



# ΣΝ ΒΨ



## Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2005 Edition

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### Starting Afresh

In an effort to revamp the collegiate-alumni relations of Beta Psi, the Fall 2005 Class is proud to re-establish the publication of this alumni newsletter. In this and future editions we as active members of the house will bring awareness to the alumni body about house news, events, and projects. We hope that these regular updates will give you, the alumni, a better understanding of what is going on at Beta Psi, and encourage you to also stay active with your Alma Mater and Sigma Nu Beta Psi.

### Officer Positions

Eminent Commander: Thomas Rupp  
Lieutenant Commander: Richmond Manzana  
Recorder & Co-Rush Chair: Jakub Godzik  
Co-Rush Chair: Amir Chalak  
Treasurer: Daniel Purnell  
Marshal: Michael Shen  
Social Chair: Arsalan Salamat  
Junior Social Chair: Justin Fong  
Chaplain: Kourosh Kolahi  
Philanthropy Chair: Chris Abad  
Sentinel & Webmaster: Scott Hinricher  
LEAD Chair: Brian Kruse  
GAMMA Representative: Alex Madrid  
House Manager: Theodore Johnson Jr.  
Alumni Relations & Steward: Doug Suda

### Successful Fall Rush

During Welcome Week the brothers of Beta Psi opened its doors to potential brothers through its Fall Rush Schedule. Some of the events included a steak barbeque, paintball, driving range, poker night, bonfire and pizza organized by Co-Rush Chair, Jake Godzik. All the events had great turnouts and we are now

honored to present this semester's candidates for knighthood.

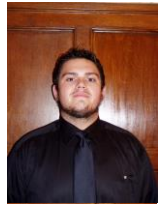
#### Fall 2005 Candidates:

Roy Partch

Year: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hometown: Susanville, CA

Major: Political Science



Adrian Villa

Year: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Major: Molecular & Cell Biology  
(Genetics) Minor: Mathematics



Bryce Simmer

Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Major: Electrical Engineering &  
Computer Sciences



Marc Albury

Year: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hometown: Miami, FL

Major: Japanese Language &  
Business Administration



We look forward to showing these candidates the tenets of Sigma Nu and the benefits they will accrue with knighthood.

### Alumni-Sponsored House Improvements

Work was finally completed over the summer, on numerous alumni-financed house improvements. Included was the wiring of all the rooms with two high-speed internet connections along with cable television. Additionally, the third floor deck was renovated. The deck was in serious disrepair, and thanks to the generosity of the alumni, the area of the

deck that heaved was repaired along with the refinishing of the floorboards and benches.

Renovation of the fire stairwell is still yet to be completed, when more funds become available. At the moment the bare studs are visible from the stairwell, along with the mildew and water damage that has accrued over the years.

Note, too, that the lack of insulation along that wall has led to increased utility bills to compensate for the lost heat. Hopefully the wall, which extends from the ground to third floor, will be repaired before the cold winter season arrives.

Work is also underway on the repair of one of the French doors in Chapter Hall. The chapter is delighted that the composite boards keeping the draft out are finally being replaced by actual doors. The doors have been waiting over half a year to be repaired. The work should be complete before the big USC game.



## Member-Initiated House Improvements

During the fourth week of the 2005 Fall Semester work initiated on the sanding and staining of the third floor sun deck. After the deck was repaired by alumni contributions the live-in members decided to sand and stain/waterproof the deck in anticipation of the October 1<sup>st</sup>



Homecoming Game against Arizona. Work progressed through the night and subsequent days as multiple coats were applied to ensure an even stain and waterproofing. Hats off to Kourosh who initiated the project



and coordinated the tasks. Special thanks goes out to all the brothers who helped accomplish this project.

Work is currently underway on extending the parking lot. Since the second week of classes Rich and Scott have coordinated the regular delivery of dirt to the house in order to backfill the

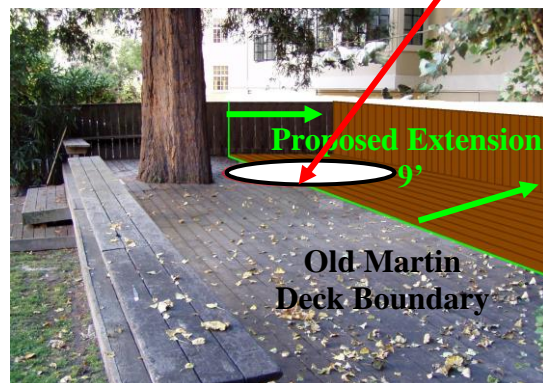


trench between the back parking lot and the retaining wall with Westminster House. To date, there have been 40 truckloads amounting to about 60 cubic yards of backfill. The acquisition of this sizeable area will add 5 more parking spots to the lot, which in turn increase revenue from parking on game days. Jake also plans to repaint the parking spots when the extension is finally completed.

Coincidentally, work has started on a new four-player arcade machine. Rich Manzana and Mike Shen have launched this project to replace the old machine. The outer shell for the machine is nearly complete. After the shell is painted the two will install the joysticks, screen, and computer. Everyone looks forward to sleepless nights of Mortal Combat and other great games.



Finally, the acquisition of a Jacuzzi has prompted serious discussions about the possibility of extending the Martin deck along with refinishing the floorboards. However, under the tight budget plans for this project may have to be delayed until next year. In order to facilitate this



project a foundation would have to be poured along with additional footings for the



extension of the deck. The proposed project would be the largest member-initiated project in the recent history of the house that would not only expand the usable area of the house, but also add a feature that no other house on campus could boast.

## Homecoming Band & BBQ

Before the Homecoming Game on October 1<sup>st</sup> Sigma Nu Beta Psi held a pre-Game bash that included the Sigma Nu band, *Days in Between*. Food, including



tri-tip, hamburgers, and chicken were served and the band only added to the overall atmosphere of the event. We had a terrific turnout and

had a great time socializing with students and alumni. Special thanks goes out to Jr. Social Chair, Justin, who coordinated the logistics of the event.

## UCLA Brotherhood Retreat

On the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> the brother of Beta Psi rented a Winnebago and took a road trip to root the Bears on against the UCLA Bruins at the Rose Bowl. The retreat was

great allowing the brothers to relax after a stressful week of midterms. While in LA we stayed at the UCLA ΣΝ and were able to meet some of



the EΠ brothers. The retreat would have been perfect, but the Bears unfortunately lost to the Bruins in the last minutes, 40-47. Thanks to L.C., Rich Manzana, who organized the retreat and drove the behemoth.

## CAL vs. USC Game Bash

On November 12<sup>th</sup> after the USC game, Beta Psi will hold its Cal vs. USC Game Post-Game. We anticipate a turnout comparable to our Homecoming Game. Alumni and friends are more than welcome to stop by and enjoy good food and drinks after the Bears crush the Trojans. As always, parking will be

available and will help finance the event and projects going on at the house. Encourage fans to park in our lot so we can get some of our larger projects underway.

## A Few Words from the Alumni President

I'd like to invite each of you to Beta Psi of Sigma Nu's annual meeting, where the alumni will be electing our board for the upcoming year and discussing our plans for the future. It will be held at noon prior to the USC game. We're hoping to reinvigorate our alumni/undergraduate relations program by introducing more opportunities for interaction. The first step in this process is our annual football get together at the house, which we've held the last two years. Our third annual get together will follow the USC game. We're also hoping to get an alumni/rush event set up for this coming winter.

We will also be discussing our plans for the physical plant. Over the past few years, the housing market at Berkeley has changed dramatically. If you've been by the house recently, you've noticed the changes and the new buildings. During the past year, we've invested over \$20,000 in our physical plant. These are the first major improvements we've made since re-colonization, but they're only the beginning. In the next year, we're looking to landscape the backyard, rebuild the Martin deck and rebuild the roof deck. Your input would be greatly appreciated!

Finally, we'll be introducing the 1892 Scholarship, which is a scholarship that will be given out to our outstanding undergraduate members coming next semester.

If any of you have any ideas or would just like an update, feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Faternally,  
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# Formal Alumni Dinner Announced

The active chapter has unanimously decided to hold its 2005 Formal Alumni Dinner in order to foster lasting relations between the alumni and current active brothers. The date has been set as December 4, 2005 at 7pm at Beta Psi. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP forms are located at the bottom of the Dinner pullout and have been included in this newsletter to help facilitate the planning of this event; the deadline is November 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you come out and reminisce about your Sigma Nu days over great food and wine.

## Good Luck to Spring 2005 Graduates

Yan Wu, 1433

Hometown: Santa Barbara, CA  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Beta Psi Positions: L.C., Social Chair  
Cal Activities: Cal Lacrosse 4 years,  
Ski & Snowboard Club



John Meehan, 1436

Hometown: Laguna Niguel, CA  
Major: Industrial Engineering &  
Operations Research  
Beta Psi Positions: Steward,  
Recorder  
Cal Activities: Tau Beta Pi, ASUC  
Student Campaign  
Future Plans: Employed at Bain &  
Company Consulting



Pat Cudahy, 1425

Hometown: Winnaetka, IL  
Major: Molecular & Cell Biology  
Immunology  
Minor: Religious Studies  
Beta Psi Positions: E.C., Marshal,  
Social Chair, Chaplain  
Cal Activities: Honors Thesis on  
Molecular and Cell Biology  
Future Plans: Medical College of  
Wisconsin



Michael Jackson, 1428

Hometown: Eugene, OR  
Major: Engineering Physics  
Beta Psi Positions: House Manager,  
Marshal, Rush Chair, Chaplain

Cal Activities: Silicon Micro  
fabrication Technician, Ultimate  
Frisbee  
Future Plans: PhD program in  
Material Science at UCLA focusing  
on Ultra-High Efficiency Solar Cells  
for use on satellites

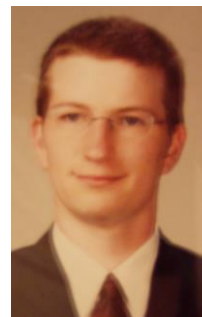
Misha Leybovich, 1437

Hometown: St. Louis, MO/Irvine, CA

Major: Engineering Physics  
Beta Psi Positions: Recruitment,  
Alumni Relations, Scholarship Chair  
Cal Activities: ASUC President,  
Senator

Future Plans: Traveling and working  
at The Aerospace Corporation, MIT  
for a Dual Masters/PhD in  
Aerospace Engineering and  
Technology & Policy in Fall 2006

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## Member Profiles

Get to know some of the brothers of Beta Psi...

Thomas Rupp, 1449, E.C.

Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA  
Major: Political Science & Public  
Policy  
Previous Positions: Philanthropy  
Chair  
Cal Activities: Lawrence Hall of  
Science, Cal Rotoract  
Future Plans: Law School  
[rupp@berkeley.edu](mailto:rupp@berkeley.edu)



Rich Manzana, 1448, L.C.

Hometown: Washington D.C.  
Year: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Major: Industrial Engineering and  
Operations Research  
Minor: Management Engineering  
and Innovation  
Previous Positions: Treasurer,  
Network Administrator  
Cal Activities: Cal Motorsports,  
IIE, Pilipino American Student Services  
Future Plans: Pursue an M.B.A. and start up own  
company  
[rmanzana@berkeley.edu](mailto:rmanzana@berkeley.edu)



Daniel Michael Purnell, 1434, Treasurer

Hometown: Santa Cruz, CA

Year: 5<sup>th</sup>

Major: Psychology

Previous Positions: Steward,  
Recorder

Cal Activities: Student

Counseling Group President,

ACLU Berkeley Division

Member, Alameda Crisis Prevention Hotline  
Volunteer

Future Plans: PhD in Clinical Psychology or  
Business Psychology

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Scott Hinricher, 1440, Web Page Manager

Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA

Year: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Positions: Rush Chair,  
House Manager

Cal Activities: Formula SAE, Pi  
Tau Sigma, ASME

Future Plans: Automotive Design

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Dave Carlson, 1397, House Dad

Hometown: Moraga, CA

Rhetoric, B.A.

Law, J.D.

Work: Baker & McKenzie LLP

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Alex Madrid, 1450, GAMMA

Representative

Hometown: San Francisco, CA

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies  
Field (International

Corporate Management)

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Mike Shen, 1444, Marshal,  
Scholarship Chair

Hometown: Pleasanton, CA

Major: Electrical Engineering &  
Computer Science

Previous Positions: Scholarship  
Chair

Cal Activities: California Hiking  
and Outdoor Society, IM Soccer

Future Plans: Job within the  
Computer Industry

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Chris Abad, 1443, Philanthropy Chair

Hometown: Orange, CA

Year: 4<sup>th</sup>

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Positions: Scholarship  
Chair, Risk Management, Sentinel

Cal Activities: ASUC Senator,

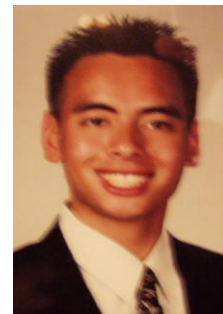
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Pilipino Academic Student Services

Future Plans: Mechanical

Engineering Graduate School at Cal

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Brian Kruse, 1431, LEAD Chair

Hometown: Wichita, KS

Year: 4<sup>th</sup>

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Positions: E.C.

Cal Activities: UCB Formula SAE  
Race Team, Pi

Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering  
Honor Society

Future Plans: Pursue a Masters at  
London School of Economics in  
Finance and Accounting

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Amir Chalak, 1445, Co-Rush Chair

Hometown: Burlingame, CA

Year: 4<sup>th</sup>

Major: Molecular & Cell Biology

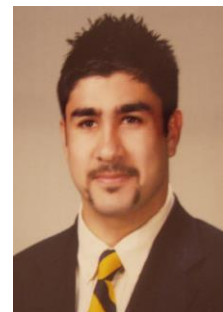
Previous Positions: Social Chair,  
Steward

Cal Activities: Soccer Club, Cal Pre-  
Dental Society, Iranian Student

Cultural Organization

Future Plans: Dental School

[achalak@berkeley.edu](mailto:achalak@berkeley.edu)



Jake Godzik, 1451, Co-Rush Chair,  
Recorder

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Major: Molecular & Cell Biology,  
Business Administration

Cal Activities: Cal Crew, Ski  
Team

Future Plans: Medical or Business  
school

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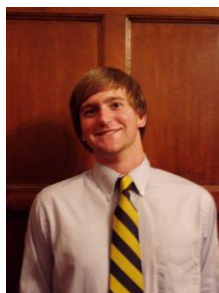
Arsalan Salamat, 1452, Social Chair  
 Hometown: Chicago, IL  
 Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Major: Molecular & Cell Biology  
 Cal Activities: Cal Cycling, IM  
 Soccer, ISAA, ISCO  
 Future Plans: Medical School  
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Justin Fong, 1453, Jr. Social Chair  
 Hometown: Sacramento, CA  
 Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Major: Political Economies of  
 Industrial Societies  
 Cal Activities: IM Basketball,  
 Security Monitor  
 Future Plans: Graduate School  
 focusing on international  
 policy/business  
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Theodore Johnson Jr., 1455, House  
 Manager  
 Hometown: Yuba City, CA  
 Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Major: Political Science &  
 Conservation and Resource  
 Studies  
 Cal Activities: Residential  
 Sustainability Education  
 Coordinator, Environment Health  
 and Safety Inspector  
 Future Plans: Law school for  
 environmental law  
[mr\\_tj@berkeley.edu](mailto:mr_tj@berkeley.edu)



Kourosh Kolahi, 1456, Chaplain  
 Hometown: Los Angeles, CA  
 Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Major: Microbial Biology  
 Future Plans: Medical School  
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Doug Suda, 1454, Alumni  
 Relations, Steward  
 Hometown: Moraga, CA  
 Year: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Major: Business Administration  
 & Japanese Language  
 Cal Activities: Alumni Scholar  
 Association Finance Committee,  
 Nikkei Student Union Treasurer,  
 Japanese American Citizens  
 League Liaison  
 Future Plans: Study abroad in Spain or Japan,



possibly working towards an MBA in one of the  
 before mentioned countries  
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## Cal Football

Mark your calendars for these  
 upcoming home games!!

November 12 USC Bash  
 November 19 108<sup>th</sup> Big Game @  
 Stanford



If you have any feedback regarding this newsletter  
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Your input is greatly appreciated and will only add to  
 the overall quality of the next edition.

