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## Newsletter – May 15, 2005

*It's time for another newsletter to let you know what's happening at UC Cal DPE Epsilon.*

**Spring 2005 Initiation Banquet:** What a spectacularly successful and beautiful event. It was held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Cafe de la Paz, in Berkeley. This restaurant specializes in South American dishes and drinks (think tapas and mojitos). It's on Shattuck near Cedar. We all sat at round tables, beautifully decorated. What grabbed my attention was the initiation memento. It is totally different from the previous ones. This new one is very creative and filled with useful and thoughtful information. Here's a sampling of this 5 ½" x 6" memento:

### **Spring 2005 Executive Committee**

President	Yvonne Yang
VP – External	Christine Challoner
VP – Internal	Tina Cheung
VP – Membership	Krystal Mariano
Secretary	Lily Tam
Treasurer	Alina Hunanyan

### **Fall 2005 Executive Committee**

President	Christine Challoner
VP – External	Alina Hunanyan
VP – Internal	Lily Tam
VP – Membership	Becky Tsang
Secretary	Fariya Ali
Treasurer	Anya Shurokova

Others: Historian Emeritus: Michelle San Pedro and President Emeritus: Winston Le.

### **Spring 2005 New Initiates**

Fariya Ali Sophomore, Major: Political Science, Minor: English; Home Town: Fairfield, CA  
Nina Kin Junior, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, West Covina, CA  
Leila Martin Sophomore, Middle Eastern Studies, Peace & Conflict St., Oakland/Berkeley, CA  
Claudio Meneses Freshman, Political Science, San Diego, CA  
Anya Shurokova Sophomore, intended double major: Political Sc. & Integrative Biol., Irvine, CA  
Amanda Steen Junior, Latin American Studies, Corcoran, MN  
Becky Tsang Junior, Mass Communications, Creative Writing, West Covina, CA  
Stephen Wade Freshman, Political Science, Studio City, CA

### **Graduating Seniors:**

Kate Calligaro, PEIS (political economy of international societies)  
Winston Le, Political Science  
Sara Sultan, Middle Eastern Studies  
Yvonne Yang, PEIS

The banquet was a very formal affair. The DPE sisters were so elegantly dressed that this gathering took on the look of an Oscars gathering.

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### **Special Guests – Alumni:**

Two special alumni wanted to be present, but were unable to come: Dr. Robert Scalapino, Eps. 1951, had a minor medical problem and Dr. Josef Chytry, Eta. 1964, George Washington University, D.C.). Also, Monica Eppinger, former Foreign Service Officer, could not attend. She is now getting a Ph D. in Political Science. Those who attended:

Garrett Riegg, Eps. 1965  
Carlos Rivamonte, Eps. 1951 and wife Lourdes  
Allen Sprague, Eps. 1954 and wife Judy  
Rudy Wagner, Eps. 1955  
Dave Wilson, Eps. 1964

Garrett was one of the speakers and gave an excellent talk on the “Da Vinci Code”, a collection of various scholarly writings on Gnostic Gospels that span many cultures going back to the Greek and Egyptian periods.

I then followed Garrett with a speech on “DPE Continuity” covering some of the major changes that DPE has undergone over the past 50 years. I noted that when we started our recruiting program in April 2003, it was a good thing we decided to open up DPE membership to female students. Had we tried to keep DPE a male-only student organization, we would not have succeeded.

I proposed a new goal. We should make it our objective to obtain a fraternity house, just like Alpha has in Washington, D.C. If this were to be realized, it would then provide DPE Epsilon with deep roots and lasting continuity. It would expand our recruitment and professional program on the campus; and it would make it possible to hold events that would include alumni.

I concluded my speech with a motto from Dr. Eric Bellquist, Eps. 1925, political science professor and department head. It goes like this: “There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen. And then there are those who stand back and say what happened?” We want to be those who make things happen.

### **Search for a Fraternity House is starting now**

There are several possibilities: 1) Find a real estate investor who would purchase a house within walking distance of the campus. This person would keep title to the house, but lease it to DPE.

2) Find a donor or organization that would finance the purchase or construction of a fraternity house.

Another possibility: 3) Find a Cal student who joins DPE and has a very wealthy parent who could easily finance the house. I sure like the second and third possibilities. This is a fun project.

If any of you have ideas and suggestions or know who we could approach on securing a fraternity house, please contact me. I'd be ready to make a presentation.

I've met with Dr. Josef Chytry. He and I will spearhead this effort. His office is in the Haas School of Business and he will probe possible contacts there. I will seek out foundations that have a strong interest in education and which provide funds for a conference center with an annex of dormitory facilities for DPE, manager of the conference center.

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The total number of DPE students in our Epsilon Chapter is 19. When the Fall 2005 semester starts, a new recruitment effort begins and I am sure we will have a new crop of students pledging DPE.

There were plenty of digital cameras at the banquet. Finals are now underway and when the time comes for digital photos to be uploaded into computers, I will then receive a batch.

Tina Cheung wants to create a login photo album online. This should be included in the Epsilon Chapter website: <http://www.dpe.berkeley.edu>. When this appears, I'll alert you.

For those alumni without computers, I will print out the photos and send them to you.

### **Donations Welcome**

Just a final note to let all alumni members know that the Epsilon chapter would very much welcome receiving a donation from you. Donations are tax-deductible. Please write a check payable to: Delta Phi Epsilon/ASUC.

Send it to:

Ms. Millicent Morris Chaney  
University of California  
400 Eshleman Hall, MC 4500  
Berkeley, CA 94720-4500

Millicent is a full time employee. She is like an accountant who handles the financial accounts of 200 UC student organizations. She also makes sure that any funds that students use, for our Initiation Banquet, for instance, are used for official functions only.

With best regards and fraternally,

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