



Phi Psi Rag

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The March Begins

In 2002 the Texas Beta Chapter will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The question remains as to whether anyone will remain to host this grand affair. A decisive campaign is set for this Fall and the fate of the Chapter will likely be decided.

Some updates are in order. The Chapter complied with all directives from the University and is now free of continued strict monitoring from the Dean of Students.

The alumni supervisory committee has taken a stronger hand in Chapter activities. Failure to honor financial obligations have resulted in a number of the undergraduates being removed from the roster. The Chapter's poor academic performance this Spring has also led to the setting of stronger standards which will be enforced. Related to these problems the membership has been severely reduced, with only 10-13 men returning for the Fall.

So, what is our plan? Our alumni committee has agreed that this is the moment. The four of us are committed to getting the Chapter back on track by whatever means is necessary. We are willing to give of our time and money to establish the character of the group which will set the tone for the future and our anniversary.

Drastic times call for hard choices. Each alumnus should understand that we will set the Chapter in a positive direction and that this may require major changes. The House Corporation must be revitalized, the South Plains Alumni Association needs support, and our Undergraduates need to appreciate this opportunity to step up. We shall see what awaits in 2002 by our actions now.

Alumni Stand Tall, Support Grows

What keeps a man's commitment? For some it is the memory of what was, for others it is the ideal of what might be. Although great time may have passed since your days at Tech perhaps you can see our purpose in remaining committed to our fraternity.

We want to create a group of men who hold fast to the ideals of morality and character. Such strength is seen in those who have stepped up at this crucial time.

*H.A. Sessions has leased a 5,000 sq ft storefront to the Chapter for 12 months for \$1.

*Brian Carr has donated \$1,000 to provide for materials for the new lodge.

*Mark Zahn has accepted overseer responsibilities for maintaining financial integrity of the Chapter

*Matt Davis and Brian Carr will provide two computers and peripheral equipment for a "learning center".

*Jim Stewart and Jay Vollet have pledged continued involvement with the alumni supervisory committee.

*Jerry Nelson (UCLA, 47' and a friend of Brian Carr) has pledged a new trophy case

We need whatever you have to give. If you have an old computer, TV, furniture, or item of historical significance to the Chapter please contact Brian Carr. If you prefer we'll also take a check, currency, or gold. My address remains:

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Do You Need a Reason for Fun?

Do you like the idea of a mountain getaway? What about gambling and snow skiing? Does Lake Tahoe call your name?

Thanks to the support of Jerry Nelson (UCLA, 47') an invitation has been extended to alumni of Texas Beta to join Brother Nelson in his Tahoe retreat at some point in the coming Fall or Winter. Details remain to be worked out but the deal is, if we can get to Reno, his staff will pick us up and we will enjoy a hosted event at his lavish estate.

Jerry is a major force in Phi Psi today. Brian Carr has enjoyed his hospitality at his Cabo San Lucas home and Jerry has sponsored several major programs in the fraternity. His prowess in the business world is also well known, having been very successful in commercial real estate in Scottsdale, Arizona and in the formation of such companies as Ticketmaster.

To find out more about the trip and to complete a form detailing what it would take to have you become active again with Phi Psi please go to our web page located at <http://www.healthinfo.com/phipsi.htm> There we will have additional information for you and photos to tempt you with.

Come Back to ole Phi Psi

Do fraternities have a role in the contemporary college setting? What remains for the alumnus who is many years removed from graduation?

The freshman of today faces many challenges. He may not have known what it is like to have both parents in the home. He is likely to have been exposed to alcohol and drugs early in his life. He may have little discipline from a society which encourages an "anything goes" philosophy.

Within the Texas Beta Chapter there is a new standard which is actually steeped in tradition. As outlined in the Creed our members will be gentlemen and an emphasis on academic success and personal development will be made.

If you can send financial support, great! If you can only offer your words of support that is sufficient. These are difficult times and we need encouragement that our task is worthwhile.

Fall Schedule of SPAA meetings

- *8/10 5-7 p.m. Open House at new lodge
1901-W. Loop 289 Westport Shopping Center
(on the South side of the street, behind Dos Amigos)
green stained glass windows and green awnings
- *8/19 5:30 SPAA and House Corp Meeting, Lodge
- *monthly meetings TBA after discussion to be held at above.

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- Stay the Course, Here is some Help.
 - Thanks for your effort, but the Chapter Should be Closed
 - I'm interested in the Tahoe Trip, Keep me informed

Comments:

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Visit our web site at: <http://www.healthinfo.com/phipsi.htm> and soon to be located at www.texastechphipsi.org (launch 8/1)

To review the comments made by alumni during our recent troubles go to <http://www.healthinfo.com/fraternity/justice.htm>

We Need Stuff

Imagine a 5,000 square foot room with very little to go in it. Now visualize a walk through your home and the stuff you don't use that gets under foot.

Here's Your Chance to Help Yourself while Helping the Chapter

While historical items were safely stored during the past year and a half what little furniture and other household items the Chapter possessed were further reduced.

We Need Everything!

From toilet paper to brooms, light bulbs to lamps, the new lodge needs such supplies. Setting up an attractive environment is essential for success in the upcoming Fall rush.

Time is Short!

We have a labor force but limited capital or materials. Below is a list of items that are needed. We will be happy to come pick up any item. If you wish to make a targeted donation of money to help in the purchase of a larger item please contact Brian Carr at (806) 794-6460 home or 795-3911 office.

Everyday Items

brooms & mops
cleaning solutions of every form
paper or cloth towels
light bulbs

Furniture

couch/sofas
coffee tables
side tables
lamps
area rug (even just old carpet)
book shelves
computer desks

Specialty Items*

computers
printers
trophy case
TV
display case
orator's podium

*you can designate your contribution to pay for a portion of one of these items along with other brothers

Please take a moment and look around your home. What you find is better than what we have. We need your help! Call Brian and pitch in today!