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#### CHAPTER PRESIDENT REPORT

sean chappell '08

Currently, the California Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi is bursting forth into the realm of exceptional literary success and fraternal fortitude. Our literary endeavors are having great success while at the same time, the undergraduate brotherhood has begun to join forces with our devoted alumni to take on the extensive task of pumping life back into our Prospect street mansion.

A young executive committee took over leadership of the chapter at the start of the Spring semester, immediately taking strides to renew the literary repute of the chapter, recruit five new members, and re-establish a sense of pride in our physical structure. Our pledges are quickly learning the standards of the Alpha Delta Phi with great enthusiasm, and our older brothers, nine of whom will graduate this May, are enjoying their last semester at Cal with an equal, if not greater level of enthusiasm.

The California literary program, headed this semester by Jon Ellithorpe, has been nothing short of exemplary. An essay contest, mailed out over the break, had great success in the quality of applicants and was celebrated at the end of February in conjunction with the Memorial Foundation Scholarship recipients

at the Faculty Club here on campus. As part of our recruitment, undergraduate Eric Kasaty invited his band, "Rainy Day Parade" up from San Diego for a night of live rock and roll entertainment. We also recently held a comedy improvisational night which was supported tremendously by our campus community. Lastly, and perhaps most thrilling, the Alpha Deltas will play dinner host in late March to a few of Berkeley's most distinguished

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#### ALUMNI PRESIDENT REPORT

doug mckenzie '83

A few weeks ago, the Undergraduate Chapter and a group of Alumni gathered at the Faculty Club in recognition of those House Members who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership in the House. Participants included the undergraduate members and alumni ranging from the 1950's through the 1990's.

After the awards ceremony the entire group took part in a roundtable discussion regarding the state of the House. Chapter President Sean Chappell '08 highlighted the continued recruiting success – five new pledges have already joined this semester. This is the good news.

Brother Steve Jacobs, '08, House Manager, followed with an update on the physical condition of the house. He pointed out that though most of the plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems have far outlived their lived their life expectancies. Time is running out. As these repairs continue to go without, the issue will soon

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Sophomores Justin Chung and Joey Ponticello sled down the hill at Lake Tahoe at the beginning of the Spring semester.



Seniors David Marquardt, Patrick Gallagher, and junior Brendean Luce getting ready to toss graduating senior Jared Sinclair into the pool.

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Another exciting semester behind us, the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi returned to Berkeley after a relaxing winter break—rejuvenated and anxious to kick off the new year. Even a week before the first day of school half of the active brothers were already back and busy establishing connections and making new friends. There was excitement in the air; the idea that every handshake could be the start of a great friendship gave Spring Rush '06 great appeal.

Sticking to our reliable and time-proven methods of recruitment, we befriended potentials with our wit, charm and humor. Each week began with large social events to draw the attention of as many perspectives as possible. Events like Haiku Night kept us true to our literary nature. Then in

the second week we changed gears, holding smaller events to get to know our rushies more intimately. These events included Flag Football and Poker, and culminated with a weekend trip to beautiful Lake Tahoe.

But the event most emblematic of our brotherly spirit and literary tradition

was our Live Band Party. Brother Kasaty's band, the Rainy Day Parade, thrilled the audience with classic rock, impressing all our guests and giving them a demonstration of our commitment to music and the arts. The concert was a smash. People from around the neighborhood listened from the balconies; cheers could be heard from the rooftops at the end of each song.

This Rush season was a thrilling success. We finished the two weeks with five solid pledges and boosted reputation. And the brothers of ADPhi did not miss a beat—they were ready to jump straight into the pledge semester with the same enthusiasm. Spring Rush '06 was one to remember.



Junior Jorge Duque and freshmen Alex Xenakis and Norbert Wong enjoy a steak dinner celebrating the end of a successful recruitment period.

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CLASS: JUNIOR  
MAJOR: GENDER AND  
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HOMETOWN: CLAREMONT, CA



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CLASS: FRESHMAN  
MAJOR: ENVIRONMENTAL  
ENGINEERING SCIENCE  
HOMETOWN: NAPA, CA



**JASON HWA**

CLASS: FRESHMAN  
MAJOR: MOLECULAR  
ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY  
HOMETOWN: FREMONT, CA



**JORGE DUQUE**

CLASS: JUNIOR  
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY  
HOMETOWN: WATSONVILLE, CA



**JUSTIN BONNAR**

CLASS: FRESHMAN  
MAJOR: PHYSICS / PRE-LAW  
HOMETOWN: PLEASANTON, CA



THE EVOLUTION OF INTRA-FRATERNITY DYNAMICS  
jesse heitner '06

ADPhi changes every semester, and five years is a long time to see changes add up. I joined a fraternity of philosophers who debated ideals and perception while they listening to Bob Marley. We of course had parties, but mainly it was a small crowd of a few friends. Jon Feske played jazz on the piano. There was ping-pong, ultimate frisbee, chess, and foosball. We were all about tradition and one of those traditions was making it up as we went along.

I live in a fraternity of jokesters. Nothing is sacred. Doors are often open and some people laugh if I knock. Word

gets out about our parties, and there aren't as many vegetarians as there used to be. The guys play poker, Halo, and Beirut. More gets done around the house.

It's still the same house, but it's seen some important changes. South Porch is now a weight room. The basement and bar went from being a dark ratty place we never used to a freshly painted dark ratty place we use all the time. The carpet (and I thank all those who helped make this happen) is new as of last year. We ruined our ping-pong table but brought in a second pool table. I came back from one summer to find the second story bathroom gone – absolutely stripped of everything down to the concrete. Apparently we started

**CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL  
HOME SCHEDULE  
FALL 2006**

SEPT. 9 MINNESOTA  
SEPT. 16 PORTLAND STATE  
SEPT. 23 ARIZONA STATE  
OCT. 7 OREGON (HOMECOMING)  
OCT. 21 WASHINGTON  
NOV. 4 UCLA  
DEC. 2 STANFORD  
109TH BIG GAME

**Food and beverages at the Chapter house  
before and after each home game**

remodeling but putting things back in got delayed by a couple of months. And it seems every year the kitchen changes somehow.

Yet Mike, our cook, is an institution, and as much a part of the house as any brother. He brings his unique livelihood to the kitchen. Mike has been around well longer than any of us now, and for those of you who don't know him, he's your one stop shop for hash browns, chicken legs, liberal proclamations, and off the cuff humor, all at once, whether you ordered them or not. Early this year he suffered a heart attack which fortunately has barely seemed to phase him, but those watching closely noticed the food get a little healthier.

Traditions keep things consistent, and help bind all of us together. It's not just that they give us experiences we can all relate to, but so many of them are such a blast. New traditions I've seen started include broomball, improv. comedy nights, and throwing people in the pool on their birthday. Many of the older traditions have stuck around as well. Without these traditions, ADPhi just wouldn't be the same.

Brother Feske (who was president of the fraternity when I joined) once said that you don't go back to visit your old dorm, but your fraternity you'll go back to. It's something that you can call your own. And he's right. It's not a club, it's not an apartment, it's not an

extracurricular activity. For me ADPhi has been my home and my best source of college friends. Through all its phases I've been happy that I joined, and I don't see that changing any time soon.

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faculty including world renowned astrophysicist, student-body favorite, and recent Nobel Prize nominee, Dr. Alex Fillipenko.

The only impediment keeping the California Chapter from reaching our full potential is the disintegrating status of our physical structure. Undergraduate house manager Steven Jacobs has done an outstanding job of completing all the projects within the scope of the active chapter. However, we need you, our devoted alumni, to maintain your loyalty and support to this fraternity if it is to make any more notable progress. You have not seen a more motivated and determined group of undergraduates living within these walls for many years. Please join us to fortify the overall image of this chapter, for now is truly a great time to renew your loyalty to Alpha Delta Phi at California.

**XAIPE,  
Sean Chappell '08  
Undergraduate President**

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be one of "Do or Die". This is the old news.

For the rest of the evening, the diminishing state of the house was the sole topic of discussion. I challenged everyone, myself as well, to suggest actionable ideas that would make the AD House a better place to live, and relive old memories of days past.

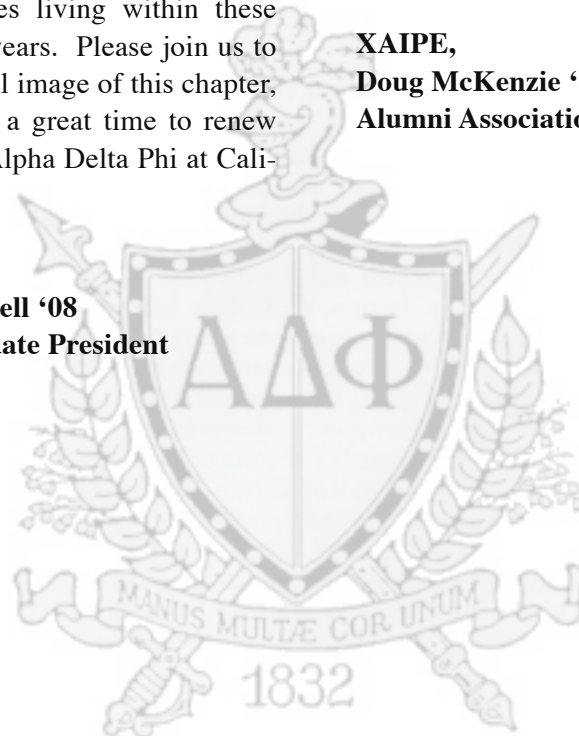
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Personally, it was comforting to hear Alumni and Active Brothers expresses their honest opinions and hopes for the kind of house with which they would like to be associated. Though I know I am not alone in my concern, and appreciate the support and encouragement to "keep up the good work", I've put in many years of going it alone hoping that I would someday be able to pass off the baton – at least once in

a while.

Words are not enough. Action is needed – your action. Contact me if you can provide it. Otherwise, I am very quickly coming to the realization that I don't have the bandwidth to continue as Party of One. This is the deadline.

**XAIPE,  
Doug McKenzie '83  
Alumni Association President**



## HOUSE OFFICERS

**President** ..... Sean Chappell  
**Vice President** ..... Joey Ponticello  
**Treasurer** ..... Justin Chung  
**Secretary** ..... Justin Wong  
**Resident Counselor** ..... Jesse Heitner  
**Pledge Trainer** ..... Billy Mack  
**House Manager** ..... Steven Jacobs  
**Spring Rush Chair** ..... Jack Yu

## THE HOUSE SAGA CONTINUES... steven jacobs '08

It's been an exciting year for house construction. Last semester, we got the house-maintenance ball rolling by installing new bathroom fixtures and refurbishing the living quarters, bathrooms and house exterior. This semester, we concluded a few unfinished projects, like repairing the outside wood fixtures, while simultaneously taking on new projects, such as the construction of a house basketball court. When the brothers returned to Alpha Delta Phi in January, we scrubbed the house from top to bottom and threw away old waste. We then refinished all of the woodwork around the pool, from the back deck to the benches, planter boxes and fence. Other tasks, such as scheduling our chimneys for inspection, replacing the hot water pump, replacing the pool heater, fixing broken pool pipes, and replacing broken light fixtures were tackled as well. Brothers have been working diligently to install a new wireless internet network in the house.

But our work is far from done. Future projects include a complete reconstruction of the benches surrounding the brick patio near the pool. We also are planning to put up new pool basketball hoops. And soon the bathrooms will be re-caulked and repainted. There has also been discussion about extending the bar in the basement.

Currently, our grand aspiration is to raise enough money to remove some of the trees that have been plaguing our property and pestering our neighbors. Once the trees are removed, we want to expand and repave the parking lot. We hope to raise the funds needed for these

two projects by the summer of 2006 so construction may begin over the break. With continued support of the brothers and further contributions from our alumni, these remaining repairs can be completed and our home may be restored to a state worthy of the name Alpha Delta Phi.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Repaired and painted wood fixtures around the pool.
- Removed all trash on property.
- Replaced broken mechanical and electrical items.
- Finished integrating new wired / wireless network.

### FUTURE PROJECTS

- Replace benches around the brick patio.
- New basketball hoops and pool basketball hoops.
- Extend the bar.

### LARGE PROJECTS

- Remove trees around the house.
- Repave and extend the parking lot.

THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A  
WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW-  
EST EXPANSION GROUP AND  
HOPEFULLY SOON TO BE  
AFFILIATE OF  
**ALPHA DELTA PHI**  
AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY IN  
WALTHAM, MA!

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**Alpha Delta Phi Convention**  
**Boston, MA**  
**August 10-12th, 2006**  
**Keynote Speaker: Ben Stein, COL '66**



**Freshman Robby Zeller impersonates freshman Mike Demaio (left).**

[www.cal-adphi.net](http://www.cal-adphi.net)

We have recently revamped and posted under a new domain a website for the California Chapter. Log onto [www.cal-adphi.net](http://www.cal-adphi.net) to read profiles of the Active Chapter and our pledges, as well as pertinent posts for our alumni and the latest updates about recent events. Also, check out the newly designed ADPhi International website at:

[www.alphadeltaphi.org](http://www.alphadeltaphi.org)



**Junior Jack Yu and Alumni Brother Jared Sinclair work to improve the image of the pool area.**

**BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER**

As a Californian Alpha Delt with an interest in linguistics and the classics, majoring in English, and pursuing a career in education, I have a particular fascination with and profound respect for the accomplishments of Benjamin Ide Wheeler (1854-1927, Brown 1875). In my eyes, Brother Wheeler's contributions to academia and society make him a shining example of Samuel Eells' vision of a complete and well-rounded literary man.

After brief professorial tenures at Princeton and Harvard, Brother Wheeler assumed the position of President of the University of California in 1899, so beginning an age of unparalleled growth and development for the then minor university. Besides growing the school in both size and population, he restructured and expanded the scope of the curriculum, emphasizing on a "practical education" that prepared students for an "abundant life." He was also a firm supporter of the students' right to govern themselves.

In short, he believed that role of higher education was to aid in the development of the entire character, moral and intellectual.

But Brother Wheeler was not content to merely pass old knowledge on to the next generation. His entire life, he was a tireless scholar in pursuit of new intellectual frontiers. Besides holding numerous Ph.D.s, he published papers on various subjects in the fields of literature, linguistics, history and the classics. He was also an instrumental figure in the revival of

the Olympic Games.

Most brothers of this chapter remember him most fondly as the man who brought Alpha Delta Phi to California. When students approached him with the idea of starting a California chapter, Wheeler emphasized the importance of moral character in all brothers of the Alpha Delta Phi, urging them to, "Get men of character, leaders of student body...But above all, get men!" He realized the unequalled importance of the moral fabric of a man's character, and was determined that the California Chapter be composed of men of the highest caliber.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler's insatiable thirst for knowledge, commitment to education, moral character and contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi make him an exemplar of the ideals on which Samuel Eells founded our fraternity.



Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Blue and Gold yearbook, 1903.

**California Chapter Initiation  
During the first weekend in April  
Interested alumni should  
contact Patrick Gallagher  
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From left to right: A view from the side of our beloved Alpha Delt mansion and pool. Chef Mike Burke prepares for a post-football game gathering in the dining room. President Sean Chappell goes through pledge paperwork at the beginning of the Spring semester. The five pledges goof off before the beginning of a recent pledge event. Resident counselor Jesse Heitner, President Chappell, Vice President Joey Ponticello, Secretary Justin Wong and (in front) Treasurer Justin Chung gather around the tree following their elections at the end of the Fall semester.

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