

# TEXAS FIJI

The Longhorn Fiji—The University of Texas at Austin  
Established 1883

Fall 2012

## Tau Deuteron's Competitive Spirit Takes Root Help Your Class Attain a Higher Percent of Participation by Making a Gift Today

The Texas Fijis have kicked off the *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone* campaign in full force. The initial class participation numbers are in and there are several pledge classes that really stand out. Three alumni classes have participation rates exceeding 30%, and six more have at least 15%. See the chart below to find out where your pledge class ranks.

At this point in the campaign, several brothers have taken it upon themselves to ensure their classes have a strong participation. They are making phone calls, sending e-mails, and writing letters to urge their pledge brothers to make a contribution to the campaign. If your pledge brother calls you, please take the time to listen to what he has to say and make a commitment that best reflects what your experience with Texas Fiji means to you.

The work of our class leaders is critical as we want every brother to have an impact on the project. To ensure that we successfully reach our \$5.5 million goal, we need support from those of you who have not made a pledge, and we ask you to consider a donation this year. Sending your first payment with your pledge would be most beneficial to making sure construction starts on time.

If every class could reach similar levels of participation as our 1978, 1986, and 1977 leading classes, we would have already exceeded our goal. So if you have not contributed, please accept the challenge to raise your class's

level of participation, and pick up the phone when your class leader calls to discuss how you can make an impact on Texas Fiji.

As alumni, we have a duty to support Texas Fiji. Others before us made loyal commitments to ensure our success. Now it's our turn. We need to step up and match the high participation rates your brothers have already put forth. Please do your part to secure the future of Texas Fiji.

### WHERE DOES YOUR CLASS RANK?

In the spirit of Fiji's love of competing, now is the time to join your pledge class in *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone*. Help your class reach 100%. Your participation will not only help your class be recognized, it will help Texas Fiji reach our campaign goal. If you have not joined those who have already contributed to the campaign, please do so now by returning the enclosed pledge card.

We would like to recognize the class of 1978 for leading the way with 40% participation and the classes of 1977 and 1986 with more than 30% participation. You are setting a standard and we need more classes up there with you!

Below are the pledge class participation percentages in *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone* thus far.\* Don't see your pledge class listed? Be the first to contribute by making a gift today.



The expansion will allow for a growing Chapter and provide additional rooms and study and recreational areas.

1978—40.00%	1954—9.09%	1992—4.44%
1986—33.33%	1955—8.70%	1987—4.35%
1977—30.30%	1945—7.69%	1956—4.17%
1976—27.03%	1952—7.41%	1972—4.17%
1973—18.52%	1961—7.41%	1958—3.85%
1979—17.78%	1964—6.90%	2004—3.85%
1946—15.38%	1969—6.82%	1996—2.56%
1981—15.38%	2000—6.82%	1985—2.50%
1983—15.38%	1957—6.45%	2002—2.44%
1975—13.51%	1990—6.38%	1965—2.38%
1970—11.76%	1974—6.06%	1999—2.33%
1993—11.63%	1947—5.88%	1963—1.96%
1997—11.11%	1971—5.71%	
1991—11.11%	1967—5.56%	
1982—10.81%	1959—5.41%	
1942—10.00%	1984—5.26%	
1980—10.00%	1968—5.13%	

\* Reflected by  
the year you  
pledged.

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## THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR CONTRIBUTING \$4.1

**W**e are deeply grateful to the following Texas Fiji brothers and friends for committing \$4,108,573 to *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone*. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Tau Deuteron and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience.

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project. All supporters of the project giving \$2,500 and above will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque. All donors contributing \$1,000 or more to the campaign will be recognized in campaign publications. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise Jerry Cooper, campaign coordinator, at [cooper@penningtonco.com](mailto:cooper@penningtonco.com) or (785) 843-1661 so we can make the correction. Thank you to those who have made a commitment!

### **Buen Retiro Society** *(\$250,000 and above)*

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
In honor of the  
1970 Pledge Class

### **1883 Founders Society** *(\$100,000 to \$249,999)*

Anonymous  
In honor of the  
1974 Pledge Class  
Undergraduate Chapter  
The Waltmon Family  
DeWitt Waltmon Sr. PC '45  
DeWitt Waltmon Jr. PC '76  
Scott M. Waltmon PC '83  
Austin Waltmon PC '11  
Jeff Heller PC '58  
The Young Family  
John H. Young PC '61  
John R. Young PC '87  
David A. Ott PC '68  
Robert Canon PC '72  
The Blonkvist Family  
Timothy B. Blonkvist PC '75  
Brady Blonkvist PC '10  
Robert C. Orr Jr. PC '75  
The Butter Family  
Zane R. Butter PC '81  
Z.B. Butter PC '10

### **Black Diamond Society** *(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*

Anonymous  
The Walker Family  
Jim W. Walker PC '54  
Reid Walker PC '87  
Patrick P. Walker PC '90

Scott Petty Jr. PC '55  
Jon Brumley PC '61  
Bruce Hill PC '73  
M. Spencer Rigney PC '76  
Howard Bagby Jr. PC '77  
In memory of  
Louie Schreiner PC '77  
Robert S. McCaig Jr. PC '78  
Gary Schneider PC '78  
Shepherd 5 Points  
Family Foundation  
Eugene B. Shepherd PC '78  
The Snodgrass Family  
Kevin R. Snodgrass PC '78  
Kevin T. Snodgrass PC '10  
Rob Walls PC '78  
The Towns Family  
Thomas Keller Towns PC '79  
Thomas Keller Towns Jr. PC '12  
Bob Butchofsky PC '80  
Karl Rathjen PC '82  
Grady W. Roberts PC '85  
Lee Jacobe PC '87  
Mayes Middleton PC '00

### **White Star Society** *(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Bill and Karen Case  
In honor of  
William Case PC '11  
The Doggett Family  
William Doggett Jr. PC '05  
Robert and Marcy Duncan  
Family  
John Duncan PC '89  
William Duncan PC '10  
Thomas Duncan PC '11

The Roche Family  
David Roche, *Sewanee*  
Campbell Roche PC '04  
Jackson Roche PC '08  
The King/Kinney Family  
William G. Kinney II PC '40  
William G. Kinney III PC '72  
Stephen W. Kinney PC '74  
D. Craig Kinney PC '76  
Duane H. King PC '79  
David R. King PC '83  
Benjamin K. Kinney PC '91  
The Northington Family  
Robert H. Northington PC '48  
Robert C. Northington PC '75  
Robert C. Northington II PC '03  
The Coffee Family  
Robert F. Coffee PC '52  
Roy C. Coffee Jr. PC '55  
Roy C. Coffee III PC '82  
The Fraser Family  
Charles D. Fraser PC '52  
Dr. Charles D. Fraser Jr. PC '76  
Charles D. Fraser III PC '07  
The Black Family  
James M. Black PC '60  
William E. Black PC '69  
Robert F. Black PC '72  
John M. Black PC '90  
J. Benjamin Black PC '03  
William E. Chiles PC '67  
The Duncan Family  
Vance C. Duncan PC '70  
Harrison Duncan PC '12  
Porter Farrell II PC '73  
In honor of his parents,  
George J. and  
Margaret R. Farrell  
David Lumpkins PC '73  
Larry McAfee PC '73

## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

*As of November 29, 2012*

\$5.5 Million  
Fundraising Goal

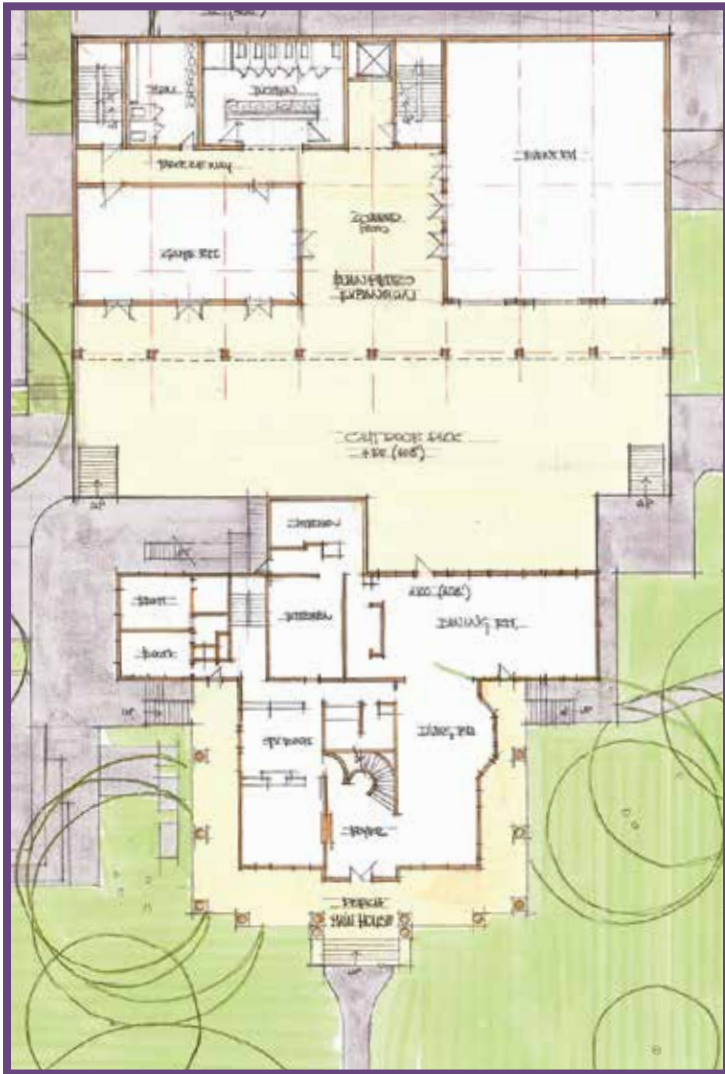
\$4,108,573  
Total Contributions

185 Contributors

1,934 Mailable Alumni

Kyle R. Burnett PC '76 Family  
The Campbell Family Gift  
William J. Campbell PC '76  
William J. Campbell Jr. PC '10  
Ross M. Davis PC '76  
The Hudnall Family  
Clayton H. Hudnall PC '76  
Clark C. Hudnall PC '10  
The Hickey Family  
Jeff L. Hickey PC '77  
Russell C. Hickey PC '10  
The Rasmussen Family  
Hal J. Rasmussen PC '77  
Christopher Rasmussen PC '10  
The Uhl Family  
Arthur G. Uhl III PC '77  
James Uhl PC '11  
James P. McGinnis PC '78  
In honor of the  
1978 Pledge Class

# NOT FOR COLLEGE DAYS ALONE



The site map shows the plan for the main house first floor and the expansion, complete with an outdoor terrace and underground parking. With your help today, we can make this become a reality.

Robert T. Ray PC '78  
 The Grimes Family  
 D. Link Grimes PC '79  
 Nelson Link Grimes PC '11  
 The Merritt Family  
 Marshall Merritt PC '79  
 Will Merritt PC '10  
 John D. Harkey Jr. PC '80  
 In honor of  
 John D. Harkey Sr.  
 Richard A. Beeler PC '81  
 James M. Nakfoor PC '82  
 William T. Griffin Jr. PC '83  
 The McLaughlin Family  
 Matt McLaughlin PC '83  
 Stuart McLaughlin PC '12  
 Jeff Rochelle PC '83  
 Randall Mays PC '84

Michael U. Ellington Jr. PC '87  
 Jeffrey M. Jacobe PC '90  
 Mark W. Muecke PC '97  
 In memory of  
 Jackson Dudley PC '97

**Purple Owl Society**  
 (\$10,000 to \$24,999)  
 Larry and Sarah West  
 In honor of  
 Dillon West PC '11  
 Bradley A. Fowler PC '52  
 Delano Womack PC '52  
 Fred W. Middleton PC '56  
 Ernest H. Cockrell PC '63

The Pearce Family  
 Stephen M. Peace PC '71  
 Jonathan M. Pearce PC '01  
 Taylor Y. Pearce PC '03  
 The Finklea Family  
 William L. Finklea PC '74  
 Larry L. Finklea PC '76  
 J. McCurdy Cardwell PC '09  
 Kent Collins PC '75  
 Gary McClure PC '76  
 In honor of  
 Those Who Follow  
 Cecily & Thomas E.  
 Rodman Jr. PC '76  
 John W. Elliott PC '77  
 Thomas W. Robinson Jr. PC '77  
 Bryan C. Campbell PC '78  
 Jeffrey A. Howard PC '78  
 The Kuni Family  
 Douglas W. Kuni PC '78  
 Kelly Kuni PC '11  
 The Rodman Family  
 Jim Rodman PC '78  
 Chris Rodman PC '10  
 Steven D. Arnold PC '79  
 John N. McIntyre PC '79  
 John R. Rutherford PC '79  
 J. Marshall Adkins PC '80  
 In memory of  
 Ted Westmoreland PC '80  
 Ron D. Willis PC '80  
 Michael V. O'Shell PC '84  
 Ryan Wald PC '94  
 The Williamson Family  
 Brandt Williamson PC '09  
 Matt Williamson PC '11

**300 W. 27th Street Society**  
 (\$5,000 to \$9,999)  
 James L. Geary PC '68  
 In memory of  
 Gary W. Whitworth PC '68  
 John C. Thomas PC '69  
 Jay K. Turner PC '73  
 Scot D. Northern PC '75  
 Glen J. Ellis Jr. PC '76  
 Paul C. Peters Jr. PC '76  
 Christopher P. Renaud PC '77  
 Brian K. Gammill PC '78  
 T. Grant Johnson PC '78  
 Tom Shirley PC '78  
 Evan Williams PC '78  
 Michael L. Calhoun PC '79  
 Joe Merritt PC '81  
 E. C. Fellbaum PC '82  
 Steven D. Oldham PC '87

Michael M. Dellinger PC '91  
 Michael Anderson PC '97  
 In memory of  
 Jerry P. Dehlinger PC '58  
 Matt T. Muecke PC '00  
 Ryan Strawn PC '00  
 William J. O'Brien IV PC '02

**Tau Deuteron Society**  
 (\$2,500 to \$4,999)  
 Eric and Teri Chang-Tung  
 In honor of the  
 2010 Pledge Class  
 Scott Ramsey PC '77  
 Bo Huggins PC '81  
 The Taaffe Family  
 Peter Taaffe PC '89  
 Ryan Taaffe PC '93  
 Brett Taaffe PC '95  
 Jeff Montgomery PC '91  
 Brandon K. Holcomb PC '92  
 Chad R. Dickson PC '93  
 William R. Henson PC '97  
 Chandler Quisenberry PC '02  
 Thomas Allen PC '04

**Loyal Fiji Society**  
 (\$1,000 to \$2,499)  
 Chris Woldert  
 In honor of  
 Jerry Woldert PC '10  
 Howard W. Parker PC '42  
 Paul H. Smith PC '45  
 Aubrey "Ace" Black PC '46  
 In memory of  
 Blackie Dahlberg PC '42  
 Joe Gray, M.D. PC '54

In memory of  
 Horace Greenstreet PC '54  
 James H. McCuistion PC '59  
 E. Wayne Ray Jr. PC '59  
 Ralph L. Arrell PC '61  
 G. Douglas Wiley PC '65  
 Bob Barnes PC '68  
 James B. Smith Jr. PC '69  
 Allan G. King PC '78  
 David S. Houston PC '82  
 Christopher Ohmstede PC '91  
 G. Douglas Wiley II PC '91  
 Gardner H. Dudley PC '93  
 Barney C. Wiley PC '93



# Texas Fiji Alumnus Reflects on College Days Gone By

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**Mark Muecke PC '97** was from a small town in Matagorda County when he left to attend the University of Texas. "Being in Austin and at Buen Retiro, my eyes got as big as silver dollars. I learned it was an opportunity of a lifetime after the first six months. It instilled confidence in me as I walked the 40 acres to class. It still does if it comes up in a conversation today."

*Address Service Requested*

At UT, Mark earned his bachelor's degree in economics. He also served as the pledge trainer for the Chapter. Mark's experience at Tau Deuteron helped him become the strong leader that he is today. He is the vice-president and investment advisor for Kercheville & Company, an investment securities firm in San Antonio. It was working with Joe Kercheville, former Rotan Mosle director and Texas alumnus that led him to this position. Mark has been with the company ever since he graduated in '01.

Another alumnus was a positive role model for Mark; **Joe Flack Jr. PC '69** was the president of the advisory board while Mark was an undergraduate. "I was encouraged to see how much Joe and other alumni still loved the Chapter." Mark has also stayed involved with the Chapter post-graduation by serving on the advisory board.

Mark visits the Chapter House often and says nothing has changed, except the undergraduates are smarter because of Texas' strict admissions. "Our Chapter is as strong as it has ever been. They have dramatically improved alumni relations and welcome us back all the time." His trips to campus helped him realize why giving back to *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone* was so important. "Almost every fraternity at Texas has done a construction project in the last 10 years. My contribution will allow us to compete and continue to be the best all-around fraternity. I want the undergraduates to have the same experiences

as I did and be successful. I want my children to have a sense of pride when they come to Buen Retiro 20 years from now."

For those brothers still considering their involvement with the campaign, Mark encourages them to look at all the opportunities the Chapter has provided throughout their lives. "I would tell them to dance with whoever brung ya. Because of Texas Fiji, we met our wives, got job opportunities, and made business contacts. It's time for us to give back because of these dividends."

Mark and his pledge brothers get together for football game weekends, OU weekend, hunting

trips, the Aubrey Golf Cup, and the famous Size Matters Fishing Tournament in Port Aransas started by pledge brothers **David Mauze PC '97** and **Tyler Thomas PC '97**. To any brothers who may have lost touch over the years, Mark encourages you to visit during the upcoming reunion. "They are the best way to break back in."



*Mark and his wife, Bonnie.*

Mark lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Bonnie, and daughter, Lillie. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, hunting, golfing, and spending time with his family. You can contact Mark at [markmuecke1@gmail.com](mailto:markmuecke1@gmail.com).

## Save the Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

Join us for the Norris Pig Dinner at Buen Retiro. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Class Leaders Hard at Work

Jack Holford PC '59  
Jim McCuistion PC '59  
Charlie Huey PC '63  
Jim Geary PC '68  
Vance Duncan PC '70  
Skip Nelson PC '71  
Steve Pearce PC '71  
Robert Canon PC '72

Rick Nelson PC '74  
Bobby Orr PC '75  
DeWitt Waltmon PC '76  
Jeff Hickey PC '77  
Kevin Snodgrass PC '78  
John McIntyre PC '79  
Ron Willis PC '80

Craig Bailey PC '82  
Scott Waltmon PC '83  
Mike O'Shell PC '84  
Steve Oldham PC '87  
Peter Taaffe PC '89  
John Black PC '90  
Patrick Walker PC '90

Jeff Montgomery PC '91  
Brandon Holcomb PC '92  
Ryan Taaffe PC '93  
John P. Nelson PC '94  
Doug MacMahon PC '95  
Michael Anderson PC '97  
Scott Gardner PC '98

Taylor Moody PC '99  
Matt Muecke PC '00  
Chandler Quisenberry PC '01  
Andrew Peebles PC '02  
Max Stubbs PC '03  
Thomas Allen PC '04  
Warren Williamson PC '05  
Adam Bridgman PC '07