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# PURPLE LINK

Tau Chi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at TCU

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## Upcoming Events

### **Yellow T-shirt Party**

(see pg. 4 for  
details)

September 27

**Homecoming**  
October 19-21

**LAGNAF**  
October 27

## The Most Successful Rush Ever

Tau Chi is proud to announce *thirty-three* new pledges for the Fall 2001 semester! As many of you know already, our Summer Rush program has obviously reached new heights. Our countless hours of contacting rushees and entertaining them has been the catalyst for our success this fall. The *whole* Rush committee helped, sending out 600 flyers, calling over 200 rushees, and taking out 50 guys over the summer. (TCU actually supplied a Rush list in early June but failed to include their phone numbers; luckily, the Internet solved that problem.) Heading into Formal Rush we had 13 locks, although actual bid cards were not presented due to IFC rules. After the first round, however, they could sign and we had 20 at that point.

This is the largest pledge class in Tau Chi history - even larger than the Fall semesters of 1980, 1983, 1990, or 1995. This brings our chapter size to 77, which, believe it or not, is still one of the smaller chapters on campus. The old philosophy of a small chapter will no longer allow us to be successful, nor to operate on this campus. That is the main reason for the pursuit of such a large class.

For those of you who might be concerned that we took quantity not quality, we want to assure you that this is not the case. We did our homework, learned a lot about each rushee and had several personal contacts and encounters with them before bidding. We are confident this pledge class will carry our chapter on its shoulders for the next several years.

## Homecoming - October 19-21

Homecoming is coming up again and the chapter has another great weekend planned. After the 6 P.M. parade Friday night, come to Bob Eden Park in Euless from about 8pm to midnight for beverages (supplied), softball, and old buddies at the graduate-undergraduate softball games!! Wives and families are invited and designated drivers will provide transportation to and from the House, beginning at 6:30pm. To get to the park, take 121N, exit Cheek-Sparger and go east to Industrial, turn south there and it's on the west side of the street at 2050 N. Industrial. Directions will also be available at the House. We will have four teams: one graduate team, one pledge team, and two active teams.

On Saturday at 11:00am a barbecue at the House is planned and we will have a large, inflatable castle for kids to have fun in! Join us at the tailgate party before, during, and after the game in the parking lot at the scoreboard end of the field. *Continued on page 5*

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## ***GRADUATE NEWS!***

### **Lost Brethren**

**We have made almost zero headway in locating these Brothers. The list keeps growing as people move but don't update. Please do what you can to help locate these guys! Even a lead would be nice...**

Mark Ingle '79	Chris Sorenson '89
Ruben Fechner '81	Spencer Murchison '90
Billy Lowe '85	John Schoffman '90
Scott Jenkins '86	Steve Cornell '91
Jon Brookbank '86 (Richmond, IN?)	Scott Korman '91
Mark Gustafson '87	Peter McKechnie '91
Kevin Henry '87	Bryan King '91
Walter Miller '87	Ernest Williams '91
Scott Falk '88	Brian George '92
Patrick Laraby '88 (San Diego?)	Jeff Cunningham '93
Eric Holmes '89	Scott Newman '94
Richard Camp '89	John Nix '94
	Jason Weaver '95 (Houston?)

### **Locate a Brother**

Haven't talked to someone in awhile? Here are some hints for finding an old FIJI Brother.

- [www.tcufigi.org](http://www.tcufigi.org) has a new database posted on it with updated addresses and info. Once you're there, click on "Chapter Web Site", then click on "Graduate Database Online" at the bottom.
- Online people searches like [www.switchboard.com](http://www.switchboard.com) or [www.555-1212.com](http://www.555-1212.com)
- Call the TCU Alumni Center at 817-257-7803

### **Purple Legionnaire Report**

Greetings to our Phi Gam Alumni and welcome back to the Link. Speaking for myself and the entire BCA, we look forward to seeing everyone at homecoming this year. With a new conference and a new football coach, TCU seems to be looking forward to another successful year. Tau Chi is also looking forward to a strong year.

Starting with Rush, the chapter has restructured it's committee programs and the results are clear --- SUCCESS. It raises the current chapter number to almost 80. Let's see if the grades improve as much. All in all, it has been a successful year, one with ups and downs. Entering my third year as the official PL, I look forward to the mayhem and stories that this year will produce.

As the academic year begins, the numbers that are our problem can not be solved with Rush. The chapter is facing one of the worst fiscal years in history, due mostly to the TCU Housing situation. To help with this, the BCA along with Section Chief Bill Kramer (Gettysburg '78) and Doug Thompson '84 are beginning a fund raising campaign. This is being organized and administered strictly by the BCA and Nationals to enhance not only the structure of the program, but also to use it as a tax write-off. Donations will be placed in a Tau Chi trust fund in National Headquarters' Educational Foundation. This allows us the opportunity to set up scholarships, build study and computer centers in the House, and prepare for the day if we ever consider having a house of our own.

In this Link and in future mailings, please take advantage of this opportunity to give back to the chapter. Help us show that FIJI is truly not for college days alone.

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### **Website**

- After starting it in '96 and maintaining it since, Carl Hansen '90 has chosen to hand over the responsibility of the website. Eric Hall '99 will be taking over for Carl.
- The website itself has had little traffic according to the number of sign-ins at the Guestbook. Please check it periodically and sign in so we and other graduates can see what you're up to!

## GRADUATE NEWS!

- Brent Jenos '84 and wife Amy just had their second child. They now have Anniston Rose and Madison, 3. They live in Atlanta and Brent is the VP/Sales Mgr for Fistserv Inc.
- Dr. Bob Beatty '84 and wife Raynette live in Aledo, Texas with their children Shelby and Sean. Bob is an assistant professor of e-business at TCU.
- Wade Gear '86 and Kathy (TCU '89) live in Mineral Wells, TX, and just had their second child. Libby Lorraine joins Katie, 2.
- Paul Hains '87 and wife Dina live in Houston with their children Michael and Jessica. Paul is an analyst with JDIG. They bought a new house in June 2000.
- Jeff Allaman '88 lives in Atlanta and is the TCU Alumni Chapter president there.
- Jeff Swain '92 and wife Julie (TCU '90) welcomed their second son into the world on Valentine's Day. They now have Zachary and Andy, 4. They live in Weatherford, TX.
- Reed Hudson '94 and Tasha Lynch (TCU '00) were married in Arizona in October. FIJIs there were Lynn Davis '94, Chris Sailors '94 and Brett Gadberry '95.
- Jamey Secrest '94 and wife Jana announced the August birth of daughter Tinsley. Along with son Preston, they live in Temple where Jamey is an attorney.
- Jon Iberg '96 wed Candice O'Neil on August 26. He earned his MBA from Creighton in Omaha, NE in 1998 and they now live in Irvine, CA. Present FIJIs were Tom Rose '96 and Chris Tipton '00.
- Drew Kirklin '97 wed Julie Hill (TCU '96) on September 30 and lives in Maryland. Drew works for MHI Multi-Media Holdings. FIJIs in attendance were Mike Lehmann '96, Kevin Worley '97 and Jorge Lopez '97.
- Mike Indergard '98 wed Laura Bateman (TCU '97) in Waco, Texas in May. FIJIs in the wedding were Eric Charlton '97, Travis English '98, Carl Stansberger '98 and Tom Hammond '99. Mike is a computer network admin.



## Graduate Spotlight



Before coming to TCU, Preston "Bucky" Spahr '83 attended Klein High School in Houston. He pledged FIJI at TCU in Spring 1980. He lettered in soccer all four years and once scored a game-winning goal against SMU!

Preston said that only when FIJI received its charter in the Fall of 1980 did it start to feel like a real chapter, even though it still wasn't welcomed by other fraternities. The chapter was still small and hadn't yet developed traditions.

Once, when FIJIs became aware that their Islander busses were the target of a planned egging by some other fraternities, he and some Brothers used fire extinguishers to mow down the attackers before the first egg was thrown. From then on, FIJI started getting some respect on Fraternity Row.

Preston joined the Navy in 1984 and flew helicopters on the USS Nimitz and USS Guam. While serving in the Gulf War, he detected a submerged mine! Preston met his wife, Darrie, in San Diego. After serving for 12 years, he left the Navy and now works for ~~HONOLULU~~ as a system Project Manager.

Preston and Darrie have three children and live in Ohio. In his free time, Preston coaches children's soccer. He still keeps in touch with Philip Raveling '83, Larry Parsons '83, and Bob Garvey '84. His email address is [presndarrie@msn.com](mailto:presndarrie@msn.com).

## BCA

The BCA has continued its involvement with the chapter. Usually about a dozen people attend the monthly meetings, anchored by a core of select people. The most recent contributor has been Doug Thompson '84. He has become a great asset to the BCA with his expertise and experience. He provides a perspective that many younger guys don't have by conveying opinions and views of the 1980s alums. The chapter recognizes that some of you, while still appreciating a good time, maybe want to help out in ways *other* than supplying party money! We greatly appreciate any contributions! Read about the BCA Scholarship Fund idea in either the PL report on page 2 or the Scholarship committee report on page 4.

## Chapter News!

### COMMITTEES

**Scholarship**— As with the previous semester, the chapter finished with respectable grades, but it was only good enough for 7th place out of the 10 fraternities on campus. In light of this, the BCA has an idea for a Scholarship account. It would be handled only by the BCA with no undergraduate access. Any donations made for the sake of scholarship would be directly dropped into this fund. The goal is to reward those who excel, maybe simultaneously assisting those who need help paying dues.

**Philanthropy**— The Greek Bowl, a powder-puff football tournament for sorority girls that we invented, has been discontinued. Last year's weather was bone-chilling and some girls reportedly got frost-bite, essentially ending the day disastrously. So bad, in fact, that we decided to not do it anymore. Another philanthropy is being planned in its place, maybe Habitat for Humanity. Also, a concert was in the works for Billy Bob's but relations broke down and the decision was made to wait until Casino Night to hit them up for something.

**Social**— We last reported that we had continued the revival of the Fall semester Victory party. However, we decided not to have one this year mainly because of money. But we still wanted a party, so we came up with the Yellow T-shirt party, to which girls were invited by being presented with a yellow t-shirt to then be worn at the party! LAGNAF will be held the weekend after Homecoming. We are trying to organize a party with a sorority for November.

**Casino Night**—Last spring's Pig Dinner and Casino Night had Dr. Bob Beatty '84 as the speaker. All sororities were invited and more people attended than expected! We received a great response from those graduates who came. For this coming spring's event, work was started as far in advance as this past summer! The tentative date is April 6, the weekend after Easter.

**Parents Club**—The Parents Club is forming a parents Cabinet and may ask two alumni fathers to help out with its development.

**House**—The house continues to fall apart on us. TCU is trying to fine us \$1000 for dirtying the House after a muddy chapter football game, which we cleaned up anyway. Next semester the minimum number of occupants will rise to 27, but it shouldn't be a problem thanks to Rush. Leaks in the House this summer continued to ruin chapter property, including the chapter room furniture and pool table, but TCU will not take responsibility for it. Yet they threaten to lock the chapter room doors if we withhold rent payment. The lack of cooperation by TCU is frustrating and if any graduates have suggestions for fixing this problem, please let us know. Also, the chapter room doors need to be replaced.

**Section Chief**—Section Chief Bill Kramer (Gettysburg '78) said that our section is reorganizing to include us, SMU, UTA and Baylor chapters. The Texas A&M chapter is recolonizing and are highlighting their Sept. 22 home game as a big recruiting tool.

**On Campus** — As of September 15 the TCU Football Team is 2-1, after pulverizing SMU and North Texas. As some of you may not know TCU will be playing its first season in Conference USA.

**Chapter News**—Zack Klemo '02 won \$850 on the *Wheel of Fortune* which aired last spring ... Nick Wright '03, Zack Klemo, and Brian Sullivan '02 took a road trip to a U2 show in Chicago over the summer ... Nick Wright '03, Patrick Mullins '02, Kevin Haake '02 and Joey Shouse '02 studied in Europe over the summer.

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## Chapter News!

### Homecoming *Continued from page 1*

Look for the FIJI flag. That night, there will be a party at a bar in Downtown Fort Worth. Information will be available at the House Homecoming Weekend. Please RSVP with Eric King if you will be attending any of the homecoming events. Any questions, contact Eric King '02 at 817-924-4754 or Duffheadek@aol.com.

### The New Pledges

- A large percent of the pledges are from Texas, which should help in future rush efforts
- Two new pledges are on the TCU lacrosse team
- Two new pledges are on the new TCU ice hockey team
- Owen Adelman is a legacy from Fort Worth

### TCU News and FIJI Nationals News

- LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU running back and Heisman candidate last year, was drafted by the Chargers and ran for 113 yards and 2 TDs in a big win over the Redskins in the season opener.
- An Entrepreneurship Center is breaking ground in the parking lot between the business building and the library.
- Parking tickets are now \$100 at TCU, while parking spaces are harder and harder to come by.
- A new \$7 million baseball facility will be built down past the stadium on the other side of the TCU tennis team courts on Bellaire Drive North.
- The Rickel, the student recreation center, will have a \$27 million addition that will increase its size by 50%.
- Dr. Jim Caswell (SMU '62), who has been the speaker at past Pig Dinners, is now the Archon president. In case you've forgotten, the Archons are the governing body of the International Fraternity.

### New Initiates

Five new guys became full-fledged FIJIs on September 6.

- Bradley Adams '04 is from Denton, TX
- Braden Howell '04 is from Dallas
- Brian McGee '04 is from Colleyville, TX. His younger brother is already an active (Brian is 22).
- Matt Nesson '03 is from Montana
- Dean Papaliadis '04 (Papa-LEE-oh-dis) is from Fort Worth



### Undergraduate Spotlight



Ryan Hahn '03 is this issue's undergraduate spotlight. He is the man behind the successful Fall Rush and is also the House Manager and on the Social committee. He is an Advertising/Public Relations major with a business and speech emphasis.

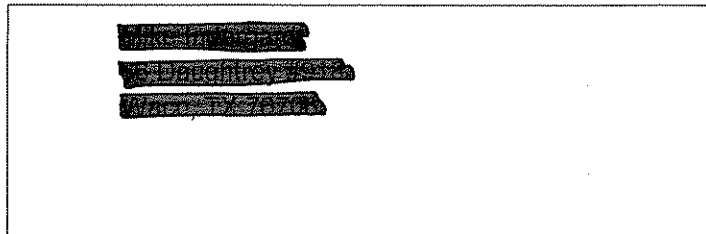
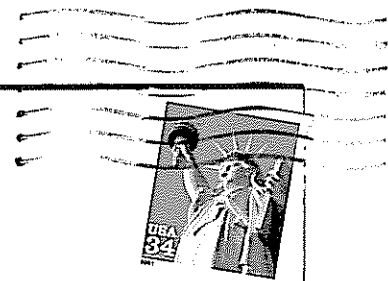
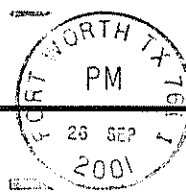
He was born in Minneapolis in 1981 and his family soon moved to Texas eventually settling in Grapevine. In high school he played baseball (a Toyota Student Athlete Award recipient) and basketball, was on student council, was a Who's Who student and an NHS member.

He picked TCU because it gave him "the opportunity to have a great college experience, and a very well rounded one." He chose FIJI "because the people in it were so down to earth. From Day One at TCU I struggled to find people who weren't focused on wealth. In this chapter I found guys who genuinely cared about each other and each other's lives. Another important factor was the size and power nationally that we have."

According to other FIJIs, Ryan is a huge fan of TCU football. He likes to make fun of Kappa Sigs and SAEs who wear khaki pants with white tennis shoes! He is also a neat-nick.

After Ryan graduates, he plans to pursue "a career in business, whether corporate or in a small business. I dream of one day owning my own business. I hope that my leadership skills and managerial skills will one day lead me to the high expectations I have for myself."

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**Our thoughts and prayers go out  
to the victims of the recent tragedy  
and the victims' families.**