

# CAL ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER'S BRUSH WITH FIRE



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On Wednesday, May 14 at 3:45 p.m., Cal State University - San Marcos evacuated the campus as wildfires broke out in the hills south of the University. The Cocos Fire, which burned nearly 2,000 acres and destroyed 40 structures in the communities around CSUSM, led to a five-day campus closure, cancellation of final exams and postponement of Commencement Ceremonies.

The University reopened on Tuesday, May 20 with normal business operations. CSUSM's four Commencement Ceremonies were rescheduled for Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25.

Damage to CSUSM's 304-acre campus was minimal. While flames came precariously close to the University's Central Plant and burned chaparral along

the campus' south perimeter, CSUSM's only physical damages were related to smoke, a brief power outage and a ruptured coil that caused flooding in three rooms in Academic Hall.

From Wednesday through Sunday, The Clarke Field House was transformed into a comfort station for firefighters, providing shower facilities and a sleeping area with 25 cots from the American Red Cross. Food and drinks were donated by CSUSM and the Ralph's Grocery Company located across from campus.

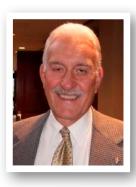
Over 800 firefighters and police officers worked tirelessly to contain the Cocos Fire and protect the communities surrounding CSUSM. The Cocos Fire was one of nine wildfires to erupt throughout San Diego County during the week of May 12. (Continued next page)

"We are especially grateful for the eight military Sea Hawk helicopters and the Cal Fire DC 10 Air Tank that flew over our hills making drops of flame retardant and water, and to the firefighters and police from so many other districts who came together to fight these fires," said President Haynes. "Their efforts ensured the safety of our campus and saved so many homes and businesses in our surrounding community."

The Brothers of our Cal Alpha Gamma Chapter put up a sign, commenting that "It may not be much but this is our way of saying, Thank You. To all the heroes who fought the North County wildfires, we appreciate you and although it may be your job, you saved and changed many lives. Once again on behalf of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at San Marcos, we Thank You."



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I have mentioned a number of times in the past, membership dues are for a calendar year. Each year our first dues solicitation is included with the Founders' Day mailing. This year it resulted in almost 130 of you renewing your memberships for 2014. That's the good news. The "not so good news"

is there are still 27 Regular Members and 35 Century Club Members, who haven't "re-upped" for 2014. I have to take partial responsibility for this, because I'm late getting out follow up reminders. But, honestly it's something I really shouldn't have to do. Please take a moment and review the Current Member list in this

As I have mentioned a number newsletter. If your name is missing, please send me a of times in the past, check. The Membership Application, included with this membership dues are for a newsletter, has all the necessary information.

The reason I'm concentrating on "dues" in my message this time is, with a new Board of Directors and Treasurer, we have decided to begin billing for the 2015 dues, prior to the end of this year, rather than waiting for the Founders' Day mailing. By separating the two, you won't be asked to come up with so much money at one time. Our ultimate goal is to increase the Founders' Day turnout (more on this later).

Phi Alpha.

### Dick Troncone

#### **NEWS FROM NATIONAL**

Some Facts About Our Fraternity

- 225 chapters + 19 colonies = 245 total groups
- Approximately 15,000 collegiate members
- Average chapter size is 61 men.
- The average colony size is 30 men, and the average colony GPA is 3.1.
- ΣAE has initiated more than 314,000 men since badge sequences were first recorded.
- Nearly 25,000 collegiate brothers have graduated from our annual John O. Moseley Leadership School.
- There are approximately 190,000 living alumni in the Fraternity.

#### BRO PRO-FILES: CHRIS MCCOY (CA-TH '02) - BY BEN AVEY



15 Years of Service and Brotherhood - Being the fraternity House Manager is not a glamorous job. It's really hard work. You are charged with preserving a facility that is home to 25+ young men, a second home to 100 more, and a social gathering place for everyone else. For many in the undergraduate world, it is the center of their universe.

If it breaks, you fix it. If it gets dirty, you clean it. It is yours to

protect, and the buck stops with you. For Chris McCoy, that sounded great.

As the undergraduate House Manager, McCoy believed his job was to preserve and improve the house for future generations. Not for property value or due to an inherent interest in property management, but because the fraternity house was the physical embodiment of brotherhood. It's where we meet, live, hangout and find retreat. It's where everyone knows your name and everyone is a friend. You are always welcome and you never know whom you might see.

McCoy volunteered for the position in his sophomore year and held it concurrently with other positions, including Scholarship Chair, for nearly 3 years. With help from the chapter, he landscaped the back yard, painted the inside and outside of the house, rebuilt the front deck, repainted the lions, and initiated the restoration of the Epsilon Eta Room. It was a great opportunity for him to learn management, shoulder responsibility, and start building a relationship with the San Diego Area Alumni Association.

Originally a mechanical engineering major, McCoy rushed in the fall of 1998 when the California Theta colony was on the precipice of being reinstated as a chartered chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The colony only had 23 active members but had a palpable zeal in their quest for reinstatement. So impressed with their efforts, the Alumni Association granted the colony's request to abandon the temporary fraternity house (a single-family house on Montazuma Road) and return to their rightful place in Greek Circle (5076 College Place) the previous summer. Flanked by the iconic lions, the chapter pledged McCoy and 25 others, doubling their roster, and ushering in the end of the colony and reinstatement of the chapter.

McCoy and the men of his pledge class took a prominent role in the chapter in the ensuing years, helping to grow it from 23 to more than 100. They started winning awards, sports banners, and the eye of local sororities. It was a chapter transformed, but not without a lot of hard work and dedication.

Asked to recount how it all happened, McCoy's answer was simple – "We cared." There was no secret formula - just a group of people committed to making it happen, and support from Alumni who had been there before.

Upon graduation, McCoy moved from active to alumni with degrees in both history and economics. He later went on to earn a Masters Degree in City Planning from San Diego State and start a career in land development. He married his college sweetheart, Rachel, and spends his free time remodeling his homeserving the community through Rotary, and cheering for the Padres and Chargers.

He is the Treasurer of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon San Diego Area Alumni Association and sits on both the California Theta Chapter Advisory Board and Housing Corporation Board.

Similar to when he was House Manager, he wants to make sure that he preserves the fraternity for future generations. He wants other young men to have the same opportunities he was afforded. They should have the chance to build something, to succeed, to fail. When they graduate, they should have a network of people with shared interests and common bond who are willing to get them honest advice and a foot in the door. He wants them to have what he has had, because for him it was invaluable.

For McCoy, it's not a complicated formula. The active and alumni chapters of the Fraternity succeed when people care. When they care, they get involved, voice their opinion, and share their life experience with those around them. Everyone benefits.

As a young leader, he and his pledge brothers Adam Porter and Stefano Brunetto, who are also heavily involved in the association, work diligently to recruit other younger alumni to be members of the association. They are eager to see what lies ahead for the chapter and the association. Both by their nature are constantly transforming. It can be exciting and intimidating, but though it all, McCoy will be there, protecting his house, just like he has always done. And he hopes you will join him. — Phi Alpha.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

CAL THETA (SDSU) - BY BY DOMINIC BILOTTI, EA



Hello Brothers.

Despite the school year being over, Cal Theta has been nothing but active thus far this summer. Many of our members have been fortunate enough to study abroad in places such as England, Spain, and Australia. Even though others have decided to

stay home, they too are keeping themselves busy by either working internships, playing sports, or attending SDSU summer sessions.

Officer transitions have gone smoothly and the newly elected Executive Board is working diligently to prepare for the upcoming school year and build on what the previous board has accomplished.

On August 4-8 Cal Theta will be sending 4 of its executive officers to the John O. Moseley Leadership Cruise in Miami with the help of a generous donation from the San Diego Area Alumni Association. They are extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn valuable skills and lessons that they can implement to their leadership roles upon returning to Cal Theta in the fall.

I hope everyone continues to have a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Phi Alpha, Dominic Bilotti, EA

### CAL CHI (UCSD) - BY THADEUS ODOM, EA

Hello Brothers,

Cal Chi is doing well and ended the year on a strong note. This next year will be a huge transition period for our chapter seeing as we graduated all of our founding fathers. With that being said, we have young, motivated men elected into positions that are ready to continue to improve this chapter.

Our chapter continued to excel in volunteering this past quarter by amassing over 700 volunteer hours for various organizations. Our members are not taking a break over the summer, with

many of us volunteering at local hospitals and participating in various camps/medical brigades.

We held a very successful Paddy Murphy celebration that also acted as a senior sendoff event.

We created awards named after our chapter's founding fathers that excelled in certain areas pertaining to fraternity life. We hope these awards become a long-lasting tradition and hope the very best for all of the graduating seniors.

Phi Alpha, Thadeus Odom, EA

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

#### Contribute to the $\Sigma AE$ History - By David Robinson

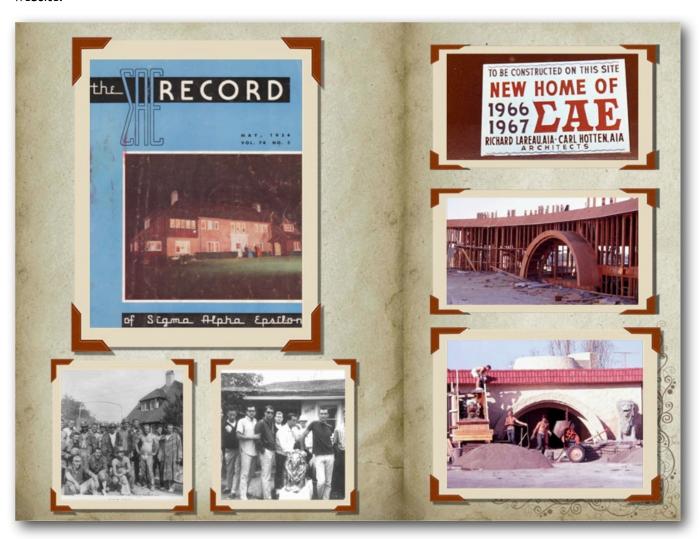
 $\Sigma$ AE Brothers are encouraged to contribute to  $\Sigma$ AE in San Diego, the written history of our fraternity from 1921(then known as Epsilon Eta) to the present. When complete, it will be available as a special resource for new member education as well as the enjoyment of all Brothers.

I'm now researching and writing the history, which includes a decade-by-decade review of specific Epsilon Eta and Cal Theta developments, in addition to highlights about our  $\Sigma$ AE Chapters at Cal State University/San Marcos and UCSD, and the significant involvement of Brothers from various other chapters. It will initially be featured on the Alumni Association website.

Numerous bros already have shared their memories and other background information about the awarding of the original Cal Theta charter, the first fraternity houses, building of College Place house, construction of the lions, Cal Theta's charter loss/return and other key events.

I welcome your feedback regarding noteworthy milestones (not necessarily the 1970 party at Redwood Hall). I am especially interested in receiving input from Cal Theta Brothers of the 1970s and 1980s eras, and from UCSD and CSUSM Brothers.

You can send your information to <a href="mailto:drobinson@saesd.org">drobinson@saesd.org</a>



## **ALUMNI NEWS (CONT.)**

#### **New CA-TH 2035 Legacy Arrives**



Welcome to the world. Joseph Donald Farrage was born June 4th. Shown here with his Mom, Staci, he weighed in at 6 lbs. - 8 ozs. on arrival. We understand that he is already growing like a weed in preparation for his place in the  $\Sigma$ AE CA-TH '35 graduating class.

#### Padres Owner, Tom Seidler, was Guest Speaker at our June Luncheon Meeting



Tom Seidler (Padres Owner) was our guest speaker at the June 17th Alumni Association Luncheon Meeting at the San Diego Yacht Club. Tom is the Grandson of Walter O'Malley who brought the Dodgers to San Diego in 1958. The new owners have pledged to turn the Padres into consistent winners while following the O'Malley traits of hard work; first-class treatment of employees, players and fans; commitment to the community; and keeping as low a profile as possible.

Tom talked about the need to increase the current 2 million fan base to over 3 million. Part of the strategy to accomplish this is to sign some iconic players. Tom voiced his satisfaction with their pitching record, but admitted the need to bolster their hitting firepower. He said that they currently have a \$85 million payroll, but may need to increase that in the future.

#### Maurice Camillo (CA-TH '55) Joins Chapter Eternal



Maurice A. Camillo, born on September I, 1933 to Hazel and Joseph Camillo, passed away in his home of fifty-three years on May 17, 2014. He graduated from San Diego State University with a degree in Business Administration. In college, Maurice was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was involved in all its activities, as well as many others on campus. He maintained many of those relationships throughout his life. After graduation, he joined his father in the family business, J. J. Camillo Seafood Brokerage. The brokerage, established in 1932, was internationally known for its success and efforts in ocean conservation. While at the brokerage, Maurice became president of the California Seafood Institute and served on the board of the National Fisheries Institute for years. Locally, Maurice contributed to several philanthropic groups including the 20/30 Club and Home of

Guiding Hands. Maurice loved and was very devoted to his family and friends. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and his loyal and generous spirit.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Annual "Happy Hour" Mixer Scheduled for August 21st

On Thursday, August 21st., (5:30-7:30) the Association will hold a "Men Only" after work reception at the San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, Point Loma. This is always one of our most convivial events, where everyone can enjoy the camaraderie of their brothers, in a beautiful setting, no-host bar, and great SDYC hors d'oeuvres. RSVP to the SAE Voice Mail at (619) 685-5294. Bring a Brother!



#### Join the San Diego Area ΣΑΕ Alumni Association

Our award winning association was founded in 1932 and continues



to thrive today, with over 200 Alumni  $\Sigma AE$ members. We welcome all ΣΑΕ Alumni, regardless of chapter or graduation year, to reconnect with your fraternity through association with us. We work hard to engage alumni with positive feelings about the Fraternity. We have regular luncheons, with key note speakers, other social events including our annual Founders Day Dinner and Holiday Party, our "2011 award winning" website, and this "2011 award winning" quarterly e-

newsletter, chapter support of local chapters, and philanthropic activities.

If you are an  $\Sigma AE$  and are interested in joining our local association, please fill out and mail in the enclosed Membership Application Form.

#### POLICY ON ALUMNI NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

In addition to news briefs containing information of interest to the Brotherhood concerning local fraternity activities, the newsletter team would like to bring back the "Alumni Updates" feature, which was part of the newsletter a few years back. If you're a current member of the Association and you've changed jobs, received an honor or had some other newsworthy event take place in your life, please send an email to our Editor, Mike Templeton at mtempleton@saesd.org and we'll include it in a upcoming newsletter. All text file formats are acceptable. Digital photos should be at least 300 dpi.

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## CURRENT 2014 DUES PAYING MEMBERS BY NAME ( &= Century Club Member )

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Abbott, Pat	CA-TH	1963	<b>.</b>	Giordano, Pete	CA-TH	1969		Myers, Gene	CA-TH	1967	•
Andrick, Jason	MD-DE	1997	<b>*</b>	Goetze, Warren	WI-AL	1957	<b></b>	Nelson, Jeff	CA-TH	1984	•
Anes, Paul	CA-TH	1974	<b>*</b>	Goodall, Jack	CA-TH	1960	<b>‡</b>	Nordmarken, Mike	CA-TH	1965	•
Avey, Ben	CA-TH	2004		Gresham, Bill	CA-TH	1969	<b>‡</b>	O'Connor, Bill	CO-CH	1969	
Bamberg, Dan	CA-TH	1967	<b>.</b>	Grubbs, Bud	CA-TH	1968		Oden, Frosty	CA-TH	1973	<b></b>
Barsz, Bill	CA-TH	1965		Harrison, Richard	IN-AL	1962	<b></b>	Olson, Dave Pack, Mike	CA-TH CA-TH	1961 1970	.0.
Bartleet, Ron	CA-TH	1985	<b>.</b>	Hesley, Rick	CA-TH	1977	<b>.</b>	Palmer, Duane	IL-DE	1951	<b>*</b>
Battenfield, Bob	CA-TH	1961		Higdon, Al	CA-TH	1959	<b></b>	Penick, Jeff	CA-TH	1967	***
Bee, Cliff	MI-DE	1961	<b>.</b>	Hitt, Joe	CA-TH	1964	<b>.</b>	Peterson, Wayne	CA-TH	1960	<b></b>
Belling, Phil	CA-TH	1981	<b>.</b>	Hom, Kevin	CA-TH	2005	<b>.</b>	Porter, Adam	CA-TH	2002	<b>∓</b>
Berg, Joe	CA-TH	1967	Ť	Hulbert, Ken	CA-TH	1968	<b>.</b>	Poulsen, Bob	ME-AL	1967	•
Bourne, Terry	CA-TH	1968		lgelman, Ron	CA-TH	1964	Ť	Puttkammer, Rick	CA-TH	1980	<b>.</b>
Boyce, Jim	CA-TH	1959	<b>.</b>	January, Jerry	CA-TH	1967	<b></b>	Rebelo, John	CA-BE	1962	•
Boyle, Mike	CA-TH	1971	<b>.</b>	Jarrett, Rick	CA-TH	1972	•	Renden, Sean	CA-TH	1973	•
Brighton, Carl	CA-TH	1968	<b>.</b>	Jeffcoat, Jay	CA-ET	1967	<b>∳</b>	Renzoni, Fred	NY-DE	1959	
Brown, Frank	CA-TH	1959	<b>.</b>	Jensen, Bob	CA-TH	1962	<b>.</b>	Roberts, Ron	CA-TH	1965	<b></b>
Brunetto, Stefano	CA-TH	2003	<b>.</b>	Johnson, Guy	CA-GA	1981	<b>.</b>	Robinson, David	CA-TH	1971	
Burdick, Jim	CA-TH	1983	<b>.</b>	Keehner, Gary	WA-AL	1962	<b>∓</b>	Scannell, Mark	CA-TH CA-TH	1984 1957	<b>*</b>
Byroads, Jeff	CA-TH	1978	<b>.</b>	Kendall, Norm	CA-TH	1969	<b>♣</b>	Schultz, Bill Shows, Tom	CA-TH	1960	♣
Campbell, Frank	CA-TH	1982	<b>.</b>	Kennedy, Mike	CA-TH	1969	<b>.</b>	Sirota, Tim	CA-TH	2014	*
Cleator, Bob	CA-TH	1967	**	Kidwell, David	CA-TH	1964		Smith, Tom	CA-TH	1979	•
Clemens, Mark	CA-TH	1989	<b>.</b>	Kovacevich, Marty	CA-TH	1965	<b>.</b>	Snyder, Sam	CA-TH	1960	
•	CA-TH	1967	<b>.</b>	Krause, Ken	CA-TH	1963	<b>.</b>	Southard, Glenn	CA-TH	1974	•
Coe, Thurston		1971	<b>∳</b>	Langford, Jeff		1903	. <del>Å.</del>	Tagle, Larry	CA-TH	1963	
Coover, Ron	CA-TH				CA-TH	1971		Templeton, Mike	OH-EP	1963	<b>*</b>
Crabb, David	CA-TH	1979	<b>*</b>	Lareau, Dick	CA-BE		<b>‡</b>	Thomas, David	CA-BE	1982	<b>*</b>
Crane, Jim	CA-TH	1962	<b>*</b>	Lindsay, Chuck	CA-TH	1965		Thomson, Dave	CA-TH	1952	<b></b>
Cringan, Gary	CA-TH	1970	<b>*</b>	Linke, H.T.	NH-BE	1967	<b></b>	Thorsen, Ryan	CA-TH	2010	<b></b>
d'Ablaing, Derrick	CA-TH	1999		Lomac, John	CA-TH	1969	<b>*</b>	Tracey, Ken	NM-AL	1970	<b></b>
Dahl, Jim	IL-AO	1989		Losey, Gary	CA-TH	1979	<b>*</b>	Troncone, Dick	CA-TH	1965	<b></b>
Dale, Steve	CA-TH	1967		Lounsbury, Bill	CA-TH	1960		Union, Scott	CA-TH	1985	<b></b>
Daniels, Dan	CA-TH	1968	<b>.</b>	MacDonald, Dennis	CA-TH	1965	<b>*</b>	Vidal, Ray	CA-TH	1956 1962	<b>\$</b>
Doherty, Gregg	NY-DE	1955	<b>*</b>	Marckwardt, Bill	CA-TH	1976	<b>*</b>	Vogt, Bill	OH-LA CA-TH	1962	<b>.</b>
Dolan, Bill	CA-TH	1988		Martin, Gary	CA-TH	1981		Walseth, George Walseth, Harvey	CA-TH	1966	<b>∳</b>
Dougherty, Rodger	CO-DE	1987		Matson, Mike	CA-TH	1970	<b>*</b>	Warner, Dennis	CA-TH	1985	<b>*</b>
Drake, Mike	CA-TH	1967	<b>*</b>	Mays, Burke	CA-TH	1970		Weiner, John	CA-TH	1983	
Duerks, Brad	CA-TH	2000	<b>‡</b>	Mays, Mark	CA-TH	1968	<b>‡</b>	Wells, Rick	CA-TH	1969	<b>.</b>
Ehrhardt, Ross	CA-TH	1965	<b>*</b>	McAnally, Don	CA-TH	1969		Wortmann, John	CA-TH	1977	<b>.</b>
Evans, Austin	WI-AL	2005		McClure, Mike	CA-TH	1965	<b>*</b>	Wright, James	WC-Rho	2009	•
Farrage, Joe	CA-TH	1988		McCoy, Chris	CA-TH	2003	<b>*</b>	Wright, Tom	CA-TH	1971	
Flemer, Scott	CA-TH	1987		McLaren, Mark	CA-TH	1968	<b></b>	Young, Jim	CA-TH	1962	•
Flynn, Russ	CA-TH	1968	<b>*</b>	McManus, John	CA-TH	1979	<b></b>	Zan, Jordan	CA-TH	1979	•
Fremdling, John	CA-DE	1965	<b>*</b>	McMullen, John	CA-TH	1970	<b>‡</b>				
Gable, Tom	CA-TH	1966	<b>.</b>	Mehlberger, Scott	CA-TH	1990		Amieva, Sergio 🦫 — In Memory of, by;			
Gaines, Frank	CA-TH	1979	<b>.</b>	Merada, Robert	CA-TH	1958		John Wortma	ann & Tom	Smith	
Gaines, Jim	TN-BE	1969		Monell, Jerry	CA-TH	1963	<b>‡</b>				
Gill, Dave	CA-TH	1956	<b>.</b>	Mortensen, Ernie	CA-OM	1962	<b>.</b>				
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## ΣΑΕ Alumni Association of San Diego

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone: (W) (H) _		(M)	
Email:			
Chapter:		Graduatio	on Year:
Occupation:			
Annual Dues Category:  Regular M Century (If you are joining within one year af	Club \$100.00 or m	ore - \$	
Committees you might be interested	l in serving on:		
☐ Events/Social Programs ☐ Finance/Fundraising	☐ Recruitment/Me☐ Nominations/Av	embership wards	☐ Communications ☐ Chapter Liaison

Please mail this Application together with your check made out to:

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