



Beta Bites

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From the House Corp.

This past year I took over as president of the Beta-Xi House Corporation with the hope of energizing the alumni effort from our chapter. In order to return to the level of greatness that we all expect, we must continue to emphasize recruitment, both on the alumni side and undergraduate side. If you are interested in participating on the House Corporation or acting as a chapter advisor, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you know of a friend, neighbor, or family member that will be attending Cal in the future, please contact me directly via e-mail (TWTBirds@Charter.net) or e-mail us through the new website at



We as a board understand this and have volunteered our time to make necessary improvements.

The mission of this board is to restore Beta-Xi to a vibrant, healthy, well-run chapter that meets everyone's level of expectation. To do this we have set some goals:

1. Restore the house to as close to its original condition as possible and maintain it in that fashion. We have begun a major restoration effort with the objective of completing it by next fall when our new group of actives moves in. As you can see from the photos included, we have already made some great progress and the improvement is outstanding. This timing is critical because, although it puts a strain on us financially, it will allow contractors to work when they will have the greatest access to the house.
2. We are committed to endowing the chapter economically. We feel this gives us the best opportunity to maintain a consistent operation and membership base. Our objective is to be debt-free with \$250,000 in the bank within seven years. We have a financial plan in terms of running the chapter, paying down debt, and building equity to accom-

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www.CalKappaSigma.org.

For some time now you might not have been pleased with the appearance of the chapter house. This will change. The current members are also not happy with or complacent about the current state of the building. What current members and alumni share is the strong desire to see the house restored to its original condition in conjunction with a strong membership base.

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UNDERGRADUATE REPORT...

My name is Kevin Foley '06 and I currently serve as the grand master of the Beta-Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, here at the University of California, Berkeley. I am very pleased to be addressing all of our alumni in this newsletter - a tool that I believe will help to increase communication and participation between the actives and the alumni of this great chapter.

I became a brother of Kappa Sigma only one year ago, but in this short time, I have witnessed nothing but progress and change in our chapter. Over the course of this academic year, the brothers of Beta-Xi have demonstrated an increased commitment to the growth and development of our chapter. With greater participation, organization, and leadership on behalf of our active brothers, we have been able to successfully raise our recruitment numbers from last year for both the fall and spring semesters, plan and execute more social and philanthropic events, become a more visibly active part of the Greek community, and even achieve the 10th highest house GPA of the 63 fraternities and sororities on the Berkeley campus. Our internal growth this year is only matched by the significant renovations our house is currently undergoing, which I know our brothers are particularly excited about.

As grand master of our chapter, I believe that Kappa Sigma offers a brotherhood unlike any other. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished thus far and I believe that our recent progress is representative of the great things that lie ahead for Beta-Xi. None of this, however, would be possible without the continual support of you, the alumni. Whether it is through letter, e-mail, or contribution, we encourage you to be a part of Beta-Xi's promising future.

Senior Bios

Turner Barr '03

My name is Turner Barr and this May, I will be graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in political science. Kappa Sigma has been a major part of my college experience and will continue to play a role throughout my life. After joining as early as possible in Fall 2003, I have held positions as fundraising chair, grand treasurer, social chair, and grand master of ceremonies. I entered UC Berkeley with the intention of joining a fraternity, but I had no idea just how significant a role Kappa Sig would have on my life. Gaining lifelong friends, leadership skills, and priceless memories, I will truly miss living in Kappa Sigma. After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in real estate in either Seattle or San Francisco.



Kyle Vitek '04

At Cal, I will acquire a major in legal studies and a minor in philosophy in the hopes of attending law school. While at Cal, I served as the grand procurator, grand master of ceremonies, grand scribe, and numerous other house positions for our chapter. I have been lucky enough to graduate from Cal in three years, and although I have yet to be accepted to the few law schools I applied to, my plan is to move to the East Coast, specifically the D.C. area, and look for employment while I retake my LSAT and reapply to law schools over the next year.



Jason Ribner '05

It's very bittersweet as my time at Berkeley is coming to end. After graduating with a degree in mass communications in May, I plan on moving to San Francisco to pursue my doctorate of psychology. During my four years of college, I feel like I've played an integral part in continuing to build brotherhood in this house. I've held positions as GP, GMC, and am currently treasurer. I've been privileged to meet so many great people by being associated with Kappa Sigma.



BE *Alumni Dues Reinstated*

Beta-Xi is undergoing a major resurgence but we cannot ensure its success without you. That is why we are asking for your financial support.

Remember your days at the University of California, Berkeley, when you joined the Beta-Xi chapter – the leadership, organizational, and social skills you developed, and lifetime friendships you made?

Our goal is to help the undergraduate chapter achieve and maintain a level of excellence. To do this, we need to raise at least \$15,000 annually to meet the expenses associated with invitations, newsletters, our website, and events. We also need to substantially decrease our House Corporation debt to manageable levels, while increasing funds to support educational and scholarship programs.

Annual dues have been set at \$50, but fortunately the great majority give more. Please enclose your donation in the pre-addressed envelope included with this mailing, or you can also donate online through our new website at www.CalKappaSigma.org. We thank you in advance for your loyal and continued support.

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plish this goal. If we can do this, I believe we will have created a financial base that gives us the absolute best chance of maintaining the chapter in a manner we all can be proud of for years to come.

To accomplish these near-term goals we have hired a fraternity management firm that has successfully turned around several Berkeley chapters. They have implemented a business plan that manages operations and will allow us to be profitable and will enable us to maintain the proposed improvements, be current on all expenses, and save money for future endowment purposes.

Ways you can help:

1. We must fill the house with more members. Please provide us with names of incoming Cal students - 75% of our rush effort needs to happen before the kids arrive on campus.
2. Ask every Kappa Sig you keep in contact with if they've received mail from us. If they haven't, encourage them to visit www.CalKappaSigma.org and update their contact information.

If you want to have any type of reunion with your classmates, please hold the event at the house. The best example of this would be having your tailgate party there. The deck is being completely redone and there is no better spot to get ready for a football game than the Kappa Sigma house. What this current generation of students wants to know is that they are a part of something much bigger than just their current living situation. Both pledges and actives are impressed by the relationships we have formed that keep us together many years after graduation. Your presence, your devotion to the chapter, and the relationships you created while you were a student, will have a resounding effect on today's members.

Make suggestions and volunteer. I no longer live as close to Berkeley as I would like and much of the House Corp. has been serving for a long time. We need some local alumni to step up and help us out. The reward for this service is far greater than the effort required.

The key now is coordinating the alumni and the undergraduate effort. I hope I have piqued your interest - the best is yet to come.

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