

# Generations

The Newsletter of the Pi Alpha Phi Alumni Association

### Mark Your Calendars!

- The annual Alumni Banquet will take place on April 29, 2000 at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland. The luncheon begins at 12:30 pm.
- The party event of the year, Kamikaze, is being held at Rincon Center in San Francisco on April 28, 2000. For tickets, contact your nearest Pi Alpha Phi representative.

## Pi Alpha Phi Summit 2k

Over 175 members from all six chapters of Pi Alpha Phi gathered together to attend the first annual National Convention. This event was the most collaborative inter-chapter event our fraternity has ever seen. Through countless hours of planning, work, and stress, the Pi Alpha Phi event of the year came together on March 24 and 25th.

Convention Chairman Evan Leong led a dedicated team to put together an incredible weekend of events, beginning with social exchanges and other impromptu events on Friday evening.

Berkeley chapter's own Albert Chang handled the business events on Saturday. In order to better lead the fraternity, we have worked

together to form the Pi Alpha Phi National Council. Each chapter is represented by three delegates. Together, this Council is the supreme authority governing the fraternity. It is intended to handle all inter-chapter issues, including pledge process standardization, inter-chapter disputes, and expansion.

The first order of business was electing its National Cabinet. Brian Gee was elected the first National President. Albert Chang was elected Vice-President. Both Brian and Albert are from the Berkeley chapter. UC Irvine President Mike Luu was elected Treasurer and Santa Cruz President Stephen Chen was elected Secretary.

Interest groups from the University

of California, San Diego and the University of Michigan sent representatives to present to our National Council. I am happy to report that the Council voted to extend charters to both these groups. By next year, we expect to have both colonies set up, increasing our number of chapters to eight.

After all the business was completed, it was time for everyone to kick it and relax at Tsunami, the National Convention's afterparty, held at Club Soho in downtown Los Angeles.

All in all, it was a tremendous learning experience. One which we'll need to successfully throw next year's convention, the seventy-fifth anniversary edition.

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## Alumni Banquet 2000

The Pi Alpha Phi Alumni Association cordially invites you to the annual Alumni Banquet to be held on April 29, 2000, at 12:30pm at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland. Cost will be \$20 per person, free for graduating seniors.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Nick Ng at 650-580-3748.

April 29, 2000  
12:30 pm

Silver Dragon Restaurant  
835 Webster St  
Oakland Chinatown  
510-893-3748

## Alumni President's Address



Greetings Brother,

It is my honor and privilege to address and inform you about the status of your fraternity. Although it has only been six months since the last newsletter was sent, so much has happened within our fraternity that we felt it was necessary to write a new issue.

The Alumni Board has been working hard to improve the fraternity house and provide proper guidance to our student members. Our plan for preventive maintenance, upkeep, and improvement to the fraternity house has begun. This year, we will be installing new locks and a new security system. Next summer, we will be refinishing the house's wood flooring. We have implemented a program to raise the fraternity's grades by tying financial incentives to higher GPA's. Most incredibly, we are only one year away from bringing Pi Alpha Phi out of debt.

The actives have been very busy, as you are about to find out in articles from Peter Luo and Mike Lin.

Last issue, I wrote that we were on the cusp of a new era for our fraternity. I'm proud to announce that it is here. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000, members from all the chapters of Pi Alpha Phi gathered together in Los Angeles to attend our fraternity's first annual convention. During that time, our members celebrated Asian-American awareness, community leadership, academic excellence, and most importantly: brotherhood.

At the convention, the Pi Alpha Phi National Council was formed. This new organization has been charged with being the governing body of the fraternity. Although our fraternity has always been tight-knit, the lack of a centralized governing body has hindered our fraternity from reaching its full potential. Now that the Council has been formed, we are well on our way to achieving all the fraternity's goals.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the newsletter.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Gee". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brian Gee

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## Active President's Address

As the president of Pi Alpha Phi fraternity at the University of California, Berkeley, I am honored to have this chance to inform the brothers of our current status. Without a doubt, all six chapters of Pi Alpha Phi have successfully adapted to the rigorous and competitive environment of the Asian Greek community. As for the Alpha chapter, adaptation is one of many positive aspects of our 74 year old journey.

Currently, our chapter has grown in numbers to 41 strong, unique actives, all with different talents. Together we contribute our skills and ideals to remain the strongest fraternity at Cal. With unmatched brotherhood and vast resources, we offer new recruits the chance to take advantage of as well as contribute to, the success of Pi Alpha Phi.

Today, as we march into the new millennium, we are constantly fabricating new ideals, adjustments, and events to stay on top of the game and take Pi Alpha Phi to a new level. To give you a better visualization of our Greek life and experiences, here are some of the events and activities that we have participated in over the past year.

Peter Luo



# Alpha Chapter Memories Fall 1999

by Mike Lin

At the start of the fall 1999 semester, we worked hard at rush, resulting in an initial pledge class of 12 men. Feeding off the drive and excitement of rush, we continued the semester with a series of social events.

## The Quiet Storm

One of our latest events that we hosted was Date Night. This casual event entailed the gathering of all brothers and their dates to come together at a sociable setting. Last semester's date night was held in the lovely city of San Francisco, near Fisherman's

Wharf at a restaurant/bar called "The Quiet Storm". At the Quiet Storm, everyone enjoyed the night with plenty of alcoholic beverages, Djed music, and great

laughs. This night was made possible by our social chair, Peter Luo. Date Night has been executed with great success for the last two semesters at different locations and we hope to continue this event as a tradition at Alpha Chapter.

## Vegas, Here We Come!

Last fall semester, we decided to pass up on going to LA for our semester road trip. Instead, over 40 actives and a few alumni took two 40 ft. Winnebagoes, filled with a keg each and headed off to the bright lights of Las Vegas! The reason that we decided to take such a long trip was to focus on the foundation of the fraternity: Brotherhood. This trip helped bridge the gap between younger and older actives. One of the entertainment activities that we attended was the comedy hypnotist show, "Doctor Naughty," where a few brothers had the chance to go up on stage and demonstrate what they can do subconsciously! Vegas, the City of Sin was very hospitable

terted by 99 beautiful girls and 3 ugly ones at the renowned Deja Vu Showgirls Bar. Endless buffets and gambling occupied the rest of this three-day road trip.

## Alumni Support

Twice last semester we have shown our support and respect towards our alumni. In October 1999, the Annual 1999 Alumni Picnic was held in Sacramento. With over 60 alumni and family members and 40 actives, the picnic was a huge success catered by the grilling skills of our



alumni, Herb Gee, Harry Choi, and Gaing Chan. Later in October, we had a pre-game BBQ at the fraternity house

with the younger alumni, almost all in their 20's. The event was a huge success. (and we beat USC!)

## Thanksgiving Day Food Drive

To support the community, we engaged in our annual Thanksgiving Day Canned Food Drive. After informing the students and Greek organizations, we received two large bins of canned goods, which were donated to the Salvation Army.

## Epsilon Upsilon Installs

In mid-November, we installed our newest members, Sung Chun, Nam Le, Will Shin, and Danny Yao, into the brotherhood of Pi Alpha Phi. Our formals/installs were held at the Berkeley Marina Radisson. For their efforts, brothers and many other organizations congratulated the class with gifts. Peter Luo (Social Chair) was awarded Pi Alpha Phi Man of the Year, Andy Yang (Pledge Master) was awarded Most Improved Active of the Year, and Edmond Chan (Historian) was awarded

## Ski Trip

Following tradition, we rented a cabin up in the Lake Tahoe Keys, where we spent two nights and three days on our annual Ski Trip this past January. Most

of us (actives and guests) went snowboarding at the Sierra Ski Resort. After a long day of fun and pain on the slopes, the night was followed by a night of endless partying.

## Spring 2000

Due to a drastic increase in the number of actives within our chapter, we are currently experiencing a challenging transitional period. As more actives join our fraternity, our system requires change. Cabinet and various motivated chairmen are constantly trying to refine our system. With the expected graduation of nearly one-third of the house, it is apparent that some internal house issues need to be settled. Some of the issues we are dealing with are establishing a structured system in collecting house dues, improving academics, being more involved in philanthropy and fundraising, focusing on brotherhood, and working to improve the efficiency and productivity of our meetings.

We implemented an online credit payment system through paypal.com so actives can have options on the method of payment. With this payment system and the signing of contracts, we were able to pull ourselves out of an \$8,000 debt and establish a possible surplus through the participation of online fundraising events. In terms of scholastics, we have taken measures to continue our academic excel-

ships to actives with a strong academic and service record. We also provide actives with a substantial refund on their house dues if pledges exceed a 3.0 or higher GPA during their



pledge semester.

semester.

## Spring Rush 2000

During the first week of the semester, we engaged in a competitive rush for new potential members. Through well-planned rush events with brothers and other organizations, we were able to promote our name to potential members. Although our efforts only yielded four pledges, I Assure you that these four potential members truly have the determination, love, and strength to become contributing actives in the future. But until that day comes, they are still pledges with much to learn.

## Conclusion

With all that's been said, the question now remains: Where do we go from here and how will Pi Alpha Phi evolve in the next few decades. This question remains to be answered and it is here today, as we gather to transform the strongest fraternity into the strongest national fraternity. The brothers of Pi Alpha Phi, Alpha Chapter would like to thank the continuous support of our brothers at other chapters and our alumni.