

**Delta Psi-Baylor**

**Fast Facts:**

* Installation date: April 23, 1977
* Closure date: May 1, 1985
* Location: Waco, Texas
* Region: 6

**History:**

Baylor University is a private Christian university and a nationally ranked liberal arts institution. Our rank of alumni includes missionaries and pastors, heads of Fortune 500 companies, governors of Texas and professional athletes. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas through the efforts of Baptist pioneers, Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in the state.

In September of 1976, 51 women of the Phi Delta Social Club at Baylor University petitioned Delta Gamma for a charter. Council voted to accept the petition, and the Delta Psi colony began to establish in December of that year. On December 5, 50 women of the Phi Delta Social Club became the founding member class of the Delta Psi chapter.

Installation weekend saw women of the Gamma Tau-Texas Christian chapter and alumnae from across the country arrive for the festivities. On April 23, the 50 pledges, as well as Phi Delta alumnae and the 12 pledges taken in during spring recruitment, were initiated during a ceremony conducted by the Gamma Tau chapter. That evening was the Installation banquet, and a reception followed the next morning.

The women of Delta Psi jumped right in. They held their first Anchor Splash® on March 30, 1977. That same month, the spring 1976 pledge class was recognized as having the highest GPA.

Their prosperity would not last, however. Due to deeply entrenched traditions of Greek life, the campus was not suitable for a Delta Gamma chapter. The chapter continuously struggled with recruitment due to these traditions, and in April of 1985, the chapter notified Council of their decision to relinquish their charter. Council voted unanimously to accept Delta Psi’s decision, and the chapter relinquished their charter in May of 1986.