

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## **MEDICAL FRATERNITY PHI BETA PI ALUMNI FUND STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY AT UT SOUTHWESTERN**

DALLAS – Jan. 17, 2001 – A Phi Beta Pi alumni group with a long history of community support has donated \$170,000 to establish a “student commons” area in a new housing complex being built at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift from alumni of the now-disbanded medical fraternity will help provide students with a facility in which to socialize and study. The funds came from the sale of the organization's Dallas fraternity house four decades ago.

The commons area will be part of the new \$10.5 million student-housing complex currently under construction on the UT Southwestern campus. The first phase of the 18-acre site will contain 156 apartments for more than 250 students. Located at the southwest corner of Maple Avenue and Mockingbird Lane, the project is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in time for the 2001 fall semester.

“The members of Phi Beta Pi have long held a special interest in student housing,” said Dr. Milton Davis, president of the fraternity’s alumni group and a former faculty member of UT Southwestern. “We are, and always have been, big believers in fellowship as well as scholarship and feel that by investing in this commons area we are supporting both things.”

The surviving members of Phi Beta Pi’s alumni group include Davis, and other UT Southwestern faculty members Dr. John Vanatta, professor of physiology, Dr. Royce Laycock, professor emeritus of surgery, and Dr. Biff Palmer, professor of internal medicine.

Student housing has long been a need at UT Southwestern, which currently has no

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campus arrangements for its student body. More than 800 students are enrolled in Southwestern Medical School, more than 400 students in Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and more than 300 students in Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School. UT Southwestern also has more than 1,100 clinical residents and nearly 500 postdoctoral fellows.

“We are extremely pleased that Phi Beta Pi, which for many years played an important role in medical education, has chosen to support UT Southwestern and its students in such a wonderful way,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “This generous and forward-thinking gift undoubtedly will make a significant impact on the UT Southwestern students who pass through the gates of the complex for decades to come.”

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