

TEXAS FIJI

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

—Spring 2012—

Graduates Get Involved and Ensure Tau Deuteron's Success

New Mentoring Program Implemented for Undergraduates

After a semester of learning the many aspects of Tau Deuteron, I am glad to report that our Chapter is stronger than ever. Change has been the theme since August; we have a newly elected Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA) and House Corporation Board. These men are excited to get involved and help give back to Phi Gamma Delta. These changes are designed to encourage alumni involvement and ensure transparency and financial stability.

BCA MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER TO BALANCE BUDGET

The BCA consists of members from 12 pledge classes and each member is assigned specific responsibilities. The BCA began this semester by guaranteeing our fiscal and budgetary matters are in line. Finance Chairman **Mark Winter '79** has done a great job implementing financial safeguards and has worked closely with Treasurer **Nelson Laswell '09** to make sure the Chapter adheres to its budget.

ALUMNI TAILGATES OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD BROTHERHOOD

In the fall, the undergraduate Chapter hosted tailgates for alumni two hours before every home football game. Buen Retiro came to life with live music, food, and refreshments. This resulted in some of the largest alumni, undergraduate, and family gatherings we have experienced in years.



Texas Cowboys and Silver Spurs at DKR Memorial Stadium: Jackson Roche '08, Robert Shulte '08, Wilson Albright '08, Charlie Rexford '08, Dawson Lewis '08, and Jack Simone '08.

We had an overwhelmingly positive response from alumni about these events and we look forward to continuing them next fall.

INTERNSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT MENTORING PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATES

This semester, we have spent time refining pledge education and strategizing for recruitment. **Bobby Orr '75** is spearheading a new program to help seniors obtain internships and post-graduate employment opportunities. If you are interested in mentoring or have an internship or job opportunity available, please contact

Bobby at borr@orrinc.com.

My role in the growth of Tau Deuteron is extremely fulfilling, and stepping through the doors of Buen Retiro brings back priceless memories. I encourage you to get involved with the Chapter or just stop by Buen Retiro to say hello.

GTBO,
Marshall Merritt '79
BCA President
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Bill Chiles '67 Recalls Memories of Tau Deuteron Brotherhood

Joined Phi Gamma Delta Because It's the Best



"I have always felt that the Fijis are the best fraternity on campus, so why go for anything but the best?" With that attitude, **Bill Chiles '67** joined Tau Deuteron because of the athletic orientation, the lake club, and the strength of the membership.

During his sophomore year Bill became engaged and married as a junior. He remembers his time as an undergraduate fondly and says the experience meant a lot to him. "I matured quite a bit and loved the Fraternity." Some of his favorite memories are "having

fun with my pledge brothers, Mom Pryor, Ivory, and the food at the house." Bill earned a bachelor's degree of business administration in petroleum land management and an MBA from SMU.

As he remembers his time as an undergraduate, Bill passes on some advice. "Find your passion and stick with it. Do not always think the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. Always do the right thing and realize that servant leaders realize that it is

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Bill Chiles '67

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not about them, but about serving the needs of their team." He also gives young alumni interview advice. "If someone shows up in a beat-up jalopy, covered in tattoos, rings in every orifice, bad hair, and bad clothes, they won't get hired."

Bill is the president and CEO of Bristow Group Inc., the largest civil helicopter operator in the world, operating approximately 550 helicopters with 3,400 employees in 20 countries flying offshore for oil and gas exportation and production companies. His experience in leadership has served him well. "Strong leadership is the cornerstone of any successful enterprise. We work on leadership at Bristow every single day in everything we do."

Bill and Wendy live in Houston, Texas, and have five children: Ashley, Brett, Clay, Brayden, and Alexandra. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, skiing, running, bird shooting, and spending time with his family. You can contact Bill at bill.chiles@bristowgroup.com.

Rad Weaver '94 Shares His Fiji Experience Encourages Undergraduates to Get Involved on Campus

James "Rad" Weaver '94 visited several fraternities, but Phi Gamma Delta was the best fit for him. He was the first person from his family who attended UT and he decided to be a part of Greek life. "My time at Phi Gamma Delta is a cherished time. My brothers are terrific guys, most of whom I've stayed in contact with. It's important to me in my personal and professional life."



As an undergraduate, he was elected by Fiji members to the Silver Spurs. Some of his favorite memories don't necessarily include Fiji parties. "I enjoyed spending time with the guys at the Chapter House or wherever we were living." Rad suggests that undergraduates get involved while they are on campus. "There are multiple events going on every day. It's easy to get locked into a routine; get out of that routine and get involved."

As the CEO of McCombs Partners, Rad has encountered many leadership styles. He believes that "doing is better than talking. It's important to lead by example and have a strong work ethic." He believes that smart guys hang out with smart guys. "My biggest takeaway from Fiji was that it's a diverse set of guys. Everybody was somebody, but you have to make friends, and that friendship translates into the business community and careers."

Rad and his wife, Ashley, have a 5-year-old daughter and are expecting a son. He enjoys spending time with his family on their ranch and farm. Rad also enjoys traveling, hunting, and fishing. You can contact him at rweaver@mccombshq.com.

Delano Womack '52 Inducted into Texas High School Football Hall of Fame

Delano Womack '52 will be admitted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in May. Delano was a running back at Austin High School. He is the fifth Tau Deuteron Fiji to receive this honor. He joins **Charles Brewer '52**, quarterback at Lubbock H.S., **Jack Collins '57**, running back at Highland Park H.S., **John Treadwell '59**, linebacker at Austin H.S., and **Walter Fondren '54**, running back and quarterback at Houston Lamar H.S.



Jon Brumley '57 Honored with Distinguished Alumnus Award Phi Gamma Delta Offers Our Congratulations to Jon

Brumley, a resident of Fort Worth, is chairman and CEO of Bounty Investments, LP. He was named, along with his son, as "Entrepreneurs of the Year" in 2005 by Forbes magazine. Brumley has worked for, founded and acquired several companies in the energy business, including eight companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, most notably Southland Royalty Co., Cross Timbers (XTO) and Mesa Petroleum.

Like the other honorees, Brumley is still actively involved with the University of Texas and McCombs. He was the keynote speaker at the 6th Annual McCombs Alumni Business Conference on Feb. 25, where he described his career in the energy industry and the importance of having a strong business plan.



*The above excerpt appeared in the fall 2011 issue of McCombs TODAY. You can read more on **Jon Brumley '57** and the McCombs School of Business at www.mccombstoday.org.*



Join Us for Pig Dinner

Saturday, April 14

See the back page
for formal invitation.



TAU DEUTERON CONTINUES SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Undergraduates Attend Fiji Academy and Build Leadership Skills

Greetings from Buen Retiro! I am happy to report the completion of another successful fall semester at Tau Deuteron and a great start to the spring semester. We are proud to announce the newest active members of our Fraternity, the pledge class of 2011. We extend our hearty congratulations to the newest group of Fijis. Recruitment efforts are ongoing and we are recruiting men who exemplify the standards of Texas Fiji.

The recruitment captains for 2012 are **Brady Blonkvist '10**, **Zane Butter '10**, and **Peyton McDonough '10**. Thank you to all graduates for your continued support and involvement during our recruitment process. The incredible strength of Tau Deuteron is attributed to your support.

During the winter break, **Scott Lange '10**, **Thomas Smith '10**, and **Will Merritt '10** had the opportunity to visit the Fiji Academy in St. Louis. During that time, they attended seminars with Fijis from across the nation and were educated on various chapter operations, rituals, and leadership in Fiji. The junior intramural football team won the Greek League championship against the Kappa Sigs this year. We are challenging our intramural teams to maintain their premier status.

A concert was held at the Chapter House by Robert Earl King and we enjoyed a great time, great food, and brotherhood. Another success of the past semester was our strongly attended tailgates before home football games. It was great to see graduates from different eras congregate at Buen Retiro. We look forward to maintaining this momentum and building upon these Fiji bonds this semester and the year to come. Please mark your calendars for Parent's Weekend on March

30-31 and Pig Dinner on April 14. Graduates are always welcome to visit Buen Retiro. We hope to see you there!



Yours in the Bond,
Chris Renaudin '10
Chapter President
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The pledge class of 2011 volunteered for the Austin Fire Disaster Relief.

Additional Donors to Recruitment 2011

The following graduate donations helped make recruitment possible. We apologize for our error that left them off the list printed in the fall 2011 newsletter.

Jim Mason
Bill Weaver
Ben West
Brett Robertson
Ben Bennitt
Cris Renaud
John McIntyre
Robert S. McCaig
Tommy Stewart
Jeremy J. Sanders

FIJI

Recruitment Chairmen Reflect on Freshman Road to Initiation

The freshman pledge class concluded a successful pledge period during the fall semester at Buen Retiro. The pledges built picnic tables, benches by the fire pit, structures for social events, and hung our famous Christmas lights. They also volunteered for different disaster relief programs, fundraisers, and the local Feed My People organization in Austin. They attended study halls on campus four nights a week. These study halls are proctored by the academic committee. The pledge class has maintained the fine tradition of Tau Deuteron and will continue to be exemplary members of Texas Fiji for years to come.

RECOMMEND A MAN FOR RECRUITMENT

As your 2012 recruitment captains, we are very excited about the opportunity to meet and get to know not only the incoming freshmen this summer but also the graduates throughout the process. We look forward to following the great example of previous captains and continuing the precedent of another great pledge class. That feat is only possible with your help and guidance. As recruitment grows and more men go through the process, we welcome your input on gentlemen you know who would make good Fijis. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Recruitment Chairmen

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Zane Butter '10
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Peyton McDonough '10
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ALUMNI UPDATE

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Joe H. Bradley '45 passed away October 3, 2011, surrounded by his family. He and his wife, Jenny, were married for 64 years. They have two daughters, Becky and Sally, and seven grandchildren.

Charles "Sonny" Sowell '48 passed away October 8, 2011. He and his wife, Joann, have three children and five grandchildren. He was an avid outdoorsman and family man.

Dr. Harold Brumley '51 passed away January 31, 2012. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn. Their four children survive them: Maryann, Bonnie, Jill, and Wayne. He leaves behind brothers **Carl Brumley '50** and **Jon Brumley '57**, his second wife, Kay, and many family and friends.

Tommy H. Tomlinson '54 passed away from heart failure on December 4, 2010, in Miami, Fla., his home of 43 years. His family reports that Tommy was a very proud member of Phi Gamma Delta.

ALUMNI NEWS

Bill T. Campbell '40 is a "super senior" as of October 2011. He and his wife, Louise, reside in Sugar Land, Texas. He is healthy and enjoying life, family, and golf. E-mail: sjcam@aol.com

William B. Campbell '43 taught in the Peace Corps, at Schreiner University and Oxford University, and in India. He is now retired and resides in Austin, Texas.

William G. Dwyer '45 is a retired attorney. He and his wife, Margaret, reside at the Buckingham Retirement Home in Houston, Texas.

Charles M. Berkey '48 served 41 years in the U.S. Army and worked as a manager for Procter & Gamble until retiring in 1987. He and his wife, Betty, live in San Antonio, Texas, and are involved in multiple committees and foundations. E-mail: cberkey@aol.com

Fred W. Patterson Sr. '48 retired in 1999 as a publisher emeritus for Denton Publishing Co. He and his wife, Patsy, reside in Denton, Texas. They have two grown children, Fred and Riley. E-mail: fwp940@aol.com

Judd Miller Jr. '51 and his wife, Patricia, live in Cuero, Texas. He is the retired vice president of Exxon Company, U.S.A. E-mail: judd@nodial.net

Ted C. Hager '52 founded Hager Containers Inc., which he sold and retired in 2003. He and his wife, Louise, reside in Dallas, Texas. They have three grown children: Steve, Linda, and Debbie.

Donald R. Mighell '52 is enjoying retirement at his place on the Chesapeake Bay. He is staying active as the investment advisor for Rho Phi

Chapter and as an advisor to the graduates working on the Delta Colony at Indiana State University. E-mail: donald.mighell@indstate.edu

Richard L. Gannett '54 is a new grandfather to twin boys who are "obviously future Fijis." He retired in 2009 and resides in Dallas, Texas. He enjoys collecting vintage Mercedes-Benz cars and is interested in selling a beautiful '79 450 SL Model. E-mail: dgannett@sbcglobal.net

Lon P. Carpenter '57 is an executive vice president for Frost Bank. He and his wife, Ann, reside in San Antonio, Texas. E-mail: lcarpenter@frostbank.com

Richard H. Carnahan Jr., DDS '60 is a dentist with his own practice. He and his wife, Chrissie, reside in San Antonio, Texas. E-mail: corkycarnahan@aol.com

Roy E. Rushing '61 retired in December 2010 to return to work part time as a registered investment advisor for Murray & Co Wealth Management LTD. He and his wife, Ruthann, reside in Austin, Texas. E-mail: rushing.rr@sbcglobal.net

Steven D. Arnold '79 resides in Houston, Texas. When he is not working for Three Lights Management Company, he volunteers on the advisory board of Texas Children's Cancer Center. The organization is the top-rated pediatric cancer center in the southwest and largest in the USA. E-mail: sda@lmc.com

Rick O. Weed '80 is an attorney for Weed & Co. LLP. He and his wife, Ellie, reside in Newport Beach, Calif. They have four children: Genevieve, Erica, Adelaide, and Walter. E-mail: rick@weedco.com

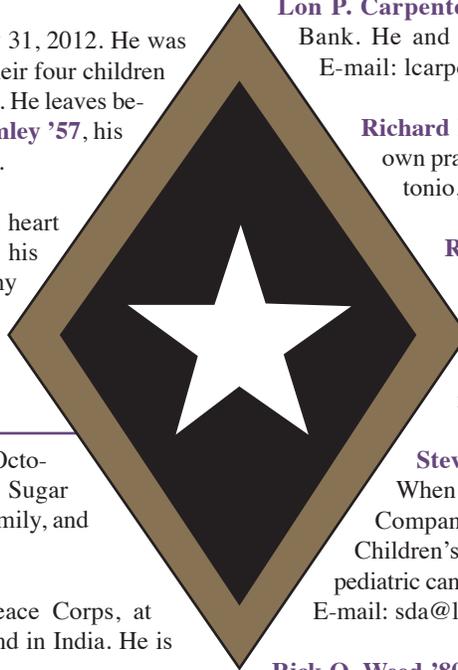
Walter T. Price IV '86 was elected Texas state representative of House District 87 and resides in Amarillo. He and his wife, Karen, have four children: Brooke, Cody, Abby, and Curry. E-mail: fprice@amalaw.org

Robert A. Dullnig '94 has sold farms and ranches since 1999. He has sold over 165,000 acres and was listed in San Antonio Business Journal as top ranch broker four out of five years. He and his wife, Linda, reside in San Antonio, Texas. E-mail: dullnigranches@gmail.com

Colin M. McConnell '00 is a director of investor relations for Satori Capital. In January 2011 he married Emery, and they reside in Dallas, Texas. E-mail: mcconnellcolin@mc.com

Parker P. Polan '00 founded a law practice in Austin specializing in personal injury trial law and criminal defense. E-mail: parkerpolan@gmail.com

Warren R. Williamson Jr. '05 is an investment banking analyst for Tudor, Pickering, Holt and Company LLC in its New York office. E-mail: warren.r.williamson@gmail.com





The brothers spent time skiing over winter break at Breckenridge, Colo.



Robert Ehrlich '10, William Duncan '10, Cole Purswell '10, Nash Frisbie '10, and William Campbell '10 hunt together.

CONGRATULATIONS, INITIATES

AMARILLO

Sam Boyce*, *Tascosa*
(**Beaumont Boyce '04**)

ATLANTA, GA.

Austin Shealy, *Holy Innocents*

AUSTIN

Billy Bedillion, *Austin*

Brew Houston, *Austin*

Reid Hairston*, *Austin*
(**Kyle Hairston '10**)

Spence Howden, *Austin*

Jack Scharnberg, *St. Andrews*

CORPUS CHRISTI

Reed Clemons, *Ray*

CORSICANA

Burwell Thompson, *Corsicana*

DALLAS

Brian Cavanaugh, *Highland Park*

John Paul Ackels, *Jesuit*

Zach Dorflinger, *Parish*

Alex Bryan, *Southlake*

Cole Marlow, *St. Marks*

Carson Ashbaugh, *Trinity*

FT. WORTH

Preston Moore*, *All Saints*
(**Arden Moore '77, Tucker Moore '11, Hudson Moore '12**)

Hayden Carson, *Arlington Heights*

HOUSTON

Connor Mannon, *Episcopal*

Dillon West, *Episcopal*

Holden Hamblen, *Episcopal*

Graham Bayley, *Kinkaid*

Jay Mullen, *Kinkaid*

Matt Williamson*, *Kinkaid*
(**Brant Williamson '09**)

Steven Gay, *Kinkaid*

Thomas Duncan*, *Kinkaid*
(**John Duncan '12, William Duncan '14**)

William Case, *Kinkaid*

William Reade, *Kinkaid*

Matt Luna, *Lamar*

Buc Howard, *Memorial*

John Cotton*, *Memorial*
(**Taylor Cotton '11, John Cotton '14**)

Kelly Kuni*, *Memorial*
(**Doug Kuni '78**)

Chase Russo, *St. Thomas*

Austin Waltmon*, *Stratford*
(**DeWitt Waltmon '19, DeWitt Waltmon Sr. '45, DeWitt Waltmon Jr. '76, Scott Waltmon '83**)

LUBBOCK

Dylan Case, *Lubbock Christian*

MIDLAND

Ross Montgomery, *Midland*

Nelson Grimes*, *Trinity*
(**Link Grimes '83**)

SAN ANTONIO

Carter Thurmond, *Alamo Heights*

George Shaw, *Alamo Heights*

James Uhl*, *Alamo Heights*
(**Arthur Uhl '77**)

Richard Sparr, *Alamo Heights*

Coley Kellogg, *St. Mary's Hall*

Taylor Thornton*, *St. Mary's Hall*
(**Mark Thornton '72**)

TYLER

Mickey Chevans, *Robert E. Lee*

Will Deshazo, *Robert E. Lee*

WICHITA FALLS

Graham McGregor*, *S.H. Rider*
(**Robert Edwards '66, Joe Flack '69, Mark Edwards '74, Joe Flack III '98, J.P. Finley '01**)

Will Huddleston, *S.H. Rider*

*Legacy; relative in parentheses

The Undergraduates of
Tau Deuteron of
Phi Gamma Delta
at
The University of Texas

Would Be Honored by
Your Presence at Our
2012 Frank Norris Pig Dinner
On the Fourteenth day of April,
Two Thousand Twelve
at Buen Retiro

\$75 per person (actives and alumni only)

Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

We have a fantastic program planned:

Speaker: Mr. Gene Shepherd '78
Tau Deuteron Pledge Class of 1978; 1979-80
President of Tau Deuteron Chapter; Executive
Vice President and CFO of Brigham
Exploration (up through their sale to Statoil
in January of this year); Consultant to
Anthem Ventures LLC

**Presentation of Diamond, Gold,
and Silver Owl Pins**
(Pledge classes from fall of 1961/spring of 1962
and fall of 1986/spring of 1987)

**Announcement of Scholarship Recipients
and 2012 Honored Fijis**

Special recognition for the reunion of the
graduates from the '40s, '50s, and '60s,
as well as recognition of all past presidents
from those years

Master of Ceremonies: Ed Clements
KLBJ Radio Personality (Father of **Ferris
Clements '10**)

R.S.V.P. using the form to the right.

If you wish to pay by credit card or if you
have any questions, contact Sue Raymond at
suesraymond@hotmail.com or
call (512) 473-2322.

NOTE: Additional financial donations of
ANY amount to help subsidize the expenses of
the 2012 Norris Pig Dinner are graciously
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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Texas, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

Join Us for The Norris Pig Dinner Saturday, April 14 at Buen Retiro

Pig Dinner Registration

Name/Nickname: _____ Pledge Year: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Dinner cost is \$75 per person (alumni and actives only).

Total amount due: \$ _____

Please mail this registration form and payment by April 1, 2012,
to Sue Raymond, Phi Gamma Delta, P.O. Box 4769, Austin, TX 78765.
Make your check payable to Phi Gamma Delta.

We look forward to seeing you there!