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Fraternity of the Year
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17th Anniversary Pig Dinner

Homecoming 1998

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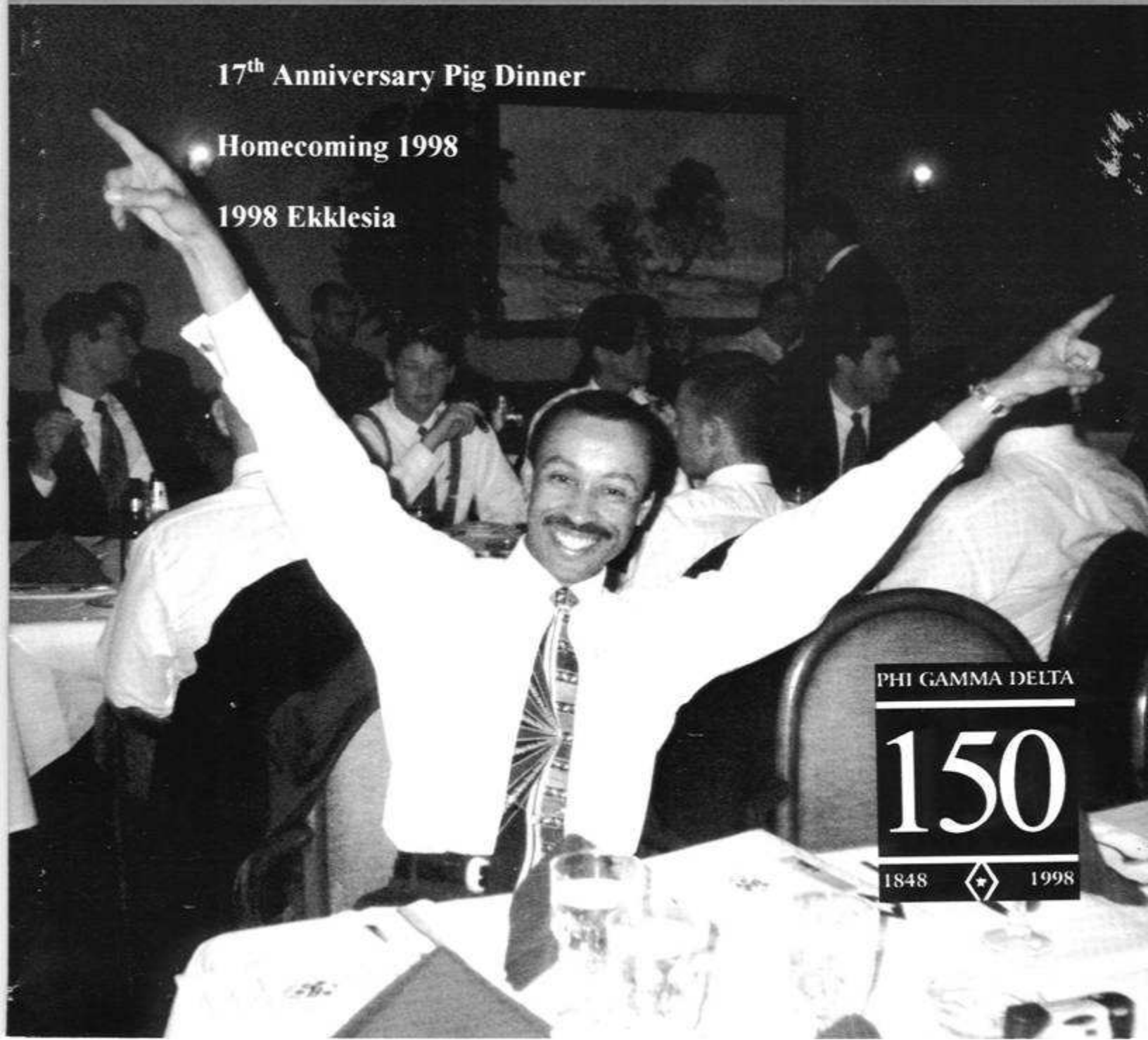
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

The State of the Chapter Address:

The Chapter has reestablished its strive towards excellence. Recruitment, athletics, campus involvement, and academics are four areas of Greek life in which we have reasserted ourselves as leaders on campus.

Now that this chapter has risen to the top of the Greek system, it must continue to take steps that will ensure it maintains that status. The decision to make the chapter house and property an Alcohol-Free facility was one of those steps. On July 1, 1998, Theta Tau will implement an early adoption of the International Headquarters Alcohol-Free Housing Initiative.

There are many benefits to this decision. One, the scholastic atmosphere in the house will be greatly improved. Two, recruitment efforts will be even more rewarding, because men should not pledge a fraternity merely for partying purposes. They should pledge, because they want to be associated with the brothers in the fraternity. Three, the undergraduate chapter's liability and legal risk are now greatly reduced.

Also, by being one of the first 20 chapters to agree to be alcohol free by July 1, 1998, we are now eligible to receive \$20,000 in grant incentives from the International Fraternity to perform housing improvements and purchase educational supplies for the chapter house. But perhaps the most impacting benefit of this decision is the leadership that this decision shows not only to the other fraternities on this campus, but also to the International Fraternity.

What type of support and assistance does the chapter need at this time? We need organizational, planning and support toward the long term goals of the fraternity. The foremost of these are the payment of the current house mortgage and acquiring the property adjacent to the house.

How do Graduate Brothers fit into today's overall picture of the fraternity? First of all, we recognize the fact that if it had not been for those who lead the charge year after year before us, we would not have a chapter to enjoy today. If it had not been for you men who handed down the traditions of Phi Gamma Delta year after year, Theta Tau would not be here today.

However, graduation does not mean that active interest in the undergraduate chapter has to end. The effort has begun to organize a Graduate Association for this chapter. It will serve to get graduates involved with each other on a social level and it would provide an avenue to allow graduate brothers to become involved in the business aims of the fraternity. This chapter has risen to a prominent level of success, but it will need its graduate's assistance and support to maintain that success through the coming years. The chapter is as strong as it has ever been, and it is only getting stronger!

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Kelly Irvin '99

Perge!

Fraternity of the Year 1997!!!

The Brothers here at Theta Tau have worked hard over the past year in an effort to better themselves and our Fraternity. As March 1998 approached, there was much anticipation among the brothers here at Theta Tau as to whether all that effort would pay off with one last reward. We knew what we had accomplished; the trophies and new men in our chapter spoke for themselves. But we wanted everyone else to know who had the best Fraternity at Tennessee Tech in 1997.

Here is how the evening at the Awards Banquet shaped up. For competing well in so many campus activities, including a Homecoming victory, Phi Gamma Delta won the **Campus Life Award** for 1997. Additionally, by being the *only* active Fraternity to remain above the All-Men's and All-Fraternity averages in 1997, we were recognized with the **Scholarship Award** for '97. However, the most important announcement that evening, was that Phi Gamma Delta is the **1997 TTU Fraternity of the Year** once again after a long 10 years! **Damn Proud to be Phi Gam!**



Matt Graves accepting his "Not for College Days Alone" award.



Lee Wray kicks back to relax with the grads.

Upcoming Events

Summer Party - June 27th - This will be Theta Tau's last wet party at the house. There will also be a Rush work shop as well an orientation for new brothers.

Alcohol-Free Housing Initiative Final Implementation -July 1, 1998

Chapter Fund-raiser- July 18th ;Spice Girls at Starwood. For more info, please contact Kelly Irvin.

Ekklesia - Aug. 12-16 - See IHQ WebPage - FijiNet Brian Douglas '98, John Warmath '01, and Pual Polpanich '98, will be attending as chapter delegates.

Fall Rush - Aug. 31-Sep. 4; For more info contact Paul Polpanich or Kelly Irvin. Please let us know if you have any referrals and we will follow up.

Fiji Island Week - September 8-11 will be yet another huge event for Phi Gamma Delta and MS.

Fiji Island - Sep. 18-20; Come camping with us and watch the pledges get stomped in Island Football as always and see a few pies fly.

Homecoming - Oct 3 TTU vs MTSU for **LAST** time! This will be a huge Homecoming!!! All graduates and friends are invited to come and participate with us! Please see the article on the following page for more details.

Graduate Database Online!

Go to Theta Tau's Website and find the page that has the email addresses. On the bottom of the page you will see a database button. After you click it you will be prompted for a login. Username is "brother", Password is "perge".

Graduate Spotlight - Purple Pride!

Chad Smith, Mark Redferrin and Dylan Mantooth are the newest members of Theta Tau's Alumni. **Congratulations Brothers!**

Matt Graves - Matt and Glenda have a bouncing baby boy which looks just like Matt!! **Congratulations Tomos!**

Oliver Rick - Oliver is nearing the end of the first part of his Air Force training and should get a chance to come back and visit soon.

Bill Greer - Bill has moved to Chattanooga to pursue a career advancement, but will still be active with the undergrads at Tech.

Stan Hardaway '85 - Stan has been named president of Hardaway Construction Corp. of Nashville, one of the state's largest construction companies. He joined the firm, founded by his grandfather, in 1985.

Dena Fairley - Dena is the wife of Troy Fairley and the 1995 Chapter Sweetheart. She will be returning to Tech. to coach the women's track team! **Congratulations Dena!**

Who came to "Hail the Pig" this year?

Todd Fairley
Stacy Hunt
Shannon Nash
Curt Chaffin
Kong Chen
Troy Fairley
Matt Graves
Jeff Breedlove
John Rector
Jeremy Jenkins
Jay Banasiak
Lee Wray
AJ Bahou
Keith Edmondson
Tony Melson
David Crane
Dewayne Coffey
Keith Boker
David Speight

Bill Greer
Ross Jones
Scott Brewer
Pierson Simon
Doug Patterson
Jon Smith
Jeff Hoilman
Billy Leslie
Lee Scarborough
Brad Dozier
Scott Harold
Richard Holt
Tim Hemken
Bill Reno
Brad Liemer
David Berg
Kenny Potts
Phil Wallace
Kell Stott

**There were 85 Theta Taus who attended the dinner. Additional guests included Keith Henley(IHQ), Tony Marable and a Chapter President from another university.

**Forty brothers participated in the Golf Scramble.

Spring '98 in Review

Further 1997 awards:

- Campus Life Award, 1997
- Scholarship Award, 1997

Fraternity of the Year 1997!

Spring '98

- 2nd Place, Greek Week
- 1st Place, Kappa Delta Golf Classic
- 2nd Place, Zeta Best Man on Campus
- IFC Wrestling, Two men in the finals, with one victory in a weight class.
- IFC Soccer- we're in the finals but we got rained out!!
- Graduate Association Reinstated
- Chapter adopts Alcohol Free Housing Initiative



Bill Greer, Ryan Fulkerson, and Stacy Hunt on the CCC Golf Course.

On October 3, 1998 Tennessee Tech will meet its old rival MTSU on the football field for the last time. What promises to be a huge event for TTU will also be a weekend to remember for Phi Gamma Delta as well.

With the help of the Kappa Deltas, we will be seeking a second consecutive Homecoming victory. Additionally, the Kazoo Band will be looking to be on top of the Open Float competition once again. At the very least, they will be in front of every camera that appears on the parade route. And we will get Mr. Marable this year!!

As part of this huge weekend, the undergraduates would like to invite all of our graduate brothers to come back and enjoy Homecoming with us once again. As always we will be working on the float right up to the last and we hope you will all feel free to come out and share some memories with us. This year we are also looking to make the largest Kazoo Band ever by getting as many grads and undergrads together as possible! As if that were not enough, we will be having a cookout at the house after the game to celebrate what will no doubt be an outstanding performance. Of course the weekend would not be complete without a party with the sisters of Kappa Delta that evening.

So make plans now to relive some of those old memories and make some new ones! We have provided the local hotel information on the back cover to assist you in making plans. Please plan early as the University is making plans for very large Alumni events.

Homecoming Weekend Events

- **Friday night, Oct 2** -The brothers and the KDs will be working on the Float until early morning.
- **Saturday, Oct 3 8am**- The undergrads and grads in the Kazoo Band suit up.
- **Saturday, Oct 3 noon**- Lunch in town for those of us who haven't passed out from sleep deprivation!
- **Saturday, Oct 3 afternoon**- TTU wipes the floor with MTSU! Fiji will be there in force!
- **Saturday, Oct 3, 5:30**- Cookout at the house for our grads and the KDs.
- **Saturday, Oct 3, 10:00**- Homecoming Party. This will be away from the house in observance of the Alcohol Free Housing initiative.



The Graduate Reception Friday Night



Guest Speaker Keith Henley, Director of Recruitment



Pig Dinner 1998

Friday, April 17th

6:00 p.m.

Friday night saw the arrival of most of our attending graduate brothers. Upon arrival they were greeted by an enthusiastic group of undergrads as well as by members of the Pig Dinner committee. There was an information and check-in desk complete with publications and billing information to get our graduates up to speed on what was happening.

All together 30 graduates and nearly all of the undergrads were there to help cook the pig over the course of the night. It was rumored that bribes were being accepted to change the golf teams, but since the distributors of this publication were in charge of Pig Dinner- we aren't saying a word! The Pig Dinner committee was also questioned about displaying the 1988-89 composite. This was done at the request of Ross Jones who also made a significant donation to the chapter at Pig Dinner. Could that be just a coincidence? Thanks Ross.

Saturday, April 18th

8:00 a.m.

The Pig Dinner Golf Scramble was about to begin. After much bragging and premature claims on the trophies the night before, the golfers were not about to let a little drizzling rain keep them from trying out the Country Club's course. Of the forty brothers who teed off at 8:30, 23 were graduate brothers. As it turned out, three teams tied at 4 under and were forced into putt-off during the dinner to decide the winner!

12:00 p.m.

By this time in the day the rain was here to stay and made it obvious that any chance of playing volleyball was very remote. Many of the grads and undergrads went out to lunch...

And many more just tried to catch a few Z's for the night that lay ahead.

5:00 p.m.

The Theta Tau Graduate Association held its second meeting at the Country Club to follow up on earlier discussions of how to plan for the future of the chapter. Among the options they are pursuing is a direct deposit fund which transfers funds on a monthly basis from brothers accounts to an account set up specifically for the future of the chapter house. At last count, 25



Brad Dozier addressing the chapter at PD undergraduates were already contributing to this fund in addition to their normal chapter dues. Many more graduates have also committed to this plan as well. Further information can be obtained by contacting Brad Dozier at 615-331-8421.

6:00 p.m.

"All Hail the Pig!!"

Master of Ceremonies

Scott Brewer, Tech class of '89,
Purple Legionnaire

The Pig Dinner Committee wishes to thank Scott for doing an excellent job as MC.

Invocation

Tony Marable

Theta Tau Faculty Advisor
Tony led the chapter in a very well thought out prayer for which we are very grateful. He knows he wants to be a Fiji!!

Bringing in the Pig

Yet another young brother got to kiss the pig on the rump!

"An Exile's Toast"

Brian Douglas '98

Chapter President 1997

The traditional Exile's Toast as written by Frank Norris was given in a hardy German accent. It is reported that just before the final toast there was a pause while two very large 1-liter beer mugs (mit beer) from Deutschland were produced by Brian for himself and the Chapter President. They were also reported to be quite empty at the end of the night!

The Doxology

Dinner

Keynote Address

Keith Henley

International Headquarters Staff
Keith gave an outstanding address which brought an International Headquarters perspective to Theta Tau. He spoke on the overall focus of the Alcohol-Free Housing Initiative and commended the chapter for its hard work.

State of the Chapter Address

Kelly Irvin '99

Chapter President 1998

Kelly's address to the chapter can be found on page 2 of this issue.

Report of the House Corporation

R. Lee Wray

TFI Treasurer

The house has undergone several recent cosmetic improvements, but is still in need of plumbing and electric work before the house is refinanced in the Fall. We are hoping to utilize the Alcohol-Free Housing incentive money to help finance these needed improvements.

Presentation of the 17th Anniversary Pig Dinner Golf Scramble Trophies

Lucas Yeary '01, Pig Dinner Committee, presented the golf trophies to Tony Melson, David Crane, Jason Reed and Trey Newby following the putt-off at dinner..

The Order of the Snake, 1998

Brad Jenkins '00

Corresponding Secretary 1998

Ryan Cizmarik, the Chapter Treasurer carries on the tradition.

Phi Gamma Delta is

Presented by Kelly Irvin

In addition to the traditional undergraduate awards there were also four graduate brothers who were recognized for their exceptional service to the Fraternity. Keith Edmondson, Brad Dozier, Doug Patterson, and Jay Banasiak were presented with Phi Gamma Delta is Dedication awards.

Citations for Distinguished Service

Brian Douglas

Kelly Irvin

This year, the chapter introduced the "Not for College Days Alone" award for brothers who have attended 10 Pig Dinners. There were four of these presented this year with more expected for next year.

The Kenneth Wayne Owen Memorial Scholarship was presented to Scott Demoss in recognition of his scholastic efforts and service to the chapter.

Lee Wray, for his continued outstanding service to the chapter, was presented with a 10K Gold Founder's Badge. Lee had lost his original badge a couple of years ago after lending it out to a brother and had never replaced it.

Tony Marable was presented with a Fraternity of the Year plaque which also recognizes him for his full decade of service to Theta Tau as our Faculty Advisor. Thanks Tony!

10:00 p.m.

Party at the Chapter House "Not for College Days Alone"

Saturday night saw undergrads and grads partying together long into the morning hours. It was a great end to a fantastic weekend. At one point, Brad Dozier was body surfing in the main room! If that doesn't say it was a good party, what else could! Damn Proud to be a Fiji!

The Pig Dinner Committee would like to thank everyone who attended this Pig Dinner and we hope to see you again at Homecoming.



Above: '98 Cabinet and the PD Chairman

Below: Some of the Grad Association



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To the Committee

November 10, 1900
Roselle, NJ

Gesundheit! Ach mein lieber vriendts. Dat note she come today,
You're dinin' bei der Poodle in der same ol' jolly vay;
While me, ach Gott, du Leiber Gott, I, ve sit me down undt wept
Dot your kindt invitationing I cannot yet accept.
Der Poodle! Doand I know der blace, say blind mein eyes oop tighdt
Undt standts me bei der Plaza on, I findt der haus alle righdt.
Der gless-ware I've ge-broken dere, der sboons I hef ge-stole!
Der whiskey Chimmi White hef drunk from aus der Sugar-bowl!
Ah dose were days, Der Gibbs he knows, undt Mairsch he knows ut
too.
Und Hethauren could ree-remember yoost a leddle ting or two.
Undt dat poy Earnie Hoentersohn, he's leedle, put oh my,
He nef'r sets his schooner down until he's drunk her dry.
Undt ulzoh Wallie Every-bit, who alle-ways knows ut alle,
Undt Gibbons—"Loaf-of-Women"—He leads Shermans at Lunt's
Halle.
Undt den, ach hoch der Vaterland; dere is der soldier man*
Der terror oaf der Sbanniards in der charge of San Joo-an,
Der Awful Captun Sailfridge. He's a howlin Martinet,
(Vhen speaken to him, touch der cap, he loafs dos etiquette)
Undt Brooksie Balmer he gomes too, dot quiet leedle poy
Dey galls him vhen he's vairy goot, der Sewing Circles Joy.
Undt Hoomphries he's der sly one, undt he knows der historie

Von efry Fiji chapter in der landt from sea to sea.
Undt Pilly Schmidt undt Emory, dey does deir leedle stunts
Fallutin mit der "younger set" each Saturday at Lunt's.
Hi alle you Grads, you lucky Grads who dis T'ansgiving Day
Cen shtop at home just tink oaf us, der Exile's far away.
Der's Chunky in Geneva, undt dere's Rethers—Gott knows vair
Ve sitts undt vaits undt vatches undt ve groan undt tear der hair,
Ve reckons oudt der difference in der time, undt every one
Ve says oudt loud "Dey hef kicked off, Der game hef joost begun"
Undt ve aindt dere to see ut played, undt ve aindt dere to yell
Undt we aindt dere to see der team joost knowck'em into Hell.
Vail, when you alle sits down egain to eat dat Poodle lunch
You alle joost try to vance dat we're mit you in der bunch.
Here's to der team: Bei Gott—stand oop—dis ain't no usual drink,
Stand oop—Hands round—between us alle it is der Gommon link.
Stand oop. It is der Exiles Toast we're mit you alle today.
We're back once more in der ol' blace, undt back egain to stay.
Stand oop. Stand oop; From der East undt West we're come mit you
We're dinin' at der Poodle joost as once ve used to do
Dis day show our colors undt let alle der eagles scream
for
We're dinin' at der Poodle undt we're drinking to der team

Very Fraternally,
Frank Norris

Best Western Thunderbird Motel	900 S. Jefferson Av. 931-526-7115	Ramada Limited Suites	1045 Interstate Dr. 931-372-0086
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Hampton Inn	340 Interstate Dr 931-520-1117	Super 8 Motel	1330 Bunker Hill Rd 931-526-1230
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