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Alumni Newsletter

Spring 2006 Edition

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Officer Positions

Elections took place at the end of the Fall Semester to select the following dedicated individuals for leadership positions. With the chapter's support, they have surpassed expectations.

Eminent Commander: Kourosh Kolahi
Lieutenant Commander: Justin Fong
Treasurer & Webmaster: Scott Hinricher
Recorder & Alumni Relations: Doug Suda
Recruitment Chair: T.J. Johnson
Marshal: Jakub Godzik
Sr. Social Chair: Chris Abad
Jr. Social Chair & Philanthropy: Bryce Simmer
Chaplain: Roy Partch
Sentinel & Network Administrator: Rich Manzana
LEAD Chair: Tom Rupp
GAMMA Representative: Alex Madrid & T.J. Johnson
House Manager & Risk Reduction: Adrian Villa
Steward & Scholarship Chair: Arsalan Salamat
House Dad: Dave Carlson

Spring Rush & Initiation

By: Doug Suda

At the start of the Spring Semester, the Beta Psi Chapter kicked off its Rush activities with renewed vigor. Events included a Steak and Shrimp BBQ, Bowling, a trip to Tilden's Driving Range, and a Poker Tournament. A large round of applause goes out to T.J. Johnson who organized the Rush events and kept the Chapter on the same page with all Rush activities and meetings.



This semester culminated with the initiation of our 11 new members. Each new Brother is a unique individual who will undoubtedly add to the overall environment and manpower of the Beta Psi Chapter. Alumni Yuwynn Ho, Will Pritchard, Jason Morimoto, Carlos Almendarez, Jared Williams, Jimmy Wang, Dave Carlson, Brian Kruse, and Mike Gorlin attended the ceremony, after which the alumni, actives, and new Initiates enjoyed a great night at Fondue Fred's in Berkeley.

Pledge Semester

By: Jake Godzik

As marshal, Jake Godzik focused the pledges on our values and fostered their growth and dedication to Sigma Nu. Before introducing you to these newest members, we would like to take a moment and say a few words in regards to this amazing group of gentlemen and their first few months with us.

Initially, each of the eleven candidates marched to their own beat—from areas as different as Bakersfield and Pacific Heights, each individual came

from a different background and was ambitious with their own set of goals.

But as the semester progressed, these differences seemed to dissolve. It was a great pleasure to follow this increased camaraderie. More so, it was extremely fulfilling to see that what emerged was not eleven individuals, but a single candidate class, a cohesive unit that effortlessly set goals and exceeded them time and time again.

With little to no counsel from the active brothers, the class decided on a two-part house improvement project: the beautification and restoration of the pool room and the construction of full-sized bar on the third floor deck of the house.

Beyond that, the class also organized social events at the house, serenaded several of the sororities on campus, and routinely practiced the love, truth and honor demonstrated by the actives and taught in the LEAD candidate education program headed by Thomas Rupp.

The history, foundations, and operation of our fraternity and chapter were integral to this semester's candidate education. It was a learning experience for all of us, and we can easily say we are concluding this semester with even more enthusiasm and energy than we started with. We are all very excited for next semester and look forward to seeing you all at upcoming football games. Go Bears!

Spring 2006 Initiates:

Tommy Owens, 1460

A graduate of Stuart Hall High School, Tommy has lived in the Bay Area all his life. An avid guitar player, he is also very involved politically and currently acts as the deputy opinion editor of *The Patriot*. Tommy plans on pursuing a legal career and one day working in Sacramento and Washington, DC as a campaign manager or speechwriter.

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Mike Kimiecik, 1461

An alumnus of Wilcox High School in Sunnyvale, California, and former water polo player, Mike is planning to double major in mechanical and material science engineering. An Eagle Scout and avid



outdoorsman, Mike also enjoys the city life, often meandering around the Berkeley streets and taking in the Cal atmosphere to its fullest.

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Vincent Sorena, 1462

A graduate of Liberty High School, Vincent has lived most of his life in Bakersfield, California. He loves all kinds of water sports, and likes to play baseball, soccer, and football. He is an avid music fan, and you will always find him with his I-Pod. Vincent is undeclared but has future aspirations to go into the military and possibly attend law school. Vincent plans to play an active role in the house, and looks forward to furthering his knowledge of Beta Psi.

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Tyler Schmalz, 1463

A nineteen year-old statistics major, Tyler Christopher Schmalz, the treasurer of the Spring Pledge Class, comes from Elk Grove, California, with interests as diverse as off-road biking to trumpet playing, Russian language to football.

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Mark Buzbee, 1464

A graduate of Yuba City High School, Mark David Buzbee comes from Yuba City, California, where he has lived his entire life. An Eagle Scout, Mark has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America and has been active in running track and cross country for many years. He is currently hoping to major in astrophysics, with a possible double major in history, philosophy, or anthropology. He aspires to one day work for NASA or to be an archaeologist.

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Christian Osmeña, 1465

From Orange County, comes Christian Alexander Osmeña, a former Senior Class President at Tesoro High School and first year political science and public policy major. Christian looks forward to spending his summer as a



Congressman's intern on Capitol Hill together with Garrett Morimoto and Thomas Rupp. One day, Christian hopes to run for elected office in his hometown of Dove Canyon.

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Andrew Jan, 1466

Born and raised in Los Angeles and a Palisades Charter High School alumnus, Andrew enjoys learning about various cultures and other people in general. He would like to learn how to play either the guitar or the piano, and is considering public health, as well as molecular and cell biology as possible majors. He hopes to get more involved in philanthropic activities and learn to speak Mandarin as he continues through his college years. He hopes to in the future improve the House living environment and overall character.

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Alex Love, 1467

Alex Love comes to our cherished school from Acalanes High School of Lafayette, California. Both a cross country and track runner, as well as ultimate Frisbee player, Alex is pursuing a degree in Architecture while coaching track at his old high school, so don't be surprised to see him working on sketches deep into the night.

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Garrett Morimoto, 1468

Garrett Morimoto is a graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory, Class of 2005. An outstanding soccer player, he also enjoys skateboarding, running, and volunteering in the Japanese American community and with Habitat for Humanity. Garrett is interested in pursuing a career in business, foreign affairs, or political science, and becoming proficient in Spanish, French, and Italian. While only a freshman, he already has the experience of working with politics at the local, state, and national levels: Congressman Mike Honda, California State Senator John Vasconcellos, and Vision New America. This summer



he will be interning in Washington, DC, focusing on policy topics related to minorities and social justice.

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Nima Abbassi, 1469

After graduating from University High School in Los Angeles, Nima Abbassi knew that Cal would be the only place for higher education. A California native, born in Fresno but raised in Concord and Los Angeles, Nima is a first generation Iranian-American, born shortly after his parents emigrated from Iran. An avid follower of current events, politics, and sports, he is currently majoring in history and would like to pursue a career in law or politics.

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Zach Duff, 1470

Prior to coming to Berkeley in 2005, Zach spent most of his life in the southern California town of Camarillo. His interests include cars, aviation, and computers, and plans to pursue a career relating to one of those fields. He plans to travel the world someday and looks forward to what Sigma Nu has to offer.

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House Manager Update

By: Adrian Villa

This semester has brought us many new additions to the house. Our chapter hall now has new leather couches that have proven to be very comfortable.

Along with the leather couches, we also now have a big screen television, with surround sound and a DVD player. The big screen television is encased in a wooden cabinet



that provides for security.

The retaining wall in the back parking lot was also completed over the course of the past semester, even with this year's record-breaking rainfall. However, the wall is structurally sound and will impede movement of any back fill from our property to the faux retaining wall of Westminster House.



Workdays were

coordinated by Scott Hinricher and the final phase of the project, to extend the wall to the entire length of the yard will be coordinated before the end of the school year.

Also, in order to prepare for Cal Day, April 22nd, Kourosh Kolahi and Doug Suda both worked on staining

frames and mounting a number of photographs from the archives for display in the pool room. Photos from the Insane Asylum party, Pledge Dances, House photos, and of Carl Lane Clemens, Beta Psi founder, and Hopkins, Quarles, and Riley



were put on display to attest to our House's long and rich history. If any alumni have photos from their days at Cal, please copy them and send them to the House, we would be more than happy to add to the bare walls.

Aside from the additions to the house we have also maintained the condition of the house. Our house has the reputation of being one of the cleanest fraternity houses on campus, and this semester was no different.

Pledge Projects

By: Garrett Morimoto & Mark Buzbee

During the past two months of this Spring 2006 semester, the Sigma Nu pledge class has been actively



constructing a permanent bar located in the southeastern corner of the Sigma Nu sundeck. The project consisted of removing a portion of the preexisting bench located on top of the deck in

favor of a sturdy, L-shaped bar structure, complete with wood panels, a spacious, finished wooden countertop, and soon to be added, interior shelving, a swinging door leading to the interior of the bar, and a permanent roof to protect the overall structure from the elements. It is also the wish of the newly initiated members to paint the bar when the weather improves.



The other component of this semester's pledge project was the refurbishing of the pool room. First, the old, flaky, shelves were sanded and then repainted. Pledges then organized all the books that were previously in the shelves by their category and height. In doing so, the room became more spacious and picturesque. The stained walls, doors, and window panels were then cleaned with soap and water using steel wool. This part of the project was the most time consuming, taking about 8 hours to complete. The pledges spent the extra time getting the ages of dirt and dust off the wood prior to putting a mixed coating of turpentine and linseed oil to protect the wood for future generations. In addition, they scrubbed the brick fireplace and polished all the Sigma Nu medallions and plaques. Recruitment Chair T.J. Johnson is in the process of cleaning an old moose head to hang above the fireplace. The dedication of the pledge class helped



achieve a refurbished pool room and also taught them about the importance of working together to maintain and improve Sigma Nu.

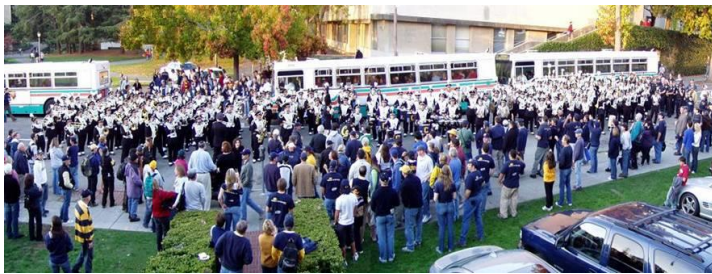
Philanthropy Update

By: Bryce Simmer

Disability Awareness Week kicked off with a lecture given by UC Berkeley Registrar and interim Dean of Students Susie Castillo-Robson. She informed the brothers of the long history of persecution the disabled community faces and the role of UC Berkeley in the vital social changes made in recent years within the United States. Afterwards the brothers were encouraged to tour the campus in manually powered wheelchairs to gain a deeper understanding of the obstacles disabled individuals face. Everyone enjoyed the event and learned valuable life lessons.

The chapter will soon be working with Albany/Berkeley/Emeryville chapter of Rebuilding Together. The brothers will assist with cleaning debris, painting and constructing buildings in the local community. This is Rebuilding Together's largest event of the year, in which a month long process of preparation culminates with the Main Work Day April 29th. It should prove to be a worthwhile event for all, showing the positive contributions Sigma Nu makes within the community.

CAL vs. USC Game Bash



By: Doug Suda

After the November 12th game against USC, Beta Psi held its annual alumni reunion. Alumni attendance was so great that it filled the Chapter Hall, Dining Hall, and Pool Room; overflowing into the backyard. We also had the pleasure of having the Cal Band play specially for the Beta Psi House, at which the alumni were thrilled to have this unforeseen entertainment. We look forward to hosting this year's reunion directly after the Big Game. We



hope to have a greater alumni turnout so that alumni and actives alike can catch up and enjoy the football game.



Best Social Semester EVER!!!

By: Chris Abad

The social goal of this semester was to initiate relationships with different sororities, and we have accomplished that. Not a week has gone by without Sigma Nu hosting a social event for brothers to interact with the Cal student body. We have organized three exchanges and have one on the way. Our first exchange was a bowling night with Gamma Phi Beta. Both brothers and girls alike had so much fun during the event that the attendees regularly appear at one another's social functions. In addition, we had a sushi night with Alpha Omicron Pi. At this event, we partook in many Japanese festivities and enjoyed one another's company at Ichiban Japanese Restaurant on Shattuck Avenue. Practically, all the girls came over to our house after the exchange to hang out and mingle with one another. Our last exchange was a "pajama-themed" dinner exchange with Kappa Kappa Gamma. We all dressed up in our pajamas and had an Italian dinner at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house. They were really fun to eat with and were easy to strike up a good conversation with. We hope in the future to host an exchange with them at our House and get to know them better.

As we come to an end in our social semester, our fraternity is still pushing forward with one more exchange. Currently, we are having another sushi night with Alpha Chi Omega, and our brothers are very happy to end the social semester on an even higher note. Overall, these exchanges are a reflection of the substantial growth of the house. We have made great strides in recruitment, with the alumni, and in philanthropy. Next year, we will be one of the strongest fraternities on campus due to the inspired young leaders of our house and the social contacts we have established.

Tahoe Brotherhood Retreat

By: Justin Fong

Our annual spring brotherhood retreat turned out to be quite a snowy adventure. The destination for 2006 was a beautiful lakeside house located in South Lake Tahoe. Upon an arrival of snowfall, a few brothers and pledges failed to restrain themselves from jumping into the lake, while others found relaxation in the spa. Our main activity consisted of a snowboard/ski trip to Kirkwood, an event that proved



to be the first for many actives and pledges. The retreat acted as an ideal break from hectic Cal life, and gave the pledges sufficient time to bond with the brothers. This experience not only brought our group closer together, but also added to the memories of both a fun and successful year. We would like to thank the alumni for their contributions, and especially our Chapter Advisor,



Yuwynn Ho, for his assistance in coordinating this retreat.

Valentine's Day Date Night

By: Bryce Simmer

Brothers and pledges alike brought their dates over to the house to find a catered, candlelit dinner in the chapter hall. Rose petals and garlands were scattered among the place settings, making for an intimate atmosphere as couples waited for their meals. The menu



consisted of chicken cordon bleu, salmon, and an assortment of desserts prepared by our Swiss chef, Urs. It was an enjoyable evening for brothers and their dates.



S.F. Date Night

By: Roy Partch

The evening began with a quick drive over the Bay Bridge into the city. We kicked off the festivities at an Italian



restaurant, Buca Di Beppos, where we enjoyed ourselves for a little over an hour and a half. The

hour and half was just enough time for those of us who were set up to get to know our dates a little better. After leaving the restaurant, we hopped onto a trolley and made our way to Ghirardelli Square. After enjoying our ice cream sundaes and various other chocolaty concoctions we decided to finish the evening off back at the House, enjoying wine and cocktails in front of a roaring fire.



Thanksgiving Recruitment

By: Dan Purnell

Last fall, Sigma Nu held its annual Thanksgiving Day banquet. Current members and their friends came together for a special dinner prepared by our chef. Invitations were also extended to potential pledges for the spring semester. Due to the success of the event, we in hope in the future to continue this tradition as an opportunity to recruit more members and spark further interest in Sigma Nu.



Formal Alumni Dinner

By: Doug Suda

On the night of December 4, 2005 Beta Psi held its Formal Alumni Dinner. With more than five decades of alumni attending the event, a great atmosphere of camaraderie lasted late into the evening. Old friends caught up with one another and the active

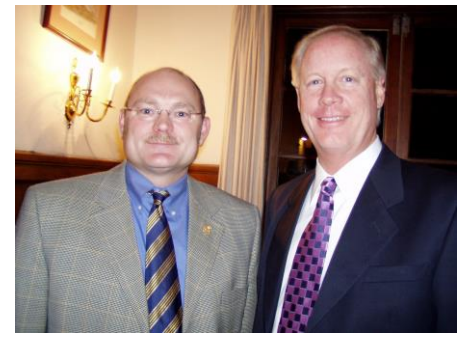


Chapter had the pleasure of meeting its predecessors reaching as far back as the '50's. Great home-cooked food of 2 turkeys, 2 hams, stuffing, mashed potatoes, beans,



yams, and pumpkin pie filled the appetites of the attendees, while the sixteen foot Christmas tree in the Chapter Hall towered over the four immaculately laid tables. Brothers sporting their best attire mingled with one another and reminisced about their days as actives. Although the food was plentiful, the focus was directed towards meeting fellow Sigma Nus and enjoying one another's company.

James Owens, Executive Vice President from Sigma Nu National Headquarters, was able to attend the event and voiced his elation at our Chapter's endeavors and dedication.



The Chapter looks forward to making this event a yearly tradition. Hopefully this year, 2006, even more alumni will return to their alma mater and catch up with those that they haven't seen for years. The Chapter tentatively has this year's event scheduled to take place this coming Fall semester.

A special thanks goes to Skip Rhodes, 753 '58, whose generous donation helped fund the event. Attendees included: Mike Gorlin 1409, Ken Lalanne 1019, Robert Dodds, Jack Babcock 701, Larry Fox 798, Gary Sapiro 989, Misha Leybovich 1437, Bob Spurzen 1063, Tom Beatty 990, Mason Brutschy 1020, Bob Roche 689, Jim Rhodes 693, Steve Lundin 979, David Williamson 949, Ken Lloyd 981, John Lundin 972, Richard Severy 962, Dave Carlson 1397, and Tom Terrill 1017.

Good Luck to Spring 2006 Graduates

The Beta Psi Chapter is proud to announce that the following five Brothers will be graduating from the University of California, Berkeley this semester. We wish them the best of luck in all their endeavors, and hope that they continue to live by the principles to which we all aspire.

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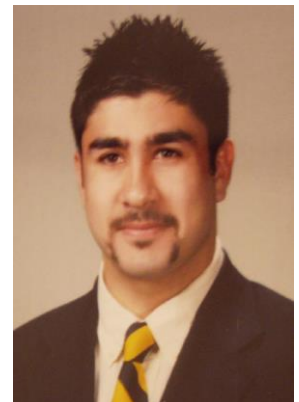
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Future Plans: Mechanical Engineering Graduate
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Call to Arms

Brothers, as we embark upon a new academic year, we hope to continue to receive alumni support and guidance. Your experience and knowledge is an untapped resource that we hope to utilize in the upcoming months. With that said, if you know of any worthy men entering Cal this coming Fall, please forward us their information so that we can invite them to the house. We all find Sigma Nu to be a home away from home, and we wish to extend this luxury to those who are already close at heart. Any information in regards to incoming freshmen is a great help to our recruitment efforts and can only better serve the entire fraternity.

Thanks for reading our letter. We are in a good place now and look forward to things only getting better. Please feel free to support us with your tax deductible contributions with checks made out to Sigma Nu Beta Psi.

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