



## Duck Dinner: One for the Record Books

Duck Dinner 2004 was held at the Faculty Club's Great Hall for the first time and was a huge success by all accounts. Over 90 alumni and actives attended the annual event to dine on duck and share stories with each other.

The oldest Phi attending, "low bond", was Joe Woods #579. The Phi that traveled the furthest to get to duck dinner was Akshay Verma #1215. Brother Laszlo Ladi #1276 was voted Officer of the Year by his peers, the active brothers, for "overall excellence". Dennis Sidbury #1150 also was given the Alumnus of the Year award.

### House Improvements

Last semester, the house finished up a dramatic change to the first floor. Building upon the refinishing of the floors, the walls in the front room were patched and painted, this effort was led by Chapter Advisor, Michael Ewing. Although Mike has since moved on and left the position of chapter advisor the spirit for improvement in chapter facilities remains. The great work in the living room has inspired a restoration of the foyer this term.



California Alpha Phikeia lead the brothers present in an inspired rendition of "Warrior Greeks of Old"

It truly was an exciting and enjoyable event for everyone who attended.

Many of the alumni present hadn't been to a duck dinner in years and it was nice

to have them there. If you missed out you'll just have to make it to Duck Dinner 2005 in the fall. If last year was any indication, the next one should be something you don't want to miss.

We will start painting the dining room very soon. This is in line with the chapter's plans to renovate the entire first floor of the house.

Another project undertaken last semester was the refinishing of the laundry room floor with epoxy. The brother's satisfaction with the outcome led to the entire basement floor being refinished.

The platform in the back of

the kitchen was rebuilt to accommodate a large industrial refrigerator, yet to be purchased. The entire platform has been covered in new vinyl flooring. We hope this proves to be the first step in the long process of remodeling the kitchen.

Anything that didn't require some sort of professional training was done by the brothers. Thanks to all for your generosity in helping us bring out the best in our chapter house.

*House Manager, Kalin Semerick*

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## President's Report

Brothers,

This being my final semester as an active member of the California Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, I would like to thank all of the alumni who have continued to support and contribute to the chapter. Your help is immeasurable in our efforts to build not just a better fraternity, but better men.

We begin this semester with 26 active members, a 73% increase from the Spring I joined, just 3 short years ago.

As President this semester, I have three simple goals for our beloved fraternity; to be the pinnacle fraternity in the areas of Schol-

arship, Brotherhood, and Leadership.

Our GPA as a house last semester was just above a 3.1, and we will be instituting new policies into the Phikeia program to ensure that scholarship remains a top priority in the chapter's future.

We currently have several leaders in the campus community as well, including the Inter-Fraternity Council, student government, residential living, and University Affairs.

On behalf of California Alpha, I formally invite all alumni to drop by the house and see some of the upgrades that we have made. Come by and meet the brothers, you're always welcome.

After seven semesters I have never seen such potential in the

men of California Alpha. I am confident that the long lasting tradition of Phi Delta Theta at the University of California will continue for yet another 132 years, and that we shall remain at the forefront of the Greek community as fraternity men.

### Update Your Contact Information Online!

Go to [www.phideltatheta.org](http://www.phideltatheta.org), click on "My Phi Forum," and update your information with General Headquarters (GHQ). If you have not registered with GHQ it is fast, easy, and free. At "My Phi Forum," click on "Register," and fill in the necessary information.

This is a great place to get the contact information of your fellow alums.

## Spring Rush 2005

Brothers,

As most of you have no doubt heard, last semester knowing that over half the house would be graduating the house this year, California Alpha stepped up to the plate and was able to get 8 quality pledges. This was the largest pledge class in 3 years. These pledges are now brothers and share in the fun and responsibilities that come with our brotherhood.

After working hard all last semester, it would be easy for the brothers to take it easy knowing they would only

need a couple of pledges to hold the total number of brothers in the house steady. But we won't. That isn't to say we are out for sheer numbers,

# Phi Delta Theta Rush 2005

we will not sacrifice quality for quantity. Recruitment is one of, If not the most important part of a chapter's survival. We seek to find young men,

who can benefit from the lessons of Phi Delta Theta as we all have. As with last semester the chapter plans to use continuous open bidding and if last semester is any indication we have high hopes.

This official rush, Phi Delta Theta continued with it's fledgling tradition the "Hog Roast" which is becoming a must attend event at Cal. Other events included broom-balling, a poker night, and nights on the town.

This semester's recruitment is characterized by hard work and dedication. We are doing our best to *transmit the fraternity, not only not less, but greater than it was transmitted to us.*

## Founder's Day

Golf Tournament and Awards Presentation

Founders Day should be a great event this year. Please mark you calendars. Phi Delta Theta recognizes our 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, & 75 year legionnaires. The Brothers of California Alpha that will receive these awards are listed below.

When: Saturday, April 30th at 8 AM

Where: Tilden Golf Course

Yes, I will be attending the golf tournament. Enclosed is my check payable to California Alpha Association for \$ 70. First Tee Time will be at 8:00 AM.

Yes, I would like to attend the BBQ and Legionnaire's Award Presentation at Tilden. Will begin at 1:00 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 75 Year Legionnaires

#414 Mr. George H. Horton                      #419 Mr. Edward B. Scott

### 70 Year Legionnaires

#476 Mr. Robert W. Rochester                      #478 Mr. Dwight A. Newell

### 65 Year Legionnaires

#539 Mr. Robert G. Smith	#541 Mr. James E. Hug	#542 Mr. John F. Cooper
#545 Mr. John M. Switzer	#549 Mr. Edwin M. Burr	#551 Mr. William M. Gillis
#552 Mr. Edwin C. Callan	#553 Mr. Richard W. Steere	#554 Mr. Robert T. Coats
#556 Mr. Robert E. McCarthy		

### 60 Year Legionnaires

#635 Mr. Wallace M. Glosser	#638 Mr. Franklin W. Moulthrop	#639 Mr. Irl R. Robinson Jr.
#640 Mr. Lowell G. Burr	#642 Mr. John A. McWhirter	#643 Mr. John B. Crook
#646 Mr. Byron R. Coltrin	#648 Mr. John R. Saldine	#650 Mr. Lucien E. Evans

### 55 Year Legionnaires

#712 Mr. Richard B. Blos	#714 Mr. John C. Frieberg	#716 Mr. Richard T. Kelly
#717 Mr. Phil P. Kenville	#719 Mr. Theodore C. Lawson	#720 Mr. Donald V. Lee
#722 Mr. Sidney R. Petersen	#723 Mr. Ervin R. Raphael Jr.	#726 Mr. Jack B. Anderson
#728 Mr. Robert J. Dana	#729 Mr. Harold A. Ellis Jr.	#730 Mr. Daniel E. Glines
#731 Mr. Thomas E. Greenleaf	#732 Mr. Richard A. Haugner	#733 Mr. Frederick C. Hawkins
#734 Mr. Barnwell W. Know Jr.	#735 Mr. Richard E. McNamara	

### 50 Year Legionnaires

#802 Mr. M. K. Anderson	#803 Mr. Jerry L. Becker	#804 Mr. Paul P. Brocchini
#805 Mr. Earl T. Conrad Jr.	#807 Mr. William A. Parsons	#808 Mr. Gerald P. Costanzo
#811 Mr. Charles H. Green	#812 Mr. William T. Hayes	#814 Mr. John A. Lazar
#815 Mr. Charles McNeill III	#816 Mr. James L. Pitto	#819 Mr. John E. Shelley Jr.
#820 Mr. Mark H. Waters	#821 Mr. O. James Woodward III	

## Alumni News

"Congratulations to Ian Goertz (#1152) and his wife Denise Goertz on the birth of their Second child, Roan Willard Goertz on November 8, 2004."

"Congratulations to San Doolittle (#1131) and his wife on the birth of their child."

# Building Fund

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 painting the entryway, rebuilding the refrigerator platforms, and painting the basement floor. The pictures below show some of the great progress we have made.

This semester we plan to paint the dining room, paint the west side of the house, and purchase an industrial refrigerator. These projects will significantly improve the quality of the chapter house.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contributions to the building fund. The Building Fund was established to allow alumni to donate toward house improvement projects. The California Alpha Association has managed all the projects to make sure all the funds are used to achieve the maximum benefit to the chapter.

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

Thank you Alumni for your generous contribution in the Fall:

<b><u>Fall 2004 Contributors</u></b>			
J. Anderson 674	E.F. Willi 526	C. Manning 657	R. Strong 662
R. Bently 656	J. Heinz 659	L. Miller 788	J. Richardson 840
E. Callan 552	J. Davidson 1218	K. Miller 614	W. Welcome 561
D. Sidbury 1150	R. Lehman 1051	J. Woodard 821	
D. Richards 557	B. Letson 1190	R. Pimentel 1050	



**Left:**  
Renovated Foyer with living room in background

**Right:**  
Rebuilt Refrigerator Platform in back of kitchen



### Got Junk?

That's right. If there are any old or unused furniture lying around that you want to get rid of, donate it to the House. We will happily take it off your hands, and we'll even arrange its shipping. If you'd like to make a contribution, please contact Chris Warren at 209-765-7945 or at [chriswarren@berkeley.edu](mailto:chriswarren@berkeley.edu). Some of the items we could use include:

Couches	Copy Machine	DVD/VCR Player	Tables	Scanner
Refrigerator	Fax Machine	Stereo Equipment	Chairs	Pots and Pans

# Refinancing Campaign Update

Our housing corporation was recently awarded honorable mention as Housing Corporation of the Year by General Headquarters. A number of things helped us win this award but perhaps the single leading driver was our efforts to refinance the chapter house.

When we started, we owed over \$1 million, nearly \$700,000 of which was financed at an effective interest rate of 15.5%. This primary debt was with an unsympathetic third-party lender and required the payment of several points at origination. It also included onerous reserves as well as pre-financed interest-only debt service payments which effectively led to negative amortization. In other words, we were digging ourselves into a deep hole.

That is when the refinance committee came to the rescue. To date, we have refinanced over \$1 million dollars exclusively through our California Alpha alumni network.

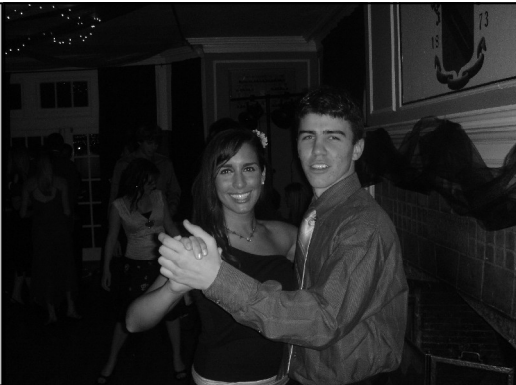


This was accomplished through donations, interest-free loans, and a small number of 6% interest-bearing notes. Our efforts have reduced the outstanding debt on the chapter house to under \$800,000 and, of this balance, approximately 75% is financed on an interest-free basis. We are now making one last push to refinance the sliver of loans that are still interest bearing so that 100% of our debt service payments in the future will go to reduce the principal outstanding on the interest-free loans. The plan is to own the chapter house outright in the next ten years. This last push will also allow us to take full advantage of Charlton Buckley's generous offer to match our fundraising efforts on a dollar for dollar basis. To date, we have raised 93% of the goal established by Brother Buckley in his challenge to the committee.

We appreciate the amazing generosity of the alumni who have been a part of this historic fundraising

effort and ask any other alumni who have not yet contributed to please consider doing so now. This is a wonderful way to help the chapter out and to secure Phi Delt's place at Berkeley forever.

Checks should be made payable to "California Alpha Association", with the notation "Refinance Campaign" in the Memo area. They can be mailed to Phi Delta Theta, P.O. Box 4338, Berkeley, CA 94704. Please also let us know if they are to be treated as a donation to the chapter to directly reduce debt or if they are an interest-free loan. Interest-free loans will be paid back in 20 equal installments over a 10 year period (semi-annual payments on January 1 and July 1). A promissory note will be mailed to you shortly after receiving your contribution. Questions should be directed to Dennis Sidbury at 415 433-1072 or via e-mail at [sidbury@cal.berkeley.edu](mailto:sidbury@cal.berkeley.edu).

Thank you

<h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">P H I  D E L T</h1>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Pictures</h2> <p>Clockwise from left to right:</p> <p>Brother Chris Warren waltzing with his date at our Date Party this semester.</p> <p>A photo of the living room and foyer since renovation.</p> <p>The Brothers were once again victorious on the gridiron this Sunday afternoon.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">M E M O R I E S</h1>
		
		
		

# Lost Phi Delts

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.

- # 435 Mr. Oliver D. Burr
- # 442 Mr. Merritt N. Vaughn
- # 458 Mr. Antonio A. Dutriz
- # 474 Mr. Donald O. Nelson
- # 475 Mr. George W. Fishburn
- # 499 Mr. Carter R. Bryan
- # 500 Mr. Arthur P. Hawgood
- # 503 Mr. Robert W. Stutt
- # 505 Mr. Lyman R. Gillis
- # 509 Mr. Robert T. Petersson
- # 511 Mr. Dernott Modisette Jr.
- # 512 Mr. Laurin F. Tolman
- # 515 Mr. Allen N. Maybury
- # 520 Mr. George W. Shipley
- # 521 Mr. Paul R. Eckley
- # 540 Mr. Jack R. Sloan
- # 550 Mr. Robert P. Shoemaker
- # 565 Mr. Gordon A Jackson
- # 566 Mr. Richard E. Baum
- # 568 Mr. William D. Switzer
- # 576 Mr. Richard M. Drach
- # 589 Mr. Charles S. McDonald
- # 591 Mr.. Newell D. Mitchell
- # 592 Mr. Paul R. Taber Jr.
- # 595 Mr. George M. Brodrick
- # 627 Mr. Jack D. Griffith
- # 628 Mr. Charles Ayres
- # 632 Mr. Richard C. Apman
- # 637 Mr. Bert L. Smith
- # 645 Mr. Henry A. Kinnison Jr.
- # 648 Mr. Marion E. Willson
- # 649 Mr. Gordon W. Nelson
- # 651 Mr. Warren E. Davis
- # 652 Mr. Roger H. Ransom
- # 658 Mr. Robert O. Hawes
- # 661 Mr. Richard W. Henley
- # 667 Mr. George A. Leatherman
- # 669 Mr. George W. Smith
- # 673 Mr. Jack R. Howell
- # 691 Mr. Ben E. Foster
- # 700 Mr. Jack W. Booth
- # 703 Mr. James H. Llewellyn
- # 710 Mr. Ruben L. Navarro
- # 721 Mr. James R. Payne
- # 724 Mr. Thomas L. Robertson
- # 736 Mr. Nathaniel M. Ball
- # 749 Mr. Richard N. Peterson
- # 751 Mr. John H. Risbrough Jr.
- # 757 Mr. Robert A. Smith
- # 758 Mr. Malcolm P. Boghosian
- # 759 Mr. Wesley C. Colbert
- # 767 Mr. Charles R. Fitch
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- # 777 Mr. Dennis T. Cutland
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- # 829 Mr. Donald M. Howard
- # 832 Mr. James D. Rhoades
- # 839 Mr. Laurence D. Oliveri
- # 868 Mr. John B. Nance
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- # 896 Mr. Mark C. Covington
- # 897 Mr. William E. Dempsey
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- # 954 Mr. Joseph A. Wharton
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- # 958 Mr. John Wisnom IV
- # 959 Mr. Alan C. Doscher
- # 960 Mr. Steven C. Morrell
- # 964 Mr. Clayton T. Rowley
- # 965 Mr. Craig S. Nelson
- # 966 Mr. Michael P. Schelp
- # 968 Mr. H. D. Roebuck
- # 969 Mr. Robert L. Johnson Jr.
- # 970 Mr. Dennis J. Fitzgerald
- # 976 Mr. Richard L. Armstrong
- # 977 Mr. Carl A. Northcraft
- # 985 Mr. Stephen W. Byrd
- # 987 Mr. John F. Redig
- # 995 Mr. Richard E. Platzek
- # 1001 Mr. William P. Leary
- # 1002 Mr. Mark R. Thorp
- # 1020 Mr. James J. Arnstein
- # 1031 Mr. Kimble D. Goodman
- # 1052 Captain John S. Walsh
- # 1054 Mr. Matthew Grimes
- # 1055 Mr. Mehdi Ganjeizadeh
- # 1068 Mr. Timothy E. Salter
- # 1070 Mr. Stephen D. Machado
- # 1074 Mr. Michael A. Reed
- # 1075 Mr. Mark D. Fowler
- # 1079 Mr. Bradley W. Coburn
- # 1085 Mr. James W. Fannin
- # 1086 Mr. James M. Hirst
- # 1092 Mr. Dennis G. Lee
- # 1094 Mr. Jeffrey J. McElvaney
- # 1124 Mr. Christopher J. Allen
- # 1125 Mr. Jeffrey T. Han
- # 1128 Mr. Lasse B. Kjelsaas
- # 1132 Mr. Frank R. Avenilla
- # 1134 Mr. Felix A. Torres
- # 1140 Mr. Douglas E. Davies
- # 1144 Mr. Lee S. Roberts
- # 1151 Mr. Robert K. Izumi
- # 1156 Mr. Adam D. Griffin
- # 1161 Mr. Jason M. Redd
- # 1164 Mr. Philip S Mah
- # 1165 Mr. Paul D. Morrison
- # 1201 Mr. Alex B. Szeto
- # 1205 Mr. Justin Corrocherr
- # 1211 Mr. Jay Panchal
- # 1213 Mr. Ethan J. Danberry
- # 1226 Mr. Ed Youssoufian
- # 1239 Mr. Gabriel A. Harley
- \*\* 226 Mr. Griffith H. Adams
- \*\* 408 Mr. Walter L. Mathews
- \*\* 299 Mr. Michael Rakestraw
- \*\* 501 Mr. Douglas M. Leale
- \*\* 536 Mr. Charles Coyle Jr.
- \*\* 540 Mr. Edmund R. Sewell
- \*\* 28 Mr. William W. Miller
- \*\* 232 Mr. John R. Drew
- \*\* 398 Mr. Douglas Honnold
- \*\* 57 Mr. Robert A. Holt
- \*\* 213 Mr. William J. Wood
- \*\* 706 Mr. Robert Whitehead
- \*\* 698 Mr. Burks Hamner III
- \*\* 754 Mr. Warren Richards
- \*\* 779 Mr. David A. Rose
- \*\* 409 Mr. Richard O. Devine
- \*\* INDICATES TRANSFER

Please Look Closely at all the names, the list gets smaller every year, let's make sure every Phi is found.

Thank You

## What are you doing?

Do you have an interesting story to share with your Brothers? Please fill out this form or contact Chris Warren at 209-765-7945 or email at [chriswarren@berkeley.edu](mailto:chriswarren@berkeley.edu)

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**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 28, 2005, 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print your name



**Yes!**

I would like to make a  
lasting commitment to  
the Brothers of Phi Delta Theta, Cal Alpha!

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.

# Phis Heavily Involved in Extracurricular Activities

As always the brothers here at California Alpha refuse to be one dimensional. No different from the past, this semester finds brothers in organizations and positions of power outside of the house.

Brothers are involved in the Cal Democrats and the Berkeley College Republicans. We have both a university health coordinator (Justin Henderson) and the head Fraternity Health Coordinator (Joon Song) making sure the brothers stay in shape and swallow their pills. Joon

Song also represents Phi Delta Theta on the Interfraternity Council as Public Relations Chair.

Keeping with the academic tradition, held so highly in esteem here at Phi Delt, multiple brothers are involved in the various Greek and non-Greek honor societies that Cal provides.

Now that football season is over, the brothers of California Alpha, deciding they needed a new activity to demonstrate their sports prowess,

have fielded a intramural basketball team for the first time in years.

California Alpha also is involved in the student government. We have 1 of the 20 student senators (Manuel Buenrostro) as a brother. In addition, one brother is chair of the majority party at Cal (Bret Manley).

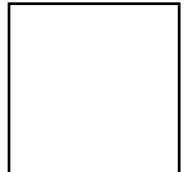
Finally, two of our brothers are Residential Assistants (Glen Carrere & Manuel Buenrostro) living in the dorms and trying their best to take care of the freshmen.



The SF Alumni Club holds a luncheon on the first Friday of every month (the next one will be on March 4th). 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.

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