

# PURPLE LINK

Tau Chi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

October 2006

TCU Box 296878  
or  
Martin Moore Hall  
3504 Pond Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas  
76129  
[www.tcufiji.org](http://www.tcufiji.org)

## Upcoming Events

**6th Annual  
Yellow T-shirt  
Party**  
October 13

**Alumni Happy  
Hour**  
October 18th  
6pm  
Flying Saucer  
(FW)

**Homecoming**  
October 27-29

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

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## HOMECOMING 2006



**Friday October 27**  
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

**Drinks at the Flying Saucer**  
4th and Commerce, Downtown Fort Worth  
Meet upstairs in Half Acre Hall  
Cash bar; Dates are welcome

**Saturday October 28**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Tau Chi Softball Game**  
Rockwood Park – Rockwood/N. University  
From I-30 take University Drive north.  
Turn left on Rockwood just before Henderson/Jacksboro  
Hwy. (Just before the City Car Lot)  
Burgers, Hotdogs and Drinks will be provided.  
(In case of rainout we'll meet at Railhead BBQ at the corner  
of Vickery and Montgomery)

**Saturday October 28**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**FIJI Open House**  
The house will be open for anyone to come by to visit the  
chapter room. There will be a football game on the big screen  
so stop by and put your feet up for a while.

**Saturday October 28**  
4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Alumni Tailgate**  
Lot 3 - Spot 300  
200 yards north of the scoreboard down the hill from Lot 1  
Burgers, Hotdogs and Drinks will be provided  
Dates are welcome

**Saturday October 28**  
6:30 p.m.

**TCU vs. Wyoming football game**  
Get your tickets for the game by calling (817)257-FROG or  
going to [www.gofrogs.com](http://www.gofrogs.com). Many alums have already  
bought tickets in Section B between rows 24 and 42.

## ***KEY CONTACTS***

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**GRADUATE UPDATES**

- **Paul Hains '87** is a major in the Army National Guard and was called to help with disaster relief for Hurricane Rita along the Texas coast. He and his family live in Houston.
- **Trey Hargrove '95** earned his PhD and works as a Petroleum Geologist for ADEXCO in Fort Worth
- **Tom Rose '96** and wife Shelly (TCU AXO '97) welcomed their first child, Sofia Elizabeth, into the world on August 22nd.
- **Eric Charlton '97** and wife Katie moved from San Antonio to Chicago where he is a comptroller for ClearChannel. He is also pursuing his CPA.
- **Chris Haller '98** has returned to commercial real estate with Patterson Commercial. He, wife Meredith (TCU '99), and their son, Baird, live in Fort Worth.
- **Carl Stansberger '98** and wife, Erin, welcomed daughter Madison Kate on March 28th.
- **Kenny Stanberger '00** and wife Amanda (ZTA '00) are expecting their 2nd child in April. They and daughter Emily live in Keller.
- **Chris Tipton ('02)** works as a landman in the oil and gas industry in Midland, Texas.
- **John Black '05** is a financial consultant with RBC Dain Rauscher in Fort Worth

**ALUMNI ATTENDING HOMECOMING 2006**

Ruben Fechner ('81) Scott Anderson ('82)  
 Doug Thompson ('84) Jeff Owings ('94)  
 Jason Stephens ('94) Sam Webb ('94)  
 Trey Hargrove ('95) Jack Doerr ('96)  
 Eric Merriman ('96) Jon Haufe ('96)  
 Herd Midkiff ('97) Travis English ('98)  
 Carl Stansberger ('98) Erik Harssema ('98)  
 Bill Vassar ('99) Winston Williams ('00)  
 Kenny Stansberger ('00) Jeff Anderson ('01)  
 Clint Bolding ('03) Ryan Hahn ('03)  
 Graham Staniforth ('03) Matt Nesson ('03)  
 Eric Junker ('05) John Black ('05)  
 James Day ('06) Sean Morgan ('06)  
 Kenny Lumadue ('06) Bobby Silber ('06)  
 Jim Paton ('06)

**WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?**

Our goal is to have a majority of the Purple Link dedicated to graduate news and events. Please keep us updated on what's going on in your life (family, business, etc.) so that your fellow graduate brothers can stay informed. Go to [www.tcufigi.org](http://www.tcufigi.org) to give us an update.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Scholarship**—Tau Chi finished third on the row last spring with a 3.076; five Brothers earned a 4.0; the Spring pledge class had a 2.6; pledges are required to spend ten hours studying in the library and two in the chapter room weekly, and grade reports are due bi-weekly

**Social**—Islander last spring was held at the Del Lago resort on Lake Conroe north of Houston; Victory this September was with Alpha Chi at the Fort Worth Club; the 6th Annual Yellow T-Shirt Party is scheduled for October 13th; mixers are scheduled with Delta Gamma and Chi Omega in October and November

**Rush**—Entered Formal Rush this fall with 13 locks; pledged 24 men total, five of which are FIJI legacies; Summer Rush events included Ranger games, pool parties, trips to Possum Kingdom lake, and theme parties

**Intramurals**—FIJI finished third last spring out of fifty participating organizations

**Pig Dinner / Casino Night**—Rich Rogers ('92) was the keynote speaker at last spring's event; a FIJI Sires & Sons award was given to Corbin Grantham ('09) on his father Terry (Texas Tech); raised \$7000 for American Red Cross; highest attendance yet

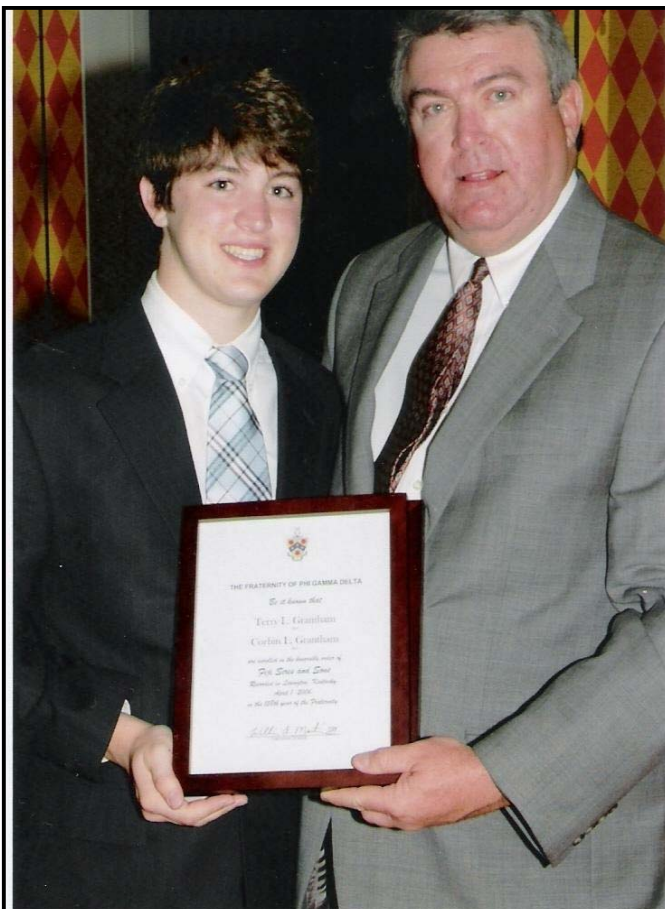
**Philanthropy**—Tau Chi won the campus-wide event, Up Til Dawn, benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and won from IFC a \$500 donation to Tau Chi's philanthropy, the American Red Cross

**Greek News**—a new student-tailgating section has been created in the parking lot behind Brachman Hall

**Homecoming**—teamed with Kappa Alpha Theta; theme is "Building Toward the Future"

**Summer Activities**—Wade Dollins ('08) served as Summer Rush chairman while interning at Brightroom, Inc.; Kevin Cargill had an accounting internship at Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group in Tulsa; Davis Parks interned at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth

**Mom's Club**—the Mom's Club committee has recently been re-established, along with Mom's weekend



Corbin Grantham ('09) and father Terry (Texas Tech) receive the Sires and Sons award at Tau Chi's 2006 Pig Dinner.

### CHAPTER ROOM UPDATE

Many of you will remember the major remodeling the chapter room went through during the Summer of 2004. Through the generous donations of alumni and parents and the hard work of the undergraduates, the old phone room walls were removed, pergo wood flooring and wood trim were installed, and the entire room was repainted. The room looked great and the chapter was extremely proud of the result. Unfortunately during the Summer of 2005 we came to learn that any type of wood flooring is not sustainable in the chapter room. TCU shuts off the air conditioning during the summer holiday which leads to temperatures reaching the 110s. This extreme heat combined with the humidity generated by the pond behind the house led to severe warping and damage of the wood flooring.

To address this and future house improvement issues the chapter reinstated the Moms' Club. Through the advice and generosity of the Moms the chapter had 10 year professional grade carpet professionally installed this summer. An interior decorator also helped change the layout of the room so that it looks much better and now has the feel of a country club. Please come by anytime to see the new chapter room.

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear fellow Phi Gams,

Tau Chi has had many achievements since we last convened at Pig Dinner and Casino Night last April. Because of our undergraduates' hard work and our graduate brothers' continued dedication to Phi Gamma Delta, our chapter donated over \$7,000 to the American Red Cross, topping the 2005 donation of \$6,000. Although this is a great accomplishment, we fully expect to raise even more money in 2007.

Our focus this Summer was not only to have a successful Rush, but to also refurbish our chapter room. Because of our re-established moms club, we were able to raise \$7,500 for housing improvements. With this money we worked diligently to replace the existing chapter room floor, bought new furniture, and hired a respected interior designer to supervise all improvements. If you have not had the opportunity to see our revamped chapter room, I encourage you to do so!

This year's Rush was proven to be a success for the second year in a row. Rush Chairman Wade Dollins ('08), along with the help of several other undergraduate brothers, worked extremely hard to recruit 24 highly touted young men. These men have already shown their dedication to our chapter by placing second in Delta Gamma's philanthropy, AnchorSplash. We fully expect each of them to meet the required GPA in order to get initiated because our scholarship program requires each pledge to complete 10 study hours in the library each week and 2 supervised study hours in the chapter room every Sunday. This scholarship program should help our chapter continue to be in the top 3 cumulative GPAs among all fraternities.

We are greatly looking forward to Homecoming this year because we are paired with our sister sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. This year's theme is "Building Toward the Future", in light of the campus-wide construction that is currently occurring. The undergraduate brothers are hoping to see a large number of alumni in attendance this year in order to share with you the positive things going on in the chapter. I encourage everyone to stop by the fraternity house this year and I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

Respectfully submitted,

Connor Sanders '08  
President

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