



# SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

## Cal Beta Chapter at UC Berkeley

November 18, 2009

Dear Cal Beta Brother,

On behalf of the current 65 Cal Beta actives and 19 pledges – the largest pledge class in recent memory – I am pleased to provide you with this update on the status of SAE Berkeley and its 1100 alumni.

Beginning mid-2009, you should have started receiving emails from us describing various alumni activities and announcing the creation of a new website and online alumni directory. All this is happening because we decided to outsource these activities to Fraternity Management Group, a company based in Tucson, Arizona that specializes in helping dozens of other alumni associations just like ours.

If you have not been receiving our email messages, it likely means we do not have an accurate email address on file for you. Please go to the website at [www.SAECalBeta.org](http://www.SAECalBeta.org), click on Update Profile, and send us your current contact information.

On the next few pages, we have attempted to share a few of the memories from Homecoming Weekend 2009. The activities included a golf outing at Tilden Park, a Joe Kapp inspired Duck Dinner in the quad, pre-game tailgate parties, and 100 of us sitting together in Memorial Stadium enduring a 30-3 thrashing by USC. Except for the game itself, it was an incredible weekend – one that inspires us to keep planning future events and activities that will be of interest to you all.

Of course, these activities are not cost-free, and we really could use your financial support. We have enclosed an envelope that you can use to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$50, \$100, \$250 or more to the Cal Beta SAE Educational Institute, Inc. – the 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that owns the land and house at 2722 Bancroft Way and runs the Alumni Association. You can also make your contributions online using PayPal. Just logon to the website and click on Donate.

Our next sports-related gathering will be January 6, 2010 at Haas Pavilion when the Cal basketball team will host UCLA in what is shaping-up to be one of the key matchups of the Pac-10 season. Details and ticket purchase instructions are on the website. Just click on Events.

We are here to serve you so please don't hesitate to contact us at [info@SAECalBeta.org](mailto:info@SAECalBeta.org) with your ideas for future alumni activities and suggestions for ways we can improve the online directory and website. We look forward to hearing from you.

Phi Alpha and Go Bears,

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Pledge Class – Fall 1971  
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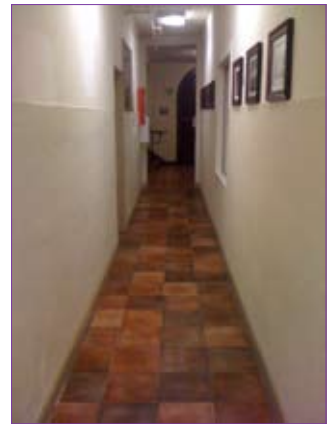
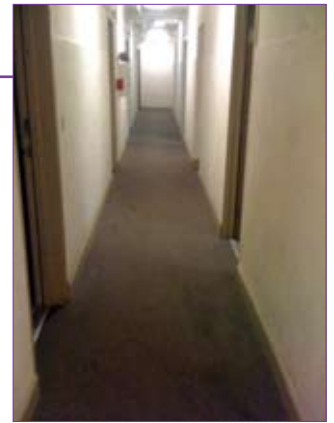
# Upstairs Hallway Tile Project

As you may be aware, we have invested over \$1 million in renovations and improvements to the SAE Chapter House over the past six years. The next major improvement project is to tile the upstairs hallway with ceramic, Mexican-style tiles. Last summer we tiled the downstairs hallway with similar tiles and they are working out great. The pictures to the right were recently taken of both the upstairs and downstairs hallways, so hopefully this gives you a pretty good idea of what we are describing.

Not only do these ceramic tiles improve the overall look of the house consistent with its architecture, they will save us money in the long term as we will not have to re-carpet the hallway every three to five years. And as you can imagine, they are much easier to clean.

Based on the cost of the downstairs tile work, we estimate the upstairs project will cost approximately \$25,000. We plan to hang an engraved plaque at the top of the front stairs to give recognition to all of you who contribute. Please write "Tile Project" on your check if you would like your donation to go towards this project.

You also have the ability to make your contributions online using PayPal or your credit card. Just go to the website ([www.SAECalBeta.org](http://www.SAECalBeta.org)) and click on Donate and designate your gift to the Building Fund.



## The New Online Cal Beta Alumni Directory - *It's as Easy as 1-2-3*

- 1 Logon to **[www.SAECalBeta.org](http://www.SAECalBeta.org)**
- 2 Click on **Member Directory** followed by **Access Our Directory**
- 3 Enter CALBETA (all caps) as user name and phialpha (all lower case) as password

This will give you access to all the alumni and actives in the Cal Beta database. You can sort the list by last name, by zip code, and by both initiation and graduation dates. Please use the directory responsibly. It is intended to facilitate personal contact among Cal Beta brothers and is not to be shared with third parties.

## Upcoming Alumni Events:

### *December 10, 2009*

Annual Jack Leathers Christmas Reunion  
(Cal Beta Alumni of the 1950s)  
The Fish Market, San Mateo, CA  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Contact Jim Kidder at [jrk@unr.edu](mailto:jrk@unr.edu)

### *January 6, 2010*

UCLA Basketball Game  
Haas Pavilion, Berkeley, CA  
Tipoff at 7:30 pm  
Meet at Kips before the game for  
drinks and dinner  
Contact John D'Elia at [john.delia@att.net](mailto:john.delia@att.net)



## UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

### *Eminent Archon*

Chris Vasilas '07

### *Eminent Deputy Archon*

Brett Butterfield '07

### *Eminent Treasurer*

Tom Johnson '07

### *Recruitment Chairmen*

Peter Douglas '07

Paul Grossi '07

### *Active Alumni Chair*

Jake Harris '07

## HOUSING CORPORATION

### *Chairman*

Bob Leslie '51

### *President*

Perry Haviland '60

### *Treasurer*

Jeff Koblick '73

### *Secretary*

Bill Rodgers '61

### *Chapter Adviser*

David Briggs '04

### *Directors*

Rod Duncan '53

Ted Bartlett '89

Will Bartlett '95

Ross Biestman '04

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### *Director*

John Williams '71

# EA's Report - Fall 2009

This year's Duck Dinner, held on the night before the USC game, was the biggest and best – ever! In case you missed it, over 150 alumni and actives were treated to a fine steak dinner followed by a rousing speech by former Cal Rose Bowl quarterback Joe Kapp. The Cal band also made a special appearance towards the end of the night. Thank you to John Williams and all the alumni volunteers who made it all possible.

The house is full with 41 live-ins and 65 actives. We believe this ranks us in the top five in terms of number of members of all Cal fraternities. We also have the largest pledge class in recent history with 19 pledges, including 4 rugby players, 3 members of the NCAA champion crew team, and 1 from track and field.

Active members include five Cal football players – Mike Tepper, Mike Mohammed, Garry Graffort, Nick Demopolous, and Ryan Wertenberger. We have other varsity athletes on the track & field, volleyball, crew, and rugby teams, including All-American rugby players Colin Hawley and Keegan Engelbrecht.

Our intramural sports success has continued with our championship basketball and soccer teams.

Current ASUC President, Will Smelko, is an active live-in member, who has worked tirelessly to improve the chapter's standing with the University.

South Seas 2009 was a huge success – the biggest turnout since 2001. The back parking lot was transformed into a sand-filled South Seas beach and pool. Three bands performed, including one made up entirely of active members.

Our annual philanthropy volleyball tournament at South Seas raised \$1,000 for Camp Kesem, a camp for children whose parents have been diagnosed with cancer.

Phi Alpha,

Chris Vasilas

Eminent Archon

Pledge Class – Fall 2007

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PS – Duck Dinner 2010 will most likely return to its normal place on the calendar the night before the Big Game vs. Stanford.





*The winning team from the Friday afternoon golf outing held at Tilden Park GC just prior to Duck Dinner. Mark McGourty '77, David Thomas '79, Greg Christie '79, Paul Edwards '77, and Mark Biestman '76*



*Duck Dinner cocktail hour in the quad  
Dr. John Carlson '71 and Bill Michel '70*



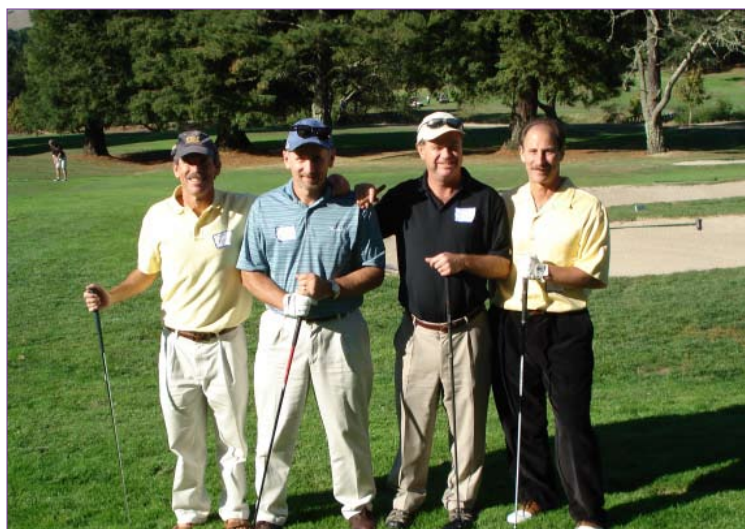
*Joe Kapp and three of his new SAE friends  
Zach Laher '07, Carson Van Gelder '07, Joe Kapp, and Tim McNally '07*



*Joe Kapp and two more SAE friends  
Charlie Moffett '09, Joe Kapp, and Dillon Flinn '09*



*Having a few brews prior to the USC game on the SAE front lawn  
John McIntosh '72, Kirk Thorburn '69, and John D'Elia '72*



*Another good looking group at the golf outing.  
Jeff Koblick '73, Bob Mayer '73, Mark Kenyon '74 and Dan Mayer '75*