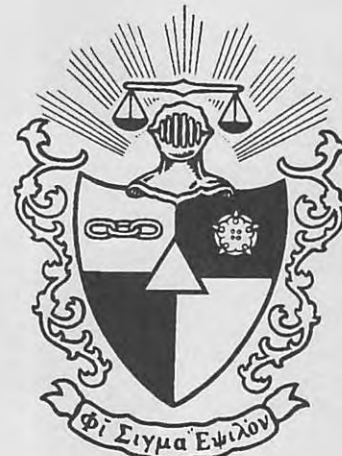


## Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association



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# PSE Reunion Planned for June 24, 2000

Hey Brothers of the Heart! If you heard about the Phi Sig Reunion 4 years ago, but couldn't or didn't make it, or if you were part of the group of some 130 people at that Reunion and can't wait for the next one, here's some NEWS you've been waiting for. In about seven months, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association will celebrate its 70th Anniversary during a special weekend of gathering and commemoration here in Charleston, Illinois. It is set for the weekend of June 23-25, 2000, 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 starting to get. Many who weren't at that Reunion heard about it from various attendees, and realized the good time that was missed, vowing that they would not miss the next one. So get your calendars out and penciled in and don't miss out on this Reunion.

Phi Sigma Epsilon Reunion headquarters for the weekend is the refurbished Best Western 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 \$55 for doubles, \$64 for king bed suites and a 2-room suite with jacuzzi, refrigerator, sofa, etc. goes for \$114 per night.

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 any-

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## Carved in Stone

The good name of Phi Sigma Epsilon-Delta Chapter is now carved in stone as a lasting memorial to our time at Eastern Illinois University. As mentioned in the PSE Tidbits in the Spring 1999 Newsletter, the PSE Alumni Assn. purchased a 16" x 16" paver brick to be engraved and installed in the newly developed Commemorative Courtyard at EIU. This area is located between McAfee Gymnasium and the Triad housing area and with its relative completion, helps to dress up a previously non-descript area. While taking the photograph of our paver shown here, I began looking at all the other newly installed bricks and pavers, I recognized the names of at least 6-10 other individual Phi Sigs, from the early 50's to the late 70's, who personally purchased both pavers and/or smaller bricks in the Courtyard.

Our engraved paver block rests about midway along the northern (closest to McAfee) perimeter of the entire layout. Although the engraving is correct, the layout is not quite exactly as the PSE Alumni Assn. Board hoped it would be. During an earlier in the year Board meeting, the design and wording was put forth by those present, in the hope that the layout would allow for a more triangular shape to our inscription. In our application for this paver engraving, we were allowed a maximum of 15 letters/numerals (including spaces between letters or numerals) per line. We had hoped that the first four lines could be



**PSE engraved paving stone.**

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

- 1) Worthington Inn – Charleston (217) 348-8161 or (800) 528-1234
- 2) Days Inn – Charleston (217) 345-7689 or (800) 329-7466
- 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) Hampton Inn – Mattoon (217) 234-4267 or (800) 426-7866

Of all these motels, #1-3 are located right in Charleston on the west side of the city, while #4-7 are all just off I-57 on the east side of Mattoon in a rapidly developing area (about a 7-mile drive to 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 full Beer, Wine and Liquor license, and does serve liquor and mixed drinks on the premises.

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 chose Stix for our gathering 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. 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, briefly, include green fees, golf cart, and lunch for about \$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 sweat-shirt 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 which was scheduled early 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. 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. 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. The music (dancing or listening) will begin before dinner and continue on with a DJ playing a good mix of sounds from Glenn Miller to Village People and more.

We look forward to seeing many old and new faces at this commemoration of 70 years of PSE Alumni history, so come and have a great weekend.

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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.

Jules W. DeBouck

Jack W. Vaughan



# PSE Ninth Annual Student Awards

On August 22, 1999, members of the PSE Alumni Assn. gathered for the ninth year in a row for the presentation of the PSE Student Awards. Unlike past Award days, which ranged from late summer oppressively hot and sticky to cool and windy, from rainfall to parched dryness, and to one bout of swarming bees, this year presented one of the nicest days we could ask for.

It is hard to believe that we have been presenting these Student Awards for 9 nine years already and that this year's group of young men and women were the last in the old Millennium to receive those awards. Now that we've made the obligatory mention of the Millennium change, we would be remiss in not noting that we look forward to doing this again in the new Millennium. Nuff said about that.

I guess it was bound to happen sooner or later, but it happened this year for the very first time. The group of six Student Award recipients for this year was the same identical group that received the Awards last year. That group each received a \$500 check from the PSE Alumni Assn. and this group of six students again received \$500 checks for this school year. Although Sara Granger and her family were not able to attend the afternoon

presentation, her check was delivered to her within a few days.

Following our traditional picnic lunch and the initial visiting at first arrival, we settled into the program of making the monetary presentations to this year's recipients. As mentioned, six students received the Awards, four of them for the final time. They were Jay Woodland, son of Stephen and Diana Woodland of Oblong, IL, Kari Palishen, daughter of Harold and Maggie Palishen of Hanna City, IL, Joanna Elke, daughter of Dick Elke of Elgin, IL, and Sara Granger, daughter of Bill and Lynn Granger of Moro, IL. Congratulations and the best of luck to you as you leave EIU! Also receiving Awards, this their second year, was Michelle Eichhorn, daughter of Ron and Lynn Eichhorn of Woodridge, IL and Tom Medder, son of Kitty Medder of Godfrey, IL and the late Mel Medder. I'm sure Mel was looking down on us with pride as his fraternity could again help out his son.

The afternoon concluded as it began, with everybody lightly socializing prior to jumping back into the fast lane of life, students beginning school the next day and parents heading back home for the new work week. Except for Harold Palishen, that is! He retired this summer – Congratulations and ENJOY!



L to R – Steve Woodland, Jay Woodland, Tom Medder, Kitty Medder, Dick Elke, Joanna Elke, Harold Palishen, Kari Palishen, Michelle Eichhorn, Ron Eichhorn (missing from the picture is Sara Granger and Bill Granger.)

## Carved in Stone . . .

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shaped more like an equilateral triangle, but I guess if you use your imagination you can envisage that PHI SIGMA EPSILON - DELTA CHAPTER is somewhat triangular in the picture. Why do we even care about that? Well, the triangle has special significance for us Brothers of Phi Sigma Epsilon. First of all, for our chapter and only our chapter - DELTA, the symbol for delta in scientific enumeration is a triangle. However, that is only coincidental to our chapter even though it is true. For us, the triangle is more meaningful than symbolic. If you still have or remember your pledge pin, you will see that it is of a triangular shape with the enamel front of cardinal and silver equally divided as to color. The badge or active pin of the PSE Fraternity is a twelve-sided figure with six points composed of three equilateral triangles converging in the center of a hexagon . . . surmounted by a black enamel triangle also bearing gold crown in the center and

Greek letters of Phi, Sigma, and Epsilon arranged with Sigma at the tip of the triangle and with Phi and Epsilon at the base. Also, in both versions of the PSE crest or coat-of-arms as pictured at the top of the front page of this Newsletter, the triangle is central to each. Although all parts of the crests have individual meanings, the triangle in the middle represents the eternal triangle of friendship and brotherhood. Because we as a fraternity are no more, we as an alumni organization of that fraternity are striving to maintain that friendship and brotherhood.

The balance of the inscription refers to the year (1930) that Phi Sigma Epsilon was established at EIU, then EISTC (Eastern Illinois State Teachers College) and the year that represents the final year at EIU (1986). The last line, PSE ALUMNI ASSN., is an obvious reference to the strong organization that still exists, while TSMF is an acronym for "Together Stands My Fraternity," although several other more colorful versions exist.

If you are ever in the Charleston area or at EIU, look up our paver block on your own, as well as any or all the others in the attractively designed Commemorative Courtyard.

## E-mail Addresses

With the advent of electronic mail (e-mail) and its phenomenal popularity, several requests have come forth that we publish e-mail addresses in the newsletter. If you have one and would like it included, send it to the PSE Alumni Assn. and we will endeavor to publish them in each forthcoming issue. The latest names and e-mail addresses that I have are:

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## Missing Brothers – Do You Know Where They Are?

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James W. Nugent	Francis A. Onorati	George P. Osterkamp
William A. Owen	Morris F. Paden	Gary D. Pope
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## Newsletters Available!

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

## Not At This Time

A meeting between Jill Nilsen (V.P. - External Relations-EIU) and myself was prompted by a suggestion to Jill from a Phi Sigma Epsilon alum in California, who felt that some type of memorial to Phi Sigma Epsilon at EIU would be appropriate. A formal proposal was assembled by EIU in letter form, sent to us and duly cussed and discussed as to the merit of its suggestion at the Homecoming '99 PSE Alumni Board meeting. Because it represented a multi-thousand dollar amount of monetary solicitations, we chose not to act upon it and will notify EIU of our decision. The idea of a memorial is an excellent idea, but should probably be handled through the PSE Alumni Assn. If we receive a considerable outpouring of support to proceed with this, it can be resurrected again. Additional information about the original proposal can be requested from the PSE Alumni Assn.



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