonies of Phi Sigma Epsilon can be found on 59 university campuses in the United States.

Tonight the Delta chapter will have their winter informal. A banquet for members, pledges and dates will be held at the Holiday Inn in Mattoon, followed by a party at the Charleston Gun Club.

Charter Phi Sigma Epsilon members were Fred Creamer, Burl Ives, Paul Bridges, Mr. Stover (adviser), Wayne Isley, Nolan Sims, Ruel Hall, Pete Fenoglio, Marsdon Grubb, George Had-dock, Charles Fry, Sherman Gilmore, William Stone, Leland Rutledge, William Jones, Andrew Meuriot, Tony Haire, Chaney, Wendell Davis, Otis Dappert, Henry Kinsel, Maurice Smith and Glenn Sheherd.

Bios and Addresses

Ed Root, Jr. — 124 White Pines Circle, Decatur, IL 62521 (217) 422-5802. Pledged PSE in the Fall of 1972 and lived in the House during the 1973-74 school year. Married Karen Stine in April 1974. Karen is currently working as a legal assistant in Decatur while finishing her last year of Law school at the U of I. Ed is presently an investigator for the Decatur Police Dept. and has been assigned the past six years as a Narcotics officer to a State Police Drug Task Force. Ed and Karen have three daughters, Amy, 20; Kelly, 18, a freshman at EIU and Jenny, 16, a junior in high school. Amy is a junior at EIU and recipient of a PSE Student Award. She is considering a career in Law Enforcement.

Jim Porter — 158 Pine St., Elmhurst, IL 60126 (708) 279-8709. Graduated from EIU in 1970. Received MS in Education in 1972. Served 2-year stint in the Army. Jim is sales Manager of Scola Specialty Advertising Corp. in North Riverside, IL and is actively involved in the PSE Alumni Assn. from a business standpoint, having designed the PSE Window decal and the popular PSE hat. Jim and wife Terry are parents of Jonathan, 18, Megan,

13, Kevin, 9, and Lauren, 7. Jonathan is a freshman recipient of a PSE Student Award. He is a Business major and is trying out for the EIU Tennis team after an excellent high school career.

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PSE Tidbits

— **EIU Homecoming '95 is October 28.** The PSE Alumni Assn. meeting is also that same day at 12 Noon at the M.L.K. Student Union in the old area now called McDonald's Restaurant. Look for the PSE Alumni Assn. sign on the room entrance. It is important to attend this year for 3 reasons: 1) You are back for Homecoming and want to see some old Brothers, 2) We will be electing the new PSE Alumni Assn. Board of Directors, from which officers are elected in November and 3) We will be discussing the upcoming June 22, 1996 PSE Alumni Assn. 65th Anniversary Reunion and making concrete decisions on its format, etc. We need your input, and besides that, we would just like to see you back for Homecoming. EIU faces its old nemesis, the Illinois State Redbirds, at 2 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium and as of this writing, EIU is playing super football. They are 5-0 so far this season, having just beaten the #1 nationally ranked Central of Ohio from the NAIA division. Eastern also won its last 4 games

last season, so it presently enjoys the second longest win streak in the division nationally. It also has a wealth of defensive talent and some good offense too, as evidenced by Willie High, who is ranked in the top ten rushing leaders nationwide. Come and support EIU football and PSE too.

— **Eleven year old seventh-grader Josie Hahn**, daughter of Scott ('72) and Kathy Hahn of Clinton, Tennessee, won the midget girls pentathlon in the AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa this past summer. In addition to winning, she also set a national record for her age group by scoring 2819 points, bettering the old mark of 2772 points. Some of her individual marks for specific events were right up there with some of her dad's and PSE intramural track marks. She would someday like to be an Olympic athlete and certainly appears to be on her way to that goal at this point.



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