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## 1978-1979 Annual Program

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# Phi Sigma



ONE HUNDRED FIRST YEAR

1978 - 1979

## PHI SIGMA

Founded in 1878

Founded in 1878, the Society of Phi Sigma is believed to be the oldest continuing group of its kind in the State of Illinois. It was organized originally by boys who were members of a high school debating society (recently graduated) to promote the serious discussion of the national and world scene and related aspects of the social-ethical disciplines, and thus to reflect and satisfy the interests and concerns of alert minds striving for enlightenment through study and discourse. (The Greek letters Phi and Sigma do, in fact, initial the ancient admonition, "Love Thou Wisdom.")

Membership is now limited to fifty persons, who gather together in each others' homes, where the presentation of papers serves as a basis for spirited questioning and interpretive comment from all members. Phi Sigma continues today very much in accordance with its long traditions, with perhaps more emphasis in recent years on the international urgencies of our times. Meetings are held once monthly, on the second Friday, of October through May (excepting December), the last being the occasion for a festive "May Party."

PHI SIGMA  
1978 - 1979

OFFICERS

President	Donald Peaslee
First Vice President	Charlotte Frystak
Second Vice President	Rita Johnson
Secretary	Barbara Ryan
Treasurer	Thomas Ferguson

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers and

Joseph Peterson

Gerald Mungerson

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Shirley Hahn

Mary Jo Peterson

Marie Lykos

PROGRAM

TOPIC: LOCAL AUTHORS

OCTOBER - Friday, the 13th

Hosts - Ward and Rita Fisher  
Co-hosts - Robert and Mimz Hick  
Speaker - Barbara Ryan  
"LOCAL AUTHORS"

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NOVEMBER - Friday, the 10th

Hosts - Michael and Barbara Ryan  
Co-hosts - Joseph and Mary Jo Peterson  
Speaker - Michael Ryan  
"CHICAGO NEWSPAPER PEOPLE"

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JANUARY - Friday, the 12th

Hosts - Robert and Martha Schauss  
Speaker - Betty Peaslee  
"EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS"

**FEBRUARY - Friday, the 9th**

Hosts - John and Adele Hoppe  
Co-hosts - Robert and Shirley Hahn  
Speaker - Robert Hick  
"ERNEST HEMINGWAY"

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**MARCH - Friday, the 9th**

Hosts - Thomas and Carole Ferguson  
Co-hosts - Gerald and Cynthia Mungerson  
Speaker - Thomas Ferguson  
"BLACK CHICAGO WRITERS"

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**APRIL - Friday, the 13th**

Hosts - Anthony and Charlotte Frystak  
Co-hosts - Dwight and Mildred Follett  
Editor - Peter Saecker  
"THE VOICE"

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**MAY - Friday, the 11th**

Robert and Rita Johnson  
THE MAY PARTY

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This society shall be known as Phi Sigma.

Article 2. The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee.

Article 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and two others who shall be elected by the Society. No officer may succeed himself.

Article 4. The duties of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare the annual program of the Society, and to publish the Year Book. This shall be done as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting for the ensuing year. The Executive Committee shall designate in the Year Book which meetings shall be open for invitation of guests to be considered for membership. The Executive Committee shall also attend to such other matters as may be referred to it by the Society.

Article 6. There shall be a Membership Committee which will consist of three members. The first Membership Committee shall be nominated by the regular nominating committee, shall be elected by the members, and shall consist of one three-year member, one two-year member, and one one-year member. Thereafter one three-year member shall be nominated and elected each year at the same time and in the same manner as the other elective officers. Retiring members shall not be eligible for reelection to the membership committee. Names of guest couples to be proposed for membership shall be submitted to the membership committee by active members within three months of their having visited Phi Sigma, whereupon the membership committee shall submit the proposed couple by mail to all the voting members within one week. If within two weeks of such mailing the committee shall receive three written

objections to any proposed names, on forms provided, said names must be dropped from any further consideration. Otherwise the membership committee shall vote on the proposed members, two negative votes constituting rejection and two affirmative votes constituting election to Phi Sigma.

Article 7. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article 8. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Society. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing in open meetings and then be referred to the Executive Committee which shall report at the next regular meeting on the advisability of such changes. The amendments shall then be voted on by ballot, a two-thirds vote of all members present being necessary for adoption.

Article 9. Active members in good standing for a continuous period of twenty-five years shall be eligible for and may request automatic retirement from Active to Honorary Membership. No duties shall be required of Honorary Members and they shall not have a vote in the Society.

Article 10. Active members who resign because of removal from the Chicago Area will, if they desire, be classified as Non-Resident Members. As such, they will receive copies of the yearly program, have a standing invitation to attend any meetings when in the vicinity, and will automatically be reinstated to Active Membership, should they again permanently return, subject to and as openings occur in the Active Membership. Yearly dues for Non-Resident Members will be 50 cents.

#### BY-LAWS

Article 1. Phi Sigma shall hold meetings monthly from October to May, inclusive, the December meeting being optional with the Executive Committee. The meetings shall be held the second Friday of the month, subject to temporary change by the Executive Committee. Extra meetings may be called by the President or Executive Committee.

Article 2. Meetings of the Society shall commence promptly at 8:00 P.M.



Article 3. The annual election of officers shall be held at the April meeting.

Article 4. The annual dues of the Society shall be \$5.00 per member, payable in advance at the October meeting.

Article 5. At the March meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, none of whom shall be officers, to prepare a ticket of candidates for the offices of the Society. Said Committee shall present its report at the annual meeting in April. Other nominations may be made at the annual meeting. If there is not more than one nomination for any office to be voted on, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for such nominee. Otherwise election shall be by written ballot.

Article 6. The active membership of the Society shall be limited to fifty.

Article 7. Members absenting themselves from three consecutive meetings, without sending to the Secretary valid reasons, shall be considered to have tendered their resignations.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to copy from the minutes all "Standing Rules" which are passed from time to time, and enter into a special section of the Secretary's records such rules and the dates they are adopted. Standing Rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of the members present.

Article 9. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the business procedure.

Article 10. At meetings when guests for prospective membership are present, at the discretion of the President, the reading of the minutes and discussion of other confidential, Society matters may be postponed or dispensed with.

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## Order of Business

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes

Business:

(a) Reports of Committee

(b) Unfinished Business

(c) New Business

Program

General Discussion