



# Phi Psi Rag

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## Fall Pledge Class Biggest in 30 years!

Twenty young men were pledged to the mysteries of Phi Psi in their induction held Sept. 6. Their average high school GPA was 3.39 and three were legacies of other fraternities but went with us. Fraternity Educator Tyler Macchi is seasoned with two semester experience and everyone is getting involved.

The chapter now stands at 34 actives which is the largest group since the early 1970s. The success in growth brings pleasant problems with parking and chairs. Financial matters are well in hand with close cooperation between House Corp Bill Killgore and Chapter treasurer Ben Sawicki. Extensive use of the Instant Messenger and chapter email list keeps everyone informed. Community service is a priority with the men taking the lead among fraternities in cooperation in helping Lubbock provide assistance to the refugees from Hurricane Katrina.



## Making Your Money Work

by Cliff Watt (Tx. Beta '64), Chairman of the House Corporation

We have had a very good year raising approximately \$44,480. We currently have 85 Sustaining Brothers (still short of the 200 needed to pay on annual house taxes, insurance and maintenance but up 20 over 2004). Nineteen more have signed up but not yet paid 2005 pledges. If your name is missing on the Sustaining List, please don't forget us. A special thanks to 23 brothers who contributed over and above for a total of over \$36,000 to the cause. We currently have a little over \$40,000 in our National Endowment Fund (only \$26,832 short of bringing in our own mortgage. If we have one more year like this year...

## House Continues to Improve



Just before the Fall Rush in August the Chapter was pleased to receive a 61" television which has proven to be a winner for bringing the brothers together. The chapter received the TV after presenting a well developed presentation to the House Corp in April. Based on the evidence contained in the report which highlighted the 500 hours of community service, academic performance, and financial management the executive board of the HC approved the request and allocated the funding.

Just as rush week was about to kick off in August the contractor was able to get into the backyard and pour a half-court size basketball concrete slab. Waiting now only for the court striping the undergraduates are already pounding the backboard in friendly competition.



Last May the brothers cleaned up 3 trailers of rubbish helping a mother and her two children



|| The Texas Tech Alumni Association honored three Texas Tech graduates as the 2004 Distinguished Alumni at a reception and dinner Nov. 5 at the Market Alumni Center. From left are John B. Walker '58, founder and CEO of Incentiva Management Partners, Ltd., Houston, Texas; James E. "Jim" Sower '78, chairman of Sewell and Co., Dallas, Texas; and Betty S. Rawls '61, co-founder, president and CEO of Finagra Corp., San Antonio, Calif.

Johnny Walker (Tx Beta '65) honored reprint from Texas Techsan



# Hitting the Mark

by Jay Kinnison  
(Tx Beta '61)

Here we are at the start of the Fall Semester '05 at Texas Tech and looking forward to a successful year. Where did the summer go? Here is an update on some activities since the Founders' Day celebration last February.

First, we had one of the largest groups from Texas Beta for the Cabo trip in June! Thanks to Brother Jerry Nelson for sharing his beautiful estate with us and to Brother John Packard for making sure that a good time was had by all! Hopefully, you have checked the web site for a journal and great photos taken throughout the week by Brother David Jones. We will always cherish the fellowship and lasting memories of our Cabo trips. Best of all, some new brothers were there and are excited about becoming involved in the Texas Beta Alum Association.

Mark your calendars for homecoming on October 15 when Texas Tech will host Kansas State. We have a program and steak dinner planned for Friday night at the lodge starting at 6 p.m. Included with your registration will be a survey for interested golfers for Friday or Sunday. Please respond as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. Also, a brief third quarter joint meeting of the Alum Association and the House Corporation will be held at the lodge on Friday at 1 p.m. Look for more details on weekend activities for Phi Psi alums, undergrads, spouses and dates in the Phi Psi Rag from Brother Brian Carr

Finally, but probably the most important to me, is the need for us to locate our "lost" brothers. I reconnected with two alums recently and took one of them on a tour of the campus and lodge. He was very excited about the Chapter and is eager to become a part of the alum association. Texas Beta has come a long way, and we can continue this successful trend by getting as many alums as possible involved.

Fraternally,  
Jay Kinnison  
Texas Beta '61

## Alums Offer International Cooperation

David Jones (Tx Beta '55) extends a friendly embrace on the Cabo 2005 retreat.



This past June almost 40 Phi Psis and their guests enjoyed the warm hospitality of Jerry Nelson at his estate in Cabo. Marking our fifth visit, Texas Beta has demonstrated how alumni can make a difference while enjoying the spice of life. Our undergraduates will be attending the Leadership Academy in March and alums will venture to Cabo again next Summer. Get in line now!

## Question? Comment?

Let Us Know! Go to [www.texastechphipsi.com](http://www.texastechphipsi.com) and click on "Personal Profile" located under the Alumni menu.

Or Call Brian Carr at (806) 795-3911 office  
(806) 794-6460 home

# Join Up Now

Why should you consider becoming a Sustaining Brother?

1. Preserving and Creating Memories: The lodge is up but the memories don't stop. We need to continue to improve the interior and offer the best in form and function.
2. Building for the future: Our chapter needs support in bringing excellence to the brotherhood. We don't need to be second in anything and funding from the House Corp awards scholarships and funds special projects that motivate, including the recent addition of a large screen TV for the lodge.

Two methods of donation

1. Distinction between the two is related to tax-deduction
2. If you can give without regard to tax-deduction please give to the Texas Beta House Corporation as this will reduce the amount of money borrowed from the National Endowment Fund (which must be paid back).
3. If you need the tax-deduction we ask that you consider giving 40% of your pledge to the non-tax deductible House Corp and 60% to the Bill Collins Dedicated account within the Phi Kappa Psi Endowment Fund. The dedicated account is tax-deductible as an educational foundation and we can borrow against this amount with a market rate loan.

Our goal

1. Please "buy a brick" for \$2,500. You can pledge the amount over the next five years and receive full recognition of your gift.
2. If you can give more we encourage you to become active in the House Corp board and help us manage the account.
3. If you cannot give a brick we hope you will give whatever is possible. Together we will experience the success of teamwork bringing our brothers of the last 52 years into a new era of fraternity.
4. We do need members of the Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Club at \$25.00 annual dues or \$100.00 sustaining members. Please help.

For detailed information you can visit the chapter web site located at [www.texastechphipsi.org](http://www.texastechphipsi.org)



## Guiding Along the Journey

Meeting the need to reach out, four of the best meet for lunch and offered their thoughts on career direction to Undergraduate Ryan Matthews. Pictured above are L-R Walt Huffman (Dean, TTU Law School), H.A. Sessions (a simple man), David Jones (retired Systems Analyst), Brother Matthews and Federal Judge Sam Cummings (4.0 GPA at Tech). You can't lose with these men behind you.