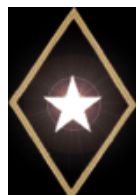


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SUMMER RUSH TAU CHI 2005



Upcoming Events

School Resumes
August 24

Formal Rush
August 28-31

**Family
Weekend**
October 1-2

Homecoming
October 14-16

Be sure to keep in touch on the graduate boards at www.tcufiji.org! Or send your updates to Travis English '98 (contact info below right)

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YOU CAN HELP the Tau Chi Chapter with recruitment this summer in many ways. Please take a minute and give this list some thought.

1. **REFERRALS**: We have already received a number of referrals from Phi Gams across Texas, but we could always use more. Referrals play a vital roll in the health of the fraternity. Tau Chi is now approaching the age where its own alums have children entering college, and it only seems rights that they give Tau Chi and Phi Gamma Delta serious consideration.
2. **ATTENDANCE**: A strong showing of support during Formal Rush not only sends a strong message to rushees, but it also helps keep the brothers focused during the tiring yet important process of Formal Rush. Please make plans to attend at least one round from August 28-31. An email will go out shortly before Formal Rush with detailed schedule information
3. **DONATIONS**: If you are unable to help with Referrals or Attendance, look into donating tickets to sporting events, golf outings, or even cash to help enhance the budget. Many companies have Texas Rangers tickets that go unused during the summer so see if you can spare a few for the chapter.
4. **ADVICE**: God knows most of us at one point have seen how NOT to rush, but many of us have also witnessed what has been successful in the past. Please do not hesitate to share this knowledge with the chapter. Email or call Rush Chair Eric Cannon TODAY and give some advice. Eric's contact information is below.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

In the wake of a pivotal time in Tau Chi history, the Brothers have embraced change, successfully improved, and become a vastly more galvanized chapter in the process. The spring semester of 2005 was a perfect setting to show the TCU community who we really are. Even the huge success of our annual Islander party (held in roughly 35 individual cottages on Lake Conroe near Houston) was overshadowed by a phenomenally successful Pig Dinner/Casino Night Event.

A record number of alumni were in attendance at the Fort Worth City Club to celebrate Tau Chi's 25th year at TCU. We were privileged to honor eight founding Brothers with Silver Owl Awards, which are given by the International Fraternity to celebrate 25 years of brotherhood. Furthermore, National Archon Bill Kramer was kind enough to serve as the evening's keynote speaker. In another commendable chapter first, two Sires and Sons awards were given to active Brothers Stu Chapman and Wade Dollins in recognition of their fathers' brotherhood and attendance. Mr. Dollins is a graduate of Phi Gamma Delta's University of Texas Chapter, and Mr. Chapman is a graduate of SMU's chapter.

Immediately following Pig Dinner, the City Club was transformed into the ballroom for TCU students to enjoy our Casino Night, benefiting Red Cross of Fort Worth. (Although Muscular Dystrophy Association has historically been our philanthropy, FIJI has changed our National Philanthropy to benefit Red Cross. A donation was still given to MDA).

Thanks in great part to senior Walker Clark, this event showed a group of over 200 people an amazing time and a slue of great prizes, including a grand prize trip for two to Las Vegas. Walker was honored that evening with the Active of the Year Award.

In total this evening raised almost \$7,000, showed the TCU community what a great host our Chapter is, and most importantly, reunited Tau Chi Brothers from the last two and a half decades. We sincerely hope to see you there and show you a great time in the coming years.

I should also mention that Tau Chi has applied to the International Fraternity for both the Condon Cup, awarded for the most improved chapter in the *nation*, and the Durrance Award, given to the Best Purple Legionnaire in the nation. A number of members of headquarters' staff have urged us to apply for these awards and have been supportive of our pursuit for the Condon Cup. The active Brothers are tremendously hopeful for Travis English to receive an award, as he has done unspeakable amounts for our chapter.

We are very proud of our direction as a chapter, and we'd like to extend a warm invitation to all of you to be a part of it in the coming years. Even if it's just a dinner or a softball game, we hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
Drew Corbett '06
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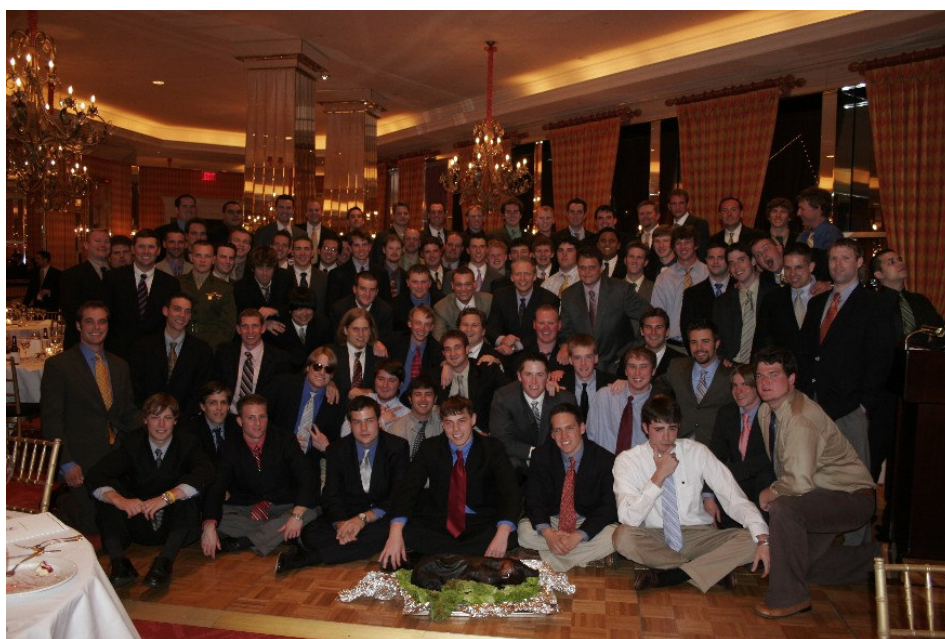
PIG DINNER REPORT

On Saturday April 16th, Phi Gamma Delta hosted the 25th annual Pig Dinner. In all, 46 graduates attended the dinner which was the best showing in Tau Chi history. The chapter presented our first Silver Owl awards to our Class of 1980 for 25 years of brotherhood in Phi Gamma Delta. There were also two Sires and Sons awards handed out for undergraduate brothers who also had their FIJI fathers in attendance. This was a very successful event and we hope that we can build on this in the future.

Immediately following Pig Dinner the Undergraduate Brothers held our annual Casino Night. This is our annual philanthropy which raises money for the Red Cross. Attending the event were our Graduate Brothers, TCU students and faculty,

and other members of the community. The event raised approximately 7,000 dollars with proceeds benefiting the Red Cross. This amount doubles any previous amount that we have raised in our 25-year history. Overall, both our

Pig Dinner and Casino Night were extremely successful events, and we see these as being very positive steps in continuing to improve our chapter at TCU.



TAU CHI NEWS!

- **Paul Hains** '87, a Major in the U.S. Army, has recently moved to Houston and was on his annual training with the Texas Air National Guard until June 18th
- **Dean Weaver** '89 and another TCU grad own .Com entertainment inc (comentertainment.com), a web development company, and designed educational cartoons used by the Fort Worth Environmental Management Dept to educate kids about recycling and conservation
- **Jeff Rutan** '93 and wife Tracy (Heinrich - TCU '93) welcomed a new son, Adam, in October 2004, joining big brother Jake. Jeff is the controller at First Broadcasting LLC. They're in Carrollton, TX.
- **Eric Merriman** '96 and family have moved from Georgia to Missouri, where Eric works for Imec, a manufacturing company
- **Brian King** '01 reported in an April email that he and fiancée Lauren Morton (TCU '02 - Theta) would live in Fort Worth after their springtime wedding
- **Ryan Hahn** '03 said in a February email that he left Bank One and now covers south Texas, south Mississippi, and Louisiana as a sales rep for Midmark, a medical equipment manufacturer
- **Jason McPherson** '05 said he will be attending Trinity University in San Antonio for a Masters in Health Care Administration
- **Jordan M. Peek** '05 plans on getting a job in web design or marketing in Fort Worth
- **Justin Wallace** '05 plans on working for AXA Advisors, LLC, as an advisor on stocks, life insurance, and annuities
- **David Johnson** '05 is moving to St. Louis for a MFA degree at Washington University
- **Chris Duty** '05 is currently interviewing for finance and project management jobs
- **Walker Clark** '05 is studying Spanish in Central America during the summer, after which he hopes to join the Peace Corps. He is also looking to get into the financial world.
- **Jarrold Hinton** '05 is at a Walgreens distribution center in Waxahachie, TX
- **Peter Dodd** '05 plans to work in the Fort Worth area in a job that utilizes his language skills or perhaps in law enforcement
- **David Johnson** '05 will be in St. Louis for grad school at Washington University
- **Matt Hibbetts** '05 will be attending graduate school at TCU in the fall to earn a Masters in Accounting
- **Justin Parker** '05 is moving to Washington, D.C. to attend George Washington University and pursue his Masters in Forensic Chemistry



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Kelley '81



Kevin Kelley was born in Fort Worth in 1959 and spent his childhood there. He went to Paschal High School, just down Berry Street from TCU, where he was in band. He has a sister who is three years younger and was a Kappa at TCU, Karen (now Karen Kelley Norman). Kevin matriculated in 1977 to TCU, to which he had earned a music scholarship playing the saxophone and bassoon. However, the responsibilities of school as a finance major and business fraternity and other school activities, he determined after two years that he could not continue his involvement in TCU's music program.

Kevin's father went to TCU and was also in the Greek system, and Kevin was rushed by most of the existing fraternities. Again, because of all his activities, he delayed pledging until his sophomore year. Some of his friends from the business school, like Jeff Naquin '81, Scott Wilcox '81, Bill Behr '82, and Steve Pomeroy '81 were getting involved with the new Phi Gamma Delta chapter on campus. So, rather than take the easy path and join an existing fraternity, he decided to become part of the experience of developing a new chapter.

Kevin served the chapter as Treasurer and Rush Chairman. He lived in the House for the rest of his college days - two and a half years - back when, as he put it, "people *wanted* to live in the House!"

Later during his TCU days, Kevin worked for a law firm in the afternoons. After he graduated in 1981, he worked for his father in the insurance business, but after a year, he decided it wasn't for him. He entered law school at St. Mary's in San Antonio in 1985. During the summers, he clerked for a Fort Worth firm, as well as the Gardere firm in Dallas. Upon passing the bar exam, he went to work for Gardere and made partner in the early 1990s. He now runs the real estate law division, of which there are 25 attorneys (300 total in four branches at Gardere).

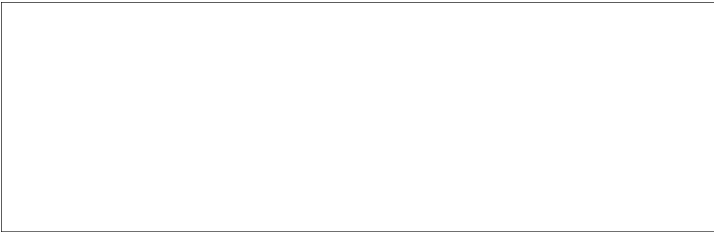
Kevin met his future wife Kathy, who was from Dallas, at a friend's lake house in 1985. They married two years later. They have three children: Marshall, 16, Anne, 13, and Paige, 10. The Kelleys live in Dallas.

Kevin regarded his FIJI days back then as a "fantastic experience" and still does. He said that starting a chapter was a challenge, but one that helped build leadership skills and teamwork. He attended Pig Dinner this year in part because Doug Thompson '84, an integral part of the recent resurgence of graduate support, was so adamant about getting his era of graduates there, but also because he received the Silver Owl Award, signifying his 25 years as a FIJI. He said as time goes on, it's tougher to stay in touch with your Brothers, but events like Pig Dinner are great for seeing them again.

LOST BROTHERS

Brian George '93 **Rob Grassanovits** '81
Spencer Murchison '90 **Scott Newman** '94
Scott Falk '88 **Chris Sorenson** '89
Blake Simmons '98

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