

# A LOOK INTO OUR PAST

## PART III OF OUR FOUNDERS SERIES



Eldo Lewis Hendricks  
Founder of Phi Sigma Pi  
President of State Teachers College, Warrensburg, today know as  
Central Missouri State University

FOUNDER ELDO L. HENDRICKS



In the third and final installment of our historical series of our founders, we will delve into the interesting background of Eldo L. Hendricks. In this year—our eighty-fifth—we have reason to celebrate these founders.

The dream they established at Central Missouri State University was continued last fall as the torch was once more ignited in Warrensburg with the reactivation of our Alpha Chapter. This dream—the brainchild of three important men—would surely make them proud as they see the efforts by all of us on a daily basis to ensure the Tripod is not only part of our Fraternity’s actions, but our personal actions as well.

In the first installment celebrating our founders, we explored the life of Dr. C.A. Phillips. The second installment looked in-depth at the life of Dr. C.H. McClure. Join us, now, in continuing this celebratory exploration of our founders as we learn more about the man who was Dr. Eldo L. Hendricks.

Dr. Eldo L. Hendricks served as president of the Warrensburg State Teachers College from 1915 until his retirement in 1937. He began his service as head of the History Department in 1910.

Dr. Hendricks had written several books such as; *The History and Civil Government of Indiana*, *Rimming the Mediterranean*, and *A Preliminary Report of a Study in Reading*.

He was one of the foremost members of the American Association of Teachers Colleges. He was also an active champion of progressive policies for the professional education of teachers. He served Phi Sigma Pi diligently and assumed the newly created position of Central Regional Director from 1931 until 1935. He was instrumental in founding the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma, a national social fraternity chartered as well at Warrensburg in 1920.

Hendricks died on November 22, 1938, at his home after suffering a heart attack following an illness that had lasted since June of that year. With the passing of Dr. Hendricks, Phi Sigma Pi had its first significant break in the ranks of its founders, and the country lost one of its most well-known figures from the field of teacher education. ΦΣΠ

