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Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2005 Edition

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Starting Afresh

In an effort to revamp the collegiate-alumni relations of Beta Psi, the Fall 2005 Class is proud to re-establish the publication of this alumni newsletter. In this and future editions we as active members of the house will bring awareness to the alumni body about house news, events, and projects. We hope that these regular updates will give you, the alumni, a better understanding of what is going on at Beta Psi, and encourage you to also stay active with your Alma Mater and Sigma Nu Beta Psi.

Officer Positions

- Eminent Commander: Thomas Rupp
- Lieutenant Commander: Richmond Manzana
- Recorder & Co-Rush Chair: Jakub Godzik
- Co-Rush Chair: Amir Chalak
- Treasurer: Daniel Purnell
- Marshal: Michael Shen
- Social Chair: Arsalan Salamat
- Junior Social Chair: Justin Fong
- Chaplain: Kourosh Kolahi
- Philanthropy Chair: Chris Abad
- Sentinel & Webmaster: Scott Hinricher
- LEAD Chair: Brian Kruse
- GAMMA Representative: Alex Madrid
- House Manager: Theodore Johnson Jr.
- Alumni Relations & Steward: Doug Suda

Successful Fall Rush

During Welcome Week the brothers of Beta Psi opened its doors to potential brothers through its Fall Rush Schedule. Some of the events included a steak barbeque, paintball, driving range, poker night, bonfire and pizza organized by Co-Rush Chair, Jake Godzik. All the events had great turnouts and we are now

honored to present this semester's candidates for knighthood.

Fall 2005 Candidates:

Roy Partch

Year: 3rd

Hometown: Susanville, CA

Major: Political Science



Adrian Villa

Year: 3rd

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Major: Molecular & Cell Biology (Genetics) Minor: Mathematics



Bryce Simmer

Year: 2nd

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Major: Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences



Marc Albury

Year: 3rd

Hometown: Miami, FL

Major: Japanese Language & Business Administration



We look forward to showing these candidates the tenets of Sigma Nu and the benefits they will accrue with knighthood.

Alumni-Sponsored House Improvements

Work was finally completed over the summer, on numerous alumni-financed house improvements. Included was the wiring of all the rooms with two high-speed internet connections along with cable television. Additionally, the third floor deck was renovated. The deck was in serious disrepair, and thanks to the generosity of the alumni, the area of the

deck that heaved was repaired along with the refinishing of the floorboards and benches.

Renovation of the fire stairwell is still yet to be completed, when more funds become available. At the moment the bare studs are visible from the stairwell, along with the mildew and water damage that has accrued over the years.



Note, too, that the lack of insulation along that wall has led to increased utility bills to compensate for the lost heat.



Hopefully the wall, which extends from the ground to third floor, will be repaired before the cold winter season arrives.

Work is also underway on the repair of one of the French doors in Chapter Hall. The chapter is delighted that the composite boards keeping the draft out are finally being replaced by actual doors.



The doors have been waiting over half a year to be repaired. The work should be complete before the big USC game.



Member-Initiated House Improvements

During the fourth week of the 2005 Fall Semester work initiated on the sanding and staining of the third floor sun deck.

After the deck was repaired by alumni contributions the live-in members decided to sand and stain/waterproof the deck in anticipation of the October 1st Homecoming Game against Arizona.



Work progressed through the night and subsequent days as multiple coats were applied to ensure an even stain and waterproofing.



Hats off to Kourosh who initiated the project

and coordinated the tasks. Special thanks goes out to all the brothers who helped accomplish this project.

Work is currently underway on extending the parking lot.

Since the second week of classes Rich and Scott have coordinated the regular delivery of dirt to the house in order to backfill the

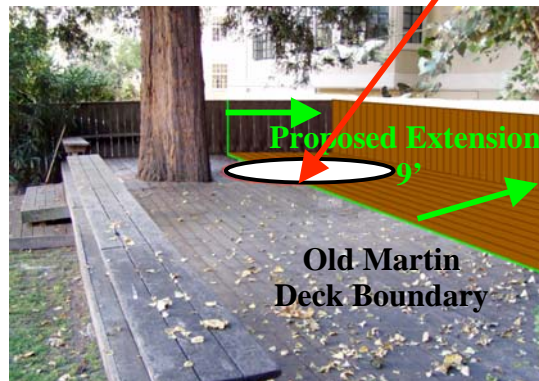


trench between the back parking lot and the retaining wall with Westminster House. To date, there have been 40 truckloads amounting to about 60 cubic yards of backfill. The acquisition of this sizeable area will add 5 more parking spots to the lot, which in turn increase revenue from parking on game days. Jake also plans to repaint the parking spots when the extension is finally completed.

Coincidentally, work has started on a new four-player arcade machine. Rich Manzana and Mike Shen have launched this project to replace the old machine. The outer shell for the machine is nearly complete. After the shell is painted the two will install the joysticks, screen, and computer. Everyone looks forward to sleepless nights of Mortal Combat and other great games.



Finally, the acquisition of a Jacuzzi has prompted serious discussions about the possibility of extending the Martin deck along with refinishing the floorboards. However, under the tight budget plans for this project may have to be delayed until next year. In order to facilitate this



project a foundation would have to be poured along with additional footings for the

extension of the deck. The proposed project would be the largest member-initiated project in the recent history of the house that would not only expand the usable area of the house, but also add a feature that no other house on campus could boast.

Homecoming Band & BBQ

Before the Homecoming Game on October 1st Sigma Nu Beta Psi held a pre-Game bash that included the Sigma Nu band, *Days in Between*. Food, including



tri-tip, hamburgers, and chicken were served and the band only added to the overall atmosphere of the event. We had a terrific turnout and

had a great time socializing with students and alumni. Special thanks goes out to Jr. Social Chair, Justin, who coordinated the logistics of the event.

UCLA Brotherhood Retreat

On the weekend of October 8th the brother of Beta Psi rented a Winnebago and took a road trip to root the Bears on against the UCLA Bruins at the Rose Bowl. The retreat was

great allowing the brothers to relax after a stressful week of midterms. While in LA we stayed at the UCLA ΣΝ and were able to meet some of the EΠ brothers. The retreat would have been perfect, but the Bears unfortunately lost to the Bruins in the last minutes, 40-47. Thanks to L.C., Rich Manzana, who organized the retreat and drove the behemoth.



CAL vs. USC Game Bash

On November 12th after the USC game, Beta Psi will hold its Cal vs. USC Game Post-Game. We anticipate a turnout comparable to our Homecoming Game. Alumni and friends are more than welcome to stop by and enjoy good food and drinks after the Bears crush the Trojans. As always, parking will be

available and will help finance the event and projects going on at the house. Encourage fans to park in our lot so we can get some of our larger projects underway.

A Few Words from the Alumni President

I'd like to invite each of you to Beta Psi of Sigma Nu's annual meeting, where the alumni will be electing our board for the upcoming year and discussing our plans for the future. It will be held at noon prior to the USC game. We're hoping to reinvigorate our alumni/undergraduate relations program by introducing more opportunities for interaction. The first step in this process is our annual football get together at the house, which we've held the last two years. Our third annual get together will follow the USC game. We're also hoping to get an alumni/rush event set up for this coming winter.

We will also be discussing our plans for the physical plant. Over the past few years, the housing market at Berkeley has changed dramatically. If you've been by the house recently, you've noticed the changes and the new buildings. During the past year, we've invested over \$20,000 in our physical plant. These are the first major improvements we've made since re-colonization, but they're only the beginning. In the next year, we're looking to landscape the backyard, rebuild the Martin deck and rebuild the roof deck. Your input would be greatly appreciated!

Finally, we'll be introducing the 1892 Scholarship, which is a scholarship that will be given out to our outstanding undergraduate members coming next semester.

If any of you have any ideas or would just like an update, feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

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Formal Alumni Dinner Announced

The active chapter has unanimously decided to hold its 2005 Formal Alumni Dinner in order to foster lasting relations between the alumni and current active brothers. The date has been set as December 4, 2005 at 7pm at Beta Psi. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP forms are located at the bottom of the Dinner pullout and have been included in this newsletter to help facilitate the planning of this event; the deadline is November 27th. We hope that you come out and reminisce about your Sigma Nu days over great food and wine.

Good Luck to Spring 2005 Graduates

Yan Wu, 1433

Hometown: Santa Barbara, CA
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Beta Psi Positions: L.C., Social Chair
Cal Activities: Cal Lacrosse 4 years,
Ski & Snowboard Club



John Meehan, 1436

Hometown: Laguna Niguel, CA
Major: Industrial Engineering &
Operations Research
Beta Psi Positions: Steward,
Recorder
Cal Activities: Tau Beta Pi, ASUC
Student Campaign
Future Plans: Employed at Bain &
Company Consulting



Pat Cudahy, 1425

Hometown: Winnaetka, IL
Major: Molecular & Cell Biology
Immunology
Minor: Religious Studies
Beta Psi Positions: E.C., Marshal,
Social Chair, Chaplain
Cal Activities: Honors Thesis on
Molecular and Cell Biology
Future Plans: Medical College of
Wisconsin



Michael Jackson, 1428

Hometown: Eugene, OR
Major: Engineering Physics
Beta Psi Positions: House Manager,
Marshal, Rush Chair, Chaplain

Cal Activities: Silicon Micro
fabrication Technician, Ultimate
Frisbee
Future Plans: PhD program in
Material Science at UCLA focusing
on Ultra-High Efficiency Solar Cells
for use on satellites

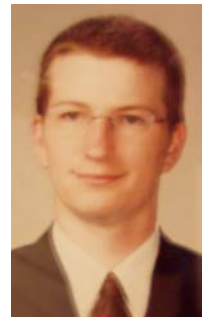
Misha Leybovich, 1437

Hometown: St. Louis, MO/Irvine, CA

Major: Engineering Physics
Beta Psi Positions: Recruitment,
Alumni Relations, Scholarship Chair
Cal Activities: ASUC President,
Senator

Future Plans: Traveling and working
at The Aerospace Corporation, MIT
for a Dual Masters/PhD in
Aerospace Engineering and
Technology & Policy in Fall 2006

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Member Profiles

Get to know some of the brothers of Beta Psi...

Thomas Rupp, 1449, E.C.

Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA
Major: Political Science & Public
Policy

Previous Positions: Philanthropy
Chair

Cal Activities: Lawrence Hall of
Science, Cal Rotoract

Future Plans: Law School

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Rich Manzana, 1448, L.C.

Hometown: Washington D.C.

Year: 4th

Major: Industrial Engineering and
Operations Research

Minor: Management Engineering
and Innovation

Previous Positions: Treasurer,
Network Administrator

Cal Activities: Cal Motorsports,

IIE, Pilipino American Student Services

Future Plans: Pursue an M.B.A. and start up own
company

rmanzana@berkeley.edu



Daniel Michael Purnell, 1434, Treasurer

Hometown: Santa Cruz, CA

Year: 5th

Major: Psychology

Previous Positions: Steward,
Recorder

Cal Activities: Student

Counseling Group President,

ACLU Berkeley Division

Member, Alameda Crisis Prevention Hotline

Volunteer

Future Plans: PhD in Clinical Psychology or

Business Psychology

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Scott Hinricher, 1440, Web Page Manager

Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA

Year: 3rd

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Positions: Rush Chair,

House Manager

Cal Activities: Formula SAE, Pi

Tau Sigma, ASME

Future Plans: Automotive Design

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Dave Carlson, 1397, House Dad

Hometown: Moraga, CA

Rhetoric, B.A.

Law, J.D.

Work: Baker & McKenzie LLP

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Alex Madrid, 1450, GAMMA

Representative

Hometown: San Francisco, CA

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

Field (International

Corporate Management)

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Mike Shen, 1444, Marshal,

Scholarship Chair

Hometown: Pleasanton, CA

Major: Electrical Engineering &

Computer Science

Previous Positions: Scholarship

Chair

Cal Activities: California Hiking

and Outdoor Society, IM Soccer

Future Plans: Job within the

Computer Industry

shen_m@berkeley.edu



Chris Abad, 1443, Philanthropy Chair

Hometown: Orange, CA

Year: 4th

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Positions: Scholarship

Chair, Risk Management, Sentinel

Cal Activities: ASUC Senator,

AIESEC, Engineers' Joint Council,

Pilipino Academic Student Services

Future Plans: Mechanical

Engineering Graduate School at Cal

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Brian Kruse, 1431, LEAD Chair

Hometown: Wichita, KS

Year: 4th

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Positions: E.C.

Cal Activities: UCB Formula SAE

Race Team, Pi

Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering

Honor Society

Future Plans: Pursue a Masters at

London School of Economics in

Finance and Accounting

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Amir Chalak, 1445, Co-Rush Chair

Hometown: Burlingame, CA

Year: 4th

Major: Molecular & Cell Biology

Previous Positions: Social Chair,

Steward

Cal Activities: Soccer Club, Cal Pre-

Dental Society, Iranian Student

Cultural Organization

Future Plans: Dental School

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Jake Godzik, 1451, Co-Rush Chair,

Recorder

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Year: 2nd

Major: Molecular & Cell Biology,

Business Administration

Cal Activities: Cal Crew, Ski

Team

Future Plans: Medical or Business

school

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Arsalan Salamat, 1452, Social Chair
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Year: 2nd
Major: Molecular & Cell Biology
Cal Activities: Cal Cycling, IM
Soccer, ISAA, ISCO
Future Plans: Medical School
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Justin Fong, 1453, Jr. Social Chair
Hometown: Sacramento, CA
Year: 2nd
Major: Political Economies of
Industrial Societies
Cal Activities: IM Basketball,
Security Monitor
Future Plans: Graduate School
focusing on international
policy/business
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Manager
Hometown: Yuba City, CA
Year: 2nd
Major: Political Science &
Conservation and Resource
Studies
Cal Activities: Residential
Sustainability Education
Coordinator, Environment Health
and Safety Inspector
Future Plans: Law school for
environmental law
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Year: 2nd
Major: Microbial Biology
Future Plans: Medical School
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Doug Suda, 1454, Alumni
Relations, Steward
Hometown: Moraga, CA
Year: 2nd
Major: Business Administration
& Japanese Language
Cal Activities: Alumni Scholar
Association Finance Committee,
Nikkei Student Union Treasurer,
Japanese American Citizens
League Liaison
Future Plans: Study abroad in Spain or Japan,



possibly working towards an MBA in one of the
before mentioned countries
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Cal Football

Mark your calendars for these
upcoming home games!!

November 12 USC Bash
November 19 108th Big Game @
Stanford



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Your input is greatly appreciated and will only add to
the overall quality of the next edition.

