



Norris FIJI

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Mom's Day

With the Berkeley weather drastically changing from downpours to beautiful sun-filled days, it appeared to be the perfect time for FIJI to host its second annual Mother's Day affair. With a successful event last year of a brunch and a pleasant trip to the Berkeley Art Museum, the pressure was on to make this year's occasion just as memorable.

The day commenced with a reception in our living room where FIJI mothers from all over California finally had the opportunity to meet one another. A tasty brunch followed, served in our dining room, with flower pieces in the middle of every table and a smile on every mother's face. The meal was composed of crepes, almond pancakes, scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, fresh squeezed orange juice, and tasty market fruit prepared by our chef Jeff Zimmerman who truly is "one of a kind."

Mother's Day would not be complete without attending a play at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre. The performance was the classic "The Glass Menagerie" written by Tennessee Williams and starring the award winning Rita Moreno. This astounding performance left the audience in awe and mothers in tears.

We thank all of those mothers who were able to make it to the event, especially those who traveled long distances. We are also looking forward to next year's Mother's Day and hope to include even more mothers in the event!



Blood Drive

The Fiji Spring Blood Drive was held Monday May 1st at the Delta Xi Chapter House. It was a great success with Greek-wide participation. The chapters represented included Sigma Kappa, DKE, Delta Chi, Delta Gamma, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, Phi Tau, Phi Psi, KKG, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Thanks to the coordination of Philanthropy Chair Nick Bea, enthusiasm amongst the brothers was high. This excitement was best shown when many brothers donned the "Bobby" the blood drop costume on Sproul Plaza to advertise the event. At the event there was a free BBQ where the brothers manned the grill showing off their culinary skills.

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Undergrad Report



Greetings Graduate Brothers,

Spring '06 was once again a very strong semester for Delta Xi. With another solid pledge class of great guys, the chapter remains one of the premier fraternities on the Berkeley campus.

Since being granted our official alcohol exemption from Fiji HQ at the end of last semester, we have had two very successful parties. One was Christmas themed, and the other was Mardi Gras themed. These two parties have set the stage for the return of a Fiji Islander in Fall '06. The Islander is currently being planned with help from dedicated brothers like Alan Donner '06. Alan is currently using pictures in old scrap books from past Islanders to find the perfect decorations. Any advice about Islanders from graduates is always more than welcome!

Our semesterly philanthropy, an American Red Cross blood drive, was held on May 1 at the Chapter House and was a huge success. Lead by Nick Bea '08, the Red Cross came to the chapter house and the vast majority of brothers and their friends donated blood. The event has become highly popular and will be sure to flourish in the future.

Under the watchful eye of Recording Secretary Erik Bro '08, Delta Xi scheduled our annual Golf Tournament. However, due to the record amounts of rain, the tournament had to be cancelled. The day was not a complete waste, though, as we still held a graduate dinner at the house which allowed the actives to hear some great stories and learn about the history of the chapter from the graduate brothers.

Plans for the Pig Dinner are already in full swing. The dinner, which will be held on December 1st, was a huge success last year, and with your help will be even a bigger success this year!

Delta Xi continued to keep active's parents involved in the house with the second annual Fiji Mom's Day. The event, organized by Corresponding Secretary Jesse Dashe '08, was a huge success and consisted of a lovely brunch at the house followed by the group attending a performance at Berkeley Rep. The moms had a wonderful time at the event.

Spring '06 was the semester of brotherhood bonding. With a number of retreats to brother's cabins in Tahoe and beach houses on the coast, the brothers bonded more than ever! Spirits around Delta Xi are high and everyone is looking forward to things to come.

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Graduate Update

The focus in 2006 is completing the goal



1. The first objective is to get all our graduate alumni participating in the annual fund in order to fund our graduate relations program. Since 1879 we have initiated over 1,250 brothers into Delta Xi. This newsletter is mailed to 725 active Brothers. Since re-chartering in 2001, we have initiated over 70 Brothers. Our goal is to have at least 200 grads contributing Grad dues of \$100.

To date we are at 30 contributors: 6 from the 40's, 8 from the 50's, 8 from the 60's, 2 from the 70's, 2 from the 80's, 2 from the 90's and 2 from the 2000's. The key is to participate. Any contribution is key \$25 - \$50. Having a vibrant active Graduate Relations program benefits everyone in so many ways.

2. 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 want to obtain this goal by 2010 and should be over 50% of the way there by the end of 2006. From Chapter operations in 2006 we look to add \$20,000 to our capital reserve. We will also target \$20,000+ to pending projects. A few things have come up that we need to work on:

- Replace Kitchen exhaust system to code - \$20,000
- Replace Stove Fire suppression system to code - \$4,000
- New Stove - \$2,500
- Re-do Front Porch - \$40,000
- Library Deck - \$5,000
- Roof Deck - \$20,000
- Norris Window Protection Plan - \$10,000 (we have a pledge for \$1,000)

Finally, we want to further develop our website (www.calfiji2.org). Currently the site averages over 900 visits per month. We plan to develop more chapter history, provide better undergrad and grad picture folders and improve our e-mail communication.

Bottom line is to keep the Chapter a place where lifetime memories and friendships are formed. "Not for College Days Alone"

Please feel free to contact me with and questions, comments, ideas or if you want to get involved. It is always fun for me to hear from you.

Fraternally -- Martin Smith '76

undergrad report continued

With all of the great things happening at the chapter, there is one thing the brothers could use more of. All of the actives would love to have more interaction with you guys! If you are already actively supporting the chapter in some way, thank you very much! If you are not, please do because any help is always appreciated. With YOUR help our chapter will continue to be one of the top fraternities at Berkeley for years to come.

Fraternally,
Ted Taylor '08
President, Delta Xi Chapter

FIJI 2006 Golf Tournament



The teams were made, the format was set, everything was in line for a fantastic Fiji Golf Tournament. Unfortunately the weather decided to rain on our parade (literally). With record rainfall, we were left with no choice but to cancel the Tournament and wait until next year to hit the links.

Even though the rain kept us from the course, it couldn't keep us from gathering at the Chapter House and sharing a few stories. In an effort to make the most of the day, the post-golf dinner was still held at the House and several graduate brothers were in attendance.

After all of the attendees enjoyed a beverage or two, the whole group found a seat at the dining room table. It was quite a sight to see so many

Fijis, young and old, sitting all together round the big table. After the meal was served, every person shared what he felt was his most memorable Fiji moment. Perhaps most powerful was Steve Booth's ('64) comment about enjoying more than anything else, sitting down for meals with the brothers at the big table. He also shared a favorite mealtime practice that involved a napkin, a lighter and a very unsuspecting Fiji. Needless to say, it's only a matter of time before the next Fiji is "flamed".

With bellies full and smiles wide, everyone reluctantly let the night come to an end. As with all of our graduate events, though, the actives gained a new sense of pride for the chapter while the graduate brothers better reconnected with an organization they truly care for.

We would like to thank all of the parents and graduate brothers who signed up to play in the Tournament and apologize for the cancellation. We also hope that you all will want to join us for the 2007 Fiji Golf Tournament. Keep your eyes open for invitations coming next spring.

blood drive continued

When all was said and done we had exceeded our goals. Lorry Peterson of the American Red Cross said of the drive, "It was great to see such enthusiasm and support for our cause. We are looking forward to coming back in the Fall and doing an even better job!" The same can be said for the brothers as we hope to make the 2007 event bigger and better.



2006 Delta Xi Annual Fund

Delta Xi continues to excel in academics, campus involvement and service, and your support is a large part of that success. Many graduate brothers have already pledged their support to Delta Xi and now we ask for your support too.

Our goal is to help the undergraduate chapter achieve and maintain a level of excellence. To do this, we need to raise at least \$15,000 annually to meet the expenses associated with newsletters, our website, and events. We also need to plan for necessary capital improvements, while increasing funds to support educational and scholarship programs.

Delta Xi is proud to offer two scholarships specific to Cal Fijis:

Bell-Norris Scholarship Award – Given to those members who excel in scholastics, fraternity involvement and community service.

Tom Meyersieck Award – Given to the member who most contributes to the success of the chapter while working behind the scenes.

Whether it be our Housing Fund or one of our Scholarships Funds, your support will make a significant difference for Delta Xi. We thank you for your loyal and continued support.

Visit www.calfiji2.org!



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Senior World Series with Tom Marsella



I was a last minute draft by a South Dakota team which was favored to win the Senior World Series 65 & over wooden bat division. The team had played together for years and some of the members had played in the majors. Especially amusing was my quest to get permission to play from the president of the MSBL (Men's Sr. Baseball League) since I had not played the previous year. Thankfully, my eligibility was granted and I joined the tournament.

The Senior World Series is a huge event with several different age brackets and up to 250 different teams. We play on more than 15 different major league spring training diamonds. This is not fantasy baseball.

The South Dakota Rushmores claimed they did not need any more players, but thought my previous World Series batting averages (+.500) may be worth a try. My addition rounded out the roster to make a 20 man team with players from all over the country.

Game 1 offered little action (still a rookie in my sixties, who would have thought). They tried me as a pinch runner on first base to see what I could do. When the batter hit it to left center I made it all the way home, so my speed was OK. No bones were sticking out or sore muscles so that had to be a good sign.

My playing time grew with each game and by the playoffs 6 games later I was the starting designated hitter (DH). That game I went three for three and earned the game ball for my efforts which helped us get into the World Series. Sadly, our luck would end there. We lost in the World Series. Despite not winning the championship, my experience throughout the tournament was fantastic. I ended with a batting average of .556 with no walks or strikeouts, which led my team and placed me third in the nation for that division. Very blessed and very lucky. Close the eyes and swing.

This year I was asked to be head coach and player for the age 45+ division in Fresno. It is all hard ball, fast pitch, wooden bats... Lots of fun.

Tom Marsella '62

SPONSOR A TAILGATE AT THE FIJI HOUSE

Need a great spot to host you and your friends' tailgate party? Want to get together with your pledge brothers and host a function? What better venue than the Fiji House. The Grad Board is working in conjunction with the undergraduates to get more alumni back to the Chapter House for gameday celebrations, and what better way than a tailgate.

If you would like more information please contact Taylor Smith (taylor.smith@fmgucson.com) or Ted Taylor (tedtaylor@berkeley.edu)

Home Football Schedule

Sept. 9 – Minnesota

Sept. 16 – Portland State

Sept. 23 – Arizona State

Oct. 7 – Oregon (Homecoming)

Oct. 21 – Washington

Nov. 4 – UCLA

* Dec. 1 – Pig Dinner (at Chapter House) *

Dec. 2 – Stanford

Undergraduate Spotlights

TODD OSBORNE '06

Todd Osborne is a senior graduating with a Business Administration degree this semester. Todd is a proud member of the Gamma Class and served as Chapter Treasurer his sophomore year. He has fond memories of his time at FIJI, especially Cal Game Days and working together with Chapter President Phil Zackler to run the house and organize events like Mom's Day and a wine party and helped guide Delta Xi towards the alumni-friendly Chapter alcohol exemption. Todd is considered by many to be one of the most capable leaders Delta Xi has had since its re-chartering.

After graduating, Todd looks forward to one last summer in his home town of Laguna Beach and then moving to San Francisco to work for Triage Consulting Group, a healthcare finance consulting firm.



PHIL ZACKLER '05

Phil Zackler is a member of Gamma Class and a graduating senior. Phil has been involved with the Cal Fiji leadership since Delta Xi's re-chartering, serving as Chapter President in his sophomore year and continuing to hold an officership throughout his active stay. He is a recipient of the Bell/Norris scholarship and the Phi Gamma Delta National Undergraduate Scholarship. Phil views his time as a Cal Fiji as some of the best years of his life, having established relationships that will certainly last a lifetime.

Phil graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Political Science in three and one-half years. While very interested in politics and policy, Phil will begin attending Duke University School of Law this fall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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2006 FRANK NORRIS PIG DINNER ✓

December 1, 2006 at Chapter House

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