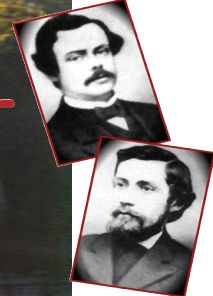




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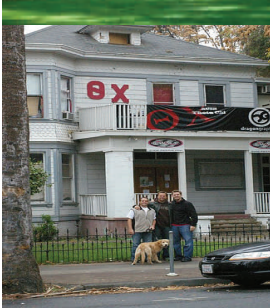
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Fall 2009



## Eta Omega Alumni Weekend Nov 7th

To RSVP or for more  
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## Phase One of House Remodel Completed

by Tom Hyatt F93 and Jeremy Reither F95



The Eta Omega house at 630 W 5th Street is beginning to match quality of the chapter that lives within its walls. "The first floor of the house looks more like a sorority house than a fraternity house", said **Alumni Treasurer Jeremy Reither F95**, "and I mean that in a good way."

"The remodel was so extensive it's hard to recognize the place in some of these shots," said Reither, "Again, that is a good thing. This wasn't just some superficial interior remodel - the 1st floor was totally gutted, the foundation was jacked up and leveled, a fire sprinkler system was installed - major work."

### \$400K Loan From Theta Chi and Norwich Housing Corporation

This project would not have seen the light of day without the \$400,000 loan from **Norwich Housing Corporation** and the guidance of **Director of Alumni and Housing Jereme Grinslade**. By helping us to refine our application and gather the required documentation Jereme's help was critical.



Jereme Grinslade: Director of Alumni and Housing for Norwich Housing Corporation.

### How The Loan Was Used

- \$175,000 to payoff the existing 11% mortgage (yes, 11%) from **Gary Foster** and **5th & Ivy Partners**.
- \$65,000 for Life safety repairs



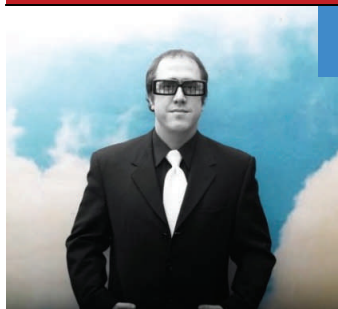
View of front room with newly tiled floors, windows, electrical, plywood backed drywall, and an LCD flat screen TV. More pictures of the remodel are at [www.etaomega.org](http://www.etaomega.org)

(including foundation leveling, new doors & locks, sprinklers, fire alarms, rain gutters, etc.)

- \$230,000 to Remodel 1st floor interior and some exterior (including full kitchen, functional living room, real dining room (red and white room), new windows and doors, remodel 1st floor bedrooms and bathrooms and (this is pretty cool) extending the main staircase to the basement.

### How Will we Pay Back The Loan?

Overall monthly expenses will go up about 50% so the **Eta Omega Alumni Housing Corporation** raised dues and rent accordingly for the chapter *cont on pg.9*



## Don Steele S90' (1971-2009)

It is with regret that we report that Brother Don Steele S90' passed from complications of Pancreatitis in September at his home in San Francisco. It would be an understatement to say

that Don lived his life with an extraordinary zeal. He was a talented musician, songwriter, and DJ whose performances were both spectacular and historical and who perfected the constant celebration of life. His energy and

love inspired many and Don epitomized "cool" like no other. While at Chico Don was a part of the music scene around the *Mother Hips* (whom he lived with) and during which time he led the band *Pitchfork Tuning* with fellow brother Jim Rizzuto F89'. He was a veteran of countless gigs and gatherings. In San Francisco he played in bands including *Local Stars* and *De Vez En Quando*. His energy and love inspired many and Don epitomized "cool" like no other. Words cannot describe the loss. Don Steele will be missed and remembered.

OX

Chico State's 2009 Greek Week was held the week of Oct 12-16 and Theta Chi took first place in the four of the six competitions thereby repeating as **Greek Week Champions!**

**This Just In!!!**



**THETA CHI WINS GREEK WEEK  
FOR 2ND YEAR IN A ROW!!!**

### 2009 Alumni

#### OFFICERS

##### President:

**Tom Hyatt F93**  
*Red Bluff, CA*

##### Vice President:

**Willie Shoffner F00**  
*San Diego, CA*

##### Secretary:

**John Wenger**  
*Sacramento, CA*

##### Treasurer:

**Jeremy Reither F95**  
*San Francisco, CA*

##### Chapter Relations:

**Peter Smith F03**  
*Newport Beach, CA*

##### Fundraising Chair:

**Ed Stone F89**  
*Winchester, VA*

From September 14<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> **Chico State IFC** held rush for Fall 2009. After several weeks of planning and preparation Fall **Recruitment Chair, Bret DeAlva** executed a successful rush.

With the help of this year's exec board and new incentive systems both

positive and negative, brother turnout was the best it has been in a few semesters. When the week finally concluded the brothers of Eta Omega chose to extend **15 bids**. All but one was accepted. Four more guys were unable to pledge according to Chico State IFC because they were "unregistered" in an online system made to verify GPA requirement. Despite being eligible and registered the system showed the four guys as unregistered with IFC. Last Spring we came across the same problem and IFC let it slide, but for some reason this semester they refused to

compromise.

As of right now **Eta Omega's newest pledge class, Beta Lambda**, has nine members. One guy dropped last night due to financial reasons, but said he will be out

next semester. For the brothers who are not aware after the Matt Carrington hazing incident

#### Fall Rush Report by Dustin Pesch: President



in 2005, Chico IFC does not allow freshmen to pledge in the fall. This means that fall pledge classes normally number from five to ten guys on average. However we are expecting around twenty to thirty pledges next semester,

which would bring the number of new members for the 2009/2010 school year above thirty-five guys, and the total chapter size to about **90 active members**. The chapter is very optimistic and excited for our newest pledge class. We are positive that we have obtained the most elite group of men that were looking to join the Greek system. OX



## Chico Greek Campus News

by John Wenger S06

In the past decade the Chico State Greek System has experienced an enormity of bad publicity both locally and nationally. On February 20, 2005, Paul J. Zingg, president of California State University, Chico called for a comprehensive review of the Greek system after the tragic death of Matthew Carrington on February 2, 2005, due to a hazing incident conducted by an unrecognized fraternity. Mr. Carrington's death was preceded in the fall 2004 semester by the death of a recognized fraternity member involved in a



Sigma Chi House

traffic accident immediately following a fraternity initiation ceremony. A third incident involved the near death of a pledge from alcohol poisoning in a recognized fraternity on January 20, 2005. These and other continuing alcohol poisonings of students in Greek organizations throughout the past year and continuing police reports led to this review. Following this extensive overhaul of the Chico State Greek System, fraternities and sororities have made a continuing effort to do good



in the community through philanthropy and community service events as well as new stringent requirements to be a recognized Greek organization.

Overall the task force has completed many of the action items bringing the Chico Greek community up to the level of many of their larger Greek campus counterparts. While much still needs to be done these changes are viewed as positive by the community in order to eliminate the bad influences and attract the best possible candidates for rush.

Currently there are 4 active sororities following the suspension of **Sigma Kappa** due to a pledge being hospitalized. The **four sororities** include: **Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Alpha Delta Pi**. There are currently **ten fraternities** in the Greek system (**Theta Chi, Delta Chi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Gamma Zeta Alpha, Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Pi, Kappa Sigma, and Phi Kappa Tau**). Also **Pi Kappa Alpha (or PIKE)** are currently colonized on campus but are not recognized. Although there is a disproportionate number of fraternities to sororities, Theta Chi still maintains "the top house on campus" label with all four sororities wanting a piece of us. **OX**



Sigma Pi House

## 2009-2010 Calendar

### Fall 2009

1st day of classes	Aug 24
Fall Rush	Sept 14-18
Greek Week	Oct 12-16
<b>ETA OMEGA</b>	<b>NOV 6-7</b>
<b>ALUMNI WEEKEND</b>	
Up Till' Dawn	Nov 9
Finals Week	Dec 14-18

### Spring 2010

1st day of classes	Jan 25
<b>Mid Year Leadership Conference</b> for Theta Chi Hosted by Eta Omega at CSU-Chico!!!	Feb 5-6
Spring Rush	Feb 15-19
<b>Eta Omega Giants Game</b>	TBD
<b>Riley's/Chico</b>	<b>May 2</b>
<b>Alumni Weekend</b>	
Finals Week	May 17-21
Graduation Weekend	May 22-23

## Eta Omega "Alumni Award"

Within the history of Eta Omega a handful of alumni have selflessly given significant time and resources to better their college fraternity. We as brothers of Eta Omega have done very little to honor these individuals for the work they have done for our esteemed Theta Chi chapter.

There is a need to create an Eta Omega Alumni award that recognizes the outstanding efforts of individuals who sacrifice time away from work and family long after they graduate from Chico.

There currently is the Theta Chi "Alumni Award" honoring alumni who have served their chapter. However there needs to be an award that embodies the ideals and commitment of a homegrown brother, an award that stands above the Alumni Award.

Therefore I am looking for volunteers to man a committee who will be responsible for deciding how this award will be created as well as taking nominations for whom this award will named. Contact Ed Stone to be involved with the creation of this piece of Eta Omega history. **OX**

To get involved with the Alumni Award creation committee email Ed Stone at

**estone191@gmail.com**

## Recap Of 2008-2009 School Year From The New Chapter Exec

by **Andrew Chalmers External Vice President**



Dear Eta Omega Alumni and Theta Chi Brothers,

This past year, and especially the Spring semester, have been outstanding times for Eta Omega. Over the course of the year **Theta Chi placed first in the campus-wide Greek Week philanthropy/competition**, raised hundreds of dollars for hurricane victims, **won the football championship**, and most importantly **increased chapter membership by 29 initiates! In the Fall semester alone we recruited 19 new men**, setting us up to retain the 'top house' posi-

tion on campus for the '09-'10 academic year. In addition to these achievements **Eta Omega has worked to become debt-free, paying off all amounts owed to the National Fraternity**, and is working toward obtaining a new loan for a major house re-model.

A new executive board has been elected, consisting of **Dustin Pesch** as President, **Joey Combs** and **Andrew Chalmers** as Internal and External Vice Presidents, respectively, Ex-President **Adam Shea** as Treasurer, and **Blayne Davis** as Secretary. The new Executive Board and the chapter are committed to improving brotherhood and participation, and taking any necessary steps to obtain a loan to continue to improve

### From The Undergraduate Chapter

our standing in the eyes of potential new members, the campus community, and the National Fraternity. This upcoming year will boast as many if not more achievements as last year, and will be exciting for everyone involved - both active and alumni. **OX**

## Eta Omega Undergraduates And Alumni Attend Theta Chi CLC 2009 In Philadelphia, PA

by **Ed Stone F89**

The **2009 Theta Chi Chapter Leadership Conference** was held at **Villanova University** in Philadelphia, Pa and was attended by Eta Omega Alumnus **Ed Stone F89** and undergraduate brothers **President Dustin Pesch** and **Treasurer Adam Shea**.

As an alumni I was interested in attending CLC not because Eta Omega had just received a large loan from IHQ but rather because I wanted to learn as much as I could about how other chapters were succeeding with their **Alumni Corporation**. I had experienced one other **National Convention** back in 2003 when the chapter was reorganized and have to say that this time it was far better. For one we were not in the middle of a reorganization and two, we were not bent over a financial barrel.

The highlight of the entire meeting was seeing **Eta Omega win its 1st Chapter Achievement Award**. The Chapter Achievement Award recognizes those chapters that apply for the Alter Award and do not receive the award, but demonstrate substantial progress and improvement in chapter organization and operations. This is an award that is a prerequisite to winning Theta Chi's highest chapter award the "Howard Alter Award."

I had the opportunity to speak with a number of the Theta Chi Grand Chapter and IHQ including **Execu-**

**tive Director Dale Taylor**-Alpha Phi (Alabama), incoming **Grand Chapter President Doug Allen**-Delta Beta (Georgia), **National Treasurer Ron Ramos**-Gamma Theta (SDSU), and **Warren Hoffman**-Alpha Iota (Indiana). Warren and **Eta Omega founder**

**Mark Geenen** knew each other and so we had

an instant connection. I also met many Alumni brothers from around the country who would have fit in at perfectly at Eta Omega. This meeting galvanized my belief that Eta Omega would benefit from increased alumni involvement with Theta Chi IHQ as well as with other chapters in our region. But that is another article...

I had a chance to get to spend time with undergraduates **Dustin Pesch** and **Adam Shea** during and after the conference. After the conference we road tripped up to NYC and did some sightseeing and had dinner in Chinatown with another undergraduate brother from **Eta Kappa-James Madison University**. We had a great time and I was thoroughly impressed with the quality of Adam and Dustin and

firmly believed the chapter was in good hands.

We spoke extensively about what was going on in the undergraduate chapter (big point made by IHQ to say "undergraduates", not "actives", since you are always an "active" Theta Chi) and how the alumni board was working to improve upon its organization as well as strengthen the alumni database. They said the undergrads were very optimistic about the future of Eta Omega and through our efforts they see the importance of alumni involvement in the health and welfare of the undergraduate chapter. Adam and Dustin said they were confident Eta Omega was within reach of its first **Howard Alter Award** and would make that a focal point of the upcoming academic year. **OX**





## In Case You Haven't Been On Campus Lately.....

by John Wenger S06

Chico State's new **Student Services Center** has received the **Best of 2008 Higher Education Award of Merit by California Construction** magazine. The four-story, 120,000 square-foot building, which opened summer 2008, was designed by BAR Architects and built by Turner Construction.

The Student Services Center was built following environmentally conscious standards established by **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)**, a program by the U.S. Green Building Council. The University is currently seeking LEED-Gold certification for the building, which would be one of the first state-funded construction projects in the CSU with that honor.

The **Wildcat Recreation Center** is officially open for business as of August 17, just in time for the new school year. We've been hearing about it for years, waiting not so patiently for the beginning of construction, and finally to the grand opening held August 27. But the WREC is definitely worth the wait. The sheer size of it is impressive enough, but combined with the 3 multi-purpose courts, indoor suspended running track, and the rock climbing wall, designed by a Chico State alumni, it is a sight to see.

The building is 130,000 square feet of exercise machines, rock climbing walls, basketball courts, giant locker



rooms, and an outdoor pool and hot tub. As the brochure says, the WREC "boasts over 80 weight machines, another 80 cardiovascular machines, and four group exercise rooms for a variety of fitness classes including yoga, Pilates, aerobics, spinning, and Zumba, to name a few. Students can drop into the WREC to use the 1/8 mile elevated running track, swim in the 25 yard x 25 meter pool, utilize the 12-person spa, or climb the 35-foot climbing wall and 60-foot bouldering arch." -They get all the good stuff after we leave... **OX**

## Meet CSU-Chico's President Paul Zingg

Dr. Paul J. Zingg is president of California State University, Chico. CSU, Chico, one of 23 campuses in The California State University System, whose motto "Today Decides Tomorrow" guides 16,000 students through their undergraduate and graduate education. Prior to being named president at CSU, Chico, Dr. Zingg was provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at **California Polytechnic State University**, San Luis Obispo from 1995 to 2004. Before that he served as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly, 1993-1995.

Dr. Zingg served as dean of the School of Liberal Arts at **Saint Mary's College of California** from 1986-1993. Previously, he spent several years at the **University of Pennsylvania**, 1978-1983, serving as executive assistant to the president and as vice dean of

the School of Arts and Sciences. He has held professorships in history at all the institutions he has served.

Dr. Zingg received his PhD in history in 1974 from the **University of Georgia**, Athens; an MA in history in 1969 from the **University of Richmond**, VA; and a BA in history in 1968 from **Belmont Abbey College**, North Carolina where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

He has published ten books and nearly 100 articles on American higher education, student learning, educational leadership, sports history, and intercollegiate athletics. He has also acted as a sports history consultant to several presses, the media, museum curators, and on **Ken Burns' acclaimed television documentary series, *Baseball***, in 1994. Dr. Zingg was appointed a fellow of the American Council on Education in 1983-1984, has received support for his research from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and has served on several national boards and commissions for higher education. **OX**

### Lost Brothers

Please help locate your lost Eta Omega brothers. If you know of any of the names on the list forward any and all contact info to  
**estone191@comcast.net** or  
**willieshoffner@gmail.com**

Last Name	First Name	Pledge Sem	Last Name	First Name	Pledge Sem
Lopez	Jim	S81	Davidson	Mike	F83
Maddox	Ric	F81	Donley	Pat	F83
Griffin	Jeff	S82	Eller	Brian	F83
Hughes	Tom	S82	Elrod	Craig	F83
McEwen	Mike	S82	Flagg	Jeff	F83
Normington	Chuck	S82	Licata	Paul	F83
Roberts	Bruce	F82	Olsen	Jeff	F83
Alatorre	Rick	S83	Pope	Sean	F83
Beyler	Daryl	S83	Callahan	Chad	S84
Clark	Jim	S83	Cody	Andy	S84
Demma	John	S83	Hanson	Mark	S84
Owen	John	S83	McGuire	Chris	S84
Peca	Todd	S83	Olliges	Dave	F84
Scheetz	Chris	S83	Scoles	Keith	F84
Wooten	Mike	S83	Bullock	John	S85
Breeding	Ron	F83	Burns	Bill	S85
Brown	Roger	F83			
Burk	John	F83			

Last Name	First Name	Pledge Sem	Last Name	First Name	Pledge Sem
Fowler	Blake	S85	Sheehan	Matt	F87
Hill	Randy	S85	Corsaro	Nicholas	S88
King	Ken	S85	Eichorn	John	S88
Wolfe	Bill	S85	Gerran	Jim	S88
Delisser	Rick	F85	Johnson	Jeff	S88
Gonzalez	Jose	F85	Kennedi	Aaron	S88
Guiles	Ron	F85	Kijanka	Brian	S88
Holder	Ben	F85	McCully	Mike	S88
Romeo	Steve	F85	McGreevy	Gregg	S88
Sigler	Blaine	F85	Rodstrom	Pete	S88
Wilson	Land	F85	Weitzel	Brian	S88
Johanson	Brett	F86	Wickwire	Don	S88
Cassotta	Steve	S86	Blackburn	Mark	F88
Connolly	John	S86	Boutte	Antoine	F88
Farrar	Ken	S86	Cozzi	Rob	F88
Weise	Eric	S86	Hoover	Doug	F88
Long	Garland	F86	Johnson	Karl	F88
Murasko	Mike	F86	Johnson	Paul	F88
Stockham	John	F86	Powell	Todd	F88
Castagna	Sean	S87	Bloomfield	Joey	S89
Sahl	K.C.	S87	Davis	Doug	S89
Saunders	Darryl	S87	Didier	Steve	S89
Sleznick	Tony	S87	Little	Dave	S89
De Feo	Jon	F87	Rapport	Mike	S89
Hennike	Jeff	F87	Rosas	Derek	S89
O'Neill	John	F87	Trapani	Marc	S89
Scibetta	Charlie	F87	Sherwood	Scott	S89



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Strangman	Mike	S89	Meyer	Bryan	F92	Breshears	Dave	F95	Davidson	Chris	F98
Teeters	Mark	S89	Ruiz	Carey	F92	Buller	Josh	F95	Eden	Cory	F98
Buckholz	Jason	F89	Thacker	Quincy	F92	Patterson	John	F95	Flores	John	F98
Hill	Matt	F89	Culp	Bobby	S93	Sederholm	Scott	F95	Franey	Joe	F98
Reynaud	Steve	F89	Daysh	Jon	S93	Brown	Steve	S96	Hess	Sam	F98
Robbins	Chris	F89	Dickson	Clint	S93	Campbell	Dan	S96	Klingman	Mike	F98
			Epstein	Cary	S93	Casqueiro	Jesse	S96	Saner	Steve	F98
Hartman	Allen	S90	Grant	Kevin	S93	Davis	Jeff	S96	Wendell	Brian	F98
Jackson	James	S90	Gurian	Gary	S93	McGlynn	Matt	S96	Wright	Kevin	F98
Jong	Eric	S90	Kuersten	Josh	S93	Seffens	Scott	S96	Bower	Neil	S99
Kennedy	Neil	S90	Lacoste	Paul	S93	Beaumont	Marc	F96	Craddock	Brian	S99
Kurtz	Travis	xfer Umd	Scott	Mike	S93	Blohm	John	F96	Grader	Andy	S99
			Affleck	Ryan	F93	Izumi	Les	F96	Hill	Jeff	S99
McFarlane	Robert	S90	Becker	Bruce	F93	Kendle	Nick	F96	McClain	Sir Anthony	S99
Merker	Erik	S90	Cockrell	Frank	F93	Medeiros	Shane	F96		Sylvester	Josh
Schriefer	Randy	S90	Eckert	Brian	F93	Nordby	Ryan	F96	Valdez	Jared	S99
Souza	Erik	S90	Goulart	Manuel	F93	Bane	Eric	S97	Allen	Matt	F99
Telles	Scott	S90	Hertel	Jon	F93	Blackman	Leon (Matt)	S97	Brooks	Mike	F99
Trinchero	Jason	S90	Lind	Kurt	F93		Mueller		Matt	S97	Geiger
Chez	Eric	F90	Perry	Scotte	F93	Naylor	Chris	S97	Lewis	Stuart	F99
Gawle	Kevin	F90	Santos	Dan	F93	Overlock	Sean	S97	Miller	Tanner	F99
Hack	Kevin	F90	Turnbull	James A.	F93	Podesta	Josh	S97	Monteiro	Adrian	F99
Ayoob	Bill	F91	Valone	Rob	F93	Schultheis	Eric	S97	Montgomery	Josh	F99
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Hurd	Dave	S91							Stevens	Vance	F99
Kingsford	Dave	S91							Suarez	Dom	F99
Klemmer	Rich	S91							Tantillo	James	F99
Fisher	Kevin	F91							Ward	Collin	F99
Lenk	Jason	F91							Whittmayer	Josh	F99
Patterson	Troy	F91							Williams	Greg	F99
Sullivan	Terry	F91							Ziegler	Ben	F99
Williams	Matt	F91				Harris	Ryan	S94	Facendini	William (Brian)	F97
Wyatt	Alan	F91	Kay	Ray	S94	Gitlin	Todd	F97		Kurtz	
Blake	Matt	S92	McLellan	Charles	S94	Johnson	Keith	F97	Madeiros	Justin	un-known
Brummit	Mike	S92	Ringseis	Brian	S94	Kimble	Jason	F97		Modylewski	Daniel
Byers	Brad	S92	Stanbery	Daryl	S94	May	Matt	F97	Perry		Bill
Engler	Scott	S92	Watson	Chad	S94	Monheit	Adam	F97		Van Overbeke	
Gibbs	Dave	S92	DeGraff	Chad	F94	O'Connor	Matt	F97			
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Wiser	Lance	S92	Lando	Brian	F94	Friedland	Warren	S98			
Wood	Simon	S92	Oddson	Jim	F94	Kurtz	Tom	S98			
Gasperov	Tony	F92	Rathbun	Chris	F94	McQuilliams	Jeff	S98			
Gilbert	Caleb	F92	Wilson	Andy	F94	Roberson	Matt	S98			
Gurian	Mark	F92		Frank		Schneider	Tim	S98			
Hurd	Brian	F92	Flores	(Primo)	S95	Smith	Ryan	S98			
McArdell	Clint	F92	Trillo	Dave	S95						



## The 80's

**Mark Geenen, F80** of Gamma Xi and founder of Eta Omega, resides in Portola Valley, CA with Maria, his wife of 22 years, and his children Andrew (20), Caroline (18) and Addy (12). His older children are now in college (not Chico State). Mark is president and owner of TRENDFOCUS, a market research and management consultancy. He is also Chairman of the Board for IDEMA, the global trade association of the data storage industry. Despite cultivating some hedonistic tendencies (expensive wine, for example), he lives a fairly pedestrian life, having "graduated" from coaching his kids in baseball, basketball, soccer (about which he knows next to nothing), and softball. Mark travels extensively in support of his professional life (if there are Eta Omegas in Japan, Korea, Thailand, China, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Europe, he'd love to link up with them), and enjoys trading barbs with various participants of the oxlist.

**Vince Licata S82** Past President and Charter Member. Currently resides in Rocklin, Ca (13 years). Sales Manager - Sysco, Inc. Sacramento Distribution Center: 22 years in food-service distribution. Married to wife Gina, they have three daughters - Kelli 20 at Chico State, Katie 18 at St. Edwards Univ. in Austin, TX, and Annelise 6 at Valley View Elementary. Oh yeah, avid golfer of 25 years. 9.4 index.

**G. Todd Ellis F84** is back in Northern California living in Rocklin after two years in Scottsdale, AZ and one year in Southern California at the urging of my wife Danyelle Dolan Ellis (Alpha Gamma Delta from Chico) and we have 7 year old twins Aiden and Avery. Aiden was diagnosed with Autism during our residency in Arizona helping to prompt our return to California and Aiden is currently part of a FDA drug study being conducted by Sutter Medical Group that is showing promise for children with certain traits and symptoms. Todd is Director of Finance Northwest and Midwest Regions for Kent H. Landsberg Co. an industrial packaging distributor which is a subsidiary of the Australian based global packaging company Amcor.

**Dylan Lease S87** Living in New Zealand has a partner and a 2 year old son, Bailey. Working for marina in Tutukaka, known for diving and marlin fishing. Dylan has a kayak rental biz in the summer, also does kayak fishing. Dream would be to finally get to a giants game and an alumni weekend! big bro-Ken Farrar little bro - Matt Warmerdam nickname- Killin' Fleas [dy-lease@yahoo.com](mailto:dy-lease@yahoo.com)

**Shane Pickett, S87.** Living in Pleasanton, CA and married to Kerry Gallagher Pickett (AGD from Chico). 2 kids...Son, Will is 12 1/2 and daughter Meghan is 10. National Accounts Manager for Harbor Industries, manufacturer of POP Displays and Store Fixtures. Most free time is spent with my kids. I enjoy coaching/watching them in soccer, baseball, basketball and softball. Still

**Chris Livermore F89** is living in San Anselmo, Marin CA and is Married to Kassie Stevens Livermore (Gamma Phi Beta from Chico) with 4 girls Kate (10), Margaret (8), Eloise (6) and Bridget (3). Chris works for Redwood Trust in Mill Valley, CA. Chris is active coaching his daughters in soccer, Chief of their Indian Princess tribe, sits on the school advisory board and runs their school's spring carnival.

## What's New?

Let us know what you've been up to by sending an update.

Email [estone191@gmail.com](mailto:estone191@gmail.com)  
or call Ed Stone at (703) 798-5885.

**Ed Stone F89'** is living in Winchester, VA and is married to Jill Susa Stone (Delta Gamma from Purdue) with 2 children Emma (10) and Alex (8). He owns EWS Medical LLC, a distributorship specializing in Spinal Implants. Plays 4.5 Tennis and is a Den Leader for Alex's Bear Scout Den. Big bro is Steve Didier, Little Bro is James Jackson. He is also the volunteer

Fundraising Chair for Eta Omega Alumni Corp and Editor of the Eta Omegaphone.

playing on a Friday night softball team for Hopyard Ale House (13 years).

**Carl Lowry F88** lives in Simi Valley, CA

**Paul Willerup F'89** is living in San Mateo, CA and is married to Lisa Murphy (Alpha Chi from University of Oregon) with 2 children. Paul has 2 children, Jake (5) and Nick (3). Paul owns his own fundraising business and likes cooking, Cal Football, 49ers, playing with his kids.



with his wife, Jill, and 4 kids. Carl and Jill own a mortgage brokerage and Carl coaches his sons' youth basketball and soccer teams. He remains a Dodger, Laker and (L.A.) Kings fan despite continued pressure from Northern CA brothers to abandon success and root for their dark side. Carl was deeply saddened by the recent passing's of brother Don Steele and fellow hockey stud Chris Sharp but uses their examples of comedy and spirit of adventure to inspire his life and the lives of his family. Good to be a brother.

**Craig Ellis, F89** lives in San Mateo, CA with his wife Marcey and two kids Max (4) and Henry (2). He is the Vice President of Operations for Skyline Construction which specializes in commercial interiors, data centers / infrastructure and life sciences. When Craig is not with his family or at work, he enjoys basketball, tennis and skiing/snowboarding. He is also an active member of the Elks Lodge.

## The 90's

**Todd Vaccarello S91** Living in Danville, Ca Married to Heidi Vaccarello (Alpha Phi, UC Davis), Just had 2nd kid on May 7th 2009, little girl Gabriella, also have 4 yr old son Dominic. Left corporate America 3 years ago to start West Coast Commercial Cleaning. [www.westcoastclean.com](http://www.westcoastclean.com)

**Arron Turnbull F93.** is living in Beverly Hills, CA. Single, no kids. After many years in the entertainment industry he is currently in the process of opening a wine bar in Venice, CA. DRY TOUR opening Summer/Fall 2010

**Tom Hyatt, F93,** owns Proof Positive Consulting. Specializes in Occupational Safety and Health Programs. Tom has 2 boys Gabe (8) and Austin (5) and recently coached Gabe's baseball team to a 17-1-1 record. He is also married to his lovely wife Emily for almost 10 years and she still puts up with his commitment to the fraternity. They live in Red Bluff and enjoy spending time with fellow pledge brother's (Keith Thomas and Manny Goulart) and their families.

**Ryan Rezinaz F97** has moved from San Diego to Portland to Tempe, AZ and still can't get away from crazy chicks.

**Chris Naylor S97** lost his rank as favorite candidate for the eternal bachelor prize when he moved into a new

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## ETA OMEGA IS ON FACEBOOK On Facebook go to "Theta Chi Chico" and join

### Updates *cont from pg.8*

place with his girlfriend Mary Anne.

**Jeremy Reither F95** is living in San Francisco, CA, with his wife Monica Mazzei Reither, and their 2 dogs. He runs, bikes, and swims when he can, and competed in his 2nd triathlon this year. He owns an internet marketing agency, called R3R, which donates the resources to run the EtaOmega.org website. He's also the volunteer Treasurer for the Eta Omega Alumni Board.

**Dave Breshears F95** stuck it out for almost 10 years in San Francisco before movin' on up to a new place in the 'burbs of Walnut Creek with his new wife Genevieve.

**Chris Rathbun F94** and his wife Shannon added a new baby girl, Lilly, to the family in 2009.

**Ryan Esposto F95** is still espostinating - only now he's doing it in SF

**Tommy Christy S98** Levi James Christy - Has arrived - 9lbs 2oz - 21.5 inch - Bouncing baby boy. Born at 7:55 PM on October 15th, 2009. Hioooooooo.

**Steve Saner F98** Steve is the proud dad of Georgia Mae!! 8lb 4oz.

**Renovation *cont from pg.1*** so that we (they) can afford the new higher loan payments.

### Why remodel only the interior of the 1st floor?

"Because that is the area that needed the most love and also because the current loan wouldn't afford us much more than that." said brother Reither "The plan is to carry out a multi year capital campaign to pay for phase 2 of the house renovation. Phase 2 will include the 2nd floor, attic, basement, and exterior. It may even be a 2- or 3-phase project when it's all said and done...but the plan is to re-do the whole house within the next 5 years. The plan is to start phase 2 the summer of 2012.



### Renovation Was a Team Effort Spanning Over 10 Years

This project took on many forms and had many different participants of whom all carried the water at different times. This is an incomplete listing of the brothers who have been key to getting us to where we are today and we apologize to anyone who was left out.

The execution of this project was led by brother **Alumni President Tom Hyatt** who spent

countless hours with the Architect and Contractor to work out all of the details involved.

**Jeremy Reither** was a huge part in this and should be given credit for all his work with finances, including flying to Tennessee to meet with **Theta Chi National Board of Directors** and securing the funds, without him we would have never gotten the financing.

**John Crenshaw F87, Torrey Sullivan F87, and Rob Wurpler S86** for their work on the Board of Directors prior to the current BOD. Their stewardship kept Eta Omega from drowning during the reorganization and financial turmoil in the earlier half of this decade as well as the "early" work on the renovation plan. They also coached the post-Reorg. Chapter back to stable ground.

**Current Alumni Board of Directors, the Previous Board, and all the Volunteer Alumni** who have donated time and energy since the Reorganization to make it possible for OX to continue to thrive and survive.

And of course, **James Suver S81** for basically acting as the one man Alumni Board through the 80's, the 90's, and into the 21st Century.

**Architect Greg Peitz** who helped us come up a new floor plan that was truly designed for "fraternal living", **Contractor John Bakke of Chico Home Improvement** who was patient through our countless financial scenarios, and **Reese McClure** who did the tiling.

Many other dedicated alumni put in countless hours on conference calls as well as the countless emails in the planning and execution of this renovation. You know who you are and we thank you and hope you continue to serve in years to come. **OX**

## "Captains" Needed For Upcoming Capital Campaign

In preparation for the House Renovation Capital Campaign we are looking for Year and Decade "Captains" who will be critical in achieving our campaign goal.

To become a "Captain" or for more information contact

**Ed Stone F89 –Volunteer Alumni Fundraising Chairman [estone191@gmail.com](mailto:estone191@gmail.com)**



## Howard R Alter Jr. (1918-2009)

Omega/Penn State University'41

It is with great sadness that Theta Chi Fraternity announces the death of Brother Howard R. Alter, Jr. May 9, 2009 at his home in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania.

Brother

Alter was a 1941 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he became a member of the Omega Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity and served as chapter treasurer and president.

Howard was appointed a Regional Counselor in 1955 and served in that capacity until his election to the Grand Chapter in 1960. He was twice elected as National President (1962-1966). Following his service on the Grand Chapter, he was appointed as Executive Director of Theta Chi Fraternity January 1, 1968. Brother Alter retired in June of 1984, and was appointed Executive Director Emeritus.

The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence was created by past Field Representatives to commemorate Brother Alter's retirement as Executive Director. The award is the highest honor bestowed on a

chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. The Alter Award was first presented in 1985.

Following his retirement Brother Alter continued his service to the Fraternity by serving on the National Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1994. He also served on the boards of both foundations in our Fraternity -- the Foundation Chapter and Theta Chi Funds for Leadership and Education, Inc.

Brother Alter has been honored with every award in Theta Chi Fraternity, including the Distinguished Service Award, the Fraternity's highest honor, and the "Theta Chi for Life" Award. In 1993, the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) bestowed upon Brother Alter the NIC Gold Medal, the highest honor in the fraternity world, for his interfraternal service. That service included serving on the NIC Board of Directors from 1985 to 1993, and serving as president for the Fraternity Executives Association (1978-1979).

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His lifelong and selfless work on behalf of Theta Chi Fraternity and the interfraternity world serves now, and will continue to serve, as an example for all to follow. *OX*

**Howard Alter was present at the Eta Omega Installation in 1982. When I met him at the 2003 National Convention in St Louis he remembered numerous details about that weekend in Chico. I was stunned that a man of his age had such a strong memory. From my short meeting with Howard I was left with a profound sense that I had just met a great man who had made a difference.**

**-Ed Stone F89**

## Impact Of House Renovation On Chico Campus And Greek Community

by Ed Stone F89'



The path to the house renovation involved due diligence with many of the national consulting companies that manage large multi million dollar Greek house renovations. While they were way out of our price range these companies all asked the same first question "describe the nicest Greek house on campus."

This first phase significantly raises the value of our house and paves the way for the second phase which will complete the much needed renovation of 630 W. 5th Street. The result will be an unprecedented standard of fraternal housing on the Chico State campus. This renovation changes the game forever within the Greek community. When the question is asked of other houses on campus the answer will be "the Theta Chi house".

The Greek system at Chico is still very young

and struggling to recover from significant challenges to its existence. Despite all of the adversity Eta Omega is thriving and actively planning for its future. This should not be taken lightly, much of the credit goes to a core of highly motivated undergraduates and alumni, both of whom recognize they can no longer exist without the other.

Removing the burden of a decaying house will allow Eta Omega to spend its energy on more forward thinking efforts like scholarships and paying down our mortgage, unprecedented within the Chico Greek system. With continued alumni involvement and commitment Eta Omega will be a positive influence in rebuilding the ideals of the fraternity on the Chico State campus. *OX*

# ALUMNI ACTION ITEMS

- Do you like what you see in these pages?  
**Hell yeah!**
- Do you feel good about the direction in which Theta Chi is going?  
**Of course you do.**
- Do you believe this all happens by chance?  
**Of course you don't.**

And that is why **YOU** taking action **NOW** is critical to Eta Omega achieving all of its goals.

## Here's How....



- ✓ **CONTRIBUTE** Go online and join the 1982 Club/or make a contribution by check **TODAY!** (see next page)
- ✓ **FIND** Help locate your **LOST BROTHERS** by doing an online search for your pledge brothers and give them a call to catch up and confirm their information. Don't forget **email addresses** and **mobile numbers** in addition to their regular contact info.
- ✓ **SHARE** Send in your UPDATE for the next newsletter to let us know what is going on in your life. We really want to know.
- ✓ **VOLUNTEER** Become a **"YEAR"** or **"DECADE CAPTAIN"** for the upcoming capital campaign. *"Many hands make the work light."* We all have family and work responsibilities but the more who get involved the less each of us have to do to get the job done. It is a rewarding way to reconnect with old friends as well as meet new brothers from different generations.



## YES, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A LASTING COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THETA CHI / ETA OMEGA!

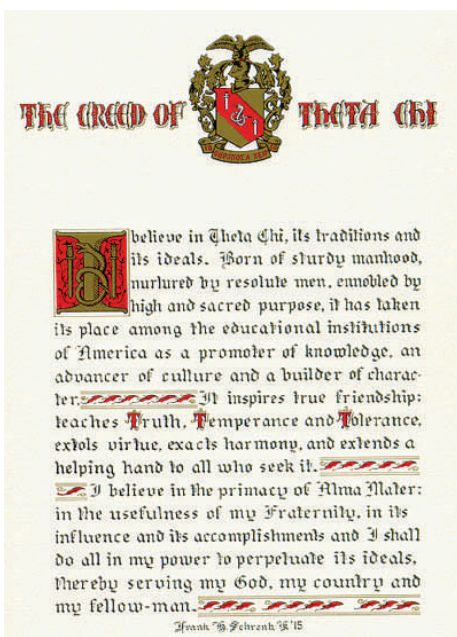


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