



# Norris FIJI

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## PIG DINNER 2005

The momentum was building. The proper arrangements were made. The stage was set for a tremendous 2005 Frank Norris Pig Dinner. On Friday November 18, roughly fifty graduate brothers came back to the chapter house to join the undergraduates in honoring Frank Norris and celebrating the joys of being a member of Delta Xi. The event held extra significance in that the inaugural members of the Delta Xi Hall of Fame were honored as well. Bill Corlett '41, Bill Ashton '54 and Jim Fetherston '68 were the 2005 inductees.



The evening began around 5:30 with drinks and delightful hors d'oeuvres being served by the catering crew. Stories and laughs were shared by all as brothers who had not seen each other for years were able to reunite. Many of the actives

experienced their first Pig Dinner and took advantage of the great opportunity to learn about the rich tradition and history that exists within the walls of 2395 Piedmont Ave. The young alumni were also in attendance as a number of members from the alpha and beta classes returned to make sure that their efforts to bring Fiji back to Cal were not in vain.

Before dinner, Grad Board President Martin Smith '76 announced that the 2005 Meyersieck Award winner was none other than Kenny Green '05. The Thomas Meyersieck Award was established to recognize the active brother who contributes most to the success of the chapter behind the scenes. Kenny has lived in the chapter house for four years and despite his demanding time commitment to the football team, has always kept Fiji as a high priority in his life. A friend to every man in the chapter, Kenny could always be counted on to lend support for any event and his presence will be sorely missed.

Not wanting the food to cool off, the catering crew eventually corralled everyone into their seats for a fabulous dinner. Shortly after the meal began, the Iota pledge class (Fall 2005) proudly carried in the roast pig for all to enjoy. The most senior member at the event, Tom Bowman '47, held the honor of kissing the snout, while the most junior member, Matt Lusich '09, held the distinct honor of retrieving the cherry.

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## UNDERGRAD REPORT



Greetings Graduate Brothers,

This fall has been a semester in which we've made strides toward ensuring sustained success for Delta Xi and the entire Cal Greek community. Fijis are becoming a serious presence throughout the Greek community, as Kevin Perkins ('08) was elected Interfraternity Council Philanthropy Chairman and Tom McGuinness ('06) was selected for a position on the IFC Judicial Committee. With the efforts of the IFC officers, including Kevin, and the IFC presidents, the moratorium on the community has been fully lifted, and we're developing better relations with University officials so that we can have a safe, fun, problem-free environment.

On the chapter level, we've earned our full Alcohol-Free Housing Exemption from headquarters so that now we may once again host parties such as Islander at the chapter house. We also revamped our chapter bylaws and pledge handbook—but suggestions and stories of events from back-in-the-day are always welcome!

Grad involvement has been picking up as well as we've organized better means to keep everyone up-to-date on what's going on. The best evidence was the huge success of the Pig Dinner at the chapter house. Nearly 100 attendees—half grad brothers and half undergrads—witnessed the inaugural Cal Fiji Hall of Fame inductions for Bill Corlett ('41), Bill Ashton ('54), and Jim Fetherston ('68) in what was by far the most successful Pig Dinner since the Chapter's rechartering in 2000. Thanks to all who attended, and we look forward to another great event next year!

Outside of the Chapter, the Bears' record didn't quite match last year's, but we still had a great football season of gamedays. Several brothers road-tripped by car to UCLA, and we packed 17 guys into a Winnebago for a trip up to Oregon to watch the Bears battle the Ducks. Sam Glaser's ('06) parents graciously offered their home and hospitality in Eugene and got a taste of what it's like to live in a fraternity. Finally, we finished up the season with a bus to the Farm for some tailgating and a Big Game victory.

As expected, the FIJI intra-mural sports teams fared better, as we turned in another undefeated football season for our fifth title this millennium and participated in the basketball playoffs.

Looking toward the future, Taylor Smith ('04) is taking over for Marty Appel (Kentucky '63) as Purple Legionnaire. We'd like to thank Marty, as he has been a great asset to the house, providing sage advice and helping out in many ways. We are confident Taylor can continue the strong tradition.

As the semester comes to a close, we've also elected a new round of leadership to

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guide the chapter. Ted Taylor ('08) will take the reigns as President, Dan Elbert ('08) will be Treasurer, Erik Bro ('08) will be Recording Secretary, Jesse Dashe ('08) will be Corresponding Secretary, and I'll stay on as Historian. Additionally, Perkins has been elected IFC Treasurer for the upcoming year.

With six solid new members from the pledge semester and more than that coming in the spring, we look for another great semester to come. As always, if any of you have recommendations for potential rushees, contact us. Also, if you'd like to come by the house for dinner before a Cal basketball game, or anything else, let us know!

Fraternally,

Alan Donner '07  
President, Delta Xi Chapter

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## GRADUATE UPDATE - COMPLETING THE GOAL

2005 was a great year to be a Fiji! The Chapter is strong – with a great membership base, great guys, good fun, scholarship, and outstanding leadership. We retired all debt and settled all claims, and are moving forward on a strong financial base. We completed the \$55,000 heating and AC project required by the city; so the Fiji house is a much more comfortable place to live now. We had great fun at the football games with lots of activity and seeing old and new friends, especially the USC game. Thanks to the event spearheaded by Buddy Rowell ('90), Mark Meredith ('87) and their families, the house was filled with grads and actives from all generations. The consensus was everyone had much more fun partying at the house than at the game! The Pig Dinner was great. The emphasis was on fun vs. ceremony, and it was great to recognize some brothers who have given so much to the Chapter, Cal, and their community. Our websites and newsletters are inspiring more and more grads to get back in action as they are all happy to learn of the good things going on with the Chapter. You never regret coming back and spending time with old good friends. If you know of friends that are not receiving the newsletter get them to the website [www.calfiji2.org](http://www.calfiji2.org) to update their info and get them in the loop.

The focus in 2006 is completing the goal. The first objective is to get all our graduate alumni participating in the annual fund in order to fund our graduate relations program. We want to have at least 200 Grads participating. The Grad Board set annual Grad dues at \$100 – any contribution, even \$25 - \$50, is key. The important thing is to participate. Secondly, through operations and plans in place we look to move at least another \$30,000 closer to our goal of being debt free with \$250,000 of capital in reserve. We currently are half way toward achieving that goal. Thirdly, we are looking to communicate our scholarship fund activities to you all so you can get better acquainted with the scholarship winners, the value of the scholarships to these young men, and how expanding these funds so we can offer them to more brothers helps cement the foundation and future strength of the chapter.

On the physical property front, we will be looking at renovating the front deck, and some of the side decks. There is also a group of grads and parents that are looking into updating the protection and appearance of the Norris window. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, ideas or if you want to get involved. It is always great to hear from you.

Fraternally -- Martin Smith '76





## CARMEL WEEKEND - FRANK GOULD, DELTA XI '51

After a long, late, stag, golf and whatever outing, a group of Fiji's decided that they needed to include their wives in a nice party environment. Thus the Fiji Carmel Weekend was created over 25 years ago. Primarily reflecting graduates from the 1948-53 years at Cal, all Fijis are welcome to join in the festivities.

The event this year was a great success with more than 30 brothers in attendance.

Held on the first weekend after Memorial Day, golf, tennis and excellent dining have been mainstays of the outing. Since the Carmel-Monterey area has many attractions such as the Aquarium, Big Sur, Steinbeck Museum (Salinas), beaches, 17 mile Drive, many golf courses and shops, it has remained a favorite (even with occasional fog).



The La Playa hotel has served as a central meeting place, but accommodations are available all over the area. Friday and Saturdays are the prime days. Flyers are sent to remind potential participants of date and times.

## DAD'S DAY 2005

On October 22nd, the Cal Fijis were joined by their dads for the annual Fiji Dad's Day. With over 20 dads and all brothers in attendance, the group enjoyed drinks, a fantastic meal by house chef Jeff Zimmerman and a father/son Snappa tournament. "This was a great event, all the dads had a great time, and the whole house did a fantastic job organizing it," said Ted Taylor. The event was put together by Corresponding Secretary Cal Martin, who spearheaded inviting the dads and setting up the afternoon's activities.

After a few hours at the Fiji house, the group went up the hill to Memorial Stadium, to watch the #25 California Bears play the Washington State Cougars. The Bears scored 14 points in a strong first quarter, and another 14 in the second, to give California a 28-10 lead. As it was a cold night game, and an almost guaranteed Cal win, many of the dads were ready to leave at half time. However, the Cougars went for 3 touchdowns in the 3rd quarter, to make the score 32-28 Cougars. Needless to say, all the dads stayed at the game. In an intense 4th quarter, both the Cougars and Bears scored again to make the score WSU 38 - Cal 35. With 1:50 seconds remaining in the game, quarterback Joe Ayooob led the Bears to a touchdown and an incredible 42-38 victory.

After a great game and afternoon together, the fathers and sons parted at the chapter house. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we certainly look forward to future Dad's Days.

-Dan Elbert '08



# FIJI ISLANDER SOUTH

Fiji's from '76-'80 gathered on August 6th to celebrate Mark Ellis' ('78) 50th birthday at his home turned Islander in Capistrano Beach. Mark enlisted the help of Kevin Smith ('80) and Bryan Johnson ('79) to create the traditional Bridge, Marriage Hut, Pond and Waterfall. Fred Reno would have been proud and Omega would have grumbled... "Damn professionals, who do they think they are using power tools, screws and nails. Not enough string and chewing gum by God! Entering over the bridge, through the hut and under the waterfall cascading off the roof into the pond, guests were greeted and photographed by Mark's sons Sam and Nate. They were lei'd by a young nubile and handed the traditional coconut mug fortified to handle Fiji fire. Ready to party, the Fiji contingent joined the 100+ gathering ready to re-live some favorite memories and create a bit of havoc among the non-initiates. Sally (Mark's wife), however, was prepared and enlisted Arto Toivola ('78) to send down the '77 politically incorrect fine board which she displayed prominently with the hopes of keeping the crew in line. Arto noted that many of the participants were prominently featured on the Board. Unfortunately he and his wife Cheryl were not be able to attend. But in true Exile's fashion we knew he was thinking of us and probably running around his Napa estate in paint and grass skirt whooping it up. Cliff O'Sullivan prepared a 70's retro soundtrack for the occasion and Sally set out a phenomenal feast. A great time was had by all. Even Paul Workman lasted into the wee morning hours. Kelly Workman secretly told us he needed to get together with guys a little more often. Thanks to Mark and Sally for getting the So Cal guys together and hosting a great event. In attendance: Mark ('77) & Sally Ellis, Doug ('78) & Lisa Becker, Jim ('80) & Mary Buckingham, Bryan ('79) & Heidi Johnson, Kevin ('80) and Kathy Smith, Paul ('76) & Kelly Workman, Tom Ley ('79), Cliff O'Sullivan ('79), Martin Smith ('76).



Shortly after the pig was carved, Taylor Smith '04 carried out another of the cherished Fiji traditions by leading the group in the Exile's Toast. Glasses were raised and cheers exclaimed as we remembered those graduate brothers who could not make it to the event.

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After dinner was finished, everyone crowded near the dining room as a few words were shared about each of the Hall of Fame inductees. Ed Bartlett '52 spoke fondly of Bill Corlett '41 who was being honored posthumously. Ed also presented a magnificent watercolor of Memorial Stadium painted by Bill to the chapter. Bill's wife Mary was incredibly generous in donating the piece. Many kind words were offered by Jim Fetherston '68 who emphasized what great relationships he established while being a Cal Fiji. Finally, former Grad Board President Bill Ashton '54 spoke to the determination and dedication it took to get the chapter back to where it is today and the pride that he holds for being a member of Delta Xi.

At the end of the evening brothers drove home with a renewed connection to Delta Xi while replaying in their mind the stories they had forgotten until that night. The event was a smashing success and we can only hope that the momentum surrounding the Pig will keep building and entice even more graduates to attend next year. Hope to see you there.



# HALL OF FAME 2005

## INDUCTEE BIOS

### BILL CORLETT '41

Blue and Gold to the core, Bill's pride for UC Berkeley showed in every aspect of his life. Holding season tickets for 50 years and never missing a game, Bill was an avid supporter of Cal football. Corlett was a board member for the California Alumni Association as well as a member of the Big C society. He also was an accomplished artist, and many people know his beautiful watercolors of the Berkeley campus, which were reproduced as a series of cards and prints and are on display in the lobby of the Alumni House.

An architect by profession, Bill designed more than 200 schools in California, Japan, Greece, and Bangladesh, as well as medical offices, libraries and housing. He was a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and planned the buildings for the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley. He was an active member of the community as Trustee of Alta Bates Hospital, President of the Berkeley Breakfast Club, and board member of Goodwill Industries.

Despite all his other commitments, Bill always made Phi Gamma Delta a priority in his life. Serving on the House Corporation for multiple decades, Bill served as a mentor, and more importantly, a great friend to many of the current House Corp members. Always thinking with the fraternity's best interest in mind, Bill took the lead on several projects that helped sustain the grandeur of the chapter house that all Fijis have come to know and respect. Perhaps his most notable accomplishment, Bill was instrumental in securing 2395 Piedmont Ave. as a Berkeley Historical Landmark, thus ensuring that all future Fijis would be able to share his pride for Delta Xi.

Bill is survived by his wife Mary, daughters Cameron and Amanda, and three grandchildren.

### WILLIAM B. ASHTON '54

Now performing in his thirtieth year of service on the Graduate Board, William B. Ashton is an ideal example of the motto "Not For College Days Alone". Joining the Board in 1975, Bill has been present for both the ups and downs of the Delta Xi chapter. Most notably, Bill weathered perhaps the lowest point in Delta Xi history during its absence from UC Berkeley between 1993 and 2000. During the majority of this period Bill served as the Graduate Board President (1995-2002) and provided the steady-ing force that allowed the current group of Fijis the ability to triumphantly return to their place of residence in 2001. While Fiji

was off campus, the Graduate Board rented the chapter house to another fraternity. With tremendous effort, Bill kept the renters in line and managed to keep them from completely destroying the house. Thanks to Bill's dedication, many of the treasures that exist within the chapter house remained safe and well protected. Through Bill's guidance, both the Gamma and Norris stained glass windows were sealed off, and the spiral staircase glass received its plexiglass guard. Several other structural projects were completed under Bill's tenure as well. Also, while working with Bill Corlett '41, Bill established the Fiji house as a Berkeley historical landmark, thus ensuring the preservation of 2395 Piedmont Ave.

In addition to all the success that Bill has ensured for Phi Gamma Delta, he has also enjoyed a large amount of personal success professionally. Bill is currently the head of his own design firm, Ashton Pacific Designs, based in Oakland. Ashton Designs has been responsible for many of the more well-known structures throughout the Bay Area, most notably the San Francisco Marriott Hotel and the Crocker Galleria in San Francisco. Bill is also the current president for the Illuminating Engineering Society.

Despite his many accomplishments, perhaps Bill's greatest source of pride comes from his family. Bill currently lives in Piedmont with his wife Dorothy and is the father to four sons: Scott, Roger (Cal Fiji '84), David (Cal Fiji '89) and Peter (Cal Fiji '92).

### JIM FETHERSTON '68

Though Jim has experienced much since his departure from Berkeley, he still keeps a close tie with Cal and Phi Gamma Delta. As an undergraduate, Jim was actively involved in athletics and was a member of the football team throughout college. Yet, college would not be the extent of his football career. After receiving team MVP honors in his senior season of 1967, Jim was signed by the San Diego Chargers as a linebacker. Sadly, his career was cut short due to knee injuries, and after two years in the NFL Jim retired. His departure from the NFL, though, only allowed him to begin his rather illustrious career in the business world. In 1981 Jim began his own leverage buyout firm, and soon was the new Chairman of Garden America Corporation. Fixing one business after another, Jim went on to chair Stone Products Corporation and later Quantic Industries. He is now currently President of Wildwood Corporation.

Throughout his career, Jim has made it a point to share his success with the university and Fiji as well. Jim is currently a Trustee on

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# UNDERGRADUATE SPOTLIGHTS

## ANDREW KIM '06

Andrew Kim is a senior majoring in architecture and will be graduating this coming May. As a dedicated brother in the chapter, he has served as Chapter Treasurer and Historian, and represented Delta Xi as a delegate in the 156th Ekklesia in Atlanta last year. Also an excellent student, Andrew is a Bell/Norris Scholarship recipient, and a member of Mortar Board and Order of Omega. His brothers describe him as "solid", "one of my favorite guys in the house" and "a great karaoke singer".

After graduating, Andrew plans on pursuing a career in architecture. He is currently looking to work for an architectural firm in the Bay Area, but is also interested in other fields and areas, most notably photography.



## CHRIS HULLS '05

Chris Hulls came to Cal Fiji after an active duty stint as a C130 loadmaster in the US Air Force. He will be graduating this spring with a degree in business administration from the Haas School of Business, and is on pace to wrap things up with a 3.9 GPA.

An entrepreneur at heart, Chris ultimately plans on starting his own company, but wants to gain some work experience and earn an MBA before going at it alone. He is currently debating whether or not to return to the biotechnology consulting firm where he worked over the past summer, or seek a position in the finance industry. Chris has no worries though, for if the decision proves too difficult, he will take a year off and ponder his options while completing his goal of visiting all seven continents before his twenty-fifth birthday. He has five down with Antarctica and Australia still to go.



### FEATHERSTON CONTINUED

the UC Foundation and for some time has generously supported the school, most notably the athletics department. Jim also recently hosted a reunion for Cal Fijis from the 1960's. This event, held in the Napa area, was attended by roughly thirty members with their wives, and was a great opportunity for the members to catch up with one another and preserve their lifelong friendships. This event exemplifies Jim's attitude towards Phi Gamma Delta, which he describes as, "A wonderful institution to live in and make friends. Those friendships last long after graduation".

Jim currently resides in the Lake Tahoe area with his wife Barbara, with whom he has a daughter, Erin.



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