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WELCOME!

As the public relations chair, it is my honor to welcome everyone to the first edition of the *Greek Life* pages. The purpose of this edition is to allow the UCSB community an understanding of what greek life is all about on this campus.

On the outside it may seem that all the sororities and fraternities are exactly the same, with houses full of members that just party and don't care about anything else. However, as you read the following pages, you will see that there are certain underlying concepts that the whole greek system holds dear — camaraderie, community service and leadership are just the tip of the iceberg. Without these elements in our members, we as the greek community at UCSB could not survive.

As you read through the Nexus, I hope that you get a feel for the similarities and the uniqueness of each house on our campus and, hopefully, a better understanding of what it means to go greek.

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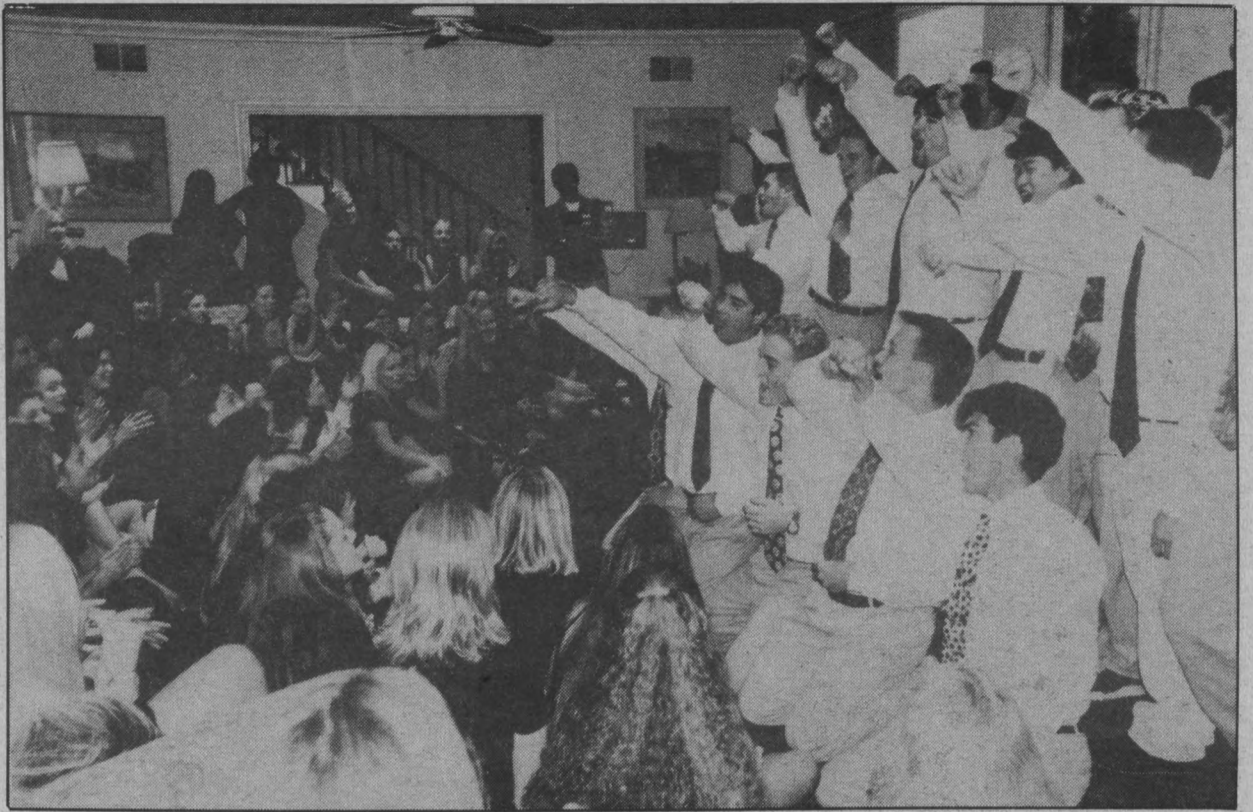


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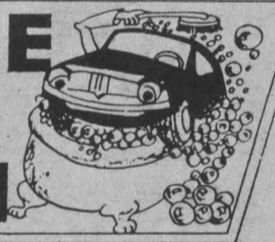
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Fraternity/Sorority Council Says "Hi"

I bet many of you have been wondering exactly what FSC is and what we do. Are we just a group of nine student volunteers who hang out and discuss meaningless topics? Or are we a governing body that meets on a weekly basis to help unite and strengthen the greek system at UCSB?

The Fraternity/Sorority Council does in fact meet once a week to discuss upcoming issues or events within the greek system. During the weekly executive council meetings, the nine members try to think of fun and entertaining ways to display the greek system throughout the campus. Right now, the FSC executive board is planning "Greek Weekend," which is being held March 7-9, 1997.

The nine executive members are presidential troika Lex Pagan, Christine Nubla and Darrell Young, Vice President of External Affairs Mark

Gorecki, Vice President of Internal Affairs Lesley Haynes, Vice President of Scholarship Matt Copley, Vice President of Risk Management Robert Montecinos, Treasurer Damon Dukakis and Scribe Suzanne Park. These members are elected in June and serve full one-year terms.

The whole FSC board meets on a biweekly basis with all executive members and a representative from each chapter present. All chapters on campus, both nationally affiliated and locally affiliated, are asked to attend these meetings. Information that must be spread throughout the greek system is discussed and announced. These meetings provide pertinent information to all chapters on campus and anyone is encouraged to attend.

The FSC body is quite new to UCSB as well as to other greek systems around the country. About



From left to right: Darrell Young, troika president; Robert Montecinos, vice-president of risk management; Matt Copley, vice-president of scholarship; Christine Nubla, troika president; Damon Dukakis, treasurer; Mark Gorecki, vice-president of external affairs; Lesley Haynes, vice-president of internal affairs; Suzanne Park, scribe; Mitch Joslin, greek advisor.

four years ago, the University mandated all greek chapters, in order to be recognized as a greek organization, be put under one governing body. A group

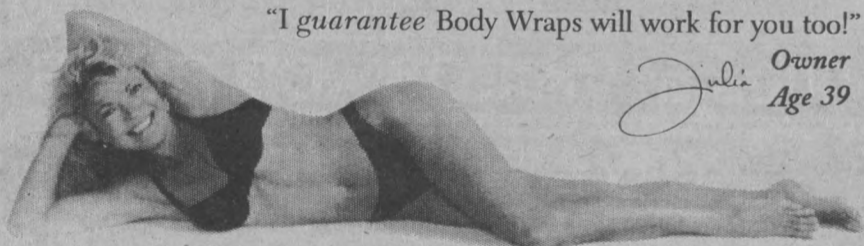
of students and advisers got together, and two years later the FSC Articles of Confederation were established. The articles were ratified last year and we

are now in our second year as a governing body. Our main purpose is to make the greek system one cohesive unit that can function as a whole.

Elections are coming up at the end of Winter Quarter, so contact the Office of Student Life for further details. Get involved!



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ALPHA EPSILON PI INVITES YOU TO DROP IN

By Scott Garson
Chapter President

Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded at New York University in 1913 by Charles C. Moskowitz. From the beginning, its founding members began the ideals by which every brother of Alpha Epsilon Pi would strive to live by. Honesty, perseverance, mutual helpfulness, faith and humility are all part of the road that we, as members, choose to live by.

The Sigma Beta chapter at UCSB prides itself on a strong and binding brotherhood as well as a very diverse one. Whether it is at date functions, philanthropies or brotherhood events, you can always find that the brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi enjoy being with one another.

We are growing very strong alumni at Sigma



Beta this year as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. Last spring we had a very exciting alumni weekend as over 40 graduated brothers got together with the actives. The weekend included softball, basketball and a phenomenal dance party at Spike's. This year we expect nearly four times the turnout for the 10th anniversary celebration!

Philanthropy is something we take very seriously every year. The AEPi international philanthropy this year is Mazon, a Jewish group dedicated to helping those in need. We are excited to be helping to raise money for this great cause during Spring Quarter.

One of the most recent and exciting developments is our plan for next year, as we will be moving to a new location. The details are being hammered out as we speak and the move should be official come March. As for now,



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we are residing at 6508 El Greco in Isla Vista.

We have a very successful history in intramural sports. We are trying to regain our form and reacquire the hockey title that we owned just two years ago. Our newest initiates

have brought in some good young basketball and football talent as well. Hopefully we will be able to overcome some recent injuries and make a run at the basketball playoffs this quarter.

As an international

fraternity (we now have chapters in Canada), Alpha Epsilon Pi has set the standard for many years. Six of our brothers had such a sensational experience at the national convention last summer in Ft. Lauderdale that we

have over 20 members set to go to UCLA this spring for the western conclave. The warm feelings given off by AEPis of different chapters to one another is truly a sight to behold.

See AEP p.10A

The Women of AEPi Welcome You

What We Have
to Offer UCSB

By Christina Payne
and Erin Falkowitz

The ladies of Alpha Epsilon Phi were full of enthusiasm during an excit-

ing Fall Quarter 1996. Incorporating the eager new members into our sisterhood was a top priority. They participated in numerous events based on acquiring sorority knowledge and unity, but at the same time they enjoyed serenading the UCSB

fraternities. At the end of the six-week New Member Program, which strengthened relationships based on love and friendship, the entire new member class was initiated on Nov. 16.

Besides focusing on events for our new members, we also incorporated many social events for our existing sisters. Our "famous couples" theme date party at Alex's Cantina on

Oct. 17 was a blast. Among the delighted guests were Fred and Wilma, Ricky and Lucy, Forrest Gump and Jenny, and JFK and Marilyn.

Sisterhood events included bagel breakfast, "night of sin," movie nights and bowling. Presents took place on Oct. 26 at the Wine Cask. We very much enjoyed having our parents for a delicious

lunch and listening to their touching and amusing stories about our new members.

For many, AEPi's semiformal was the highlight of the quarter. It took place at the Big Yellow House, where the desserts were amazing and the dining room and dance floor overlooked the ocean. The music and company were enjoyed by all.



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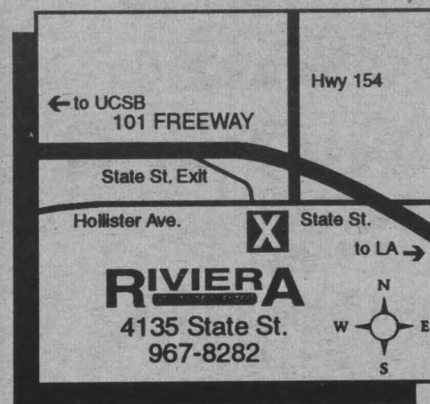


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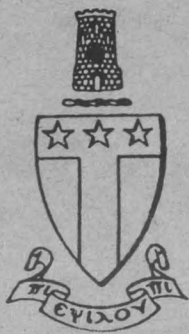
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By Peter McDonald
Local Chapter President

Alpha Tau Omega was founded in 1865 at the Virginia Military Institute. Its main purpose was to reunite a divided country and heal the wounds of a Civil War, bringing men of different backgrounds together to help break down social barriers. Since our founding, our ideals have not changed.

Alpha Tau Omega still focuses on breaking down barriers in society to make the world a less divided place. We pride ourselves on leadership based on these and other eternal and immutable principles — principles that will take us into the future without error.

Alpha Tau Omega's Cal

Iota Nu Chapter was locally founded in 1989. As a young brotherhood, we have already made an impact on the greek system and UCSB. Members like A.S. Internal Vice President Jeff Provenzano hold key positions in student government, and as a house we have received awards for our outstanding philanthropy and brotherhood.

After joining the house my freshman year, I have learned something new about life and about myself. I can't imagine trying to operate in the world after college without the skills I have learned from my experiences here. We are but 60 men, and yet together we can successfully run and operate a quarter-of-a-million-dollar-a-year business, lend a hand to I.V. schools, compete in numerous I.M. sports and still find the time to enjoy college. At Alpha Tau Omega, we do all this to make a difference.

A FULL CALENDAR FOR ALPHA PHI

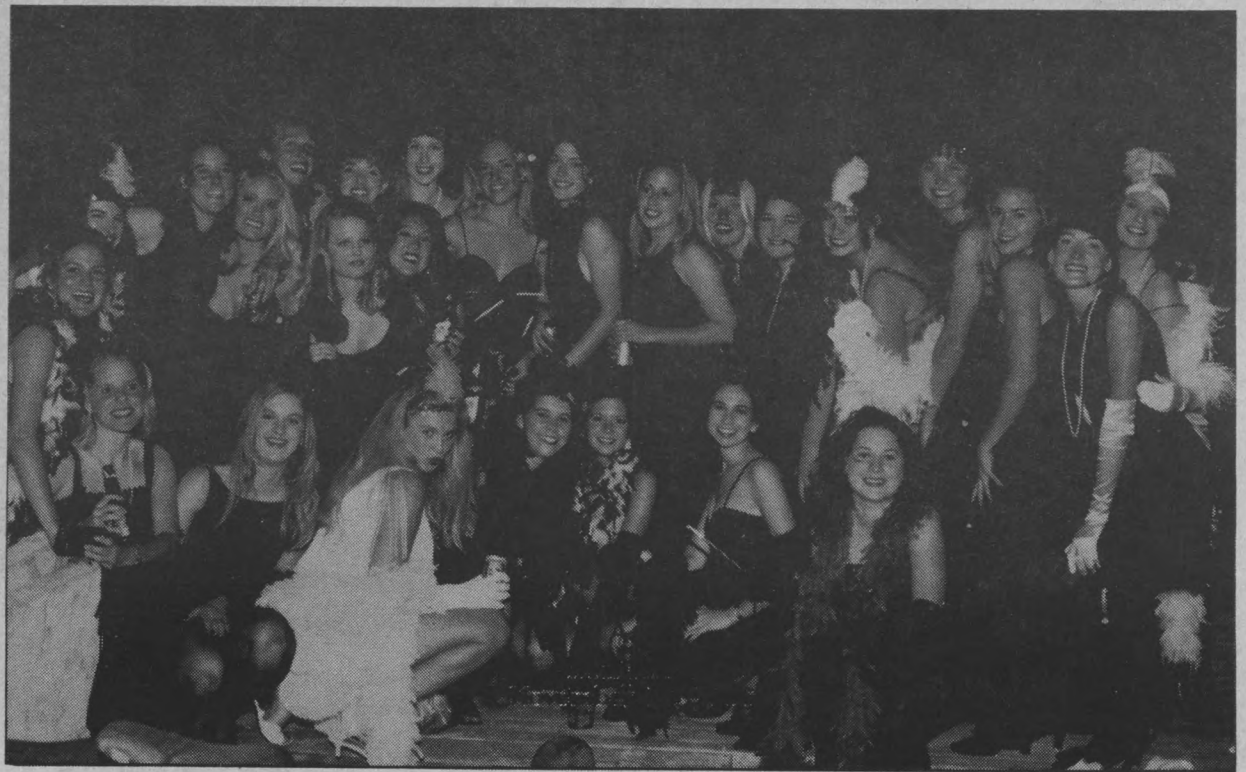


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Since returning to school in September, the sisters of Alpha Phi have been busy. Between rush,



philanthropy events, social and sisterhood gatherings, Alpha Phi's calendar has been full!

We began September with an amazing rush that

resulted in a wonderful new member class. Our new members have brought great spirit and dedication to the house. Socially, Alpha Phi had a fun-filled, exciting calendar last quarter with events from TG's to a "Maphia" theme formal.

Alpha Phi has also been active in the community. For the third year in a row, members of our chapter volunteered at the Goleta Lemon Festival, where

they had a great time running children's activity booths. We also had the opportunity to help New Directions by making holiday stockings for disabled children. It was a rewarding and fun event, as the entire chapter joined together in the effort.

Upcoming events this quarter include a weekend sisterhood retreat, our annual "Flintstones" theme party, and more happy hours and dinners with other chapters to let us get

to know more members of the greek community. Alpha Phi will also be seen at Gaucho basketball, supporting the team as well as the two women of our chapter who cheer for UCSB. We are also planning to host a dinner to reward high school students who have achieved academic excellence or outstanding community involvement. In all, we will keep busy, having fun while serving our campus and local community!

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The Delta Psi chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was founded on the UCSB campus on Dec. 4, 1965. This fine women's sorority was established to offer its members experience in self-government, motivation in seeking a fulfilling education, an avenue to provide service to others and an opportunity to experience the true spirit of sisterhood. These goals are met through social occasions, sisterhood activities, sporting events and philanthropy projects.

Our recent activities in-

cluded our fall formal. It was held at a beautiful oceanfront home in Santa Barbara. The sisters and their dates enjoyed an



evening of dinner and dancing under the stars. Our numerous social events with fraternities and other sororities always have new and exciting themes.

When Alpha Chis aren't at their formals they can often be found on the field playing soccer and football. Many sororities and fraternities put on tournaments that we play in. They are not only fun, but are a great way to support the rest of the greek system.

We also participate in volleyball through the intramural program at school, where this season we advanced to the finals. We also look forward to

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OFFERING A HELPING HAND

By Lex Pagan
Theta Chi President

The year is 1856 at Norwich University and two men, Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase, endeavor to create an organization that embodies and emphasizes the principles by which they lead their lives. Truth, temperance and tolerance are three of the most important principles at a Theta Chi, which is personified in the motto of Theta Chi Fraternity, "The Helping Hand."

Through the aid of time travel, the year is now 1997 at UCSB and a group of 61 men endeavor to perpetuate the ideals and vision of the two men who formed Theta Chi Fraternity over 140 years ago. At the Theta Sigma chapter of Theta Chi we believe in the ideals of Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase and try to live our lives by those principles.

After several years of effort, the brothers of Theta Chi moved into a new home that is 9,000 square feet — a significant improvement over our previous accommodations. Every single brother sacrificed greatly to make our new home a reality. We now enjoy both the ups and downs of communal living. Without a doubt the new house has helped to bring the brothers closer together.

The positive energy of the house transferred over

to rush. Theta Chi accepted 28 bids and initiated 24 new members. We added to our strength more than mere numbers — we added intelligent young men of upstanding character who believe in the principles of two men from Norwich University. Theta Chi has replenished itself with 24 outstanding brothers. Lambda pledge class, I congratulate you



on a job well done and challenge you to improve yourself, your fraternity and your community each and every day. That perseverance will ensure our continued success.

During Fall Quarter of this year Theta Chi held a grand opening for our new home, while at the same time hosting parents weekend and alumni weekend. The event was a huge success. The brothers worked hard to make the event the best yet in our

chapter's history. The turnout of both parents and alumni was the best yet recorded. The festivities included a gourmet barbecue lunch prepared by world-renown, five-star chef George Engel.

After our very decadent meal, we held an awards ceremony to honor the many parents and alumni that support us. In the afternoon we worked off our meal with a game of softball where we discovered that we may not be the best athletes, but nonetheless we had a very fun and amusing afternoon. The weekend concluded on Sunday morning with a father-son-alumni golf tournament, which was played in the rain with ungodly hangovers.

When you look at what most exemplifies Theta Chi, the one thing that stands out among all else is our motto, "The Helping Hand." We, like other fraternities and sororities, have a strong desire to improve the community in which we live. Over the past year we have become very active in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Our chapter has participated in both local and national events for the benefit of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

This year we are taking a more proactive stance in our fight against multiple sclerosis. Theta Chi, in conjunction with the sis-

See THETA p.10A



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Introducing the Women of Gamma Phi Beta....



By Jenny Lam

The women of Gamma Phi Beta are dedicated to providing services to the community. We work with our local group, Girls Incorporated, and Camp Sechelt, our national philanthropy.

Girls Inc., located in Santa Barbara, is an after-school program for underprivileged girls aged 5-13. The group provides various programs, including

organized sports such as flag football, softball and soccer. The girls are also enrolled in courses such as English, science, computers and various types of arts and crafts. Girls Inc. also provides tutoring in all subjects. Girls Inc. is a unique and special organization. It offers the girls support and a sense of family.

Annually, Gamma Phi Beta invites Girls Inc. to attend a Halloween party at the sorority house. This past Halloween party was

See GAMMA, p.8A

STOP BY ANY OL' TIME

On behalf of Beta Theta Pi, we are pleased to announce that we have had another successful year. With over 158 years of his-



tory, Beta Theta Pi is rich in tradition and strong in character. This has been displayed through our efforts in the community and classrooms and on the playing field.

As far as philanthropy, we have been involved

with Isla Vista schools, the American Heart Association and Let Isla Vista Eat. For the past several years, we have been among the top scholars in the greek system. At Beta, we hold athletics very high, and finished no worse than third in any of our intramural sports. We won outdoor soccer and made it to the finals in both football tournaments.

Socially speaking, Fall Quarter was as successful as all of our other endeavors with a trip to Mexico, several TGs and happy hours. As always we are looking forward to our Las Vegas winter formal and especially Beta Bedrock in spring. Good luck to all in winter and stop by the house at any time. We are located on the corner of Segovia and Embarcadero Del Norte. If there are any questions, feel free to call 968-7756.

A Word About Locals

Many local/regional greek organizations were founded by historically underrepresented ethnic groups. From a grassroots perspective, it is quite a challenge to build a brand-new organization. Not having a national headquarters, alumni foundation or other such support group, local/regional or-

ganizations exist through the perseverance of their members. Often times, local/regional chapters are smaller, but have the advantage of being very close-knit. The reward of being in a local/regional organization is the pride in knowing that you helped build something from scratch.

ALPHA

Continued from p.6A the Inter-Sorority Volleyball Tournament in Santa Monica in the spring.

Alpha Chi is very committed to serving the community. This year we participated in an AIDS walk-a-thon and a scavenger hunt to feed the homeless and hungry. During Halloween we constructed a haunted house with one of the fraternities and donated the proceeds to the Isla Vista Youth Projects. Currently we are working on a clothing drive for the Battered Women's Shelter.

One of the most important aspects of Alpha Chi Omega is sisterhood. Every week, time is set aside for the sisters to come together, talk and enjoy each other's company. This time is sometimes spent sitting by the fireplace, having an afternoon at the beach, or camping.

At the beginning of the year the house delighted in a ropes course. We are constantly building our relationships and sharing new experiences.

A source of immense pride is our house. We are in the process of many amazing renovations. We've recently remodeled our living room and dining room, as well as repainted the inside. Next summer we plan to change our foyer and create a beautiful sweeping staircase. All of our sisters spend much of their time here at the house and it is important that the setting is pleasing.

College is a time for discovery and new experiences. Alpha Chi Omega provides a support group, a family and a home for its members. The sisters benefit during their undergraduate time as well as once they leave UCSB. Our alumni association is strong and assists our sisters with their careers and beginning their post-college lives.

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brought 26 new members to Tri-Delta to join in philanthropy projects such as pumpkin carving, blood drives and chili cook-offs, raising money for child-



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ren's cancer research.

Our members displayed their athletic talents by victories in the Sigma Phi Epsilon football tournament, first place in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon softball tournament, participation in the Fiji soccer tournament, and strong team play in ISVT. Our

team won Greek Week and we excelled in Sigma Chi's Derby Days, having fun the whole time.

Academically, our members earned our chapter a high gpa. We also had fun socially with our annual semiformal and formal, as well as mixers, date

parties and TGs with themes such as Disco Fever, *Hawaii 5-0*, Heaven and Hell, and Purple Haze.

We are proud of our parents program, including our mothers' sorority, Psi Psi Psi, our annual father-daughter ball, annual

mother-daughter weekend and our family party during fall.

The sisterhood and love that our sisters share make every experience special and memorable. We all agree that we are truly a family, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Delta Gamma Goes the Distance at Top Speed!

Delta Gamma started out the new school year in a newly remodeled house. In the fall we had a wonderful rush and proudly welcomed 25 amazing pledges. The DGs have been going full force this quarter and making waves through our campus and community. The DG women have enjoyed activities such as presents, Anchorslam, alumni visits, volunteer activities, intramural sports, socials and much more.

This past fall we held our first annual Anchorslam Tournament! This event took place at Greek Park in Isla Vista where local fraternities competed in 3-on-3 basketball games. This event helped to raise money for Aid to the Blind. Besides this event, the DG women also spent a number of hours



volunteering at schools and other institutions.

We have also been busy with a number of terrific social events. In the fall we had an Around the World 4-way and our fall pledges put on an amazing formal. The theme was "Masquerade" and the entire house and their dates wore masks made by the pledge class.

The rest of the year will be just as exciting as the first quarter. We will be having a number of fun events this quarter, including date parties and TGs. As we look ahead we have already begun preparing for our spring philanthropy event, Anchorsplash. This event always raises a lot of money for Aid to the Blind and the fraternities and sororities have a great time competing in a number of swimming events and a skit judged by the house mothers.

DG will continue to be a strong and energetic chapter in the year to come.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE AHEAD WITH PRINCIPLES

Building on a Strong Legacy

Greetings and Happy New Year from the brothers of Zeta Phi Rho. It is an honor and a pri-



vilage to be a newly established fraternity here at UCSB.

Not until the advent of

Spring Quarter '96 did Zeta Phi Rho begin to evolve. This was accomplished by seven dedicated men seeking to establish a fraternal organization. We are the Beta chapter, the second of five chapters on the West Coast. Our heritage and traditions stem from the Alpha chapter at Long Beach State. Zeta Phi Rho hopes to provide its members with a growing experience that enhances one's ability to become a responsible and functioning citizen of soci-

ety after the years at Santa Barbara.

Among the many challenges we encounter as a new fraternity, one main concern revolves around the development of a strong and stable foundation for present and future generations. Such demands have caused us to embrace three basic principles.

The first principle involves the promotion of brotherhood, which is essential to the spirit of the

fraternity.

The second principle applies the importance of education and scholarship, which produces men of wisdom. This involves encouraging each individual to combine formal and informal experiences in order to appreciate theoretical and practical knowledge.

Furthermore, the nurturing of integrity and respect is a vital ritual in developing character, the

third and last principle. These ideals are the fabric that keeps the fraternity strong and focused on its goals.

The brothers of Zeta Phi Rho welcome those who are seeking a challenge and who wish to discover their potential. That is why we are holding a pre-rush event on Jan. 23. For more information, contact Jon Austria, rush coordinator, at 685-9500 or Allan Adaya, secretary, at 964-3001.

A Special Synergy

The question facing Sigma Chi Omega currently is not "Are we growing?" but rather "How and in what direction do we want to grow?"

Since our founding during the 1993 Fall Quarter, we, the brothers of Sigma Chi Omega Multicultural Fraternity, have worked

sports such as football, basketball and camping.

Last year was a big year for us! We leased our very first fraternity house. We entered into a relationship with the Zeta Sigma Phi sorority of USC — recognizing them as our official sister sorority.



diligently to serve our members and the public by enhancing friendship and diversity awareness in the UCSB community. We value our diversity, because we believe that diversity in any group yields a special synergy.

Sigma Chi Omega focuses on strength through mind, body and brotherhood. We encourage and promote scholarship, service and sportsmanship. Aside from academics and community service, we engage in many outdoor

Embarking on our fourth year, Sigma Chi Omega enjoyed a spectacular 1996 Fall Quarter. We orchestrated the induction of our eighth pledge class, the Thetas. And our relationship with the Zeta Sigma Phi sorority of USC continued to blossom.

We the brothers of Sigma Chi Omega look forward to a very exciting Winter Quarter. We are always looking for good people to join us.

ASK US WHAT SISTERHOOD'S ABOUT

We'll Be Sure to Tell You

By Amy Richter

If you ask any member of our house what the best part of being in a sorority is, she would probably not



be able to answer in one word. One of the best parts of being in the greek system is that you have a home away from home with a constant support group of people who are always there for you.

In the past year, Kappa Alpha Theta has been involved in philanthropy events, social events, Parents Weekends and athletics. Through all of these activities the members have a chance to work together for a good cause and also just to have fun.

Kappa Alpha Theta takes pride in its involvement within the Isla Vista and Santa Barbara communities as well as within the greek system at UCSB.

Members of Theta create many opportunities to interact with people in the community through philanthropic events. Every year we hold a Kite Day when children involved in the local C.A.S.A. program are invited along with C.A.S.A. volunteers to fly kites with the women of Theta at Storke Field. This

with Phi Gamma Delta and carved pumpkins, which we donated to Klein Bottle Youth Centers.

Service events are a very important element of our sorority as well as of all the other houses. The greek system as a whole is dedicated to helping the community by dedicating its time and resources to

"In the past, Kappa Alpha Theta has been involved in philanthropy events, social events, Parents Weekends and athletics."

event is always a huge success, judging by the glowing smiles on the faces of the children as well as the collegiates.

Throughout the year Thetas participate in other community events for good causes. The MS Walk, held every spring at Paseo Nuevo to raise money for multiple sclerosis, is always a huge success and a lot of fun. Last Halloween we joined together

those in need.

Theta participates in other houses' philanthropy tournaments to help raise money for their charities. We also make donations and attend other various fundraisers put on by the greek system. All of the houses on this campus help each other out in order to succeed in these types of events.

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GAMMA

Continued from p.7A a success. The entire house was decorated with a Halloween theme.

Carnival games such as face-painting, bobbing for apples and a mummy wrap were set up in the courtyard. The girls went trick-or-treating from apartment to apartment. It was a fun-filled afternoon and an opportunity for the girls and Gamma Phis to become acquainted with one another.

Camp Sechelt, located in British Columbia, is our national philanthropy. The camp is open year-round and is offered to underprivileged girls. Gamma Phis from all over the United States and Canada are counselors at Camp Sechelt.

ENJOYING OUR 48TH YEAR

By C. Casanovas
Chapter President

The California Eta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is enjoying its 48th year at UCSB in a brand-



new chapter house on Embarcadero Del Mar. Although the house is new, the chapter still employs many of the rich traditions that have made Sigma Alpha Epsilon the largest fraternity in the country.

The chapter is led by President Chris Casanovas and Vice President Marty Rogers. Treasurer Brian Mikalis makes sure all the bills get paid. Together, these three make sure SAE continues to prosper at UCSB.

This academic school year has been filled with the essential Mexico and

Vegas trips, as well as frequent and much-anticipated social events. The SAEs have stayed true to the notion that a healthy social life is essential to helping cope with the pressures of academia. The tradition of placing social activity at the forefront of the fraternity experience continues.

The '96-97 school year also offers the usual array of SAE's annual date parties. In Fall Quarter was the annual Shitkicker's Ball, a western-themed party.

This winter, the SAEs are already anxious for their biggest date party of the year, Paddy Murphy. This is a weeklong event filled with many different diversions for both the members and their dates.

As the new chapter house gets broken in, today's SAEs enjoy the same eventful collegiate experience that SAEs have enjoyed for almost 50 years at UCSB.



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WEARIN' THAT GOLDEN KEY

Kappa Kappa Gamma Rules

By A. Matzkin

Since April 1978 the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who wear a golden key, have graced the University of California at



Santa Barbara with their presence. Excelling in academics as well as campus and community involvement, these women exert the energy and pride that warms the heart, welcomes a guest and enriches our community. They are active members of the greek system willing to push its limits.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, most often referred to as "Kappa," has ranked among the top five sororities academically for the past six years and consistently holds a higher gpa than UCSB's cumulative gpa.

"Incentive is important," said Jennifer Wallace, Kappa's scholarship chair. "We hold scholarship banquets and give out awards to acknowledge the women who have accomplished top academic achievements," she said.

Recipients of the 1996 Fraternity and Sorority Council Award for Outstanding Campus Involvement, as well as the Outstanding Faculty Relations Award, Kappas have developed a positive reputation for themselves on campus and for the greek system as a whole. From women's basketball marketing to UCen Catering Services, the University Art Mu-

seum to Career and Counseling Services, Kappas are well-represented in all facets of campus life.

Kappas embrace the ideals of social, moral and intellectual excellence. It is therefore no one's surprise that women such as Candice Bergen, Jane Pauley and Kate Jackson are products of Kappa chapters from across the country.

Over 120 chapters strong, Kappa strives for outstanding community involvement. In addition to their national philanthropy, these women also strive to take on an active role in the community by volunteering their time at events and organizations such as the Child Abuse Listening Media (CALM), Goleta Lemon Festival, Isla Vista Youth Projects and Santa Barbara Food Bank.

"It is rewarding to know that I am helping my com-

munity, because college students often lose track of what is going on around them and this just keeps me in touch with reality," said Danielle Finkel, senior active member.

Recently initiated, Kappa's amazing fall pledge class, Alpha Alpha, experienced activities such as a retreat to the Northridge Chapter, movie nights, weekly pledge meetings and Pledge Presents, a chance for their parents to see the chapter house and meet the members of the sorority. The pledge period lasts about 12 weeks in order to ensure that the women have plenty of time to adjust to greek and university life with the guidance and support of big sisters and other active members.

"We have been so spoiled with candy, flowers and spirit that it's hard

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STRONG BROTHERHOOD

Sigma Nu Gives All a Great Time

The brothers here at Sigma Nu are in the middle of enjoying another fantastic year filled with social and brotherhood events as well as upcoming philan-



thropy and fund-raising activities. Our social calendar is, as usual, jam-packed with date parties, barbecues, TGs and good times! Our annual formal in Lake Havasu this spring is something we are all looking forward to, as it is the apex of our social events.

Strong brotherhood remains a constant in our fraternity. We have always

taken pride in the fact that we are not just a group of friends, but a family that works and plays together. Our brotherhood events in the past few quarters have included camping, sporting events and road trips.

Athletics are also taken very seriously at Sigma Nu, where our flag football team recently won the A league and made it to the finals in the men's fraternity league. Our basketball and soccer seasons have just begun, but already we are sure contenders.

Besides playing, giving back to the community is an important part of the house as well. Various charities we recently contributed to are the American Cancer Society and Isla Vista Youth Projects.

Here at Sigma Nu, we are not only enjoying another great year, but are forging lifelong friends and memories.

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As a member of the greek system, one can gain not only lifelong friendships that are strengthened by membership, but also find an outlet for many other abilities that could easily go unnoticed at a large school such as UCSB. Athletics are a big part of our house — we participate in greek tournaments, intercollegiate soccer, volleyball and football teams.

Fraternity and sorority involvement also offers structure to a sometimes chaotic environment at college. It is a great way to

take on leadership roles, heading up a group of around 100 people. Many members choose to get involved in the Fraternity/Sorority Council (FSC) and are able to meet people from other houses who work together to run the entire greek system on this campus.

Kappa Alpha Theta joins all the houses in its commitment to academic excellence. Every quarter we have study nights at the house and continually encourage one another to succeed in academics. The most valuable aspect of this is that being surrounded by motivated individuals really helps everyone excel.

Ushering in a New Year....

By Jennie Price

This fall ushered in a new year at Santa Barbara and brought with it many



surprises for members of Pi Beta Phi. One of our biggest surprises was the addition of a computer room to our chapter house. The chapter invested in a new computer with access to Melvyl and Pegasus, programs linked to the UC library system. The renovation has been quite useful to the members and has enabled us to do research in our own chapter house.

The '95-96 school year proved to be quite successful for our chapter. We received several greek awards, including Best Faculty-Student Rela-



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tions, Most Athletic Chapter and Chapter of the Year — wonderful honors to receive from our peers in the greek community.

We were also the recipients of the National Pi Beta Phi Award, which recognized us as the No. 3 Pi Phi chapter in the nation! We are also proud to have been the 1996 winner

of IVST!

We're hoping to be as successful in 1997 as we were in the past year. We have several events coming up this quarter, one of which is a collaboration with the Theta Chi fraternity in a effort to organize a large-scale fundraiser for multiple sclerosis. We are anxious to get the project

underway.

These are only a few things that our chapter has been involved with. We look forward to a busy year full of hard work and memorable experiences. With the amazing friendships we have made in Pi Beta Phi, we hope to leave some kind of a mark on our community.

More to Offer Than Just House Parties

Diversity Is Key at Pike

Hello and welcome to the house of Pi Kappa Alpha. For those of you who are wondering what the heck the point of this layout and this article is, allow me to explain. We as



a house, along with the greek system in general, wish to tell you all a little bit about ourselves and what goes on within our system.

Our goal at Pi Kappa Alpha regarding this article is to not only dispel some of the myths regarding fraternities but to introduce the other aspects of our house that are completely independent of all-night parties. To say that such activities don't occur would be a blatant lie, however, we at Pike feel that our house has much more to offer than simple social activities.

As we all know, there is no shortage of social activities and night life here at UCSB. With that, I hope those of you reading will take just a moment of your time to read about Pi Kappa Alpha and all of the benefits thereof.

To begin with, let's talk about the social life at Pi Kappa Alpha. Though this



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may come as a surprise to some, fraternities do throw an occasional party now and then. I know it's difficult to believe, but it's true. Most of our social events involve the joining of a sorority at an agreed location at a specified time.

At this point, you may be asking, "How is that different than what I do over at my buddy's house?" Well, in order to break the monotony of the old-fashioned house party we attempt to make things a little more interesting by renting out restaurants

and allocating themes for each particular night's festivities.

Such themes range from "disco" to "white trash" to "bring back the '70s." There's just something about seeing one of your good friends in a purple polyester leisure suit and silver wingtips that adds a whole new dimension to the night's activities. A good time is usually had by all.

Now that we have that out of the way, I'd like to shift gears and talk about some of the aspects of Pi Kappa Alpha that most

people don't know about and which are far more important. We at Pike participate in a wide array of community service projects and fund-raising activities.

For example, just this past Christmas Pi Kappa Alpha donated 15 turkeys to the Rescue Mission in downtown Santa Barbara. Through the use of turkey tokens that were collected by the members of our house during the quarter we were able to give a hot meal to people who would not otherwise have had one.

However, our biggest fundraiser of the year is an event called Fight Night. This involves boxing matches between fraternities and includes members from outside the greek community called independents. The participants fight not only for bragging rights but for charity. All of the proceeds of the event go to an organization named "Say Yes to Kids" that is designed to give kids an alternative to crime and drugs.

The event is planned months ahead of time. We spend hundreds of hours

in preparation for Fight Night in order to raise as much money as possible for what we believe is an extraordinarily worthy cause.

Pi Kappa Alpha demands more of its members than simply paying dues and showing up at parties. It is our belief that in order to grow, one must participate in activities for the intrinsic good of that activity and not for the individual benefits. Our reward for community service is the hope that our efforts will help and change someone's life that wouldn't have been changed otherwise.

That brings me to what we believe makes Pi Kappa Alpha a special house. The ideals we instill into all of our members with regard to promoting a well-rounded individual are what define our house. We strive to better ourselves through meeting the goals that this house was based on. These goals involve an emphasis on four main ideas: scholarship, leaders, athletes and gentlemen.

In order to better ourselves as a whole we focus on bettering ourselves in these individual areas first. By collecting a group of men that hold these goals and ideals close to them we then begin to define what it is to be a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. It is what brings us together from many different places and many different backgrounds to form friendships that endure time.

MOVING INTO THE FUTURE EVERYTHING IS RUNNING QUITE SMOOTHLY IN FIJI

By Damon Dukakis
Publications Chair

With Fall Quarter having successfully flown by, the men of Phi Gamma Delta have reason to be excited about the future. As



usual, fall kicked off with a rush. After spring's big graduating class, we were more than pleased with the number of men that Rush Chair Hayden Bower helped to bring through the house during rush. The number and quality of these men are exactly what the house

wanted to carry the chapter into the future.

It was also a socially packed quarter thanks to Social Chairs Dave Levenstein and Mike Davenport. Regardless of whether his preference was jam-packed, large chaotic parties or more intimate date parties, each brother of slowing down. Among the many events on the calendar following Greek Ski is a Phi Gam tradition dating back to 1901 at UC Berkeley. Norris Pig Dinner, which now serves as a reunion for grads at their chapter, will be held on Feb. 1 for the seventh time at the Gamma Chi chapter. In addition to grads from our chapter, invitations were extended to numerous Phi



Gam graduates in the tri-county area.

Following NPD, we will be holding winter rush, scheduled by Rush Chair Russ Webb to begin on Jan. 27. Later in the quarter

we are looking forward to heading to Vegas for our Black Diamond Formal.

For the third consecutive year, Fiji will be hosting the All-Greek Soccer Tournament in the

beginning of Spring Quarter.

As per tradition, Fiji will be keeping the headlining band under wraps until

just before the event.

All in all, everything is running smoothly at the Fiji house and we're looking forward to the quarter.

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As for personal growth and leadership, I feel that there are few opportunities that offer as much diversity in these areas as the greek system. At Alpha Epsilon Pi, leadership skills are something that every brother is given the

chance to pursue. Whether it is on the chapter executive board or as a minor board member, there is never a lack of goals to accomplish throughout the school year.

We are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable quarter at Sigma Beta, and I want to wish the same to everyone else at UCSB.

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ters of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, is promoting a large-scale concert to be held in the Thunderdome in the spring. We plan on providing the people of UCSB and Santa Barbara with an unparalleled musical experience.

All we ask is that the students and staff of UCSB and the residents of our community support our fight against multiple sclerosis by selling out the Thunderdome and having a great time. The proceeds will go to the "Center Without Walls," a multiple sclerosis organization that concentrates solely on research.

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not to feel welcomed here," remarked pledge class President Pamela Campaign.

Gatsby, the most popular event of the year, is a daylong Roaring '20s party where the members pack

picnic lunches for their dates and travel to a Montecito estate or the Montecito Polo Club. Croquet, badminton, a jazz band and a DJ are among some of the events planned for the day that rages long into the night. In addition, happy hours and barbecues with fraternities make for a good midweek break.

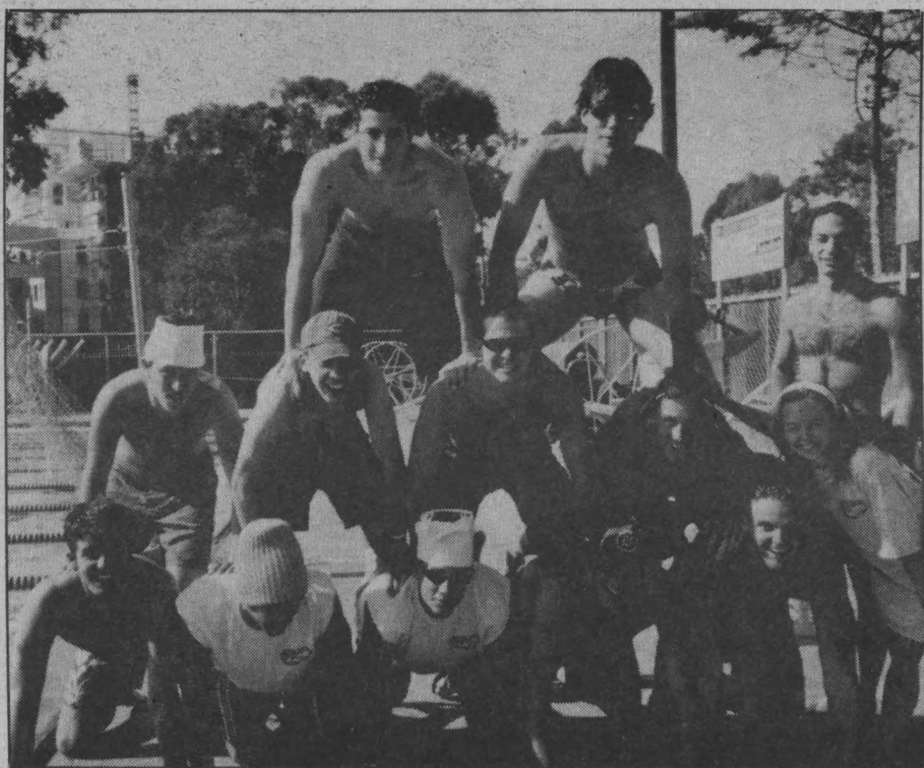


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A Long Tradition

Sigma Chi was founded on June 28, 1855 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Over 225 international chapters boast such



alumni as Mike Holmgren of the Green Bay Packers, David Letterman and The Duke himself, John Wayne.

Sigma Chi has evolved through the years by recruiting men of different temperaments, talents, convictions, and ages and providing them with an avenue for personal growth, maturity and learning. Within the walls of Sigma Chi there is great opportunity for personal advancement through the development of skills necessary for life in the "real world" that are not offered at the university.

Skills such as being the chief financial officer of a

\$180,000-a-year business, being responsible not to solely yourself but 90 other members; learning how to coordinate the different perspectives of a group of individuals and work as a team, and further developing yourself as a man through service to not only the fraternity but to your community.

Within the chapter, Sigma Chi provides a strong sense of brotherhood stemming from the commitment of the individual to the whole. The Zeta Kappa chapter of Sigma Chi was founded April 11, 1965 at UCSB. Including our recently initiated class of 22 members, the chapter stands 90 strong, built on men of varying interests and backgrounds.

Sigma Chi is represented in almost every intercollegiate sport on campus, including the #1 singles tennis player, three of the six starting players on the volleyball team, the baseball closer with the most recorded saves in

UCSB history, three starting soccer players and a signed major league pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Sigma Chi's representation on campus is by no means limited to sports. From the illustrations editor/managerial director of the *Daily Nexus* to a seat on the Chancellor's Press Council, Sigma Chi's members are involved in many facets of university life.

Locally, Sigma Chi involves itself within the community through its two main philanthropies: the Isla Vista Youth Projects and the Hillside House. Sigma Chi alumnus Merlin Olsen is a spokesperson for the Children's Miracle Network.

Founded on 142 years of individual development and character-building, the Sigma Chi fraternity at UCSB strives to create a positive environment in which you can grow personally, develop, and have a good time.

The Nation's Largest

Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded in 1901 in Richmond, Va. With currently over 300 chapters nationwide and more than a quarter of a million initiates nationwide, we are the country's largest fraternity.

All of the activities available to us as brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon come second to our academic performance. Our house gpa has risen steadily and



in that time has exceeded the UCSB all-men gpa. Much of this success is due to our mandatory study hours and our test files, which allow us to have sample and previous tests on-hand for practice.

Also, we offer valuable connections with brothers and community members in similar fields such as business and medicine. In addition to these programs, there is no bigger asset than having quality men to ask for help anytime you might need assistance.

Sig Ep athletics for the past year were again successful in every aspect of intramural sports. Fall Quarter brought our annual Greek Football Tournament, where we successfully claimed the title again. The house intramural soccer team also was victorious in capturing yet another intramural title. Also, we plan to fight for the intramural basketball title this winter.

All in all, the Sigma Phi Epsilon athletics program has been very successful,

and we are one of the athletically elite fraternities on the UCSB campus. We see no reason why we won't improve on these impressive accomplishments in the year to come.

One of the many benefits that a fraternity has to offer its members is an enhanced social life. At Sig Ep we like to partake of a variety of social opportunities. Activities include sorority exchanges, date parties, formals and road trips. During this last year, events included our Rocktoberfest party, the all-greek ski trip to Tahoe, a weekend away on Catalina Island and our biggest party of the year, Polar Icecap.

Opportunities are endless in social activities and in philanthropy, and we only have higher expectations for this year.

Sisters for Life in Sigma Kappa

Making Friends

By Megan Gunn

The Beta Chi chapter of Sigma Kappa was formed at UCSB in 1950. The sisters of Sigma Kappa take pride in their friendships, personal growth, philanthropic activities and academic excellence.

This fall, we participated in formal rush and added 25 pledges to our sisterhood. One of the highlights of the pledge quarter was Big Sister Week. Each pledge got matched with a secret sister who would serve as a best friend and role model.

Big Sister Week came just in time for Parents' Weekend. The new pledges could show off their big sis to their parents. Some of the actives put on a skit to show the parents why they loved being in Sigma Kappa and what the sorority has to offer. Parents' Weekend was a fun time for the daughters to be reunited with their parents, show them around campus and even go shopping in downtown Santa Barbara.

During Fall Quarter, the sisters of Sigma Kappa participated in many philanthropic activities. Along with other greek houses, we created a safe trick-or-treat house for the children of Isla Vista. Many sisters got dressed up in costumes and passed

out candy to local kids in the early evening.

Additionally, every year the sisters of Sigma Kappa join together in providing gifts of food and toys for the Maine Sea Coast Mission. Off the coast of Maine, there are many isolated fishermen and their families that do not have access to everyday basic items like food, clothing and toys.



"Since our sorority was founded at Colby College in Maine, this philanthropy was a way to honor our founding sisters through service and at the same time make the Christmas of these families a little brighter," said Philanthropy Chair Vanessa Menoni.

Sigma Kappa has very high academic goals for all of its members. Many sisters are members of the Order of Omega, which is a national greek honor society. Within the sorority, the vice president of scholarship works with the chapter to develop programs that help the sisters improve their scholastics and earn higher grades. Sigma Kappa's overall gpa is higher than the all-UC gpa and the all-women gpa.

Sigma Kappa sisters strive to attain academic excellence, and the scholarship program helps each member succeed. Sigma Kappas are also very athletic and had a fun and high-energy weekend in November when they participated in the Sig Ep football tournament.

Every November 9th, the sisters celebrate the founding of Sigma Kappa. Back in 1874, five women began Sigma Kappa as a support group. For the past 123 years, Sigma Kappa has grown nationally, and Founders Day was a day to reflect and celebrate our founding.

This year, the celebration was in Long Beach on the *Queen Mary* with Sigma Kappa sisters from seven collegiate chapters and five alumni chapters. With close to 1,000 sisters, we celebrated the founding with a luncheon and the presentation of donations of over \$25,000 to two California Alzheimer's research projects. This event also proved that being a Sigma Kappa is a lifetime commitment — we met a woman who was initiated into Sigma Kappa in 1930, is now 86 years old and is still active through alumni events.

That is what sisterhood is all about: being there to support one another in the good and bad times. Sigma Kappas are sisters for life!

Five Important Points

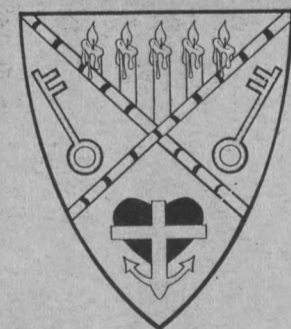
An Important Plan for Building Friendship and Sisterhood

Chi Delta Theta was established as the first Asian-American-interest sorority on the UC Santa Barbara campus on Oct. 13, 1989. The sisterhood has grown to include well over 70 active, inactive and alumni members. The sisters of Chi Delta Theta take pride in achieving their goals of promoting friendship, communication and social activity among university women. With all activities based upon the foundation of a five-point system, the sorority has followed a legacy of developing keener and broader insights — not only within themselves, but into the world around them.

The five points, all equally essential to Chi Delta Theta, are academics, community service, cultural awareness, sisterhood and social activity. Each point reflects a forward step in progressing

toward promoting a positive role for the Asian-American woman and her community.

Within Chi Delta Theta, one is able to form a strong bond between her school and community by displaying pride in her herit-



age, participating in community service projects, obtaining leadership and social skills, and educating and promoting Asian-American culture among sorority members, the UCSB campus and the larger community. The sorority strives for an active par-

ticipation by a broad and diverse group of women to form a lifetime of friendship and sisterhood.

Headed by this year's President Teresa Eden Zabalá and enthusiastic core officers, the sorority has carried out a list of various activities including canned food drives, Sisters at Heart Program at Isla Vista Elementary, Let Isla Vista Eat (LIVE), beach cleanups, March of Dimes, Asian Awareness Week, Culture Week, dances, Women's Conference, summer retreats and bonding events with their Beta chapter in Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Chi Delta Theta is also currently focusing on expanding their two chapters to Loyola Marymount University and Cal State Long Beach, as well as holding a winter rush at UCSB. The sisterhood of Chi Delta Theta will continue to grow and prosper for years to come and their friendships will last forever.



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