

# NORRIS FIJI

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## LANDMARK FRONT PORCH RESTORATION COMPLETED



After many generous donations and much hard work on behalf of a few key graduates, our beautiful front porch has been completely restored and resurfaced. Over \$20,000 was raised from alumni contributions to allow us to complete this project. Many thanks once again to all those who contributed to the Porch Fund as well as those who were willing to call their classmates to help support the project.

Two key graduates played a significant role in shepherding this project from start to finish. Steve Booth '64 was the project leader and head fundraiser. Steve oversaw and coordinated all the "group leaders" in the effort to fundraise all the donations. He also met with and helped select the contractor who performed the work. Once the work began Martin Smith '76 largely made sure the project was done on time and correctly. A couple snags arose along the way but

Martin was the primary person making sure the project did not get stalled or off track.

We hope that everyone will have a chance to come by the house at some point this semester to see the results and enjoy the incredible atmosphere overlooking Channing Circle in what is surely the best location on the Piedmont strip.

## ALUMNI COCKTAIL HOUR GREAT TIME

The Grad Board for some time has been looking to organize a simple function where alumni can come socialize and also meet the new members of Cal Fiji. The goal of the event was twofold. First, we enjoy any excuse to bring alumni together in a social setting. Second, we wanted to show the new members that Fiji is truly not for college days alone and that the friendships created while in school will carry on far past college.

On Thursday, March 5th Fijis from across many generations convened at the Claremont Country Club to enjoy a beverage or two and share some old stories. It was certainly an inspiring scene to see members from the 50s and 60s talking with the new pledges and confirming for them that by joining Fiji they made a decision that will benefit them for the rest of their life. It also was reinvigorating for

the graduate brothers to see and feel the excitement of the pledges, knowing what great times lay ahead of them. Staying long past the "hour" designated for the event, eventually the brothers began to part ways. Many, though, didn't want to head home and reconvened just down the street at McNally's Irish Pub to watch Cal come back from a halftime deficit to beat Arizona in an incredibly exciting basketball game.

In the end the event proved to be a great success. We hope to make this a semesterly occurrence and encourage all graduate brothers to join us in the fall. Notice will likely be sent via e-mail, so if you have not been receiving our regular Delta Xi e-mails, please take a minute to join our network by heading to our website ([www.CalFiji2.org](http://www.CalFiji2.org)) and clicking on "Join Fiji E-Mail".

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# UNDERGRAD REPORT

## *Greetings Graduate Brothers,*

This last semester has been an extremely exciting one for the Delta Xi Chapter. House morale has been at all time high, due in part to the Cal's resurgent sports teams. Cal basketball (most that we went to as a house) made it to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2006 and Cal lacrosse is seeded #1 in their conference. In support of our seven undergraduate brothers on the California Lacrosse team, we have been the strongest crowd the coaching staff has ever seen. Our brotherhood has grown exponentially with our sixteen Fall '08 initiates and Spring '09 class of seven (including two Brits!).

Welcome to our new cabinet. After a great year as social chair, Jeff Howard '10 is taking on the role of president. Andy Tan '09 has a long year as treasurer ahead of him. Jasper Drisko '11 is our recording secretary. Mark Elder Cinque '11 was the corresponding secretary this spring with Conner Thomas '12 taking over in the fall. Jared Brett '11 is the new historian. We look forward to a finishing out a great year.

During the Spring semester, the new Fall initiates were able to meet and greet with graduate brothers at the Claremont Country Club. All in attendance reported having an awesome time, and we plan on having a graduate function at the country club with each new pledge class. If you would like to attend next semester's meet and greet with the new pledge class, please contact Taylor Smith '04.

FIJI has continued its prominent role in the Cal Greeks philanthropic community. Just recently, the brothers fielded a soccer team in Delta Chi's World Cup philanthropy tournament. After defeating ATO in the semi-finals, FIJI went on to demolish Beta in the final match. FIJI also entered two basketball teams in Delta Gamma's Anchor Slam philanthropy tournament. Delta Xi also sponsored (in association with the American Red Cross) its bi-annual blood drive on campus with record-breaking amounts of donated blood.

In other news, Delta Xi's annual Mother's Day was a great success. After having brunch at the chapter house, the undergraduate brothers and their moms enjoyed the sun and garlic fries at the San Francisco Giants game against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

We look forward to a great semester academically and fraternally. Hope to see all of you soon!

Fraternally,

Jeff Howard '10



# GRADUATE REPORT

*Hi aile you Grads, you lucky Grads who dis* past year were able to come by the Chapter House and renew all the great memories, friendship, and experiences that lie within

those 4 walls. *Doand and I know der blace, I findt der haus alle righdt. Der whiskey Chimmie White hef drunk; from ous der sugar-bowl!*

This year filled the cup with more fun memories. The Pig Dinner was outstanding although it was missing the midnight romp in the Claremont Resort pool I seem to recall after a late 70's black tie event. The good times, stories and memories rolled into the football game tailgates at the house where decades of old friends reconnected over some great food and beverage as well as being entertained by today's college youth.

We are planning a new spring event which will include the fall initiates and spring pledges. We want to bring in the new members so they can meet some of their graduate brothers and get a true feeling for what Fiji means beyond their time a Cal.

The Undergrads have had one of their more vibrant years with 17 new members in the fall and 60+ total members. There are 29 live-ins this semester. They continue to excel in their diversity: scholarship 3.2+, outside activities, interests, sports and pure fun.

We continue to strive to maintain the house in its original condition this past year spending \$20,000 in maintenance and repairs and another \$40,000 on improvements primarily to the kitchen's hood and exhaust system. The repair of the library deck is finally moving through the City of Berkeley's Historical Landmarks Review Board for approval. This project is estimated to cost \$15,000 and we just finished the Front Porch restoration. We have some bathroom work to do, carpet replacement and floor work. So it will be a busy year for us.

Once again, thank you to all the Board members who have helped with project management, council, event or-

ganization, and maintaining the spirit of our 123 year old Chapter and 81 year old House. If you see them please take a moment to thank them for their efforts. They all have helped maintain the house in good shape physically and financially, hosted great pre-games, Pig Dinners, and other alumni gatherings.

Congratulations to Frank Gould '51 our 2008 Hall of Fame member. Frank has been the focal point of organizing reunions for his and his brother's Fiji classes for more than 20 years.

And thanks to the 2008 Cabinet: James Zackler, President - Matt Lusich, Treasurer - Garret Gorlitsky, Recording Sec - Steve Saribalis, Corresponding Sec - Alex Simon, Historian for the conscientious efforts in moving the Chapter forward in a productive manner.

*Stand oop - hands round - between us alle it is der gommon link. We're back once more in der ol' blace, undt back again to stay.*

The Chapter has always been a place where lifetime memories and friendships are formed. It truly is "Not for College Days Alone".

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

Fraternally,

Martin Smith '76  
President, Delta Xi Graduate Board



# TOM MEYERSIECK AWARD

The Tom Meyersieck Award is given once a year to the Delta Xi Fiji who most contributes to the success of the chapter while working behind the scenes. The award is voted on by the actives and is a true honor to receive.

The winner for 2008 is Jeff Howard '10. Jeff is a former social chair and current president. It is no surprise that a significant part of the reason Jeff was elected to his current position is due to his dedication to the fraternity and committed service. Congratulations Jeff, your efforts are very much appreciated and the honor well deserved.



## 2008 BELL-NORRIS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2008 Bell-Norris Scholarship Award winners. Many thanks to the graduate brothers whose donations have helped support our scholarship program.

The Bell-Norris Scholarship is awarded once a year specifically to Delta Xi FIJIs. The award is given out on the basis of fraternal service, scholastic achievement and community involvement. The brothers below were all very deserving of this award and have certainly helped promote our reputation on the Cal campus.



### **Andreas Gross '08**

Former Scholarship Chair; GPA 3.67

### **Bryan Clark '09**

Former Chapter President; GPA 3.756

### **Andrew Rich '09**

Former Fundraising Chair; Former Pledge Educator; GPA 3.489

### **James Zackler '10**

Former Chapter President; GPA 3.389

### **Jasper Drisko '11**

Recording Secretary; GPA 3.89

# ANNUAL FUND 2009

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Delta Xi continues to excel in academics, campus involvement, and service. Your support is a large part of this success. Many thanks to the large number of brothers who have already contributed either to the Porch Fund or Annual Fund (or in several cases both!). We know that these are difficult times for many and your donations are especially appreciated given this economic climate.

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 (see 2008 winners on the previous page). In 2008, we were able to award over \$10,000 in scholarships to our members. Our two scholarships are:

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

**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 donation will make a significant difference for Delta Xi. We thank you for your loyal and continued support.

## 2009 Annual Fund Committee:

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Taylor Conway Smith '04

# DAD'S DAY 2008

The Phi Gamma Delta annual "Dad's Day" continued its tradition during the prized Cal-Stanford "Big Game". There were twenty-one dads in attendance, an impressive increase from the previous year. President Jeff Howard's father said it was the best Dad's Day he had been to so far (his third) and was looking forward to next year. Corresponding Secretary Stephen Saribalis organized a great day for the brothers and their fathers to enjoy together. Festivities began early in the day at the chapter house and continued on to the game where all the bros and dads sat together. Special food and drink arrangements were also made for brothers and fathers to enjoy. As an added bonus the Bears took the "W" from the Cardinal with a score of 37-16. With the sun shining and the Bears victorious, Dad's Day turned out to be a huge success. Here's looking forward to another great day during the 2009 season.

## SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES



**Conrad Myers** has been employed as a real estate agent for the last three years to pay his way through U.C. Berkeley. Conrad will be graduating from the Haas School of Business, and will be continuing his career as a realtor in the Bay Area. Conrad has been enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve for the last six years and has reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. An avid snowboarder, Conrad competes on the Cal Snowboard Team. Conrad is proud

to be pledge educator his last semester at U.C. Berkeley and thanks Phi Gamma Delta for the persistence and determination he has learned, for the best collegiate experience imaginable, and for the friendships that will last a lifetime.



**Ted Yates** is graduating with simultaneous degrees in environmental economics and legal studies. His interests include asserting the dominance of the Xi class of Phi Gamma Delta over the rest of the classes of the Delta Xi Chapter. After graduation he plans to either go to law school or try to earn a masters in economics. Other interests include snowboarding, surfing, and surprisingly bowling.

**Colin Foe-Parker** just recently graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with an astonishingly difficult double major in both mechanical engineering and material science and engineering. He plans to pursue graduate school and/or employment in one of his many engineering specialties.



**Andreas Gross**, an economics major, enjoys skiing, rowing, and hockey. After graduating, Andy began working for a Cal Fiji based start-up named Life360, focusing on marketing. Following this endeavor Andy plans to go to grad school either in financial economics or to get an MBA, or maybe even both. While at Cal Andy was member of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Team Champion, 2006. He also received the Bell-Norris Scholarship Award in 2008, and held scholarship chair and kitchen manager positions.

**Kyle “K-Grizz” Graham** graduated this past fall semester earning a degree in molecular and cell biology with an emphasis in immunology. Apart from embodying the five values in day to day life as a member of the Iota class, Kyle took a prominent role as the FIJI house health worker for the past year. Thanks to his dedication and selfless service to his fellow brethren, many late night trips to the emergency rooms have been averted.

Kyle has always been known for his dominant soccer skills and excellence in schoolwork. After a brief stint with the Division 1 Cal Soccer team, he acted as coach-player for the California Club Soccer team leading them to their first national championship title. He aspires to go to one of the top medical schools in the nation.



**Kevin Davis** graduated in May, 2009 with a degree in legal studies. An active Fiji, Kevin has held several positions including house manager and corresponding secretary. In the fall of 2007 he was awarded the Bell-Norris Scholarship for his commitment to the fraternity. During the spring semester of his junior year, Kevin studied abroad in Galway, Ireland, where he took business and Celtic civilization classes. While abroad he traveled extensively throughout Ireland and Europe, and is excited to return later in life. After graduation Kevin plans to work for several years before attending law school or pursuing an M.B.A.



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