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## Upcoming Events

**Summer Rush**  
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**Formal Rush**  
August 23-29

**Tau Chi  
20th Anniversary-  
Homecoming**  
October

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## *Pig Dinner and Casino Night 2000 Returned!*

For all the work that went into the preparation for the return of Casino Night (and its accompanying Pig Dinner), Mother Nature almost ruined it all. Four days before the April 1 event, a tornado ripped through downtown Fort Worth, causing millions of dollars in damage. Three major office buildings and a church endured the worst, but luckily the Fort Worth Club, at which our event was to be held, was untouched. It wasn't completely unaffected though; the Club's parking garage was closed and many downtown streets were blocked off.

At Pig Dinner, keynote speaker Jim Caswell (Columbia '69) spoke about "The Future of the Greeks". Matt McCown '00 won Best Active, Kenny Stansberger '00 won Purple Heart, and the entire Board of Chapter Advisors was presented with Best Graduate(s). Thanks to all graduates who showed up to support the night's festivities!

After the dinner, the doors opened to other TCU invitees for Casino Night. Blackjack, craps and roulette were the games played to earn the chance to win prizes. (The cashiers actually counted chips when distributing tickets this time!) Among other smaller prizes like dinner packages or movie tickets, there was a car stereo, DVD player, and two trips - to Las Vegas and to New Orleans! In the past, the Fraternity raised about \$500 for MDA. This year, we donated \$3000.

Outside of undergraduates, graduates, and dates/wives, around 100 people attended - bringing the total to just over 300. Again, we would like to thank those who attended and especially those instrumental in the revival of Casino Night-Pig Dinner. If you have any questions regarding the night or have ideas for next year's, please contact the chapter at the P.O. Box above to the left.

## *Reminder*

Remember to refer to the website (www.tcufraternity.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.

## GRADUATE NEWS!

### Lost Brethren

Mark Ingle '79  
 Ruben Fechner '81 - San Antonio ?  
 Roy Russell '82 - Fort Worth ?  
 Robert Beatty '84 - Ohio ?  
 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  
 Peter McKechnie '91 - Houston?  
 Bryan King '91  
 Ernest Williams '91  
 Brian George '92 - Fort Worth in '95  
 Jeff Cunningham '93 - Dallas in '95  
 Chris Hightower '94  
 Scott Newman '94  
 John Nix '94  
 Jason Weaver '95 - Houston?  
 Sean Kennally '96 - Utah?

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

## 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 and 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 Graduate Relations chairman Mike Alcantar '00 (214.766.1135 or londonbud99@hotmail.com) or PL Jeff Owings '94 (817.469.6996 or owingsji@ix.netcom.com).

## TCU Homecoming 2000

TCU has announced Homecoming for sometime in October. This fall also marks the 20th Anniversary of Tau Chi's chartering and the chapter plans to celebrate it the same weekend. Be sure to check [www.tcu.edu](http://www.tcu.edu) and [www.tcu.fiji.org](http://www.tcu.fiji.org) for dates and details, respectively, and make plans to come!

## 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 Graduate Relations chairman Mike Alcantar (number and email above), who has an updated directory, is also a good source (but only until the end of the summer when a new guy takes over). Beyond that, contact Nationals (606.255.2848 or [www.phigam.org](http://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](http://www.switchboard.com), [www.555-1212.com](http://www.555-1212.com), or any search engine's People Finder. Of course, there is always General Information at 411 or 555-1212.

## GRADUATE NEWS!

### Updates

- Craig Franks '83 and his wife Tucean added Ryan to their family on September 1, 1999, joining boys Austin and Hunter. Craig and Austin saw the TCU football team win in the 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl in December. Craig is involved in real estate, and he volunteers as a coach and fundraiser for the Park Cities YMCA. The family lives in Dallas, Texas.
- Steven Anderson '84 and family transferred back to Australia from Tucson in January for the third move in 10 years. In Melbourne, Steven will be the global human resources manager for BHP Limited, responsible for recruiting and compensation for 50,000 employees in over 30 countries.
- Ronny Schweyher '87 and wife Lisa are considering a third child, adding to Blair and Brianna. He and Wade Gear '86 planned for a March 2000 African safari (Ronny's fifth). He owns Med-Sport Therapy and Rehab and plans to train for Mr. Universe. He and his family live in Cedar Hill, Texas, a suburb of Dallas.
- Tim DiSette '88 and wife Rebecca (TCU '89) now have three boys, Zack, Adam, and Sam. The family also moved into a new house in Leawood, Kansas. He is a financial planner with Sagemark Consulting. Tim is "looking for frat brother to do a cheap vasectomy. Prefer one with medical degree. Experience a plus."
- David Brewer '89 and wife Leslie welcomed their first son, Bryce, into the world on November 9, 1999. Last July, he became Business Manager for Avila Plastic Surgery. They live eight miles from the Mexican border in Mission, Texas. He is also working on his first novel. Good luck David!
- Joey Stewart '89/90 recently joined to Director's Guild of America. He ran all 2nd Units and Stunt Units on "Walker, Texas Ranger" last season. He is currently producing "Tillerman's Taxi," a pilot for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. He lives in Dallas, Texas.
- Steve Cornell '90 and wife Amy (TCU '91) live in Tulsa, Oklahoma with daughters Cassidy (4) and Reilly (2). He is the director of finance for First Data Corporation's bank card and oil card divisions there.
- Ron Duncan '91, wife Amy, and children Darby (3) and Harrison (13 mos.) live in Austin, Texas. He moved to Austin about a year ago to be a Private Equity investor for TGF Management.
- Scott Coffman '91 is getting married in the fall of 2000.
- Pokey Williams '92 posted a picture of his new daughter on the chapter website.
- Bill Kimzey '93 and Carolyn Ramos (TCU '90) were married on November 20, 1999. He is a pilot for American Eagle Airlines and they live in Fort Worth.
- Robert Pena '94 and wife Amanda have a son, Ethan Alexander.
- Arnold Sebbas '94 works for GTE in Indianapolis, ...Greece. (Just kidding.)
- Mike Lehmann '96 and girlfriend Nikki live in Arizona where Mike is at Thunderbird (The American Graduate School of International Management). He should graduate in the spring of 2001.
- Jon Iberg '96 is getting married August 26, 2000, in Nebraska. (He and his fiancée are both from there.) They will live in Los Angeles, California, USA.
- Dan Eggers '97 works for Credit Suisse in Houston, Texas.
- Drew Kirklin '97 and Julie Hill (TCU '96) are getting married in September.
- Mike Indergard '98 recently moved out of his cardboard box abode and is looking to revive the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.
- Bill Vassar '99 is in Law School at the University of Oklahoma. Over this summer, he will work in the District Attorney's office in Fort Worth.
- Todd Chiscano '99 is going to graduate school at Ohio State in the fall of 2000.
- Andrew Meadows '99 worked in Aspen, Colorado, during the spring of 2000.
- Matt King '99 has been working for Coors as a Marketing Consultant for almost a year in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Chapter News!

### ISLANDER

Islander Week began Monday, April 10. The reason it was two weeks earlier than normal, is because the week-ending party location could not do it any other weekends in April. In the last *Purple Link*, we reported that last year's Islander hut was dismantled after TCU said it was a fire hazard. This year, the chapter had a case of selective memory and built one anyway, but no one ever said anything! It was a simple one-storey hut with the diamond-shaped pond and sand in front of the House.

Invitations were distributed as usual at sorority meetings and the girls were leid (Hawaiian leis - *not* like "getting laid") by Brothers wearing tropical shirts and straw hats. Wednesday night had a Islander mixer at Pig and the Whistle in downtown Fort Worth. A couple parties took up other nights.

People woke up fairly early Saturday morning to drive down to Tropical Hideaway near Austin (third straight year). There were not any pontoon boat rides onto Lake LBJ this year but people played beach games and water sports.

At some point during the evening, after the dancing and 'main' activities were over, fraternity pranks took over. A nearby resident out for a midnight walk reported streakers on the resort's grounds! Later, two Brothers were getting chewed out by a resort office employee; but their calm demeanor further infuriated the employee. After all the night's shenanigans, the chapter checked out the next morning and headed back to Fort Worth, realizing that future Islanders at Tropical Hideaway are probably not to be!

#### *The Purple Link*

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## NEW YEARS 2000

- Frank Allen '84: "We stayed at home, enjoyed the warmer climate of Florida." (They recently moved there from Minnesota.)
  - Eric Hall '99: "I was at a party and left right before [a pledge brother] made out with someone of an undisclosed age (too young), in a drunken stupor."
  - Eric Charlton '97: "I was on The Strip [Las Vegas] with my friends (Matt King '99 and Eric King '02 included). I was personally hoping for more nakedness in the new millenium, but they've continued to wear clothes. It was a good time, madness."
  - Bill Vassar '99: "[We] stayed at [Scott Bryan's '00] loft in dwtn Houston. We celebrated the new year at the SPY Club. Mike McCown ['97] was crowned 'The Millenium King' after being chased by bouncers and defending our country's honor against some German. As for myself, when the Millenuim hit, I was demonstrating my courtroom tactics to a 25-yr-old nurse. Andrew Meadows ['99] was also kicked out, but somehow manged to talk his way into staying. Scotty B managed to find one of the cutest girls in the club and hung out with her until some guy threatened to shoot him. That was my New Years."
- Note: the graduate submissions would not fit on the Graduate Pages. The editors realize, of course, they are not officially "chapter news".*
- Ryan Andersen '01 went to two Widespread Panic concerts in Atlanta (where he's from).
  - Zack Klemo '02 went to Cuba "for absolutely nothing".
  - Garrett Murphree '02 went to a party at the Fairmount Hotel in Dallas and met several Dallas Stars.
  - Randy Naugle '00 got F-ed up in New Orleans with David Burgoyne '01, Ryan Little '01, and Allen Frederic '00.
  - Todd Rosza '01 drank hundred-yr-old port, smoked Cubans and drank champagne.
  - Chad Selman '01 went to downtown Austin, TX, "where there was about 200,000 people."
  - Clint Bolding '02 went to a Lynyrd Skynyrd and ZZ Top concert.
  - Patrick McGown '03 passed out at 10:30pm.
  - Jarrod Hinton '03 "got hammered at a complete stranger's house and passed out on the living room floor in my boxers with five Catholic school girls."

## Chapter News!

### NEW FIJI GRADUATES

- Mike Alcantar - originally from Dallas, BBA Finance. He is moving back to Dallas to work for Bank of America as a credit analyst.
- Scott Ayers - from Oklahoma City, BA International Communications/ French. He is moving to the LA area to pursue a music career.
- Carl Christensen - from Albuquerque, BS Political Science. He is going to the Univ. of Michigan law school in the fall.
- Allen Frederic - from New Orleans, BS Speech Communication. He will attend Tulane Univ. law school in the Big Easy this fall.
- Doug Fluchel - from St. Louis, BBA Finance. He will either take an analyst position in Dallas or one with an Internet company in St. Louis.
- Matt McCown - from St. Louis, BS Biology. He will attend Washington Univ. in St. Louis for his PhD in biology.
- Chris Sipple - from Leawood, KS, BS Computer Science and BBA Finance. He will actually graduate in August but during the summer he will also work at Streetadvisor.com.

### FIJI Nationals

Sorry we didn't mention it before, but the MIT fraternity pledge who died from alcohol poisoning during hazing about a year ago was a Fiji pledge. Nothing to be proud of (in fact, it's a tragedy), but we thought we should let you know.

The alcohol-free housing takes affect after Eklesia in San Antonio in August. This will replace TCU's long-standing rule of "as long as you're 21, you can have alcohol in your room". TCU will be informed by Nationals that no Fiji - 21 or not - can have alcohol in the House. Period.

Trey Holland (Wabash '71) was recently elected to a one-year term as president of the United States Golf Association.

Vijay Singh, although not a Fiji but from the Fiji Islands, won the Masters golf tournament in April.

### RUSH

Before Graduation this spring, there were 62 actives, four Fall neophytes, and one Spring pledge. Recent graduates may recall less-than-desirable Spring Rushes, but the reason this spring was small (we started with three) was because of the strong new initiate numbers and their neophyte pledge brothers. We are not here to lie to you about the quality of pledges/neophytes. The lone pledge and one of the neophytes are impressive guys who have found a home at Tau Chi. The other three neos need more time to develop. Who knows, maybe their grades will be the deciding factor...

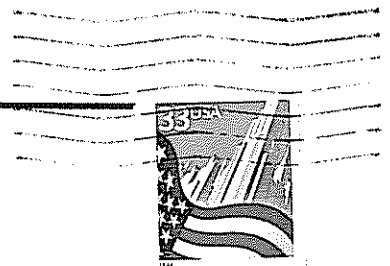
Here's a tentative schedule for upcoming Rush dates:

- May 17 - Rush shirts came out
- June 12-17 - Prospective Rushee names available
- July 15 - Rush party in Austin
- July 29 - DFW-area party
- August 23-28 - Formal Rush
- August 29 - Bid Day

If you have any questions or names, please call Rush chairman Eric King '02 at 817.924.4754.



A picture from January Initiation ... just kidding



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# Summer Link!

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