



Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association



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Saturday, June 24, 2000 – So!!! What's Goin' On?

Well, if you don't know by now, you've either just arrived from another planet or you haven't been reading your past Phi Sig Newsletters. In about two months, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. will host an Alumni Reunion to commemorate the existence of our organization for 70 years at Eastern Illinois University (including the university's previous namesakes).

The active Phi Sigma Epsilon chapter began in 1930 at Eastern and graduated its first alumni that very year, thereby validating the existence of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. in the same year. Although the Active Phi Sig chapter and indeed the name Phi Sigma

Epsilon as a national fraternity no longer exist, we proudly strive to maintain the PSE Alumni Assn. We presently send mailings to about 700 PSE Alumni around the country, and although they probably don't all reach the addressee listed, we have no way of knowing that, except for the average number of Postal Service returned mailings. That means that about 650 of you members will receive this Newsletter, hopefully read it and decide whether you can attend or not.

Enclosed within is the REGISTRATION you will need to complete and mail to us to indicate your intent to be here.

Is This The First Time We've Had a Reunion?

No, actually this is the third Reunion wholly coordinated by the PSE Alumni Assn. that we've had. The second, in June 1996, was also held in Charleston at the same site, the Worthington Inn, as it was then called. At that Reunion we had about 125 people in attendance at the Banquet, including about 90 Brothers and 35 spouses. In addition, another group of Phi Sig Brothers attended the Friday night informal get-together at Stix Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Facility, but for one reason or another could not attend the Saturday festivities.

The first PSE Alumni Assn. Reunion took place in April 1985 and was held at the Rathskellar in the new addition area of the EIU Student Union. To be honest, I've slept too many nights since then, lost a few brain cells and just plain old can't remember how many people were in attendance. I do remember that it was open to the Active chapter membership at EIU at the time (some two months prior to the Phi Sigma Kappa "hostile takeover" - thanks to Jim Whitfield)

and that a good number of them attended. At that Reunion we were actually commemorating two anniversaries, the 75th anniversary of the National formation of Phi Sigma Epsilon in 1910 and the 55th anniversary of Phi Sigma Epsilon at EIU. A special commemorative designed glass denoting both events and featuring an enameled picture of the 1509 Second Street House was also given out to those present.

There was also one other Reunion in the recent past that I am aware of, and attended, but it was organized by the then Active chapter members of Phi Sigma Epsilon. However, alumni were invited and many were in attendance, mostly being recent graduates of EIU. This Reunion was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Phi Sigma Epsilon at EIU and took place in February 1980 at the infamous Ramada Inn in Mattoon, whose rain-laden roof leaked considerably on our activities during the banquet.

OK, I'm Interested in Attending!!! But Now I Need More Details

Well, to paraphrase Johnny Carson, it just so happens that I can provide you with all the details about our planned activities for the weekend that you'll ever want to know.

First, to reiterate, the Reunion is set for the June 23-25, 2000 weekend, with the Banquet festivities on Saturday evening, June 24, 2000, beginning with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and concluding after the Dinner and program, whenever the need for sleep takes over. However, first we need to inform you of events leading up to the Banquet, beginning I suppose, with any "early birds" showing up. We hope you can come in early on Friday or even earlier, if it's in your schedule. There are a number of us locals who can pretty much accommodate a mid-week arrival to reminisce over a couple of beers, and were it in my power to provide, a greasy original Burger King cheeseburger and some Snappy's french fries. It don't get no better than that!

On Friday, just after lunch, the Inn will let us begin decorating our hospitality room, a 2-room suite that will serve as PSE Central. It will serve as a meeting area and a showplace for all the PSE memorabilia that will be on display from over the years. And, there will be REFRESHMENTS there too, so you can whet your whistle. The hospitality rooms are numbers 300 and 302, which open into each other, providing a large area for visiting and checking out the Phi Sig treasures of the past. Somebody from the Alumni Assn. Board will be in the room during most hours of the day, to keep it open for your visiting time and perusal.

The planned activity for all you Friday arrivees is the informal get-together at the Stix Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Facility, located at 1412 Fourth St., just off Lincoln Ave. (the main drag past Old Main) and diagonally north of Ikes on Fourth Street. It will begin at 6 p.m. in the rear banquet area, which has been reserved for the Phi Sigs

only. We will have our own bar and bartender on hand and enough seating to accommodate up to 150 people - Wouldn't it be great to have those kinds of numbers back for the weekend? Also on hand, will be a lot of old scrapbooks and old photo albums, that will also be part of the hospitality room decor before and after this gathering. If your appetite tells you its time to eat while visiting (we call it living in the past), just place an order with any of the waitresses that will periodically check on our needs. The establishment has a wide variety of selections to choose from and they will bring your order back to you, once prepared. You literally don't have to leave the premises all evening if you so choose, except of course to catch some shut-eye. Details on that aspect of the weekend coming up shortly.

For all you "mudsluggers" (Oh, I mean golfers), we have scheduled for your exercise regime, the Phi Sig Reunion Open Golf Tour-

namment, starting with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. (that's 8 A.M., Heimer) on Saturday, June 24, 2000. At the Reunion 4 years ago, some 40 plus golfers participated, some not as bright-eyed and bushy-tailed as others, but nonetheless having a great time. The golf course is the Meadowview Golf Course located southwest of Charleston about 8-10 miles (same site as 4 years ago). The cost of the outing is listed on the registration form enclosed with this Newsletter and the excellent lunch will help wash down those beers, drinks or sodas you had while swinging. Jeff Moore will also have a number of prizes available for just about every category imaginable. Questions about the golf outing may be directed to Jeff specifically, while questions about any other aspect of the Reunion weekend may be directed to any other Alumni officer, as listed on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Hey, Where Can I Shower & Sleep When I'm Not Visiting, Golfing or Dining?

Since the bulk of our social activities are here in Charleston, the logical place to stay would be here, but if that's not possible here is some additional information.

Reunion headquarters is the Best Western Worthington Inn on the west edge of the City, at Rt. 16 (Lincoln Ave.) and Douglas Drive. We have been guaranteed 30 of the total 67 rooms available at the Inn 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 the 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.

To help you with your decision in finding a room for the weekend, below-noted is a listing of local motels and the appropriate phone numbers. Although we do have a discounted room rate with the Best Western Worthington Inn, we don't have a similar arrangement with any of the other motels, so it won't do any good to mention your 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
- 8) Comfort Suites - Mattoon (217) 235-6745

Of all these motels, #1-3 are located right in Charleston on the west side of the city, while #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).

As of the writing of this Newsletter, about half of our room allotment at the Best Western Worthington Inn is already booked, as this room information was also presented in the Fall Newsletter. Those already booked at the Inn are Dick Weber - Texas, John Jones - Virginia, Gary Schaeffer & Dale Simon - Wisconsin, Dave Foreman - Wyoming, John Simmons - Pennsylvania, Dennis Phegley - Indiana, and Charles Henry - Michigan, with the balance of the Brothers from Illinois, including Gary Collins, Larry Carli, Jeff Estes, Kirk Davis, Dick Elke, Don Bellefeuille, Joe Fournier, Jim Luthe, Roger McCoy, Tom Swanson, Wally Whitley and Loren Hunsaker. So, if you're coming and want to stay at the Best Western Worthington Inn, or even in Charleston, you probably better book early.

All Right!! I'll See You At the Reunion!

As previously noted, a 5:30 p.m. cash bar preceding the Banquet will allow you some time to mix with those present and discuss families, retirement, empty-nesting, jobs, how good it is to see you again or flash pictures of your kids/grandkids to your long lost/newly found friends again. Hopefully, you will have had the opportunity to do that earlier in the weekend too, so that the opportunity to visit is not restricted by your time availability Saturday evening.

The Banquet Buffet will begin at 6 p.m. at the Best Western Worthington Inn. The Fall Newsletter indicated a Prime Rib Buffet to be served, but we have since then determined that the cost for the meal coupled with the required tax and gratuity would drive the individual cost per meal into the stratosphere, so we scaled back. However, the Banquet meal is still a Buffet, but now consists of 3 entrees, Carved Roast Sirloin of Beef, Broasted Chicken and Seafood Alfredo. Accompanying the entrees are a Tossed Salad & condiments, Fresh Fruit Bowl, 2 assorted Salads (Pasta & Creamy Cole Slaw), 2 Vegetables (Baby Carrots & Green Beans), Twice-Baked Potatoes with garnishings, Rolls & Butter and Coffee & Tea. And, since it is a Buffet, there will be plenty to satisfy the appetite acquired from golf and/or socializing, or for the ladies inclined to do so, shopping at the Outlet Mall in Tuscola. Great stores there! The Dinner registration includes a custom-designed souvenir nametag for all the Phi Sig Brothers, that will continue to serve you after you return home too.

After the Dinner is over, the Program phase of the evening will ensue, with a large-screen TV/VCR presentation of a custom picture videotape highlighting Phi Sigma Epsilon and the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. from the 1930's through the conclusion of the century and now into this next millennium. Following the video presentation, some additional information will be highlighted and some special

awards will be announced, as well as a synopsis of the golf outing results. At 9 p.m., we will have a D.J. on hand to play a variety of music from the times of our lives, but not so loud that we cannot

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continue to visit while listening. Although a formal wood dance floor will not be in place, the fully carpeted area can serve double-duty as that too.

A special favor has been created to commemorate and remind you of your attendance at this milestone Reunion. And unlike the Reunion 4 years ago, the favor is not packaged automatically with the Banquet dinner cost, thereby not giving you a choice of ordering or not ordering one, as we were reminded then several times. The favor must be purchased separately, as noted on the registration form enclosed with this Newsletter. Since we must request some information from you for the favor, I shall briefly describe its content, but still leave it to you to envision its appearance and beauty. The souvenir favor is a 7" x 9" alderwood laser-engraved plaque, encompassing the wording, (from top to bottom):

Phi Sigma Epsilon
beautifully engraved crest here
(this wording not present obviously)
Delta
Alumni Association
70th Anniversary Reunion
June 24, 2000

All of this detail is captured in exquisite sharpness of detail and appearance that you obviously cannot see here in its proper symmetry. The above-noted part of the design will be common to all of the ordered favors, but the next 1 or 2 lines will be the choice for you to make. The first line below the date line will be your name and nickname (if you so choose) as you want it laser inscribed on the plaque. The second line is optional as to whether you want it or not, but will provide information on what pledge class year you want inscribed, or possibly, what years you are a member of PSE at Eastern. As a "for instance", for my two lines I plan to use:

Gary Brinkmeyer (Brink)
Fall 1966 Pledge Class

You must provide the listing of the inscription you want for either 1 line or both lines on the enclosed registration form with this Newsletter.

With all of the above information, I think you now know what we PSE Board members know relative to this celebration of our past

Goodbye To A Friend

A chance coincidence in the location of my home (Gary Brinkmeyer) in Charleston and the childhood home across the street from me of Dr. T. Richard Fisher's wife Charlotte, enabled Dick and I to converse amiably about Charleston and Phi Sigma Epsilon. Dick graduated from Eastern in 1946.

On February 11, 2000, I lost a friend and the upcoming Reunion lost an opportunity for Dick to share his stories of past years and friends. He had already made his plans to be here and penciled in the date on calendars at home. We talked on the phone on numerous occasions and I always received a nice card and letter from him at Christmas. After having met him at the 1996 Reunion and listening to his expose of his days in school, I was anxious to see him again this year. About a year ago, just after firming up the Reunion date for this year, he wrote that he would be there, God willing.

He and Charlotte were on vacation in New Zealand when he was felled by a heart attack. He loved to travel and had much opportunity to do that during his career as a nationally known researcher in the botany and plant systematics field.

Dick's legacy to Phi Sigma Epsilon in my mind however, will not only be that of a Brother and friend, but also as a steward of his interest in Phi Sigma Epsilon. About a year and a half ago, he donated to the P.S.E. Alumni Assn. a copy of a book entitled "Delta Chapter - Phi Sigma Epsilon - 1928 -1938 - A Decade of Progress". It will be available for your perusal at the Reunion in June and is packed with a lot of interesting historical information about our fraternity and its members of that period.

I will always remember Dick for his personal friendship and outward generosity and will miss seeing him in June. Goodbye, Good Friend!

heritage and present status quo. It is now up to you to come back to Charleston, to relive what for many of us were the defining moments of our lives, with the Brothers who more often than not became our lifelong friends. We look forward to seeing you, meeting you (in some cases) and visiting with you.

New Addresses

William F. Peters - 4242 Bryant Irvin Rd. - Apt. 134, Ft. Worth, TX 76109

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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.

Robert J. Musk, Jr.

William H. Towler

Charles D. Scanavino

Dr. T. Richard Fisher

George F. Haddock

Arthur L. Glad

Robert W. Anderson

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 newest list of names and e-mail addresses that we have are:

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TENTH ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

It hardly seems possible that 10 years have gone by already since the inception of the PSE Alumni Assn. Student Awards in 1991, but this year's Awards will mark the TENTH year that we have given financial assistance.

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 almost \$27,000 the past 9 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 2000 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, 2000. 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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*Reunion Information
& Registration Info Within*