



Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association



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PSE Reunion – June 22, 1996

In about two months, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association will celebrate its 65th Anniversary during a special weekend of gathering and commemoration here in Charleston, Illinois. It is set for the weekend of June 21-23, 1996, and it is shaping up to be a memorable occasion, as evidenced by the schedule of activities listed within this article, and by the verbal response we are getting. As discussed in the Fall 1995 Newsletter, much of the information is still true, but some previously noted times and prices have changed and new information is also supplemented here. This article then, represents the culmination of our collective efforts to provide you what you need to know to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime weekend.

As previously mentioned in the Fall 1995 Newsletter, Reunion headquarters for the weekend is the completely refurbished Worthington Inn on the west edge of Charleston. Of the 67 rooms available, we are still guaranteed 30 rooms under the registration of your name with the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn.

affiliation and we can secure additional rooms on a first-come first-serve basis in the 2-week period prior to the Reunion. The price quoted in the last Newsletter has changed – we have been offered a LOWER guaranteed price for all Phi Sigs staying there. To get this lower rate, you must mention your affiliation with the PSE Alumni Assn. at the time you make your reservations. The new prices for the rooms are: \$46 for singles, \$50 for doubles, \$59 for king bed suites and \$98 for a 2-room suite with jacuzzi, refrigerator, sofa etc. These prices reflect an approximate 15% reduction over the previously quoted prices in the last Newsletter. The PSE Alumni Assn. has already reserved a 2-room suite to serve as a hospitality room, meeting area and a showplace for all the PSE memorabilia that will be on display from over the years. To reserve your rooms at the Worthington Inn or anywhere else you may be planning to stay, the below-noted listing of the local motels or inns and phone numbers may help you get started. We have no guaranteed prices with any of the other

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Welcome Again, Newly Found Alumni

As you peruse this Newsletter, now beginning its sixth year of PSE circulation, many of you may be reading it for the first time or reading it again after an interlude of time from when you last read it. If so, we welcome you back into the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn., an organization that is still very active in spite of or perhaps because of the fact that Phi Sigma Epsilon, as many of us remember it, does not physically exist anymore. However, it does exist in the heart, and that is more important.

Due to an extensive name and address search through the newly published Eastern Illinois University Alumni Directory, many recently found Phi Sig Brothers' address information etc. have been entered into the PSE Alumni Assn. computerized address directory. As well as finding many long-lost Phi Sigs, many addresses have been updated for correctness, even down to changed telephone numbers and zip codes from this EIU Directory and also from post office first class mailing returns and personalized notification. In addition, we have finally had to seek out lost names of Brothers from the yearly editions of the EIU "Warbler", in which the fraternity membership was pictured and identified. Although this may still miss a few individuals, those photographs, fraternity composite pictures and old existing PSE records have now provided the most complete listing of fraternity membership from 1930-1985. Our address directory now contains about 800 currently correct addresses for Delta Chapter

Phi Sigs out of a total listing of about 1200 members over that time period. Besides the addresses, we also maintain as much as possible, the phone numbers, year of graduation, nicknames that we may have carried during our undergraduate years, and those now deceased, when known. We will have copies of these various lists available at the June 22, 1996 Reunion, so that you can update your address files.

So, if this is the first newsletter you've read or you are wondering how we located you, you now know. It has been a long, arduous process and it still goes on. You can help by keeping us current on address changes etc., whether for yourself or others, or in letting the PSE Alumni Assn. know of the death of Brothers from first-hand knowledge or better yet, newspaper obituaries. We expect that many of our older unknown addresses represent those now deceased, and that we are just not aware of these facts. Perhaps also, recognition of some of these long-lost names without an address will remind someone that we have that Brother's address or better, that we still communicate with that person.

We hope that you enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you would like to comment, good or bad, about anything, we elicit your remarks, and also seek input as to the types of articles or information you would like to see in upcoming Newsletters.

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motels, so you won't have to mention the PSE affiliation.

- 1) Worthington Inn – Charleston (217) 348-8161 or (800) 528-8161
- 2) Econo Lodge – Charleston (217) 345-7689 or (800) 424-4777
- 3) Varsity Inn – Charleston (217) 348-8882
- 4) Fairfield Inn – Mattoon (217) 234-2355 or (800) 228-2800
- 5) Ramada Inn – Mattoon (217) 235-0313
- 6) Super 8 Motel – Mattoon (217) 235-8888 or (800) 800-8000
- 7) Budget Inn – Mattoon (217) 235-4011
- 8) Hampton Inn – Mattoon (217) 234-4267 or (800) 426-7866
- 9) HoJo Inn – Mattoon (217) 235-4161

Of all these motels, #1-3 are located right in Charleston on the west side of the city, #4-8 are all just off I-57 on the east side of Mattoon in a rapidly developing area (about a 7-mile drive to Charleston) and #9 is located south of Mattoon at the juncture of I-57 and Rt. 45, about 12 miles from Charleston.

The Worthington Inn is a non-smoking Inn except for the rooms, which must be requested as smoking or non-smoking. All the other inns or motels have their own regulations governing smoking/non-smoking and you will have to choose as you would anywhere. The Worthington does have a Beer & Wine license, but cannot and does not serve liquor and mixed drinks on the premises. However, what you do in your own room or a hospitality room is your own affair.

An informal Friday night get-together starting at 6 p.m. has been planned for early-bird Phi Sigs coming into town and seeking to get together. It will be held at the Stix Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Facility located at 1412 Fourth St., which is just off Lincoln Ave. (Rt. 16), the main drag past Old Main and through the city. The management has graciously opened the rear banquet area to our Phi Sig group only and will have a bartender on hand for us. A seating area is planned and snacks or meals can be ordered from the restaurant area and brought into the designated Phi Sig area, which can seat up to 200 people. Historically, the property where Stix now sits was formerly inhabited by the third Phi Sig House, which was retained for a one-year lease prior to the purchase of the House at 1431 Ninth St. in 1938. About a block from Stix, on Lincoln Ave. and across from Old Main, stands another nostalgic reminder for many Phi Sigs, both young and old – IKE'S! We had also talked to them about hosting a Friday night activity and received assurances that they could accommodate us. We chose Stix because of the large parking area versus literally no parking for IKE'S, assuming that almost all visiting Phi Sigs would be driving. Roc's was another popular nightspot for Eastern students and Phi Sigs were no exception. It has fallen on hard times over the last 5 years and has seen several owners, but recently it was totally remodeled.

The new ownership has returned it to some of its old style and also installed a restaurant in the rear portion of the bar. It is now called Roc's Black Front, a throwback to the days when it was known simply as The Black Front. Much of the interior decor consists of the original oak booths and seating from the old Bill Panas' Corner Confectionery and Soda Fountain that was located at the northeast corner of the Square, now called the Uptowner and Cellar Bar. Roc's Black Front offers a menu of homemade soups, breads, salads, pizza, pasta, steaks, burgers and baby-back ribs, and I've heard that the ribs are great!

For those Brothers who would like to get together on Saturday morning to socialize on the golf course, we offer you the PSE Reunion Open. The particulars are shown on the loose Registration sheet contained as an insert with this Newsletter, but briefly include green fees, golf cart, and lunch for \$40. Participation is on a prepaid first-come first-served basis, and since there seems to be a lot of interest in it, plan accordingly. Questions about the golf outing may be directed to Jeff Moore specifically, while questions about any other aspect of the Reunion weekend may be directed to any other Alumni officer, as listed on page two of this Newsletter.

If you're not golfing or getting together with old friends on Saturday before the Banquet, you may want to visit the 2-room Phi Sig hospitality room (Room #300) to check out all the old PSE memorabilia. On display will be old picture composites, Warbler composites, jewelry, original charter and handmade metal crest, all kinds of favors, clothing, address lists, past Newsletters and much more. It's all guaranteed to get your recollections of past years going. And, if you're missing or can't fit into that old sweatshirt or t-shirt, we will have some on hand for purchase, in many colors and all sizes, as well as our great looking golf hat.

After golfing, visiting, recollecting or otherwise being engaged in renewing past times, the day culminates in the PSE Reunion Banquet/Program. A cash bar serving beer, wine or soda pop will begin at 5:30 p.m., preceding the 6 p.m. Banquet Buffet. Please note that this is a time change over that advertised in the last Newsletter, as we wanted to allow more time for socializing after the Banquet. The meal is the same, a 3-meat buffet highlighted by Prime Rib, and a myriad of additional entrees to go with the main course. The banquet meal and program, as well as a special PSE souvenir favor commemorating our 65 years as an Alumni organization, will cost \$55 per couple or \$35 per single individual, but will yield you the dividend of renewed or new friendships. After the meal, the main program will begin at 7 p.m. and will be as brief as necessary, to allow maximum time to visit. It is still our intent to have a speaker from each decade present a thumbnail sketch of fraternity life from his time period. Interjected into this program will be some award presentations and announcements, with a planned completion of the formal activities at about 8:15 p.m. At 9 p.m. the music (dancing or listening) will begin with a DJ playing a good mix of sounds, from Glenn Miller to Village People and more. Our DJ happens to be one of our local Alumni, Carl Wolff ('79), who wears the DJ hat often enough to have area notoriety while still working a regular job. The music will go from 9 p.m. - 12 Midnight, at which time everyone is on their own to room-hop, visit the hospitality room, enjoy Charleston night-life or whatever.

We look forward to seeing many old and new faces at this commemoration of 65 years of PSE Alumni history, so register early and come and have a great weekend.

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Homecoming
October 19, 1996
Murray State University

Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association Reunion June 22, 1996

REGISTRATION – BANQUET ACTIVITIES

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

Yr. Grad. _____ PSE Nickname (for address roster) _____

Banquet – 6 p.m. – June 22, 1996	Price	Amount
Couple – Includes Dinner/Souvenir Favor	\$55.00	_____
Single – Includes Dinner/Souvenir Favor	\$35.00	_____
Additional Favor – No Meal Included	\$15.00	_____
Sorry, Can't Be There – Would Like Souvenir Favor Sent To Me	\$20.00 (includes S/H)	_____

Enclosed (Banquet) _____

Registration/Banquet requests must be PAID IN FULL by MAY 15, 1996 to guarantee your Dinner and evening activities. This is the ONLY notification that you will receive, so please respond early.

Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association Reunion Golf Outing

An 18-hole golf outing has been planned for Saturday morning, June 22, 1996. Please include a check for \$40.00 if you plan to participate. This fee includes green fees, golf cart and lunch and must be paid in full by May 15, 1996. A confirmation letter with tee times, etc. will be sent at a later date.

Yes, Include me in the golf outing! Enclosed \$40.00 (Golf) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Questions regarding this golf outing may be directed to Jeff Moore at (217) 345-2174 day-time or (217) 345-1687 evenings.

Fourth PSE-South Reunion – Less Quantity, Same Quality

Every year, the PSE-South Reunion in the St. Louis area seems to have some unexpected highlights. The Fall '95 get-together was no exception. It was held for the second year in a row at Eddy's Lounge in Granite City, Illinois on November 4, 1995. We had the honor of breaking in (not literally) the newly remodeled upstairs area, that the previous year had been in the midst of major remodeling. It turned out great – we had our own bartender and the upstairs to ourselves.

The group included 18 Brothers and 6 wives, with a mix of returnees after missing a year or two, a few who have enjoyed all the Reunions and some new faces. First-timer Mike Stivers was enjoying himself while browsing through an address list and visiting with others, while newcomers Wally Whitley and Roger McCoy, both early 60's Eastern graduates now living in the Chicago area, pleasantly surprised everyone by making the long trip down. Most of us had never met these Brothers, so it was a lot of fun listening to some new stories from a different era. Joining Roger was his wife Joan, and with Wally, his wife Diana, both of whom seemed to be having a good time too, especially at breakfast Sunday morning. Roger and Wally both hoped that

they could make the June Reunion, so maybe we'll see them again soon. The other first-timer was Paul Klopfenstein (Klop) and his wife Carla, from Morton. If you've never seen Klop land-surf, you haven't lived. Among the returnees after a year or two absence, were Ken Gusewelle (Goose) and his wife Sue, Gary Wintjen, Mike Goodman (Nui) and his wife Nancy, from Milwaukee, Tom Swanson (Swanney) – the caretaker of the computerized address list, Larry Reed (Gomer), Jerry McChristian, Boone Chaney, John Ostanik, Steve Ringhofer (Ringo) and Dick Level (Barney). Making it for the fourth year in a row was "Big Boone" Chaney and his wife Mary Anne, Larry Carli, Bob Colter and me, Gary Brinkmeyer.

Two-fold thanks go out to Larry Carli – first, for the picture shown here and secondly, for continuing to organize the Fall Reunion in the St. Louis area. The number of those attending was down a bit from previous years, and with the June Reunion in Charleston this year, Carls is thinking that this may be a good year to pass on the Fall Reunion. Let Carls know that you appreciate his organizing these reunions and hopefully we'll see you all in Charleston on June 22, 1996.



PSE Tidbits

– **Congratulations to Mike "Hank" Snow ('69)** upon being selected as the Macon County Coach of the Year in girls basketball this past season by the *Decatur Herald & Review* newspaper. He has also received that honor 3 previous years since 1988. Mike teaches and coaches at Warrensburg-Latham H.S. and resides in Decatur with his wife Mary, an elementary teacher in Decatur.

– **A nice article in the Feb. 6 *Chicago Tribune*** exclaims "Kankakee now a national volleyball power." The Kankakee Community College volleyball program is headed by Steve (Darnell) Houghton ('79). The article states that Steve, the former head coach at Minooka, took over a successful program and made it better. He has compiled a 254-39 record in 5 years, while not finishing lower than fifth nationally and placing second nationally last year. Prior to the Kankakee position, Steve also ran the Top Gun Volleyball Club for 6 years in the Chicago area. Congratulations Steve!

– **The PSE Alumni Assn. is saddened to learn** of the recent death of an old friend to this organization and its caretaker for many years, H. Nolan Sims ('30). The alumni association is where it is today in large part due to his efforts. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family, including son-in-law William C. Burnside ('59) of Danville.

– **The PSE Alumni Assn. wishes to extend its sympathy** to Dick Swing ('72) and his family upon the recent loss of his father.

Newsletters Available

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

John P. Doty
William R. Anderson
William L. Carter
Robert J. McIntyre

H. Nolan Sims
Gordon C. Britton
J. Rex Hovious

SIXTH 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 \$15,000 the past 5 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 1996 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, 1996. 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 _____



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