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Delta Upsilon Celebrates 110 Years at Cal!



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President's Message: 110 Years of Tradition at Cal By Benito Delgado-Olson

With the tremendous success of our recent recruitments, our membership is its largest in decades. With this influx in membership, our well-rounded brotherhood continues to strive to exemplify what Delta Upsilon stands for. This last fall we donated 900 dollars to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund and under our Philanthropy Chair, Jon Shih, we are planning a Bear Run to benefit the Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation. Scholastically, Delta Upsilon continues to raise the bar, as several of our graduating members are planning on attending tier one graduate schools and our own Treasurer, Derick Sohn, received an impressive 176 on his LSAT.

Structural improvements have been a focus of both the active and alumni membership, especially over the past two years where the active brotherhood has contributed over \$25,000, with the most recent improvements being a bathroom remodel, the purchase of a new commercial stove and kitchen refurbishment. With continued and expanding alumni support, the old DU house will

continue to be the envy of much of the Greek Community. To view improvements on the agenda, in addition to those recently completed, please log onto our newly redesigned website at www.ducalifornia.org and click on the link to house improvements.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our gracious alumni for their continued support on various projects. Thanks to Gordon Linden 67' who assisted in the purchasing of our new stove at a discounted price and lending his professional guidance in our kitchen refurbishment. Thanks to Eric Rayner 78', our Alumni Board's Undergraduate Liaison, who is always willing to lend his advice and assistance in landscaping. Finally, thanks to Denny McLeod 52' (Vice President) and Charlie Kavanagh 64' (President), whose continued devotion and perseverance makes it possible for Delta Upsilon to be the great fraternity it has been for the last 110 years!

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Benito Delgado-Olson

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Alumni Update By Charlie Kavanagh '64

Our alumni database has about 750 and is growing with graduating actives every year. All are listed on the house web page. Aside from the heating fund, our income from the house for 2005 was about \$62,000 and total expenses were about \$70,000. We have 48 corporate shareholders, all noticed to attend our annual meeting in conjunction with the March banquet. Additional shares are available at \$200 each. If you are interested, send me a note. We also still need one more Alumni Board member for our meetings about once a month at the house to provide subtle guidance and support. Spring to the banquet, day after St. Patrick's Day, and help celebrate our chapter's 110th Anniversary! Charlie Kavanagh '64, kaveng@aol.com or (650) 579-1944.

Rush: Chapter Still Growing By David H. Smith

Continuing with recent trends, the house on the hill enjoyed another successful rush. The brothers practiced a high degree of selectivity and finished with 8 pledges, lead by the fearless pledge class president, Charlie Friedmann. With the two previous pledge classes passing with 11 brothers each, a solid foundation has been set for future years. New rush events included an evening of barbequed ribs and ultimate Frisbee, as well as a trip to a local pool hall and hookah lounge. Looking to the future, rush is considering utilizing the alumni base for an "Alumni Steak and Cigars Night" during rush week. The alumni would be welcome to attend and socialize with the brothers and rushees, giving input (as well as enjoying New York steaks and Montesino cigars). Rush Committee thanks all the brothers and alumni who helped start this semester off on a great foot.

The Chapter of Delta Upsilon at California is celebrating our 110th Anniversary!

Famed cook Leonard Riley will be preparing a feast in our refurbished kitchen and DU alums Jack Oliver '98 and Charlie Petit '67 will be speaking!

For more info please see page 4 of the newsletter!



DU California Chapter Officers for the Spring 2006

House Officers

President: Benito Delgado-Olson

Vice President: Steve Frances

Treasurer: Derick Koo Sohn

House Manager: Siwei Max Jian

Improvement Chair: Mike Spanton

Pledge Educator & Secretary: Robert Bergin

Recruitment Chairs: Sean Carroll and David H. Smith

Scholarship Chair: Richard Fabini

Alumni Board Officers

President: Charlie Kavanagh '64

Vice President: Denny McLeod '52

Acting Treasurer/Secretary: Charlie Kavanagh '64

Membership: Gordon Linden '67

Undergraduate Liaison: Eric Rayner '78



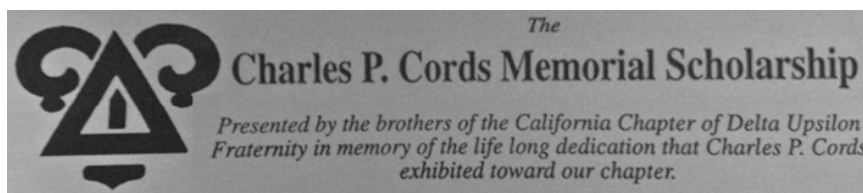
Charlie P. Cords Memorial Scholarship Recipients for Spring 2006

By Richard Fabini

This semester, the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship experienced continuing success. Although the university restricts the information available for incoming students further each semester, the online application process has been key to attracting a high number of applicants for the award. This wide applicant pool of new Cal students allows us to give many truly qualified young men a financial boost especially appreciated during a period of ever growing student fees. In addition, the scholarship assists our recruitment efforts, as two of our nine pledges this semester were scholarship applicants.

The winners of the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship for Spring 2006 are:

Charlie Friedemann – Awarded \$500.00 – From Edina, Minnesota, he is first in his family to go to school in California. His academic achievements include a 35 on his ACT while passing 9 AP exams. Besides maintaining such high academic standards, he spent much of his time trying to help his community. Using his leadership position in DECA (a high school business club) Charlie planned and facilitated the opening of a coffee shop for youth in his community. He was also an athlete, and skied every year on the Varsity Alpine Ski Team. Charlie is going to be pursuing a major in Physics here at Cal



as well as pledging Delta Upsilon.

Fangzhou (Kevin) Xu – Awarded \$400.00 – From Brentwood, Tennessee, Kevin arrived at Cal with an impressive academic resume in addition to his vigorous involvement in numerous student groups and community organizations. He earned a 4.3 GPA at Ravenwood High School, passed 9 AP Exams, and received a 1550 on his SATs. He was a member of the French club and the debate team alongside service organizations such as Interact. A frequent volunteer in his neighborhood, Kevin took every opportunity to give back to his community in the form of things like tutoring and organizing food drives. He will be pursuing a major in the field of Political Science.

Evan Atkinson – Awarded \$300.00 – Evan arrived at Cal with 10 courses under his belt from California State University, Chico and Butte College, due to participation in the Chico High School Honors Program in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. Besides maintaining a 3.85 GPA with a college level workload, he kept busy with many extracurricular activities and much community service. He played basketball and volleyball for two years in high school.

As a member of the Chico High Rotary Interact Club Evan spent time raising money to feed the homeless. Throughout high school, he was paired with a junior high schooler acting as a mentor while helping to develop some of the student's interests. Evan is aiming for a degree in philosophy from UC Berkeley.

David Rappaport – Awarded \$300.00 – From Palo Alto, CA, David came to Berkeley with a history of active participation throughout his high school career. Dedicated to his community, David spent his junior and senior years of high school working at a neighborhood day care center as a companion and role model for young children. He spent some time during the summer of 2005 in Costa Rica working on rainforest trails with a high school youth group. David was member of the track and field team competing in the discus and shot-put for three years in high school. He will be pursuing a major in Sociology with plans for a graduate degree in psychology. David is also pledging Delta Upsilon.



**In Memory Of Roger Donlon, Class of 1951
By Denny McLeod '55**

A great DU, Roger Donlon will be best remembered for the fun and humor that he brought to all of us. Married 54 years to his dear Elizabeth ("Betty") Ann Hartman, Kappa Alpha Theta, Roger died on Tuesday night, February 21st with his family at his side at their beach home at Rincon Point, California.

Rog started college at UC Davis, served in the US Navy, and came to Cal in 1947. While in the Navy, Rog served aboard the auxiliary oiler USS Ocklawaha which, to quote Rog, was "an old rusty bucket that plowed the backwaters of

the Pacific carrying water."

A good student, Rog made our years together at Cal fun years. He was always giving, sharing, joking and being a friend to all of us. He was quarterback on our intramural football team and often managed to keep us awake at night on the sleeping porch, with his game of "20 Questions."

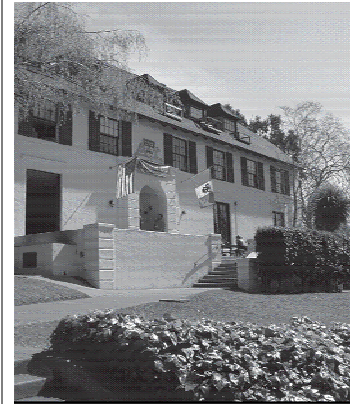
He graduated in 1951, married and began working in the farming business, long hours, 7 days a week, and built a successful Packing Business and the Donlon Farms Super Market. He was awarded the "Grower of the Year" Award. Somehow he found

time to produce, with Betty Ann's help, 8 children.

Rog is survived by his wife, his children Tim, Greg, Domini, Lisa, Amy, Molly, Michael and Brian, many grandchildren, and his brother Dave Donlon and his family.

A Memorial Fund in Roger's name has been organized by Denny McLeod, Richard Reese and George Suman. Funds received will go to the Delta Upsilon House Association.

To participate in the Memorial, please send your check to Denny McLeod, 55 Sierra Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611. Roger's family will be notified of your caring and generosity.



**Renewing & Improving the Old House
By Charlie Kavanagh '64**

As you can imagine, the house has continuing needs. And, you may remember, the Alumni used to pay a nominal annual dues. For the last 10 years we have not had a dues. Instead, we have had major capital campaigns--sprinklers, roof, and heating system--which have been very successful, and we thank you! Call it what you want, the house currently needs your support! (Send to Charlie Kavanagh, 708 Carolan Ave., Burlingame, Ca. 04010):

The Capital Improvement Fund is a fund specifically used for physical improvements of the House: We are done with the central heating system, 2nd floor head renovations, and the new stove. Also needed are: dumpster storage area (will save about \$3,000 a year on trash disposal), new doors and windows in various places, place settings and flatware for dining (great stuff we used to have - remember the fork tines going in all directions), and a new dish washer. Donations can be written to D.U. House Association, suggested amount \$200. More or less also accepted.

**Charlie Cords' Scholarship Still Going Strong
By David B. Smith '03**

In the spring of 1950, a strapping young lad named Charles P. Cords walked across the stage and accepted his diploma from our great university. Decades later, his life brought him full circle as he returned to advise Delta Upsilon brothers and join the Alumni Board. His years of leadership helped get our chapter through some rough times, and his diligence has left our DU house as strong as ever.

In the summer of 2002, our chapter was faced with some difficult decisions and tough times. Our actives owed the alumni a healthy sum of money and our upperclassmen outnumbered our underclassmen 5 to 1. Things were looking bleak for the future of the California Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

At this point, the Alumni Board pulled a few of our leaders aside for strategy sessions that might prevent the collapse of the House and our finances. Under the guidance of our favorite alumnus from the year 1950, we started up a program that quickly became the

savior of our fraternity.

Charlie's brilliant idea was to offer scholarships to incoming freshman as a means of getting more students through the door for recruitment. Over the summer, we worked with the alumni to pay back our five-figured debt, mail postcards to every incoming male student, and set aside \$4,250 for scholarships. Did the idea work? Absolutely!

In the fall of 2002, we had nearly 100 applicants and over 50 interviews at the house. This gave us more signatures in our rush book, before rush even began, than we had the previous three semesters combined. The program was so successful, that our brothers have continued to expand the scholarship for eight straight semesters and fund it from their own house budget.

Due to the hard work of our alumni and actives, we moved from a struggling fraternity with only 17 actives living in the house to a chapter that is bursting at the seams with 47 members in the matter of just a couple years.

In 2003, Charlie's extraordinary lifetime leadership found him in the finalist circle for the Delta Upsilon International Chairman's Award for Alumnus of the Year. It was a great honor to see our beloved servant given proper recognition for his amazing service.

With fond memories of Charlie, the actives are establishing the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship Fund to ensure that the scholarship is sustainable. This fund will remain separate from other expenses to keep the scholarship recruiting and building better men for decades to come. Please join me and your fellow alumni, actives, and brothers in supporting the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For more information about donating to the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact Benito Delgado-Olson at 510.967.8978 or go_bears@berkeley.edu.



House Improvement: DUs Take Pride in House
 By Mike Spanton

A constant line of major projects and exemplary commitment by the brothers towards the house's condition has led to the creation of a new position, the House Improvement Chair. The brother holding this position will be responsible for long term projects for the house, in contrast to the more immediate duties allotted to the House Manager. As the inaugural officer of this position, I would like to out-

line a few of the projects already completed, as well as a few of the projects to be completed.

The biggest project in progress this year involves the revitalization of the kitchen. The previous stove was rendered to a near unusable state; the cabinets were falling off the hinges, and the drawers barely operable (if accessible at all). Since then, two new gas stoves have been installed, as well as new cabinets and drawers. The pipes and fittings on the ice machine were replaced, and Brother Adam

Meyer installed a new floor in the laundry room.

Future projects consist of replacing the floor in the kitchen, light fixtures around the house, and assisting associate brothers with the pledge class project. Primary attention will be paid to the recently completed House Deficiency Report (accessible at www.ducalifornia.org) in organizing and completing major, long-term projects.

Your continued support is appreciated as we continue to make Delta Upsilon a successful fraternity.

Chapter Philanthropy: DU Increases Contribution to Community
 By Jon Shih

This semester, the brothers of Delta Upsilon have made two great philanthropic strides in planning our own philanthropy event and appropriating funds to increase Delta Upsilon's contribution towards philanthropies. We hope to throw a 5 kilometer run/walk event benefiting the Fire-fighter's Charitable Foundation, a charity that we believe is important to

maintain because of the constant dangers firemen face on our behalf. We believe that it shouldn't take a major disaster to recognize a cause, especially one that relates to the safety of the entire Greek Community. Additionally, donations of time and money are going to be directed toward the Boys and Girls Club, an organization that makes a positive impact on the Berkeley youth

and encourages brothers to be role models for younger members of the community.

As a token to our founding principles, we at the California Chapter of Delta Upsilon are always ready and willing to give back to our community.

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Saturday, March 18, Social Hour: 6:00, Dinner: 7:00

Banquet Held at the California Chapter of Delta Upsilon

Esteemed former DU cook **Leonard Riley** is preparing a feast on Saturday, March 18 to honor Delta Upsilon's 110th year at Cal! Riley will be serving chicken cordon blue and honey-glazed salmon fillet, with multi-grain pilaf and salad. Wine, coffee and desert will be provided.

Former president of the House, **Jack Oliver** ('98), will be speaking about the 100th Anniversary that also took place in our dining room ten years ago.

Noted science journalist and DU alumnus, **Charlie Petit** ('67) will be speaking about his work as a science journalist over the past 35 years and his work at the Graduate School of Journalism at UC Berkeley.

Donations will benefit the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship and the Capital Improvement Fund.

Please RSVP by Saturday, March 11 by using our online RSVP form at www.ducalifornia.org or e-mail Vice-President Steve Frances at stevefrances@berkeley.edu or call Steve at **209-969-8529**.

