University of California Berkeley PHI GAMMA DELTA

Delta Xi Chapter



INAUGURAL Hall of Fame Induction 2005

Friday, November 18th, 2005 · 5:30 p.m. Chapter House



Welcome to the First Annual Delta Xi Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. We are proud to recognize these three men who have exemplified the principles of Phi Gamma Delta by their service to the chapter, the community and excellence in their professional fields.

Bill Corlett '41 William B. Ashton '54 Jim Fetherston '68

Delta Xi is tremendously proud and fortunate to have such a large group of alumni who care passionately about this chapter and who have gone on to serve Phi Gamma Delta, the University of California, and who have distinguished themselves in their careers and communities. We thank you for attending this event and look forward to honoring more brothers in the future with this prestigious award.

-HALL OF FAME 2005 -

Schedule of Events

+ Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony +

Bill Corlett '41 Bill Ashton '54 Jim Fetherston '68

◆ Dinner ◆ Bringing In The Pig Exile's Toast



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 steadying 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 Galeria in San Francisco. Bill is also the current president for the Illuminating Engineering Society.

Despite his many accomplishments, perhaps Bill's greatests 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 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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MISSION OF PHI GAMMA DELTA

Phi Gamma Delta exists to promote lifelong friendships, to reaffirm high ethical standards and values, and to foster personal development in the pursuit of excellence. Phi Gamma Delta is committed to provide opportunities to each brother to develop responsibility, leadership, scholarship and social skills in order to become a fully contributing member of society. Lp

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