



# Alpha Star

University of California, Berkeley

Spring 2004

## President's Report

Brothers,

I take much pride in announcing the beginning of the best semester California Alpha has seen in many years. The improvements made over the last semester coupled with our very successful rush this semester, provide a stable foundation upon which our chapter will continue to grow strongly in the coming years. More so now than in any recent semester, the chapter is imbued with an intense passion to attain greatness in the Greek community and to further our special brotherhood in a truly lasting way.

The achievement of becoming a Gold Star chapter is and has been our rightly deserved destiny. We are well on our way to obtaining such an honor, the very pinnacle of Phi Delta success. Not only are our members passionate about Phi Delta Theta, but we are also academi-

### The Moose is Loose!

Late last semester, California Alpha lost one of its own: Moose. Securely bolted to the basement wall, Moose was an important figure in Cal Alpha's lore and it was thought that he would always be among us. Rumor has it that other Greek organizations on campus, owing to their pathetic chapter traditions, jealously plotted to steal our dignified piece of Cal Alpha lore, heartlessly ripping Moose away from his home and honorary brothers. At this time,

cally fit, financially sound and, most importantly, growing in number.



*The Brothers of California Alpha*

Thanks to the refinishing of our wood floors at the end of last semester, our house quite literally shines; I am certain that this improvement along with the renovation of several individual rooms this semester is largely responsible for our fresh energy during the last few weeks of recruitment which has yielded a seven-man pledge class.

While recruitment and attainment of the Gold Star remain my paramount concern for Cal Alpha, it is also important to ensure that our brothers become effective leaders within the chapter and Greek community. It is with an eye towards fostering capable men of character, that I am particularly encouraging young members to attend special leadership symposia, where they will learn the skills necessary to perpetuate our awesome momentum.

With the continual involvement of outstanding role models such as our alumni Rodney Pimentel and Alan Daniels, to whom many thanks are due, it is no wonder that our chapter is a great one. This Founders Day, the brothers look forward to renewing our sacred bond with *all* our alumni who continue to support us in so many ways. With much appreciation and anticipation for the coming semester, I am very proud to be a Phi!

*Yours in the Bond,*  
Mike Ewing

Moose's location is not known, but a number of reconnaissance missions will commence as the pledge semester gets underway. Rest assured, Moose will soon return to his home with the brothers of California Alpha. If any alumni wish to fill the terrible void left by Moose, Cal Alpha would deeply appreciate any other taxidermic mascots that may make their way to our chapter!

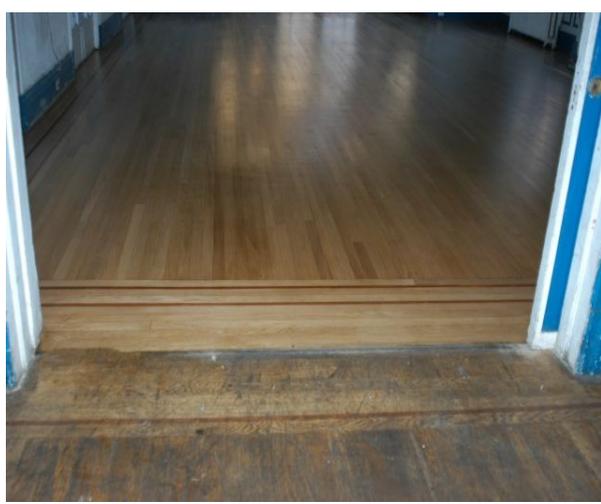


*Marc Shapiro '05 with the Moosehead*

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# House Improvements

Dear California Alpha Alumni,  
This has been another productive semester for improving the Chapter. The projects that we have completed over the last semester included sanding the hardwood floors, insulating the furnace piping, and repairing the sliding door between the front room and entryway. The pictures below show how bad the hardwood floors were and how nice they look now.



*Hardwood floors under construction*

This semester we plan to place a brace on the chimney, paint the West Side of the house, and replace the carpets on the second and third floors. These projects will significantly improve the safety and quality of the chapter house.

California Alpha Association has managed all the projects to make sure all the funds are used to achieve the maximum benefit to the chapter.

I would like to take this opportunity

Thank you Alumni for your generous contributions in the Fall:

- George Horton 414
- Edwin Callan 552
- Ken Miller 614
- Doug Champlin 879

- Rodney Pimentel 1050
- Terry Maiken 1060
- Kyle Acquistapace 1110

- Dennis Sidbury 1150
- Greg Byard 1178
- Adam Garfinkle 1203

As alumni of the chapter, you are owners of the chapter house. The improvements to the house have played a major roll in making the chapter house a better place to live.

We hope that you will consider a contribution to the California Alpha Building Fund as part of your annual donations. Please return the enclosed card with your generous gift.

Thank you for helping the chapter and making the house a better place to live.

*Yours in the bond,*

Rodney Pimentel #1050



## Yes!

I would like to make a lasting commitment

Please accept my contribution of:

- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- Other

Please Make your check payable to the California Alpha Association, with a memo entry of "Building Fund."

Thank you for your generous support.

**FOUNDERS DAY 2004**

Saturday, April 24

Founders day will be a truly great event this year. This year it will be combined with our annual golf tournament at Tilden Park. Please mark you calendars to attend all the festivities. Phi Delta Theta recognizes our 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, & 75 year Legionnaires. Our Brothers from California Alpha that will receive these awards are listed below. The events of the day will be as follows:

8:00am - 8:30am Tee off at Tilden Park Golf Course

1:00pm - 3:00 Alumni BBQ at Tilden Park Recreation Room

3:00pm - Founders Day presentation at Tilden Park

Please email: [edgerton@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:edgerton@uclink.berkeley.edu) if you plan to attend

<b>70 Year Legionnaires</b>		
472 Mr. Julius C. Deubner		
<b>65 Year Legionnaires</b>		
522 Mr. Fred C. Roberts	526 Mr. Edward F. Willi	533 Mr. Hugh G. McPhee
523 William D. Forney M.D	528 Mr. Richard C. de Golia	536 Mr. Jacques D. Lafitte III
525 Mr. Warren T. Orsburn	529 Mr. William H. Fairbanks Jr.	
<b>60 Year Legionnaires</b>		
619 Mr. Francis J. Cullen	629 Mr. Harry W. Rinker Jr.	634 Mr. Loring E. Hanson
620 E. Paul White, MD	630 Mr. Jean L. Philippe Jr.	
625 Mr. Bingham Kirk	633 Mr. Robert L. Cuttle	
<b>55 Year Legionnaires</b>		
705 Mr. Walter M. Tindell	707 Mr. John R. Enright	709 Mr. John C. Callan
706 Mr. Thomas T. Trowbridge	708 Mr. William R. Bueermann	711 Mr. James C. Wyatt
<b>50 Year Legionnaires</b>		
786 Mr. Paul C. Jones	788 Mr. Lee A. Miller	790 Mr. Milton J. Raugust
<b>25 Year Legionnaires</b>		
1021 Mr. Martin W. Miles	1023 Mr. Curtis R. Davies	
1022 Mr. Stephen G. Williamson		1024 Mr. Timothy N. Breece

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

TO: Members of California Alpha Association

Please take notice that the annual membership meeting will be held at the chapter house, 2726 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA, on Monday February 23, 2004, at 7:30 P.M., for the following purposes:

- 1.Election of directors.
- 2.To consider reports of the affairs of the corporation.
- 3.To transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

If you do not expect to be present in person and you desire to appoint a proxy, please fill in the information below and return in the enclosed envelope.

I appoint Rodney Pimentel, President CAA. Or  
(strike through if you fill in another name)

\_\_\_\_\_my agent and proxy for the purpose of

voting at the annual membership meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**Phi Delta Theta  
Fraternity  
Current Officers  
510-540-9036**

President  
*Mike Ewing*  
510-918-9351

Vice President  
*George Ko*

Alumni Secretary  
*Bradford Edgerton*  
510-540-9878

Secretary  
*Joon Song*

Treasurer  
*Josh Ewing*

**California Alpha  
Association  
Board of Directors**

President  
*Rodney Pimentel '86*  
510-693-2094

Vice President  
*Dennis Sidbury '91*

Secretary  
*Dave Levy '91*

Treasurer  
*King Tuck '61*

Directors  
*Don Hoard '84*  
*Steve Williamson '82*  
*Sam Doolittle '91*  
*Alan Daniels '03*  
*Mike Ewing '04*

## Refinance Campaign

As most of you probably know from recent mailings, members of the refinance committee have been hard at work over the past year trying to replace the mortgage debt encumbering the fraternity with more favorable financing. At the beginning of the process, we owed just under \$1,000,000 on the house, the bulk of which was in the form of a \$680,000+, interest-only, first mortgage that had a 13.5% interest rate!! Needless to say, servicing this debt was quite a burden and did not allow for any principal amortization. With accrued interest, we owed the very generous Tuck family approximately \$225,000 and the balance of the debt was in the form of unsecured notes from alumni.

Given the low interest rate environment, we thought it would be an opportune time to reexamine the entire financing structure of the house. Thanks to a bridge loan

from Rodney Pimentel, we replaced the entire amount of the first mortgage with a new interest-only note that had a much more favorable 6% interest rate. With that head start, we directly contacted the many generous alumni who had made unsecured loans to the house over the past twenty years and updated them on our plans. Not having to service a 13.5% first mortgage gave us some disposable cash flow for a change and we were in a position to make good on our past due obligations to these unsecured note holders. A funny thing happened when we spoke to these very giving brothers: several of them told us not to worry about it. Some even sent in more money. Others just had us pay past due interest and wrote off the principal, or vice versa. Still others converted to the program we were rolling out which consisted of 6%, 15 year fully amortizing loans.

This lower interest rate allows us to keep the same level of debt service payments but to have a large chunk of each payment amortize principal. The thought was that we would raise as much as we could under this program and get a commercial bank mortgage to replace any shortfall, allowing us to take out Rodney's bridge loan.

When all was said and done, we had either written off or replaced all of the alumni loans and had raised additional funds totaling \$120,000. This allowed us to pay the Tuck family the entire amount of their past due interest and we have subsequently paid them down an additional \$30,000. Blending it all together meant that our total debt outstanding was reduced to approximately \$930,000.

That's when John Lovewell stepped in. He was a member of the refinance committee from the start and *Please turn to Page 7*

### House Furnishings

If there are any old or unused items or other house furnishings with which you would be willing to part, please donate them to the House. We are continually trying to improve the appearance of the house and would gladly accept any possible donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Bradford Edgerton at 510-540-9878 or at [edgerton@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:edgerton@uclink.berkeley.edu). Some of the items we could use include:

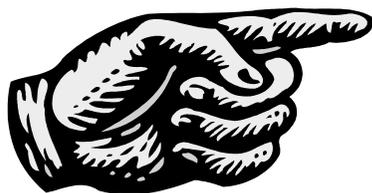
Couches  
Refrigerator

Copy Machine  
Fax Machine

DVD/VCR Player  
Stereo Equipment

Tables  
Chairs

Scanner  
Pots and Pans



The SF Alumni Club holds a luncheon on the first Friday of every month (The next one will be on March 5). Lunch is served at the famous Schroeder's Restaurant, which is located on 240 Front St. in downtown San Francisco. The lunch is informal and begins at noon. Alumni are encouraged to attend.

# Rush Report

This fall semester rush has signaled that California Alpha is continuing its steps toward greatness. We have secured at least seven pledges, which when initiated will bring the number of actives in the house to 29 members. We continue to work hard to pledge even more guys within the upcoming weeks in order to ensure the continued growth and progress of the house. This semester we had many successful rush events, including an alumni night at Hooters in San Francisco. Additionally we had movie nights, dinners, and a casino night. All these events were very effective at saving money, while additionally providing a fun, safe, low cost environment for recruitment.

This semester I plan to implement many new and different ideas. I plan to build a manual in addition to the *Phi Delta*

*Theta Rush Chairman Handbook*. This notebook will be passed onto the following Rush Chairmen. I would appreciate any information regarding recruitment



Actives, Pledges and Rushhees watching the Super Bowl

and motivational strategies that any of the alumni may have, in order to compile a more comprehensive notebook.

In addition to the *Rush Handbook*, I have adopted a program in place, in which we will have a continuous semester long rush. Although we do not have the budget to support an official rush, I plan to implement programs that offer incentives to Brothers who introduce new Rushees into the house. Additionally, I plan to coordinate more events with our alumni, in order to shed light on their many achievements. I am a firm believer that although "Rush is 'officially' over, it has only nearly just begun." I welcome all information that anyone may be willing to offer, because it will make my Rush semester that much more productive and it will ensure the lifeblood of the house.

*Yours in the Bond,*

Ryan Sandvig

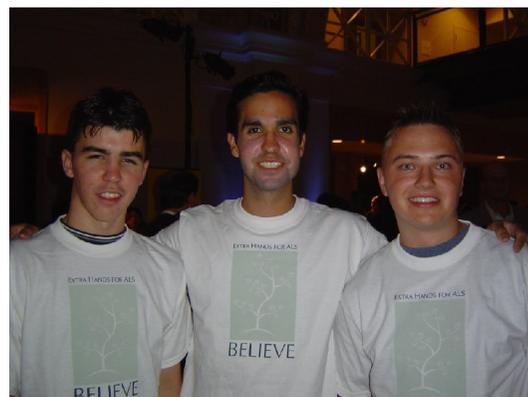
# Philanthropy and Community Service

While the California Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta is committed to improving men on the pillars of friendship, sound learning and moral rectitude, we have not forgotten to look outwards in this quest for improvement. The problems facing the community and world ecology are severe and demand the action of strong men willing to better life for themselves, others, as well as the environment in which they reside. Over the past year, Phi Delta Theta has participated in numerous community and philanthropic activities, all of which have granted us commendations and citations, including the General Headquarters' Community Service Award. More recently, on September 20<sup>th</sup> Phi Delta Theta participated in the Coastal Cleanup of the East Bay Shoreline along with over a thousand volunteers to pick up nearly 5 tons of trash and 2 tons of recyclables!

In the past two years, the California Al-

pha chapter has participated in various campaigns to educate the public about the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Lou Gehrig, as you know, was also a Phi. Through our cooperation and assistance with the Jack Orchard Foundation, we have been able to educate countless Americans as well as promote the need for funding and research to find a cure. Last semester, the brother's participated in a "Fairy Tale Event" in San Francisco's Ferry Building benefiting the University of California at San Francisco, ALS Association, and the Jack Orchard Foundation. The event featured various restaurants and vintners in an effort to raise awareness and funding to fight ALS.

The brothers here at Phi Delta Theta are committed to a life and attitude of service for those less fortunate and for causes that need men of strong character



Chris '06, Bradford '05, Laszlo '06 at a benefit for ALS

to lead the charge. It is through service that great leaders are made.

J. George Ko  
Vice-President  
Philanthropy/Community Service Chair  
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# PHI DELTA THETA

## Lost Phi Delt

PLEASE HELP US LOCATE THE FOLLOWING PHIS. IF YOU KNOW THEIR CURRENT ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE OR EMAIL IT TO [SIDBURY@CAL.BERKELEY.EDU](mailto:SIDBURY@CAL.BERKELEY.EDU).

Mr. Robert W. Stutt	Mr. James H. Llewellyn	Mr. Richard A. Potts	Mr. Jeffrey T Han
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Mr. Jack R. Sloan	Mr. Charles R. Fitch	Mr. Robert L. Johnson Jr.	Mr. Jason M. Redd
Mr. Edwin M. Burr	Mr. Robert S. Jackson	Mr. Dennis J. Fitzgerald	Mr. Philip S Mah
Mr. Gordon A. Jackson	Mr. Dennis T. Cutland	Mr. Richard L. Armstrong	Mr. Paul D. Morrison
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Mr. Richard W. Henley	Mr. Thomas J. Seed	Mr. Terrance L. Anthony	Mr. Robert A. Holt
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Mr. Ben E. Foster	Mr. James E. Richards	Mr. Jeffrey J. McElvaney	Mr. Warren B. Richards
Mr. Jack W. Booth	Mr. Joseph A. Wharton	Mr. Christopher J. Allen	Mr. David A. Rose

We would like to thank the many alumni who have contacted us to update the chapter on the whereabouts of lost brothers. Please note that occasionally the revised contact information that is sent matches the last know address we have and that has been confirmed to no longer be current. Please don't think we have ignored your efforts to help us keep our database up to date.



# Alumni News

Congratulations to Norb Hudak (#1148) who just had his first child, Milo James Hudak, on January 12.

## What are you doing?

Has something interesting happened to you in the past year? Then contact us and let us know what's new. We are always curious to learn about the various experiences or accomplishments of our fellow brothers. Please fill out this form or contact Bradford Edgerton at 510-540-9878 or [edgerton@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:edgerton@uclink.berkeley.edu)

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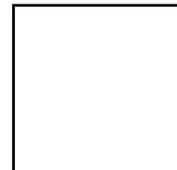
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