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From the Desk of the President.....

Half way through my last semester as President, I can honestly say that I could not be any prouder of our chapter. As a "old guy," I can say that the fraternity will be in good hands for years to come.

On an average day on campus, I can walk to each of my classes and pass countless brothers and pledges that are ready to strike up a conversation. During lunch at the wonderful "Café O' Lay", over 50 FIJIs and numerous girls gather to eat lunch and catch up on the breaking news of the day. And yes, the "FIJI Table", that has been a part of us for so long, has turned into the "FIJI Tables".

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Later that afternoon, the FIJI's have gotten their lawn chairs, recliners, and couches together and ventured to the intramural fields to support the Tech girl's soccer team. Well, actually to heckle the girls from the other team. Then at 8 o'clock that night, the Phi Gams have a flag football game. I just happened to count the people at the last game: 125 showed up to cheer for the team. After a FIJI victory, (we are 1-0 this season) that chant that every other Fraternity on campus hates to hear, begins:

"Phi Gamma Delta, who the hell are we,
Phi Gam, FIJI, the best Fraternity!"

Finally, when I make it back to the house and think that things have settled down for the evening, someone wants to go to Wal-Mart, Waffle House, or even Cotton Eye'd Joe's. The study room is full with people that are actually studying, and people are lounged around the TV watching *Happy Gilmore* or *Friday* and repeating every word from memory. The last brothers seen for the day are the brothers in the basement in deep conversation that will wind up bringing in the next day.

Yeah, all the awards are nice, but when it comes down to it, Brotherhood, is what we are all about. Brotherhood is a feeling that I have come to love and is something that is alive and thriving in your undergraduate chapter.

"I'm proud to be your president, and I'm damn proud to be a Phi Gamma Delta!"

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Island Week

Our annual philanthropy benefiting Multiple Sclerosis was a huge success. Under the leadership of Brother Brandon Miller, the three day event was able to raise \$800.00 for this worthy cause.

Sororities participating this year were Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Kappa Delta. The fraternities represented were Sigma Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Our house received an impressive turnout and great participation in the events. We had a volleyball tournament, tug-of-war, limbo competition, and the Miss Fiji Island Pageant. The band, Suzi's Tattoo, performed from our back deck before a crowd of Greeks to kick off the week. Playing in the band were fellow Phi Gams Matt Leonard on bass guitar and Richard Suttles on drums.

Homecoming 1999

Tennessee Tech's Homecoming promises to be an exciting and eventful affair. Theta Tau plans to bring home a third consecutive championship trophy with a lot of hard work and dedication as well as a lot of fun. This year we are working with the Phi Mu sorority and look forward to spending time with these ladies. The homecoming theme is "A Salute to the Century". It involves events and entertainment from various decades of the 1900's. Phi Gamma Delta expects to have a great time for this last homecoming of the millenium.

Unfortunately, the homecoming football game will not be the same as in the past. MTSU's move up in division this school year ends the long rivalry. The Golden Eagles will instead be matching up against Murray State. As always, Phi Gamma Delta will be flying the banner high and cheering in the stands. We invite all Fiji alumni to join us in exhibiting our TTU pride.

Event Schedule

Monday, October 25 - Sock Hop

Tuesday, October 26 - Canned Food Drive & Air Band

Wednesday, October 27-Scavenger Hunt & Movies

Thursday, October 28 - Quiz Show

Friday, October 29 - Field Day

Saturday, October 30- 8:30am Parade, 2:00pm Homecoming Football Game

Recruitment Retreat

By Brian Long

The 1999 Recruitment Retreat was highly informative and effective. The overall group morale was exceedingly high. Not only was the group attitude high, but the brotherhood bonding was at a max. Nevertheless, we always kept our focus on recruitment.

The theme of the retreat, held at Standing Stone State Park, was "Recruitment 365: Replace Yourself". Some of the topics covered by the '99 recruitment committee were: Learning how to work together, recruitment role playing, techniques of recruiting and the big picture of Phi Gamma Delta. Recruitment Advisor Lee Wray and Faculty Advisor Tony Marable were both in attendance and strongly participating.



In retrospect, the retreat was a success. Not only was it informative and helpful to the new brothers, it was also a fresh reminder to the higher pin brothers. As a member of the 1999 recruitment committee, I would personally like to thank the brothers and advisors for the great accomplishments gained at the 1999 Recruitment Retreat.

Fall Rush 1999

By Brent Young

Rush this year went great thanks to the help of the Rush Committee, Cabinet, and the brothers. With a little hard work and dedication, the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta made this Fall Rush the most successful one ever. Even though our house is dry, we attracted numbers unheard of during the pre-rush period. Out of forty-three bids, we received 37 back. We look forward to seeing just what these upstanding Fijis to be can do.



Fall 1999 Pledge Brothers

Adam Aylor.....Jackson, TN
Trey Boyd.....Powell, TN
Ryan Butler.....Dresden, TN
Nathan Byrd....Cumberland Gap, TN
Lance Call.....Brownsville, TN
Tiger Cavanaugh.....Knoxville, TN
Chris Clark.....Clarksville, TN
Bryan Chambers.....Brentwood, TN
Kevin Coleman.....Church Hill, TN
Brad Connelly.....Lynville, TN
Chris Cramer.....Columbia, TN
Chris Dellinger.....Gastonia, NC
Corey Fitzpatrick.....Lafayette, TN
J. R. Gillette.....Mt. Juliet, TN
Brandon Hetrick.....Knoxville, TN
Wes Hicks.....Kingsport, TN
Wally Irvin.....Kingsport, TN
Andy Johnson.....Kingsport, TN
Seth Johnson.....Greenfield, TN

Joey Lake.....Clarksville, TN
Phillip Lutz.....Mt. Juliet, TN
Kevin McConkey.....Etowah, TN
Caleb McDonald.....Newport, TN
Justin Medlen.....Franklin, TN
Van Oldham.....Westmoreland, TN
Matt Osborne.....Kingsport, TN
Michael Prince.....Manchester, TN
Stephen Schurger.....Kingsport, TN
Andrew Smith.....Columbia, TN
Jeremy Smith.....Alamo, TN
Jimmy Smith.....Franklin, TN
John Solis.....Jackson, TN
Brigg Stoll.....Nashville, TN
Jesse Stout.....Greenfield, TN
Nate Tilton.....McMinnville, TN
Lucas Tirjan.....Lafayette, TN
Andrew Williamson.....Columbia, TN

What's New at Tech?

Tennessee Tech has recently made a few changes for the benefit of its students. The old grill underwent a metamorphosis, expanding its food options drastically. It now contains Blimpie's Subs, Taco Bell, and Sparro's Pizza, as well as having the short order grill that many students have grown to love. Tech also has changed the doors to many of its buildings into handicap-accessible doors allowing them to open with the push of a button. The most recent modification to the campus is the



conversion of Marshall Hall from an all female dorm to a coed dorm for engineering majors containing a computer lab and internet connections in each of the rooms.

Phi Gamma Delta would like to congratulate our brothers that graduated in the Spring of 1999 and remind them that Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone.

- Richard Suttles.....Industrial Technologies
- Brent Ellis.....Criminal Justice
- Michael Berg.....Management Information Services
- Chris Rogers.....Chemical Engineering
- Tom Caldwell.....Accounting
- Dustin Brothers.....Management Information Services



PHI GAM BRAG BOARD

Theta Tau received first place in the first annual Alpha Delta Pie Diamond Daze.

From fall rush, Phi Gamma Delta obtained its largest pledge class in Theta Tau history.

Phi Gam swept the competition on the soccer field taking first place in IFC soccer.



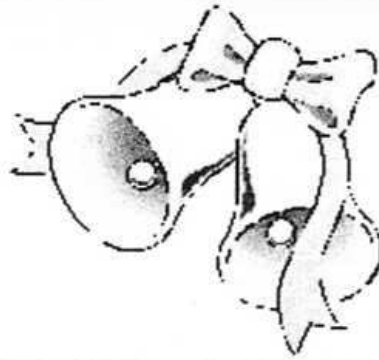
Fijis on the soccer field



Fiji Academy

Wedding Announcements

Dawn Denise Wright and Bro. Eric Thomas Allison were joined in holy matrimony on October 2, 1999 at the Colleside Church of Christ in Cookeville, TN.



The Story of Fiji Island 1999

They ventured across hill and valley, this reckless band of young vagabonds who call themselves Fijis, in search of a fabled island of paradise. What they carried with them filled only the vessels they had procured for their voyage. What they returned with could fill the seas. Using an ancient map drawn painstakingly by an ancient cartographer, they were able to find their nirvana, and after much resistance from the natives, they were able to claim it as their own. Many a legend was told, many an ale was consumed, and many a fair maiden was wooed. Good times and hearty meals were shared by all. During the day they played games simulating battles they had fought in their youth. At night, you could hear them singing songs of their experiences on the island. One afternoon they took a break from their revelry to assist another seafarer who had capsized his



vessel on a nearby sand bar. Alas, the gang realized they could not stay on the island forever. They packed their belongings up, leaving no trace of their stay, and promised themselves that one day, they would return.

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Sept. 11 @ Bowling Green State Bowling Green, Ohio L, 40-15
Sept. 18 LIBERTY UNIVERSITY COOKEVILLE W, 18-15
Oct. 2 @ UT Martin* Martin, Tenn. W, 45-9
Oct. 9 @ Southeast Missouri* Cape Girardeau, Mo. W, 21-7 Oct. 16 WESTERN
KENTUCKY* COOKEVILLE 1 p.m.
Oct. 23 @ Eastern Illinois* Charleston, Ill. 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 30 MURRAY STATE* (Homecoming) COOKEVILLE 2 p.m.
Nov. 6 @ Tennessee State* Nashville, Tenn. 6 p.m.
Nov. 13 EASTERN KENTUCKY* COOKEVILLE 1 p.m.
Nov. 18 @ Samford University Birmingham, Ala. 7 p.m.

* Denotes Ohio Valley Conference Games

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