



PIKES PEAK FIJI

“NOT FOR COLLEGE DAYS ALONE.”

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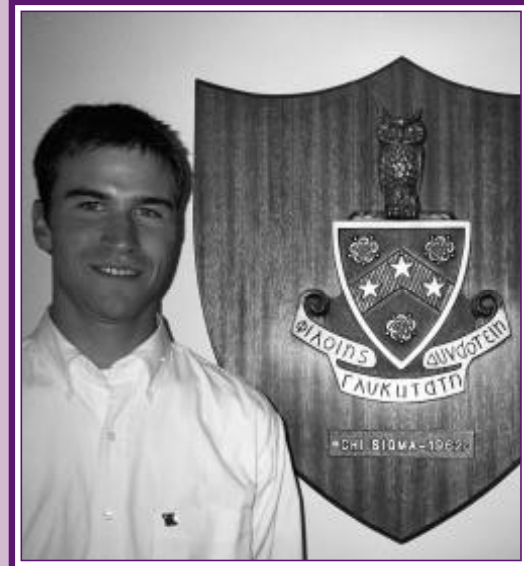
This summer the Chi Sigma chapter adopted the fraternity's Alcohol Free Housing policy. We are the only Fraternity on campus with AFH. The transition proved painless and our Rush was tremendous. Kelly Powers conducted a rush retreat with the chapter prior to rush. The Result? This year we pledged 16 quality men. The chapter morale is high; our strong momentum is only growing.


We would like to thank all of you that made it out to last year's Norris Pig Dinner. We are currently planning this year's Norris Pig Dinner for March 3. Jeff Bush is serving as the graduate Pig Dinner Advisor. We are looking forward to seeing you all there this year.


The following graduates have volunteered their time to help the chapter: Steve Vela, Kelly Powers, Jeff Bush, Bruce Kolbezen, Tim Sheridan, and Brian Thomson. We still need to form a Board of Chapter Advisors and a Housing Corporation. We need you.


It was great to meet many graduates at Homecoming this year. If you have not had a chance to come to the chapter house, please stop by. Hope to see you soon,

-Alex Wilschke
PERGE! 




The first Chi Sigma Pig Dinner of the new millenium was also the first in recent history. Nonetheless, it was more successful than anticipated. Final attendance weighed in at more than 60 people. Our distinguished guest speaker was Stu Evey, Archon and founder of ESPN. Stu gave a great speech centered upon the accomplishments of his life and the importance of Alcohol Free Housing. Gil Turner received his Diamond Owl, an award for being a Phi Gam for over 75 years. 30 actives and over 30 graduate brothers represented the chapter. Also in attendance were The Phi Gamma Delta Education Foundation directors who gave the chapter assistance in planning this year's Pig Dinner. We appreciate their help reviving the Norris Pig Dinner Tradition. Many brothers took advantage of the fact that the Patty Jewett Golf course played host to the dinner, finding time to play a round of golf before dinner. Kelly Powers acted as Master of Ceremony, ensuring ample entertainment for the audience. The most important part of the evening came at the end during the traditional "passing the gavel," when everyone in attendance got a chance to share with the room the importance of Phi Gamma Delta. We look forward to next year's Pig Dinner, watch for information in upcoming newsletters. 


Last year marked the second year in a row that our chapter collected more dues than it charged its members. This is due to aggressive collection of past and present dues. As many of you know, we have also employed the services of Omega Financial, a web-based greek financial service. At the end of last year, the chapter was left with a positive balance after putting on a great Island as well as a Pig Dinner. Fiscally, the chapter is in a good position. This is due in large part to the contributions of you, our graduate brothers. Without your support to keep this chapter afloat, the chapter would probably still be battling debt problems. We expect that we will no longer be dependent upon those donations for our operating budget, but can now use them for more long term goals. You are now able to give gifts through Steve Vela '86. Please read more about this exciting opportunity in the insert. 

Fiji Island for the 99-00 school year was a huge success. The event lasted two evenings on a Friday and Saturday night. The first evening was an invitation only party for Fiji's and their closest pals. The house was decorated in an island theme from the chimney top to the basement. The main entry in the rear had a beach, a waterfall, and rain forest theme music. Tiki torches crowned the main entrance. In the inside, sod covered the floor and numerous potted plants created a lush jungle atmosphere. The second evening was an off-campus event that took place at Castaway's restaurant and bar in Manitou Springs. The capacity of the facility was exceeded with over nine hundred. We provided bus service to and from the event to ensure safe transportation for all the partygoers. We rented the sounds of the local reggae band B+ to keep the evening irie. The band kept everybody on the dance floor for the entire evening. When all told, Island was a smashing success. 

ORDER OF OMEGA

The Order of Omega exists on the Colorado College campus to recognize individuals and chapters that exhibit the finest that the Greek system has to offer. The quality of a chapter is directly reflected by its membership in the Order of Omega and by the awards that the Order confers upon the chapter. This year the Chi Sigma chapter had the most members initiated out of all the Greek chapters on campus. The Order of Omega inducted six FIJIs into membership, Drew Beckwith, Seth Bolzle, Nick Mills, Jay Moss, Tyler Stilley and Alex Wilschke. Phi Gams now constitute 2/3 of the men in Order of Omega. In addition, four of the last six "New Greek Man of the Year" awards have been awarded to FIJIs. Last year our own President Alex Wilschke won the award. This year, Seth Bolzle is the President of the Order of Omega and Tyler Stilley is the Secretary. We are pleased to see this increase in our representation in the Greek honor society. 

152ND EKKLESIA

This summer Phi Gamma Delta held its 152nd Ekklesia. Three Chi Sigma Fijis, Alex Wilschke, Seth Bolzle and J-T Ladit travelled to San Antonio for this semi-annual event. The three of us enjoyed our time under the hot Texas sun. The Ekklesia business sessions focused mainly on Alcohol Free Housing. As a fraternity we reached a compromise that allows chapters to apply for a two-year exemption from AFH. The exemption is dependent upon several criteria, including, but not limited to alcohol education seminars, risk management seminars, financial and discipline issues, and grades. Other Ekklesia proceedings included passing a resolution to update our pledge manual, The Purple Pilgrim, and to keep Fiji tattoos from becoming an official place for our letters. 

Greetings Phi Gams!!

Another school year is upon us. Another year for Phi Gamma Delta at The Colorado College. Founded in 1908, we celebrate a new millennium and our 92nd consecutive year on campus.

Things are happening at the Fiji house and The Colorado College. The chapter returned from this year's Ekklesia in San Antonio with an honorable mention for the Coon Plaque for best newsletter as well as an honorable mention for most improved chapter. Let me tell you how improved they are. Last year, they pledged 14 men of which 12 initiated. This is up from 6 the previous year. Again this year they have 16 pledges. They held a successful Pig Dinner with almost 40 graduates showing up at the Patty Jewett Country Club. My highlight was watching the undergraduates reaction to the \$1,000 that was given by several graduates who could not attend but wanted to praise the chapter's graduate relations efforts. This money was used for new chapter officer robes. It was exciting to see the fraternity spirit alive and well at Chi Sigma.

Year 2000 presents new challenges to undergraduate Phi Gams. A smaller house, which sleeps only 5 members, presents limitations on developing brotherhood. The International Fraternity has passed new bylaws that banish any alcoholic beverages on chapter house premises. Unfortunately or fortunately, other fraternities at CC have not passed similar resolutions, which presents plenty of new opportunities for rush and brotherhood activities. The good news is after many years of college appears to be realizing their mistake. An example of this is the hiring of Peter Fitz, a former Chi Sigma Fiji, as the Greek advisor for the college.

Former Chi Sigma Phi Gams continue to be recognized by the college. Did you know Gail Bundy, '62 was named to a six-year term on the College Board of Trustees. And how about brother Donald Autrey who had the soccer field in East Campus near the Greek Quad (behind the old Beta house) dedicated in his name during Homecoming?

These are exciting times for Chi Sigma. Graduates like Bruce Kolbezen, Robert Redwine, Jeff Bush, Mehdi Shellhammer, Steve Vela and Tim Sheridan have graciously begun getting involved with the long-term success of the chapter. These graduates and I are working to ensure newsletters like this get written regularly, rush is successful, Pig Dinner and Homecoming events occur for graduates, fundraising efforts to aid the chapter are undertaken on a regular basis and the chapter house is properly maintained.

Want to help? Want to support Chi Sigma? Want to give time? Give money? Give me a call at 303-722-2016. Join the fun—these are exciting times!

- Kelly Powers 

Sam Newton - married, 2 children, founder of Englewood's Country Dinner Playhouse and Chairman of his son's company, Centennial Instruments.

Fritz Minuth '44 - living in Hawaii, retired from Episcopal Church.

Charles Haines '45 - soon to be remarried to Sandra Willard (Congratulations!)

Robert (Bob) Dem '51 - Retired from Exxon in '85 where he was a geologist in the Rockies for 34 years, He and his wife are now living it up in Estes Park.

Charles Hover, Jr. '51 - President of the Colorado Public Expenditure Council, a non-profit organization designed to give tax planning advice to legislators and business leaders.

Ned Mann '52 - Living in Fayetteville, New York and involved with Rotary International.

Basil (Ted) Blume '58 - Currently a Real Estate developer.

Ben Melton '63 - Retired in '95 and traveling 6 months a year.

Peter Susemihl '66 - Currently in C. Springs. Is a Trustee of CC and the Chairman of the Colorado Springs World Arena.

Marc St. John '80 - In France making money.


Eric Tibby '84 - Up in Castle Rock selling software and raising a family, Jon, 6 and Jenna, 2

Emory Ellsworth '86 - After graduating from Thunderbird and receiving an Accounting degree from ASU, he travels the southwest auditing casinos.

Scott Eaton '89 - Living in Wimbledon, London.

Jeff Bush '95 - Headhunter in Denver; He says it is great to see all those who attended Seth Vannatta's wedding: Todd Johnson, Brad Fouts, Amit Nayar, Ethan Morton, Jonathon Erwin, Brandon Porter, and Zach McFarland.

Amit Nayar '96 - Working in Englewood, CO for a commercial software company.

Kenneth Mimmack '83 - Since '97 he has been a top executive at the Mille Lacsband's corporate commission which has helped tribes maintain casino control in New Mexico. 



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Dear Graduate Brother:

As you can tell by the items in this newsletter, exciting things are happening at the Chi Sigma chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. I have been personally impressed at the level of commitment to excellence that the undergraduates have shown recently. It truly seems that despite the adversity of the past, these young men are serious about carrying on the strong traditions that made our house great.

In this context, it is appropriate for us as graduates to help them out in whatever ways are appropriate. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are essential to assuring that the rejuvenation of our chapter can be possible today and tomorrow. I urge you to say "yes" when the house comes calling, whether that be for a financial contribution, helping out with chapter development, or just attending Pig Dinner. Consistent graduate involvement is critical to the ongoing development of the house.

I am currently helping the house out with coordinating graduate financial support. There are several ways to help out this effort. We are currently establishing a segregated account as a repository for graduate support. Half of the donations, unless otherwise specified, will go to the chapter for immediate support. The other half will be used to begin building a war chest for long term capital needs of the chapter.

There are two ways of supporting the chapter financially. As in the past, the bottom half of this form can be mailed in to me with a check. Additionally, the chapter has established a way for you to contribute money online. Beginning immediately, there is a link on the front page of the chapter website, www.coloradocollege.edu/students/greek/fiji, from which you can link to a secure server and make a financial contribution to the chapter with a credit card or check. And, as part of a promotion, the service that the chapter has signed up with will **match your contribution up to \$1000** if made before December 31, 2000. This is a great way for contributions to add up quickly.

Once again, I remind you that Phi Gamma Delta is "not for college days alone".

Fraternally,
Steve Vela '86
Perge!

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Comments, Questions or Suggestions on anything (please use the back):