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MOM'S DAY 2005

After several years of receiving complaints from mothers about the inequality of holding a Dad's Day without a comparable day for the moms, the brothers finally pulled together an event this spring. With a fair amount of excitement, the chapter held it's first-annual FIJI Mom's Day on April 23rd. Pat Allen's mom was so delighted to be invited she flew in from Seattle, only to turn around and fly back later that afternoon to host an evening birthday party for 30 guests at her home.



The Day's activities began with a delicious brunch prepared by the house chef, Brandon Williams. Over mimosas and savory chicken pita bread sandwiches, mothers and sons were given a chance to get acquainted with each other. Friendly conversations continued on the walk over to the Berkeley Art Museum, which featured a fascinating collection of Peter Paul Rubens

sketches as well as various other exhibits. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by mothers and sons alike and we look forward to future Mom's Days.

If any mothers have ideas for this year's Mom's Day or other events including Delta Xi parents, please email Todd Osborne (toddozzy@berkeley.edu).

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UNDERGRAD



REPORT

Greetings Graduate Brothers,

This past spring was another strong semester for Delta Xi, as we recruited a great pledge class, established a semesterly house philanthropy, and further improved the house GPA—all while living out stories of fun and rabble-rausing that would make any graduate brother proud.

We pledged eight new brothers in the Theta Pledge Class for a total of 19 on the year—a great sign for the continued success of the chapter, especially after graduating most of the founding Alpha and Beta Classes over the past year. For their house improvement project, the Theta Class refurbished the entire basement with Islander-style bamboo walls. Finally our basement matches the beautiful state of the rest of the house.

Under the leadership of Philanthropy Chairman (now Recording Secretary) Alex Strassman '06, the chapter sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on campus. By recruiting people to donate and assisting with the set-up and care of the event, we were able to bring in over 75 units of blood. Not only was the drive mentioned in the Friday Letter, which is sent to every Fiji chapter each week, but the event was such a success that we plan to host it every semester.

Academically, we raised our chapter GPA from 3.27 to 3.31, fifth best among the 36 fraternities at Cal, and well above the all-fraternity average of 3.14. Even with such scholastic success, we were able to have some fun too. We held a bit more than our fair share of social events, including an A's game exchange and an '80s six-way invitational. Don't worry older grads, '60s and '70s themed events are soon to follow. In addition to paired events with sororities, we held a brotherhood weekend at Dillon Beach, where Will Ramos '06 generously offered his house for a few days of fraternal bonding.

I would also like to take a brief moment to thank Todd Osborne '06 for his efforts in organizing our first annual FIJI Mom's Day this spring. It was a good time enjoyed by all the brothers, and the moms absolutely loved it.

On the University level, many of you may have heard about the series of unfortunate events that prompted the University to impose a temporary moratorium on the entire Greek community. Fortunately our chapter was not involved in any of this, but we are doing our part to help lift the

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moratorium in time for the football season. Along with drafting a new social code, the Interfraternity Council is starting a program called GAMMA (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) to self-regulate chapters. Further, our chapter is starting a risk management program for the Greek community based partly off a video called "Tell Me Something I Don't Know", which was produced by our International Headquarters. We are hopeful that the University will recognize our attempts to deal with alcohol issues appropriately, and strong alumni support will surely help our cause.

With that in mind, one of our primary goals for the future is to get YOU involved. Grads are always welcome to drop by the house anytime, and we hope for a great turnout at the Pig Dinner November 18th. Also, if you have any references for incoming Cal students who might have what it takes to be a Fiji, please let us know!

Fraternally,
Alan Donner
President, Delta Xi Chapter

INTRAMURAL UPDATE

For the Spring 2005 intramural football season, Fiji had a strong team returning with the goal of avenging our only loss during the three previous years (to PiKapp this past fall). Regaining our champion status was an important objective for many within the chapter. Kevin Perkins '08 remarked, "I consider it uniquely essential that Fiji secures its supreme preeminence in intramural football." Led by our star wide receiver, defensive lineman, and lone senior Stuart Jackson '05, the rematch against PiKapp left them only able to score once the entire game. Fiji won 20-6, leaving neither doubt nor argument as to who is atop Inter-Fraternity intramural football at Cal. "Come watch Fiji play. We run this league," Scott Blassingame added.

In the season's final game, Jackson played the final two possessions despite a bruised knee that had sidelined him earlier. He scored the final offensive touchdown with two plays remaining. Then for the game's final play, he intercepted a pass and hobbled 60 yards for a touchdown. Our team carried him off the field, earning three excessive celebration penalties, a 37-6 victory, and a 5-0 final record for league champion status.

Other notable news is the emergence of a new intramural football superstar. Freshman Ted Taylor '08 was a shutdown cornerback and arguably the best wide-receiver in the league. He has a bright intramural football future and the CFL (Canadian Football League) scouts licking their lips. He played both offense and defense whenever he could keep Junior transfer Chris Hulls '06 from stealing all the spotlight with his own poetry-in-motion style of defense. With quarterback Joe Bruzzone '05 graduated, replacing him is the team's top priority. Although Nick Bea '08 insists that even he could play quarterback and Fiji would still dominate.

- Sam Glaser '06



BLOOD



DRIVE

On April 5th and 8th the brothers of UC Berkeley's Delta Xi chapter sponsored their inaugural Red Cross blood drive. Throughout the week of the drive, and the preceding week before, brothers distributed flyers, contacted friends and colleagues, as well as tabled on Sproul in order to publicize and get sign-ups for the event. Nick Bea '08, a member of our most recently initiated Theta class said, "tabling for the blood drive was great, we hung out in the sun publicizing for a good cause and it was a great excuse to meet girls."

In addition to publicizing, Fijis helped by volunteering on the day of each drive. While several brothers assisted donors after they had given blood, others worked at the entrance continuing to encourage fellow students to donate. A couple of brothers actually wore a blood drop costume provided by the Red Cross to assist in recruiting more donors. When asked, "they made you wear

the blood drop suit?!", Delta class member Jake Butler '06 responded saying, "no, they allowed me to rock the blood drop suit, it was a privilege." This was the kind of enthusiastic attitude that carried throughout the week of the drive and contributed to its success.

After the second and final day of the drive Cal Fijis had recruited over one hundred potential donors and ultimately collected over 75 units of blood. The event was a great success further heightening the reputation of an already exemplary Fiji chapter. In addition, the chapter and its philanthropy chairman, Alex Strassman '06, were recognized in Fiji's April 15th "Friday Letter" as one of the chapters that had gone "above and beyond." Strassman was also recognized individually at the Cal Greeks awards ceremony for his efforts in coordinating the event.

ANNUAL FUND 2005

We would like to thank the following graduates and parents for their contributions to our "Pursuit of Excellence" annual fund. We have raised \$4,250 toward our \$10,000 annual goal of funding our communication expenses associated with invitations, newsletters, our website, and events. If we could exceed our goal we could also decrease our Housing Corporation debt, while increasing funds to support educational programs and scholarships. Your support will make a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Leonard Martin Appel '63
Edmund G. Bartlett '52
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Nelson Sagisi '76
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James R. Thompson '40
Floyd Wilkins '46

If you have not made a contribution to date, but are willing to support the Delta Xi Chapter, please use the enclosed envelope to mail your contribution. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Taylor Smith at taylor@fmgucson.com or 925-997-4871



Robert Cresap '63

Robert retired about two years ago from Palo Alto based Allied Brokers to complete a successful 40-year career as an insurance broker. He has three fully-grown children and eight grandkids. Robert and wife Judy live in Montecito, CA.

Mike Anderson '67

Mike went on from Berkeley to finish his education at Cal State Fullerton. He now works for the Hillman Group, one of the country's largest distributors of hardware merchandise, serving on the company's dedicated team of field service representatives. Mike has two grown children and lives in Orange, CA.

Gary T. Baker '71

After finishing at Cal, Gary attended law school for about six months before making a career changing decision. Deciding to move to San Francisco, he opened his own neighborhood bar, Flanagan's Pub, which he owned and operated for 17 years. He sold the bar and moved back to Orinda CA, where he now lives happily with his wife of eleven years, Janice. In his free time Gary plays a little golf and bartends on the side. Gary and Janice have four adult children.

Don Dianda '77

If you live in the Bay Area, chances are at one time or another you may have eaten at one of Don's restaurants and not even known it. Don has been an owner of area franchised Wendy's restaurants for the last 23 years. Beyond his work, Don is also the proud parent of an "A" student who plays football for St. Ignatius College Preparatory school of San

Francisco. In his free time Don skis and does some white water rafting. He and his wife Erin reside in San Francisco, CA

Manny Gonzalez '77

Following graduation from Berkeley, Manny went on to receive his masters' degree in architecture from USC. He has spent 20 years working as an architect; the last six of which have been for the KTG Y Group, where he became a partner during his first year with the firm. Manny and wife Marty have three children; twins Megan (16) and Manual (16), and their youngest son Matthew (12). His children's sporting activities keep him busy as he travels for water polo events and coaches his son's little league baseball team. Manny now lives in Calabasas, CA

Peter French '82

Peter definitely manages his time well. In between raising his four young children (son Sam (10), twin daughters Sarah (8) and Claire (8), and youngest daughter Christina (7)) and managing his own successful real estate business, Peter still finds time to surf, ski, golf, and occasionally ride his mountain bike. He and wife Cathy will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this upcoming April. The French family is currently in the process of moving to Jackson Hole, WY.

Andrew Keenan '88

Andrew has spent the last ten years working within the computer software-related industry of Silicon Valley. He was married about a year ago to his wife Jennifer, and they recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Ryan. The Keenan's now live in Menlo Park, CA.

Let Your Brother's Know What You've Been Up To!

If you would like to be featured in the "Graduate Updates" section of the next Norris Fiji, please send your update to Cody Gacek by mail at 2660 North First Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719, or by email at cody@fmgtucson.com. Whether you have an interesting story or you just want to update your brothers on your family, career, or hobbies, your submission will be appreciated!

A RETURN



TO TRADITION

Frank Norris Pig Dinner Weekend 2005

Friday November 18th

It's been over a year since the Delta Xi Chapter hosted, what is perhaps the most widespread and popular of all Phi Gamma Delta traditions, the Pig Dinner. The 2004 dinner was a great success, with everyone in attendance being reminded of just how special it can be to take time out of a busy schedule in order to revel in the joys of friendship and brotherhood.

We plan to return to the origins of this 112 year-old event by hosting it the night before the Big Game against Stanford. The evening should prove to be a great chance to reminisce on the old times as undergrads and get fired up for an exciting game the next day.

This year will also mark the beginning of a new tradition for the Delta Xi chapter with the first induction to our newly established Hall of Fame. Conceived as a way of honoring Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Xi graduates for outstanding achievement on behalf of the chapter, this award honors brothers for their career achievements, service to the community, and dedication to the fraternity. To be honored at this year's dinner are Bill Corlett '41 (posthumously), Bill Ashton '54 and Jim Fetherston '67.

Although you can expect to receive a formal invitation by mail, we hope you have already planned to spend this weekend in Berkeley. So here is looking forward to what should prove to be a great Pig Dinner weekend.



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lately?*

Visit the Cal Fiji Graduate website to get info on upcoming events, get access to the Delta Xi member directory, and catch up on chapter news.

RUSH



RECOMMENDATION

Dear Alumni,

With the closing of another successful spring semester, it seems appropriate to take a moment to reflect on the many successes of our chapter. This past semester saw the addition of eight new brothers from the Theta pledge class, attendance in numerous social and philanthropic functions, and a continued dedication to the improvement of Delta Xi.

I am also reminded of the great time we all had at the Senior Sendoff, which brings me to the purpose of this letter. As we congratulate our graduating brothers on the successful completion of their undergraduate education it is also time to start looking forward to their replacement and a new generation of Fiji brothers. Fall Rush is just around the corner and we are looking to recruit the best and brightest young men at the University.

We are asking you, the graduate brother, to refer any young men you know who are attending Berkeley and that you believe to be Fiji quality. If there are any young men that you think we should recruit, please send us their contact information so we can be sure not to miss them. We appreciate the role that our graduate brothers play as one of our most valuable resources for finding new members. Your assistance with our recruitment helps to ensure the enduring quality of our fraternity.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay involved. The Norris Pig Dinner is November 18th and we hope to see as many of you there as can make it. It should be a great time!

Fraternally,
Nick Bea '08
Rush Committee

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• Full Name _____ Graduation Year _____

• **Recommendation Information**

• Name: _____ Age: _____

• Mailing Address: _____

• City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

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• Relationship to Sponsor: _____

• Expected Choice of Study: _____

• Please use the enclosed envelope to mail this response

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DELTA XI FALL EVENT CALENDAR

Grad Dinner - October 3rd
5:30 p.m. at the chapter house
(all graduates welcome to drop-in)

Dad's Day - October 22nd
TBA BBQ at the chapter house
TBA Kickoff vs. Washington State

Grad Dinner - November 7th
5:30 p.m. at the chapter house
(all graduates welcome to drop-in)

Pig Dinner - November 18th
5:30 Reception at chapter house
6:00 Dinner and Hall of Fame Ceremony (see other page)

The Big Game - November 19th
TBA Tailgate at Stanford Stadium
4:00 p.m. Kickoff at Stanford

Grad Dinner - December 5th
5:30 p.m. at the chapter house
(all graduates welcome to drop-in)

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