



Growing the Bonds: The ΣΑΕ Cal Beta Newsletter

—November 2008—

Alumni Updates

Money well spent

Donations secure tradition

Your generous donations in 2008 helped the active chapter grow and develop. One very generous donor sponsored a trophy cabinet on the second floor of the chapter house.

[See 'Phoenix Society' on p.2](#)

Duck Dinner Returns

Back to the house, bigger

The 2008 Duck Dinner will be held on November 21st, and promises to be the largest gathering of alumni since Fall 2004. Join us for an evening of good food, good people and good times.

GO BEARS!

[See included flier](#)

We need your e-Mail

Help us help Cal Beta

As we work to improve our value to you—our alumni—and the active chapter, the Educational Institute needs to update records.

[See 'Contact Us' on p.2](#)

Traditions that Strengthen Our Ties

A message from the Eminent Archon

Cal Beta has been back on campus for five years since the lengthy probation and renovation that devastated our numbers, and I can proudly tell you that we have 65+ active brothers campus wide and 11 young men pledging to join them. From the feedback of both brothers and campus administration, Cal Beta has proven to be one of the best and most improved chapters at Cal.

With this introduction, I would first like to offer a heartfelt Phi Alpha to all the alumni that have made this resurgence possible. Cal Beta has a tradition of greatness, and your involvement has imparted this tradition to a new generation. Generous contributions of time, funds and history are not lost on the actives. And these efforts will continue to unite our chapter around aspirations of growth and development.

In the coming year, your support can help us send more brothers to leadership school, create more alumni events and restore lost traditions. We hope to see you soon at Duck Dinner, and will keep our chapter moving forward in the meantime.

—**Marc Crook, EA Fall 2008**

The Guiding Light: Philanthropy at Cal Beta

Cal Beta is a philanthropic leader on campus. We are involved in an array of events each semester, including the Berkeley Project, a campus wide event in with over 1000 volunteers that Cal Beta alumni Sagar Patel and Andrew Rowland helped create in 2006.



Jake Harris, Eric Fry, Connor Gerson, Marc Crook, Nate Floyd and Carson Van Gelder at 2007 Berkeley Project

Cal Beta has also had strong showings in other events such as HAZE, Kristin's Story and Trick or Greek—events which are all related to bettering the community.

Join Our Phoenix Society

This year, a multi-thousand dollar donation to the Educational Institute ensured that Cal Beta's past, present and future accomplishments will remain safe and visible in a custom-built trophy cabinet. Alumnus Perry Haviland is overseeing its installation.

Though this amount was truly exceptional, small contributions have been key to maintaining Cal Beta, and we aim to return the favor: starting at a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$50, your charity will be recognized through **donors' plaques, free game day parking and naming rights for newly refurbished rooms.**

Become a member of the Phoenix society. Inquire about benefits or donate today:

All checks made payable to the Cal Beta Educational Institute and sent to:

Cal Beta Educational Institute
c/o Bill Rodgers
1638 Visalia Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94707

Please Contact Us:
Asking Your Advice

As Cal Beta's new alumni advisor, I hope and work to keep the house on track while strengthening alumni presence. We are organizing an e-mail list to keep you updated on Cal Beta events and achievements. Get added:

Send your contact info to:
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Phi Alpha,
David Briggs

The Lions Who Will FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT!

Cal Beta's athletes among best in the nation

You may have seen one scoring a defensive touchdown in the Cal v. UCLA game or scoring a try in the rugby national championship—they are Cal Beta's varsity athletes, and they are among the best in the nation.

As is traditional for our chapter, we currently house an impressive number of men competing for Cal's athletic program. Five brothers can be found on the Cal football roster including big names such as Michael Tepper (offensive line), Michael Mohammed (linebacker) and Matt Russi (special teams). Also, seven brothers and one current pledge compete for the national champion Cal Rugby squad, including the 2007 MVP Colin Hawley. Other teams represented in the house are Crew, Track and Field, and Volleyball.

This is not even including the numerous club teams played for or the intramural teams whose constant victories would double the length of this newsletter.



Mike Mohammed featured on the front page of The San Francisco Chronicle sports section

Fall Rush: Attitude is Everything

Cal Beta is finding ways to make our rush and pledge process more effective, and we've noticed one thing: **attitude is everything.**

The Fall Rush brought in eleven young men who are already showing great maturity and enthusiasm. This is due in no small part to our efforts to innovate the rushing and pledging process. Throughout the rush and pledge processes, we've placed greater emphasis on character and attitude. The result has been a group of new guys with a higher opinion of Cal Beta and the idea of fraternity than they initially held. We see this as a growing trend—like begets like—so watch for an excellent group of True Gentlemen in the near future!



Current pledge brother Chris Bustamante