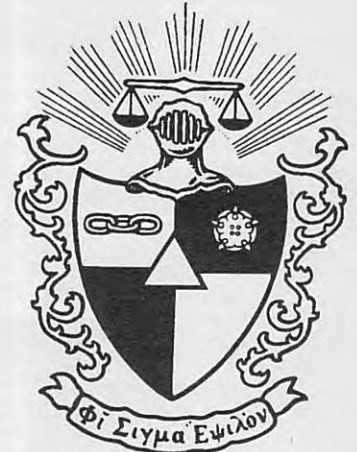


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## The 75th Year Anniversary Reunion – June 10-12, 2005

"It was the best of times – it was the worst of times". That paraphrased statement from the writings of Charles Dickens, exemplified the feelings of those that were in attendance at the 75th Anniversary gathering of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. in Charleston, IL, on June 10-12, 2005. With a total attendance of some 140, including Brothers and spouses, at all the differing venues throughout the weekend, it was by far the largest Reunion since the 50th PSE Reunion, held in 1980. And since I really don't remember the numbers from then and since it also included the then Active body members, I guess it could be said that this 75th was the largest Alumni reunion ever. It was the best of times because of all the camaraderie that was ongoing between the Brothers present and also the differing groups that tended to visit amongst their own age peer groups. Those individuals that went to school together or lived together or still gather together occasionally, naturally conversed in their own peer groups, but different from the past, was also the convergence of Brothers of all ages meeting and talking about our shared history. There were also many spouses in attendance, many of them also actively reaching out to those not seen in a long time. Discussions after the weekend was over amongst the PSE Alumni Assn Board Directors, tended to codify the observations made about the Reunion – that is, that it was the best one that we have ever had. Nobody wanted to give up the evenings to rest when there was so much visiting to do. That was especially true on Saturday night after the Banquet. Past years reunions had seen a fairly quick exodus to other activities, but this year the hotel staff finally had to ask revelers and visitors to leave after midnight, so that they could begin their cleanup. It was the worst of times, of course, when it became evident that we had to leave all this behind, or at least confined to our memories, and return to our daily routines of life.

My intention in this narrative is to relate to you, in chronological order, the goings-on of the whole weekend. I will both speak to you about it and try to visually present images of it in your imagination and through the many photos included herein.

The Best Western Worthington Inn in Charleston, IL served as the headquarters for the Reunion weekend and its marquee sign beckoned Phi Sigs in with the message, "Welcome Phi Sigs - PSE Alumni Association 75th Alumni Reunion". All but 3 or 4 of the block of 56 rooms guaranteed to us were booked, while others stayed in Mattoon or with friends in Charleston.

The weather for the whole weekend was great, unlike the heavy rains of 5 years ago – for the most part, the sun was out, as was the humidity but not unbearably so. Phi Sigs began arriving as early as Thursday night from all over. They were from as widespread as South Carolina & Florida to the east, California, Nevada & New Mexico to the west, Georgia & Texas to the south and Michigan to the north. And approximately 41 Brothers brought their spouses with them, many from states far away.

While the Worthington Inn served as the site for the weekend of activities, the Phi Sig Hospitality suite served as Grand Central Sta-

tion for the Brothers and their spouses. The large two-room suite was completely decorated with PSE memorabilia collected from over the years. There, you could come in and bask in the memories of days gone by, perusing the different writings, photos, composites, blankets, scrapbooks, different articles of clothing (T-shirts, sweat-shirts, PSE jackets, shorts, hats), souvenirs from Spring Formals, dances, keggers or previous reunions, pledge articles (signed t-shirts, panties, gunny sack t-shirts, canes, pledge manuals and books with active info in them) and related jewelry (pledge & active pins, lavalieres, rings, tie tacks, watches, etc.) all emblazoned with the PSE logo. There were articles hanging over all the walls, coating every non-seating surface and hiding the beds. We did however, leave the sofas and chairs alone, so that there was an adequate area for the constant and interchanging visiting that was ongoing, always with different people. There were several lists of information available in the room, those being the most current list of address information, listings of known email addresses, a listing of all known deceased members, a listing of those for whom we are seeking addresses (posted on the wall) and an address list by state (handy when traveling). The seek list generated some good information about several others deceased and some new addresses. Throughout the Friday afternoon, Brothers or couples were continually arriving and meandering into the Hospitality suite, meeting old friends again or introducing themselves to younger or older unknown Brothers. After visiting and perusing the room contents, they would seek out their coolers for a cold libation and more warm visiting, generally outside the room and in the proximity of others doing the same. Long-lost friends were continually arriving to their weekend "homes" after checking in at the front desk and getting directions to park at their rooms. The atmosphere would occasionally be peppered with shouts or squeals of recognition when some new faces arrived and the outdoor visiting would move from one location to another. Scenes like this continued all afternoon until hunger, coupled with those "cold ones", scattered everyone singly or in groups to seek out some fast food or just head over to the Stix Restaurant & Bar. Our planned Friday evening mixer was scheduled to begin at 6 PM there, in the rear, reserved portion of the facility that had been set up for us, so the PSE Hospitality room closed for the evening in lieu of those activities. Restaurant service was to have been part of that reservation, but in May, one month before our event, ownership changed in the facility and the staff changes affected the service and prompt delivery of food orders. That was our major complaint for the evening to the facility, as they seemed to have ample seating planned and several bartenders, who were kept very busy.

A good, best estimate is that there were approximately 80-90 Brothers and spouses present at this open-house area. They were scattered around the premises, some in groups of four in booths, some encompassing the circular tables or elevated bar tables with stools, but most just standing and gathered in both small and large groups throughout the room. One of the pool tables was covered

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with old picture albums and Warbler yearbooks from past years and hoots of laughter and disbelief emanated frequently from this area. It's not hard to figure what that was all about, given the number of people ogling through the old reminders of our earlier appearances and activities. There were a number of Brothers present only for that evening, who for one reason or another, were not involved with any other part of the weekend. My best recollection, and that's coming from notes of the time and not memory, is that John Greathouse and his wife Dorothy were there, as was Bud Sanders, Gaydon Brandt (also golfed Sat. Morning), Bob Colter and the biggest surprise (figuratively) of the evening, Marvin Randolph (aka Steer). Steer had not attended one of these functions in the past, but with each one he missed, the chorus of "Where's Steer at?" grew louder and louder, mostly from those Brothers of the 70's and early 80's who knew him as their intramural and very successful football coach. He finally agreed to attend the Stix Friday night soiree, but mixing up the time, he showed up at 5 PM instead of 6 PM. Seeing nobody there that he knew, he finally left at 5:45 PM for dinner at home, but returned around 7:30 PM to a rave revue of friends wanting to visit with him. Sporting a thick, bushy gray beard, Steer could easily have been mistaken for the Grizzly Adams of TV fame. A lot of serious reminiscing went on that evening.

A lot of pictures were also taken that evening at Stix, by a lot of different people, of a lot of different singles and groups. Although the digital cameras have pretty much taken over, there still was a fair amount of business accorded the Kodak disposable camera business. Besides myself, the most camera activity was being recorded by Davie Ellis, Janie Schaefer (the diminutive one) and outlasting everyone, China Kellenberger. I received many copies of those pictures, both online and on 4x6 prints, and I thank you for those. They went directly into the PSE Reunion album, along with those of past



Janet Ernst, Garry Ernst, John Greathouse, Gaydon Brandt, Dorothy Greathouse, Rosemary Moore, Marilyn Miller, Philip Moore, Bobby Miller.



Elizabeth Hunsaker, Loren Hunsaker, Bob Richardson, Julie Richardson, unknown guest, Barbara Elke, Dick Elke.



Monte Popham, Jim Holtwisch, Jeanne Henry, David Carrell, Janie Schaefer, Gary Schaefer, Dick Christman.

events. Speaking of pictures, if anyone took any pictures of the Saturday morning golf outing and would be willing to share a few of them, I would like to also put them in the album.

The evening festivities at Stix finally began to dissipate around-midnight or a little earlier, with some groups sauntering out to check out a more familiar haunt of their earlier days in school, that being Roc's. It is now known as Roc's Blackfront, probably to incorporate both of the names that it was known by previously. Still, there was a good sized crowd of Brothers staying at Stix and visiting continued until we did have to leave at 1 AM. Although I didn't return to the Worthington Inn, I heard stories on Saturday of many who did and continued the partying outside their rooms, vehicles or parking areas until 3-4 AM. Them young-uns can do that and still get by, but we older Brothers need to get a few more winks, and the big day of Saturday was still ahead of us. After gathering up all the memorabilia that was on display at Stix and taking care of the tab, it was off to rest and breakfast with our guests for the weekend, Dick and Pam Rodie from the Atlanta, GA area. Rodie had an early morning tee time with the rest of the golf crew.

Approximately 40 Brothers had signed up for the PSE Open Golf Scramble. It was scheduled to begin at about 8-8:30 AM at the Meadowview Golf Course, about 8-10 miles southwest of Mattoon. Some bleary-eyed golfers no doubt showed up at that time for the shotgun start of the 18-hole event. Five years ago at the 70th Reunion, an overly festive reveler named David Carrell couldn't quite make it up that early and missed the whole event, or was that the Camp 'In golf outing? About 4 of the scheduled golfers had only committed to the PSE Golf outing, as they had other obligations in place that kept them from participation in the rest of the weekend, they being Greg Lipe, Mike Stivers, Gaydon Brandt and Rich Busey. As much as possible, foursomes were paired up from the wishes of



Jim Luthe, Wally Kos, Jim Porto, Harold Maris, Steve Grishaber, Ken Dennison, John Ziebarth.



Al Ortegren, Roger Long, Tom Evans, Gary Wintjen, Gene Girard, Paul Anderko, Jerry Malkowski, Joan Malkowski.



Bobby Miller, Joe James, Pat James, Bud Sanders, Sam Taber.



Paul Anderko, Dick Swing, John Ziebarth, Kirk Davis, Dick Weber, Gary Brinkmeyer, Dick Kellenberger, Bobby Miller.



Gary Brinkmeyer, Marvin Randolph, Gary Schaefer, Janie Schaefer.



Gary Schaefer, Ron Eichhorn, Jim Luthe, Paul Anderko, Jerry Brendel, Roy Dillard.



Standing L to R: Gary Kling, Wally Whitley, Roger McCoy, Gene Girard, Otto Daech, Tim Kearns, Charlie Henry.

those requesting certain pairings beforehand and the rest were done to spot together individuals with similar characteristics (age, grad year, golf ability, etc.). Not every foursome was probably the best fit for those involved, but it appears that everyone had a great time. It was a great day for a golf outing weather-wise (even a bad day at golf is better than a good day at work), and to bring the group back to Charleston a bit sooner, there was no luncheon scheduled after the outing and all the prizes were being awarded at the Saturday evening Banquet. After some 4-5 hours, the group of golfers began returning to the Worthington Inn, with some needing a little rest, some needing some food after partaking of the beer cart and others just continuing the agenda of the day, that being visiting and hanging out around the pool and Hospitality suite. Early afternoon also saw the visit of a Brother and his wife to the courtyard and Hospitality visiting area for a short time – it was Scott Hahn and his wife Kathy (“Stormie”) from the Clinton, TN area. They were actually on their way to visit a parent who was in the hospital somewhere in the general area and decided to stop in to say a quick Hello. Since the Hospitality rooms had opened up early Saturday morning, there was a lot of activity going on in the rooms, checking out all the PSE memorabilia on hand. A number of Brothers also decided that our archives was a good place to donate items that they had carried over the years and we also received a number of items in the mail from other faraway Brothers. Thank you to everyone for entrusting those articles to our care. A listing of the articles received will show up in the Spring '06 Newsletter.

With the activities of the afternoon beginning to wind down, it was time for some of the PSE Board members to go to work in the Banquet area, both in checking everything out for the evening Banquet meal and setting up required electronics for the entertainment portion of the evening. More on that later! Now it was time to get ready for the 5:30 PM Cash bar, preceding the 6 PM Buffet Banquet.

The Inn always wonders if we can guarantee them enough bar service in the half-hour before the Banquet to negate the charges for the bar setup and a bartender – and I always tell them not to worry. Again, they didn't have to worry and everyone in our group was promptly and satisfactorily served, unless you were looking for a more exotic drink that wasn't in the regular fare of mixed drinks, wine or beer. With the time now on hand for the beginning of the Banquet, PSE Board President Jim Luthe encouraged everyone to seek out their seating arrangements (no designated seating at tables was pre-arranged). Different individuals and groups sought out tables together with their spouses or new-found buddies and in the end there was a good mix of young and old, as well as new acquaintances and old friends at most tables. With that done, the blessing was offered up by President Jim Luthe and the procession

began to the Buffet Dinner setup in a room adjacent to our Banquet rooms. That arrangement was necessary to maximize the space that we were paying for, without encumbering it with the buffet tables of food. It really worked pretty well, and saved us some money as well.

By all accounts, the Buffet meal was the best Reunion meal that we have had – we literally had no complaints on the quality of the choices available to everyone and certainly no one could complain about the quantity, since it was a buffet. In an effort however, to keep the meal costs down, we decided to skip out on the dessert choices we could have had – a little pricey. Well, wouldn't you know! There were several requests for desserts that went unabated. The Buffet meal itself was cater provided by a chef in the area, who has established an excellent reputation at his restaurant in Tuscola, since the Worthington Inn no longer has a restaurant onsite. The menu was listed in the previous Newsletter, so in an effort to effect redundancy, it will not be repeated here. It was an excellent evening meal and a great setup for the more formal part of the evening, that being recognitions, golf awards and the highlight PSE video.

With the meal completed, it was time to move into the program part of the evening with Jim Luthe hosting that. After doling out a few introductions, he set about ascertaining a few facts for the evening. Who had traveled the longest distance? It was kind of a wash between Jerry (“Shultz”) & Joan Malkowski of Valencia, CA, or Bill (“Robo”) Robinson of Danville, CA. The shortest distance? – Gerald & Peg Pierson drove all of 2 blocks. The oldest Phi Sig present? – Harold Maris '47 – who resides here in Charleston. I think he said he was in his 80's – I hope I look as good. After being introduced, he received a standing ovation from everyone present. Which pledge class had the most Pledge Brothers (P.B.'s) present? I believe it finally ended up that there were two groups present that could count 5 P.B.'s in attendance. The youngest Phi Sig present? Everyone began vying for that honor, so it got a little crazy. There were probably other “bests” requested, but it escapes me now. With that completed, Charlie Henry was requested to come forward and present the PSE Open Golf awards from earlier in the day. Charlie is our resident pro from the beautiful state of Michigan. Now, I gotta tell you! Golf is a foreign language to me, so I didn't understand much, nor do I recall much of that presentation. There were some nice prizes donated by several different Brothers and some different selections of liquors purchased from Carl Wolff's Gateway Package Liquors. I know there were awards for the longest drive, the longest putt, the winning foursome, the lowest score and probably a few other things, but I honestly don't remember the winners. I do recall that the winning team had a pretty darn good low score however. Sorry, guys!

Jim Luthe then turned the mike over to me (Gary Brinkmeyer) to

make a few announcements. I had received several letters and donations from older Brothers and I relayed those writings to our group. Dennis Vidoni, from Urbana, IL, had written to say that because of a long-planned family reunion, he could not attend the PSE Reunion, and wished everyone well. Bill (Samuel) Brewer in St. Louis sent some old pictures of his pledge class and several others, Steve Cooper of Fremont, CA, wrote a very poignant letter about the recent death of his PSE Brother and friend Frank Tate, and sent along a dedication booklet assembled by friends and family (PSE has secured its own copy now). Tom Hashbarger, from Ventura, CA, sent along a picture of the PSE House from 1952 that showed the large fuselage of an airplane in the front yard of the House – that was our Homecoming house dec for that year. We always did have a flair for house decs, didn't we? Bob Garner from Mandeville, LA, sent a nice letter and donated 2 small brass PSE "favors" from the Phi Sig sponsored "Crystal Ball" of 1948 or 1949, an annual dance that was still going in the mid-fifties. The dance floor was decorated with a large mirrored-glass globe that was suspended from the ceiling (remember the movie "Saturday Night Fever"). Bob noted that the Sig Taus always referred to the name of that dance as the "Glass Gonad". Talked to Bob today and was relieved to hear that he suffered no physical damage to his home from Katrina, but was evacuated to Austin, TX for 5 weeks and did lose a favorite old Lincoln Town Car parked in a barn, to a tree. The final letter I shared was from Betty Haworth, whose husband Jack Haworth '50, had recently died. She wondered if we would like to have some old pictures of Jack and of the campus of Eastern at that time. We graciously accepted them and shared that story with those in attendance. Having completed my comments, Jim went on to make his own presentation.

There are several Phi Sig Board members whose ongoing efforts within the organization are pivotal to its continuing success. One is Tom Swanson, who among other things, is the computer master of all the address information we maintain for the Newsletters. For all of his long-standing efforts, Jim presented him a Successories Motivational series framed print that exclaims a sentiment appropriate to his efforts. Receiving the mike back from Jim again, the next presentation went to another individual, Larry Carli, whose expertise in computers has taken the PSE Alumni Assn. to the next level in technology. For all his help in the establishment of a PSE website, and maintenance of the information flow to that site. Larry ("Carls") was also presented a Successories Motivational series framed print with a different exclamation, more appropriate to his efforts.

Finally, we have reached the point in the program that a year's worth of periodic work has gone into. I would be remiss at this time if I failed to thank all those involved in the making of the PSE video that was offered to the Reunion guests, as the short but accurate

"entertainment" for the evening. The main thank you is expressed to Bob (and Therese) Kincade, who with the use of their Apple computer, managed to assemble, cut, reassemble, cut and finalize all the little snippets of film into the 12-minute video that was seen at the Banquet program. Bob is actually a "townie" and a Sig Tau too, but most of us that know him consider him an honorary Phi Sig. Bob and Therese own a restaurant here in Charleston called What's Cookin', when they're not partying with us. The second big thank you goes to David and Mary Ann Carrell of St. Charles, IL. Dave took on the challenge of being the Masterpiece Theater-type host in his silk smoking jacket in the comedic look at what some of the Phi Sigs are doing nowadays when they get together. The video opens with Dave snoozing in his leather easy chair in front of a roaring fireplace with a pipe in his mouth, reminiscent of the real PBS Masterpiece Theater, even using their music. Dave has a book open that is entitled "Really Boring S\_\_t". Meanwhile, Mary Ann, in the non-visible background, "hrrmphs" him awake and he begins his dialogue that relates to the present comical look at our activities, including PSE meetings, Golf outings, Camp 'In adventures etc. After some 7 or 8 minutes of activity footage, the camera pans back to Dave again, who needs to be wakened again by the unseen Mary Ann. After waking, he uses the rest of the time to add some comical remarks to the already funny video. Humor, like beauty though, is probably best appreciated by the eye of the beholder, so you really had to be there to gather it all in. A second unseen tape (version 2.1) trailed in some major faux pas during the film compilation that were shown at the end, similar to that in the classic film, "Grumpy Old Men" with Burgess Meredith. However, our mix-ups and the off-color comments weren't quite as risqué as those were.

With the completion of our "entertainment video", the visiting was to begin in earnest, but not before the final coup de grace – that is, the arm-in-arm circling of the Brotherhood for the singing of the Phi Sig song. Because all the guys were singing, the wives became the obligatory picture-takers and did they ever take pictures! They were just circling around taking what seemed to be random pictures, but were probably really focusing on hubby and close friends. You know, when the President of the U.S. has a press conference, there are scads of flashes going off. That's what it looked like. Any way, that's how the evening festivities ended up, except of course for the aforementioned visiting that continued early into the morning, both at the Hospitality room and for some groups, up at Roc's Blackfront again.

Are we going to have another Reunion a few years from now? I guess we'll see where we are at that time. We have already had inquiries about the possibility – it would be hard to imagine that we could top this one though.

## Thank You's to Brothers

In the midst of the planning for the 75th PSE Reunion at the February 2005 Board meeting in Charleston, IL, some discussions centered around the possibility of having/not having a souvenir favor, emblematic of the occasion. Some of the past reunions had one and others didn't, so there was no precedent either way. The decision was made to pursue the possibility of providing a favor, if it wasn't tied into the cost of the Banquet meal, but was still reasonably priced to stand alone as a purchased souvenir.

Given these constraints, a contact was made to Jim ("Woody") Porter - '70, who owns Porter Specialty Advertising in Elmhurst, IL ([www.porterspecialty.com](http://www.porterspecialty.com)), and with whom we had done other PSE projects in the past. Interest centered around a specially-designed 75th Reunion logo that would be paint-applied onto a heavy tumbler glass (like a whiskey glass). My son, Justin Brinkmeyer, with a degree in Graphic Art/Design, provided a design for the logo that was then submitted to Jim Porter as a concept design. With a few tweaks on it to get it into the digital format, Jim offered a design on a specified glass to us in a quantity of 250 units for the price of ZERO dollars. You heard right! As he stated over the phone, he wanted us to provide the Reunion favor as a fundraiser for the PSE Alumni Assn., similar to what he had done for a few other hometown-area groups that have contacted him. Although it was a pretty tight design-to-finish timeline for him, the PSE Alumni Assn. received the prepaid, shipped boxes of favors the week preceding the Reunion. They were set out at the Saturday evening Banquet, and everyone was told of the donation by Woody and his company. Rather than

assess a flat price for each one, those gathered were informed that the favors would be offered on a donation basis (a PSE donation box was present), maximum two per couple, on your honor. At the end of the evening, there were only a few glasses left and a donation box, with a very generous amount of contributions made to the PSE Alumni Assn. We would like to thank Jim Porter and his company for their extremely generous offer of assistance to his and our Alumni organization. Unfortunately, Jim was not able to attend the Reunion, due to his daughter's graduation from Ohio State University that weekend. If you or your businesses need work from the advertising specialty area, I would suggest giving them a call or go online.

I would also like to herein thank Jim Porto, who also works in the advertising products business in the Chicago area, for a different company. He also wanted to provide something of a souvenir and proposed a design on one of their company products, the Thunderstix. They are the round, inflatable, two-foot long "clappers" that you see all the time at sporting events. Jim provided a box of several hundred of them with the advertising "PHI SIGMA EPSILON – Delta Chapter – 75th Anniversary Reunion – June 10-12, 2005 - EIU - Charleston, IL" in red on a silver "clapper" tube. They were also set out after the Banquet and offered to anyone who wanted to take one or a few. The PSE Alumni Assn. kept the balance of the clappers, so if you want one or a few, contact us. We would also like to thank "Port" for his generous donation - it was great to see you again.

# PSE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

For the second year in a row, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. assembled a group of seven undergraduate students, who counted a former EIU Phi Sig as a parent, and awarded them each a check for \$425 towards their EIU education this year. Although the numbers of students were the same, the similarities stop there, as will be evidenced later in the story.

The day is Sunday, August 21, 2005, at the Sister City Park pavilion in Charleston, IL and we have gathered for a Noon picnic luncheon prior to the official program of presenting the monetary awards, set for 1 P.M. It's hard to believe that this year represents the 15th year of this endeavor and that by the end of the day, we will have distributed more than \$43,000 over this 15-year entirety, to EIU students. It is another gorgeous summer day, with just the right mix of sun, shade, breeze, lack of humidity and the anticipation of starting back to school the next day at EIU with new money. On hand for the program besides the students and their parents, were PSE Board members Jim Luthé (President – "Lustrious Potentate"), Boone Chaney and myself, Gary Brinkmeyer (VP/Treas.) and my wife, Sharon. Also here were 4 little dogs (Shih-Tzu, I think), that accompanied Austin and Margaret Opp from Bethalto. The picnic luncheon began shortly after the noon hour - Bob "Yogi" Grigsby was here on time this year, after the confusion of last year. The standard fare of food tasted extra good in the exquisite weather of the day, and apparently everyone else thought so too. After everybody got their fill and refills, the mood settled into more couple-to-couple visiting while waiting for the Awards program to begin. With the 1 PM hour arrived at and the knowledge that many families had significant mileages to endure on their way home, we began the program. Introductions of families ensued, followed by a few personal remarks that set the tone for the business-at-hand, that being passing out money.

Receiving their first year Student Awards were Tyler Brucker, son of Greg and Kristi Brucker of Sibley, Illinois, Ross Laux, son of Austin and Margaret Opp of Bethalto, Illinois, and David Lux, son of Steve and Kathy Lux of Wheaton, Illinois. All three of these students transferred to EIU from other schools for various reasons. Receiving his second year Student Award was Kevin Eichhorn, son of Ron and Lynn Eichhorn of Woodridge, Illinois, while two students received their third year Student Awards. They are Ryan Lipe, son of Greg and Joyce Lipe of Hillsboro, Illinois, and Robert "Rob" Grigsby, son of Robert and Kathy Grigsby of Orland Park, Illinois. The final Student Award recipient was Matthew Wills, son of Robin and Cindy Wills of Geneva, Illinois, who received his fourth and final year Student Award.

As I mentioned earlier, there were a lot of things different this year than any other previous year. Originally, there were 8 applications made for shares of the monetary pot to be distributed, but shortly before school was to start up again, Melissa Beth Wesley decided to stay closer to home and transferred to SIU-Edwardsville. That move changed the complexion of the awardee group from

seven guys and one young lady, to seven young men, the first time we've never had a young lady as part of the group receiving monetary assistance. In addition, only four of this year's group, were carryovers from the group of seven from last year, with three new students transferring in from other schools around the state. Doing the math, you now have the new group of seven for this year.

Another first, is that there are now two families in the same group that have had multiple children receive student awards, those being the Ron & Lynn Eichhorn family and now the Steve and Kathy Lux family. I'm not done yet! Kevin Eichhorn stayed for a little bit of the dinner, but skipped out on receiving his check – now I would have figured that most people would do it just the opposite, but he did have an excuse and his father Ron graciously accepted the check. Kevin has a job that keeps him busy some 30+ hours per week and he likes it very much. The final item of difference from past years, is that our plea after the awards presentation for students to take home all the leftover food, finally fell upon responsive ears and we literally had nothing left over. Of course, the "to-die-for" brownies have never figured into the leftover equation, but it sure was nice to get our moneys-worth for the rest of the food.

With the disbursement of the checks to the student awardees, the program was essentially completed, except for some pictures to document the occasion. Many of the parents apparently felt the same way and the digital cameras came out in full force. In past years, I got many of my traditional pictures for the Student Award scrapbook and upon checking over the pictures, found that most of the students were wearing baseball type hats with the bills creating a shadow that basically blocked their faces. With the exception of Austin Opp, we solved the problem with this year's picture. Hiding anything, Austin?



L to R: Tyler Brucker, Greg Lipe, Ryan Lipe, Greg Brucker, Ross Laux, Austin Opp, "Rob" Grigsby, Robert Grigsby, Steve Lux, David Lux, Matthew Wills, Ron Eichhorn, Robin Wills. Missing from the picture is Kevin Eichhorn.

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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.

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## EIU-PSE Alumni Honored

Once again, Eastern Illinois University honored some of its own successful past graduates at Homecoming this year, and once again it included a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon for one of the five Distinguished Alumnus Awards. On October 15, 2005, the group of 5 awardees were guests of EIU for a whirlwind weekend of special activities in their honor, including the Homecoming Parade. One of those Distinguished Alumni was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon at Eastern, specifically, William H. Weir, who resides and works in St. Charles, IL.

Bill (or "Wally" as many of us knew him) graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1969 with a degree in Business Management. He also received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and spent time with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam. Upon returning from Vietnam, his service to his country continued until he retired several years ago as a Brigadier General, with 34 total years of service. He is presently the Deputy Commanding General of the 15,000-man 35th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army National Guard. Much of his military career has been profiled in a publication entitled "Fox Valley Veterans: A Tribute to Hometown Heroism".

Upon returning from Vietnam, Bill went back to school and received his juris doctor degree from the prestigious John Marshall Law School in 1977. After serving as an attorney for many years, he was named judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit in Kane County, IL, in 2003. In addition to his participation in numerous community service activities, he has also been a featured speaker at the Harvard Law School and the Illinois State Bar Association.

Bill resides in St. Charles, IL with his wife Marilyn (Fowler), an EIU '70 graduate and member of Sigma Kappa, but they spend a lot of warm weather time on their boat nearby. They have one son, Brad, who is a physician in the U.S. Medical Corps.



L to R - Marilyn (Fowler) Weir - front seat, William (Bill) Weir - Distinguished Alumni.

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