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## Delta Upsilon Continues to Celebrate 110 Years at Cal!

### With Continued Success, DU Sets Higher Goals By Benito Delgado-Olson

While continuing to elevate the standards of success, selectivity and scholastics in recruitment, our membership has reached its largest level in decades at 47. With a high-achieving and proactive demeanor, our well-rounded brotherhood continues to raise the bar as the pinnacle of the Cal Greek Community. At the DU International Conference in Kansas City this last summer, our house was a finalist in several award categories including most improved chapter and our own Charlie Kavanagh won Alumnus of the Year. Academically our brotherhood continues to flourish with renewed membership in the Order of Omega, our three young physics scholars (Charlie Friedemann, Steve Delong and Danny Maruyama) competing to set the curve in honors courses, and our associate member Efrain Covorubias who was

recently admitted to the prestigious Biological Scholars Program. Philanthropically, our brotherhood shifted its resources close to home, facilitating a memorial fund that raised \$5,000 through a benefit concert and other means in the name of Fre Hindeya '03, a young alumnus who recently passed away. A special thanks to David B. Smith '03 for spearheading this effort.

With the support of the undergraduate and alumni chapters, the focus on structural improvements continues to be the center of attention, as the combined efforts of the Roger Donlon Memorial Fund (see article below), the \$10,000 Lewis Gardener 35' inheritance, and over \$30,000 contributed by actives in two years has brought a new shine to our old house.

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### Thanks to the Donors of the Roger Donlon Memorial Fund

After the passing of a great DU, Roger Donlon, a memorial fund was set up in his honor. Roger was best remembered for the fun and humor he brought to his brothers during his years at Cal, as he made them enjoyable for all. Married 54 years to his wife Betty Ann Hartman, serving in the Navy and running a successful business, Roger left many great memories for all.

It was unquestionably these fond memories of Roger that created a surge of donations in his honor, generating upwards of \$3,500. The fund went towards two meticulously crafted French Doors in our living room, now referred to as the "Donlon Doors." A plaque will be placed adjacent to these doors in commemoration of the fund.

A special thanks those that helped organize and graciously donated to this fund: Jim Plessas '53, Tom Johnson '53, Dick Reese '51, Jack Manners '51, Lowell Paul '52, Denny McLeod 52, George Suman 51, David Donlon, Robert Kinhead '52, and Ann Donlon.

### Rush: Another Success By Sloan Coats

The house continued its success in rush, compiling a pledge class of ten fantastic individuals led by pledge class president Tim Evans.

Still practicing a high degree of selectivity, we secured another large class that further elevates our house to the top of the Greek Community. Rush week proved immensely fun for both brothers and prospective members with events such as an A's vs. Red Sox game, our annual trip to the Punch Line Comedy Club, and a night of steaks and fine cigars. The Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship again (see pages 2 and 3) assisted bringing quality men into the house, as the diverse academic talents of our pledge class reflects this. With the great potential and promise we have for the future, I am sure this is just one of many successful recruitments to come.

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### The California Chapter of Delta Upsilon Celebrates 110 Years at Cal!

**Leonard Riley returns to prepare a feast in our refurbished kitchen and former Berkeley Police Chief and DU alum Tom Johnson '53 will be speaking!**

**For more information see page 4**



### DU California Chapter Officers for the Spring 2006

House Officers

President: Benito Delgado-Olson  
Vice President: Mike Spanton  
Treasurer: Derick Koo Sohn  
House Manager: Jon Shih  
Improvement Chair: Sean Ahrens  
Pledge Educator: Jaime Pinedo  
Recruitment Chair: Sloan Coats  
Scholarship Chair: Jon Shih

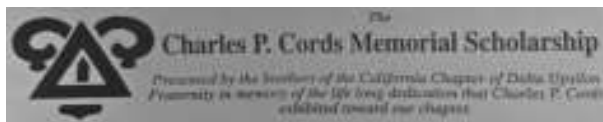
Alumni Board Officers

President: Charlie Kavanagh '64  
Vice President: Denny McLeod '52  
Membership: Gordon Linden '67  
Undergraduate Liaison: Eric Rayner '78  
Class Sparker: Dick Olson '59



### Charlie P. Cords Memorial Scholarship Recipients for Fall 2006

By Jon Shih



This semester again proved to be an incredible success for the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship with 175 total applicants, culminating in nearly 100 interviews. The online application process has continued to attract 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, which is greatly appreciated during a period of ever growing student fees. In addition, the scholarship assists our recruitment efforts, bringing dozens of quality young men into our beautiful house.

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

**Mason Smith** - Awarded \$700

Hailing from Bishop, CA, Mason enters Cal as an intended social sciences major. In high school Mason was very involved with sports, competing in football, basketball, and varsity soccer. Additionally he found time to volunteer with his Interact Club, competed in Mathletes, and served as his high school's board counsel representative. Mason is pledging Delta Upsilon, and will be participating in a service trip to Nicaragua over winter break.

**Peter Hsiue** – Awarded \$250.00 – From Alamo, CA, Throughout high school Peter participated in Varsity Water Polo and Swimming, and today he plays on the Cal Club Water Polo Team. Additionally in high school Peter compiled an impressive list of other extracurriculars, including principal chair in the Count Honor Band, and placing first in the Tri-Valley Science fair. Peter is pledging Delta Upsilon.

**Steven Buck** – Awarded \$550.00 – Steven Buck enters Cal as an intended Business major. In high school he succeeded in basketball, eventually earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain.

**Gautam Wilkins** – Awarded \$250.00 From San Diego, CA, Gautum excelled in Korean martial arts in high school, attaining a black belt after 5 years. Additionally, he volunteered at a local hospital and competed on his school's Science Olympiad Team. Gautam will be pursuing an EECS and applied math major here at Cal.

**Avraham Sinai** - Awarded \$250.00 From Santa Monica, CA, Avi transferred to Cal after completing 70 units at his local JC. Avraham has been involved

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Recent improvements include a living room full of leather couches, a renovated kitchen, redwood fencing, "The Donlon Doors", a dramatically refurbished chapter room and a new dumpster and landing area that saves our alumni chapter \$3,000 annually.

In addition to physical improvements, our website ([www.ducalifornia.org](http://www.ducalifornia.org)) now offers our alumni members the ability to create alumni accounts (see page 3).

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our devoted and gracious alumni for their continued support. A formal welcome and thank you to Richard Olson '59 our newest board member. Thank you to Gordon Linden '67 for continuing to coordinate and assist with countless improvements, often from halfway around the globe. Thanks to Eric Rayner '78 for his continued assistance in landscaping. Finally, thank you to Denny McLeod '52 (Vice President) and Charlie Kavanagh '64 (President), whose wealth of experience, and unyielding devotion makes it possible for DU to be the great fraternity it has been for 110 years!

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wth multiple philanthropies, including the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.



**Alumni, Log into Your DU Website Account!**  
By Sean Ahrens

Our website was nominated at the summer DU Leadership Institute for best chapter website, and lauded by another Cal fraternity's alumnus at a September IFC meeting, and these complements aren't unfounded.

Every officer has his own page on the website, allowing him to post messages, files, and events. These events are automatically incorporated into an online calendar, and by going to it, you can see all upcoming (and past) house events.

What does this site offer alumni? *All brothers, both actives and alumni*, have accounts on the

website. With your account you can update your personal and contact information, upload or change your profile image, subscribe to our voluntary alumni email list, and view our calendar of alumni events.

After logging in to your profile, you can edit and view a wealth of information such as your grad year, pledge class, big bro, and little bro. Go to "[www.ducalifornia.org/alumni/accounts.php](http://www.ducalifornia.org/alumni/accounts.php)" to set up your account.

**Visit [www.ducalifornia.org](http://www.ducalifornia.org)!**

**Golden Alums Return to DU**

Delta Upsilon welcomes the classes of '45 to '59 for a special reunion to take place this December 9. After several years of graciously organizing a reunion offsite, Rich Rigby has retired from this service and left Rudy Kopfer '57 at the helm.

Through coordination with the Chapter President Benito Delgado-Olson, the event will be held at the DU house and catered by Chef Leonard Riley. A social hour will start the luncheon at 2PM. For more information and RSVP please contact the Chapter President.

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**Alumni Update**  
By Charlie Kavanagh '64

A lot has happened since the Spring of this year. Our March Alumni Banquet celebrating our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was well attended with dozens of alumni and close to 40 actives (and dates), held in conjunction with our Annual Shareholder's meeting. Our mortgage is now down to \$261,342 with variable interest (now 7.3%) and maturity date 10-1-2021. **BIG PARTY** when we retire that!

In his will, Lewis Gardiner '35, granted \$10,000 to the house – please note for your estate planning. In memory of Roger Donlon '51, \$3,400 was donated by alumni and was used for the new French Doors. Thanks go out to other recent donors to our Scholarship and Capital Fund, including: Jim Plessas '53, Tom Johnson '53, Shep Kett '84, Al Franco '97, Earl Reeve '59, Charles Petit '67 (speaker at March banquet), and Bob Scuito '61.

We are still seeking additional funding for the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship and the Capital Improvement Fund, as we have a big project ahead of us in replacing the wood floors in the first floor. Please write checks to Delta Upsilon Reserve Fund (tax deductible, min. \$200) and send to me, Charlie Kavanagh, 708 Carolan Ave., Burlingame, Ca. 94010.

In early August of this year I attended the International DU Alumni Conference and was surprised to receive the Outstanding Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award. Also, our chapter nearly won "most improved". I feel this is a group trophy we can all be proud of, and I thank those who have helped make this chapter what it is, a builder of better men.

**Cords' Scholarship Again Enhances Rush**  
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 pro-

gram 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 established 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](mailto:go_bears@berkeley.edu).



**House Improvement: Moving Forward with Bigger Goals**  
**By Sean Ahrens**

DU's next large-scale improvement project is upon us: the replacement of the floors in the foyer and living room. The past year has been spent revitalizing the house, and the floors remain one of the last few major projects to be completed.

Two major improvement projects, the construction of backyard fencing and the renovation of the chapter room, have already been completed this semester.

The house's tall and sturdy redwood fencing, which encloses the

entire eastern backyard, was built entirely by brothers this October. It features two double wide gates that allow for the parking of cars, as well as providing increased security, outside lounging space, and a safe and convenient place to lock bikes.

Another major project, the renovation of the chapter room, was completed over several weeks in September and October. The house now boasts a full-fledged entertainment room, renewed literally from floor to ceiling. The old bench seating has been removed, the oak floor refinished, and the walls have been

repainted navy blue and white. Two big screen TVs face each other on opposite side of the room, with beautiful leather couches lying between.

Additionally, the coming weeks will witness the replacing of our ice machine, doors, and other projects.

These recent renovations are just a few of the many wonderful displays of our continuously improving chapter. Our next major goal involves refinishing the wood flooring in the first floor. The current chapter is actively doing their part to maintain this beautiful old house, as we begin the process of funding this essential project.

**Food at DU: Remodeled Kitchen Yields Delicious Results**  
**By Charlie Friedman**

For many UC Berkeley students, the fall semester means a return to cold pizza, captured squirrels, and ramen, but this is far from reality at DU. Due to the house's increasing summer prosperity, the house enjoyed enough financial success to make our long-held dream of a refurbished kitchen a reality.

With new cupboards and flooring, our kitchen can once again accommodate the brilliant cooking minds this house

possesses. Over the past few weeks, the house has feasted on tortilla soup, salmon pasta, teriyaki beef with broccoli, and T-Bone steaks with Brother Mike Spanton's soon to be world-famous mashed potatoes. With more than thirty-five live-ins as well and a large pledge class to feed, the food budget was increased. As a result of this hefty demand 3 brothers now cook each night. It is through this coordinated culinary effort that the house saves thousands of dollars by not hiring a chef.

Much of the credit for the success of the new kitchen must be attributed to Gordon Linden '67 who coordinated putting down a new floor and paintjob. Please know that you—as well as all alumni Brothers—are always welcome for dinner at the California Delta Upsilon chapter house.

**Delta Upsilon Continues to Celebrate 110 Years at Cal!**

**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 **Friday, December 1, 2006** to honor Delta Upsilon's 110th Anniversary at Cal! Riley will be serving Chicken Saltim Bocca with cheese, prosciutto, and orzo pasta, and a grilled vegetable stack, with rice pilaf, green bean almandine, and salad. Wine, coffee and desert will be provided. Additionally, commemorative 110th anniversary bottles of **Johnny Walker Blue and Gold Label** will be auctioned.

Former Berkeley Police Chief and Varsity Rowing Team member, **Tom Johnson** ('53) will be speaking.

Donations to benefit the Charlie Cords Memorial Scholarship and the Delta Upsilon Capital Reserve Fund.

**Please RSVP by Monday, November 27th** using our online RSVP form at [www.ducalifornia.org](http://www.ducalifornia.org) or e-mail Vice-President Mike Spanton at [mike.spanton@gmail.com](mailto:mike.spanton@gmail.com) or call Mike at **925-819-2243**.

