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Upcoming Events

Spring Break
March 8-12

**Pig Dinner
Weekend**
April 23-25

Finals
May 3-7

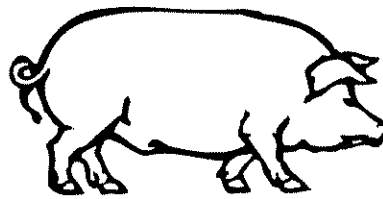
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Pig Dinner Weekend April 23-25, 2004



Worthington Hotel
Downtown Fort Worth



Class of 1984's 20th Reunion

Keynote Speaker

Jim Schorgl '84

Friday 9pm-11pm

Weekend kickoff

Half Acre Hall
(Flying Saucer 2nd floor)

Saturday 12pm-3pm

Grads vs. Undergrads softball

Ed Collett Park
4800 W. Vickery

Saturday 7pm

BBQ and drinks provided

Pig Dinner Cocktail Hour

Worthington Hotel Grand Ballroom

Saturday 8pm

26th Tau Chi Pig Dinner

Worthington Hotel Grand Ballroom

Dates are welcome

Check the website—www.tcufigi.org—for more details!

Why no Casino Night? See page 5.

GRADUATE NEWS!

PURPLE LEGIONNAIRE'S REPORT

On February 2nd, the Tau Chi Chapter voted me in as its new Purple Legionnaire. As you know, Jeff Owings ('94) has been the PL for five years and has helped bring Tau Chi a long way. During these five years Jeff has experienced increased job responsibilities in his career, has gotten married and has become a father as well. Despite his growing substantial personal responsibilities, Jeff has continued to devote his time to Phi Gamma Delta. I am pleased to say Jeff will continue to contribute on the Graduate Trusteeship as well as with Pledge Education. Jeff, I don't know if any of us can fully appreciate what you have contributed the last five years, and I know I will often turn to you for counsel. On behalf of all Tau Chi alumni, thank you for the job you have done.

Personally, I look forward to working with the undergraduates as well as all of you in bettering this Fraternity. I am encouraged by the Chapter's attitude towards achieving the benchmarks that have been set forth. If we as graduates can sustain our involvement, I think this Chapter will be a front-runner for awards both on campus and within the International Fraternity. Besides general guidance to the undergraduate Cabinet, my key objectives will be enhancing the relationship between the undergraduates and graduates, improving operations of the Chapter in all categories, establishing fundraising for academic scholarships, and increasing awareness of Tau Chi on the TCU campus and throughout the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

The first step in enhancing the grad/undergrad relationship is to attend Pig Dinner Weekend April 23rd-25th. We have a great weekend planned starting with drinks at the Flying Saucer downtown on Friday night, then the softball game and BBQ during the day Saturday, and finishing the weekend with Pig Dinner in the ballroom of the Worthington Hotel. This is the Class of 1984's 20-Year Reunion and we are hoping for a large turnout. Mark your calendars now and spread the word to your fellow Graduate Brothers about Pig Dinner Weekend.

I am honored to be the new Purple Legionnaire, and I hope I can count on many of the Graduate Brothers to work with me to better the Tau Chi chapter.

Fraternally,
Travis J. English ('98)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Brothers,

Hello to all FIJI Brothers across the U.S. What a semester this has been. For those of you that have not yet heard, we were placed on probation by TCU and the International Fraternity for an alleged hazing event that occurred earlier in the semester. It was a tough couple of weeks for the Chapter during the investigation but I feel we handled it well as we worked alongside TCU and IHQ. This probation has turned into a blessing for the improvement of the Chapter. We have reorganized, identified our weaknesses, and developed plans to overcome the weaknesses. Our three main focuses are implementing a new Pledge program that is approved by TCU and IHQ, creating an effective Scholarship program, and putting a concrete Graduate Relations program together. Our new Pledge program focuses on incorporating the pledges into the Chapter during their pledgeship and developing Brothers that will be involved throughout their college days. This Pledge program will go into effect with the new spring pledge class. The Scholarship program incorporates actives and pledges and has strict guidelines for those who are bringing the Chapter GPA below standards. Our goal is to be in the top two positions in grades indefinitely. At the top of our list is Graduate relations. It is no secret that we have had a lackluster Graduate Relations program in the past. We are currently creating a program that will be concrete and consistent in the years to come. As we all learned in pledgeship, Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone. For any fraternal organization, a Graduate Chapter is vital to its continued success and growth. More information will be sent out shortly about our new programs.

Now to the fun stuff. We initiated 12 pledges from the fall with three holdovers. Our goal is to have a 10-man pledge class for the spring. Unfortunately, we are unable to have Islander this year, however, we have come up with parties to keep us occupied this semester that are non-alcoholic. We are proud to hold the First Annual FIJI Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. It will be a fundraiser in the ballroom on campus. We expect a very large turn out and all Graduates are invited to play. A date has not yet been set. We look forward to see everyone at Pig Dinner Graduate weekend, which is April 23rd-25th. We have a full weekend planned and hope for a large turnout to celebrate the Class of 1984's 20th year reunion. We would also like to thank those Graduates who have given their time and wisdom through this tough semester.

Finally, at the end of January Jeff Owings '94 stepped down as Purple Legionnaire. Jeff had been PL for five years and his time and effort will not be forgotten. Jeff will continue serving on the Graduate Trusteeship. On behalf of Tau Chi, I would like to thank Jeff for his years of service. Jeff's replacement will be Travis English '98. Travis has been a crucial part in building the Graduate program for the Tau Chi Chapter. Because of his experience, Travis will be working diligently to improve our Graduate relations. We are very excited to have him as our new PL and look forward to working closely with him for many years to come.

Fraternally,

Chris Duty, Tau Chi President 2003-04

GRADUATE NEWS!

- **Bob Hauge '87** and wife Lori (TCU '87) live with children Lauren, 10, and Braden, 5, in Oklahoma. They run a company, Bios, that serves people with developmental disabilities.
- **Paul Hains '87** is mobilized in Kosovo as part of the NATO peacekeeping forces there. He misses his wife and two children at their home in Houston.
- **Glenn Steelman '88** and wife Patti (TCU '88) live in Fort Worth with sons Blake, Davis, and Chase. Glenn is a partner at Prestige Parking Services, Inc.
- **Terry Lacy '88** received his MBA from the University of Houston in December 2002. He lives in Sugar Land, TX, with his wife and two daughters.
- **Steve Litke '90** and wife Jennifer are the proud parents of Hayden, born Feb. 19th. Steve is an attorney in Fort Worth.
- **Rich Rogers '92** and wife Karen had a girl on May 12. They also have a 2-year-old daughter.
- **Jeff Owings '94** and wife Leah had a daughter, Avery, on May 9th.
- **Arnold Sebbas '94** and his wife have recently had a baby.
- **Kevin Barnett '95** and wife Sarah had their second child, Kendall, on New Year's Day.
- **Trey Hargrove '95** was recently in Saudi Arabia.
- **Jon Iberg '96** and wife Candy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma, on December 8th. They live in Omaha, NE.
- **Tom Rose '96** wed Shelly Jordan (TCU '98) in Hawaii in October. They live in San Francisco.
- **Eric Charlton '97** is getting married in July in Iowa. He and fiancée Katrina Weber live in San Antonio where he is a hospital accountant.
- **Braxton Goodrich '97** wed Mary Bartley last July in Birmingham, Alabama, where they live.
- **Carl Stansberger '98** married Erin Doyle last June in Fort Worth. They live there now.
- **Todd Chiscano '99** graduated with a master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State University, where he is now an academic advisor.
- **Bobby Mullins '99** is engaged to Katie Hedges (TCU '01). They will marry this July in Houston.
- **Carl Christensen '00** wed Sarah Nicholson (TCU '01) last June in Kansas. FIJIs present were **Michael Alcantar '00**, **Scott Ayers '00**, **Ryan Bourgeois '01**, **Doug Fluchel '00**, and **Matt McCown '00**. Carl graduated from the University of Michigan law school. They live in Lawrence, Kansas. (Photo on next page)
- **Winston Williams '00** married Jade Mullins (TCU '98) last July. They live in Fort Worth.
- **John O'Hearn '03** got married in TCU's Robert Carr Chapel over Thanksgiving weekend.



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



Glenn Ruthven '94

Glenn was born in Houston on July 16, 1970, the oldest of three children. He initially attended Episcopal High School, then transferred to and graduated in 1989 from Lee High School. Glenn swam for Lee and for an outside-school club. He was also involved in Interact, a Rotary Club affiliate, and his church's youth group.

For college, Glenn wanted to stay in Texas. He visited TCU early and was soon told he'd have a place there. He was involved with summer rush and contacted by FIJI. A friend of his father's, a University of Texas FIJI graduate, wrote a letter of recommendation to the chapter for Glenn. He felt best about FIJI, citing Jason Riddle '90, Chris Walton '89, Jarrod Fay '91, Jeff Moulder '91, and Rich Rogers '92 as big influences. Glenn's Big Brother was John Hartig '92 and had Little Brothers Paul Garrison '94, Jeff Tucker '95, and Patrick Blanton '95. Glenn's activities during school were fraternity-related, being involved in pledgeship development, Islander, and Homecoming chairman in 1990. His major was originally Graphic Design, but he changed to Painting during his junior year, with a Radio-TV-Film minor. The change pushed back his scheduled graduation date a year and he finished in the spring of 1994.

A few months after graduation, Glenn moved back to Houston, realizing the better market there for his talents. He did some work with Jarrod Fay and his film projects there. Then, through a friend who was a UT FIJI and had become the youth director at their old church, Glenn met Robert Browne, a charter member of the SMU FIJI chapter and a priest involved with the Church of England. Browne invited Glenn to do some documentary work for the Church of England. Glenn accepted and spent the next few months shooting in England, Italy, and Africa. He then worked for the Visitors Channel in Houston from 1995 to 2000, shooting and editing commercials and marketing videos. He also spent some time as an assistant youth director which included a mission trip to an island off the coast of Honduras.

In October 1995, Glenn met his future wife, Conny, in Houston through the same UT FIJI youth director friend mentioned above. They married in April 1999 and soon moved to Austin, Texas. Glenn has been painting full-time ever since and Conny is an attorney and CPA. They have a two-year-old daughter, Sarah Jade. Glenn just had a show at the Elfe Madsen gallery in Austin and has been invited to paint an original piece for the Umlauf Museum's upcoming auction. Also, he has been practicing a Chinese kung fu style of martial arts for the past eight years.

Glenn graduated from TCU and Tau Chi not really believing in the phrase "Not For College Days Alone." But as he became farther removed from college and experienced more and more FIJI-related meetings and opportunities, he came to realize that the relationships you established and things you did - both good and bad - stick with you and can help in the future.

Check out Glenn's website at www.glennruthven.com.

Chapter News!

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LOST BROTHERS

Kerry Huffman '83 Scott Jenkins '86 Glenn Steelman '87
 Walter Miller '87 Mark Gustafson '87 Philip Strange '88
 Tony Yardley '88 Eric Holmes '89 Chris Sorenson '89
 Spencer Murchinson '90 Bo De Arana '91
 Peter McKechnie '91 Rick Schofman '91 Brian George '92
 Scott Newman '94 John Nix '94 Chris Schulz '95 Bobby
 Benziger '96 Ken Stillwagon '99

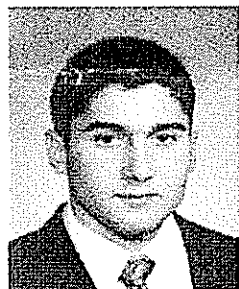
Know where one/some are? Contact Travis English '98 (info above) or Rich Rogers '92 at admin@tcufiji.org.



Carl Christensen's wedding: Tau Chi graduates are in the back row from the middle to the left.



Tau Chi President
Chris Duty '05



Dean Papaliodis '03
- scholarship winner

COMMITTEES

Pig Dinner '03—Tom Garrity '86 was the guest speaker whose talk was entitled "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride and how PGS, MGD, TCU, and the IFC shaped my time with ABC, NBC, and APS."

Islander '03—Wednesday mixer @ Joe's Crabshack, Saturday overnight party at Cliff's Resort on Possum Kingdom lake with "beautiful" weather, clubhouse dinner overlooking lake, nighttime dance party, and continued celebration on man-made beach later.

Rush— Summer '03 events included Ranger baseball games, Guadalupe River trips (one Brother's family has a house on the river), IFC 2nd-round screw-up misdirected many rushees to wrong houses for all fraternities but still got 16 guys.

Social— Plans are in the works for the "How Much Fun Can You Have Without Alcohol" party.

Intramurals—FIJI finished first among fraternities last fall (the winning organization was not Greek).

Chapter News—Initiation on January 18th brought in 12 new Tau Chi Brothers; there are three holdovers.

Homecoming—Golf on Saturday morning and pre-game tailgate under the scoreboard attracted the most graduates in the last several years.

Scholarship—FIJI finished fourth on the row in the fall; also, **Dean Papaliodis '03** (left) was one of 75 recipients of a \$1000 scholarship from Nationals' Educational Foundation in the spring of 2003. It's based on GPA, involvement, and honors.

Nationals—Tau Chi made the Friday Letter, a weekly update published by Nationals, last May.

Philanthropy—FIJI and Theta visited an assisted living home and participated in Habitat for Humanity and Catholic charities, all in one day!

Chapter News!

WHY NO CASINO NIGHT?

You may be wondering why Casino Night is not following Pig Dinner this year, as it has almost every year since it began in the mid-1980s. Part of the new strides the Chapter is making is thinking outside the box in regards to graduate relations. The actives felt that having to rush Pig Dinner coupled with tending to their dates and their dealing duties at Casino Night did not allow for adequate time spent with the graduates. So they are moving Casino Night to its own night to give Pig Dinner and the graduate contact the time it deserves. Casino Night will most likely precede Pig Dinner on the calendar and TCU has approved an on-campus location. This will certainly drive an excellent TCU undergraduate turnout. Naturally, graduates are still highly encouraged to come! Cocktails should be available to those of legal drinking age. Be sure to check www.tcufigi.org for updates!

A NEW TCUFIGI.ORG

Rich Rogers '92 has put together a great new site for Tau Chi. It currently includes a front news page, a calendar, a Rush section, an Actives section including their photos, a Graduates section with email addresses (verify yours please) and photos, **discussion forums**, key contact email addresses, and previous *Purple Links* in PDF format! Near-future additions include family trees and a Chapter history!

FIGI HQ and TCU NEWS

- John Ritter (USC '70), actor most famous for '70s sitcom *Three's Company*, died unexpectedly in September.
- Ben Clark (Tennessee '02) recently climbed Mt. Everest.
- Dallas Cowboys kicker Billy Cundiff (Drake '02) kicked an NFL record-tying seven field goals in a win over the NY Giants in September.
- TCU is moving from Conference USA to the Mountain West conference, starting in the 2005-2006 academic year. This the school's fourth conference in ten years (SWC, WAC, CUSA, Mountain West).

LOCATE A BROTHER

Haven't talked to someone in awhile?

- www.tcufigi.org database: it is under the "Graduates" section
- switchboard.com or infospace.com
- TCU Alumni Center at 817-257-7803



UNDERGRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



Drew Corbett '06

Andrew Corbett was born in Denver in 1984. His family lived there until he was three years old, when they moved to Dallas. There the Corbetts lived until 1995, when Drew was 11, when they moved back to Denver. Drew graduated from a Denver-area high school in 2002.

When it came time for Drew to consider which college to attend, he looked at the University of Colorado, Lehigh University in eastern Pennsylvania, and TCU. He chose TCU for its size and the cultural variety offered by the DFW area, as well as its strong new Entrepreneurship program, which is his major field of study now. For Drew, his dream job after graduation would be to put his acquired entrepreneurial skills towards owning and operating a sports bar & grill in a college town.

Upon entering TCU, Drew decided to go through Rush because it simply seemed like the thing to do here. He says he is definitely glad he did! He chose to accept a bid from FIGI because of the diversity of its members which "reflected my own personality."

His role in Tau Chi is that of Scholarship Chairman. Under the Chapter's new program, Drew has a daunting task in structuring and monitoring the study halls for pledges and neophytes, as well as actives who earned below a 2.5 GPA the previous semester. Drew is also the Chapter House's Resident Assistant, a relatively new post for Greek Row and its fraternities.

Drew is involved on campus as well. He is a Frog Camp Facilitator, who lead the welcoming of incoming freshman.

What has Drew learned from life so far at TCU? "Everyone has to be an individual, and the best way to bring out individuality is a good group."

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