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ALUMNI LEADERS AND MEMBERS GET YOUNGER

Nu Alumni Association finds the Fountain of Youth

For several years, Nu Chapter alumni have been concerned about the lack of younger Fraters actively participating in leadership roles and social activities, not to mention the average age of Fraters on the Dues Honor Roll. If this trend continued, we knew we'd be in trouble ten years down the road.

Positive changes in the last decade — and particularly in the last two or three years — have lessened this concern markedly. Housing Board President Tom Morgan '50, at the helm for many, many years, has handed the reins to Mark Edelstone '83. Alumni President Chip Wray '53, after 15 years, has passed the mantle to Peter Cloven '86. Also, as you may know, David Lavine '88 is our new Alumni Association Treasurer. The Dues Honor Roll now contains the names of many men from the 1970s and 1980s.

To further address this issue, the Nu Chapter Alumni Board of Directors began a tradition in May, 2011, of awarding memberships in that group to each graduating senior, retroactive to 2010. This placed 33 new names on the roll, but its primary

purpose was to encourage renewals of membership when their present term of membership expires. At the undergraduates' Senior Send-off Dinner April 27, the award was repeated, and certificates of membership were presented to 22 more men. Meanwhile, we are enjoying the company of many recent graduates at Alumni social events, not to mention undergraduates who are looking forward to Alumni membership.

Is it working? Decidedly so. Looking around at alumni social events, the number of younger men is heartwarming and impressive. Moreover, two factors will continue to lower the trend: First, younger men in leadership positions will attract classmates into more active participation. Second, the influx of recent graduates is certain to have a positive impact on the picture.

Already, older and younger alike are enjoying each other as seldom before. Numerous social activities at the chapter house, sponsored by the Undergraduate Chapter, have helped the climate immeasurably. This is the time, as never before, to become re-involved in Nu Chapter Alumni activities. As a younger Frater, you'll fit right in.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

Michael Tuffli - #1108

My goals for the year are to make the house continue on its upward trend. The 2012 officers are extremely dedicated to continuing to add emphasis to academics and philanthropy. We have implemented a stronger system of support for people with GPAs below our academic standards so that we can all hold ourselves to a high level of scholastic performance and make TKE climb to the top of the Cal Interfraternity Council's list of house GPAs. Our current philanthropy chair Alex Bernhart, Epiprytanis Jacob Zipperstein, and several other enthusiastic members have spearheaded new philanthropy events which have really raised our level of commitment to service and philanthropic fundraising. Our social calendar is always packed and, with the guidance of Pylortes Michael Nave, we have implemented a more organized structure to our security and risk management system.

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**Who is this man?
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I'M JUST SAYIN'

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE TEKES

Undergraduates and recent graduates alike, this message is for you.

Since our last issue, from the forest of Nu Chapter, three more mighty redwoods have fallen. (See Chapter Eternal, this issue.) Many of you did not know these three men, as you also did not know other stalwart Fraters who have passed away in the

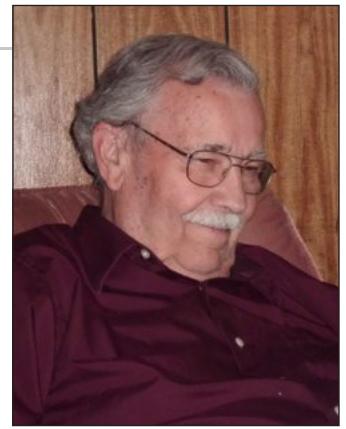
past very few years, many of them in their middle 80s. This is a great loss to you, because these pioneers, for the most part, lived a few years of their lives some 60-plus years ago in the same home you now occupy, or recently occupied, on Channing Way — and what stories they had to tell! Enjoy us while we're still around, as you enjoy your contemporaries, for we certainly enjoy you.

The lowest scroll number of a living (and very active) Nu Chapter Teke is 234, a man initiated in 1947, and several more are right behind him. At Scroll Number 385, I'm a ways down the line, but I am fast becoming an old-timer, too. Gee, and until recently I considered myself a young upstart. Beside the fact that we still like to have a good time, there's a reason we show up at dinners, banquets and picnics. It's because it's important for you to know the awesome significance of up to 65 years of active Tekedom, of service to the Fraternity, and love and caring for one another. It didn't stop with the diploma. We all just kept on being Tekes, in every sense of that heritage, just as we hope and trust will be the case with you.

No, it doesn't stop, my Fraters. In 1955, I convinced my roommate to take a job at the summer camp where I was counseling, and he got to see me meet and fall in love with the pretty young counselor who became my wife the following spring, with five Tekes in attendance as groomsmen. I then got to see some eight or ten of my contemporaries get married, and sang at the wedding of another, who became the Godfather of my daughter, and then performed her wedding ceremony in 1985. I recently got out the family guest book, and I see that two Tekes stayed with us in Germany on separate occasions when we lived there in the late 1950s, many dropped by our house or spent the night when we lived in Fresno, and later in Ahwahnee, French Gulch and Boonville, and now, Kelseyville. Tekes visit in each others' homes and go on cruises together. They have poker parties, enjoy wine tastings and get together for outings on the east coast.

So you have a lot to look forward to, years and years of life together as Fraters in the Bond. It's never too late to start, and it doesn't end for a long, long time.

Robin Harris '56



NU CHAPTER BOASTS MASTER CHEF

Gordon Heavner Brings Culinary Style and Love to Channing Way by *Oren Friedman*



TKE Nu's fantastic new Chef, Gordon Heavner, is no rookie to the kitchen game. Having been cooking recreationally since he was old enough to walk and cooking professionally since graduating from Cornell University with a Bachelor's in Hotel and Restaurant Management, then being awarded a degree from the Culinary Institute of America, and subsequently

servicing a three-year apprenticeship in France, under French Master Chef Jean-Claude Monet, Gordon is responsible for filling the Nu Fraters' stomachs.

An accomplished Chef who has done work all over the world and worked at numerous restaurants in his hometown of Manhattan, Gordon likes where he has settled down. As one of the fewer than 400 Certified Master Chefs in the entire world, Gordon has retired from the world of fine dining, only to bring fine dining to our Cal Berkeley fraternity.

On how he decided to go for the job, Gordon commented, "I was browsing Craigslist, I saw the ad, and I thought, 'Hey that might be fun!' I love it, and it was just a whim. And it's one of the greatest jobs that I've ever had. I'll be here until your grandchildren pledge. When all of you come back for the Alumni Dinner, I'll be cooking it for you."

Gordon has worked elsewhere in the Bay Area, working on a book that he hopes to publish, consulting and advertising for the Bear's Lair and helping with La Val's on northside.

"La Val's has the only authentic New York pizza crust in the entire East Bay," claims Gordon, adding incentive for another La Val's rush event, a Nu Chapter favorite. "When you have pizza at La Val's, you're eating my New York pizza crust." He also makes an authentic Sicilian pizza at the house, using a recipe he got in Palermo years ago.

He loves food and says there's nothing that he dislikes eating. Conversely, Gordon has no favorite foods to eat or cook. Simply, he loves it all. "Life has too many varieties to limit one's self to a 'favorite,' whether in food or anything else," says our Chef.

When it comes to styles, however, Gordon prefers cooking those he has honed. "Most of my cooking styles are variations of what I learned after my apprenticeship in France," says Gordon. "I love cooking French Provençal cuisine, and I enjoy adapting that style to today's American tastes."

On developing his personal style, Gordon looks to all his years of training, embracing the timeless adage: practice makes perfect. "The art of cooking," says our Chef, "is like the art of painting. First you learn the classic techniques, then you copy the Masters, trying to make perfect renditions of dishes that have worked for hundreds of years. Only then can you develop a personal style that you can call your own."

"You study the basics," says Gordon. "You master it. And then you go off and find your own voice. Cooking is truly a form of art, a concept most of today's so-called 'Chefs' totally ignore! Even at high priced restaurants, the 'Executive Chef' is usually little more than a glorified fry-cook!" Nu Chapter's Chef has nine years of formal training, and over 40 years of experience refining his art. It is doubtful whether any other fraternity in the country can match that.

While Gordon could certainly have his choice of restaurants to cook for, he believes there is something special in the kitchen of 2725 Channing Way. He loves cooking for the Fraters, "All you guys are gentlemen in the true sense of the word. Since I've moved to Berkeley and joined the Cal community, I've made friends at several other houses on campus. The TKE brothers have more pride in their house and a sense of fellowship that is unmatched anywhere on campus! You're very enthusiastic about my cooking and you're eager to try new things. You bring me great satisfaction, and I'm proud to be able to expose you to the level of dining you gentlemen deserve! In my over six decades of life, I've never met a group of young men with as much personal integrity as you all show."

The gregarious Gordon has hit it off with Fraters, teaching a cooking class for seniors and even cooking meals during finals week. And to top it off, Chef Gordon has not only provided us with restaurant-quality meals, he has made sure that there is always more than enough food, provided alternative meals for our brothers with special dietary needs, accommodated those of us to have to eat early or late, and consistently done this under our house food budget. "He's not just a great Chef," says sophomore Alex Mandel. "He's a part of our house and our community."

When it comes down to it, Gordon's ultimate pleasure is derived from the joy he gets when he sees Nu Chapter Fraters enjoying his meals, "There's nothing like knowing that you made someone's day even a small bit better. You think my career is about cooking. I think it's about creating happiness."



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

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The men of Nu Chapter take pride in their commitment to their values and often do not worry about superficial reputation. However, it is reassuring to be in class and overhear people trying to characterize each fraternity and use the word “gentlemen” to describe our chapter. The way this house molds men into better people is unparalleled on campus and this reputation is what has helped us grow to over 90 members this semester.

In addition to remaining focused on our larger goals, I am also using my position as Prytanis to try and push accountability and efficiency for Nu Chapter. Little things such as being accountable for cleanups, and having more efficiently set up trash systems helps the cleanliness of the house, but also improves morale. Meetings also have become more efficient while still having a fun atmosphere.



Nu Chapter at Annual Leadership Conference

All the officers feel that the best way to lead is to lead by example. We all have set goals for ourselves and think that 2012 is a year that can offer every member a wide range of beneficial experiences.

I am a third year Economics major from Marin County, California. I joined TKE the fall of my freshman year and have thoroughly enjoyed my experience ever since. I have lived at 2725 Channing Way since moving out of the dorms for my sophomore year and would definitely say that I have gotten as much as I can out of my college experience because of my involvement in TKE. My previous positions include being in charge of the Winnebago trip to Southern California for the 2010 Cal / USC Game and last year I was the Crysochylos.

FROM THE EPIPRYTANIS

Jacob Zipperstein, #1126

I am currently a junior studying Integrative Biology. I previously held the position of Scholarship Chair that greatly influenced my decision to run for Epiptytanis. The role of Epiptytanis has been a very challenging, yet rewarding experience. I tackle this position with two goals in mind: effectively managing the different chair positions and being an efficient right-hand man to the Prytanis. I strongly believe that the chairs and their committees deserve the freedom and trust to accomplish their desired goals without my interference. As opposed to micromanaging, I treat each chair as my equal as we come to conclusions together and I strongly encourage original ideas instead of simply mirroring events from previous semesters.

FROM THE HYPOPHETES

Alex Voet, #1148

I am a second year double-major in pure mathematics and ORMS (Operations Research and Management Science). I pledged in spring 2011. Although I did not hold any position in my first semester, after my term as Hypophetes I plan to become a chair for at least one semester and take on one or two little brothers before I graduate. The reason I joined TKE was because of the incredible brotherhood I experienced during rush and heard about before coming around the house. This is something I believe is wonderfully added to by our big brother program and constant flow of brotherhood activities hosted by the Hypophetes and brothers in the house. I believe it is of the utmost importance for a young man in his college years to have a strong group of friends that he can count on to support him and rely on in tough



Fraters and alumni enjoy a front deck barbecue

times. What I personally get from being in a fraternity is that strong group with which I share the Bond and a group of guys are always willing to do something, however ridiculous it may be.

That being said, I ran for the position of Hypophetes due to my strong ties with the way the role of the position has manifested itself within our chapter. I personally get the most out of the brotherhood aspect of our Bond, so I figured (rightly so) that being a part of the officer corps and having an active role in maintaining our incredible brotherhood would be a very rewarding and fun experience. With a huge amount of brothers and limited space in the house, I have made it a goal of mine to increase live-out presence around the house. From firsthand experience living out this past year, I have found that it is often hard to find a “purpose” for going over to the house, yet whenever I do it is guaranteed to be a good time. My goal has been to create events that both encourage live-outs to show up and to stick around afterward to hang out with their brothers. I have had success in this manner by hosting or helping put together at least one to two events weekly, ranging from movie nights to serious discussions to a second edition of the infamous TKE Bike Gang from last semester.

diligent work we can keep our GPA as one of the highest in IFC and continue to have the strongest brotherhood out there.



TKE wins Chi Omega's "Frats At Bat" for the second straight year



TKE Dodgeball Team gets ready for Kapa Alpha Theta's Annual Dodgeball Tournament

I have continued to encourage brothers to host their own brotherhood events both with points and by subsidizing events with part of my budget. This is to remind Fraters that they can take an active role in the brotherhood even without holding a position. The officers and I also decided to make academics a high priority this semester, and we have done so by meeting with various brothers and helping them set goals for the semester, as well as creating an environment where it is commonplace to go to the library in groups to study. Our current Scholarship Chair and former Prytanis Curtis Hendrickson has done an excellent job setting the mood for a studious semester with his thrice-weekly study hours. I believe that even with our chapter at 80+ men, with

FROM THE GRAMMATEUS

Eric Foard, #1147

I'm a third year Rhetoric and Film Studies double major. This is my second semester as an active brother. Before I joined the Officer Corps I was Public Relations Chair, a position designed to promote a positive image of TKE in the community and among parents. Further, I was Pledge Class President of the Sigma class. I feel that some of my strongest attributes are my meticulous organizational skills and attention to detail, and my goals for my tenure as Grammateus reflect this. I prize clarity and conciseness in my writing, and this is detectable in my style of minute recording; my wish is that brothers are able to glean the greatest possible amount of information from my notes in the least amount of time possible. In addition, in the distribution of an easily readable weekly calendar I hope to keep brothers up-to-date on upcoming events both in the house and the Greek community at large. Beyond the responsibilities specific to Grammateus I do my best to attend every event I can, not only to set an example as a member of the Officer Corps but further to promote the values of Love, Charity, and Esteem that are the basis of our Brotherhood and have had such a profound impact on my life in the short time I have been a Frater in the Bond.

FROM THE CRYSOPHYLOS

Sean Greene #1135

My name is Sean Greene and I am a second-year Applied Mathematics major from Bedford, MA (close to Boston). I

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pledged in Fall 2010 and am a member of the Rho Class. Before being Crysophylos, I served as the Scholarship Chair, Philanthropy Chair, and Revenues Manager.

As Crysophylos, my goal is to help ensure that we have enough money in all the right places so that everyone has a great semester. This semester, we have a larger budget than in the past because we have even more members, so it has been important for me to decide how to use the money effectively. We have used some of the funds for house improvements that have helped keep the morale up among the brothers, and we have also been able to keep our calendar full of different events for the house to participate in. My time in TKE so far has been a great experience, and I look forward to continuing to serve in my position.

FROM THE HISTOR

Oren Friedman, #1140

I am a second year History major from Santa Monica, California. As Histor, I have had the pleasure of planning and organizing alumni events for this calendar year. I have had some incredible experiences connecting with alumni as Histor this semester, and I am eager to finish the semester on a high note. Events such as the Alumni BBQ and formal dinner have been incredibly rewarding.

I joined TKE seeking an active brotherhood that so many before me had found. For me, it was incredibly important to find a network of brothers with common values to promote personal growth. The last two years have been tremendous for me and I cannot reiterate enough that joining TKE was the best decision that I have made since coming to Cal.

In my spare time from being Histor, I enjoy playing basketball, hiking, and going on trips to the city. I am an avid Cal sports fan, and love going to basketball and football games. I am really excited for the retrofitted Memorial Stadium and can't wait to welcome all the alumni back home once game days start up next semester at the house. I look forward to beating down on Ohio State in next season's Rose Bowl in Pasadena!

FROM THE PYLORTES

Michael Nave, #1151

I am a second year pursuing a degree in Economics. I am currently flirting with the idea of taking a Portuguese minor. I come from the beautiful city of Spokane, Washington. I will return to my hometown this summer to work another year as a camp counselor and leader of the Counselor In Training program at the YMCA Camp Reed. Outside of TKE, I am a new member to the Cal Hurling Team (with Fraters Dan Wait and Jordan Bull), and I am an intermittent member of the Berkeley Quidditch League. This spring marks my third semester in TKE, and second as an

active Frater. Although this is my first semester as an officer, I was the chair of the chapter's charity Battle of the Bands. As Pylortes, I have led the chapter in changing our familiar risk management practices in order to meet the strict new requirement of the Berkeley Police Department. This semester the chapter has been more cognizant of the volume emitted from our property, and has developed emergency action plans to ensure the safety of our guests and the safety of the house as a whole. Internal communication has also improved with the purchase of walkie-talkies and the use of a text messaging service that allows one Frater to send a text message to fellow Fraters on his mobile phones.

In the next half of the year I hope to determine and implement the best ways to manage social events in order to minimize risk. Although as a house we have been successful in the past semester, there are always ways to improve. It is my goal that TKE be the leader in the Greek community for successful risk management.

FROM THE HEGEMON

Alex Morris, #1124

I am a third year Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major hailing all the way from Alamo, California. As a first semester Hegemon my goal has been to develop a functioning and well-thought-out pledge semester that instills in our candidates the essential elements of Love, Charity, and Esteem, the foundation of TKE. Along with the those values, I have focused on instilling pride and care for the physical well being of the house so that it will be looked after properly in future years.

This semester I have been blown away by the resilience and dedication of the Upsilon pledge class. They have taken every criticism and lesson I have presented to them, and have actively worked to implement them in their everyday life. I am looking forward to summer where I will have the opportunity to reflect on this past semester and my work so that I may refine the process and maximize the benefits of our process.



Fraters gather for an informal photo at the chapter house

MEET OUR PLEDGES – THE UPSILON CLASS

Initiated April 2012

Ryan Ahn:

I am from Seoul, South Korea. I grew up in Korea most of my life, but lived in Shanghai, China for six years. I have always had an interest in International Relations and Economics, which is why I decided to be a Political Economy major at Cal. Soccer and singing have been my two biggest passions in life. I have a younger brother who studies at a high school in Michigan. My motto in life has always been “live life, leave no regrets.”

Jackson Allison:

I was born in Ithaca, NY but raised in San Luis Obispo on California’s beautiful Central Coast. I am currently a freshman, planning to double major in Economics and History. Eventually, I would like to go on for a JD or PhD but maybe first join the Peace Corps or go abroad as a policy consultant with Engineers without Borders. I am a Legislative Ambassador for the American Cancer Society, featured blogger for the National Children’s Cancer Society, and active in Cal’s chapter of Colleges against Cancer. On a personal note, I like playing guitar, listening to music, hanging out with friends and my brother, Dylan, and playing for the East Bay Water Polo Club, when I can get a ride. As part of the Upsilon pledge class, I look forward to being a part of TKE. The camaraderie, collaboration, and trust among the brothers make us a great team.

Brett Barlow:

Hey, I am a Junior Transfer from Torrance, CA and am studying Political Science. I transferred to Cal last semester and have gotten involved in a couple of organizations on campus before coming to TKE. I am a Community Service Officer with UCPD and work with them to run the Bearwalk program, which helps students get home safely at night. I am also in a club called Berkeley Admissions Student Ambassadors where we go to high schools and community colleges in order to answer questions about college life. I played football and ran track in high school and consequently find myself playing for TKE’s intramural football team and on TKE’s Frat’s at Bat team and loving it! I have enjoyed all of my experiences so far with TKE and am looking forward to many, many more!

Christopher Bernhart:

I’m an intended Development Studies major from Denver,

Colorado. However, I attended high school in Omaha Nebraska at Creighton Preparatory School. I have a sister, Victoria, and a twin brother Alex, who’s a Frater, scroll #1172. My father and mum work at Charles Schwab -- my dad is a financial consultant and my mother is the chief marketing officer. I think becoming a part of TKE would be really swell and I am looking forward to becoming a brother in the bond.

Vincent Budrovich:

Hi! I hail from good ole Southern California. A suburb of Los Angeles in fact, Harbor City. I am intending to major in Business and am looking forward to my upcoming years at Cal. Go Bears!

Matt Cook:

I am from Sacramento, CA and am currently majoring in Molecular and Environmental Biology. I am the middle of five kids, which led to never having a dull moment back home. In high school, I was involved in a wide range of activities including rugby, theatre, and leading retreats. I look forward to all of the experiences yet to come in these next few years!

Ethan Drechsler:

I’m a freshman from San Clemente. I plan to major in Economics and minor in Statistics. I enjoy playing tennis, golf and hanging out with friends. A priority of mine is to study abroad in a few years. My first year here at Cal has gone by too quickly and I look forward to becoming a part of TKE!

Sam Homich:

I’m a junior transfer from Vacaville, CA. I have not yet declared but I’m an intended English major and Education minor. Pledging this semester was definitely very unplanned, but I have not regretted it in the least. I have had a great time bonding with my fellow pledges and feel as though I’ve learned quite a bit about myself this semester. I am very glad I made the ultimate decision to pledge this semester and can’t wait to see what is to come.

Jon Kalfayan:

I am a freshman majoring in Computer Science. I was born and raised in San Diego with my two younger sisters, Anna and

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Lisa. In high school I played basketball and ran track and cross-country. At Berkeley, I love running through the Fire Trails and recently took up the hobby of long boarding. My pledge semester has been a fun one and I am very excited to become a brother at TKE!

Franklin Krbechek:

I was born and raised in Fresno, California. This is my second year here at UC Berkeley where I am majoring in History. In high school I was involved with Forensics (Speech and Debate) during my junior and senior years. I am excited about my future at Cal!

Aleksandar Marjanovic:

I was born in Leuven, Belgium. Before I turned 10, my dad got a job promotion and I moved to Dublin (the California one). During my high school years, I was involved in soccer and tennis. I also played trumpet in both jazz and marching band. My senior year I joined the Civics team and our team placed second at Nationals in Washington DC. I'm intending to major in Business but if that doesn't work out I plan to switch to Economics. I'm looking forward to joining the TKE community!

Joseph Yim:

My name is Joseph Jung Hyuk Yim. I'm from Gwangju, South Korea. I have an older brother, attending college in South Korea. I love him; he is an awesome fella. I'm a sophomore majoring in Sociology. Having lived in Auckland, New Zealand for a while, I am a huge fan of the All Blacks and rugby in general. I love playing the piano and singing, so serenading sororities has been one of my favorite activities during this pledge process. I am super excited about becoming a member of the TKE community.



A pledge project to enhance the side yard

NU NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR SOUGHT

In an effort to improve the content of Nu News and achieve an appropriate balance between alumni and undergraduate coverage, editor Robin Harris '56 seeks an associate to assist in news compilation and writing. "The person we are looking for," Harris says, "has a history with the Fraternity, possesses creative writing skills, resides in the Bay Area and expects to remain there. His duties will include coordinating all undergraduate news by working with the Histor each semester to compile articles and photos of activities and events, as well as to develop interesting profiles, through narrative and interview, of alumni to be featured in each issue." This is to be considered a permanent position.

Interested Fraters are encouraged to contact the editor or the Alumni Board who will then review the qualifications of prospects for the position. The successful candidate will succeed the editor upon his eventual retirement.

STUDENT CITY WORKING GROUP IS FORMED

Students and City of Berkeley in Partnership

In March the City of Berkeley revealed the new Student City Working Group to bring together students and city officials. Featuring Mayor Tom Bates and City Councilmen Gordon Wozniak, Jesse Arreguin, and Kriss Worthington, the group's purpose is to investigate issues especially pertinent to students.

Framer Oren Friedman is a member of the group, as he serves as the Interfraternity Vice President of External Affairs. Issues specific to TKE and the Greek community are safety in the southside district, near Channing Circle, and the Second Response Ordinance. Brothers in TKE have already fought this ordinance before and pushed for reform from the city.

This working group is the perfect opportunity to foster better harmony between the Greek community and the city and could be the necessary remedy to the stale relations of the past. A southside safety and second response subcommittee has been formed and could be the necessary outlet for the Greek community to achieve this progressive change.

“ELECTRIFY AMERICA” IS EVENT THEME

This spring, Fraters of Nu Chapter held an event, which we appropriately titled “Electrify America”. Since this was the first time we have held an event with this theme, it took some of our most creative minds to come up with designs and ideas of how to decorate the house for it. The event combined new-age electronic lights and music with historic depictions of American History, with a little twist! Richard Nixon appeared behind a DJ turntable, portrait profiles of other presidents hung from the walls, and flags decorated the downstairs, while depictions of events such as Iwo Jima remained unchanged when posted onto the walls.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS HIGHLIGHT SENIOR SEND-OFF

Graduating seniors received certificates for a year of membership in the Alumni Association at the Senior Send-off dinner and ceremony April 27 at the chapter house. A barbecue in the back yard, supervised by Chef Gordon, accompanied by games and music preceded the ceremony. The food was outstanding, featuring barbecued ribs and salads and a sweet potato pie with Jack Daniel’s caramel topping.

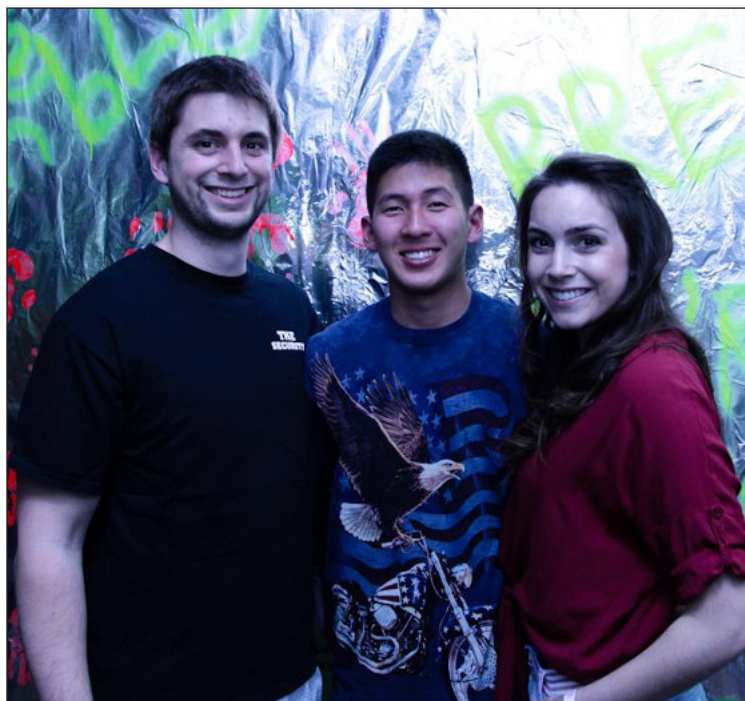
Celebrants then moved indoors where an informal presentation of awards took place in the living room. Informal is the operant word.

TOM MORGAN RECEIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In recognition of his many years of service to the Fraternity, most recently his years as President of the House Corporation Board, the Alumni Association has awarded a Life Membership to Tom Morgan ’51. The presentation was announced at the Christmas Luncheon last December, although Tom was not present to receive it, having just been hospitalized following a fall.

It is hoped that this award can be presented each year to a Frater who has served Nu Chapter faithfully through the years.

Blacklights lit up the house to better reveal drawings on the wall decorated with neon paint. Images such as the bald eagle, the moon landing, and the statue of liberty popped in bright colors along the walls. A DJ stood tall above two tables in the front of the dance floor, with a large American flag draped to the ground. LED lights bounced along the walls to the music to keep guests entertained. Overall, it was an outstanding event, and one we hope to hold again in the future!



Fraters Alex Morris and Chris Lee and friend get ready for a night of fun at Electrify America

ALUMNI BOARD DISCUSSES FALL EVENTS

At a brief meeting April 27, new Alumni Board President Peter Cloven ’86 met with Secretary Robin Harris ’56 and Treasurer David Levine ’88 to discuss plans for social events to begin as soon as the Fall semester commences. Emphasis will be upon activities which undergraduates and alumni of all ages can enjoy jointly. Announcements will be forthcoming, and can be expected to generate much interest and enthusiasm.

“AUTISM SPEAKS U” 5K RUN

Nu Raises \$1,631



Fraters at “Autism Speaks”

On April 7th, 2012 TKE Nu participated in Autism Speaks U’s “1 in 110” 5K Run on the UC Berkeley Campus. Autism Speaks has recently become a national philanthropy partner with TKE, and during our first event with them we were proud to have the biggest team with a total of 40 people and raised \$1,631.01. We were one of the top-grossing teams and the grand fundraising total for the event was \$13,607. The event’s original goal was only a fraction of the amount that was achieved. Thanks go to our Philanthropy Chair, Frater Alex Bernhart for

organizing the event with the Team Captain, Frater Ryan Tabura. A special thanks should go out to Frater Brendan Rafeld for the large amount of work he put into the logistics of the event. Also, Frater Alex McLean raised almost \$300 dollars and was a key asset to the success of the event and the success of our team. The money raised during this event goes towards Autism research and care for those families affected. We were very excited to participate and sponsor an event put on by one of our national philanthropy organizations. It was a fun event and a great success!

UNDERGRADS STAGE SUCCESSFUL RETREAT

by Hypophetes Alex Voet

I wanted Retreat this year to be similar to the past couple semester's retreats, as I found that former Hypophetes Doug Wreden had done a wonderful job organizing the event. Following his example, I decided to host it once again in the beautiful Golden Gate Park of San Francisco. I find that this location is close enough that it is not a huge inconvenience for brothers, yet far enough away for them to be able to forget their school stresses and take a day to focus on themselves and on our brotherhood. With our house larger than it has ever been, it was important to focus this retreat on solidifying the bond among our brothers in order to maintain the level of brotherhood I have seen in this house since I was a pledge.

To do this, I centered retreat on two main sections. In the first section of retreat, I split brothers into groups of five to seven men for a more organized, small-group reflection. First, I facilitated a small group discussion asking questions ranging from "What is the coolest thing you've done this semester?" to "What are some goals you would like to see the house accomplish this upcoming semester/year?". I did this to transition brothers from lighthearted football games in the morning into a period of more structured reflection. After a small group competition in which groups were asked to find specific items in the park and participate in a three-legged race, we took a break for lunch and then groups went off on their own for a period of deeper reflection. As is tradition during Retreat, this one-to-two hour time slot is reserved for groups to break off and reflect both about themselves and their groupmates, each person offering constructive criticism or praise when it was merited.

After this group discussion came the second, less-structured, section of retreat. It is typical of a retreat to have a couple

hours free in the afternoon for brothers to do whatever they want in the park. However, I have always found that this is a too unstructured a time, and thus spoke to Fraters with strong leadership skills to be activity leaders to give people creative things to do other than play football or wander around. While games of football and frisbee were set up during this period, the introduction of activity leaders and planned activities led to a variety of activities such as kite-flying, chess, rollerblading, a game of the popular board game Settlers of Catan, and more.

I believe this semi-structured afternoon helped brothers continue to enjoy Retreat and

relax; what I have found in the past is that by the afternoon, people become tired, and without diverse options of activities they begin to think again about their schoolwork and stop enjoying Retreat and worry about the obligations they face when they return. After a successful Retreat, I believe the house was recharged and ready to take on the rest of the semester. I look forward to organizing next semester's retreat, which I may try to change even more to continue to make it a unique and exciting day in the semester.



Fraters at Retreat in Golden Gate Park



NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

This section of Nu News could be more complete, but many Fraters seem to think no one cares about their accomplishments and milestones, vacations, news of their children. Yet, many readers tell us this is the section they most look forward to in each issue. We welcome all messages and letters.

ERIK LEWIS '05 writes: "I just finished my PhD in Mathematics at UCLA and I will be working for Kontangent, a tech startup in San Francisco. My official title will be Data Scientist Account Manager, which means I will be working with app developers to help them do user level analytics to improve the experience of their users. More important than that, I am excited about being closer to TKE for alumni events and football."

ROBIN HARRIS '56 says, "I have finally finished my book (working title: The Fearless Foster Parent), and after surmounting a number of hurdles, it looks as though it will be out this summer. Right now we are engaged in setting up the photo shoot for the cover with the help of my daughter Ann, and still seeking an artist to do the line drawings for nine illustrations. The book went 172 pages, which is much longer than I originally set out to do.

"As to family, I am still enjoying five grandchildren, ages 15 to 29. The two oldest are engaged to be married - one doing graduate studies at Chico and the other living in Anchorage, Alaska."

ELEVEN FRATERS enjoyed the hospitality of the undergraduate chapter at the Teke House on Sunday, March 18, for a fantastic dinner prepared by Chef Gordon Heavner. The meal began with French onion soup, with an entree of braised lamb shanks accompanied by outstanding sides and followed by Kailua chocolate cake. These dinners are becoming incredibly fine social events, prompting us to anticipate the next one on the calendar, and salivate for another incredible meal.

From **BUD JAMISON '50**, we hear "The picture of our 'Nu Group' in 1952 published in the Nu News brought back many memories of life on Channing Way. I am still working (addicted?) and enjoying the professional life. Much of the rest of the week is spent with our local grandchildren. The hugs are always welcome! I've missed

several of the summer events at Chip's, but not on purpose. We still enjoy traveling - Costa Rica last year and the Dalmatian Coast next summer."

CHIP WRAY '53 and wife Anne enjoyed a week in San Francisco and home in Sonoma with old Army friends from his days in Worms, Germany in 1955. He says, "We enjoyed listening to a Simpson/Bowles presentation of their findings to turn the U. S. economy around, as well as visiting wineries in Sonoma."



Photo L to R: Sen. Al Simpson (ATΩ Wyoming), Ann Simpson, Jean Lush, Hank Lush (TKE Gettysburg), Anne Wray, Chip Wray (TKE Berkeley) at B.F. Cohn Winery.

Our competitive swimmer, **JACK FLEMING '57** shares this: "First of all, I had a great time with the Tekes at the A's game last year. It was my first A's game. I was looking forward to it. Turned out I could not see the ball; also we moved our seats just when the only run, a homer, was hit. So we missed that. The Tekes were great, but baseball makes swimming look more exciting than I had thought. My wife and I went over to Jordan and Syria for Easter last year. That was very interesting. In the summer, we celebrated our 50th anniversary, in France, taking three kids and four grandchildren with us. That was a wonderful time. Soon I leave for Greece and Turkey. In 2011 I had 19 swimming races and took first in 16, second in two, and third in one. I won all nine events in the Nevada State Senior Games (Senior Olympics). I entered the Masters Pan American Games in Rio De Janiero, and won the 50m and 200m in

breast, the 100m and 200m butterfly, and came in third in the 200m individual medley, and had a great experience in Brazil. This year so far I have nine races, eight firsts and a second. Last week was the Short Course Pacific Masters Championships. I entered four events, winning the 400IM, 200IM, 100 breast and 200 butterfly. Currently, I have 45 pool records at my team pool, USF (Koret). I just had a double hernia operation, so plan to sit on a Greek isle for a bit.” (Ed Note: Jack, I got a double hernia just reading this.)

TOM MORGAN '50, from all reports, is doing well after orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation following a bad fall in early December. He should be back among us soon.

From **TONY WAYNE '72**, U. S. Ambassador to Mexico, “I am enjoying my new work and life at the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City. We have a very full and challenging agenda.”

DAN COSTELLO '51 tells us, “I went to recent funerals of Bruce Cowan '53 and Bill Graham '49. There were many

Tekes in attendance. My son, Casey, has become a Christian missionary and is traveling in the Far East. I am now 86 years old, but stay in shape by working out twice a week and playing golf once. I am also a Rector in the Catholic Church.”

Fraters may not know that Dan grows outstanding roses and oranges in his Concord back yard.

We’ve just heard from **MIKE CERUSSI '10**, “I just got a position in the Budweiser Brewery in Los Angeles and will be living in LA full time starting in June. I just finished a 10-month rotational training program with Anheuser-Busch and learned all aspects of the beer industry from the brewing process to the selling process. It was a fantastic experience and I can’t wait to get started in my next position at the brewery.”

ED DERMOTT '49 says he is “living in Varenna, a wonderful retirement residence in Santa Rosa. Lost my wife in 2008 after 36 years, and married Gloria Wilson Riley (Cal '47) in September 2010.”

A MESSAGE TO RECENT GRADUATES

From The Nu Chapter Alumni Association

Graduation from UC Berkeley and the onset of your professional life is a thrilling time, but it is not a time to forget the bonds built while an active TKE at Nu Chapter. Nor is it a time to leave behind the ideals of scholarship, excellence, leadership, service to chapter and community, building moral and ethical character, teamwork, and life-time brotherhood.

The active chapter and the chapter house still need dedicated alumni - and still need you. Both financial support and volunteer time are in short supply and very much needed year around. Sure, attending football pre-game parties is always encouraged and appreciated - but you would be amazed how many other events your planning skills, financial support, and enthusiastic attendance are warmly invited. The active members want to get to know

you, to learn about your work and to meet your families, and to forge bonds with the chapter’s past, as they work side-by-side with you in pursuit of chapter improvement and philanthropic goals.

Graduating, working for a living and starting a family are not reasons to disengage from TKE Nu life. To the contrary, as a recent graduate you are most effective as a role model to the active chapter. Don’t leave your TKE experience behind - build it into your post-university years, and make it a regular part of your life for years to come, in any of the ways you can help.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

1959 - "Nu Chapter has initiated another step in its efforts to maintain closer contact with the graduates. Nu News, your new newsletter, is designed to be published regularly for alumni and friends," says Steve Dedina, Prytanis.

"I'm operating my own construction company now, and am set up to build anything from a patio to a dam," says Bill Rus of Palo Alto. If you need either one, call him.

"I passed the bar exam!" writes Al Nelson '55. Al is the newest member of the Board of Control. He lives in Davis.

1960 - The Mothers Club has contributed a much-needed item to the chapter house: a new vacuum cleaner. Heartfelt thanks for their interest and loyalty.

1962 - Phil Merritt '52 has been recognized by the Sunnyvale Junior Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Young Man of 1961.

Extensive work on the chapter house last summer includes all new bathrooms, and stainless steel kitchen appliances including a new freezer, refrigerator, dishwasher and garbage disposal.

1964 - Brutus, seven-month-old St. Bernard mascot, earned Second Place in the annual Ugly Man Contest. Brutus and his pledge escorts received a plaque and a cake (which Brutus himself ate) at the Beauty and Beast Ball.

1966 - Fred Lusk '56 will obtain a teaching credential in June and hopes to teach high school math and science.

1967 - Always in the upper echelon of of fraternity social ratings at Cal, Nu Chapter will host a Hippie Hardrocker, at which everyone will be dressed as hippies. It will be interesting to see how well we can imitate the far-out elements of Berkeley.

1969 - This Fall only five men will be returning to the house. The housecleaning of men who were not fraternity minded, plus a large number of graduating seniors has resulted in this low number for the coming semester. Some fraternities are throwing in the towel and not reopening in the Fall. This is exactly what the militant factions at Cal want us to do. Please step forward and assist with rush. Richard Jenks '72 and Wayne Martinez '71 are the summer rush captains.

1972 - Tekes are here to stay. With 13 new pledges the house now has 33 live-in members. Our present situation looks very good. As 31 is our break-even point financially, we are in the black.

1973 - William Graham '51 was appointed Director of Marketing, Hawaii and Guam Services, for Seatrain Lines.

1975 - Casino Night will be held May 17. This year's theme is "The Sting," with Scott Joplin's favorite tunes being played on our famous piano.

1980 - After several months in the hospital in San Francisco, Soph Goth '19 has moved to Fresno to be closer to his brother and family, Ted and Ruby Goth. He is feeling much better now.

1982 - Al Nelson '55 has been named Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

1983 - John Bell '56 says, "I have been a rabid barbershop singer for 21 years. The Tekes used to be dynamite singers. Are they still?"

1988 - Carl Anderson '57 has been named Administrative Presiding Justice for the First District Court of Appeals.

George Dove '51, Nu Board Chairman, was presented with the Grand Prytanis Key Leader Award at the TKE Regional Leadership Conference in February.

1990 - Earl Boynton '56 retired from the U. S. Army Reserve with the rank of Colonel. He received the Meritorious Service Medal on that occasion.

1991 - After thirty years at Redwood High School, Chip Wray '53 is going to hang up the chalk.

1996 - The annual Christmas Luncheon at the Olympic Club last December attracted some Fraters we hadn't seen in many years. Nu Tekes from the class of 1930 (Denny Eller) to 1986 (Jeff Gutow) were represented, meaning that the luncheon is bringing out a much broader scope of Fraters than in the past.

2003 - Our first Family Picnic will be held at the home of Chip and Anne Wray, May 24. Fraters and their entire families will enjoy what is truly a first in Nu Takedown.

An event planned by the men of the new Nu Colony was held at Kips on Durant Avenue. With 30 members of the new colony and 27 alumni, the place was hopping. The Teke Quartet did some impressive woodshedding in the corner, and as more and more Fraters gathered around, the songs increased in volume. By the end of the evening, "The Rambler" was being sung by all and sundry.

Chapter Eternal

WILLIAM W. GRAHAM '51 - 1926-2011



This picture of Bill Graham, according to Claire, is what he looked like when they first met in 1959. It's a favorite photo.

Bill Graham passed away December 24. Born in Los Angeles, November 11, 1926, he was 85 years old. He spent his early childhood in Los Angeles, then moved with his family to Illinois. He served his country in World War II, and then attended Eureka College in Illinois briefly, where he was initiated into TKE, Iota Chapter, in 1947. He transferred to Cal where he majored in Business Administration, arriving there just in time to become very active in the recolonization of Nu Chapter. He was Prytanis in the Fall semester of 1948.

He served as a Purser for Matson Navigation, then lived in New York City and Washington DC, where he met Claire who became his wife of 51 years. They settled in Walnut Creek where he was President of Graham Travel Service for 30 years. In addition to Claire, he is survived by his children, Kathy, David and Mark.

Bill had a variety of hobbies and interests, including sailing, snow skiing, gardening and, of course, travel. He was also an avid genealogist, studying Scottish history. He was Past President of Clan Graham of the West.

Although in ill health for the last few years of his life, he was nonetheless an active attendee, along with Claire, at many Nu Chapter functions. Claire states, "Bill treasured his lifelong bond with his fraternity." Services were held at First Christian Church in Concord.

DONALD A. LAWRIE '50 - 1926-2012

Don, a native of Sacramento, long time resident of San Jose and most recently of Dublin, left us February 22, aged 85.

Serving in the Army Medical Corps in the Philippines, initiated into Nu Chapter March 6, 1949 with Scroll Number 277, he was a Business Administration major at Cal. Following school, he became a right-of-way agent for the California Division of Highways (now CalTrans) from 1950-1970, and then was Supervisor of the Real Estate Division of the Santa Clara Valley Water District from 1970 until his retirement in 1987.

Avid Cal sports enthusiasts, Don and his wife, Harriet, of 61 years were regularly seen in the stands at football and basketball games, and for many years they had attended virtually every Nu Chapter banquet and picnic. Besides Harriet, he is survived by brothers Bob and Tom of Sacramento, two daughters, Marilyn and Sandra, and four grandchildren. Services were held March 31 in Dublin.



Harriet and Don Lawrie, along with Ruth and Bruce Cowan, at the Nu Chapter Founders Day Banquet in 2001. Bruce passed away just a year ago.

DONALD L. TALBOTT '51 - 1927-2012

Don passed away March 9, at the age of 85 following a stroke. He had resided in San Bernardino for many years, where he was a building contractor. Born January 17, 1927, he grew up in Castle Rock, Washington. He served in the U. S. Navy as a Radio Technician 3rd Class on the submarine tender USS Aegir. Following the service he entered Cal and was initiated into Nu Chapter March 6, 1949 with Scroll Number 280. He and Don Lawrie, who preceded him in death by just a couple of weeks, were pledge brothers. He served as House Manager.

He was an avid sportsman and adventurer, with love of the water. He enjoyed sailing, power boating, scuba diving and deep sea fishing. He also loved golf and travel. Don loved building and repairing things, and used ingenuity and meticulous care in doing so. He constructed the first barbecue in the back yard of the Nu Chapter house. In recent years he enjoyed bird watching in his back yard where he spent time enjoying his view of the San Bernardino mountains.

His Frater Bill Graham had procured him a job as Purser on the USS Lurline where he met his wife-to-be, Marilyn. They were married in 1954 and raised two sons, Mark and Mike. Marilyn preceded him in death after 57 years. His sons, daughters-in-law and a grandson survive him. Memorial services were private.



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NU CHAPTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The TKE Nu Alumni Association wants to make sure that being a “Teke for life” is not an empty phrase. Its mission is to carry on the cherished ideals of Tau Kappa Epsilon, even after an active member graduates from UC Berkeley and takes leave of the active chapter, as follows:

The Nu Chapter Alumni Association endeavors to keep alumni knowledgeable about the activities of the active chapter, and to support the active chapter and the Berkeley chapter house. That support can take the form of financial donations toward housing improvements, scholarship funding, or any number of other ongoing or ad hoc needs. That support can also take the form of volunteer time at the chapter house, at a chapter, regional or alumni event, or on a Nu Chapter board or committee.

The Nu Chapter Alumni Association further endeavors to keep alumni in contact with one another. The Alumni Association recognizes that over the course of busy family and professional lives it is easy to lose touch with fellow Tekes known from university days. The Alumni Association provides a reason and a forum to keep old TKE friendships current, and to help form new ones for professional and personal benefit.

In this way, the Nu Chapter Alumni Association endeavors to continue encouraging excellence in scholarship, instilling leadership qualities, promoting service to chapter and community, building moral and ethical character, recognizing the value of teamwork, and fostering life-long brotherhood.

Thanks to Frater David Levine '88, incoming Alumni Association Treasurer for developing this statement.