



Upcoming Events (2008):

- 8/30: Michigan State at Cal
- 9/27: Colorado State at Cal
- 10/04: Arizona State at Cal
- 10/25: UCLA at Cal
- 11/01: Oregon at Cal
- **11/ 22:**
Stanford at Cal & Big Game Festivities
- 12/06: Washington at Cal

• Know a Brother who would like to receive this Newsletter? Know a Brother who has recently moved or passed away? Know a potential future Sigma Nu? Please email

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• Please include the name and contact information of the brothers/potentials involved.

Annual Chapter Valentine Dinner



Following our annual tradition, the Beta Psi Chapter held its Valentine Dinner on the evening of February 14, 2008. Brothers and an equal amount of young women, many from sororities, arrived dressed in their best attire to a beautifully decorated Chapter Hall. Overall, the evening went smoothly and all involved left having enjoyed themselves. The night began peacefully as couples arrived one by one. Soon, vibrant

conversations and laughter began to fill the room as each additional item was served. All attendees enjoyed an exquisite candlelit meal prepared by the Chapter's new chef. Decadent wine, chocolate fondue, and a roaring fire capped off the evening in which the Beta Psi Chapter once again demonstrated that it knows how to have a good time with women.

Beta Psi and the Community

The Spring 2008 Semester has witnessed the Beta Psi Chapter embrace philanthropy with unprecedented energy. During the week of March 17th through the 21st, the Beta Psi Chapter volunteered with Disabilities Awareness Week, where every Brother either helped to deliver food to speaker and movie events or post informational fliers around the UC Berkeley campus. Additionally, Brothers will voluntarily participate in Relay for Life again this semester, raising approximately \$300 in donations. To top it all off, the Chapter has also aided sororities Sigma Kappa and Kappa Alpha Theta by either volunteering or participating in their own individual causes for charity.



Chapter Says Farewell to Beloved Chef

Last semester the Beta Psi Chapter sadly parted ways with an old friend, chapter chef Urs Gut, who has retired back to Switzerland. Although Urs served only briefly as the Chapter's chef since 2004, those short three years were more than enough time for many of the active brothers, especially this year's graduating seniors, to establish strong bonds with this unique Swiss man. Coming down to the dining hall on weekday evenings and Friday mornings, Urs would greet brothers before talking at length about the dish he was to prepare that day. Last December, Urs cooked one final absolutely exquisite meal for the brotherhood that everyone agreed was four star restaurant quality. Known best for his chicken cordon bleu, his eggs benedict, and his mosaic artwork that he would often bring to show the brothers, Urs added a flavorful personality and presence to the food we ate every night.



Alumni Happenings

As a substantial portion of the Brotherhood will be graduating with the conclusion of the Spring 2008 semester, the active brethren are beginning to appreciate the lifelong friendships that they have made as members of Sigma Nu. Furthermore, they recognize the importance of keeping in contact with brothers who will hopefully become lifelong friends. Therefore, the *Newsletter* asks some fairly recent alumni what they have been up to recently and how their lives are progressing after their graduation.




(Picture: Nearly the entire Beta Psi Brotherhood with a few recent alumni in the Chapter Hall following the Initiation of the Spring 2008 Candidate Class)

Mason Bancroft (BΨ 1346)

After three years of working on projects for Bank of America in Boise, ID, I've recently returned to California. I now reside in Sacramento and work for the State Government as an Analyst. Now that I have returned, I plan to become more involved with House activities.

Mark Dowd (BΨ 1260)

Greetings: I'm a corporate attorney at a law firm in the Bay Area, married, with a 7 year old son and a 5 year old daughter. My wife is counsel at EJ Gallo Winery.

<p><i>Bert McKee (BΨ 1159)</i></p> <p>I joined Sigma Nu 1981. I married a gymnast at Cal and have two kids now in High School. I'm living in San Dimas California. I own and run a lumber business and my wife is a lawyer and currently teaching law at Mt. San Antonio City College (Mt. Sac). I'm looking forward to coming up for a game this fall with my wife and I hope the house is doing well. I had a lot of fun at the old house and hope you all are carrying out that tradition.</p>	<p><i>Jon Toellner (BΨ 1062)</i></p> <p>I've been working at Northrop Grumman Space Technology building some very cool satellite technology (we are developing the new James Webb Space Telescope). It has a 6.2 folding mirror and a multi-layer sun shade that is the size of several tennis courts (http://www.jwst.nasa.gov/). In the past I had jobs at DIRECTV, the CIA, Lockheed Martin, and Hughes Aircraft. My son starts college this fall and will attend Marymount in Palos Verdes, CA. My wife recently started a business producing and selling a raw food for cats and dogs (http://www.wagalicious.net/). Recent trips I've taken have included backpacking to Rae Lakes in the High Sierra, Paris and the Pyrenees in Southern France, the Great Western Bike Rally in Paso Robles, skiing in the Sierras, and more. We plan to visit Vietnam this fall. Several of my Sigma Nu brothers were part of the crew team. They inspired me to buy a Concept 2 sixteen years ago. After fifteen years of rowing in the garage I finally learned to row on the water. I took lessons at the UCLA boathouse and learned to row in a single scull. I now row at 5:45am two to four mornings a week. I get to enjoy the sunrise on really calm water and the workout is extraordinary.</p>
<p><i>Danny Dawson (BΨ 1419)</i></p> <p>According to Carlos Almendárez (BΨ 1405), Danny Dawson was recently married on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Five Sigma Nu Alumni were in attendance, and pictures of the wedding can be found at the following web address: http://flickr.com/photos/cal menda/sets/72157604907577695/</p>	<p><i>Thomas G. Beatty (BΨ 990)</i></p> <p>My oldest son, Stewart, co-executive chef at Postino in Lafayette, married Heather Rosberg on Saturday April 26th in Moraga, California and they are honeymooning in Canada. No drunk uncles crashed into the cake, and no bridegroom told the story about the night in Vegas....My daughter Heather just received her Ph.D in 17th Century medical history from Oxford England, and will be working at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London until her fiancée, Mike, gets his immigration papers in order. He is a Ph.D. solar physicist from Oxford, and if only he were a gardener from Tijuana, he'd be in the states by now. My son Grayson is in group ticket sales and promotions for the Colorado Rockies and got a GIGANTIC National League Championship ring for 2007. My youngest, Jaclyn, is a sophomore in pre med at SMU. Paula and I are happy yet broke from the 13 year onslaught of tuition. I went with my local team, the Northern California over 50 doubles champions, to the United States Tennis Association National Championships at Indian Wells where we lost our ass in three straight matches, but found some good microbreweries and golf courses to die for. All is good.</p>
<p><i>David Ruegg (BΨ 823)</i></p> <p>Eugenia, my wife of 49 years and I went to the Caribbean during the later half of March 2008 in my single engine Bonanza. We stopped at Tucson, Lajitas, Texas, Houston, New Orleans, and Fort Lauderdale where we started our trip with 10 other Bonanzas. Our first stop was Turks, then on to Saint Maarten, Dominique, Saint Lucia, and Saint Tomas, stopping 3 days at each port. We knew only one other couple. We made it back safely despite some weather.</p>	<p><i>José Luis Espinoza II (BΨ 1378)</i></p> <p>The biggest piece of news on my end is my wedding. It took place on November 24, 2007 in Australia. I am looking forward to moving (permanently) to Australia within 1 year or 2.</p>
<p><i>José Luis Espinoza II (BΨ 1378)</i></p> <p>The biggest piece of news on my end is my wedding. It took place on November 24, 2007 in Australia. I am looking forward to moving (permanently) to Australia within 1 year or 2.</p>	<p>The <i>Newsletter</i> sincerely thanks all Alumni for contributing to this questionnaire. If you would like to tell other Beta Psi alumni what you have been up to recently, we would be happy to put it in the online version of the Newsletter. Please send all entries and/or questions to markbuzbee@berkeley.edu. Thank you</p> 

Candidate Project Specifics

All Contributions

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The recently initiated Spring 2008 Beta Psi Candidates took it upon themselves to complete quite an impressive and visually-stimulating candidate project this spring semester. The first part of the candidate project involved the Sun Deck on the third floor of the Chapter House, which has been in long need of repair. Facing westward, the deck bakes in the afternoon sun everyday

and also sustains abuse from various other chapter activities. The Candidates set out to reverse these affects by applying a nice wood stain finish over the entire deck and adjacent fence.

The second part of the candidate project involved the east stairwell of the house. Long in disrepair, drywall was just installed in this stairwell just last year. The bland and plain white look of the stairwell,

however, was amended by the Spring 2008 Candidates. Over the course of their final week before Initiation, the Candidates painstakingly repainted the entire stairwell, including steps, walls, and railings, in the Sigma Nu's own colors of gold, white, and black. Overall, these House improvements are just one of the ways in which the active brethren are continually seeking ways to improve the physical quality of the House.



(Picture: the Spring 2008 Initiates-Brothers Contreras, Hsuan, Van Ekelenburg, Allan, Tamez, Barrera, Tran, and McClory)

Cal Football Schedule: Please Mark Your Calendars!



Date	Opponent / Event	Location
08/30/08	vs. Michigan State	Berkeley, CA
09/06/08	at Washington State	Pullman, WA
09/13/08	at Maryland	College Park, MD
09/27/08	vs. Colorado State	Berkeley, CA
10/04/08	vs. Arizona State	Berkeley, CA
10/18/08	at Arizona	Tucson, AZ
10/25/08	vs. UCLA	Berkeley, CA
11/01/08	vs. Oregon	Berkeley, CA
11/08/08	at USC	Los Angeles, CA
11/15/08	at Oregon State	Corvallis, OR
11/22/08	vs. Stanford	Berkeley, CA
12/06/08	vs. Washington	Berkeley, CA

All Alumni are welcome to join us at the House during Cal football home games. Beverages and food are provided *absolutely* free of charge. We never ask for contributions during games (although we will gladly accept them).

Parking is available in the back lot and on the front lawn. It is not necessary to RSVP, and your entire family is welcome. Come view for yourself our numerous house improvements! Please call members from your pledge classes to join you! See you all in the Fall!

← The 2008 “Big Game Bash Alumni Reunion” will take place on November 22. Come by and watch the Bears recapture the Axe!

What can we do to make this Newsletter better for you Alumni? Any and all suggestions are welcome! Simply email me at markbuzbee@berkeley.edu. We encourage Alumni to contribute not only in terms of contributions and their presence, but also in terms of feedback. This Newsletter is mailed twice a year (once in the Fall, once in the Spring).

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A Note From the Beta Psi Alumni Corporation

Thanks to the support of many alumni, our undergraduates are proudly promoting the values of Sigma Nu at Cal and continue our role as one of the leading fraternities on campus. Our chapter house has seen many recent upgrades and we also have launched an alumni website (www.CalSigmaNu.com) to help keep all Beta Psi alumni connected to the chapter. And, as always, we continue to hold alumni reunions before and after every home football game.

In the beginning of 2008 we launched our inaugural Annual Fund with some aggressive goals to help support our alumni communications program, as well as fund some of the major capital improvements needed at the chapter house. In addition, we have a goal, that within the next three to five years, we will develop significant educational and maintenance endowments. We can not accomplish these goals without your support.

Many alumni have already answered the call this year. The board of the alumni corporation knows, though, that we can do better. When you think of Sigma Nu, you think of your friends and brothers – and memories you share with them. Join us in helping ensure that all future brothers will have the same great experience with Beta Psi.

Please use the enclosed annual fund envelope, or go to www.CalSigmaNu.com, and click on the ‘Donate’ section and send us a contribution today. Your contribution of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or anything you feel is within your means will keep our brotherhood strong, allow us to maintain our facilities, and continue our alumni relations programs.

Thank you in advance.

Fraternally,

Richard Petty
President, Beta Psi Alumni Corporation

The Beta Psi Chapter wishes to thank the following alumni who have already shown their support. Thank you for your generous gifts!

Edgar L. Dow, III '40
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Ralph T. Busby '46
Jeanne Keegan (in memoriam of Harry E. Keegan '47)
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Walter R. Orey '49
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