



Phi Psi Rag

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Chapter Numbers Grow, Quality Remains!

With a pledge class of 15 and a large returning membership the chapter is now approaching 60 undergraduate brothers. Challenging national and local trends of declining numbers in rush our chapter did well in standing out among Tech fraternities.

Chapter leadership has expanded so that the former GP Jeff Cook was elected to the IFC Executive Council. Competition for scholarships from our alumni association is keen as there are many strong academic candidates from the chapter. With the larger numbers the chapter is now shouldering the financial responsibility of the house operations.

Goals for the school year include achieving a membership goal of 75 men, continued excellence in academics, and returning the chapter to prominence among all Greeks at Tech.



Fall 2006 Pledges



James Adams and Josh Wright

ALUMS, GET YAR GUNS UP FOR HOMECOMING 2006

I am sure many of you reading this article have not see our new lodge. This is so unfortunate, as our Texas Beta chapter now has a home that many of us dreamed of when we were at Tech. With homecoming approaching, there is no better time to make plans to come to Lubbock, join in the homecoming festivities provided by Tech and the Phi Psis, see the changes to our campus, and see the new lodge in Greek Circle II. Get some of your pledge brothers together, or a couple of your closest brothers, or just surprise yourself by seeing the brothers that are there, and make it a weekend to

remember. I sincerely believe you won't regret it.

Phi Kappa Psi is once again one of the top fraternities on the Tech campus. The brothers are proud to be called Phi Psis and proud of their lodge. Many of you have memories and visions of Texas Beta as it was in the late '90s. Believe me, there is no resemblance now in the chapter or its active brothers. Don't take my word for it - come see first hand.



Ladies of Phi Psi

I have heard it said that some alums don't want to come to alumni functions, such as homecoming and Founder's Day, because they are always pressed to donate money. The lodge is still not paid off and donations from alums are more than welcome, but I give you my personal guarantee that you will not be pressured for money if you attend the Phi Psi homecoming this year.

The boards of the Texas South Plains Alumni Association and the Texas Beta House Corporation will also meet homecoming weekend, Saturday, October 7, at 9:00 am at the lodge. All actives and alumni are invited to sit in on these meetings. I hope I'll see you there.



SPAA Meeting

*Frank Bray
President
Texas South Plains Alumni Association.*



Closing In

by Cliff Watt
(Tx Beta '64)

The following are two special groups of alumni who have signed on to payoff our debt and fund the deficit between our alumni dues and our expenses (an estimated \$9,000 short fall).

Foundation Members:

Frank Bray	Joe Cathey
J. Johnson	Jay Kinnison
George Patterson	Mike Riddle
Dan Ruff	H.A. Sessions
Cliff Watt	Don Weldon

House Members:

Rob Adair	Thomas Boyd
Brian Carr	M.C.. Carrington
Richard Dickey	Walter Huffman
Bill Killgore	Charles LeBus
David Love	David Norman
Darryl Sanders	Joe Stout
John Walker	

Our current mortgage balance is \$57,322 and we are hoping to move this to our dedicated account with the National Endowment Fund by year end. An extra special thanks to the alumni for their commitments.

Special gifts were received from Griff Carnes and Danny Ruff. Danny Ruff is also recognized for his sponsorship of undergraduates making it possible for them to attend the Leadership Academy in Cabo each Spring.

Thanks again for your support this year. If you haven't signed up or would like to increase your pledge to the next level a form is enclosed, however any contribution is appreciated.

I would like to especially thank the officers and directors of the House Corporation and Alumni Association which includes the two undergraduates Robert Bardo (GP) and Joshua Wright (VGP), who traveled to meetings in Lubbock and Dallas for the annual meetings, helped in the planning of Founder's Day and Homecoming, and also pay the bills and oversee the maintenance of the lodge. Bill Killgore and Brian Carr deserve acclaim for their work to repair and update the lodge. David Jones is our master of rush while George Patterson makes sure business is done right. All this is done at THEIR expense which is no small contribution. Other brothers pulling the group are James Adams, Mike Bray, Bob Laughlin, Charles LeBus, Joe Stout, Alan Henry, H.A. Sessions and Walt Huffman. We look forward to seeing you all at Homecoming. Beat Missouri!!!



The following are our **sustaining members** who have paid for 2006 (a total of 61). Several more have committed but not yet paid...please check the list for your name. These members are our "bread and butter" support from which we could not survive without. Thanks from the brotherhood for your support.

Rob Adair	Brian Barkley
Robert "Bob" Bayless	Jack Beal
David Biddle	Thomas Boyd
Frank Bray	Mark Bumpass
Dr. Roger Camp	M.C. Carrington
Joe Cathey	Sid Chance
David Cole	Wade Collins
Douglas Cowie	Alan Cunningham
Benge Daniel	Gary Debenport
Richard Dickey	Paul Duggan
Tim Elkins	John Galbreath
Ralph Green	James Hayward
Embry Hines	Walter Huffman
J.N. Johnson	Dr. William Kemp
Bill Killgore	Jay Kinnison
Dr. Robert Laughlin	Charles LeBus
David Love	James Lupton
Alan Massey	John Matter
Billy McDaniel	W.G. McMillan
David Norman	George Patterson
Randy Peebles	Gary Petersen
Don Pine	Tom Pitts
John Porter	Michael Rainwater
Mike Riddle	Dan Ruff
Dr. Darryl Sanders	H.A. Sessions
Robert Southerland	J.C. Sticksel
Joe Stout	Oliver Thomas
John Walker	Cliff Watt
Don Weldon	Jerry Wester
Terry Winn	Steve Yandell
Austin Young	

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