



Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association Reunion Edition



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The Future Is Now

In the Summer, 2004 Newsletter we told you about our plans to convert to an electronic format for this publication. The testing has worked without a hitch and we are now ready to roll out our new product.

Effective with the next Newsletter we will make it available online. Actually, by accessing our website (<http://members.empowering.com/ljcarli/pse/home.html>) you can see the current publication. Here is how it will work going forward. Each Brother who has provided us with an e-mail address will receive an e-mail advising that the new edition is now available online. At that point you can go to the website above and read the current Newsletter. If you want a hard copy, simply print it out from the website.

If we do not have an e-mail address for you we will continue to mail your copy to you. We would however urge all of you to consider this new availability. If you want to read the Newsletter online but not

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The Board of Directors hopes that this new direction is helpful to the Brothers while allowing us to control some of our costs of operations. Finally, kudos to Larry Carli for his efforts in establishing the PSE website and getting the Newsletter online.

PSE Alumni Assn. Diamond (75th) Anniversary Reunion June 10-12, 2005 – Charleston, Illinois So!!! What's Goin' On?

Well, if you don't know by now, you've only recently been added to the address listing database or you haven't been reading your past 2 years worth of Phi Sig Newsletters. But now, Crunch time is upon us, or more specifically YOU! In about two months, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. will host the 75th (Diamond) Anniversary Alumni Reunion to commemorate our existence as an organization at the home of Eastern Illinois University and our former beloved fraternity.

The active Phi Sigma Epsilon chapter began in March 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 Newsletter mailings to about 675 PSE Alumni around the country, knowing that despite our best efforts, some of these are not being received by the addressee. Still, we endeavor to maintain our member database as accurately as possible. So, upon receiving this Newsletter and reading it, we hope that you will 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 and celebrate this milestone of existence.

P.S.E. Golf Open – Saturday, June 11, 2005

In the last Newsletter, we asked for an e-mail response from potential golfers as to whether they would prefer the status quo Saturday morning outing or an alternate Friday golf outing, if it could be arranged. Our contention for seeking this change was to shorten the amount of time allotted to golf, lunch and awards that kept that group busy until midafternoon and minimized the opportunities to mingle and visit with everybody attending the Reunion. Well, despite a marginal response, you have spoken, and so this is what you and we have decided. The majority favors a continuation of the traditional Saturday morning shotgun start tourney, but to maximize the availability of time back at the Worthington Inn Reunion Central for

visiting and socializing, the lunch that was provided at the golf outing will not be provided this year. So, you are on your own for lunch, either by staying at the clubhouse or more hopefully, back at the Worthington, where you can regale your friends with stories of the 60-foot putt or the 260-yard drive in a casual outdoor atmosphere. In addition, the awards that were presented at the golf outing for numerous course accomplishments will be presented at the evening Banquet by one of our "resident pro" alumni, Charlie Henry. So, there you have it!

Officially, the Phi Sig Reunion Golf Open will convene with a shotgun start at 8 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2005, at the Mead-

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We're Having a Reunion?? Give Me 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.

The Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. 75th Anniversary Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of June 10-12, 2005, with the Best Western Worthington Inn serving as the headquarters for many activities. It is located on the west edge of the City, at Rt. 16 (Lincoln Ave.) and Douglas Dr. and was formerly the old Holiday Inn.

On Friday, just after lunch, the Inn will let us begin decorating our hospitality room, a 2-room suite (room numbers 300 & 302 that open into each other) that will serve as PSE Central. It will function 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 wet your whistle while visiting with those present or perusing the accumulated souvenirs from our past events and lives. 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 or answer any questions you may have, pertinent or impertinent, as the case may be.

Friday Evening Activities

The planned activity for all you Friday arrivees is the informal get-together at the Stix Restaurant and Sports Bar, located at 1412 Fourth Street, just off Lincoln Ave. (the main drag in front of Old Main) and diagonally northwest of Ike's. It is a white brick building now adjacent to an empty corner lot. (The lot will soon have a Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich Shoppe.) Activities will begin at about 6 PM in the rear banquet area, which has been reserved for the Phi Sig Alumni 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 many old albums of photos from the past, as well as archival items of interest that will also be part of the hospitality room décor before and after this gathering. If your appetite catches up to you while enjoying the atmosphere, you can simply 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 desire, except of course, to catch some shut-eye for the Saturday activities. Details on housing for the weekend coming up shortly.

Saturday Morning – Golf

The main activity for Saturday morning is the 18-hole golf outing – see details in the separate golf article in this Newsletter. The other main activity of course, is the round of visiting that the non-golfers can get in. The hospitality room will be open early for your relaxation and inspection. All meals, except the Saturday evening banquet dinner, are your responsibility. A free continental breakfast is provided daily to all registered guests at the Worthington Inn however, from 6 AM - 10 AM.

Where Can I Stay While Attending The Reunion Weekend?

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.

To reiterate, Reunion headquarters is the Best Western Worthington Inn on the west side of the City, as you come in on Rt. 16. We have been guaranteed 56 of the total 67 rooms available at the Inn under the name Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn., which guarantees us a discounted room rate. As of this writing, 25 of those rooms have already been reserved, so you might want to get your reservations in quickly after reading this. In addition though, you can also reserve a room(s) outside of the reserved block (11 rooms) within a 2-week window of time prior to the Reunion weekend, and by mentioning your PSE affiliation, receive the discounted room rate. The rooms vary in rate according to the requested accommodations, but are basically \$52 for 1 Dbl Bed, \$57 for 2 Dbl Beds, \$65 for a King Studio and \$103 for a Master Suite.

To help you with your decision in finding a room for the weekend, other than the Worthington Inn, below-noted is a listing of local motels and appropriate phone numbers. Although we have a discounted rate with the Worthington, 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) 528-8161

- 2) Days Inn - Charleston (217) 345-7689 or (800) 329-7466
- 3) Fairfield Inn - Mattoon (217) 234-2355 or (800) 228-2800
- 4) Hampton Inn - Mattoon (217) 234-4267 or (800) 426-7866
- 5) Comfort Suites - Mattoon (217) 235-6745
- 6) Super 8 Motel - Mattoon (217) 235-8888 or (800) 800-8000

Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner

A 5:30 PM cash bar preceding the Banquet Dinner 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 PM at the Best Western Worthington Inn and consists of 3 entrees: Roast top round of Beef with pan drippings, Breast of Chicken with Roasted Garlic & Mushroom and Grilled Salmon with Balsamic Strawberry Sauce. In addition the buffet includes: Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings & Condiments, Fresh Fruit Bowl, 2 Assorted Salads (Italian Pasta & Cole Slaw), 2 Vegetables (Fresh Vegetable Medley & Country Style Green Beans), Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Rolls & Butter and Coffee or Iced 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 Tanger Outlet Mall in nearby Tuscola. Some great stores there! The Worthington Inn management also informed me that their Banquet facilities are now operated by a well-known area chef, who also operates the Amishland Buffet, adjacent to the above-mentioned Outlet Mall. It is a huge red-barn building that is visible from the interstate and is locally famous for its cuisine. Nobody should leave the Banquet hungry or dissatisfied.

After the Dinner is over, the Program phase of the evening will ensue, with the presentation of a custom-made videotape onto a large screen that will highlight what our Present is all about, rather than focusing on all of our past glories. Following the video presentation, some additional information will be highlighted and some special awards will be announced and the golf awards will be presented from the PSE Open earlier that morning.

A specially designed favor has been designed and created to commemorate and remind you of your attendance at this milestone Reunion. And like the Reunion 5 years ago, this favor is not packaged with the Banquet Dinner cost, so you can choose to buy one (or multiples) at the Reunion. Details about the costs are still being determined at this time, but obviously will be finalized by the onset of Reunion weekend.

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REGISTRATION – BANQUET ACTIVITIES

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

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail (for roster) _____

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

Banquet – 6 p.m. _ June 11, 2005

Couple – Includes Dinner

Price

\$60.00

Amount

Single – Includes Dinner

\$30.00

Payment should be made out to:

PSE Alumni Assn.

and mailed to:

P.O. Box 931

Charleston, IL 61920

Total Amount Enclosed (Banquet) _____

Registration/Banquet requests must be **PAID IN FULL** by **MAY 25, 2005** 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 11, 2005. Please include a check for \$40.00 if you plan to participate. This fee includes green fees & golf cart and must be paid in full by May 25, 2005. 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 (Golf) _____

Questions regarding this golf outing may be directed to Jeff Moore. His e-mail address is jeff.moore@regions.com or (217) 345-1687 evenings. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the golf outing contact Jeff Moore.

A Photographic Peek into the Past

In early February of this year, after receipt of the late-mailed previous PSE Newsletter, the wife (Betty) of alum John C. Haworth called to inform me of the death of her beloved "Jack" in October 2004 in Sarasota, FL, where they had resided for 30-plus years. I receive these notifications periodically, normally by mail, and the status of the deceased is noted in our database and removed from mailings. This one was different though.

Betty had read the Newsletter, specifically the article requesting "Do YOU Have Special Phi Sig Mementos or Souvenirs?" and verbally responded during our phone conversation, even while still emotionally grieving from her loss. She informed me that she had an old album grouping of black and white photos from Jack's days as a Phi Sig and a baseball athlete at Eastern in the latter 1940's, graduating in 1950. After the war, she and Jack were married and went to Eastern on the G.I. bill, living in a married housing area called "Trailerville", located approximately where Lantz Gym is now. Although cramped for living area and sharing communal bathrooms, this conclave of housing was all that was available to the masses of returning to school G.I.'s that suddenly burgeoned the population at Eastern. The federal government had offered these trailers leftover from the war to Eastern, as they did to many other entities. According to Betty, the "Trailerville" experience fostered some of their most endearing memories and friendships of their lives. While a student, Jack became a Phi Sig and was a member of the 1948 Pledge Class, along with about 15-20 others, and she had that picture.

Betty asked me if the Phi Sigs would be interested in these old

photos and if it would be possible to see if any of the old Brothers that were pictured could be located and informed of Jack's passing. I indicated that we were definitely interested in the collection of photos and would try to contact those for whom we had addresses. The collection of almost one hundred photos includes candid "Trailerville" experience photos, action, team and individual baseball (Eastern) pictures, newspaper pictures and articles about Eastern baseball, Homecoming parades, individual and group Phi Sig pictures and their "Hell week" pictures (some things never change), as well as numerous general pictures. Most are not identified and the names belong to the ages, but a number of the individual Phi Sig pictures are identified.

I have been able to make three contacts on her behalf and enjoyed some conversations with older Brothers from those days in school and will be forwarding the old photos of themselves taken some 60 years ago back to them. I feel good about having reached out to help someone who reached out to us with an invaluable archival picture gift of the past. This collection of pictures and articles will be on display in the hospitality room during the Reunion and at the Friday night gathering at the Stix Restaurant, along with many other articles of PSE memorabilia.

On behalf of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. I would like to personally convey our gratitude to Betty for her generous gift of history to us – it fills in some photographic holes that are for the most part absent in our PSE history.

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owview Golf Course, located southwest of Charleston about 8-10 miles (same site as the last two Reunion outings). At both of the last two golf outings, there have been about 40-plus Brothers golfing, and as we have tried to do in the past, we will again try to accede to some of your foursome pairings wishes. The cost of the outing is listed on the registration form enclosed within this Newsletter. 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.

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.

Philip G. Baird
John C. Haworth
Earl T. Sheffield

Michael J. Collins
Ralph J. Waldrop

PSE Tidbits

A sad but necessary part of my job as Newsletter Editor involves the addition of names to the listing of Brothers Eternal in the Newsletter. Periodically however, word is received about the death of a spouse and when they are known personally to many and are in the prime of their lives, it is even more tragic. It is in this context that I share with you the untimely demise of Debbie Rami, wife of Ron Rami ('69) of Cookeville, TN and Linda Hood, wife of Dick Hood ('66) of Belleville, IL. We extend our sympathies to our Brothers and their families and again take solace in the fact that we are better for having known them too.

The notification to me by e-mail of an address change by Paul Stracke ('63) eventually led to the donation of his original Phi Sig jacket that was popular in the 1960's. This gray wool jacket with the gray leather sleeves and the PSE pin-shaped logo on the left chest was the venerable icon of fraternity jackets at the time. Upon reading the article in the last Newsletter about loaning the PSE Alumni Assn. items for the Reunion memorabilia display, Paul decided instead to donate his old jacket to the permanent archival collection of PSE artifacts. On behalf of the PSE Alumni Assn., I would like to personally thank him for this gesture and assure him that it will be fondly remembered by the many attendees to the Reunion who see it on display in the Hospitality Room.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

It hardly seems possible that 14 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 FIFTEENTH 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 \$40,000 the past 14 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 2005 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, 2005. 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 21, 2005, 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 _____

*Registration Information &
Pledge Information
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