

TEXAS FIJI

Not for College Days Alone

PRE-CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN! DOLLARS STILL NEEDED TO ENSURE CHAPTER SUCCESS

Last month, Texas Fiji began pre-construction on the new expansion of Buen Retiro. Thanks to an outpouring of support from our brothers and friends, the *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone* campaign has raised \$4.48 million from 340 donors.

On April 13, alumni and undergraduates gathered at Buen Retiro for the 2013 Frank Norris Pig Dinner. All in attendance had a great time reconnecting and reminiscing about their personal histories at Texas Fiji and what is in store for the future of the Chapter. It was agreed that for Texas Fiji to continue its success, it is imperative that we have the continued support of our graduates during this significant period of the campaign. We realize that even though the physical work has started, the fundraising work is far from over. Only \$1.02 million to go!

This historic project will enhance the productivity and viability of Buen Retiro and Texas Fiji for generations. Projects include:

- ◆ Building a 6,049-square-foot additional living space, and a 2,358-square-foot multipurpose room
- ◆ Constructing 22 single-occupancy rooms
- ◆ Providing areas for individual and group study, with a designated study hall, leadership conference room, and computer area
- ◆ Adding sufficient laundry space
- ◆ Installing a structured parking surface to accommodate 45 additional vehicles
- ◆ Removing third-floor bedrooms and expanding the Chapter room
- ◆ Updating living spaces with new carpet and paint
- ◆ Enhancing the TV room



Texas Fiji graduate leadership is proud to show that the construction has commenced.

In addition to these major projects, a 2,896-square-foot outdoor terrace area connecting the new building to Buen Retiro is planned. This will provide additional social space for members and guests. We are also expanding the men's and women's bathrooms on the main floor and installing a game room to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

The work is to be substantially complete for occupancy by the fall 2014 semester. **If you haven't already made your pledge and become part of our brotherhood that is helping secure our future, I urge you to make a pledge to the Texas Fiji campaign today.** Please show your support of this project and help rebuild Buen Retiro.

The campaign committee would like to thank everyone who has supported *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone*, and we invite those who have not committed to step up and help your fraternity. We still need your help to ensure our \$5.5 million campaign goal is met.

Reaching this campaign goal is both our responsibility in ensuring a lasting Texas Fiji legacy and an honor for us to give back and move our Chapter forward to meet the needs of future generations. Please give generously.

GTBO,
Campaign Chairmen
Bobby Orr PC '75
borr@orrinc.com

Kevin R. Snodgrass PC '78
kevin.snodgrass@cushwake.com



THANK YOU, GENEROUS BROTHERS AND FRIENDS,

We are extremely grateful to the following Texas Fiji brothers and friends for committing \$4,489,018 to the *Texas Fiji: Not for College Days Alone* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Texas Fiji 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

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
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
Undergraduate Chapter

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

Anonymous
The McCaig Family
Robert McCaig PC '50
R. Shain McCaig Jr. PC '78
Lindsay McCaig PC '81
M. Shannon McCaig PC '82
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
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 Jacobs PC '87
Mayes Middleton PC '00

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

Anonymous
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 Fordtran/Stone Family
John S. Fordtran PC '49
R. Bryan Stone PC '76
William T. Teten PC '03
Andrew John Stone PC '08
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 '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
George J. and Margaret R. Farrell
David Lumpkins PC '73
Larry McAfee PC '73
Kyle R. Burnett PC '76 Family
The Campbell Family
William J. Campbell PC '76
William J. Campbell Jr. PC '10
Andrew D. Campbell PC '12
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
Robert T. Ray PC '78
The Grimes Family
D. Link Grimes PC '79
Nelson Link Grimes PC '11

pledging \$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 our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so we can make the correction. Thank you to those who have made a commitment!

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
The Rochelle Family
Jeff Rochelle PC '83
Thomas Rochelle PC '12
Randall Mays PC '84
Michael U. Ellington Jr. PC '87
Robert and Marcy Duncan Family
John Duncan PC '89
William Duncan PC '10
Thomas Duncan PC '11
Jeffrey M. Jacobs PC '90
Mark W. Muecke PC '97
In memory of
Jackson Dudley PC '98
The Roche Family
David Roche, *Sewanee*
Campbell Roche PC '04
Jackson Roche PC '08
The Doggett Family
William Doggett Jr. PC '05
Bill and Karen Case
In honor of
William Case PC '11

Purple Owl Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Bradley A. Fowler PC '52
Delano Womack PC '52
Don M. Shine PC '55
Fred W. Middleton PC '56
The Willerson Family
Dr. Jim Willerson PC '57
Dr. Darrell Willerson PC '59
Ernest H. Cockrell PC '63
Al Thaggard PC '65
Roger C. Letz PC '71
In memory of
Paul Bradley PC '71
The Pearce Family
Stephen M. Pearce 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 and Tom 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
Randy Petersen PC '79
John R. Rutherford PC '79
Charlie Shears PC '79
Britt W. Smith 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
The Oldham Family
Steve Oldham PC '87
Michael K. Oldham PC '89
Brian P. McCabe PC '88
Edward Fisher PC '92
Ryan Wald PC '94
The Finnegan Family
Nick Finnegan PC '04
Scotty Finnegan PC '12
The Williamson Family
Brandt Williamson PC '09
Matt Williamson PC '11
Larry and Sarah West
In honor of
Dillon West PC '11

300 W. 27th Street Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Marshall T. Clegg PC '49
The Robertson Family
Robert J. Robertson PC '55
June Robertson
The Wukasch Foundation
Don C. Wukasch, M.D. PC '55
Barry C. Wukasch, Ph.D. PC '57
Lon P. Carpenter PC '58
Michael A. Reilly PC '67
James L. Geary PC '68
In memory of
Gary W. Whitworth PC '68
John C. Thomas PC '69
Edward E. Stocker Jr. PC '70
In memory of
Bobby Ratliff PC '69
Peter Barbour PC '71
In memory of
Paul Bradley PC '71
The Thornton Family
Mark Thornton, M.D. PC '72
Taylor Thornton PC '11
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
Mark C. Winter PC '79
Douglas A. Dawson PC '80
Joe Merritt PC '81
E. C. Fellbaum PC '82

FOR COMMITTING \$4.48 MILLION

Undergraduates Do Their Part for the Campaign for Texas Fiji

The Roberts Family
Rick Roberts PC '82
Ford Roberts PC '12
Michael M. Dellinger PC '91
Jack Nelson PC '94
Robb Parks PC '95
Michael Anderson PC '97
In memory of
Jerry P. Dehlinger PC '58
W. Daniel Meyer PC '00
Matt T. Muecke PC '00
Ryan Strawn PC '00
William J. O'Brien IV PC '02
Thomas E. Smith Sr.
In honor of
Thomas E. Smith Jr. PC '03
Warren R. Williamson Jr. PC '05
Tom and Jenny Fitzpatrick
In honor of
Charlie Fitzpatrick PC '11
Cynthia and John Adkins
In honor of
John Adkins Jr. PC '12

Tau Deuteron Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Charles M. Berkeley PC '47
In memory of
Charles Parker PC '40 and
Charles Sowell PC '48
Fred W. Patterson PC '48
In memory of
Thomas V. Patterson, M.D. PC '38
C. Daniel Jones PC '49
For Fiji Brothers who served in the
Armed Forces during wartime
Sam Crowther PC '52
Pledge Class of 1954
In memory of
Tom Arnhold
John Dell Brasher
Walter Fondren
Buddy Frick
Bill Fullingim
Horace Greenstreet
Dan Hilliard
Gene Holmgreen
Don Hugus
Werner Rennert
Jim Walker
Jim Welch
Herb Hamilton PC '54
Arlis B. Parkhurst PC '55
Marc H. Stewart PC '55
Chancy Croft PC '56
In memory of
Rex Greenstreet PC '55
Ed H. Esquivel PC '59
The Hall Family
Laurens "Larry" Hall PC '60
Grant A. Hall PC '89
Robert A. "Bob" Spears PC '60
In memory of
Richard Lewis PC '60
Michael R. Boxwell PC '62
James A. Boone PC '68
Ras Redwine PC '71
In memory of
Paul Bradley PC '71
Brent Ratliff PC '76
Jeff Webb PC '76
The Beckham Family
John Beckham PC '77
Rob Beckham PC '82
The Hopper Family
Bart Hopper PC '77
Chase Hopper PC '06
Steven B. Johnson PC '77
Scott Ramsey PC '77
Kirk W. Boswell PC '79
Bo Huggins PC '81

Paul A. Schweizer PC '85
Bart Boxwell PC '86
The Taaffe Family
Peter Taaffe PC '89
Ryan Taaffe PC '93
Brett Taaffe PC '95
Kirk Tucker PC '90
In memory of
Chad M. McLaughlin PC '90
Paul Cohen PC '91
Matthew S. Daly PC '91
Jeff Montgomery PC '91
Brandon K. Holcomb PC '92
William H. Marsh PC '92
Ryan D. Moss PC '92
Gantt H. Walton PC '92
Chad R. Dickson PC '93
David Anderson PC '94
William R. Henson PC '97
Corbin Chaffin PC '99
Daniel G. Zoch PC '99
Rogan B. Giles III PC '00
Chandler Quisenberry PC '02
Max Stubbs PC '03
Thomas Allen PC '04
Eric and Teri Chang-Tung
In honor of the
2010 Pledge Class
Robert Ehrlich III PC '10
The Thurmond Family
In honor of
Carter Thurmond PC '11
The Arthur Family
Jay and Deirdre Arthur
Keller E. Arthur PC '12
Paul and Jennifer Gregory
In honor of
Ryan Gregory PC '12
Braxton Pratt PC '12

Loyal Fiji Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

The Bailey Family
Carson Alfred Bailey PC '27
Carson Alfred Bailey Jr. PC '53
Doug Bailey PC '69
Jeff Bailey PC '79
Craig Bailey PC '82
Wm. G. "Billy" Dwyer PC '40
Howard W. Parker PC '42
Aubrey "Ace" Black PC '46
In memory of
Blackie Dahlberg PC '42
Jack L. Phillips PC '45
In honor of
Clay Abernathy PC '68 and
Stephen Jack Mizer
Paul H. Smith PC '45
Preston H. Dial Jr. PC '47
In memory of
David Gardner PC '46
Patrick H. Swearingen Jr. PC '47
Basil E. Walker Jr. PC '48
In memory of
R.C. Neely Jr. PC '32
Frank Roddie PC '53
Joe Gray, M.D. PC '54
In memory of
Horace Greenstreet PC '54
Frank B. Jones Jr. PC '55
The McNeill Family
William A. McNeill PC '55
William G. McNeill PC '91
James E. Suttle PC '55
David O. Turner PC '56
In honor of
Brad Fowler PC '52,
1956 Pledge Trainer
Jerry Peckham PC '58
James H. McCuiston PC '59
E. Wayne Ray Jr. PC '59

CAMPAIGN STATUS

AT-A-GLANCE

As of May 17, 2013

\$5.5 Million Goal

\$4,489,018 Total

Contributions

340 Contributors

1,897 Mailable Alumni

J. Currie Bechtol PC '60
Ralph L. Arrell PC '61
Bill Nance PC '66
In memory of
Blue, Fiji Mascot
Bob Barnes PC '68
David M. Keeton PC '68
J. Preston Robinson PC '68
James B. Smith Jr. PC '69
Byron McKnight PC '74
The Ames Family
Gene L. Ames III PC '77
Asa Ames PC '08
The Cahoon Family
Allan G. King PC '78
David S. Houston PC '82
Darrell Hernandez PC '91
Kevin Hunter PC '91
Christopher Ohmstede PC '91
G. Douglas Wiley II PC '91
Josh M. Zeller PC '91
The Turlington Family
Kyle Turlington PC '92
Gardner H. Dudley PC '93
Barney C. Wiley PC '93
Stephen Cooper PC '95
Ben Bufkin PC '97
Andrew Green PC '97
Payson E. Tucker PC '97
In honor of
Vance C. Duncan PC '70
Scott Gardner PC '98
In memory of
Jackson Dudley PC '98
Blake F. Holcomb PC '98
Nathan M. Stedham PC '98
James H. Dudley IV PC '99
Grant W. Livesay PC '99
Jonathan Pearce PC '02
Adam Bridgman PC '07
Tucker Moore PC '07
In honor of the
Best Days of his Life
Chris Woldert
In honor of
Jerry Woldert PC '10
Brew Houston PC '11

For the undergraduate members of Texas Fiji, the future of the Chapter is of the utmost importance. The group of dedicated young men that make up Texas Fiji decided among themselves to make a more-than-generous pledge of \$100,000 to the *Not for College Days Alone* campaign. Chapter President **Charles Branch PC '10** thinks this pledge speaks volumes about the Chapter's commitment to Texas Fiji and its legacy at UT. "We all recognize the importance of the campaign, and this contribution shows how much we care about Texas Fiji and the house. The campaign for Texas Fiji is an opportunity to solidify us as the best fraternity in Texas. It's amazing the amount of money raised so far and is a testament to our alumni and how much they truly care about the Chapter." Once the campaign has ended and construction is complete, the finished product will be an incredible legacy at UT. "It's not often that we get a chance to improve on a Texas landmark. This is everyone's chance—your chance—to join the team effort and be a part of something historic."

Below, three leaders of Texas Fiji share their thoughts on the Fraternity, brotherhood, and what their experience has meant to them.



**Charles Branch
PC '10**
Dallas, Texas
Finance
Current Chapter
President

What does Texas Fiji mean to you?

Texas Fiji has been a great opportunity for the membership during our college years and beyond. It's one of few campus organizations you can be part of for the entirety of your college experience and well after you graduate. My time as a Fiji has helped me realize the importance and value of hard work, respect, excellence, and friendship. The brotherhood this Fraternity fosters is unrivaled, and it has been a pleasure to be part of this great Chapter.

What sets Texas Fiji apart from other fraternities on campus?

Our commitment to a pledgship and initiation process that fosters strong

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Undergraduates Do Their Part

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friendships, accountability, and dedication within each pledge class definitely makes being a Texas Fiji something special and meaningful. Because of this, Fijis tend to stick together and keep to themselves more so than most chapters on campus.

What does this campaign mean for the future of the Chapter?

This campaign is vital for the future of the Chapter. Not only will it improve our greatest asset, Buen Retiro, and give us unparalleled facilities that will improve recruitment and other Chapter functions, but it's also a statement for us as a Chapter. This campaign illustrates that our motto, "Not for College Days Alone," is something every Texas Fiji abides by. I think that is something very powerful and special.

Anything else you would like to add about your Texas Fiji experience?

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Chapter president.



James Uhl PC '11
San Antonio, Texas
Economics
Incoming Chapter President

What does Texas Fiji mean to you?

Texas Fiji means more than friendships held throughout our years around Buen Retiro, but rather close, lifelong bonds with the brothers we grow close to during that time. "Not for College Days Alone" is more than just the slogan of our Fraternity; it is something that is lived throughout every member's life.

What sets Texas Fiji apart from other fraternities on campus?

Our members are dominant voices in leadership organizations around campus, particularly those including other Greek members. One will find that a Texas Fiji pledge class contains high-quality members from top to bottom, something that has come about through our dominance in recruitment. Members of our Chapter are active from initiation through graduation day, and the friendships made are more close-knit than any others around.

What does this campaign mean for the future of the Chapter?

This campaign means a great deal to our Chapter as it will enable an entire pledge class to live in the house again for the first time in years since pledge class sizes have consistently grown. This will be a huge improvement, simply in that every member of the Chapter will have an opportunity to live in the Fiji house. The addition will also relieve the stress placed on Buen Retiro.

Anything else you would like to add about your Texas Fiji experience?

Being a Fiji is a great honor that I have enjoyed to the maximum in my first two years with the Fraternity. The companionship and brotherhood I have received is unique, and something I would never experience elsewhere. Not only have I developed great friendships, but with these friends I have grown in character beyond belief.

TEXAS FIJI

Not for College Days Alone

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Dillon West PC '11
Houston, Texas
Undeclared
Head Rush Captain

What does Texas Fiji mean to you?

Texas Fiji, as a Chapter, has had such a profound impact on my college experience. It has meant more than I could have ever imagined and has given me so many great memories and positive experiences over the past few years. The great thing about this Chapter is that it keeps getting better and better each year. We are in good hands with the leaders of our Fraternity, and they are actively seeking ways to enhance our experience as Texas Fijis. Without this Chapter, I would be lost at a university of 52,000 students. The friendships will last forever as a direct result of this great Chapter. No matter how many good things I say, I will not be doing it justice.

What sets Texas Fiji apart from other fraternities on campus?

The brothers of Texas Fiji set this Fraternity apart from any other in the nation. I would personally vouch for anyone in the Chapter, knowing they would do the same for me. It seems like each year the new pledge class meshes perfectly with the rest of the Chapter, allowing us to befriend each one of them and accept them as brothers. The cohesiveness of the Chapter is truly special; seeing a senior hanging out with other pledge classes is a normal occurrence. Within each pledge class, a special bond is forged that will never be broken. Each member will be forever linked with his

pledge brothers. After graduation, brothers will be taking all different walks of life but one thing stays the same: they will always be a Texas Fiji.

What does this campaign mean for the future of the Chapter?

There is so much history with Buen Retiro and it can never be replaced, but with the addition of this new backhouse, it will only enhance the experience for the members of Texas Fiji. I do not think anyone will argue that it is our members of Texas Fiji that make this Fraternity so great, but adding this backhouse will enhance our living experience exponentially. I think the greatest part about this campaign is that we are sticking to the roots of our Fraternity. We are keeping Buen Retiro and everything it has to offer while still being able to upgrade our facilities. I also think this campaign will have a profound impact on our future brothers of Texas Fiji. Not only having the best group of men on campus, but also having the best house on campus will make these potential members' decisions that much easier.

Anything else you would like to add about your Texas Fiji experience?

The experience of Texas Fiji is priceless. There are no words that can describe how much it has meant to me and every other brother of this Fraternity. I think we can all agree Texas Fiji has given so much more to us than we could ever give to it. It is extremely encouraging that we are taking this big step to enhance the experience of Texas Fiji. The future of our Fraternity is bright, and we (rush captains) look forward to bringing in the best pledge class yet.