Results of Alumni Responses

As of March 4th I have received 35 letters or emails regarding the current situation. Those who provided a written response have had their comments posted on the web site (address on the front page). I encourage you to go there and read what others are saying.

In attempting a summary of the suggestions it would appear that there are strong feelings directing us to disband the Chapter or to pull together and try to correct the problem and move forward. The majority of comments have directed the local alumni to assist the Chapter and move forward. This heartens me to see that the general wish you expressed is to forgive (but not forget) and set standards and treat the remaining members with dignity and respect.

Certainly those members involved in the incident are having to accept responsibility for their actions. They have secured an attorney and they stand apart from the Chapter in facing the consequence of their action. No SPAA or Chapter money is being used in their behalf.

I am also pleased to have received financial support to assist in this effort. In particular I want to thank Doug McBride 1974 for his contribution, which was both significant as well as symbolic of his desire to help restore HIS fraternity. Others who have provided monies include:

Dan Ruff, 1963
George Dawson, 1958
Harry Harrison, 1954
Granville Waters, 1953
Charles LeBus, 1958
Jerome Hennigan, 1968
Jerry Wester, 1969
William Wright, 1966
Brian Carr, 1978
Mike Foerster, 1976
Jack Beal, 1957

A Letter from the Texas Beta Chapter

Dear Alumni Brothers,

In the past three months, our Fraternity has undergone unfortunate circumstances. Although we accept full responsibility for the actions displayed on December 5th, we refuse to let these actions serve as a scapegoat to the demise of the Texas Beta Chapter. WE are currently working harder than ever to pay restitution, put this matter behind us, and make you proud of being a member of our beloved Fraternity.

Many steps have been taken to try and accomplish this in the past couple of months. All parties involved have gotten proper legal council, and turned themselves in. The District Attorney is prosecuting these individuals, not the Fraternity. Secondly, the Fraternity has self-imposed community service hours on all undergraduate members, not only for allowing this to happen, but to show the community that we are a benefit to society. As of early March, we have accumulated over 150 community service hours for Habitat for Humanity, South Plains Food Bank, and several soup kitchens in Lubbock. In accordance with guidelines handed down from Texas Tech, alcohol has been strictly prohibited from all Fraternity events for a sex month, probationary period. We have also held a meeting with a representative from our National headquarters, they has ensured us that we are on the right path to remedy our current situation.

Finally, we have met with some of our alumni members to discuss what we can do in the future to ensure nothing like this ever happens again. We would like to cordially invite you to share in this process, as some of your fellow alumni already have. We will be attending the alumni luncheons each month to provide further opportunity to gather input from you all.

The Undergraduate Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi

Alumni Comments...from various letters and emails

*I am now embarrassed with the recent photos and articles about the Phi Psi chapter and the vandalism.
*In a nut shell we either act positively and whole-heartedly or we close down.
*Yes, I want the Chapter to continue. Yes, you have my support.
*Let me say now to you and our active members that the very LAST thing I "Think" is that our chapter should be close!
*Sure, We made a mistake, it is only by learning from our mistakes, that we grow up and continue to progress in the future.
*I guess when we sang in the circle, "Our strong band shall ner be broken...", we will find out how strong that band really is.
*Why settle for second or third rate? Shut down the chapter for a couple of years and restart it as a fresh colony.
*Why some of you are sending in checks is beyond my comprehension.
*I have a lot of blood sweat and tears involved with Phi Psi. I am enclosing a $25.00 donation. I challenge all exe texas tech phi psi's to do the same.
*Admit wrong doing and work to make it right.
*I would suggest that it would be best to shut the door and walk away.
*I can't stand by and let the chapter be dissolved.
*Don't tell me to "get out", that is not a choice for you to offer me or any other alumni.
*Keep the faith and may god bless your efforts.
*challange the remaining 20 members to be leaders, setting the example for the rest of the Greek system to follow.
*Shame on you who have not been around for 20 years and recommend to close the chapter!!!

I'm Involved! My Comments (and maybe a check) :

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