



Sigma Alpha Epsilon Cal Beta Newsletter

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SAE Golden Bears



Mike Tepper #79 – SAE
Cal Offensive Lineman

Message from the EA - Cory Smits

Phi Alpha from the active brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon California Beta! We are pushing hard to continue to improve and uphold the tradition and honor of SAE Cal Beta. To begin, Head Pledge Educator Marc Crook (Spring 07, New York City) is doing an excellent job preparing our nine pledge brothers to be devoted brothers of Cal Beta. The pledge class consists of three track runners, one rower, one golfer, one actor, and three more outstanding future brothers of SAE. Of the six pledge semesters I have witnessed since my pledgship, I have never seen a pledge class more knowledgeable about the Phoenix or the history of Cal Beta. There are many future leaders in this pledge class, and we are excited to see them fulfill their great potential as brothers. Socially, SAE remains one of the top fraternities on campus. We will be holding a registered party on May 10th to celebrate the end of the year and send the seniors off to the "real world" in style. Eleven graduating brothers will be honored with embarrassing stories and comical gifts at this year's senior roast, on May 12th. To continue to be one of the biggest and best houses on campus, we ask for your continued financial support. We recently acquired a library of old Blue and Gold yearbooks and other memorabilia celebrating the history of Cal and SAE; with your help, we can protect these fragile and valuable items by building a library recognizing the rich history of SAE Cal Beta.

House Updates

House Manager, Champ Nash (Fall 07, San Diego), made many thoughtful improvements to our storied chapter house this semester. First off, he's made strides in strengthening our relationship with the school and the fire department by leading a campaign of improvements to our fire safety, such as supplying new emergency equipment and adding measures to avoid false fire alarms. Additionally, SAE has taken the responsibility of being a disaster preparedness center for the community. The Berkeley Fire Department has placed a storage shed in our parking lot with all of the essential tools for a disaster situation. In case of an earthquake or fire, SAE will be a command center for ours and five other fraternities and sororities. Champ has also begun improving the spirit of the house by hanging new pictures from Cal Beta history and kick starting plans to build a library.



Colin Hawley – SAE

Cal Rugby Fullback

2007 National Championship MVP



Jeff Lanzafame – SAE

Cal Band



Matt Russi #33 – SAE

Cal Linebacker

Cory Smits #14 – SAE (EA)

Cal Quarterback

Philanthropy

With the direction of Brother Justin Sharp, SAE will be involved in two philanthropy events in May. First, the Relay for Life, a twenty-four hour run/walk- a-thon at Edwards field. Proceeds from the relay for life will go toward cancer research. Additionally, SAE will be hosting a philanthropy volleyball tournament on May 9th. The proceeds from the volleyball tournament will be donated to Katie's Fund, a charity created by the family of alumni Brother Chris Janeway to create a safe social environment for teens with disabilities.

SAE Parent's Auction

On a beautiful sunny Sunday, as thousands of people flooded the campus for Cal Day, SAE held its annual parent's auction. Over 50 parents and sons shared a great dinner prepared by former house chef, Ed Romo. Afterward, veteran auctioneer and former EA, Galen Hall, ran the show. Some of the auctioned items included Cal Athletics memorabilia, handpicked wine by the chef and a Joe Kapp gift basket commemorating "The Play." Proceeds from the auction will be used to create a lasting improvement to the house.

Intramural Sports

House Coach, Danny Patmont, has lead all IM teams to the house's usual standard of success. All teams are in the mists of playoffs looking for championships. SAE won championships in football, soccer, and dodgeball last semester, and each team looks to assert the same dominance this semester once again.

Spring Rush Review

Spring rush brought nine pledge brothers to Cal Beta, plus two more deferring their pledgship to the upcoming Fall semester. Eight members of the class are native Californians, while Spencer Moscati hails from Greenwich, Connecticut. Spencer is also a sophomore member of the California Crew team and rowed in 2007's national championship winning Freshman Four boat. Garrett Beck, another sophomore and the pledge class president, is a former rower for Cal. Our third sophomore, Charles Post, is the younger brother of active, Will Post. The remainder of the class is comprised of freshmen. Patrick Lynch, Phil McKennan and Jeremy Eaton are all competing for spots on Cal's Varsity Track & Field team. Their events cover middle to long distance running events. Clark Porter plays for Cal's Volleyball Club team and has played in summer volleyball leagues with active brother Zack Kass. The list of athletes does not end there, however, as Andrew Wood is vying for a permanent position on Cal's Varsity Golf roster. Last but not least, Nick McGourty is the son of Mark McGourty who pledged Cal Beta in the Fall of '77. Nick also rowed for Cal Crew in the fall.

Cal Beta Educational Institute

Many thanks to all the alumni brothers who donated to the California Beta Educational Institute. The institute awarded scholarships to three members of the active chapter to attend SAE Leadership School this



Patrick Lynch – SAE
Cal Men's Track and Field



Spencer Moscati – SAE
Cal Men's Crew



Craig Stevens #19 – SAE
Cal Tight-End
85th Overall NFL Draft Pick to
Tennessee Titans

Justin Moye #16 – SAE
Cal Linebacker

summer, ensuring that the house will have responsible officers for years to come. The Institute will also sponsor this year's Senior Dinner, wherein the House Corporation and other alumni brothers thank the senior class for their hard work with a celebration on April 29th at the Men's Faculty Club. This year's outstanding senior awards go to Dennis Robins (SAE Health Worker) and Cole Turray (House Treasurer) for their dedication to the house. Also, the Institute will award scholarships to actives needing financial assistance. All of your tax-deductible donations are directly supporting the house as it continues to thrive since the renovation in 2003.

Join the Phoenix Society

The Housing Corporation invites you to become a member of the CAL BETA PHOENIX SOCIETY. We ask that you pledge to support the Cal Beta Educational Institute with a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$50. For any donation of \$1000 or more you will be granted naming rights for any of the newly refurbished rooms in the house (Cal Beta alumni names only, please). Six alumni already donated at the "True Gentlemen Level," and there are a limited number of rooms remaining. Don't miss this opportunity—just think, your name on your old room for all eternity!

We thank you in advance for your support in helping us to maintain our wonderful tradition on the Berkeley campus.

All checks should be **made payable to the Cal Beta Educational Institute** and sent to:

Cal Beta Educational Institute – Phoenix Society
c/o Bill Rodgers
1638 Visalia Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94707

Join us for Cal Football Game Day's this Fall!



2008 Home Football Schedule

8/30 – Michigan State
9/27 – Colorado State
10/04 – Arizona State
10/25 – UCLA
11/01 – Oregon
11/22 – Stanford*
12/06 – Washington

*Duck Dinner to be held night of 11/21

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