



Beta Xi
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Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Texas Tech University

The \$65,000 Question...

Action to be taken on AGR Lot

by Derek Racca

The Beta Xi AGR Alumni Association will hold its Spring meeting on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 9:30am at the Elm Grove Golf Club Banquet Room at 3202 Milwaukee in Lubbock.

Discussion will be introduced at the meeting addressing the future of the AGR lot on Greek Circle II.

The AGR lot was purchased in 1986, for \$45,000. Over the years, more than \$20,000 has been paid in property taxes alone, not to mention interest. Thus you get the heading of 'The \$65,000 Question'

In recent years, the lot has become a burden to the alumni association, as well as the chapter. **Our alumni association has failed in its responsibilities to manage the property as well as pay taxes on a timely basis.**

A decision will need to be made in the near future to either: A.) Keep the lot and create and execute a management and building plan or B.) Sell the lot, invest the money and consider future options.

Alumni are encouraged to attend this meeting and make their voice heard. The final decision as to the action that will be taken will be made by the six men who serve on the board of directors. That vote could occur during the board meeting immediately following the alumni association meeting.

Other items of business include **election of 2 alumni corporation board directors, as well as alumni association officers.** An update on the status of the chapter will be provided.

A complete agenda for both meetings may be viewed on-line at www.agrbx.org.

ALUMNI WEEKEND Scheduled

Chapter plans exciting time for alumni

Pink Rose is set for Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Lubbock Club atop the Wells Fargo Building at 1500 Broadway in Lubbock.

Entertainment is planned and awards will be presented. This event is being held in conjunction with the Sigma Alpha Sorority.

The cost is \$35 per plate. The main course will feature a ribeye with vegetables.

Please RSVP to Derek Racca at (806)781-6789 or ttuagr@yahoo.com or to Thomas Wallace at thomas.r.wallace@ttu.edu.

Active/Alumni Golfing following the alumni association meeting. Tee off approximately at noon.



Broken Promises? After 20 years, the AGR lot on Greek Circle II remains empty and our Texas Tech chapter remains one of the few AGR chapters in the nation without a place to call home. Fortunately, each alumnus has the opportunity to change the situation.

Stay informed and help the chapter through Beta Xi Forums on-line at:

www.agrbx.org

On the Money Side of Life

by Greg Stenberg, Alumni Corp. Treasurer

As most of you know, **we recently made an attempt to collect alumni dues.** At the moment, we can call that attempt only semi-successful. Here's a breakdown.

Annual dues are currently set at \$25. We sent 163 letters and invoices for a total accounts receivable of \$4,100. Our overhead, not including time, for that mailing was around \$100. The paper and printing toner was donated, so our direct cost was stamps and envelopes.

As of February 23, 2006, only 31 brothers had responded for a total dues-only collection of \$775, and our A/R as of that date stood at \$3,450. Thankfully, six of those brothers went above and beyond and added a donation on top of their dues.

Our total collections for the drive were \$1,088.64 (the strange number coming from PayPal fees deducted for those that paid online). With the drive so far, we have been able to get our 2005 lot taxes paid. However, **we still owe Nationals over \$1,100. In short, we need more brothers to pay their dues.**

As I mentioned in the stuffer letter that accompanied the dues invoice, **we need at least 92 men to step up and pay their dues. As you can see, with 31 brothers paying, we're only a third of the way there and far short of that number.**

The only reason we were able to get our taxes paid was because of the generous donation of the six brothers. So why don't you step up today and join these 31 brothers and get your dues paid?

Don't let just a few carry the burden that you agreed to help bear with your lifelong commitment to the fraternity!

Beta Xi Alumni Corporation Board of Directors

Michael Carlson (2006)

Jeff Stenberg (2006)

Bret Holloway (2007)

Derek Racca (2007)

Bill Franklin (2008)

Greg Stenberg (2008)

The year in parentheses designates the year in which board position expires.

Chapter/Alumni represented at Nashville Leadership Seminar

Beta Xi and Texas Tech were represented at the Nashville AGR/Sigma Alpha Leadership Conference on February 17-18.

Thomas Wallace, VNR-Activities and Derek Racca, chapter adviser, attended the conference which addressed chapter leadership strategies and team building.

Next year's conference plans to head to Dallas /Fort Worth where alumni participation will be encouraged. More info to come!

AGR Leader's Message

by Cody Lane, Regional AGR Vice President

Let me first introduce myself for those I have not met. **My name is Cody Lane, and I serve as AGR Regional Vice President for the South Central Region.**

This region includes the chapters in Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Some of my duties include working at the chapter level on Recruitment, Scholarship, Membership Development and other chapter programming.

Each year I am also responsible for helping with regional leadership seminars and recruitment workshops. **I also work with the alumni in areas of housing, annual appeal and alumni relations.**

I am an alumnus of the Beta Sigma Chapter at Tarleton State University. I graduated from Tarleton in May of 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development.

While an undergraduate I served as VNR Recruitment and VNR Public Relations. I was also involved in several organizations on campus including IFC where I served as Social Chairman and President.

After graduation I served on the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Home Office staff from June of 1998 to May of 2000 as a chapter consultant.

Since leaving the Home Office staff, I have worked for The LANE Company, an Animal Health Care Sales and Marketing Agency, representing companies nation wide. I reside in Weatherford, TX, with my wife Ranae and daughter Sydney.

Feel free to contact me at anytime. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Pink Rose Weekend.

Fraternally,

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Are you up-to-date with Beta Xi

As of this month, we have 35 lost brothers. They are in our lost category either because their mailings have been returned and undeliverable with no forwarding address on file, the addresses were just wrong, or we didn't have an address to begin with.

You can find that list on our website at <http://www.agrbx.org/lostbrothers.cfm>. If you are on that list or have the information of someone on that list, please contact Greg or Derek to update that information. Our ultimate goal is no lost brothers!

Finally, many addresses we have on file are old addresses. For instance, there are several in there that are known to be the addresses of parents. While the mail is delivered and not returned to us, we can assume that only a certain percentage of mail actually makes it into the hands of our brothers.

It is very important that we have your most current mailing address. If your parents are still receiving your AGR mail, or if you're not getting any mail directly from us or from Nationals, please update your information! We want to communicate with you, and print and e-mail communication are the best ways to do that. Thanks!!