

# The Golden Eagle Fiji

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1998 Ekklesia

17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pig Dinner

Theta Tau Graduate Association

PHI GAMMA DELTA

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Cover Picture of '97 Kazoo Band Provided by  
Lindsay Cloud, Alpha Delta Pi, President '97

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

Hello from Theta Tau,

I hope things are going as well for you in your personal lives and in the business world as they are here at Phi Gamma Delta. This chapter is continuing to carry the momentum started by the success it enjoyed during the previous year.

As this is the first address you have received from me, I will begin by introducing myself. I am a junior Industrial Engineering major from Jackson, Tennessee. I have been active in the chapter since gaining membership in the spring of 1995.

What is the current state of the chapter? The spring term picked up right where the fall term left off as Phi Gamma Delta enjoyed the most successful Spring Rush it has seen in a long time by pledging 16 men! I foresee continued success in campus activities, scholarship, and pledge education as well as continuous improvement in service and graduate relations!

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Gentlemen, let's look to the future. As Theta Tau continues to grow (50+ actives for fall '98), we must realize the ever increasing need for improved housing conditions. This is a long-term goal that will be realized if we begin working on it now. The most important step towards this or any other major goal, which will require both graduate and undergraduate support, is the formation of a Theta Tau Graduate Association. Keith Edmondson and Brad Dozier are currently laying much of the groundwork for such an association. Please contact them with any suggestions or input you may have.

Brothers, I look forward to seeing you at Pig Dinner or anytime sooner!

Fraternally,

Kelly Irvin '99

Perge!

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## Year in Review '97

### Spring '97

- ◆ #5 in Grades. Above All-Men's and All-Fraternity Avg. for the first time in 3 yrs!!!
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Greek Week
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in All-Sing
- ◆ Zero Balance with Headquarters Achieved

### Fall '97

- Largest Pledge Class at 25 -Next closest in the teens.
- Largest Initiated Class at 13 - No one else was close!!
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Homecoming Overall
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open Float- Kazoo Band
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Grades (If you don't count Kappa Alpha Psi with 2 men). Only two to top All-Men's Avg!
- \$1000 raised for MS at Fiji Island Week
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Delta Gamma Anchor Splash

## Graduate Spotlight - What are they doing now?

**Matt Graves** - Matt and Glenda have a child due in March. Congratulations!!

**Oliver Rick** - Oliver will be leaving for the Air Force in March for Officer and pilot training.

**Jonathan Smith** - Jon and Cassie are currently living in Cookeville and Jon is working on his MBA.

**Lee Wray** - Lee has a new office in the old library at Tech, but doesn't have his purple carpet back yet!

### Who might you see here at Pig Dinner?

#### Just to name a few:

Todd Fairley	Pierson Simon
Troy Fairley	Kong Chen
Scott Brewer	Doug Patterson
Lee Wray	Jay Banasiak
Ross Jones	Oliver Rick(maybe)
Curt Chaffin	Bill Greer
Shannon Nash	Stacy Hunt

### Graduate Note:

There will be an Archon position open soon. If you are interested, contact Kelly Irvin, CP.

### Have you Registered for Pig Dinner yet?

If you have not registered for Pig Dinner yet, please do so as soon as possible. Many graduates have already confirmed, so if you are not sure yet or have misplaced your registration form here is the important stuff.

All guests **must** be registered by March 27<sup>th</sup>. If you won't know until that time please call. No problem!

The T-shirt order will be made on March 16<sup>th</sup> so if you would like one, please let us know before then.

Dinner costs \$30.00 per meal and Golf is \$12.00 for 9 holes. Remember that there will be trophies for the winners of the Golf Scramble as well as awards for several Graduates!!!

If you have any problems or questions that we can help with, let us know. It is going to be a great weekend!



## Upcoming Events

**Formal** - March 27, 28 - more to come

**Pig Dinner** - April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

Fri. 6pm - Graduate Reception at the House  
Cooking the Pig!!

Sat. 8am - Golf Scramble - Country Club

Sat. Noon - Chapter Lunch

For all Bros and Families!

Sat. 2pm - Volleyball - Can the old guys jump?

Sat. 6pm - Norris Pig Dinner -Country Club

Brothers only

Sat. 6pm - Ladies night - ??? - If you need,  
a baby sitter can be provided

Sat. 10p - "Not for College Days Alone" party

**Summer Party** - June 27<sup>th</sup>? - more to come

**Ekklesia** - Aug. 12-16 - See IHQ WebPage - FijiNet

**Homecoming** - Oct. 3 TTU vs MTSU for LAST time!

This will be a huge Homecoming!!!

## New Members

### New Initiates:

Ken Capozzi  
Jay Chapman  
Chad Crocker  
Michael Dalton  
Scott Demoss  
Ryan Fulkerson  
J Horton  
Chris Howard  
Eric May  
John Warmath  
Eric Weber  
Lucas Yeary  
Brent Young

### Spring Pledges:

Greg Boykin  
Nick Bridges  
Clark Denson  
Kevin Ford  
Matt Henry  
Ricky Jett  
Brent Kenny  
Blake Mayo  
Jim McGhee  
Jimmy Nelson  
Sean Vanderwalker  
Rob Wheeler  
David Whitaker  
Brian Wilburn  
Daine Wright

## The Expansion Plan

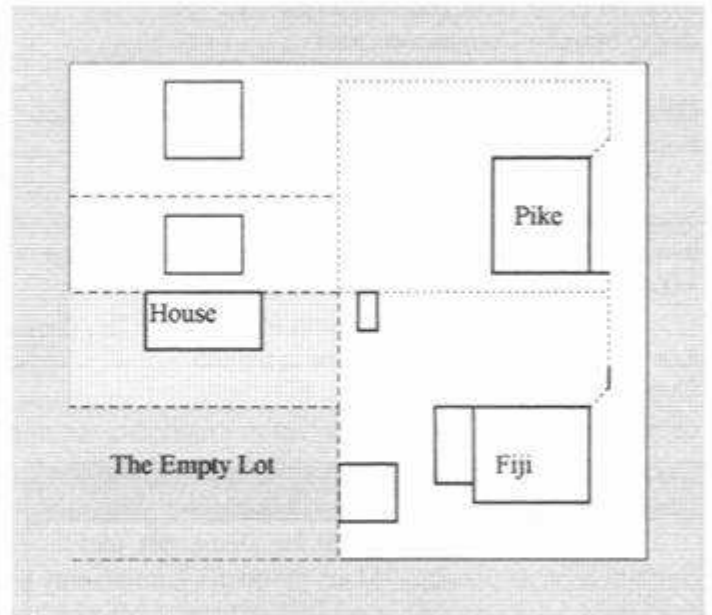
As our Chapter is continuously growing in number and stature, we must constantly think of the future challenges in store for it. The most obvious of which is the Chapter House.

In the past few months, an opportunity to act for that future has come to our attention. The empty lot directly between our house and Walnut is up for grabs. At the current time the Chapter is renting the property for \$50.00 a month. However, this is only a temporary solution, as it will become necessary to purchase this lot in order to have it for our future needs.

Additionally, we have learned that the house and property next to that lot are also available for rent and eventual sale. The Chapter has considered renting this property as well, however, we have not done so as of yet.

I am sure that by looking at the property diagram you can see the obvious reason why we might wish to purchase these properties. This would give Fiji a half block on which to construct a future home or expand the current one!

The effort to eventually acquire these properties is being headed up by Brad Dozier. We encourage any of you who are able and willing to help with this endeavor to contact him or



the Chapter President. Brad can be reached at [bdozier@edge.net](mailto:bdozier@edge.net) or at 615-373-7090. Further details will be discussed at Pig Dinner.

## Theta Tau Graduate Association

The Theta Tau Chapter has had the advantage over other chapters and fraternities in past years due to the strength and involvement of its graduate members. Today is no different, except in the fact that we do not have a structured organization with which to best utilize our graduate resources. This is where the Theta Tau Graduate Association will make its mark.

The majority of Theta Tau's graduates are still living in Tennessee or are close on its borders. Nashville and Knoxville both enjoy the largest

concentrations of our graduates. This puts them within a reasonable distance of the Chapter itself and makes either of these locations a good base for the Association's activities.

The Graduate Association would help the Chapter by being one of its best graduate communication tools as well as by providing the Chapter with the combined experience and know-how its members would possess. In essence, it would function like a chapter, but would be an organization equivalent to a BCA

or the House Corporation.

Functioning in this capacity, the organization would probably meet once a month and would have presiding officers as well as general members. Those members not within convenient driving distance of a meeting would simply communicate their input by other means.

Any graduates who are interested in being a part of the Graduate Association should contact Keith Edmondson at 615-331-8421 or Kelly Irvin, CP. Further details will be discussed at Pig Dinner.

## 1998 Ekklesia - 150yrs of PHI GAMMA DELTA

The 1998 Ekklesia, celebrating Phi Gamma Delta's 150th anniversary, will be a special event! Plans are already under way to hold the largest, greatest, and most significant event in our Fraternity's history in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! The event will be held on August 12-16 at The Westin William Penn (site of the 100th Ekklesia). Special sesquicentennial events include a visit to the Alpha Chapter at Washington & Jefferson College and a trip to the log cabin where the Immortal Six first met in 1848! Please watch the FijiNet "Announcements" page for updates...

## Do you remember; A PIG DINNER DIARY, 1987

**Friday, May 1**

Noon

I've taken off work early to go home and get ready for the weekend in Cookeville. Do I really even want to go? I wonder how many people I will even know. The last time I was at the Chapter house was Pig Dinner two years ago. And that was before they got the new house. I don't know....I told Randy and David I would be there. And I would love to see Hal, and Rex. And of course Jeff and Dan and Tim. Gosh, it's been a long time since I've talked to some of those guys. Man, the good times we used to have...I remember when Todd and Carter....

6:00 p.m.

"Tennessee Tech University, Burgess Falls Road, Next Exit." I can remember when that sign used to signal that I was almost "home." Home for almost five years of my life. Five very good years.

7:30 p.m.

Okay, the new house is on Peachtree and one block over from Kappa Sig. I wonder if they still have those Halloween water balloon fights? There it is. Looks pretty nice. Definitely bigger than 421 North Walnut. Well, lets go inside.

11:00 p.m.

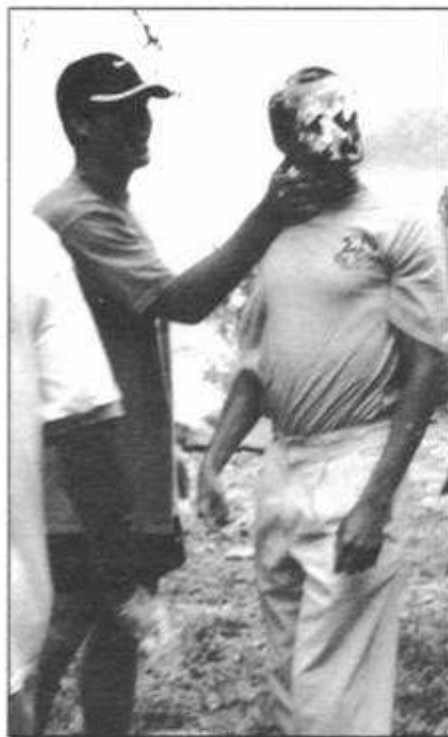
Man I can't believe I've been here over three hours. And I don't think I've stopped running my mouth yet. Hal and MacIndoe haven't changed a bit. Well, slightly calmer, but still a blast. Of course, Lee's here keeping the undergrads on their best behavior. The Chapter is really organized. A registration table, grad directory information for us to correct, a registration packet which has the weekend schedule, an update on the

Chapter, and a report from Tech Fijis Inc. Impressive.

**Saturday, May 2**

9:30 a.m.

Time to tee off at the Country Club. I think they said we have 36 brothers playing in the annual Pig Dinner Scramble. I just hope Martin doesn't decide to play bumper cars with his cart. The day is absolutely beautiful. I met Phil Wallace '88, Pig Dinner Chairman. He's got a fantastic show underway. Good job Phil.



Tom Marable pied at Island '97

3:00 p.m.

Back to the house. I like this volleyball court idea. I can't believe all the grads I haven't seen since graduation. Jonathan is here. And Robbie is still one of the nicest guys around. And now he owns a BMW. Drew Sowell is here. And Daniel Ray. Kermick. Hamrick. The Depot Alumni. Wilmore. Carl Martin. And he's been on time for everything.

4:00 p.m.

Annual meeting of Tech Fijis Inc. Seems like they have the house finances under control. Randy's fundraising drive is very ambitious. But then Randy's ideas always are. And they always succeed. I need to remember to make my pledge to help support the various programs of the Chapter-scholarships, rush, newsletter, house purchases fund.

5:45 p.m.

Dinner at the Holidome. Is this place really in Cookeville? I like the way they have assigned tables with the place cards. Four grads and four undergrads at each table.

6:00 p.m.

Look at all the grads who have shown up since golf. Ken Lynn and Kell. And you've got to be kidding, Matt Graves. And Rex. And Joel and DO. And I am really enjoying talking to the undergrads. These men are very impressive.

6:15 p.m.

Jonathan's reading of a letter from Corey really meant a great deal. Corey hasn't been back to the Chapter in years and yet he took the time to write and say how much Phi Gamma Delta meant to him.

7:00 p.m.

Dinner was well worth the money with the 'all you can eat' buffet. Now on to the program....

You mean they still have the snake award? And this new "Most abused by KD" Award is fantastic. They could start a Hall of Fame for all the Brothers who should have won that award.

Bill Scott gives a report on the state of the Chapter. Randy outlines the fund raising program for the next year

## Do you remember; A PIG DINNER DIARY, 1987

and hands out the pledge cards. And now awards .....

8:00 p.m.

Peter Claus, Archon Secretary, is the featured speaker. Very impressive credentials. A Philadelphia lawyer. And the message he brings about international is very important. I hope the undergrads are listening to the thoughts and ideas he is conveying. But I'm finding it hard for me to listen...looking around at old friends...at young men who have replaced us...carrying on the Theta Tau Phi Gam tradition.

9:00 p.m.

Dinner is over. Some of the grads are on their way out of Cookeville. We say goodbye and shake hands and say next time we can't wait so long to get together again. I hate to say goodbye.

10:00 p.m.

The house is packed for the after dinner party. And some grads have finally arrived. Kerwin and Brummett. And even Jane McMaster is here. I've been hearing stories from the undergrads that sound just like stories from my years here. All Sing ...the

Depot is still around ...games against the E's and Phi Deltis...being in control of the ASB ...Sororities getting mad because we are too secretive...long card games.

**Sunday, May 3**

3:00 p.m.

Today the sun is still shining. We had a nice Brothers only get together at the house this morning. And we've been playing volleyball since lunch. People are slowly beginning to leave. They say goodbye and then hang on to talk for just a few minutes more...

A FANTASTIC weekend. And things seem so much the same. Yes, there are new names and faces. But they have the same goals, the same ideals. The same personalities...No, the house is not the same physical structure. But I haven't really noticed, because the voices and the laughter and the smiles are still the same. I can see myself dancing in the front room with the floor shaking in the old house just as clearly as if it were happening now.

I'm not sure what has amazed me more. That old friends are still the same. Or that the new ones I've made this weekend are so much like us...I

will make the effort to come back often...even when my graduate friends are not here...because it's nice to remember where I came from

...Learning to work with others that I did not always agree with, or sometimes thought I didn't even like. Completing a project that I never thought I would finish on time. And having friends who helped me get through it. Learning to trust and open myself up to others who were really just as scared about life as I was...

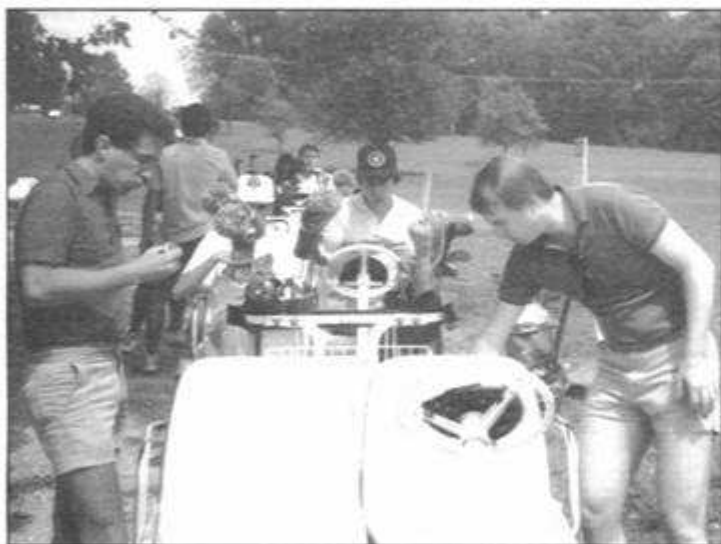
Well, almost home. And I'm glad. I don't think I would want to be back in college again...But...well, it's something I need to do very often ...Homecoming and Pig Dinner at least...because those friends I shared those college years with mean too much to me to leave them out of my life...

Thanks to all those at Pig Dinner...Grads and undergrads...who showed me that Phi Gamma Delta is really not for college days alone...

Your Graduate Brother

Perge!

Pig Dinner '98, Can you stand to miss it?



## Fiji Island Week Is A Success Yet Again

The 1997 Fiji Island Week held in September raised \$1000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. With over 200 Greeks in attendance each night, not even mother nature could keep the event from being a success, although she tried!

Each night's activities featured an island theme and there was fierce competition between the groups. In addition to the traditional beach ball relay, limbo contest, tug of war, and hula-hoop contest, there was also a Miss Fiji Island Contest which was a resounding success!

The money raised will go to benefit multiple sclerosis research and patients in the Middle Tennessee area.



## Rockin' Homecoming '97 - Fiji / Alpha Delta Pi

Homecoming '97 saw Fijis and ADPis having a great time together and leaving the competition wondering what happened! In each event Fiji/ADPi made it known that the trophies belonged with us. Among them were 1<sup>st</sup> in banner, 2<sup>nd</sup> in pep rally, 1<sup>st</sup> in canned food, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in float and of course... 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

Additionally, the Famous, or Infamous if you prefer, Kazoo Band ran away with the Open Float Division trophy in its never ending quest to get in as many pictures as possible! Unfortunately Tony Marable escaped the Kazoo mob this year, but there is always Pig Dinner which happens to fall very close to his B-day this year. But... you didn't here that from me!

Thanks to Shannon Nash, Oliver Rick, Jay Banasiak, Keith Edmondson, Doug Patterson,



Scott Brewer, Lee Wray, Jonathan Smith and Mark York for their help during Homecoming!

## A Last Word From The 'Old' Guy

The Chapter has grown a lot in the past year, but all the best stuff has stayed the same. Theta Tau has a firm shot at Fraternity of the Year for '97 and has achieved most of the goals which I had set out to accomplish when I started a year ago. Many of the things we achieved are listed in the "Year in Review '97" column, but nothing can compare to the extreme Brotherhood and high morale in the Chapter right now. What bigger part could there be in the ultimate goal of leaving the Chapter better than one receives it, than a Chapter which bleeds Royal Purple?

I thank all of the Brothers, graduate and undergraduate, who helped make '97 such a good year for Theta Tau. I am confident that the '98 cabinet has the tools and skills it needs to carry the Chapter even higher. Being Chairman of the Graduate Relations and Pig Dinner committees and a past officer, I hope that we will see all of you back once again for Pig Dinner and Homecoming so that one more of those goals that didn't make it on to the completion list can be achieved!

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**GRADUATES!**

We are waiting to  
 hear from you so . . . .

*The Undergraduates of the Theta Tau Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta  
 at  
 Tennessee Technological University  
 would be honored by your presence at our  
 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Frank Norris Pig Dinner  
 on the eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight*

*Special Guest Speaker  
 Keith Henley, International Headquarters Staff*

*Master of Ceremonies  
 Purple Legionnaire Scott Brewer, Tech class of '89*



. . . We can  
 spread the word.

**We Look Forward To Having All Our Brothers Back!**

**Cookeville Hotel Info**

Best Western Thunderbird Motel	900 S. Jefferson Av. 931-526-7115	Ramada Limited Suites	1045 Interstate Dr. 931-372-0086
Comfort Inn	1100 S. Jefferson Av. 931-528-1040	Scottish Inns	1814 Salem Rd. 931-528-5411
Days Inn	1292 Bunker Hill Rd. 931-528-1511	Southern Motel Apps	1957 W. Broad 931-528-5622
Eastwood Inn	1646 E. Spring 931-526-6158	Star Motor Inn	1115 S. Willow Av. 931-526-9511
Hampton Inn	340 Interstate Dr 931-520-1117	Super 8 Motel	1330 Bunker Hill Rd 931-526-1230
Holiday Inn	970 S. Jefferson Av 931-526-7125	Winona Motel	1798 E. Spring 931-526-7134
Howard Johnson	2021 E. Spring St 931-526-3333	Park Place Inn	635 E. Spring 931-526-7188