



# Delta Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni



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## Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas

### Web Site Update by Tom Swanson

After several months of going live with our new website, it is time to review our progress. For the most part, the implementation has gone smoothly. There were several bumps along the way and it has been somewhat of a learning process. I'll try to review some of the problems, so that they can be avoided in the future.

The main problem I have noted is with initial registration. The key thing to remember is that when you enter your data, registration is not immediate. I've noted repeated instances where a member has entered their registration data and then immediately attempted to sign-on to the site. This results in a failed log-in attempt. Once you have entered your data, an e-mail is sent to me by the system advising of a user sign-up. I review your data against our existing list of members and, presuming I confirm you are one of us, I activate your membership. This activation then results in the system sending you an e-mail advising you accordingly. Bearing the above in mind, remember that you need to provide me with enough information to actually identify you, minimally your real name and city/state. We have actually had a member try to register providing only a username that gave me little clue as to whom he actually was. An e-mail to him got the needed information. I check my e-mail on a regular basis throughout the day and hopefully will have you activated within a short period of time. If it has been over 24 hours, e-mail me at [tswan60940@aol.com](mailto:tswan60940@aol.com).

Since we are all not getting any younger, the issue of memory comes into play. More than a few members have forgotten either or both of their username or password that you used to register initially. We can work with those problems and I'll outline the procedure. I have access to the username that you used when you registered. If you forget the username, you can e-mail me and I'll send you the information. Sometimes I note repeated failed log-in attempts and I'll simply send a reminder. If you've forgotten your password, then as long as you know your username, the system will send you an e-mail giving you the password. Just enter your username and click on "Forgot Password". A less frequent occurrence, but another possibility is that you've forgotten both your username and password and your e-mail address has changed (yes-it has happened). In that case, contact me with your new e-mail address. I will edit your user data to reflect the new e-mail address and then provide you with your username information. You can then follow the "Forgot Password" protocol and be back in business.

The final issue I'll deal with in this article relates to news items and forums. You've no doubt seen numerous news items on the front page of our site. While it appears that I have posted all of these items, it is simply part of the approval process that makes it appear that way. If you have news that you would like to share with the group, click on submit news and enter your story. As you've seen, it can also include a picture. Once you submit your item, the system advises me of a submitted news item. I then review it for appropriateness, determine the length of time for posting and OK the posting. The item then posts on the site and is e-mailed to all registered users. We also have a Forums page, where you can start discussion topics that are, or may be, of interest to members. Posts are limited to registered users and are not reviewed prior to posting (although we do reserve the right to delete offensive material). The Forums page also has a place to post your jokes and/or humorous stories. Finally, there is a Gallery page where we/you can post photos of various events. Currently there are albums relating to an earlier Camp-In and Student Awards, as well as current photos from the Sept. '09 PSE Camp-In. We are working out some problems in trying to make posting to the Gallery more accessible and will provide more information at a later date.

After an initial rush of registrations when we opened the site, we have slowed down significantly. The number of registered members, as a percentage of overall members, is relatively low. At the last PSE Board meeting we discussed this and felt that many of you are content to simply review the Newsletter and not avail yourselves of the website's other features. This is obviously a personal choice and has no bearing upon the success of the site. Simply remember that to use the full array of features available on our website, you must be a registered user.

### Reunion Update

Save This Date – June 11-13, 2010

In case you haven't heard, there will be a Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. Reunion in Charleston, IL, on June 11-13, 2010. I am presenting to you at this time a little bit of information as we know it, with the bulk of the information and registration coming out in the Spring 2010 Newsletter, due out in March or April 2010.

The location for our gathering will be the same as it has been in the past—the Worthington Inn on the western edge of the city. I have already blocked off a group of 55 rooms, with a possibility of more at a later date if necessary. The good news on the room rates—they are holding them at the same rate that you paid in 2005. Nothing more than \$60. The Saturday night banquet will again be held here and as mentioned in the previous Newsletter, will be provided by a new caterer. They have been deliciously received over the last two years and they should have your taste buds tingling. The price is still unknown, basically because our menu choices are unknown. That will be decided by the Board in

early 2010.

The Friday night soiree will again be at the Panther Paw Bar & Grill, near the intersection of Fourth St. and Lincoln Ave. , the same place we have had it the last two times. There is a small chance that the rear area may be unavailable, but we will know that by the end of this year and can decide on our options. More on that later.

On Saturday morning there will be the traditional golf scramble that many of you enjoy. Charlie Henry has agreed to take on the responsibility for providing this fun event. The previously utilized golf course, Meadowview, was unavailable for our booking for next year. Golfers will gather at Angus Links Golf Course in Windsor , IL , just southwest of Mattoon , for a golf scramble. Angus Links ( [www.anguslinks.moon-fruit.com](http://www.anguslinks.moon-fruit.com) ) is about 30 minutes from the hotel and will be open for breakfast. A modified shotgun start will begin at 9 AM .

A special prize will be awarded for the best pledge class performance, so mark your calendars and get your PB's ready for the challenge. Players can also enter as a foursome, twosome or as an individual.

The cost is only \$32/player and includes golf, ½ cart and prizes, which will be awarded Saturday night at the banquet. Tournament scoring will be done back at the hotel near our hospitality suite.

If you would like an early registration form, email Charlie Henry at [clh3@comcast.net](mailto:clh3@comcast.net) . More details will follow in the spring.

We are taking a slightly different direction with the entertainment portion of our program for this Reunion . As a result, we are seeking your help. It goes without saying that Phi Sigs have encountered many humorous situations throughout their fraternity lives. Some of the stories are legendary and have been repeated (and perhaps embellished) over the decades. We are asking you to share your humorous stories with us. Without going into the details of how they may be used, we will say that some of those humorous (embarrassing?) events will be incorporated into our program.

You are encouraged to forward your submissions, via e-mail to:

[tskincade@aol.com](mailto:tskincade@aol.com) utilizing the subject line: Phi Sig Funnies

Let's make this the most entertaining program ever.

The next Spring edition of this Newsletter will highlight all the information that you will need to have a great time at the 80th Anniversary PSE Reunion in Charleston , IL .

Remember to save this date: June 11-13, 2010

### *PSE Nineteenth Annual Student Awards*



(L to R) Student Award recipient Landon Arney and his dad Larry Arney

Sunday, August 23, 2009, became a day that promulgated a number of changes in the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. Student Awards program. About the only change that didn't occur this day was the weather-it was an absolutely gorgeous day for about any outdoor activity that you could envision. No rain or cloud-cover, no excessive humidity, no wind and no hoards of sweat bees, as in past Student Awards Sundays.

The weather was especially important this year because we changed our venue location, from the previous years Sister City (Southeast) Park pavilion with its fixed roof to my own backyard deck. As per the Spring 2009 Newsletter, we decided not to renew the pavilion because monetary concerns were forcing the PSE Board to rethink several issues that were normally part of the Awards program. In this case, since the pavilion was free upon signup, the previously catered luncheon took the hit. Since I live in Charleston and am usually fully involved in the Awards program, I decided that I could and did provide a location and the minimal cost meal for the invited guests and PSE Board members. The luncheon consisted of ½ lb. grilled hamburgers (technically called "Fluffy Burgers" by Morgan Meat Market in Mattoon-trademarked name), a 10-different fresh fruit salad, supersweet corn on the cob, garden fresh tomatoes and condiments, a variety of drinks and my own famous brownies that I always make for any Phi Sig function at my house. Typically they are downed with beer, but we decided to forego that for the Awards day. I think everybody got enough to eat, although if Larry Arney had dropped any more burgers on the deck, we might have been short there. Present for the luncheon and awards and introduced beforehand was Larry, Laura & Landon Arney, Sharon Brinkmeyer, PSE Board president Jim Luthe, VP/Treasurer Gary Brinkmeyer and Board members Boone Chaney and Marv Randolph ("Steer").

Again, as per the last Newsletter, we stated that we were restricting the number of Student Awards to the same three students that received them last year, they being Landon Arney, Lita Hickey and Jennifer Moore. The reason was the same as for the meal-the money was not in the checking account because of lower interest income and expenses for the PSE website and upcoming June 2010 Reunion. At the PSE Golf outing in late May, Dan Hickey informed me that his daughter Lita, was transferring to a Chicago-area school and in July, Jeff Moore informed me that his daughter Jennifer was transferring to an Indiana school. So now we are down to one student to receive the monetary award, that being Landon Arney, son of Larry and Laura Arney of Effingham, IL. And he did receive that check from the PSE Alumni Assn.

However, again as stated in the Spring Newsletter, the aforementioned three students were only to receive Student Award checks from us for \$300, instead of the normal \$500. This was also due to our cost-cutting efforts, but was hinged upon the premise of there being three students receiving individual checks. With that now not being the case, the Board decided to revert back to the position of awarding \$500 stipends-and that is what Landon received for his second year at Eastern. Before I presented that to him though, I did a quick explanation to the assembled group of where our money comes from and the spate of sudden expenditures we were encountering. I then stated and apologized that I could no longer present the \$300 check that Landon was expecting (visibly saw jaws drop), but that I would have to present a \$500 check instead. Thereupon came a palpable sense of relief that normally only comes with a good BM. After all the official business of the day was over, obligatory pictures were taken with the banner and honored guests, whereupon everyone retreated to the new Phi Sig Annex and Archives Room. It was great watching people's reactions when they suddenly saw pictures of themselves from old school days. But, reality awakened everyone again to the realization that there were other obligations due before sunset. Let's do this again next year!

### *Old Crest - New Frame*

As long as I can recall, there has always been the old, original crest-you remember the one I'm talking about. It hung in the living room of the 1509 Second St. fraternity house, until of course, that was no more. It was the shiny, pounded aluminum crest with the chains supporting the scales of justice and the checkered red and aluminum pattern on the shield that looked like the board from a game of checkers. I have old pictures from that living room that show that crest, nicely framed with a black felt background. But sometime since the demise of the chapter House in 1986, the crest had lost its original frame, possibly in those tumultuous days following the loss of the PSK charter. It sat from that time tucked away in the bowels of my second-story garage storage area until I completed the Phi Sig Annex in Fall 2007. Then, it was moved into that area until I requested that it be reframed and the PSE Board concurred.

Dick Swing was in attendance at the meeting where we decided to have reframing work done on it. He volunteered that his fiancé (Barb Dubrick) had a little framing business in Cissna Park and that she could do that whole project. It involved disassembling the whole crest from its original backing, clean and polish all the metal, re-square the back support board, install new black felt and a heavy-duty black frame with a glass cover incorporated into the frame to protect it. In the interim time between her receipt of it and our return of the finished product, she and Dick were married (on Valentines Day). Wedding planning always leads to



Newly framed crest bordered by original PSE charters

changes in schedules and so it was for a bit of time. But, at the PSE golf outing in May, Dick delivered to me the finished product. And, I have to tell you-it came out beautifully. The new black frame and glass highlights the polished aluminum and adds a depth of appreciation for the original construction of this old crest. Thanks Barb, for all the effort you put into it. It was greatly appreciated. It now centers the main wall of the Archives Room, between the two original reframed Phi Sig charters.

The Spring 2010 Newsletter will have a story about the Brother who built this for us in the early 50's. I have made contact with him and he has agreed to provide some information about himself and the project.

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### *Eastern Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee*

Homecoming Day (Oct. 17) was a beautiful Fall day, preceded by several days of rain that had threatened to move into the Homecoming weekend. There were distinguished alumni that were being recognized and former athletes that were being inducted into the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame that day, among them, Don Neece. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the day's festivities, although he was still recognized at the football game halftime ceremonies. Don was one of our own athletes as mentioned in the Spring '09 Newsletter. While in high school at East Alton-Wood River, he qualified for state wrestling three times and placed sixth in the state his senior year. His success continued after arriving at EIU. He placed fourth in the 1962 NAIA wrestling tournament, earning All-American recognition. He was a three time All-Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, with a conference championship in 1964 and runner-up finishes in both 1963 and 1965. The Panthers went on to become IIAC champions his junior year, but Don's personal best came about his senior year. He earned NAIA First Team All-American wrestling honors in 1965 by winning the national championship in the 191-pound class. His nickname was "Beast" and judging from his wrestling accomplishments, I can see how he received that moniker. After graduation from EIU in 1965 he returned to his old high school, where he was a teacher, coach and athletic administrator, before recently retiring as the Assistant Superintendent at East Alton-Wood River High School.

### *Illinois Hall of Fame Inductee*

Once again we have been informed that another EIU-Phi Sig alumnus has been chosen to be inducted into an Illinois Hall of Fame. This time however, it is into the Illinois Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the recipient of that honor is Larry Gariepy ('66), a native of Bridgeport. He will be honored at a banquet in Bloomington, IL on Feb. 21, 2010.

Larry started coaching softball in 1981 at Crossville High School and in seven years put together a 105-15 record that included four regional championships and two "Sweet 16" appearances. In 1988 Crossville consolidated with Carmi High School becoming Carmi-White County High School. Larry became the head coach of the Lady Bulldogs in 1991 and over the next 13 years compiled a 270-96 record, winning

### *Brothers Eternal*

The Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association is once again saddened to report to you the death of a Brother of the Heart from over the years. Let us however, take solace in the fact that we are better for having known him.

Steve A. Grishaber

eight regionals, two sectionals and ten North Egypt Conference titles. The 1991 club finished fourth in the Class A state tournament, while the 1997 team finished third. He was the Southern Illinois Coaches Assn. Coach of the Year in 1997 and the Illinois Coaches Assn. Coach of the Year in 2001. He retired after the 2002 season, moved to Pope County and was quickly hired to lead the Lady Pirates high school softball program. He also started a junior high school program in 2004 and he still coaches that group. Overall his record 441-145, which is a .735 winning percentage, not bad for a guy who initially dreamed of being a football coach in the fall and a baseball coach in the spring. Congratulations!

### *PSE Golf Outing*

The annual PSE golf outing was a great success this past Spring, partly because of the great weather, but also because it still goes to prove that "even a bad day at golf is better than a good day at work". Hosting it again this year was Tom Swanson of Grant Park, IL., with his local course, Minne Monesse Golf Club, being the site on May 30, 2009. Twenty-one Brothers decided to play and two others, Dick Carpenter and Paul Klopfenstein, showed up early to visit with the accumulated duffers prior to the tee-time starts. Those playing included Bob & Jerry Brendel, Dave Carrell, Boone Chaney, Kirk Davis, Ken Dennison (still nursing a surgery-repaired knee), Ron Eichhorn, Gene Everett and son Brad, Steve Helmkamp Dan Hickey, Tim Kearns, Steve Grishaber, Wally Kos, Jim Luthe, Al Story, Tom Swanson, Dick Swing, Rick Tate, John Ziebarth and me, Gary Brinkmeyer. I don't know who had low score-they all claim their foursome did, I'm sure. I do know who didn't have the low score and that was our fivesome, since we picked up the odd man out and I played my usual crappy game.



PSE golfers -  
(L to R sitting) - Jerry Brendel, Ron Eichhorn, Wally Kos, Dan Hickey

(L to R kneeling) - Rick Tate, Gene Everett, Paul Klopfenstein, Dave Carrell, Ken Dennison, Gary Brinkmeyer, Tom Swanson

(L to R standing) - Boone Chaney, Jim Luthe, Tim Kearns, John Ziebarth, Steve Helmkamp, Bob Brendel, Al Story, Dick Swing, Brad Everett, Kirk Davis, Steve Grishaber

Following the golf outing, everybody retreated to the host's farm to enjoy the fruits of their labor, with no PSE meeting planned to interrupt the festivities. Tom, as he usually does, had plenty to drink and eat-lots of goodies provided by LaDonna followed by pizzas ordered in by Tom from the local pizzeria. The delivery kid probably hopes for more deliveries to our group, as he left with a very healthy tip for his driving efforts. Thanks to Tom and LaDonna for their usual excellent organizational skills in putting this together and their hospitality in providing meals, drinks and in some cases a bedroom.

As you probably noticed and read earlier, this golf outing was attended by Steve Grishaber and he did complete the whole 18 holes. Several people commented that before we teed off, they had talked to Steve and thought that he had seemed more tired than usual. Little did we know that this would be his last outing. He passed away on August 09, 2009. There must have been a need in heaven for someone to serve as an example of living your life to the fullest.

### *PSE Tidbits*

**If you don't already know, I collect old beer and brewery advertising**, especially Griesedieck Bros. from St. Louis (it really is pronounced "Greasy-dick"). While attending the national Beer CANvention (this year in Springfield, IL) in early September, I was talking to a new acquaintance on the show floor. All of a sudden from behind, a hand rested on my shoulder and a voice started singing "Phi Sigs once, Phi Sigs twice, Holy jumping J \_\_\_ C \_\_\_", whereupon I chimed in to help finish that PSE ditty. I turned around to see Steve Sandstrom ("Touc"-84) standing there with his approximately 13-15 year old daughter. Fortunately, I believe the verses were somewhat cleaned up by the time she appeared to my sight. It turns out that the guy I was talking to was Steve's brother, Jeff, who also collects beer stuff. Had a nice conversation with Steve (he also lives in Springfield, IL)-he keeps in contact with a number of Brothers from his days in school. Although I don't remember his exact employer, I believe that he is involved in journalism, pertaining to a medical professional journal or magazine. Let me know Steve, if I'm way off base and thanks for stopping to say hello.

**On our way to spend a week in Myrtle Beach, SC**, with a brother and his family from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, my wife and I inadvertently spent the last Sunday night of July in Cookeville, TN. The cause-our travel car broke down on the interstate just a few miles after we filled up with an off-brand gas and just about 2 miles from Ron Rami's home. We limped the car to his home thinking he would surely be home on a late Sunday afternoon (we had been there several times in past years). Finding him not home, we called his phone number and left a message and then secured a nearby motel for the night. Since there was no Lexus dealer in Cookeville, we found a nearby

Toyota dealership, got the car right in on Monday morning and it was promptly diagnosed and repaired. In the meantime, Sharon had secured an awesome deal on an Accord rental from Hertz and fearing more problems on a busy week ahead in SC, we opted for the rental, leaving our car at the dealership. While in SC we heard back from Ron Rami, who exclaimed "Wouldn't you know it-the one weekend of the summer that I'm away visiting my Mom in a Chicago-area nursing home, you call and tell me you're in town, as well as Bernie Noonan's wife being in town and trying to reach me". On our return trip to Cookeville after a week in SC, we had to return the rental car and Ron decided to take us out to eat and offered to put us up for the night at his home. I took him up on the offer while Sharon felt like she needed to stay at the motel that had taken care of a bicycle that wouldn't travel on the Accord. We sat up and talked and drank beer until the clock was nearing 2 AM and I had to drive home my repaired vehicle that morning. Ron graciously shuttled Sharon & me around to get everything done before heading home. After starting home, our repaired car broke down the same way in Hopkinsville, KY, about 2 hours down the road. Again, we limped it into a Toyota dealership and got the same diagnosis as before-an electronic coil problem. Ron happened to call again to see how we were doing while we were awaiting that repair and offered to come over to pick us up and drive us back to Charleston, IL. Of course, we declined and did make it home with no further problems, but it needs to be stated-"Ain't brotherhood great!" Thanks, Ron.

**The 37th edition of the annual PSE CampIn** (previously known as the Phi Sig CampOut and Goose Hunt) was held again on Sept. 18-20 at our new campsite called Whitetail Crossing Cabin Village, near Lake Shelbyville, or as it is colloquially called, Lake Shebbyville. We filled all the bedrooms we had rented in the four housing units with old timers and new-to-camping Brothers and in many cases wives. In total there were 8 couples and 6 single guys (3 with spouses not present) in attendance. People started rolling in just after lunch on Friday, picked out their rooms and started preparing for outdoor activities on a beautiful Fall day leading into a similar weekend. Friday evening is always grill-your-own main course with dishes and desserts provided by everyone, for everyone. We have yet to go hungry and truth be told-we could probably feed a small third-world country for that weekend. With darkness coming on, the first campfire of the weekend signals the time for just sitting around with a few brews and swap stories and jokes from the year of absence since last seeing everybody. Saturday morning finds a group of golfers heading over to the nearby Deer Trail Golf Course in Shelbyville (a 9-hole course that formerly was the Shelbyville Country Club), some for 18 holes, most just doing 9 holes. The rest of us non-mudsluggers keep a vigil, visit and exchange pictures of grown kids and in many cases grandkids until the golfers return. The game of corn-hole bags (essentially shuffleboard through the air with corn-filled bags) is very popular with our group of guys and the competition heats up. I think this year, the team to beat was the Luthe-Swanson duo, but they had to overcome some swarthy competition. Late afternoon finds everybody getting into chores in preparation for the weekend coup-de-grace, that being our annual fish fry, sweet corn-on-the-cob, homemade slaw, tomato slices and anything else from all the leftover foods. It's not a good weekend to be on a diet. The fresh fish filets are always provided by our resident fisherman Gene Everett and generally consist of walleye, crappie, bluegill, catfish and bass (both largemouth and stripers). As we always say, "It don't get no better than this". This year was a special year too, because we were able to celebrate the March '09 marriage of Paul Klopfenstein ('68) and new wife Betty. Champagne toasts were offered to all present by the new couple, as was wedding cake. The Brothers encircled the new bride and sang the "Sweetheart" song (clean version-although it was hard for some to remember those words) and what I call the "Lavalier" song that starts out "Phi Sigma Girl"(same with remembering the words). The couple was presented with a keepsake, hanging wedding plate with congratulatory messages from everybody present. The second campfire is already going, so when the cleanup is completed everyone vegetates, letting digestion take its normal course, sometimes rudely punctuated with malodorous outbursts from the encircled group. The stories and jokes are mostly from the past, some attaining the notoriety of an "urban legend", but are generally shared from year to year because we can't remember any new jokes that we've heard. The late-nighters generally shut down the fire between midnight and 1 AM. An early breakfast is generally followed by efforts to get everything packed up, leftover food distributed and goodbyes and hugs offered, in many cases, until next year. Another successful CampIn is over and we travel back to our busy lives, happy to have had the mentally-relaxing interlude with our good friends and Brothers.

**Another Brother of the Heart** now "belongs to the ages". On August 9, 2009, Steve A. Grishaber (better known to most of us as "Count") passed away from the cumulative effects of the disease he suffered with for most of his life, Multiple Sclerosis. I know for a fact that many of us considered him a role model for how to lead your life in the face of great adversity. Steve was diagnosed with the malady shortly after graduating from Eastern in 1971, and as with most who are so afflicted, it gradually robbed him of some senses and wreaked havoc on various organs and parts of his body. In the face of all that though, I never heard him once complain-he just kept chugging on. He was probably considered legally blind, but on more than one occasion he completed 18 holes of golf, most recently on May 30, 2009, at the Phi Sig Open in Grant Park, IL. Last year I partnered with Steve, Ken Dennison and Kirk Davis and I know for a fact that he regularly hit the ball better than I did. Then he would drop into his deep-seating position with his knees almost into his face, I assume for comfort, before riding on to the next hole. I gave the 2009 group picture shown in the golf article to his wife Camille, and although it may be hard to see in this photocopy, it pictures "Count" with a smile of contentment and satisfaction, as if to say "I can still play golf with you guys". Steve is survived by Camille, a son (Steve) and two grandsons, as well as numerous other relatives. At his visitation, 12 of us Brothers gathered together to pay our respects to both our Brother and friend and his family-and I would also be remiss if I didn't thank Wally Kos for exemplifying the phrase "He ain't heavy-he's my brother" over the many years of caring for the "Count". Resting in the casket near his head was Steve's beloved gray Phi Sig ball cap. Rest in Peace Brother!

**Donations of Phi Sig memorabilia** continue to come in for display in the new PSE Annex and Archives Room on the second story of my garage. Since last Spring, six different Brothers have contributed items from their own personal keepsakes to be shared amongst other similar mementoes of our days past. They are:

**Bob Brendel** – Bob's pledge book reveals the kind of information we all had to learn as we continued through our pledgeship. A lot of fun stuff mixed in with serious info opens a window that marks each pledge book as a unique time capsule. A small yellow-cover, spiral-bound notebook like reporters carried.

**Garry Ernst** – In the early '50's Garry's sister was pledging Delta Zeta sorority at Eastern. They had a tradition of obtaining names from different fraternity members that were on campus at the time. These were signed onto a china dinner plate (plain white) that had been segmented like pie slices with a magic marker for the different fraternities, including of course, Phi Sigma Epsilon. Because of the names in our segment, Garry felt it might be something that we would be interested in displaying and it absolutely is. As best as I can decipher, here are those names, with only a couple that were not clearly legible. They are shown as written on the plate, with parentheses indicating my

additions based upon our composite membership list. They are: Arlin Rice, Lloyd Ludwig, Wayne Baker, J (John) Alter, Phil Moore, JRJ (I assume John R. Jones), Tom F (Faller), Gene Frantz, Gary P (Pope)-"Skip", Bill Ferguson, Ron Kitchen, Gene McD (McDivitt), Joe Wolfe, Ken L (Ludwig), Don Pars (Parsons) and the following partial names: C.J. \_\_\_, Bob F \_\_\_, "Ed", Phil \_\_\_, C. Da \_\_\_. Any help out there, let me know.

**Roger Haberer** – Roger called and said he would like to drop off this blanket for the collection. It was probably like a formal or party favor and is like a small lap blanket that you would use at a football game with your sweetheart. It is a black, wool-like composition, about 4 x 5 feet in size, with a gold-stitched border all around it and a large outlined PSE crest centered on it. We have a similar one donated by Roger McCoy, so they must have been a popular item.

**Ron Rami** – While awaiting my car repair in Cookeville, TN (see above story), I spent the night at Ron Rami's home. Amongst all of our varied conversations that evening, Ron left the room and returned with these items for the Archives. PSE paddle that was given to "Ron -'70 from Winter Class '68". Hmmm! Ron doesn't remember exactly why it came about unless he was pledge trainer or the like. Also donated was a PSE lapel pin and a package of PSE adhesive labels. Ron also donated to my beer room, six different size and brands of beer glasses that came from his days in school here at Eastern. Let's see-I wonder where they were stolen from. Was it Roc's or Sporty's or Ike's or maybe Chink's. Or how about Rendezvous? Well, wherever. Thanks Ron!

**Randy Rothrock** – In early September, Randy emailed me and said that Al Ortegren was coming up to see him and that they wanted to come over for a visit and to see the new PSE Annex & Archives room. We had a great time catching up on the past on a sunny mid-September day drinking a cold one on the deck. Randy also brought along several items for the Archives, the first a maroon sweatshirt with a silkscreened white PSE crest outlined on it. It too, is like a lot of the old sweatshirts and tshirts-it has shrunk a lot over the years. The other donation was the keepsake football from the EIU intramural flag football championship game in 1968, which Phi Sigma Epsilon won. Randy doesn't remember who it was that we beat-can anybody out there help us out before I have to go to the library files to find out.

**Steve Whitley** – Steve had found these in his garage a while back and asked me about our interest in them. He thought they were formal-like favors. The first item was a small, red leather zippered carrying case for small toiletry items like fingernail clippers, file, comb, scissors etc. It has a small brass (1 inch) crest affixed to the exterior case and that crest is the older style, similar to the picture of the reframed crest shown in this Newsletter. The other item, also leather, has a Tri-Sig brass crest affixed to it and is about 6 inches wide by 12 inches tall. Inside is a fold-up dress hanger and some straps for attaching jewelry and other personal effects. Steve thought it probably belonged to his wife Jolene.