

## TEXAS DELTS

Gamma Iota Chapter | Delta Tau Delta Fraternity | The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2017

# HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL FALL 2017

## AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Delts, we all have high hopes for Tom Herman and Texas Longhorns football. After watching the first game of the season, I will cease my football comments and keep my fingers crossed.

I hope each of you had a great summer. My life has become more complicated over the past few years and my summers are seemingly shorter and shorter; maybe my kids growing older makes things more hectic. Every year, I feel that sports—and our society, in general—are increasingly competitive. I get the sense that this is a national phenomenon.

The competitive environment impacts Texas Delts in two ways: first, by making it more important to differentiate our brothers so that they have a competitive edge once leaving college; and second, by making the fraternity's recruitment of solid young men more difficult. What Delta Tau Delta fraternity gives and teaches young men in their formative years is critical: friendship, communication, leadership, and social skills. As adults, we tend to take many of these skills for granted, but undergraduates are still learning most of them for the first time away from their parents.

Recently, I had a successful alumnus turn me down when I asked him to be profiled in our alumni spotlight section of this newsletter. He told me, "Greg, I'm just not that interesting. I'm not sure I'm the right fit for this sort of thing." I'm sure it will not surprise any of you that this is not the first time I was turned down, but I'm also not turned down very often. The identity of

my declined spotlights will remain anonymous and everyone has their reasons, but what I do want to emphasize is that we have a TON of successful alumni. Your story, as boring as you may think it is, could be inspirational for some of the young men and alumni in Gamma Iota. Tell your story, whether in a spotlight, in-person at a chapter dinner, or on the alumni offsite with the officers, but let them decide if your story is boring or inspirational.

This is exactly what Mark Warner '02 did a year ago. Read his story and learn why he went to the Shelter to talk to the men. Most importantly, read how he is helping teach life lessons to our brothers at Gamma Iota. I think it is a really great idea and I want to personally support his effort. While on the topic of alumni supporting Gamma Iota, I want to highlight that we have a spotlight in this newsletter from William "Tex" Gross '65. He shares his experiences as a Gamma Iota Delt and why he continues to be a strong advocate.

Shifting gears—as many of you are aware and have acknowledged over the last 18 months, Gamma Iota's Shelter is in need of a serious makeover and needs expansion to the adjacent lot, if at all possible. A dedicated group of alumni have been working on this and the project is steadily moving ahead. There is still work to do and, eventually, we will have more details to report. Rest assured, these issues are at the top of our list to ensure we maintain the competitiveness of Gamma Iota at The University of Texas, Austin.

I want to take a moment to provide an update on what happened at Gamma Iota this summer. Recall in our spring newsletter (and many emails) that we were appealing to alumni for funds to support Gamma Iota's summer recruitment. I'm pleased to share that the Alumni Association contributed \$36,000 to the chapter this year to bolster their summer recruitment budget to a level competitive with other large chapters on campus. This is the second year that our alumni have substantially supported the chapter and that the spring solicitation was focused heavily on recruitment. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially this past spring and early summer to recruitment and the Alumni Association generally. I would like to thank Steve Stodghill '83, especially, for opening up his home for the second consecutive summer and hosting an event the weekend of the Dallas state party. I've heard from many alumni who attended that it was a great time to reconnect and meet some of Gamma Iota's active members. This event clearly had a positive impact on our recruitment effort.

Between the incremental funds and alumni support noted above, as well as the involvement of alumni in the recruiting process, Gamma Iota now has a fall pledge class of 58 members (compared to 43 last year), including six legacies. Don't take my word for how good the recruitment captains were this summer; read the commentary from Scott Ingraham '76 on having his second son go through Gamma Iota pledgeship in Congratulations on Another Delt Son, Scott Ingraham '76! on page 7 of the newsletter.

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## AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 8th annual Texas Delt Alumni and Officer Offsite will take place on the weekend of January 27, 2018, at Falcon Point Ranch and will be hosted by Russell Douglass '81. This will be a memorable weekend for alumni and officers alike. Last year, we had 20 alumni and 23 officers attend. Seeing all these brothers come back and share their experiences, successes, and life mistakes made a profound impact on the chapter officers. For those of you who may have lost touch or who want to get more involved and learn how the chapter is fairing on campus, please plan to attend the weekend (Friday night to Sunday morning). E-mail me if you have interest or would like further details.

Come and join us for Alumni Weekend in Austin the weekend of October 21 (OSU game). Alumni Relations Chairman Trent Koen '18 has been working hard with Steve Stodghill '83 and Richard "Dick" Francis Jr. '84 to organize a memorable sports forum on Friday night at the Shelter. They have enlisted Bill Frisbie '84, editor of *Inside Texas*, and Pat Culpepper for the event. Mr. Culpepper was a linebacker for the University of Texas, playing on the 1960-62 teams under Darrell K. Royal. Mr. Culpepper was a major part in taking home back-to-back Southwest Conference championships in 1961 and 1962. Please plan to be at the Shelter Friday night at 7 p.m. to hear the discussion.

We've had two volunteers at the offsite, Lance Abbott '91 and Brandon White '06, agree to work with their pledge classes to organize reunion events around the broader alumni weekend activities. We are also enlisting the support of Steve Stodghill '83 and Richard "Dick" Francis Jr. '84 to help promote some key athletes for the sports forum on Friday night at the Shelter.

I hope that you will review the background of six of the 11 undergraduates who were awarded \$11,000 in H.T. Parlin Educational Foundation scholarships for exemplary academics and leadership on page 6. These awards were presented during the annual Mom's Weekend that Gamma Iota hosts each spring. I look forward to seeing you all around the Shelter on the weekend of October 21 and hope you recall all of the great memories that you had there as undergraduates!

Hook 'em,

#### **Greg Ethridge '00**

2017 Chairman, Texas Delts Alumni Association greg\_ethridge@yahoo.com

P.S.—Please take a moment to join the LinkedIn and Facebook groups that have been set up to assist us in organizing events online. Thank you, **Jason Guest '93**, for your help with our web communications.



## Thank You, from Mom Abbott

I'm deeply and enormously grateful to each and every generous contributor to my retirement fund. Thank you very, very much. I want to extend special thanks to Russell Douglass '81, who hired me in November of 1988. During every minute of my time at the chapter house, I loved my job, the young men with whom it connected me, and their families. Indeed, I will always love you, Gamma Iota.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, **Judith S. "Mom" Abbott** 

## THE DELT PATH TO HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS

William "Tex" Gross '65 Remembers His Time with Gamma Iota

William "Tex" Gross '65 was invited to recruitment for Delta Tau Delta at the University of Texas by his sponsor, Walter "Dean" Hester '62. The fraternity stood out amongst other chapters on campus because of Gamma Iota's "reputation and diverse membership," said Tex. Those characteristics undoubtedly influenced his decision to become a Delt.

After officially joining Gamma Iota, Tex became heavily involved in chapter happenings, as well as other activities offered at UT. Amongst his favorite memories were watching football games at Memorial Stadium, Texas/University of Oklahoma game weekends, and playing two to three nights per week in various bands with his chapter brothers, Walter "Dean" Hester '62 and Alfred Staehely '67.



Gamma Iota membership is invaluable and life-changing, and Tex encourages current members to "enroll in a few liberal arts courses (history, psychology, foreign language, literature), regardless of your major. You will better understand how the world works and how people think and react."

Because  $\Delta T\Delta$  was such a strong catalyst for him, Tex also suggests that younger Delts "build and maintain meaningful relationships, as they create happiness and success." Allow Gamma Iota to become "an important part of your life and wellbeing," he stated.

Tex earned his bachelor's degree in English in 1965 and is now chairman of Commerce Street Capital, LLC, an investment banking, broker-dealer, and registered investment advisory firm in Dallas

As an alumnus, Tex more fully understands the importance of giving back to the Delts than he did as an active member. "Financial support is simply a repayment for the great opportunities afforded to me at the Delt house. I am still receiving dividends, 50 years later!" he shared.

In his spare time, Tex enjoys traveling, listening to music, high-performance cars, and spending weekends at his home in Alpine. You can connect with him at tgross@cstreetholdings.com.



### THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

#### GIFTS TO GAMMA IOTA IN SPRING 2017 TOTAL \$49,510

amma Iota continues our quest to be among the top fraternities in recruitment, scholarship, and housing. Alumni involvement is a critical component of these goals. Your ongoing and loyal support directly impacts the future of Gamma Iota. We thank the donors below who made gifts for the spring '17 giving cycle.

Gift levels reflect giving for spring '17. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to Delta Tau Delta - Gamma Iota Chapter, University of Texas, P.O. Box 44100, Lawrence, KS 66044-2100 or mlisher@penningtonco.com. Thank you, again, for your loyal support—it is making a difference.

#### **Bevo Club**

(\$5,000 and up) Steven H. Stodghill '83

## Big Bertha Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Mark A. R. Dempsey '90 Gregory D. Ethridge '00

### Longhorn Club

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

James W. Shaddix '68

Gary S. Farmer '80

Wesley G. Ritchie '80

Bill Frisbie '84

Christopher R. Manning '90

M. Lance Abbott '91

Richard L. Lipscomb '91

Timothy P. Collins '92

C. Clark Lipscomb '95

### Hook 'Em Club (\$500 to \$999)

Walter "Dub" Rainbolt Jr. '57 Eugene B. Shepherd '57 Robert C. Hunter '63 Stacy G. Hunt '73 Scott S. Ingraham '76 Clark C. Smith '76 James R. J. Strickler '76
JK Leonard '85
Jeffrey W. Gurney '90
Kyndel W. Bennett '92
W. Stirling Warren '92
Homer D. Parkhill '93
Michael V. Seger, M.D. '94
Thomas M. Morton '98
Bryan J. Rush '04
Brandon L. White '06

## Eyes of Texas Club (\$250 to \$499)

Judy Abbott
Robert M. Dickson '60
S. Lynn Gray '62
Peyton L. Townsend Jr. '62
G. Matt Berry Sr. '67
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Thompson '67
Richard L. Obenhaus '68
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Richard P. Keeton '59
James N. Haltom '60
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J. Coley Clark '67
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Rene D. Hernandez '97

To help support our recruitment efforts and future projects, visit TexasDeltAlumni.com to make a donation!

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## Your Gift Counts Anytime!

If you would like to make a gift at any time to our annual campaign, you can do so online or by sending a check with the following gift form to our P.O. Box. Your support of the Alumni Association is greatly appreciated!

#### Online giving:

TexasDeltAlumni.com

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Make check payable to Texas Delts Alumni Association (non-tax deductible). Will be used for alumni communication, recruitment, and Shelter improvements.

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Members Liam Ben-Joseph '18, Dax Benkendorfer '18, and Michael Boodee '18 attend a campus Bevo event.



Dylan Harris '20, Jack Hickman '20, Ben Pfeffer '20, Mack Wageman '20, Connor Dimoush '20, and Jack Jennings '20.



Members of the 2016 class enjoying their spring break ski trip.



Ryan King '18 and Alex Alfonso '17 perform live in their band, Nightcap.



### ACTIVE CHAPTER'S FALL SEMESTER IN FULL SWING

## LARGEST FRATERNITY AT UT RAISES MORE THAN \$24,000

The brothers are looking forward to a fun, productive semester here at the University of Texas. Gamma Iota completed a successful summer with the help of our recruitment team and alumni donations. Thanks to **Steven Stodghill '83**, we were able to host another great recruitment event at his home while networking with Dallas-area brothers. Many of the active Delts spent their summer networking with alumni and we hope to continue doing so during the school year.

## FOUR YEARS OF PROGRESSIVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Our chapter has the sixth best ranked grade point average, which increased to a 3.34 from fall 2016. Gamma Iota's cumulative GPA has increased for the past four years straight and we will continue this positive trend throughout 2018.

## MORE THAN \$24,000 RAISED FOR CHARITIES

Gamma Iota raised over \$24,000 through our philanthropic events, Bump It High (cohosted with the women of AXO) and Craws for a Cause. We have placed stronger emphasis on community service and our members are involved in a variety of local and nonlocal organizations. "This year was the best turnout for our events we've ever had, and we plan to build on this success," stated Philanthropy Chairman Andrew Poss '19.

#### LARGEST FRATERNITY AT UT

We have maintained our position as the largest fraternity on campus with 58 new members, and our 23 initiates from the spring semester. Adding quality men who can enhance our fraternity is always our recruitment priority.

#### **ACTIVE MEMBER LEADERSHIP**

The Delts continue to make incredible feats, on and off of campus. Kyle Moesley '19 and Tripp Arnold '19 joined the Silver Spurs organization, squad captain Madison Gheler '19 led his men to win the Army's Ranger Challenge, and Nicholas Staviski '18 is the newest president of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

#### **ALUMNI AND PARENTS WEEKEND**

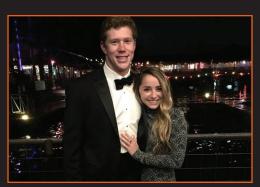
This year's Alumni Weekend will take place the weekend of October 20, when UT gets ready to battle Oklahoma State University. Gamma Iota will host a guest speaker Pat Culpepper at the Delt house on Friday, with refreshments and finger foods, and host a tailgate the following day at the Shelter. We hope to see all y'all there to help us cheer on the Horns! Please view the Save the Date feature on page 8 and at www. texasdeltalumni.com for more information and other upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Dax Benkendorfer '18

Chapter President

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Brooks Benkendorfer '20 and Emily Drever look lovely at this year's winter formal.



Gamma Iotas Adam Lowell '18, Iker Pimienta '18, Jansen Tapia '18, Dax Benkendorfer '18, and Cam Culbreth '18 get ready for some Longhorn football.



## Mark Warner '02 Looks to Share Wisdom with Undergraduates Creates "Join The Journey" Wisdom Scholarship

s Texas Delt alumni, we have a great opportunity to help our young Delts. One way I've decided to help is through a scholarship that I personally funded last year. I want to share with you all my story and inspiration behind the scholarship.



The story begins because I was hearing all too frequently that there were Delt undergraduates or alumni who were committing suicide. During my young adult life I was fed the shortsighted advice of, "follow your passion, travel, find yourself, and get a lot of women." I found that these catch phrases are misleading and do not lead to lasting fulfillment.

In my life, after pursuing work success, money, travel, and relationships, I finally realized I was chasing the wind (as Solomon, the richest and wisest man in history, realized). I felt despair and hopelessness that my life was not where I wanted it to be even though I had the money I wanted, a job, and much to be grateful for. Even though I survived two near-death car accidents at ages 21 and 23 (critical care, eight-hour brain surgery, and reconstructive surgery) and being robbed at gunpoint, I found myself not grateful for life in my 30s, and even wishing I had not survived those near-death experiences.

At that time, I fully realized why our fraternity days were so good, but more importantly, why many men struggle after college transitioning into their careers. In college we live in a community, but after college, many of us try to do everything on our own and it is easy to become isolated and potentially fall into a state of discontentment or depression.

My story, thankfully, changed when I started going to Watermark Church in Dallas. That started my journey, but the true transformation began when I started reading www.jointhejourney.com each day for about six minutes.

I wish I had learned earlier in my life about the hope, giving, life, wisdom, and love in the Bible.

Thankfully, I finally found the right guide for my life. This set me on the path to teach what I have learned to the Texas Delts and prompted me to come back and share my experience with the undergraduate men in the spring of 2015. I was extremely impressed by them as they paid full attention the entire 30-40 minutes. These young men are respectful and hungry for wisdom and to learn from alumni. During this meeting I conceived the idea for the Wisdom Scholarship.

To apply for the scholarship, the undergraduates were asked to read Dave Ramsey's *Total Money Makeover*, write a one-page summary explaining how the book pertains to their life, develop a budget (less than 30% of people in the U.S. budget), and set a money goal for themselves. I increased the amount I wanted to give to \$1,500 because of how impressed I was by the applications. I couldn't believe how difficult it was to choose only three winners to receive \$500! For all the runner-ups I purchased Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. These young men are impressive.

I was thrilled when I received an email from Greg Ethridge '00 this year saying he wanted to match the scholarship for the second year! All alumni are welcome to donate to the scholarship; please contact me for more information.

## How can Gamma Iota alumni help today's undergraduates?

Allow undergraduates to shadow you at work and try to recruit them to your company. If they are still told to "follow their passion" and they have no idea what real jobs are like, how will they know what they want to do?

Come back to the Shelter and share advice from your mistakes and successes. I shared plenty of my mistakes and they were happy to hear them.

Wisdom Scholarships: We probably all have read a book or portion of the Bible that really taught us a lot and helped our family, career, etc. Share your wisdom with undergraduates by creating your own Wisdom Scholarship.

Through wisdom scholarships (in addition to the traditional Parlin Scholarships), we can teach these men to fish and apply practical, important skills to their lives that can make a difference for them and their future families. The world is starved for real men, so I thank all alumni who have helped—past, present, and future.

Thanks to Mitchell Johnson '17, the undergraduate alumni chairman at the time, who helped coordinate the speech and scholarship.

If I may ever help any of you or you have any advice for me, I welcome it at texasxmark@gmail.com or (202) 492-9358.



A grinning, victorious Connor Kidd '20 after completing the Austin half-marathon.



Winter formal was a fantastic time for Gamma Iota brothers Daniel Edelen '19, Drew Barnett '19, and Jackson Tricka '19.



Delts Nicholas Staviski '18, Robbie Loving '19, Blake Goris '19, Trent Koen '18, Barron Becker '18, Will Whitaker, and Michael Boodee '18 partake in the celebratory event honoring Joe Bill Watkins '65.

## Congratulations, H.T. Parlin Scholarship Recipients!

amma Iota Chapter would like to congratulate the brothers listed below on their \$1,000 H.T. Parlin Scholarships! Awards were presented in April during Mom's Day Weekend.

> Tripp Arnold '19 Liam Ben-Joseph '18 Brooks Benkendorfer '20 Pablo Coello '20 Colton Katzen '18

"I am extremely grateful to have received the H.T. Parlin Scholarship. This summer, the honor revealed itself as an essential part of my success as a student. The scholarship will help with my scholastic expenses and serve as an important reminder that our fraternity provides endless resources for me to better myself as a student and a person. I could not ask for a better family to support me during my time at UT than the men at 2801 San Jacinto Boulevard." –Will Whitmer '18

"I am so thankful to have received the Parlin Scholarship last spring. Delt has brought many great things into my life and will forever be a blessing." –Kyle Derevyanik '19

"Parlin Scholarship committee, I want to thank you for your support of the Delta Tau Delta Parlin Scholarship. As one of the past year's recipients, I have been able to purchase my books as well as take care of my first month's rent this August. Thank you all for helping me, as well as the men of Delta Tau Delta, take care of our financial burdens." —Dylan Harris '20

"Joining Delt has given me opportunities that I never could have imagined. Thank you to the Parlin Foundation for helping me continue to grow as a student and a leader here at The University of Texas." –Trevor Heulitt '18

"My family and I sincerely appreciate the selfless donations and scholarship from The Parlin Foundation. With two other siblings in college, every dollar has made a considerable contribution to financing my education and dues. Thank you!" —Jeremy Martens '18

"Thank you so much for rewarding me with a Parlin Scholarship. It was humbling to know Delt cares about my academic success and is willing to support me." –Ben Pfeffer '19



## WELCOME, FALL 2017 NEW MEMBERS

Will Beaty '20 Spring, Texas

Ryan Bird '20
The Woodlands, Texas

Conner Brigham '20 Austin, Texas

Ross Brock '20 Houston, Texas

Trevor Brown '20 Grapevine, Texas

Jorge Burgos '20 The Woodlands, Texas

Rob Churchill '20 Nashville, Tenn.

**Braden Coates '20** *Tyler, Texas* 

Joshua Collmann '20 Austin, Texas

Ale Demrick '20 Flower Mound, Texas

**Brandon Flores '20**San Antonio, Texas

**Kyle Friedrichs '20** *La Vernia, Texas* 

William Gage '20\*
Houston, Texas
(Grandfather Perrin White '49)

Michael Garcia '20\*
Austin, Texas
(Uncle Luis Garcia Sr. '90,
Cousin Luis Garcia Jr. '17)

Riley Garinger '20 Austin, Texas

George Gilbert '20 Cypress, Texas

**Grant Gillespie '20** *Cypress, Texas* 

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Haydyn Hendricks '20 Nacogdoches, Texas

Haden Hines '20 Nacogdoches, Texas

William Huber '20 Flower Mound, Texas

Grayson Hutka '20 Colleyville, Texas

Jackson Ingraham '20\*
Austin, Texas
(Father Scott Ingraham '76,
Brother Shane Ingraham '02,
Uncle Rick Ingraham '79)

Ethan Janicki '20 Sacramento, Calif.

Cody Jones '20
The Woodlands, Texas

Harrison Jones '20 Austin, Texas

Jack Karl '20 The Woodlands, Texas

Cole Kennedy '20
The Woodlands, Texas

**Brady Kunkel '20** *Austin, Texas* 

Samuel Landingham '20 Cypress, Texas

Daniel Lau '20 Sugar Land, Texas

Nick Leslie '20\* Grapevine, Texas (Brother Matthew Leslie '19)

Michael Martinez '20 Austin, Texas

Zach Maserang '20 Grapevine, Texas

Victor Morandi '20 Houston, Texas

Phillip Neal '20 Grapevine, Texas

George Newman '20 Brenham, Texas

Abhinav Pal '20 New Canaan, Conn.

**Kylle Pare '20**Nacogdoches, Texas

Alan Penichet '20 Georgetown, Texas

Casey Ramirez '20 Kennedale, Texas

Gianni Ramirez '20 Corpus Christi, Texas

Jonathan Randall '20\* Tyler, Texas (Uncle Scott Brown, Beta Alpha '79)

Omar Saber '20 The Woodlands, Texas

Foster Scaff '20 Austin, Texas

Cole Schieszer '20 Dallas, Texas

Skylar Schulz '20 Corpus Christi, Texas

Barrett Stricklin '20 Cypress, Texas

Joseph Tombari '20 The Woodlands, Texas

Blake Tyndall '20 Austin, Texas

Mawell Vela '20\* Houston, Texas (Father Joel Vela '88)

Reyden Weis '20 Austin, Texas

Daniel Westra '20 Dallas, Texas

Kellis Williard '20 Austin, Texas

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### **ALUMNI UPDATE**

#### **CHAPTER ETERNAL**



Arthur "Art" W. Adams III '61 entered Chapter Eternal on July 28 at the age of 78, after a lengthy prostate cancer battle. Originally from San Angelo, he served as Gamma Iota chapter president for a year before earning his bachelor's in business administration from UT. Art also spent seven years in the Army Reserve before honing a career in sales for the company that would later become ExxonMobil. After retiring in 1988, he spent his time working alongside Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landy, serving on the Texas Association of Business board, and partaking in rounds of golf and tennis. Art leaves behind a loving family.

#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

Adam D. Fendrich '98 owns 1911 Custom Solutions, LLC, a privately owned non-retail gun shop that sells only custom 1911's by Wilson Combat, Ed Brown, and Les Baer Custom, in Houston. They have a website, www.1911customsolutions.com, where customers can purchase in stock custom 1911's or call Adam at (832) 387-6003 to make a personal appointment at his private showroom located near the Galleria/Memorial area. E-mail: adamfendrich01@gmail.com

## Congratulations on Another Delt Son, Scott Ingraham '76!

Jackson is very excited to be a Delt and to carry on the family tradition started by his father back in the Stone Age (1972-6) and continued by his uncle Rick Ingraham '79 and eldest brother Shane '02. He's also thrilled about the Delt pledge class, including fine young men like his high school friends, Conner Brigham and Michael Garcia, also from Austin Westlake High School.

Special kudos to Joe Cook '16, the son of one of my best friends and initiation class brother, Dr. Pat Cook '75 of Houston. Joe came out to our house early last spring and got Jackson intrigued about Delta Tau Delta and informed the rush captains to get after Jackson.

It will be great fun to hit the Delt house before every Horn football game once again. See you there!

Scott Ingraham '76

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### **ALUMNI WEEKEND**

Guest Speaker Friday, October 20 7 p.m. Delt House

Join us and guest speaker Pat Culpepper with Bill Frisbie '84 MCing to kickoff Alumni Weekend. Reconnect with your chapter brothers and enjoy finger foods and refreshments!

#### **TEXAS VS. OSU**

#### **TAILGATE**

Saturday, October 21 Time TBD Delt House Enjoy music from a live band!

#### **PARENTS WEEKEND**

Golf Scramble Tournament Friday, November 10 Grey Rock Golf Club 7401 TX-45 Austin, Texas 78739

#### CASINO NIGHT

Friday, November 10 Time TBD Delt House

#### TEXAS VS. KANSAS

#### TAILGATE

Saturday, November 11 Time TBD Delt House

Please contact Alumni Relations Chairman Trent Koen '18 at trentkoen@ gmail.com or Greg Ethridge '00 at greg\_ethridge@yahoo.com with questions related to any of these events. The schedule will be regularly updated on www.texasdeltalumni.com.



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## **Delt Get-Togethers**



Scott Benkendorfer '90 hosts Delts in Colorado.



Keith Cioci '07, Homer Parkhill '93, Greg Ethridge '00, Bryan Rush '04, Michael Eliondo '12, and Trevor Ohman '11 reconnect during a small get-together in New York.



A Delt roundup in Houston with members Stefan Koch '16, Luke Anderson '16, Greg Ethridge '00, 🔷 see Floyd Mayweather and Conor McGregor in a Garrett Williams '15, and Everett "EJ" Jones '14.



Gamma Iotas fill the chapter house in August to televised boxing match.