

Pig Dinner 2006 a Success!

After a tremendously successful Pig Dinner last year, the goal this year was to match and hopefully surpass the excitement from the year before. With over 40 graduates in attendance, the night was filled with fond memories and great stories. Few events can match the fun involved in a Pig Dinner, but this year's held extra significance as we also inducted the second class into the Delta Xi Hall of Fame. Bill Gilmore '42 (posthumously) and Ed Bartlett '52 were the 2006 inductees.



The invitation asked brothers to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails, but holiday traffic caused several members to steam in their cars as they crawled through gridlock. Nonetheless, everyone made it in time and enjoyed the well stocked bar as they said hello to brothers that they had not seen in quite some time. Indeed, many a strong man hug was shared followed by, "How long has it been?" The actives as well expressed a great deal of enjoyment in meeting their predecessors and learning more about the happenings of 2395 Piedmont Avenue.

As stomachs began to growl, the catering crew ushered everyone into the dining room. To kick off the program, Taylor Smith '04 paid homage to Mr. Norris with a spirited rendition of the Exile's Toast. Glasses were raised to the team and the unfortunate graduate brothers who could not attend were remembered. Soon after the toast, the Lambda pledge class (Fall 2006) began their chants from the kitchen and emerged with a beautifully roasted pig. Tom Bowman '47, as the senior member in attendance, once again had the esteemed honor of kissing the pig's snout. James Zackler '10 was this year's most junior member and dove in to retrieve the cherry. After struggling for some time, James finally conceded and used his hands to accomplish his task, earning several jeers from the crowd.

As dinner came to an end, the winners of the Bell Norris Scholarship Award were announced. Pat Allen '08, Jesse Dashe '08, and Ted Taylor '08 were this year's recipients. The second Delta Xi scholarship was announced as well. The Tom Meyersieck Award is voted on by the actives and given to the brother who does the most to benefit the chapter behind the scenes. This year's winner was Nick Bea '09. Nick has worked tirelessly to ensure that many events

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Norris Fiji

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Dear Graduate Brothers,



Another semester has passed, and once again the Delta Xi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has established itself as one of the premier fraternities on the Berkeley campus. With a large number of seniors graduating this past year, we turned our attentions to recruitment this semester to find new young men that would uphold our Fiji traditions and values. Pat Allen '08, our recruitment chairman, was so successful at finding such men that we ended the recruitment period with 15 outstanding new pledges. This is the largest pledge class to come through the Delta Xi chapter since our re-chartering, and is a signal that Phi Gamma Delta will thrive for years to come in Berkeley.

But the chapter did not stop growing there. This past semester was not only a time for us to grow in numbers, it was also a time for us to grow intellectually. Our scholarship chairman, Bryan Clark '09, implemented a weekly study night that helped boost our house average GPA from a 3.273 to a 3.332. Bryan is one of a number of younger actives who are taking an active role in the house as he was recently elected president for 2007.

Even with an increase in our academic success, we still had time to have lots of fun. Game days at the house in particular were a great success this semester. Our UCLA alumni tailgate was the biggest tailgate of the season and we are all looking forward to another successful alumni tailgate next fall. We also had a very successful Dad's Day during the Washington game. Brothers and their dads enjoyed a nice brunch followed by a Cal victory.

Other events this semester included our philanthropy blood drive and of course, our Frank Norris Pig Dinner. Both events were carefully planned and consequently were great successes. It has been a wonderful semester with lots of alumni support, and with continued support from all of YOU we can strive for even more success in the future. Thank you for all your support in the past, and we encourage all of you to be even more active with the chapter in the future. Proud to be a Fiji!

Fraternally,

Ted Taylor '08
Chapter President





Friendship - The Sweetest Influence

What are your favorite memories from your days at Cal? Do they revolve around a paper you wrote, an exam you aced, or more likely, some crazy moment you've shared with your best friends countless times for years? Best friends, lifelong friends – where did you find yours? I would be surprised if you listed those friends and no less than three would be from your days at 2395 Piedmont Ave. The friendships you develop are what is so unique about the Fiji experience and somehow our grand old chapter house of 68 years serves as the catalyst for so many of those experiences. Ask yourself if

you are happier knowing the house is still there, in good standing, with a vibrant membership, than when it wasn't?

So why did the Board vote two years ago to establish the Annual Fund? Simply put, to get graduate brothers involved. We know that the more involved our graduate brothers are, the stronger our chapter will be for years and years to come; and our feeling is that if a graduate brother is making a contribution, he will be more interested in what is going on and be more involved.

Now, if you look at who your best friends are and you remember the fun you had at the house and you sense whether you are happier knowing the Chapter is there and vibrant; then ask yourself if that is worth sending in a contribution and being involved.

Thanks to Steve Booth '64 for joining the Board and helping to organize a graduate event each semester. Also to Paul Macy '67 for joining the Board and organizing the 60's tailgate. Thanks to Mark Meredith '87, Tom Power '89, Steve Peterson '90, and Buddy Rowell '90 for organizing the late 80's tailgate. Thanks DJ for hosting his early 80's tailgate. Thanks to Fritz Schwarz '60 for re-activating his Board status and advising on legal issues. Thanks to Mark Meredith '87 for handling the Bell Norris Scholarship. Thanks to Steve Lyon '63 for serving as secretary and making sure we do everything "by the book." Thanks to Marty Appel '63 and Bill DeMar '99 for their consistent presence and involvement. Thanks to Ed Bartlett '52, Bill Ashton '54, and Ron Pengilly '56 for their presence and wisdom.

"The classes will end, the jobs will change, and the future will take its own course, but the friendships they form now will last forever." -Morgan Spurlock (Fiji NY '93) Sundance Film Festival – Best Director Documentary

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 to hear from you.

Fraternally,

Martin Smith '76



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succeeded, even when he had no formal responsibility attached to them. The final portion of the event was saved for honoring this year's Hall of Fame inductees. Martin Smith '76 spoke on Bill Gilmore's '42 behalf and fondly recounted Bill coming to the chapter house during the re-colonizing of the mid-seventies and working with the actives to improve the physical structure and restore the house to its deserved splendor. Next to speak, Walt Strycker '51 then shared a few gems involving Ed Bartlett '52. When prompted for a speech, Ed simply stressed that the best times of his life were all as a Fiji at the chapter house and he strongly encouraged the current actives to enjoy their tenure and that Fiji is not for college days alone.

As the night grew late, graduates slowly relented to the journey home, though as always after a Pig Dinner, with a renewed connection to Delta Xi and fond memories fresh in their mind. Thanks to all who attended and we hope to see even more graduates next year.



Hall of Fame Biographies

William P. Gilmore '42 Few men have dedicated as much time and effort into the success of Delta Xi as Bill. Perhaps remembered best for his weekend work projects at the chapter house, Bill always preferred a hands-on experience above all else. This was most evident during his tenure as House Corporation president from 1974 to 1979. One of the leading forces behind the early 70's re-colonization effort, Bill personally made sure that the chapter house was kept up to a high standard of living. Whether it be enlisting the support of his wife to make the living room drapes or working with the undergrads to lay a brick driveway, he wasn't satisfied if there were improvements to be made. More notably though, he did not leave the responsibility for house maintenance to the undergraduates alone. Rather, he strongly solicited his fellow House Corp. members to join the work weekends and stay actively involved with the chapter. He truly understood and openly endorsed the notion that the strongest fraternities have the strongest alumni support.

In the professional arena, Bill was a successful developer who was often most interested in the on-site subtleties of a project. He began his career after being plucked out of school during World War II by Kaiser to join an engineering team in their local shipyards. After returning to school, he eventually moved on to work with US Plywood where he directed several major projects. His most notable work includes the Tahoe Tavern in

North Lake Tahoe and the Hiller Highlands development in the Berkeley hills. Beyond Phi Gamma Delta, Bill was an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America. An Eagle Scout himself, Bill served on the local board of advisors for several years. His greater joy though, was as an active scoutmaster. He proudly helped several members of his troop achieve Eagle status as well.

A loyal and dedicated Fiji, Bill is often said to have bled purple. He committed himself to volunteer service and always strove to promote the idea of "people helping people". He is survived by his wife Winnie, with whom he had three sons: Patrick, Mike, and Tom.

Edmund G. Bartlett '52

A guiding light and steadying force for over forty years, it is hard to mention Delta Xi without also in some way referencing Ed. Beginning his service on the House Corporation in 1964, Ed has helped weather the many storms of Delta Xi. Indeed, Ed has witnessed and been closely involved with three different re-colonization efforts. Whether it was 1965, 1974, or 2001, Ed was there to provide a sense of continuity and help uphold the traditions of Phi Gamma Delta. Throughout this time Ed could also be counted on as a rallying leader for any Delta Xi event. Whether it be a Pig Dinner or fundraising effort, Ed was at the forefront gathering support from the masses to ensure the success of Delta Xi.

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His constant volunteer involvement has not been limited to Phi Gamma Delta though. Ed has also been extremely involved in various Cal organizations. He has served as a director for the UC Alumni Association, a member of the Advisory Board for the Haas School of Business Young Entrepreneurs, and a member of the Cal Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He is a former president of the Big C Society and founding member of the Bear Backers. He also helped form and was president of Pappy's Boys. His strong affinity toward athletic organizations is largely tied to his three years as a starting defensive end when he was part of the 1950 and '51 Rose Bowl teams. He was also a 1952 Hula Bowl All-Star selection. Just to spice things up, he also started as breakaway

for two years on the rugby squad.

Leadership seems to be a natural position for Ed and his professional success only reinforces that. After working as national sales manager for 3M Corp., Ed moved on to become the owner of Golden Bear Ford in Berkeley and Sun Valley Ford in Concord. Again, he was widely respected by his peers and became president of both the East Bay Motor Cars Assc. and Ford Dealers Assc. Northern California. Ultimately, he was honored by *Time* magazine with the National Quality Dealer Award.

Widely admired in several different venues, Ed is a true treasure for Phi Gamma Delta. He is happily married to his wife Ann, with whom he has four children: Laurie, Debbi, Michael, and Barbara, and thirteen grandchildren.

Graduate Tailgate Packed

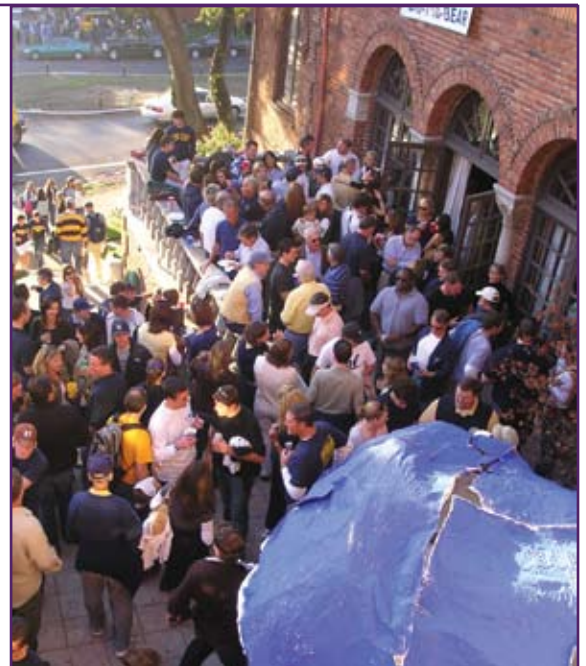
Football gamedays are always full of fun and festivity and a highly ranked Bears team only adds to that atmosphere. This season's gameday activities at the chapter house were action packed as scores of excited Cal fans crowded the front porch to prepare for each ensuing contest. The UCLA gameday in particular, though, was one to remember.

The Grad Board has been encouraging groups of alumni to hold their tailgates at the chapter house (is there a better location?) for two years now and every event has been a smashing success. Two groups this year wanted to use the house for the UCLA game and the result was incredible. Groups from the 60's and 80's chipped in to make sure that there were plenty of refreshments and a wide selection of food.

Organized by Steve Booth '64 and Paul Macy '67, the 60's group arrived early and got the party started. A number of graduates had not been to the house in quite some time and marveled at how good it looked. Not to be outdone, the 80's group, led by Don James '85, Buddy Rowell '90, and Steve Peterson '90 soon joined the fun and it only got more entertaining from there.

Multiple barbecues were fired up, a delightful vegetable medley was laid out, and a plethora of coolers were stocked to make sure that everyone had what they needed. Most attendees basked in the sunshine on the porch, while others found a seat in the dining room, and the rest plopped down on the couches to watch the other football games of the day.

By game time the crowd began to thin with several fans reluctant to leave. Thank you to all the graduate brothers involved this year. Once again the alumni tailgate was a huge hit and we highly encourage all those interested to start thinking about 2007. Go Bears!





Thank you to all the Dads who attended Fiji Dad's Day on October 21st. It was a great success as Jesse Dashe '08 did a tremendous job planning the event. There was a great turnout and it was good to see both actives and pledges with their fathers. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious breakfast catered by the house chefs, followed by any one of a multitude of pre-game activities. The event provided a great opportunity to get parents involved in the Delta Xi chapter. Parent participation helps to reinforce the bonds of brotherhood created throughout our college days and aids the success of the chapter. As extra thanks, all who came also received a handsome t-shirt, an ongoing tradition of Dad's Day.

Just before game time, fathers and sons proceeded up to Memorial Stadium to watch the No. 11 Bears play the Washington Huskies. It was an incredible game that had all those watching on the edge of their seats as the Bears let the game slip into overtime. Marshawn Lynch rushed for over 150 yards and the game-winning touchdown on two hurt ankles, but more notably, took a victory ride around the field in a utility cart after the Bears added a seventh win onto their six game winning streak. We hope next year's Dad's Day is just as successful and entertaining and that even more fathers will be able to attend.

Senior Bios



Kabir Ahmed Kabir Ahmed is a graduating senior with a degree in economics. Kabir is a proud member of the Eta Class and has served various positions in the house including recruitment chairman, social chairman, and brotherhood chairman. Kabir is one of the most active members of the fraternity and is always participating in planning the next Fiji event. Kabir enjoyed his time as a Cal Fiji and has made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Upon graduation, Kabir looks forward to doing some traveling before moving back to Los Angeles and working as an analyst for Goldman Sachs & Co., a leading investment bank.

Daniel Kagan Daniel Kagan is a senior graduating in three and one-half years with a degree in sociology. Daniel is a proud member of the Zeta Class and served as pledge class president. He is very pleased with his time at Fiji and the amazing lifelong friendships that he developed during his time in the chapter. Daniel has numerous fond memories at Fiji, especially developing strong relationships with incoming pledge classes, Cal football game days, Pig Dinners, and Winnebago trips to football road games.

After graduating in the fall, Daniel looks forward to a semester in which he plans to travel around the world before moving to Manhattan, New York to work for Bank of America in Global Markets.



Nicolas Bea - 2006-2007 Tom Meyersieck Award Winner



The Tom Meyersieck Award is given once a year specifically 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.

Nick has been an extremely active member, participating at every opportunity and helping plan for events that were not his direct responsibility. His dedication to the chapter is questioned by none, and his work greatly appreciated.

Delta Xi is proud to offer its members more scholarships than any other chapter on campus. For more information about Delta Xi scholarships, please contact Purple Legionnaire Taylor Smith '04 (510.868.4795, taylor.smith@fmgtucson.com).

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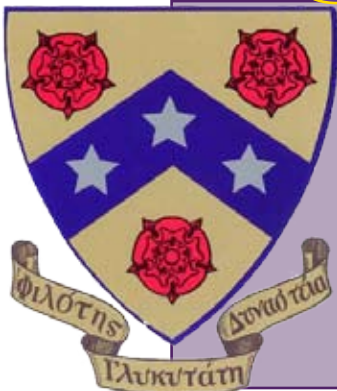
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