

November, 2007

# Delta Phi Epsilon Fall 07

## A Word from Our President...



Brothers, Sisters, Alumni &  
Friends,

Greetings! DPE has had another successful semester. First, we initiated fourteen new brothers and sisters, our largest pledge class yet. In October, we hosted a successful full-day retreat to San Francisco. We've worked hard to provide stimulating meetings to help expand our members' interest in International Affairs, hosting speakers such as Anne O'Leary from the Foreign Service and Herb Behrstock, a former UNDP representative. Personally, this semester has been one of my most memorable periods within DPE - being President has been a truly rewarding experience. I am proud of our accomplishments and continued progress this fall, and I am extremely confident and optimistic for the future of DPE. I know that the new Executive Committee will continue to foster growth and improvements within our organization. Lastly, I am proud that we are, and will continue to be, an organization that encourages students to be not only Berkeley students, but also

# CONTENTS

p.2 Fall 2007  
Pledges

p. 3-4 DPE  
Home and  
Abroad

p. 5 member  
spotlight



## Letter from the Secretary...



Dear members and friends of  
DPE,

As we're wrapping up our last papers of the semester and starting to study for finals, I can only think about how quickly the semester has gone by and how much I wish it weren't ending so soon! It seems like only a few weeks ago when classes started, I sunk into my sections, and we initiated 15 amazing new pledges into DPE!

My fondest memories this semester are undoubtedly all from DPE—whether on the ferry ride in San Francisco, realizing how many flags I have to learn from playing Carmen Sandiego, or sharing all kinds of treats and recipes at every ExComm meeting. I'm not a partier at all—as I say, parties are with me and my readers and Greek dictionary. But DPE? Well, we say in Missouri, "Now *that's* where it's at." (And yes, you need the preposition at the end even though it's at the end of a sentence. It's for colloquial effect.)

This semester I wanted to make our newsletter a little different. I think it best represents who we are and

# DPE: Home and Abroad

## UCDC: Natalie Camastra

This semester I am partaking in UC Berkeley's Washington Program, UCDC. The program consists of an internship, an elective course and a research paper. I am currently interning at the Washington Office on Latin America, a human rights NGO that works to improve US foreign policy towards Latin America. I am currently working on monitoring mining issues in Peru and labor issues as they relate to the US-Peru Free Trade Agreement. As part of my internship, I often attend hearing on Capitol Hill and other policy discussions around the city. The most notable Congressional hearing I attended was the

As an intern, I also worked to help with some last minute organization for WOLA's first gala benefit. On that special night, we honored Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA) and the University of Central America for their contributions to human rights in Latin America.

In addition to and in conjunction with the internship, I am writing a research paper on the effects of export-processing zones (or maquiladoras) in the Caribbean Basin countries of the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua.

Although my elective course has nothing to do



Being in DC has been an incredibly stimulating experience. Walking past embassies everyday, meeting influential and intelligent people, getting free food everywhere ... really there is nothing like it! I can't wait to return to DPE- the "Washington DC" of Berkeley, Ca. Miss you all! - Nat

*Natalie Camastra is a third year PEIS*

## Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal: Nathan

Peace corps volunteer in Senegal. Learning Pulaar at the moment and using a lot of French. Living in a small Pulaar village about 12 kilometres outside of Kolda which is Senegal south of Gambia. Working as a agricultural extension agent- extending improved seed varieties, soil improvement techniques and general community/health development. After Peacecorps, I plan to attend grad school



## Fall 07 Newsletter

## Congratulations, Fall 07 Pledge Class!

- Ingrid Budrovich—2009—History—Harbor City, CA
- London Choi—2008—English—London/Seoul/Taipei/Dhaka/Cupertino
- Rita Chudnovsky—2011—[International Relations]—St. Petersburg, Russia
- Catherine Ivvari—2009—Poli Sci—Paris, France
- Kalis Kim—2010—Poli Sci and Classical Civ—Fresno, CA and Shawnee Mission, KS
- Julia Lee—2009—Mass Communications—Fountain Valley, CA
- Kate Lewis—2011—IFS—Martinez, CA
- Cassandra Ling—2011—PACS and Linguistics—Roseville, CA
- Breeanna Lorenzen—2010—PACS—Alpine, CA
- Selina MacLaren—2011—IFS—West Hills, CA
- Lorenz Noe—2011—Poli Sci—Bilberach, Germany
- David Reder—2009—Poli Sci—Calabasas, CA
- Sarah Van Vliet—2010—PEIS—Berkeley, CA

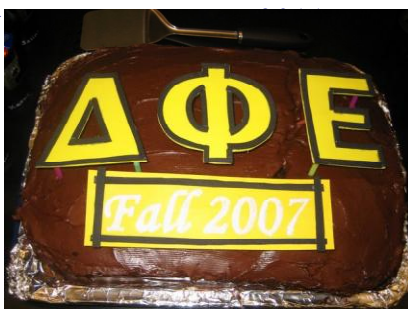
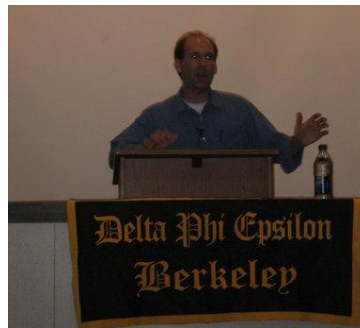


### Fall 2007 Pledge Presentation:

The Fall 2007 Pledges put on a great event this semester! It took place on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in 2060 VLSB.

Renown Berkeley professor Darren Zook spoke on the current US-Iran relations as well as future prospects. His introductory remarks were then followed by moderated questions led by Lorenz and Cassandra. Q - and-A session from the audience then followed.

Following the presentation, the short documentary *Letters from Tehran* was



**State Dept. Language Scholar and Consulate Intern: Fariya Ali**

Hello fellow DPE'ers! My name is Fariya and I just recently graduated from Cal in May of 2007. I pledged DPE in Spring of 2004 and have been involved ever since so I'm very pleased to contribute to this semester's newsletter. My path towards a career in the international relations field is still largely undetermined but I can share what I have stumbled across so far and hope that it might provide opportunities for some of you as well. I applied for and received one of the State Department's Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) to study Urdu in India for the summer immediately after graduation and it was a fantastic experience. The scholarship is open to undergraduates and first grade and

**Careers in Health Research: Leila Martin**

Since graduating, I've been hunting for a job, because I decided to put off grad school until I was quite certain what I wanted to do. And then, thanks to an old DPE connection (Winston Le, 2005), I found this job in Seattle. It is with this organization called the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), which focuses on strategic research in Asia and issues of health. I will be working in the Center for Health and Aging (CHA), assisting in planning the annual Pacific Health Summit and the two workshops that are in conjunction with the conference. This year's subject is issues of nutrition, and the health concerns that these issues cause.

It doesn't quite relate to the Middle

Before I left for India however, I attended one of the Career Fairs on campus and discovered the Consulate General of Canada in San Francisco and applied for their political intern position which is where I am currently working. My duties include a lot of event planning for political outreach programs, scheduling meetings with state and Congressional legislators, preparing briefing books, and reading a lot of newspapers to stay up to date on current issues of interest to Canada. The best part of my job however, is getting the opportunity to observe how the Consulate works to implement the foreign policy objectives formulated in Ottawa, on a local and state level. My bosses are very inclusive and let me see the whole process for the projects I am involved with because they know of my interest in working for the State Department one day. I don't know if the other Consulates in SF also offer internships but it's definitely worth looking into because it provides a great glimpse into what a diplomatic office is like. I'm not sure where exactly where I will go from here but if anyone has any questions about my past experiences, feel free to

