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Chapter Retreat
January 27

Theme Party
February 17

Pig Dinner
April 7

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Mid-April

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Purple Legionnaire's Letter

Greetings, Brothers, and welcome back to the Link. I hope everyone is looking forward to our annual Pig Dinner and Casino Night this year. Rather than bore you with tidbits about the chapter, I would rather focus on our goals and forward motion. After initiating 10 fine Brothers from the fall, the chapter quickly refocused and got 6 additional pledges this spring. This was close to their goal of 20 total pledges for the school year; with the neophytes added, though, 17 is an acceptable number. In terms of leadership, the chapter has embraced change by electing one of the youngest Cabinets since 1991. However, the Brothers continue to work through problems and learn from mistakes. Their efforts were recently rewarded when they were named Chapter of the Month by TCU's IFC.

On the graduate front, your Board of Chapter Advisors has set about changing our leadership as well as our mission. Travis English '98 has accepted the position of BCA chairman, and you can expect a lot of information from him. The BCA set two goals this semester, which we feel will help us down the line. First, we plan to organize a career day at the House using graduate resources to help undergrads with everything from resumes to interviewing. Second, we have begun to actively pursue graduate donations. Since we are new at this, we are planning to start very small and build the fund into a valuable resource to help the chapter with rush and scholarship. Such an account will be administered by the graduate board and will only be used to award success and help reinvigorate Fijis nationwide about their involvement in Tau Chi. Both of these goals require extensive graduate support. However, we feel that the chapter has reached the point where we are ready to step through the door and into the new millenium. I hope to see all of you at Casino Night and, until then,
PERGE...

President's Letter

My name is Clint Bolding I am the new President. I would like to start off my report by saying that I would love to hear any input from graduates; older and wiser Brothers often have the answers that we do not. In my short time in office, with the help of my cabinet, many changes have been made. We examined things as they were and determined where changes need to be made. Our first change was rush; while other chapters make rush the main focus of their year we have traditionally put it off. No longer! The way to have a great chapter is to rush quality men, we have insured that our rush will be great this year by changing the rush process and making it committee-based. With the help of a strong committee and diligent Brothers we can insure that many great men will continue to bleed purple. We hope to have a pledge class of 25 men or more in the fall to increase chapter size further. We have also changed the committee system slightly so that more people become involved and the weight of all the tasks that the school and Fraternity require are not purely on the shoulders of one man. The chapter is preparing itself for what we hope to be the biggest and best Casino Night in the history of Tau Chi. With the help of you, the graduates, and a unified chapter, we can accomplish this. John Wesley once said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can." Our cabinet has adopted this philosophy for success, so that we can continue Phi Gamma Delta's tradition of excellence; all it takes is persistence. I hope to see you all at Pig Dinner and Casino Night!

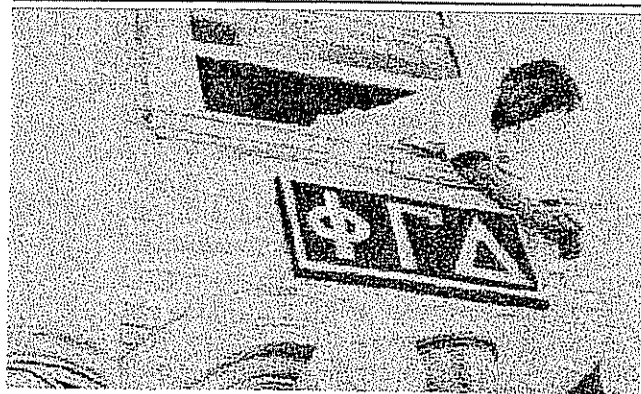
Clint Bolding '02
President

GRADUATE NEWS!

Lost Brethren

Mark Ingle '79
 Ruben Fechner '81 - San Antonio ?
 Billy Lowe '85
 Scott Jenkins '86 - left after freshman year ?
 Jon Brookbank '86 - Richmond, IN (no address)
 Mark Gustafson '87
 Kevin Henry '87 - Fort Worth ?
 Walter Miller '87
 Scott Falk '88
 Patrick Laraby '88 - San Diego?
 Eric Holmes '89
 Richard Camp '89
 Chris Sorenson '89
 Spencer Murchison '90
 John Schoffman '90
 Steve Cornell '91
 Scott Korman '91
 Peter McKechnie '91 - Houston?
 Bryan King '91
 Ernest Williams '91
 Brian George '92 - Fort Worth in '95
 Jeff Cunningham '93 - Dallas in '95
 Scott Newman '94
 John Nix '94
 Jason Weaver '95 - Houston?

IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE GUYS, PLEASE HELP US OUT!!



Picture From the 1980 Charter Application

Graduate Spotlight

Ronny Schweyher (pronounced "SHWI-er") was at TCU from 1983 to '87. He was born in New Jersey in 1965 and his family - he's the youngest of four - moved to Bedford, TX (near Fort Worth) in 1972. At Trinity High School in Euless, he wrestled and played football, graduating in 1983. He decided to go to TCU because of its proximity to home and decided to pledge FIJI with new buddies Joey Fulton ('88) and Brian Adams ('87). While an active, he was the IFC Athletics chairman as well as the chapter "Enforcer." Once, some Delts burned some new carpet of ours and Ronny went outside to confront them. A Delt punched him and Ronny started swinging, knocking guys down. Many people on the Greek row came out to watch the fight, but luckily TCU did nothing in punishment! Ronny also liked to shoot his compound bow out of his window at Kappa Sigma's back door.

Ronny graduated in May 1987 with a Marketing degree and applied to American Airlines. They told him an MBA was needed for marketing execs, so he instead worked loading airplanes, soon becoming a manager. It allowed him to travel and compete in bodybuilding competitions. Ronny competed from 1985 to '95 and won the 1987 Mr. Collegiate America and 1989 Natural Nationals Chps., was runner-up in three other major competitions, and was fourth in the '89 Mr. Universe. After snapping his bicep tendon while on the job and being away for awhile, he finished his career by winning the Texas National Qualifier. He also appeared in magazines and on ESPN.

He started a physical therapy business - Med-Sport - in 1994 and quit at American Airlines in '97. He met his wife Lisa (from Grand Prairie, TX, near Dallas) in 1994 and they married in '96. They have two daughters, Blair and Briana. He and Lisa have gone on safari in Africa each of the last five years, most recently bringing along Wade Gear '86. As for long-term plans, he'd like to retire at 50 and maybe move to Africa. Looking back, Ronny wished he had hit the books harder but said he's lucky that his business has been successful. He says, "Stick with it and don't take 'no' for an answer."

GRADUATE NEWS!

How Can I Help?

With the recent increased attempts at contacting people, it's been discovered that at least a handful of graduates are wondering how they can help. Obviously, there is a lot more that DFW-area (or even just north Texas) guys can do. If you live in the area, any help would be appreciated. It could be finding a place for theme parties, helping make intramural shirts, making a simple donation, contacting other guys for updates and info, etc. There are potentially dozens of ways to get involved.

If you are out of the area, that is fine too. Again, there are fewer options the further you are from TCU, but you could still help perhaps with rush. Maybe a co-worker's or colleague's son is going to TCU; you could let us know about him. Another option is, again, a simple donation to help with rush, general materials, and House improvements, for example.

The above suggestions are just some of the ways to help Tau Chi. Whether you would like to get involved in the BCA or periodically lending a hand, anything would be great. If you are interested or have other suggestions, contact the chapter's new Graduate Relations charimen Ryan Bourgeois and Eric King or PL Jeff Owings (Info Below).

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Wanna Find Someone?

If you are looking for a Brother but don't know exactly where to start, here are a few suggestions. The first step might be to check the website's email list or among the guestbook entries. The brand new Graduate Relations chairmen Ryan Bourgeois and Eric King, who have an updated directory, is also a good source. Beyond that, contact Nationals (606.255.2848 or www.phigam.org) or the TCU Alumni Center (817.257.7803). However, the Alumni Center may want you to buy a TCU Directory 2000 instead of providing a straight answer! In cyberspace, try www.switchboard.com, www.555-1212.com, or any search engine's People Finder. Of course, there is always General Information at 411 or 555-1212.

BCA Meeting Notes

January 20, 2001

Eight members of the BCA and several undergraduates met to discuss chapter business. Topics covered were scholarship, rush, a career night, Casino Night, and finances. They concluded that graduates donate mostly for philanthropy and scholarship. However, Tau Chi is looking for money to purchase new furniture for the chapter room as well as the study room on the 2nd floor. Also suggested was a graduate-undergraduate chapter dinner and softball game in

Reminder

Remember to refer to the website (www.tcufrji.org) for updates regarding upcoming events and Graduate Brothers. Also, if you plan on moving, please send new information to the chapter or post it on the website's guestbook. We plan to further utilize the site to keep everyone better informed.

Chapter News!

COMMITTEES

Intramurals—The Tau Chi chapter only competed in one sport this fall, which was flag football. We entered two teams—the B team went 1-5 and the A team went 4-2. Next semester we plan to be more involved in sports such as basketball and the annual Chi Omega Frats-at-Bat softball tournament.

Scholarship—The chapter got a 2.82 average GPA in the fall semester. While a few years ago this would have put us third or fourth on the row now this places near the bottom. Brian King a senior business major got the lone 4.0 of the active chapter. The pledge average was 2.25, with 10 of the 13 making their grades. One depledge brought down the pledge GPA by making a 0.2 GPA.

Greek Bowl—Greek Bowl took place in November as an annual flag football tournament with each sorority entering a football team. Unfortunately, it was rainy and cold that day, but we still managed to hold a couple of games before calling the tournament off. Since, Greek Bowl is officially a philanthropy, the chapter donated boxes of clothing and \$500 to the Women's-Haven of Fort Worth for battered women.

Social—The fall began with a super-mixer with us, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Tau Delta. We then had Victory with Sigma Kappa and then LAG-NAF in October. Finally, we had a theme party with Alpha Chi Omega—the theme was Hef's Birthday Party, to which some girls came dressed as Playboy bunnies. This semester, we had Glory Days ('50s high school) theme party with Zeta Tau Alpha and Tri Delt. At the end of the semester we have Islander most likely outside of Austin again.

Homecoming—The Tri-Delts and we got robbed. The competitions were volleyball, a skit, building decoration and a float. Our theme was *Forrest Gump* and the float looked like a shrimp boat.

On Campus—Five Brothers were Frog Camp facilitators this summer. Frog Camp is a summer camp for incoming freshman to become acquainted with TCU and each other. Grant Hewitt '04 is president of Milton Daniel dormitory. Five Brothers are also members of BUX.

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House—The House is starting to fall apart due to poor maintenance by TCU. After repeated work orders without success, we have decided to try withholding the chapter room rent until the problems are fixed. Also, we purchased a new pool table for the chapter room last summer. We have recently added magazine racks to the bathroom stalls.

Chapter News—Dues were raised to \$475 this semester—we are still lowest on the row though. Due to alcohol-free housing we received no alcohol violations this past semester. The chapter has a large amount of outstanding debt, approximately \$1000 of which is from graduates. Michael Glass's, father who was a Fiji at Arkansas, and Cameron Bosson's father, who was a Fiji at Tennessee, attended Initiation this semester. After initiation the chapter will have 63 active members. We also had a retreat at Charlie Gregoir's ranch in Austin on February 3 where we camped out and barbecued.

Spring 2001 Pledges

Bradley Adams
 Braden Howell
 Brian McGee
 Matt Nesson
 Dean Papaliadis
 Brandon Wood

The Cabinet

Chapter President: Clint Bolding '02
Treasurer: Gerad Ewing '03
Rec. Sec.: Nate Osborn '03
Corr. Sec.: Kevin Haake '02
Historian: Charlie Gregoire '01

Chapter News!

New Initiated Brothers as of January 25, 2001

Dave Batar '02
Cameron Boson '04
Ty Christensen '04
Michael Glass '04
Mark Griffith '02
Davis Jackson '04
Chris McGee '04
Collin Phillips '04
Grahm Staniforth '03

We congratulate these guys on making it. This brings the chapter total to 56 men.

TCU News and FIJI Nationals News

- Unless you lived in a cave, you would have heard about TCU football's most successful season in decades. The Frogs climbed as high as 9th in the polls and the stadium's atmosphere was that of a carnival. However, just before the Frogs' game in the Mobile Alabama Bowl, Dennis Coach Franchione left the team for the head coaching job at Alabama. We lost the game to University of So. Mississippi and finished 14th in the BCS poll.
- Miss Texas 2000 Tara Watkins (TCU '00), who was a Pi Phi, finished in the top ten in the Miss America Pageant in October.
- Both Tom Brown and Pete Wright dormitories were demolished and on-campus apartments were constructed in their place.
- TCU is building a new Technology Center for technology-based majors.
- Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant on University Drive was bulldozed reportedly due to numerous health infractions.
- The Hi Hat and The Hop bars were renamed The Cellar and The Aardvark, respectively, a few years ago.
- Hale Irwin (Colorado '67) won the 2000 U.S. Senior Open.
- WWW.PHIGAM.ORG

Corrections, Retractions and Apologies

The editors of the Link would like to apologize for the cynicism and negativity of the previous issue. Although terribly worded, the writers simply wanted to share the bad times as well as the good.



Undergraduate Spotlight

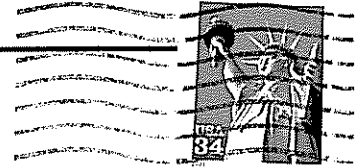


Ryan Bourgeois (pronounced boor-zhwa) was born in River Ridge Louisiana on May 24, 1980 to Mary Beth and Bobby Bourgeois. Ryan attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans where he actively participated on the debate team. He also maintained a grade point average of 3.5 overall. After graduating from Jesuit in 1998, Ryan weighed his college options and chose TCU over LSU and the University of Tennessee.

Ryan has been tremendously active as a brother and a student during his tenure at TCU. He is a Finance major and is in the Business Honors program. Ryan currently works in the law firm of Jose, Henry, Brantley, and Keltner and is the chapter's Risk Manager. He is also serving on the Judicial Board of IFC. Ryan held the cabinet position of Treasurer from Spring '99 to Fall '00 and has participated in Student Government as a representative as well as head of community service.

Ryan Bourgeois has served the fraternity with a humble dignity often times receiving far less recognition than he deserves. Yet, he continues to work diligently to improve our chapter. Ryan's service has been vital to the chapter and we are extremely grateful to have him as a member.

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Spring Link!

Check it out!

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