

TEXAS FIJI

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

Fall 2016



PC '88 at Pig Dinner on the steps of Buen Retiro and in front of the tree planted and rededicated in memory of their pledge brother, Scott Turner PC '88.

Texas Fiji Makes Numerous Scholarship Opportunities Available for Undergraduates

Texas Fiji has completed another successful recruitment season and welcomed 53 new members. Everyone involved should be extremely proud. We especially appreciate the alumni who contributed more than \$50,000 to the recruitment fund. Special thanks to **William Griffin PC '83** and **Robert Canon PC '72** for their leadership, and to **Harlan and Kathy Crow (Jack Crow PC '14)** for opening up their home for the Dallas fundraiser.

The active Chapter is enjoying its third year inside the new addition. Buen Fiesta houses 22 additional junior brothers as well a majority of our events, which takes significant traffic and pressure off of Buen Retiro. Phase Two of a much-needed remodel and facelift of Buen Retiro began last summer; it is projected to take three summers to complete.

The Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA) consists of alumni from 13 pledge classes ranging from PC '52 to PC '08. New additions to the BCA are **Bobby Butchofsky PC '79** and **Scott Waltmon PC '83**. The BCA continues to encourage increased focus on Fiji rituals, philanthropy, and scholarship. Several awareness programs from IHQ, the University, and the Chapter have been/will be rolled out to better educate members of the dangers of hazing and alcohol and drug awareness.

BCA Finance Chairman **Mark Winter PC '79** has done an excellent job working with our business manager, **Betsy Clements**, who is responsible for improving systems, executing processes, and implementing financial safeguards. Betsy works directly with Chapter Treasurer **Ben Gruber PC '14** to make sure the Chapter is fiscally responsible and adheres to its budget.

Texas Fiji is all about graduating from UT with excellence and making friends for life. It is well documented that the Chapter is significantly involved in important philanthropic causes. Last year, the Chapter gave generously of their time (approximately 800 hours) and resources (roughly \$50,000). We are excited to offer significant resources to our own. Texas Fiji has the opportunity to award seven leadership and/or academic awards annually. In total, more than \$85,000 was distributed to deserving Texas Fijis last year. The Fiji Scholarship Committee (FSC) announces the goal for 2016-17 is to exceed \$100,000 in distributions. Working with the FSC, several alumni have been extremely helpful in making new scholarship/loan opportunities available to Texas Fijis.

Home game tailgate gatherings at Buen Retiro continue to be a success, especially with this season's kickoff game against Notre Dame. The increase in attendance at these events is a testament to the strong connection between the Chapter and 2,500 alumni. Fall Parents Weekend, co-hosted with Pi Beta Phi, was a success. Thanks go to **Josh White** and his kitchen staff, **Betsy Clements, Jason Kuhlman** for helping with the socials, the treasurer, and the house managers for pulling off the top-notch weekend.

Texas Fiji is stronger than ever due in large part to your support. Thank you! We hope to see you back in Austin soon.

GTBO,
Tom Shirley PC '78
BCA Chairman



TEXAS FIJI CARRIES ON STRONG LEADERSHIP THIS FALL

Above: PC '14 with dads during Parent's Weekend.

My name is **Pierce Durham PC '14** and it is my honor to serve as president of the Tau Deuteron Chapter for the 2016-17 school year. The cabinet and I were put in a great position by the BCA and last year's leadership, specifically **Walker Shirley PC '13**, my predecessor. We are very proud of our Chapter involvement on campus, new member class, and philanthropy goals for the coming school year.

Campus Involvement

Though we dedicate much of our time to Fiji, the Chapter has always stressed the importance of extracurricular involvement. This year, eight of our members earned leadership positions in UT's Interfraternity Council, including **Will Deer PC '13**, who is the sitting president, and **Danny McNamara PC '14**, who is the sitting vice president. Fijis have taken active roles in service organizations as well, with **Luke Hart PC '13** taking over as president of Silver Spurs Service Organization and **Ryan Baumgartner PC '13** becoming president of Texas Cowboys. In addition to extracurricular involvement, the Chapter earned a 3.29 GPA, ranking eighth out of 29 fraternities on campus.

New Member Class

This year, Fiji took 53 new members from 16 different cities and four states. We took only the best leaders, decorated athletes, scholars, and men of high character to build upon the tremendous legacy of more than 100 years of Fiji men at UT.

Philanthropy Expansion

The Chapter has begun a new philanthropy initiative to support B+, an organization with low administrative costs that battles children's cancer through research and emotional support of cancer victims and their families. We hope to raise more than \$40,000 for this worthy cause and make a real impact in the fight to end childhood cancer.

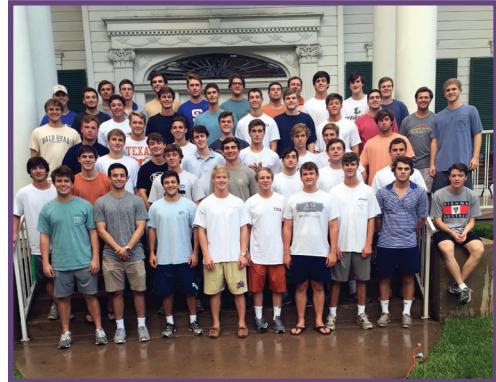
I look forward to the honor and challenge of being president of this esteemed Chapter. The

cabinet and I will work to maintain its legacy and ensure that generations to come will have the same opportunities that were afforded to us. I appreciate everyone's continued support and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,
Pierce Durham PC '14
Chapter President
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Four UT leaders on the front steps of Buen Retiro. Pictured from left: Jack Eltife PC '13, Spurs handler; Luke Hart PC '13, Spurs president; Ryan Baumgartner PC '13, Cowboys president; and Will Deer PC '13, IFC president.



Members of PC '16 on Fiji House Work Day this fall.



Matt Duke PC '16, Patrick Howell PC '16, Miles Bivins PC '16, and Garrett Yarbrough PC '16 on Fiji House Work Day.



Mack Kelley PC '16, Shaylon Elmore PC '16, and Brent Bonds PC '16 on Fiji House Work Day.

We Need Your Recommendations

As we look to recruit men of the highest caliber to Texas Fiji, we need your assistance. Please send names of high-achieving, UT-bound high school seniors to Rush Captain **Will Carney PC '14** at wcarney5@yahoo.com. Additionally, if you would like to make a donation to our recruitment efforts, please visit www.texasfiji.kintera.org/rush. We appreciate your continued support.

The Baker, Jeff and Ben Montgomery Emergency Loan Fund Made Available in Honor of Alumni

Established in 2016, funds were raised by **Roy Herberger PC '61** and his family and friends to establish The **Baker (PC '65)** and **Jeff (PC '91)** and **Ben (PC '92)** **Montgomery** Emergency Loan Fund. Roy was a former president of the Chapter and pledge trainer for Baker and his class. "We would like to honor Baker and his sons with this contribution. Baker and his family have done a great deal for UT and for Texas Fiji. It's time they are recognized with a program that supports our brothers in times of emergency or unplanned need."

These funds will be distributed in the form of an interest-free loan. The loan recipients are expected to repay the fund as they are able, and ultimately add to the fund to keep it growing in perpetuity for future Fijis. Thank you to everyone involved who made this opportunity possible.

GTBO,
Fiji Scholarship Committee
Tau Deuterion Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at the University of Texas

Perge!

Welcome, New Members

Richard Barge | Highland Park | Dallas, Texas
Blake Barineau | Episcopal | Houston, Texas
Drew Beathard | St. Andrews | Austin, Texas
Grant Biggs^L | Alamo Heights | San Antonio, Texas
Miles Bivins* | Episcopal VA | Amarillo, Texas
Brent Bond | Tivy | Kerrville, Texas
Ben Burton | Rockwall/Heath | Heath, Texas
Greyson Calhoun^L | Robert E. Lee | Tyler, Texas
Michael Case^L | Episcopal | Houston, Texas
Sam Carleton | Midland High | Midland, Texas
Reid Caspary | Memorial | Houston, Texas
Christian Charbonnet | Strake Jesuit | Houston, Texas
Will Clay | Strake Jesuit | Houston, Texas
Walker Crow | Memorial | Houston, Texas
Matt Duke^{*L} | Austin High | Austin, Texas
Jack Durham^L | Jesuit | Dallas, Texas
Shaylon Elmore | Tivy | Hunt, Texas
Ben Fortson | Episcopal | Fort Worth, Texas
Colin Grant | Austin High | Austin, Texas
Peyton Harrington^L | Trinity | Midland, Texas
Grant Hipple | Hun School of Princeton | Madison, N.J.
Forrest Houston* | Longview Private | Longview, Texas
Patrick Howell | Jesuit | Dallas, Texas
Spencer Isern | Tascosa | Amarillo, Texas
Stephen Jeckovich^L | Memorial | Houston, Texas
Harrison Kampf | St. Marks | Dallas, Texas
Luke Kelley | Jesuit | Dallas, Texas
Mack Kelley* | Westlake | Austin, Texas
Charles Kight | Stratford | Houston, Texas
Davis Lamberton | Stratford | Houston, Texas
William Lum* | Alamo Heights | San Antonio, Texas
Garrett McCullough | St. Ignatius | Tiburon, Calif.
James McElroy* | ESD | Dallas, Texas
William McLean | Austin High | Austin, Texas
Ben Monsour^L | Longview High | Longview, Texas
Jack Neblett | The American School in London | Austin, Texas
Andrew Olsson | Memorial | Houston, Texas
Emmitt Ousey | Austin High | Austin, Texas
Cameron Overholt* | Webb School of Knoxville | Knoxville, Tenn.
Jack Powell | Episcopal | Houston, Texas
Bryan Read | Memorial | Houston, Texas
Clay Schnake | Stratford | Houston, Texas
Henry Shackelford^{*L} | Alamo Heights | San Antonio, Texas
William Shelton | Robert E. Lee | Tyler, Texas
Charlie Sikes | ESD | Dallas, Texas
Peter Sitterle | Alamo Heights | San Antonio, Texas
Zach Snelling^L | Highland Park | Dallas, Texas
Philip Taaffe* | Westlake | Austin, Texas
Ryan Tahmassebi | Loyola | Los Angeles, Calif.
Nate Thompson | Jesuit | Dallas, Texas
Ben Waltmon^{*L} | Memorial | Houston, Texas
Chet Wynne | Tyler All Saints | Tyler, Texas
Garrett Yarbrough* | Hyde Park Baptist | Austin, Texas

*Legacy

^LLittle Brother

ALUMNI NEWS

Ralph J. Aniol Jr. PC '47 is fully retired and living in Houston. "I'm glad to see the Chapter doing so well."

William D. Willerson Jr. PC '59 recently retired from his medical practice. He and his wife, Sue, live in San Antonio, Texas, and have two sons. E-mail: dwillerson@aol.com

Wiley J. Jinkins III PC '66 is an orthopedic surgeon at Colorado Springs Medical Center. His practice subspecializes to arthroscopy and joint replacement. Wiley and his wife, Loren, live in Colorado Springs and have two children, Lindsay and Adam. E-mail: wjjinkins@aol.com

Gary Schneider PC '78 became a grandfather, has three children, two step-children, and is president of CBS television in Dallas-Fort Worth. E-mail: gwschneider@cbs.com

Todd R. Dodge PC '83 is in his 30th year of coaching and is still loving every day of his job. He is the athletic director and head football coach at Westlake High School in Austin, Texas. Todd and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Riley (28) and Molly (23). He reports he is now a paw paw for his 18 month old grandson, Tate Riley Dodge. E-mail: tdodge@eanesisd.net

Edmund A. Knolle PC '84 lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Ellicia, three daughters, and son who was born in September.

Albert M. Gutierrez PC '88 joined Person, Whitworth, Borchers & Morales, LLD as the partner in charge of oil and gas litigation. Albert lives in San Antonio. E-mail: albertmgutierrez@icloud.com

John C. Pritchett PC '91 founded Wild Acre Brewing Company (WABC) in Fort Worth. WABC is a craft beer brewery selling beer commercially with an onsite taproom and beer garden.

Russell Hickey PC '10 lives in and Austin and works for ATX Outdoors, LLC. E-mail: rhickey8@gmail.com

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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.

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Men at Work: PC '07

The men of Texas Fiji PC '07 have become successful in their own rights. Below is a list of our alumni brothers and where they're demonstrating the skills and knowledge learned from their time at UT and Texas Fiji.

Aaron Ausburn PC '07 Principal, Bonanza Operating Company	John Clemens Jr. PC '07 Associate Director, HFF LP	Clint Heinen PC '07 Petroleum Landman, Novus Land Services	William McDonald PC '07 Associate, TPH Partners LLC
Benton Bagot PC '07 MBA Candidate, SMU Cox School of Business	Taylor Cotton PC '07 Reservoir Engineer, XTO Energy	Robert Hermann PC '07 Student UT Health, Science Center at San Antonio	Austin Mercer PC '07 Associate, Stasburger and Price LLP
John Beckworth PC '07 Relationship Banking Officer, Frost Bank	Tyler Dan PC '07 Talent Manager, Alchemy Entertainment	Patrick Hesseler PC '07 Vice President, Fortis Minerals	Ardon T. Moore PC '07 Partner, Raindance Entertainment LP
Spencer Branch PC '07 Senior Analyst, Investments at UTIMCO	Joey Feste PC '07 Vice President, KM Capital Management	Dustin Jones PC '07 Territory Sales Manager, Medical Sales	Kevin Scolaro PC '07 Anesthesiology Resident, University of Cal Irvine
Adam Bridgman PC '07 Director, Holt Companies and Holt Ventures	Collin Flathers PC '07 Vice President, Flathers Wealth Management	Philip Joseph PC '07 Corporate Development Engineer, Newfield Exploration	John C. Vance PC '07 Founder/Owner, Hogball
Ben Bright PC '07 Applications Engineer, Cirrus Logic	Charlie Fraser PC '07 Charles D. Fraser, M.D., Halsted Surgery Resident, The Johns Hopkins Hospital	Luke Kline PC '07 Vice President of Acquisitions, Mill Creek and Residential Trust LLC	Michael Wheeler PC '07 Orthopedic Surgery Resident, JPS Hospital
Ross Brookshire PC '07 Business Analyst, World First	Sam Hamilton PC '07 Petroleum Engineer, Masters Consulting	Creston Whittington PC '07 Development and Production, Broad Green Pictures	
Sean Callaway PC '07 Managing Director, Greenwave Capital and Management	Ben Harrison PC '07 Private Equity Associate, Morgan Stanley	Parker Laramore PC '07 Associate, iProsept	
		Kyle Loeffholtz PC '07 Brand Manager, Cope Fine Wine Imports	