



Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association



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Back To The Future

Your alumni association is being dragged, kicking and screaming into the 20th century (we'll worry about the 21st century later). Plans are underway to convert this Newsletter to an electronic format. We have purchased the software and will begin testing shortly.

Once we have the new format in place you will have two choices regarding the Newsletter. You can continue to receive the Newsletter in its current format via snail mail. In the alternative, you will be able to simply go to the PSE Alumni Association website to view, and if desired, print a hard copy of, the Newsletter.

We would prefer that as many of you as possible elect to receive the publication electronically. Initially, we will save money in postage costs. As our list of electronic recipients grows we may also realize savings in printing costs. Our initial plan calls for all brothers who have given us an e-mail address to be designated as electronic recipients. Obviously it is important for you to keep us current on

your address. If you have given us an e-mail address and choose not to get the Newsletter electronically you need to advise Tom Swanson (tswan60940@aol.com) of your choice. We suspect that there are many more of you out there that have e-mail addresses but choose not to publish that address. If you have internet access, but choose to not publish your address, simply notify Tom that you will accept the Newsletter electronically and he will change the database accordingly but **will not** share your e-mail or enter it in the database.

The directors are excited about this new development and hope as many of you as possible will participate. We will advise you when we are ready to roll out our new "product". In the meantime, let Tom know about your preference for receiving the Newsletter and remember to check out the website at: <http://members.empowering.com/ljcarl/pse/home.html>

PSE Diamond Anniversary Reunion Set For June 10-12, 2005!

The title says it all, but here is some additional information to whet your appetite. The diamond anniversary traditionally infers the celebration of 75 years of existence together as a couple, group, company or whatever. In our case it is a GROUP, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association, representing those alumni of Delta Chapter at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL since 1930.

In the past we have celebrated the 50th, 55th, 66th (facilities not available for 65th), 70th and now next year, the 75th anniversary of the PSE Alumni Assn. The first two anniversaries were actually sponsored by the PSE Active chapter at EIU and took place in 1980 (50th - remember the pouring rain and leaking roof at the Ramada Inn in Mattoon) and 1985 (55th - in the Rathskellar area at EIU Union). With the demise of the active chapter in 1986, it fell upon the PSE Alumni Assn. to chart a course for the future. That has been done well, I believe, and the proof of that has been exhibited in the musings of the biannual Newsletter and the information it attempts to both share and disseminate to all alumni who can be located.

For those of you who missed the earlier reunions, you missed some great times with Brothers from all generations. However, you can make up for that oversight by attending the June 10-12, 2005 Diamond Anniversary Reunion here in Charleston. Obviously, much more detail will be printed in the Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 PSE Newsletters, so this is just to let you know that it is looming on the horizon and this is an opportunity to schedule it on the calendar. But, **PLAN NOW** to fix that date on your long-range calendar, because as we older Brothers know, time moves faster the older we age. I can personally vouch for that, and by the way, your memory diminishes exponentially too.

As before, we are planning a Friday evening informal get-together to visit and relax amongst old friends and/or roomies. We are also looking into the Saturday morning golf outing again, as it has been well received at the previous Alumni reunions and of course planning the Saturday evening Banquet. This does not diminish howev-

er, the expected gatherings in the PSE Hospitality room and the as-long-as-you-want-to visiting room-to-room at the Inn. We have pretty much concluded negotiations for a package deal guaranteeing us a locked-in rate structure for a large block of rooms at a rate comparable to 5 years ago. More information about that later.

We are already hearing from Brothers around the country that know about the upcoming Reunion and have made their intentions known about attending. We had about 130 in attendance at the 1996 Reunion and a similar number at the 2000 Reunion, and nobody that we have talked to had any regrets about attending. We would love to see upwards of 200 (or more) at the Diamond Anniversary next year in June. **START PLANNING NOW!**

2004 PSE Golf Outing

The annual PSE Alumni Assn. golf outing was held on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the Minne Monesse Golf Club in Grant Park, IL. Concurrent with the outing was the quarterly Board of Directors meeting (quorum present) to update information on the Student Awards presentations and the Reunion (June 2005).

This year's group was smaller than usual, with only 11 golfers; however, what we lacked in numbers was made up by excessive beer consumption. Those golfers in attendance were Jim Luthe (Exalted Potentate-Alumni Pres.), Tom Swanson, Ron Eichhorn, Dave Carrell, Kirk Davis, Bob Brendel, Jerry Brendel, Tim Kearns, Dick Swing, Rick Tate ("Tater") and myself, Gary Brinkmeyer. Tim Kearns left Bettendorf, IA early in the morning, arrived, had breakfast, golfed, attended the afterparty and then drove back to Bettendorf (4-hour drive, one way) in the same day. What a Trooper! Our

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Student Awards Recipients – Who, What, Where and When

It's been 13 years since the PSE Alumni Assn. first embarked on the endeavor of awarding financial assistance to qualified students, simply because their DAD was a member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity at EIU at some point in time. It seems to be an appropo time to find out **Who** all of these student recipients are, **What** they are doing/have done since leaving school, **Where** they are and **When** did they graduate.

To date there have been 32 different students who have received financial assistance over the years, a few receiving it for only a year or two, but most of them benefiting by it's receipt over a 3 or 4 year period of undergraduate study. This will be a long-term article, probably encompassing 3 or 4 Newsletter issues before it is complete. It is hoped that all the parents can be contacted for this information, but already there are a couple of lost addressees from early years.

Here we go:

Mari Beth Long – daughter of Roger and Kathie Long – Mari Beth graduated in 1995 after having received 4 years of financial awards with a degree in Marketing. She moved to Denver, CO in 1995, taking on a job as a sales rep for a pharmaceutical company, which required her to do a lot of traveling, much of it through the mountains. Within the last year, she gave up the travel and took a marketing job with a company involved in mortgage sales. Mari Beth is single and recently traded up from a condo to her own first home, still living in the Denver area.

Karin Garbe – Daughter of Gale and Mary Lou Garbe – Karin graduated in 1994 after having received 3 years of financial awards with a degree in Elementary Education. She began her teaching career in Arizona, teaching 3 years at an Indian reservation school, followed by 2 years in the Tucson, AZ school system. After moving back to the home area of St. Louis, she took and still retains a teaching position with the Francis Howell School in St. Charles, MO. She currently lives in St. Peter, MO, with her husband and two children, a boy and a girl.

Brett Collins – Son of Gary and Charlotte Collins – Brett graduated in 1993 after receiving 1 year of financial assistance with a degree in Psychology, emphasis in Health. He went on to obtain an M.S. degree in Guidance & Counseling, which he took into his first job at Lake Forest High School for one year. That was followed by moving into the Guidance Counselor position at Crystal Lake South High School, where he is currently employed. As noted in the Winter 2003 Newsletter, Brett is also involved in sports as an Assistant Coach under his Dad in the Crystal Lake basketball program. Brett is married and lives in Crystal Lake with his wife, a son, two daughters and expecting to be a father again in September.

Nicole Collins – Daughter of Gary and Charlotte Collins – Nicole graduated in 1994 after receiving 3 years of financial awards with a degree in Elementary Education, having finished school in three-and-a-half years. After filling a half-semester job at an alternative high school, she taught 3rd grade for one year in Cary, IL. After achieving a certificate of approval in Special Education, she moved into another alternative high school for freshmen/sophomores in

Crystal Lake and has been there for 8 years. Nicole and her husband also live in Crystal Lake with their son and she is also expecting a baby in September.

Steve Eichhorn – Son of Ron and Lynn Eichhorn – Steve graduated in 1998 after receiving 4 years of financial awards with a degree in Business. His first work venture was as an account executive with a nationwide insurance brokerage firm, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. In the Summer of 2000, Steve then took the position of Sales Rep and is now a Quotation Specialist with Molex Corp. in Lisle, IL. Steve and his new wife Angi live in Aurora, IL and both are pursuing Masters Degrees, Steve at Keller Institute and Angi at Benedictine University, with plans to celebrate completion of those degrees with a trip to Hawaii next Summer.

Michelle Eichhorn – Daughter of Ron and Lynn Eichhorn – Michelle graduated in 2001 after receiving 3 years of financial awards with a degree in Education as a Math major. After student teaching at Plainfield High School, she accepted a position there as a Math teacher in September 2001 and moved on to Lockport Twp. High School in September, 2003. Michelle and Bryan Heap, her new husband of 6 months, met at Plainfield High School, where he is also a teacher in social studies and economics. They live in Monooka, IL and both are pursuing Masters Degrees at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

Tracy Swanson – Daughter of Tom and LaDonna Swanson – Tracy graduated in 1994 after receiving 3 years of financial awards with a degree in Graphic Design. She worked for several graphic design firms before getting married in 2000. After the birth of her daughter in 2001, she gave up full-time employment to be a Mom. Tracy currently does free-lance design work for her previous employer and others, and lives in Chicago with her husband, daughter and step-son.

Paige Hood – Daughter of Dick and Linda Hood – Paige graduated in 1994 after receiving 3 years of financial awards with a degree in Elementary Education. She began her teaching career in Cissna Park, IL, teaching 3rd grade there for 2 years. Shortly thereafter she was married and moved to Seattle, WA, where she is again teaching in an elementary grade school. Paige is finishing up a Masters Degree in Reading and is employed as a Reading Specialist for the grade school. She and husband John have no children, but lots of pets.

Brooke Hood – Daughter of Dick and Linda Hood – Brooke graduated in 1998 after receiving 4 years of financial awards with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. She moved shortly thereafter to Chicago and presently lives in the area called Wrigleyville, obviously in reference to that famous ballpark. Brooke took her degree to the Banana Republic store chain, was hired and steadily moved up the chain of command. She presently is the Manager of the Skokie, IL, Banana Republic store, but also does a lot of traveling for the company. It seems that she and a fellow co-worker developed a training program for the company employees, and she now travels around the country delivering that training. Brooke is not married, except to Chicago and loves it there.

PSE Tidbits

Had a great, albeit shorter than I would have preferred, visit with Ron Rami ('69 - "Wop") and his wife Debbie in March of this year at their home in Cookeville, TN. They are right off the adjacent interstate highway, so if you're in the area, they would love to see you. Ron is retired from the local university staff (Tennessee Tech) and Debbie continues with her work, at least for a few more years. She is presently undergoing treatment for some medical problems and we wish her continued improvement. They get back to Illinois once or twice a year to visit family and also maintain contacts with several Phi Sig Brothers, Phil Lindberg in Carbondale, IL and Bernie Noonan in Overland Park, KS and probably others unaware to me. Our conversations while visiting for the few hours we were there naturally returned to the oft-asked questions like; "Do you know where so-and-so is?" or "What's so-and-so doing now?" or "Have you heard from any of these guys?" and sharing that information is like feeling satiated after a good meal. If you want to contact Ron, his address is Ron Rami, 2601 Lake Valley Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506 (931) 526-9042 and his email address is rrami@charter.net.

The 32nd annual PSE Campin' is coming up on the weekend of July 16-18, 2004, at the beautiful Lake Shelbyville Eagle Creek Resort complex, specifically the Eagle's Nest Retreat building that is located away from the central lodge. We have our own completely

furnished, air-conditioned amenities for the weekend of regression to those good old days of college-life and the after-college life. Now, it is also a brag session of children and in many cases grandchildren, complete with pictures. So, pack up your memories and come over to visit with us if you want; and if you want to be included for the weekend, let us know through the email address: psebrink@mchsi.com.

At the May 22, 2004 wedding of Gene & Sue Everett's son Brad, in St. Charles, IL, one of the attendee's was a long-lost Phi Sig Brother as well as real-life brother to the mother of the groom. After the beautiful wedding, a reception brought everybody together to intermingle and visit with the new bride and groom and assembled guests. The long-lost Brother was none other than Greg Davis, who is the real-life brother of Sue Everett (Gene) and Chris Ellis (Mike). He lives in the Long Island part of New York and also has traveled extensively throughout many parts of the world as part of a peace ministry. Greg works in the building trades industry and lives with his wife and daughter in Deer Park, NY, while an older daughter lives in Europe and is involved in missionary work. After the assembled Phi Sig Brothers (Gene Everett, Mike Ellis, Greg Davis, Dave Carrell

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EIU's Blair Hall Almost Destroyed by Fire

The historic Blair Hall building adjacent to Old Main on the campus of EIU was nearly lost in a mid-afternoon fire on April 28, 2004. Fighting to gain control of the fire was exacerbated by strong, steady 30-40 mph winds from the south that had been gusting all day and continued late into the night. Numerous fire departments from the area all volunteered in various capacities to get control of the fire, but did not succeed until the entire roof and third floor was essentially destroyed. Paraphrasing the local concern, "We almost lost her". Fortunately, there were no injuries to anybody, although offices were occupied and classes were in session, even on the third floor.

Blair Hall was built in 1913 within the shadow of Old Main as a complement to that beautiful castle-like structure. It had served many purposes over the nine decades of existence, most notably as the Business School during many of our alumni's tenure at EIU and many of us had classes there. From its beginnings in 1913 until about 1958, it was known as the Training School Building, since almost everybody was an Education major back then. As a training school, there were classes for all age groups in that building. In the local paper coverage of the fire, was an interview from an elder in the community that remembered attending first grade within its classrooms in 1918.

At the time of the fire, Blair Hall housed offices for grants and research, sociology and anthropology departments, international studies, graduate school programs, continuing education, African-American studies and the EIU Board of Trustees Degree program. While most of the third floor offices and classrooms were severely damaged, the lower levels sustained only water and smoke damage and are salvageable.

The best news is that the outer facade of the building escaped major fire damage and a structural engineer deemed the shell of the limestone building as being sound enough to support all the new construction required (including even the majestic steep gable roof supports at each end of the building). Work has already begun and

of course, the latest and safety-oriented features will be retrofitted into the renovated building – features such as a sprinkler system, all new electrical/electronic wiring, etc. Even better news is that the building insurance had been increased several years earlier and will substantially cover the expected million dollar plus cost of reconstruction and the state of Illinois is also kicking in some emergency funding. Other good news is that an agreement between the City and EIU was recently divulged, that calls for split funding for a new top-of-the-line ladder fire truck for the City, that will be of invaluable support for any future multi-level building fires, especially at Eastern. It replaces an obsolete ladder truck that experienced shortcomings at the fire scene and should be in place before the beginning of the Fall semester.



Blair Hall after the fire.

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Golf Outing *continued from page 1*

new golfing guest was Rick Tate, or "Tater", who lives in Flossmoor, IL. Many, many years ago he attended the PSE Open, but has been absent since then. Welcome Back!

After golf, the group adjourned to the Swanson farm for social time, consumption of more adult beverages, appetizers and pizza AND LaDonna's world famous chocolate cupcakes. Conversation naturally digressed to the good old days, especially when Ken Denison and Wally Kos showed up. Dredging through old albums of pictures from the past always challenges our memories, especially those of us with CRS Syndrome (Can't Remember S***) or Old-Timers Disease. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a good time and you'll have to wait until 2006 for the next one. There is no golf outing next year due to the Reunion in June.

The excess funds from the golf outing resulted in a contribution of \$100 to the PSE Alumni Assn. general fund. THANK YOU!

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and Gary Brinkmeyer) sang the now obligatory Phi Sig Sweetheart song to the bride (Elizabeth), and remembered the correct words, we all had the opportunity to visit and catch up on the long absences of our days at Phi Sigs at EIU. Greg can be reached at: 104 E. 3rd St., Deer Park, NY 11729 (631) 667-1056 or by email: newrevpro@optonline.net.

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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.

George C. Muir
Basil G. Osborn
Roger F. Hibbs

Clyde R. Krohn
Ernest C. Ballard
Claude S. Hayes

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

It hardly seems possible that 13 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 FOURTEENTH 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 over \$38,000 the past 13 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 2004 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 August 7, 2004. Upon receipt and verification of children attending or about to attend EIU, notification will be forwarded to you regarding the Student Award. These awards will be presented on Sunday, August 22, 2004, in Charleston. 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 (____) _____
E-mail Address: _____
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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