



The Dream Becomes Reality!

Life is rarely a "sure bet". We try to anticipate and predict what will come to pass but sometimes we are surprised. Just when we wonder if a task may be too large the victory is achieved. Such a moment has taken place with Texas Beta.

Our new chapter house has started with completion scheduled for early Summer of 2003. Thanks to a major contribution from an unnamed alumni we will be moving into a sparkling new facility in only a few months.

To those brothers who joined in the pursuit of this dream we salute you. While others may have felt it could not be done you committed to making it happen. A debt is owed to you that cannot be repaid. Although it may have taken 50 years you did the job right.

Located on our existing lot on Greek Circle II the house is designed for a chapter of 70 brothers. To see the layout go to the web site.



While construction of the house is a dream realized the project creates a set of new challenges. Within these new goals is the invitation for even more brothers to get involved and demonstrate their commitment to what we are doing. It is not just a chapter home we are building but an affirmation that we are doing our part to improve America by investing and challenging our youth. We are not concerned about what type of man other fraternities are allowing in...only that Phi Psi will cultivate the highest standards of leadership and character.

Building the facility is only the first phase, we need to outfit the interior. This is the first challenge. We are asking for your support in three ways. The first means of support is for those brothers who have contacts among vendors who supply such items as furniture, carpet, tile, fixtures, etc... and can possibly obtain a lower cost for these items to let us know. Even if you are not sure that the item will be used please contact Brian Carr so that he can add your name to a list of resources as we seek out such items for the interior.

The second way to help is to be an underwriter for specific projects or to become a "Sustaining Brother" with your annual pledge of \$100. Throughout the house we will be offering sponsorship for specific projects. Some of the projects will include:

- *trophy and display cases*
- *kitchen equipment*
- *paintings*
- *ritual supplies*
- *landscaping*
- *women's bathroom*
- *dedicated urinal*
- *library*

Donors will be recognized with engraved brass plaques. Your donation may have a tax-benefit so let us know if you are interested. For a full list of needed items or underwriting opportunities visit the web site.

The third way to help is to remember that there is still time to purchase your brick or make an

we hope to best our record 77 guests record from 2002.

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2003
Place: Royal Oaks Country Club
7915 Greenville Ave, Dallas
Time: 6:00 Conversation Hour
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: **Jerry Nelson**
UCLA, 47'
Price: \$40 per person
RSVP: To Brian, info below, by 2/12

Jerry Nelson (UCLA 47') has been a major supporter of our chapter as well as the national fraternity. Visits to his Cabo estate formed the basis of our success. Along with our speaker we will be announcing several scholarship awards and life-time achievement awards.

The Friday evening preceding the event there will be an informal gathering at one of the sports bars in Addison. On Saturday afternoon we will gather at Dave and Buster's in North Dallas at 1:30 for lunch and story-telling. Watch the web site for further details or contact Brian Carr at bha@wiredbrush.com or (806) 794-6460.

New Texas Beta Web Site is a Hit

Starting out the New Year our completely redesigned web site has been a hit among brothers and visitors alike. The site remains at

www.texastechhipsi.org

but almost everything else is brand new. Included in the site is information for both undergrads and alumni. A special feature are the video and audio libraries where you can listen to fraternity songs or watch streaming video interviews of alumni detailing their recollections of chapter days gone by.

In honor of 2003 being the 50th year of Texas Beta we are asking for brothers to participate by sending photos that they have from their college days to Brian Carr. Digitized images can be sent to his e-mail or he will scan and return any photos sent by mail. These images will go in the appropriate year page of the extensive history section of the site.

If you would be available for video interviewing these will be placed on the site for streaming to other brothers and guests. If interested in talking about your college days please contact Brian. He will bring his video equipment to the Founder's Day and so please get involved and schedule a time with him during that weekend.

The Pirate Cruise!

Are you bored with your day job? Do you dream of South Sea adventure, romance, and rum? Then join the Captain for the best frolic and fun South of the border.

While we are still coordinating dates the tentative dates are July 19th through the 28th. Using the charter jet service from Dallas you can arrive and depart on Saturdays and Wednesdays for about \$375 a person.

The tour group has 40 slots available. We ask that each alumnus make a donation to the housing campaign in return for the benefit (e.g., free lodging) of the trip. Because of anticipated large demand it is requested that this offer be limited to the phi psi alumnus and their guest/wife.

These slots will go quickly so you should consider your interest NOW! We currently have 16 reservations whose membership goes back through each decade of the chapter. To gain a sense of what a terrific trip this is just see the images on the web site. You'll be calling the next day to book your slot.

Having been blessed to travel to Jerry's home several times I remain in awe at his generosity and the excellence of his home and staff. Cabo is a delightful destination with ample adventures on sand, surf and golf course.

Flight arrangements are up to the brother and several airlines serve San Jose Cabo airport. Aside from the airfare you will only need monies for your personal adventures, there is no charge for staying at Jerry's large estate.

Whether you want to fish for Marlin, cruise "Lover's Beach", or simply lay by one of Jerry's 5 pools your holiday will be an outstanding memory.

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Lubbock Alumni Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 23th

Place: Hector's Restaurant

W. 19th and Loop 289

Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.