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BETA-XI OF KAPPA SIGMA - UC BERKELEY

Alumni Report

I am writing with an update on the state of our Chapter and our Chapter House. My general message is good - we intend to recolonize the Chapter in Fall 2012 and the Chapter House is in great shape (as you can see in the photos below). I'll now fill you in regarding the details.

As I last wrote you in January 2010, the National Fraternity revoked the Chapter's charter, after numerous unacceptable incidents. Our objective has been to (i) secure and preserve our Chapter House, and (ii) organize to recolonize the Chapter as soon as possible.

We have been successful - here is a status of our efforts to date:

- The National Fraternity has committed, and the University has agreed, to re-colonize the Chapter at the earliest opportunity - which will be the Fall Semester, 2012.
- Our physical Chapter House is in great shape. We have leased our Chapter House to Phi Kappa Psi fraternity - who is taking good care of it.
- Our Housing Corporation is solvent and fiscally capable of recolonizing the Chapter in 2012.

Thank you to Tom Tedrick, Jim Smith, Dick Graffis, Ron Kahn, Curtis Tongue, Rob Vantress and Chris Danko for all of their help and support. We are poised to successfully return - now we need to build our foundation.

NOW WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION

Help build our alumni team. We are organizing our alumni team with leaders from generations - here they are:

- 2000 to today - Curtis Tongue '03
- 1990 - 1999 - Juleby Hirsch '94
- 1980 - 1989 - Craig Martin '79
- 1970 - 1979 - Rick Graffis '74
- 1960 - 1969 - *Volunteer Needed*
- 1940 to 1960 - Tom Tedrick '43 and Jim Smith '43



Our Chapter House is open for our alumni events - please join us! We plan for:

- Spring 2011 - presenting Scrapbook History - see enclosed article and photo
- Summer 2011 - golf and dinner reunion
- Fall 2011 - Cal Football TV party - for those unable to attend at AT&T Park
- November 2011 - Smoker, our traditional alumni party



What would you like your alumni to do? Tell us - we will be sending a questionnaire soon, or tell me by sending us an email at beta-xi@calkappasigma.org.

In summary, my message is - we can successfully return to Cal if you are interested, our Chapter House is secure and in great shape, and we are organizing to include you.

I leave you with the appropriate words from an alumnus in regards to rebuilding our Chapter on the following page.

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Alumni Report Continued

"I want to be associated with something that is positive and ennobling for young leaders of tomorrow."

In my next letter, I will explain WHAT we alumni need to establish in order for an exceptional and sustainable Chapter to flourish. The foundation is in place. With your help our fraternity will once again rise to greatness. Join us and help reestablish Beta Xi at Cal!

Sincerely,

Jon Wolter '75
President, Beta Xi of Kappa Sigma
Housing Corporation

2011 Cal Football Tailgating

Join Your Fellow Beta-Xi Alumni for Cal Football

Cal football is back and in San Francisco! The 2011 season kicks off on Saturday, September 3rd, as the Cal Bears take on the Fresno State Bulldogs at Candlestick Park. Time of the kickoff and tailgate will be announced in an upcoming newsletter as the game day approaches.



And the season only gets better. As Memorial Stadium undergoes renovation, the 2010 World Series Champion San Francisco Giants have granted the Cal Bears AT&T Park for the remaining home games. Beta-Xi Alumni will be hosting pre-game events at MoMo's, right across the street from AT&T Park.

We'll also be hosting our annual alumni Smoker event this November in honor of the 114th Big Game between the Cal Bears and Stanford Cardinal. RSVP information will be sent out as the season progresses. We hope that you'll join us.

- Curtis Tongue '03



Beta-Xi Alumni Dues



The House Corporation is dedicated to creating a first class living environment at the Beta-Xi Chapter House, and we have largely succeeded. With the eminent return of the chapter to campus, as stated in the House Corporation report, we also need to solidify the foundation of the new chapter – alumni support. Remember your days at Cal when you joined the Beta-Xi chapter – the leadership, organizational, and social skills you developed, and lifetime friendships you made? We understand that many of you are unable to volunteer your time, but our hope is that you can show your support through your participation in the Beta-Xi Alumni Dues program.

Our goal is to help Beta-Xi achieve and maintain a level of excellence. To do this, we need to raise at least \$15,000 annually to meet the expenses associated with invitations, newsletters, our website, and events. We also need to decrease our House Corporation debt, while increasing funds to support educational and scholarship programs. The system and structure is in place for Beta-Xi to return to prominence once more on campus, but we cannot succeed without our alumni.

Annual dues have been set at \$100, but fortunately the great majority gives more. Please enclose your donation in the pre-addressed envelope included with this mailing, or you can also securely donate online through our website at www.CalKappaSigma.org by clicking on the “Donate” section.

We thank you in advance for your loyal and continued support.

Archiving Beta-Xi's History

Under the leadership Jim Smith '43 and Tom Tedrick '43, and with the efforts of nineteen others, our Chapter's history and memorabilia are being secured and preserved in a series of six quality scrapbooks. The scrapbooks are organized in five books, each for a separate twenty-year period, and separate alumni reunion book. Each scrapbook contains photos, newspaper clippings, University announcements, and date-related media. We are also maintaining a permanent, digital file. Jim needs a caring volunteer alumnus for each of the two periods from 1960-1979 and 1980-1999. We need a brother to lead, solicit, organize, and paste-up the contents of the Scrapbooks for these two eras. The scrapbooks will be protected and showcased in the Varsity Room of the Chapter House.

This is critical! We need you! Be a part of getting Beta Xi back at Cal. Please send photos, clippings, and memorabilia with a brief description and identification of each to Jim. And, brothers from 1960-1979, and 1980-1999, please send memorabilia to Jim until the leader volunteers.

Contact Jim or me at Beta-Xi@CalKappaSigma.org to submit your memorabilia or to volunteer to help organize a Scrapbook.

- Jon Wolter '75



Jim with our efforts to date



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We Need Your Email Address!

One of our primary goals is to have a reliable email address for every Beta-Xi alumnus. We currently only have an email for roughly 35% of our alumni base.

If you have not received any of our recent emails we need your info!

The full list of brothers whom we do not have an email address for is posted on our website. If you have any information for any of the brothers listed please let us know.

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Beta-Xi email, please take a minute and visit:*

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