

## Alumni President's Report

Dear Brothers,

As this is the first Crescent we've produced since late 2007, I want to update you on what has been going on. But first I hope that by announcing that we plan on making the **Crescent** a regular publication, we will make this long-desired goal a reality. If you have an article you would like to submit for future publications, please let Jeremy know.

The renovation of the kitchen and study room is still in the works. Upon receiving very different bids, we went back to square one and had an architect draw up the exact plans we wanted. These were submitted to the City of Davis for comment. We recently got those back and the paperwork is now with the architect. Once we get the final plans, we will request new bids and decide on a contractor. Our hope is to have construction done in time to have a new meal plan in place for spring quarter. No, the current Brotherhood program does not allow "Cleaning for Time", so don't plan on seeing it if you attend a dinner. The Alumni Board does plan on teaching about "The Pig", and Andy Kennedy has volunteered to be the recipient of a "Red Belly" for demonstration purposes.

In order to promote living in the house, achieving good grades, and improving leadership skills, we have established a new scholarship. The fund will be run through UC Davis and has the advantage

of local control. Please watch for the informational letter this spring and consider the fund as you make your charitable contribution plans for this year. I personally want to thank **Hal Sconyers, Bill Allewelt, Mike Harry** and **Rich Engel** for their work in developing this fund. I believe that you will find it to be the preferred way to give a gift to Phi chapter.

Based on feedback from last year we will also bring back the annual Picnic Day dinner on April 17th. This event will be held at the Western Center for Agricultural Equipment. Social hour will begin at 6:00PM and a BBQ dinner will follow. The annual meeting will be held at the House on Picnic Day, April 18th, after the luncheon, which begins at noon.

Finally, recruitment for new members has become more difficult with the new privacy laws. The undergraduates are developing a formal recruitment plan, but everyone can help by identifying future UCD students and letting the Chapter know they are coming. Keep your ears open as you go about your daily business, particularly if you have children in high school. If you have the opportunity to build a relationship with your local FFA instructors, they can be a great resource.

That is all for this edition.

Fraternally,  
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## Noble Ruler Report

Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to introduce myself as Phi Chapter's 2009 Noble Ruler. I am in my last year as an undergraduate studying Agricultural Economics and plan to continue into UCD's Masters/Credential program for Agricultural Education.

As Noble Ruler, my biggest goals within the chapter are to maintain traditions and pass them onto our new members, raise our membership numbers, and to work with the alumni to make improvements to our chapter house. I have the opportunity to work with a great set of officers and hope to achieve these goals as well as numerous others.

As we are continuing through 2009, we face new challenges and opportunities as a chapter. We have had a number of successful events on both an undergraduate and alumni level. In January, we initiated three new members into the chapter, and these men are cur-

rently working through our membership development program.

We had a number of fundraising opportunities, which included running a food concession for alumnus **Dana Van Liew** at UCD's annual Lamb Sale, as well as having a chili cook-off shared with Sigma Alpha sorority. February was highlighted by Phi Chapter's participation in UC Davis Ag-Science Field Day as well as a leadership seminar held in Reno, NV.

We also had the chance to attend the annual AGP Alumni Banquet again with the support of our Alumni. As we are wrapping up the month of March, undergraduate members are finishing up winter quarter with final exams followed by Spring Break.

In the next few months we have some exciting events coming up. We are quickly approaching UC Davis's 95th annual celebration of Picnic Day. There will be an informal BBQ hosted by the undergraduates at the Western Center for Ag Equipment. Picnic

Day is open to all alumni and their families on the evening of April 17th, with the main festivities on Saturday, April 18th. These will be activity-packed days for both undergraduates and alumni. As usual the undergrads will be participating in the Picnic Day Parade with an AGP float. The parade will be followed by a luncheon at the chapter house.

In May, we look forward to hosting our parents for Mother/Son and Father/Son weekends, held the weekends of May 9th and 16th respectively. On Memorial Day weekend, several member of Phi Chapter will be going to Bishop Mule Days to help run a food booth as an annual fundraiser. I look forward to a successful spring quarter and hope that our updated recruitment system will bring in some new, quality men to the chapter.

Fraternally,  
**Jacob T. Bates**  
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### RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Brother Scott Gregory and I are creating a recruitment program that we hope will improve how we attract new members.

This program will cover each step to the recruitment process and give approximate numbers obtainable for each quarter. Along with this I will be working on improving our numbers by utilizing more of our resources, such as Facebook and emails.

Currently we are working with other chapters in order to gain more knowledge on different recruitment methods in order to improve our own. The program will be an ongoing process, but there are high hopes for its results.

Fraternally,  
**Robert Vyvlecka**  
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## Help Us Find Our Lost Brothers!

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## Upcoming Events

**April 17th**  
 Alumni Association BBQ @ Western Center For Agriculture Equipment. Cocktails begin at 6pm and dinner begins at 7pm.

**April 18th**  
 Picnic Day BBQ @ chapter house. Bring Family and friends. Lunch begins at noon and the Annual Meeting will follow.

The Alumni Board is working to put together a summer event as well as some Homecoming activities. Please keep an eye out for more information.



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# UC DAVIS FIELD DAY 2009

This past March 6th and 7th were both eventful days for the UC Davis campus and the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences with its annual Field Day. Almost 3,000 high school students, all representing their home FFA chapters, came to participate in the contests being held.

The Phi chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho was also a large contributor to the success of this year's Field Day. **Brother Jacob Thomas Bates** assisted by serving as coordinator of the Farm Power contest.

The brothers of Phi Chapter were also seen preparing various other areas, judging students, compiling scores and doing tabulations in contests all across the campus. Their assistance was a great help in the success of the day's events.

## Welcome Our Newest Members!

### Travis James Goldman

I was born and raised in Watsonville, CA. During the summer times I enjoy surfing, saltwater fishing, riding motocross, and racing BMX bikes.

I am currently ranked 4th in the State of California for the 24" BMX wheel class in the 17-24 age group. In the fall and winter I enjoy duck hunting, along with some upland game and deer hunting.

I am a 3rd year transfer student from Cabrillo College and am a WFCB major. After I graduate from UC Davis I plan on attending dental school and opening up my own practice back home in Watsonville.

Fraternally,  
**Travis Goldman**  
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### Emmanuel Stewart Orozco

I'm a first-year Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering student at UC Davis who rushed AGR in fall of 2008. My parents, Rosendo and Maria Paz Orozco, raised me in Colfax, CA. I have two older brothers, Rosendo (Rocky) Jr. and Antonio (Tony - he was also an ATP at UC Davis).

Since I was born up in the Sierras, I enjoy just about anything that has to do with the outdoors. I love playing tennis, soccer, football as well as hiking, swimming, and playing paintball. My goals are to eventually work for a large aerospace defense company such as Boeing or Lockheed Martin and be an aircraft engineer or a weapons designer.

Fraternally,  
**Emmanuel Orozco**  
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### Jordan Brown

I was born and raised in Weaver-ville, CA. After high school graduation in 2005 I moved to Sacramento and attended Sacramento City College in an effort to continue playing football.

This is my first year at Davis, where I am a Science and Technologies Studies Major and also play on the football team. I like long walks on the beach, and the taste of a fine pinot noir paired with a soft yet flavorful cheese.

Fraternally,  
**Jordan Brown**  
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