



# THE Lodge

ALPHA DELTA DELTA OF CHI PSI FRATERNITY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

## Report From The Advisory Board

Brothers:

The spring of 2009 proved to be yet another productive and successful semester for Alpha Delta Delta. The undergraduate brothers took it upon themselves to make significant changes in the way the Alpha is managed and have positioned themselves to make the fall of 2009 an amazing semester.

Recruitment is the single most important issue faced by the Alpha every semester, and this spring was no exception. Delta Delta began the semester with a strong rush and a fairly large pledge class. Despite two pledges who decided to defer their bids until next semester and some "trimming of the fat" in an effort to emphasize quality over quantity in the young men we invite to become a part of our beloved fraternity, Delta Delta was still able to initiate a few new brothers with an incredible amount of potential. It is definitely worth noting that due to strong recruitment efforts over the past two years, the Delta Delta Lodge will be completely filled with entirely brothers for the first time in recent memory in the fall of 2009.

This spring also witnessed a renewed enthusiasm for community service among the undergraduate brotherhood. The actives voluntarily instituted a policy requiring each brother and pledge to complete a number of hours of service each month. Additionally, the Alpha has expressed interest in participating in a service effort spearheaded by a few brothers from Alpha Epsilon Delta at Northwestern University. The brothers take pledges from



individual donors and, once they reach a threshold amount of money earned, participate in a ridiculous activity designated at the outset of fund solicitation. Pictures and videos are posted to the internet.

Delta Delta experienced a bit of a downturn in social events this semester after a problem with the fire system prevented our annual Luau from taking place.

Never deterred, the brothers supplemented their social schedule with a variety of formal events, date parties, and exchanges and, with the fire system being repaired this summer, Luau is scheduled to take place early in the fall. We expect that hosting such an amazing event early in the semester will significantly boost the fall and spring recruitment numbers.

The undergraduate brothers also participated in an Alpha Management Retreat in April. During the AMR, the brothers set several goals related to recruitment, social activities, the physical condition of the Lodge, and the well-being of the brotherhood and created plans by which they will achieve these aspirations. The brothers were surprised by much of what they learned at the AMR and set several action items to change aspects of the Lodge and the brotherhood with which they were unhappy. Most significant among the action items were a plan for effective year-round recruiting and discontinuing the maid service and reinstatement of a system of Lodge jobs, projects, and cleanup days so brothers will take responsibility for and pride in the condition of the Lodge. The brothers showed their commitment to recruitment when they decided to

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# Report of the #1



Dear Brothers,

I am pleased to announce an amazing 2008-'09 academic year. Overall we had a great recruiting year, and ten amazingly talented new members have joined our bonds. With complete certainty, I am happy to announce that our new members have gotten through a semester of our program for pledge education and our initiation haze free. This year, after very slight adjustments, our Alpha has gotten rid of hazing completely. This will hopefully help us build stronger relationships with the pledges while helping them to understand Chi Psi ideals and values more extensively.

Slight physical improvements to the Lodge have been happening over the past year. New, extremely comfortable couches have been placed in our meeting room, and a new framed Philip Spencer portrait, a Brig of War Somers Print, and a Chi Psi Plate Print have been added to our walls. Plans for larger improvements to the Lodge will be made over the summer, and we are hoping for these improvements to start within the next year. Currently, we are waiting for a new sprinkler system to be installed this summer to finally put us up to fire code. When this is completed successfully we will officially be having our traditionally spring semester event, our Luau, near the beginning of fall semester. We are particularly excited about this because it will be our first Luau in three years.

This past spring semester, an outstanding 22 of our members attended the West Coast Oliver and Marie Rowe Leadership Conference in Eugene, Oregon. We outnumbered even our beloved Eta Deltans from the University of Oregon who hosted the event. I am very delighted to see so many of our members gain a valuable National experience. I first received this National experience at the '08 regional conference, and it personally motivated me to work extra diligently on all of the work that Chi Psi has brought before me. I know that this experience has at least somewhat

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inspired one of our new members, Vincent Armstrong '10, to devote his summer to the Chi Psi Central Office. Nick Gilly, '07, Vincent and I are all members from Alpha Delta Delta working at the Central Office for the summer.

All in all, what this all means is that this upcoming year will be a great one. With all but one room filled in the Lodge by Lodgers next year, a site not seen in over five years, there is

no reason why this next year won't be the best Alpha Delta Delta has seen to date.

Yours in the Bonds,

Victor Kmita '11

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## State of the Lodge

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“Your love of Alpha is not for a Lodge, for bricks or stone. It is for handclasps, for song. The Lodge you build to shelter memory and keep tradition green.”

- John Wendell Anderson, E 1890

In addition to last September's renovation of the women's bathroom, several other projects have been completed, and others are underway. The majority of the Lodge has now been rewired electrically. The carpet in the entry foyer has been torn up and replaced with a finished stain concrete design that may be extended into the dining room. The glass doors on either side of the front of the Lodge will be replaced to improve appearance and security. Several other repairs are being made to the plumbing system and the bathroom.

The major project slated to reach completion before the start of the fall semester is the installation of a \$30,000 centralized smoke detection system mandated by the City of Berkeley. This upgrade will help to ensure a safe environment at the Lodge for our Brothers and guests, and will return the Lodge to compliance with Berkeley fire safety codes. It will also allow the Brothers to resume registered social functions. The Advisory Board is excited about the upcoming completion of this project, which will allow us and Berkeley Holdings (the new “alumni corporation” that has replaced the Delta Delta Lodge Association) to move on to other capital improvement projects.

### Future Projects

The Lodge will need extensive renovation to enhance its utility and appearance. For example, we aim to replace the flimsy acrylic windows throughout the Lodge with quality, heavy-duty windows that will improve the energy efficiency,

safety, comfort and appearance of the Lodge. We would also like to restore the walls and woodwork throughout the Lodge, replace worn flooring throughout the building, upgrade the stove and ovens in the kitchen, and purchase new tables and chairs for the dining room. Furthermore, we also intend to undertake large-scale projects, including improving or replacing the façade and addressing the overall appearance of the Lodge.

### We need your help!

I extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed in the year and a half since the creation of the Advisory Board and the beginning of the Annual Dues campaign. We have seen tremendous progress, but there is always room for improvement. We need your assistance to continue to improve the Lodge. The Alpha is on a steady upward course and deserves a Lodge that meets its needs. As alumni, we deserve a Lodge that we can enjoy, admire, and appreciate. The Advisory Board has a fundraising goal of \$15,000 per year in annual contributions. In 2008, we received contributions totaling approximately \$5,200. Contributions to date in 2009 total about \$4,000. I encourage you to make a minimum contribution at the “Lodger” level. I have encouraged all members of the Advisory Board and Berkeley Holdings to make a minimum contribution in the Philip Spencer donor circle (\$250 and up). With contributions like yours we can ensure the future of our beloved Berkeley Lodge and show our support for Chi Psi and for Alpha Delta Delta.

Yours in the Bonds,

Nicholas Gilly, ΔΔ'07

Chairman, Alpha Delta Delta Advisory Board



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funnel the funds that were being spent on maids into the recruitment budget.

Finally, this spring also saw a revival in the commitment to brotherhood upon which our Fraternity was founded. The undergraduate brothers organized several brotherhood events, including camping trips and other outings, and participated in intramural sports. They also participated in a Program for Self-Development, which is designed to help the brothers get to know each other and themselves. I can honestly say that this group of brothers is one of the tighter-knit groups, from graduating seniors to pledges and neophytes, that I have ever seen at Alpha Delta Delta.

Clearly we have a group of talented and motivated young men at our Alpha who are ready to make Chi Psi one of the most successful fraternities at UC Berkeley and Delta Delta one of the preeminent Alphas of Chi Psi nationally.

I encourage all of you to assist them in the achievement of their goals by becoming more involved with the Alpha. That could mean something as simple as attending a football game, suggesting a potential recruit, making a small donation, or something more involved, such as volunteering to participate in an alumni organization or making a hefty contribution to the Alpha. However you can lend your time and talents to the Alpha, the undergraduate brothers and alumni board will be very grateful for your contributions.

Thank you, and GO BEARS!

YITB,

Jason Dreibelbis, Delta Delta '07  
Vice-Chairman, Alpha Delta Delta Alumni Advisory Board