



# Phi Psi Rag

An Occasional Correspondence  
of the South Plains Alumni Association  
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## Founder's Day Returns to Lubbock!

With the undergraduate chapter growing to over 50 men the decision was made to host the 2007 Founder's Day activities in Lubbock so that more of these newest brothers can experience the life-long experience of Phi Psi. Don Weldon (Texas Beta '61) is chairing the event this year and it will be a good opportunity to revisit the spirit that has always been our fraternity. So mark your date books and RSVP back **NOW!**

### Founder's Day Events

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2007

Place: Lubbock Country Club

Times: 6:00 P.M. Reception and Visitation-Cash Bar

7:30 P.M. Dinner

8:15 P.M. Program

Guest Speaker: Wade Garard (Indiana Beta '90)

All this for only \$40 per person for alumni

\$30 per person for undergraduates



Homecoming 2006

**RSVP to Don Weldon**  
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Ennis, Texas 75119

Questions? Call Don at (972) 846-9929 or email him at [dweldon@ectisp.net](mailto:dweldon@ectisp.net)

Wade Garard is the Executive Director of the Endowment Fund. Despite negative market conditions the Fund has continued to mature and Phi Psi has attained the status as the largest such fund among ALL college fraternities. Brother Garard will be sharing the vision of what the future holds for the Endowment Foundation and the role we all can play in helping tomorrow's leaders.



## Honor, Respect, and Obligation: We Pay Our Bills

The Texas Beta House Corporation and South Plains Alumni Association will be holding their regular meetings on Friday evening, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. Frank Bray (President, Alumni Association) and Bill Killgore (Chairman, House Corporation) will preside over the meetings and they will continue to strive for a comprehensive but time specific meeting so that everyone can get out and enjoy other evening festivities.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the annual member dues statement that each alumnus brother is asked to respond to. We should consider how far Texas Beta has come, the collective might of our brotherhood when we come together, and the responsive "can-do" attitude of our undergraduates when we challenge them.

In the Fall of 2006 the announcement was made by Cliff Watt (Vice-Chair, House Corporation) that our mortgage had been transferred from a local bank to the Endowment Fund of our national organization. With a dwindling outstanding balance below \$70,000 this transfer means that the payments that remain will come right back to our group via our dedicated scholarship fund. This pay-down on the chapter house has been made possible by a great group of our alumni brothers and no where else will you find such a direct return on the financial support that you give by returning the financial statement.



Homecoming Float

### Get your RSVP Done NOW

Founder's Day Weekend

Friday, February 16th

\*6:30 p.m. AA and House Corp Meeting, Lodge

Saturday, February 17th

\*Lubbock Country Club

\*6 p.m. Reception

\*7:30 Dinner and Program

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# This is Texas Beta

"Some things change some things never change" goes the saying and so it is in 2007. The chapter membership now stands at almost 50, the group is competitive across academics and athletics, and hosting a dinner for the group is now liken to a swarm of locust decending on the kitchen.



A successful Fall rush resulted in the addition of nine brothers to the larger circle. This continued growth has placed Phi Psi as one of the largest chapters in the "Red Division" of the IFC and the expectation is that the group will move up into the large membership grouping of the "Black Division" soon.



The chapter is presently working on the application packet to the national headquarters on becoming an "Accredited" chapter that is recognized for attaining the highest standards for excellence.

Managing the chapter finances as the member grows is a challenge and the officers of Texas Beta understand the importance of demonstrating their commitment. With an interest in purchasing new furniture for the living room there will be a proposal for matching funds from alumni based on the collection of community service hours starting at a minimum of 10 hours per man and graduated incentives as the goals of 20 (and even 30 hours) hours of service are achieved. These fine young men understand that the benefits and improvements of the chapter house are not gifts...they are earned by hard work.

## Web Site Update

Visit [www.texastechhipsi.com](http://www.texastechhipsi.com) and surf

- \*watch the living history interviews of brothers sharing their story
- \*view the photo collection from 1953 to now
- \*check out what is happening with brothers from your chapter days.
- \*help us locate "lost brothers", "chapter eternal" and other historical information



## Historical Items Donation Drive

While today's college man may not be thinking of preserving the memories of his moment we know that the passage of time can leave one regretful for not having tangible items of those wonderful days.

The chapter house has benefited from the donation of such things as big brother paddles and small photo composites but there is a need to issue a call for a more complete drive to collect materials from across the 50+ years of Phi Psi at Texas Tech.

A glass display case offers a protective display of smaller items such as freshmen beanies, glassware, and jewelry. Larger items are framed or otherwise placed on the wall in the library or along the walls. Trophies are displayed in the foyer or behind glass cabinets.

An important addition would be the smaller composites of the chapter across the years. If you have such a composite it can be scanned and returned if you so desire. Any documents or other such printed material is also desired such as rush brochures or other rush materials.

A second major call is for photographs in your personal collection of your time in the chapter. These will be featured in the expanded historical section on the web site. In the current web site this section has many empty years where no photos are available.

To arrange your donation or for questions please contact Brian Carr at (806) 795-3911 or via email at [bha@healingtalk.com](mailto:bha@healingtalk.com)

Don't let our memories just fade away. Donate your items and let them be displayed so that we see the line that moves from the present moment back through time.



## Question? Comment?

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

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