



Alpha Star

Phi Delta Theta

Fall 2010

ΦΔΘ California Alpha Chapter

Established 1873

President's Report

Brothers in the Bond,

Great to address you all again as president of California Alpha! I have had quite an eventful summer here in Berkeley and now am ready to begin the semester fresh, as I am sure many of the brothers here are.

Much is in store for California Alpha this semester. Brothers Glicksteen and Roberts, of the Phikeia class of Fall '09, have taken on officer roles as rush chairmen.

Our recruitment process has been successful thus far and we hope that by the time this Alpha Star is in your hands you will all

have had a chance to meet the new Phikeias on gamedays.

In addition, we just initiated our 5 person Phikeia class from Spring 2010. I am now honored to present them to the alumni as new brothers in the bond. Additionally, we plan on attending the Bay Area walk for ALS and also holding our own philanthropy event to raise awareness for ALS in the United States.

Although separated by distance, we are all connected together in the Bond and the brothers here at California Alpha remember that. Through

frequent house study hours and participation in philanthropy events, our brothers are working stronger than ever to exemplify the fraternity and uphold the teachings of the Bond. I look forward to a successful semester here at the chapter and I hope that many of our fellow alumni have the opportunity to make it to the chapter house and see young men grow into productive brothers during their college years.

Yours in the Bond,
Nima Rejali
President
Bond# 1342

A New Focus on Alumni

Brothers in the Bond,

This Fall we have decided to write an Alpha Star that focuses more on the Alumni. Some of you may have noticed the email in your inbox asking for any updates, and many of you responded. In fact, we have been overwhelmed with responses and would be unable to compose a newsletter that does justice to the myriad activities of our successful Alumni. Instead, this issue will try to present a broad mosaic of important events (page 2), followed by more

focused snap-shots of selected alumni (page 5). In so doing we hope to present a good picture of Alumni as a whole.

This new emphasis on the lives of our Alumni in the Alpha Star is here to stay. The many responses have shown the desire of graduated brothers to let each other know what is happening in their lives; and this depth of friendship is inspiring to us who have only newly added their names to the bond.

Max Steiner
Alumni Chair

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- Thad Omura, Bond #1182, has two strapping young future Phi's: Chase (almost 5 years old) and 2-year old Dylan by Pamela Tomimoto Omura. He now lives in Los Altos, CA.
- Allen Cox, Bond #894, has two new grandchildren this year, for a total of four.
- Michael Durant Sidbury to Dennis Sidbury, Bond #1150. Born at 4:41 pm August 30th. 7 lbs. 3 oz. 19.69 inches. Blond hair/blue eyes.

Marriages:

- Roger Nelson, Bond #1243, wed Lindsey Peugh of Chi Omega in Seattle, Washington.
- Gautam Mehta, Bond #1265, plans to marry Ambereen Kurwa in the coming year after proposing in February

Retirements:

- Bob (Dad) Ash, Bond #846, Class of '58, is retiring from commercial mortgage loan brokerage at the end of this year after 52 years in the business, most recently after 26 years in Roseville, CA operating as Pan Pacific Financial Corp.
- Louis CasaBianca, Bond #1057, is back in the United States after multiple tours overseas, serving in 14 countries with the Navy. He would like to express his undying gratitude to his Phi brothers and to the housing corporation for their scholarship assistance and for a loan of \$1,200 (five months rent back in 1986) which made a huge difference in his completing his degree. "Proud to be a Phi, I couldn't have done it without you guys, and many thanks once again."

San Francisco Alumni Club

The SF Alumni Club holds a luncheon on the first Friday of each month. Lunch is served at the famous Schroeder's Restaurant, which is located at 240 Front St. in downtown San Francisco. The lunch is informal and begins at noon. Alumni are encouraged to attend. The next luncheon will be on October 1st.

Alumni Update (continued)

Life in General:

- Charlie Ruppert, Bond #1082, sold the boat, bought a house, put away the skis, got married, had twins and is looking forward to getting back on the water - frozen or otherwise.
- Simon Petru-Naum, Bond #1282, finished his undergraduate studies at San Jose State University with a B.S. in Computer Science and was promptly hired by Cisco Systems.
- Clayton Everline, Bond #1219, was featured in Men's Health August issue "Top Doctor" for ASP Physician Hawaii.
- Thad Omura, Bond #1182, is working as Vice President of Marketing for SandForce (a Silicon Valley startup company focused on technology for Solid State Storage – flash based data storage vs. traditional hard disk drive magnetic storage)
- Gautam Mehta, Bond #1265, graduated from medical school at Georgetown and started residency in Neurosurgery in a joint NIH-University of Virginia training program. He has moved to Charlottesville, Virginia for the first 2.5 year segment of this program (7 years total).
- Don Dorward, Bond #741, is still alive, in good health, single, and "able to drink as much as I please."
- Bret Manley, Bond #1264, is currently serving as the Advisor to Congressman Gary Miller (R-CA), living it up in the District of Columbia. He was recently rewarded a direct commission into the Naval Reserve Intelligence Division and has begun his services as an Ensign.
- Allen Cox, Bond #894, has moved from the Bay Area to Nevada City, CA in "almost-retirement".
- Drew Roberts, Bond #1030, is the proud father of Fall 2009 Phi Nathan Roberts.
- Dan (Trout) Shim, Bond #1193, is the proud owner of a carvel icecream shop in New York and is more than willing to ship "Fudgie the Whale Cakes" to needy Phi's.

FOUNDERS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2010



Duck Dinner

A Meal for Phi's of All Ages to Enjoy Together

Where: The Faculty Club

When: November 18th, 2010

Cost: \$ 60



Mark your calendars: the Annual Phi Delta Theta Duck Dinner is right around the corner! We are hoping for a great turnout like last year, so come enjoy a fantastic dinner with your fellow Phi's. If you plan on attending, please return this form or send an email to max.joseph.steiner@berkeley.edu. We look forward to seeing everybody there.

Yes, I will be attending Duck Dinner. Enclosed is my check for \$60.

Entree: Roast Duck N.Y. Steak Fish



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

Please accept my donation of:

- \$250 \$100 \$50 \$_____

Please make your check payable to the California Alpha Association, with a memo of "Building Fund" and mail to:
California Alpha at P.O. Box 4338, Berkeley, CA 94704

Thank you for your generous support

GENERAL CONVENTION

Brothers,
 2010 saw the city of Orlando host the General Convention. The reports given at convention were promising. Despite the economic hardship of the past few years, only an eight percent budget cut was necessary to balance the GHQ budget. While this has resulted in some reductions, it has not been so crippling as to significantly affect programs such as Walter B. Palmer loans and Foundation scholarships. In the past biennium, the fraternity has installed 12 new chapters, as well as started 17 new colonies. Among the schools targeted by the colonization efforts was UCLA, which is petitioning for reinstatement. On the legislative side, a bill requiring chapters to grant recruitment priority to legacies was resoundingly struck down. It was a fun and enlightening experience.

Yours in the Bond,
 Cody Gaynor #1354

High Bond Bio: John A. McWhirter

“Here I go: Bond #642

Dated 3-25-45. I was 17 at the time so in June 45 I enlisted in the US Navy. The war was over in Aug 45 so I went back to Cal and the Phi Delts in Sept 46 when I was discharged. I worked a lot of jobs while at Cal and graduated in 1949 with a BS Degree in Bus Admin.

1st job in retail at the Emporium in SF. After a year - the American Can Co for 10 yrs as a sales rep. Later for 20 yrs (I think) with Pacific Central Co until they were bought out. I could go on and on about several other jobs but I retired in 1991. I have a wonderful wife and we have been married for 23 years.

Yours in the Bond,
 John

House Furnishings — Got Junk?

The Chapter house is constantly in need of new supplies and we graciously accept donations of furniture and other equipment in working condition. We are continually trying to improve the appearance of the house and would gladly accept any donations. If you would like to make a contribution please contact Max Steiner at (916) 601-1126 or at max.joseph.steiner@berkeley.edu. We can pick up. We are especially in need of the following:

- Kitchen Appliances - Furniture**
- Electronic Appliances - Tools**

Alumni Snapshot: J. Michael Edwards

Brother Edwards personifies the lifelong dedication to service and philanthropy that Phi Delta Theta instills in all its brothers. He has been instrumental in coordinating the construction of a new regional hospital on San Juan Island in Washington State. This project will bring much-needed medical services to island residents who currently have to travel to the mainland for many of their essential services. In addition, Brother Edwards has transformed his love of classic automobiles into a car showcase—The Concours d’Elegance—that raised \$1,000 for Polio Eradication. His actions exemplify the continuing benefit Phi’s bring to their communities.

Joining ΦΔΘ

Brothers in the Bond,

By the time I reached the Fall semester of my junior year, I knew that things were not going well for me: I had lost direction, focus, and motivation, and I was heading in a downward spiral. During winter break, I assessed my situation and realized that I lacked a social environment that would make me happy, a community that would respect me, and a meaningful connection to Cal. I resolved that 2010 would be the year to rebuild myself, and I began by pledging Phi Delta Theta. This had an immediate positive effect on my life as I started to get to

know the Brothers and spend time at the house. I now had a place at Cal to call home — one to be proud of. Phi Delta Theta gave me the foundation to set and accomplish many goals for myself, including running a half marathon in under two hours. It also helped me walk into my summer job at Qualcomm with confidence. In my role as a software engineering intern working to improve the Chrome web browser and operating system, I developed far-reaching leadership and teamwork skills. Already I can tell that these strengths are carrying over into my elected

role as Kitchen Steward, and I look forward to keeping the Brothers well-fed. Because I only have a single year to forge lasting relationships with my fellow Brothers and to leave my mark on the house, the thought of being a senior is bittersweet, but I know that I will make the best of my stay. With goals achieved and a positive outlook for the future, I can be proud of my decision to join the brotherhood of Phi Delta Theta.

Yours in the Bond,
Serban Giuroiu



Thank You from Cal Alpha

We would like to thank the brothers listed to the right for their generous gifts to the Building fund last semester. We hope that you will consider a contribution to the California Alpha Building Fund as part of your annual donations.

- #657 Br. Charles H. Manning Jr.
- #662 Br. Richard W. Strong
- #671 Br. Howard J. Martin Jr.
- #722 Br. Sidney R. Petersen
- #741 Br. Donald F. Dorward
- #803 Br. Mr. Jerry L. Becker
- #821 Br. O. James Woodward III
- #851 Br. Henry M. Giudice
- #860 Br. William K. Tuck
- #875 Br. Robert C. Weiss
- #894 Br. Allen H. Cox III
- #1060 Br. Terrence T. Maiken
- #1150 Br. Dennis D. Sidbury
- #59 Robert J. Stinson (California Epsilon)

Obituary

We recently lost Brother Walter Tindell, "Lodi Louie" to many of his brothers. Walt died after a stoic battle with cancer that was so rare there was no chemo known to combat it. Walt was Class of '51. Walt spent his business career in the marketing of fresh fruit, sending thousands of refrigerated rail cars to NY. He headed the California Fruit Exchange, (Blue Anchor), an international marketing firm located in Sacramento. Brother Tindell is survived by Barbara (CA '53) his wife of 56 years, 4 children, and 8 grandchildren.

Lost Phi's

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

Bond #	Name
627	Mr. Jack D. Griffith
649	Mr. Gordon W. Nelson
661	Mr. Richard W. Henley
667	Mr. George A. Leatherman Jr.
691	Mr. Ben E. Foster
710	Mr. Ruben L. Navarro
736	Mr. Nathaniel M. Ball
757	Mr. Robert A. Smith
818	Mr. Donald B. Shea
829	Mr. Donald M. Howard
832	Mr. James D. Rhoades
868	Mr. John B. Nance
897	Mr. William E. Dempsey
918	Mr. Jeffrey M. Brennan
954	Mr. Joseph A. Wharton
957	Mr. Richard A. Potts
959	Mr. Alan C. Doscher
965	Mr. Craig S. Nelson
1128	Mr. Lasse B. Kjelsaas

1159	Mr. John M. Houkom
1293	Mr. Marius V. Lungu
1314	Mr. Arthur S. Agag
1320	Mr. Charles P. Litchfield

Brothers,

Take a close look at the names on the list. Every year this list becomes smaller. Let's make sure that every Phi is found!



CAL FOOTBALL



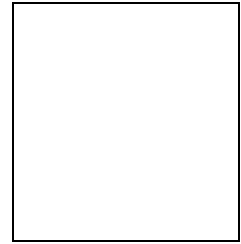
California Golden Bears Home Schedule 2010

Sept. 4; W (52-3)	UC Davis
Sept. 11; W (52-7)	Colorado
Oct. 9; Time TBA	UCLA
Oct. 23; Time TBA	Arizona State
Nov. 13; Time TBA	Oregon
Nov. 20; 12:30 PM	Stanford
Nov. 27; Time TBA	Washington

BBQ at the House before every Home Game!



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