

# Phi Psi Rag

An Occasional Correspondence  
of the South Plains Alumni Association  
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## How Does One Describe Heaven?

Beautiful beaches...Exciting Adventures...Great Conversations...only begin to describe the July alumni trip to Cabo San Lucas.

Jerry Nelson (UCLA, 48') welcomed 35 fraternity alumni and their guests to his estate at Cabo. He and his staff looked after our every need and all of us were overwhelmed by their exceptional care. Brothers initiated in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s enjoyed the fun of the sea and surf. H.A. Sessions (55') and David Jones (55') enjoyed the music of "El Squid Roe" while Barry Hendricks (79') celebrated his new marriage to Lisa.

There is already talk of a repeat in the Summer of 2001 and we look forward to getting more brothers involved. To stimulate interest you should know that, on this trip:

- \*the group was attacked by giant 3.5 lb lobsters at a Cabo eating establishment but managed to consume each delightful mouthful;
- \*Ain't no Party like a Phi Psi Party" at El Squid Roe, where phi psi has a permanently reserved table
- \*Our troupe leader Brother Carr hypnotized and hooked an 84 inch Marlin (now proudly displayed on his living room wall)
- \*we enjoyed accommodations in 6 different houses (with five pools) at Jerry's estate.
- \*David Norman (65') and his wife Willetta led the adventure by 4 wheel drive ATV to a rugged mountain village which civilization had left behind.
- \*Alan Cunningham (79') practiced his skills throwing people in and out of boats at "Lover's Beach".
- \*Jenine Bucker (Rod-67') braved the surf in front of the estate every morning to the cheers of our group
- \*Dan (64') and Linda Ruff sipped rum at the Turtle Bar and wandered the streets of Cabo

So have I got your interest? Want to join us for Cabo 2001? Then get involved and register your interest by letting me know. You can read up on the trip and see the photo gallery by visiting [www.texastechhipsi.org](http://www.texastechhipsi.org)

## A Return to Greatness

The trip to Cabo was not without work and the assembled brothers did a great job in revitalizing the fraternity effort at Texas Tech.

A new House Corporation officer set was installed with Brian Carr (78') elected President, Bill Killgore (67') V-President and David Norman (65') Secretary/Treasurer. They are now meeting monthly in executive session and are integrating their effort with the Alumni Supervisory committee and Texas Beta Chapter.

The Alumni Supervisory committee conducted an in-depth review of each undergraduate brother and "cleaned house" in regard to anyone not maintaining their fraternal obligations. Significant support was given to the chapter in the Fall formal rush by the committee and 5 men were pledged. More will be added during the open rush period and it is expected that the chapter will number 20-24 by the end of the year. Each man understands their commitment to the chapter and a great spirit has appeared.

## Chapter Needs Your Stuff

With the upcoming 50th year anniversary of our founding we are attempting to locate historical items for display in the lodge. If you have any items such as below please contact Brian Carr. If you have a display case or glass cabinet we could also use that.

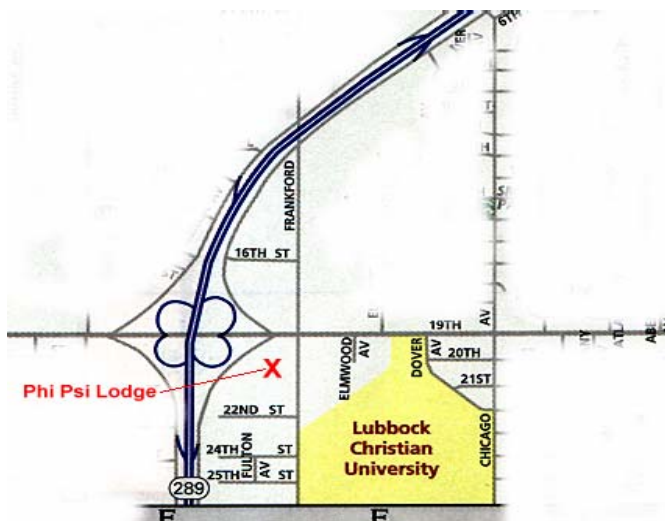
- \*small composites before 77'
- \*invitations, correspondence, other documents
- \*photos (can be scanned and returned)
- \*any other item of historical interest

# HomeComing 2000

HomeComing 2000 is set for Saturday, October 7th with kickoff at 6 p.m. This year should be especially fun as we celebrate a renewed effort to the chapter and alumni association.

Events for the day are as follows:

- \*Parade 10 a.m., on your own
- \*BBQ Lunch, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Lodge, 1905 West Loop 289  
See map below
- \*Reception, 4 to 5 p.m.  
Dr. Brian Carr's home  
5429-78th Street
- \*Kickoff, 6 p.m. Tech vs. Baylor



We hope that you will be able to join us in the day's festivities. Contact Brian Carr if you are interested in football tickets or need more information.

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# Can You Meet the Challenge?

A special challenge has been made to all Texas Beta alumni. An opportunity has come about that enables us to honor a memorable Phi Psi while helping in the cause.

Shortly before the death of Bill Collins (Centaur 29', Phi Psi 53') a dedicated account in his name was set up with the Endowment Fund of the national fraternity. This fund is restricted in use to Texas Beta and is managed by the House Corporation and the Trustees of the Endowment Fund. Funds can be used for academic scholarship as well as in assisting in loan value toward construction of a lodge on our land at Greek Circle II.

An unnamed brother has offered to match contributions to this fund up to a total of \$15,000. If we raise \$15,000 it will be doubled to \$30,000, allowing for almost \$1,000 in annual scholarships (the principle is never touched in order to continue giving). With corporate matching it may be possible to increase this amount to \$45,000. This matching offer expired on 10/31/00 so you must act quickly.

So, can you meet the challenge? To give in memory of a dedicated brother...to assist in scholarship and support of quality men...or to "get the job done" by joining in the campaign to build a lodge. Already we have raised almost \$7,000. A special thanks to Dan Ruff (64') for his gift of \$5,000.

To find out more visit the Endowment Fund located on the main Web site of the national organization ([www.phikappapsi.org](http://www.phikappapsi.org)) or contact Brian for more information at [bha@windmill.net](mailto:bha@windmill.net).

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 3rd: Chapter/Alum Cookout 4 p.m.

Brian Carr's home  
5429-78th Street

Sunday, Sept 10th: Swim Party 4:30 p.m.

David Norman's Home  
5710-74th Street

Sunday, Sept 17th: BBQ & Shooting Competition 3 p.m.

Mike Foerster's Farm near Slaton  
call Mike at 828-4644 for directions

Saturday, Sept 24th: Chapter/Alum Cookout 4 p.m.

Brian Carr's home

Saturday, Sept 30th, Football/Big Fish party 1:00 p.m.

Tech vs. A&M on big screen TV  
Brian Carr's home

**Check web site calendar for more upcoming dates**