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## **NO ONE EVER CALLS US BORING! 2007 FAMILY PICNIC IS JUNE 2ND**

"Family" is the operant word here. Although this event may not rival the Easter Egg Hunt on the White House lawn, or Wolfgang Puck's beautiful Oscar Night dinner in national news, it is much more important in the eyes of fraters and their families. It is huge! And it will be no less so this year as Tekes and their families converge upon the Chip Wray '53 digs in Sonoma for the fifth year of this tradition on Saturday, June 2. (This event emerged as we moved our Founders' Day celebrations much farther away from January 10, and decided to leave the responsibility for that tradition to the active chapter where it really belongs, and is observed graciously.)

Tekes show up here with wives, sweethearts, children, or alone, beginning about noon. In all these configurations they are warmly greeted, and they have a wonderful time. Last year's event was no exception when some 40 Tekes and family members enjoyed the day, and this year we expect many more. Tekes who arrive unaccompanied have just as much fun as everyone else. Sometimes they're the last to leave!

Visiting sets the tone as the afternoon enfolds, while lovingly prepared appetizers are passed. Soon the barbecuing begins and the aroma of rib-eye steaks and chicken breasts wafts through the lawns and lanais of the Wray's beautiful property. Excellent wines and beers are available, as well as a variety of drinks for the kids. The pool and spa get minimal use, as a rule, but they are there to enjoy, nonetheless.

A modest \$25 per person covers everything, and kids are free. We begin to gather about noon, and dinner is served at 2:00 or 3:00, or when we feel like it. We go home when we feel like it, too. Some of last year's celebrants may still be there.

### **Directions to the Picnic:**



Fraters Graves '56, Harris '56, Bell '56, & Deady '54

### THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2006 **ONCE AGAIN, AN OUTSTANDING AFFAIR**

To paraphrase the opening line of A Tale of Two Cities, "It was the best of times, and the best of times." And indeed it was, in every way. Some members of the active chapter joined us.

Held once again at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco, this year's event drew one of its largest crowds ever. Fraters gathered in the Heritage Room, while wives and sweethearts were their guests in the Flying Leatherneck Room a couple of floors above. While the ladies enjoyed a buffet lunch, they were pleased by the appearance of the Teke Quartet who serenaded them. When one of them asked whether Tekes had a sweetheart song like "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," the quartet was ready with a rendering of one of our Nu Chapter sweetheart songs. What a happy coincidence!

Downstairs, the revelry continued until our own lunch was served, announcements were made, jokes were told, and a certificate was presented to Dan Costello '51, who has made the arrangements for this affair for many years (and who hints that the festivities may move back to the Olympic Club next winter). The ladies came downstairs to join the men, and the afternoon wound up in fine style.

The Christmas Luncheon is always held on a Monday, so block your calendar for December 10 or 17 until you hear from us again in the fall issue. You will be glad you did. And remember, if you bring your wife or sweetheart, she won't be out Christmas shopping while you're enjoying your afternoon. Think of the money you'll save! (See page 10 for photos!)

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRYTANIS – PAUL WINZER '08

Dear Fraters,

The beginning of the 2007 calendar year has ushered in a new era for Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. It is my pleasure to address to you the recent goings-on within the chapter and the wonderful things that we have accomplished in the name of service to both the community and ourselves as active and concerned young men.

Last fall we held our 1st Annual Philanthropy Date Auction in Dwinelle Hall. Our philanthropy chairs did an excellent job coordinating the event, with help, of course, from much of the general membership. One especially noteworthy aspect to the auction was our incentive offered to other houses that other houses participate by allowing them to auction off their members. We raised over \$2,000 for our own philanthropy, as well as those of other houses.

Thanks to generous donations from some of you, the living room at 2725 Channing now dons a beautiful new cherry-stained entertainment system for our television and stereo. Amusingly, the builder made the mistake of putting the frame in the front of the television so that it covered the control panel, but it is now fixed and after two frightful days we are watching television again!

On a larger scale, last semester TKE National recognized Nu as one of the fraternity's most active and successful chapters and granted us the Top TKE Award. While the level of effort and determination shown by the founding fathers, the current actives, and you, the alumni, has been truly astounding, it comes as no shock that the young men who have chosen to be part of both UC Berkeley and TKE have managed to be so successful. My hat is off to all who have made this goal a reality.

As many of you may have heard, we have had over 20 young men sign bids to pledge Nu chapter this semester. For the most part, they have been ambitious and productive together as a class, quickly moving toward their own fundraising and community service goals. The hegemon has provided us with a more detailed account of their progress, which you can read in another section. I will add, though, that with every new pledge class I feel more and more the legacy of Nu chapter becoming an important part of my life, and reciprocally I see my responsibility to define that growing legacy. My experience as a Teke has been phenomenal, entering and sharing the bond with young men whose interests vary but whose values align. As the second anniversary of my initiation, March 17th, has recently passed, I am grateful for all that Nu chapter has offered me, and plan to express my gratitude by responsibly devoting myself to making this semester and the next as rewarding as possible for myself and my fellow fraters. The staples of this agenda are the guiding principles of love, charity, and esteem.

Yours in the Bond,

Paul Winzer '08

# **DON'T-SHOOT-THE-EDITOR**

A while back, I found this letter to my parents in a sheaf of stuff they had put away. It was dated September 9, 1953. I had just left home for life at Cal:

#### Dear Mom and Dad:

Well, I'm a Teke. (Tau Kappa Epsilon.) I pledged this house Tuesday night, and the reason I have waited so long to write is a long story. Here's what happened to me since Saturday night when I went to a smoker at (name of house omitted). What a mess. All they did was talk about the steamy parties they'd had, and then someone mentioned that last semester eight men were drafted from their house because their grades were down. The house president staggered up and shook my hand and then passed out at my feet. Besides all that, there were obvious repairs needed to the house and I could see building fund assessments coming up. They spent \$2,000 last year shimming up one side of the house so it would be level. So I didn't go back to that house.

The next day was the Teke breakfast. I have to say this was an impressive group. More about this later. That night was dinner at (name of house omitted). The house was okay, but a long way off campus. As for the men, I found them to be sort of bland, not outgoing.

The next day I had lunch at (name omitted). I kind of liked the men there, but the house was a wreck inside. I found this to be true of most of the houses I visited. Dinner that night at (yes, omitted) was much the same.

So now, let me go back to Sunday morning following the Teke breakfast. They asked me to go out to Lake Anza with them and swim. Had a great time, and two afternoons later, the president of TKE called to ask if I would come back that night for dinner, and the rest is history. After dinner they invited me to go with them to San Francisco to the opening of Kismet, the new musical at the Curran Theater. (Go see it!) We drove to S.F. in a 1924 Buick belonging to one of the men here. After the show we returned to the house and I was asked to pledge, and I accepted. I was their first pledge, followed by 22 more—the largest pledge class ever, I think—and no wonder! There was no point in continuing to rush when I knew I had found my home. side. Not a scratch anywhere on the wood paneling. Beautiful rugs and furniture. Many rooms are wallpapered and nicely furnished. I'm on the third floor with a man named Ken Porter, a transfer from San Diego State and a Teke down there. The house owns a St. Bernard named Brutus, 150 pounds of dog, complete with liquor keg around his neck. I can't wait till you see this place. I know I made the right choice. Music is everywhere. These guys are always singing.

Ken and I are furnishing this room with anything we can get our hands on. Ken has already painted it light green. I was going to phone you and ask you to send down some blankets, but Dave Wolf at Pacific School of Religion had some, which he lent me. I do need my dark green bedspread though, and the jeans from my dresser drawer. You could maybe put Dave's shoe in, too. He's kind of anxious about it. Could you also throw in my scrapbooks and photo albums and my bowling ball, and any small furnishings you think we could use. Better yet, throw it all in the car and come see my home. More later.

re later.

#### Love, Robin

To have stated, "I'm a Teke" was a little presumptuous. We were reminded very clearly that we will not be Tekes until we are initiated the following semester. I recall Prytanis Jim Griffin '55 addressing the pledge class: "We do not now congratulate you; however, we do welcome you...."

What a life surrounded me in Berkeley! I had been a BMOC as student body vice president at Shasta College, but this was something else. Now I found myself in a huge puddle. And I was such a tiny frog. The rigors of pledging paled in comparison to all I experienced on campus. Registration was a zoo, courses were hell, classes were far apart, people were everywhere, mass confusion reigned, or so it seemed to me.

But every day after classes, when I walked through the front door on Channing Way, what a comfort zone awaited me. What great friends welcomed me. What a feeling! I was home.

Robin C. Harris '56

This house, unlike the others I visited, is beautiful in-

### MESSAGE FROM THE HISTOR – MIRCEA RAIANU '09

Being histor, in the words of my predecessor Frater Paul Winzer '08, is "simple, but not easy." As the semester began the TKE house faced an unprecedented challenge: the graduation of the last members of Alpha class, that group of extraordinary men who four years ago, along with our dedicated alumni, brought Nu chapter back to life. With the realization that so many of our "founders" have gone, and with the prospect of a slew of graduations in May, our "top-heavy" house was about to receive a serious makeover. It was, first and foremost, a challenge of rush. A pledge class of twenty-two has survived the first few weeks of the process and holds great promise for our future. But these men, capable and energetic as they are, must above all discover the traditions of our chapter in order to ensure the Nu legacy continues. Traditions are a fragile thing. They can be made one day and disappear without a trace the next. We talk a lot of being unique and diverse and "not like other houses." But this means nothing unless we live it through ever-stronger traditions that we come to know and cherish.

To that end the pledges are instructed weekly in the history of Nu chapter, from its beginnings as the Sequoyah Club through the heyday of the '50s, the wild '80s, and down to the present day. They listen to records of TKEs serenading and marvel that fifty years ago the Cal drinking song sounded much the same. They browse old scrapbooks and pictures, and hear stories about the good times - the years of prosperity and growth, and about the bad – when our house gradually slipped off the face of campus. It is hoped this kind of education will further a bond between the pledges and the rich history of Nu chapter. But it is not only pledges who must participate in furthering TKE history and traditions: the re-introduction of the "TKE-WEEK" book, which passes to a different frater each week to record his experiences in the life of the fraternity, is aimed at giving active fraters the opportunity to "make their own history."

Only one hurdle remains for us to meet the challenge of the transitional times we live in: all of you. It is only through contact with a broader base of alumni that our house can truly flourish. I have spoken to a few of you, mostly at the tail end of last year's football season, and I have heard great stories, which make the lifeless pictures and mementos in our chapter room seem like mere shadows of the real, vibrant events of yesteryear. But I have, and we the active members of Nu chapter have, a lot to learn from you. I can only encourage you to come visit us and speak to us: a whole new generation of TKEs at Cal in need of knowing what came before as the best guide to what lies ahead.

Here allow me to slip in, at the end of my note, that the Founders' Day dinner took place on Sunday, April 22nd at the house, and was an excellent celebration! Thank you to those that attended. For any further information about the chapter, please contact me at mraianu@berkeley.edu or call 310.755.5787.

Yours in the Bond,

Mircea Raianu '09, #1022 Nu Chapter Histor

### HEGEMON REPORT - MICHAËL LÉVY '10

Wednesday evening, 11:35 p.m. It has taken less than forty minutes for the candidates to be able to recite the ninth paragraph of the Declaration of Principles perfectly. The quizzes about TKE catechism are nearly all stellar. The triangles, completed one week in advance, are already covered by the signatures of the actives. The community service hours are planned, the fundraising is on its way, serenading training is beginning. By seeing what the Kappa class has achieved it is hard to guess it is only week four of the pledge process.

After two whole days of team building challenges and activities, in which Chapter Advisor Peter Cloven '86 played a great part, the new candidates have gone through the first phase of the pledge process: bonding. They are now mixing with the fraters, discovering TKE beliefs and way of life, before experiencing the challenges they will have to face as active members. Organized around the Six Pillars of TKE, the events led by myself and Fred Yip '10, the griffin of Kappa class, see the candidates evolve and mature, embracing the values of our fraternity.

Although one could have feared a certain "creaming off" due to the exceptional size of the pledge class, the Kappas have all made proof of their commitment, their resourcefulness, their obstinacy through hard times, and their will to successfully meet all the requirements. Led by pledge class president Michael Cerussi '10 and their very own officer corps, the 21 candidates of this Spring '07 pledge class are making us proud, each one of them bringing his personal background and various skills, blending into a united, well-organized, and holistic brotherhood. Guided by very involved big brothers, the Kappa pledge class, mainly composed of freshmen, carries great hopes for the next generation of TKEs.

## PHILANTHROPY UPDATE – ALEX MOK '07



Nu chapter finished the fall semester with a bang, hosting its first annual Charity Date Auction. On November 29th, twenty men and women graced the stage of 145 Dwinelle to be auctioned off to the general public. The event was a success, attracting over 250 people and raising over \$2,000 for charity.

During the night, Frater Francisco Gimenez '07 and Frater Tom Bell '06 played MC by introducing and guestioning the contestants. The duo entertained the crowd with their humor and quick wits, driving up the bids for many contestants. Contestants hailed from all over campus with many on-campus groups represented. TKE Nu chapter, Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Zeta Psi, Chi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Pi, California Engineers, ASUC Senate, UC Men's Octet, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, and Alpha Omicron Pi were among the groups represented. All contestants demonstrated a talent which ranged from sing and dance to a reciting of romantic sweet nothings in 12 different languages. At the end of the night, Krista Seiden from Kappa Alpha Theta received an astounding bid of \$190 as she took home the first prize of a round trip ticket to anywhere in the continental U.S. with American Airlines. Winning bidders were taken on a brunch date with the contestants held at the TKE house. Couples were given a chance to get to know each other amidst jazz music, great food, and good company.

Without the help of our sponsors (Applebee's Grill, New Era Hats, American Airlines, Carvel Ice Cream, Rockstar Energy Drinks) and Nu fraters and pledges, the event would not have been the huge success that it was. The coming together of all TKE fraters and pledges to put on the event truly demonstrates the unity and drive that exists within Nu chapter.

### **TKE DAY:** FRATERS DEDICATE ENTIRE SATURDAY TO HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The brothers and pledges of Nu chapter recently planned, organized, and executed the first of many extensive house improvement days. Appropriately titled "TKE Day," all active members joined hands to keep the chapter house looking shiny and new. With a budget of only \$100 and some help from the Berkeley Tool Lending Library, fraters were able to complete an extraordinary amount of improvements. These include but are not limited to polishing the TKE letters, organizing all closet space, vacuuming the entire house, a total kitchen overhaul, reorganizing recycling, inventorying all miscellaneous TKE items, and taking care of larger maintenance duties. After hours of hard work everyone relaxed to music and homemade quesadillas!

- Alex Mastrodonato '08 Nu Chapter Grammataeus

## ALUMNI-ACTIVES BARBECUE - ACTIVES' PERSPECTIVE -

"On a sunny October afternoon, the undergraduate members of Nu chapter mingled with their alumni at the beautiful home of Judge Carl Anderson '57 in Piedmont. Amidst delicious food and fraternal company, our presence in the bond seemed to us more real than ever. The highlight for the undergraduates was hearing the TKE Quartet launch into the songs they knew so well, for our ears a rare and moving occasion. How many of us hoped, ourselves, to sing our college songs so many years later, to keep the same kind of connection to each other throughout our lives! In response, the undergraduates performed their rendition of the "TKE Rambling Song" for the alums, showing how vibrant our own singing traditions are. With speeches from our host Frater Carl Anderson '57, Alumni President Chip Wray '53, and Prytanis David Freeman '07, the day concluded on a note of harmony and all of us returned to Channing Way feeling renewed in our commitment to the spirit of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

-By Histor Mircea Raianu '09

# NEW IN THE BOND - MEET IOTA CLASS, FALL 2006

**Evan Wilder #1030** was born in Canada, but has lived in San Diego for the last ten years. As a Canadian, he never knew much about fraternities. However, upon coming to Cal, he was lucky enough to find TKE, the greatest fraternity in the world. He was initiated into Nu chapter in Iota class, and is now co-social chair. Evan is currently a freshman majoring in rhetoric, and will probably either go to law school or move into the basement of TKE and remain there to haunt new generations of pledges.

My name is **Jonny Fry #1031**, I'm an exchange student from Sheffield University, North England. I am currently in my third here at Berkeley studying mechanical engineering. I enjoy socialising and playing sports. I love everything about TKE!

My name is **Gudbrand** [good-brand] J. Qvale #1032, and I'm a proud Norwegian. I'm an exchange student for a year in the department of Political Science, and I will graduate in May '07. I really enjoy America, Berkeley, and TKE. I'm very grateful for my opportunities, for my new friends, and for being a Teke!

**Dan Fiedler #1033** - I'm from Palos Verdes Estates in Southern California, and I'm studying business and economics. I enjoy playing football, soccer, and basketball (especially with the Tekes). My favorite part of TKE is the incredible diversity that exists within the house, and it thrills me to help the fraternity grow in size and accomplishment.

My name is **Ori Dula #1034**. I am from San Diego, CA and am currently planning to major in business administration. I helped our pledge class with serenading sororities and am currently helping the new pledge class as well. I am also the Red Carnation Ball chair, and plan on having a great end of the year event.

My name is **Freddy Yip #1035**. I was born in Oakland, California but moved to Southeast Alaska when I was very young. Currently, I am an undeclared undergraduate and a part of the most recent initiated class of Tau Kappa Epsilon. What I really enjoy most about TKE is the strong sense of brotherhood from the guys and personally I feel like the fraternity house is my home away from home.

My name is Adam Potischman #1036 and I am a first-year from Thousand Oaks, California. I am planning on -6studying economics and political science. At first I was unsure if pledging TKE my first semester was the right thing to do, but looking back now I am extremely happy the way things worked out, and am really looking forward to the next four years.

**Michaël Lévy #1037** - As you can guess from the strange accents on my name, I am French, and have done my undergraduate studies in France at the École Polytechnique. I am now a first year graduate student in the Nuclear Engineering Department of UC Berkeley. Joining TKE has brought me a lot, teaching me the best of the American way of life and enabling me to meet quality people from various backgrounds. The open-mindedness, the eclecticism of Tau Kappa Epsilon, and the generosity of the fraters have made of this fraternity the most valuable experience I've had so far.

**Peter Torrey #1038** is a sophomore at Cal majoring in mechanical engineering. He avidly enjoys tinkering with machines, which has led him to a job as the improvements chair for Nu chapter. Peter spends his free time working on pet projects or reading whatever good story he can find.

**Preston Lee #1039** - hails from sunny Florida and arrives at Cal in his second year of college. Preston is a member of the crew team and follows in the footsteps of his father as a dedicated TKE. Not only that, by an incredible coincidence they happen to share the same scroll number!



Visit the Nu chapter website for recent news, upcoming event information, photos, an online directory of fraters, and much more. The website will soon be changing to a new, more informative and interactive layout, so if you have any suggestions on how to improve from the current site, please send an e-mail to: CalTKE@TKENu-Alumni.org. All pictures from this edition of Nu News are viewable on our website!



live in the Bay Area."

# **NEWS OF NU ALUMNI**



**DON LAWRIE '50** says, "Harriet and I have been in San Jose 36 years. We enjoy traveling, Cal sports, and keeping up with kids and grandkids, all of whom

**WILLIE MOORE '50** has returned from a fabulous five weeks in October and November in New Zealand. "The impetus," he says, "was to join a two-week garden tour by the Honolulu Garden Club, one week on South Island, one week on North Island." (It will be remembered that Sally judges flower shows in the Hawaiian Islands.) "We saw grand gardens and estates with 14 garden clubbers and husbands. But Sally and I did even more; we went 10 days early to South Island and traveled on our own before hooking up with the Hawaii gang in Queenstown, then spent eight more days on our own on North Island after the tour left from Auckland. A gorgeous, gorgeous country filled with hearty and unfailingly hospitable and friendly people!" Willie couldn't make it to the last Christmas luncheon, but promises he will be there in 2007!

Here's **BILL GRAHAM '51** with news. "Claire and I are still living in Walnut Creek, enjoying our four grandchildren, Lauren 8, Madison 8, Andrew 6, and Zachary 4. Both sons, David and Mark, and their families, live in Pleasanton, and daughter Kathleen lives in Hollywood, Florida. We divide our time with the family in California, and traveling to Florida and Hawaii. We still arrange travel for special groups, and took a group of clansmen researching their genealogy to Scotland this summer. Busy as ever, life is good! Our best wishes to all."

**DON SAMPSEL '51** of Oceanside, writes: "We have been moving around a lot recently. Moved back to Southern California from Sonora three years ago. Now living in a 55+ community, Ocean Hills Country Club, where we have free golf and all the activities anyone would want. We travel a lot. This past year to Palm Springs in February, France in May, Tahoe in July, Erie Canal Cruise in October, and Oregon for Thanksgiving with family. We are active in all the community affairs, including Village Board of Directors and Architectural Committee. Went to the Holiday Bowl and saw Cal wax Texas A & M. It was great for a change with Cal playing like a winner. hated it. I went back to work three months later and am still working as a financial advisor at

Smith Barney in Brea, California. My wife, Carole, and I travel at least one month a year. This year we went to Norway, Iceland, and Greenland. Next year we fly to Hong Kong for a 35-day cruise to Athens. After that it's time for fishing which will take us to Mexico and Costa Rica with the Southern California Tuna Club. I am also active in the Avalon Tuna Club, which is the oldest angling club in the world. Hopefully 2007 will be another great year for TKE, especially Nu chapter."

Bad news–good news for **JOHN BELL '56**, of Sonoma. John suffered a stroke on January 11; that's the bad news. The good news is that he has worked so hard on his rehabilitation that he is already back home. Much admiration must go to his bride, Peggy, who had to be almost militant in keeping the visitors and the paparazzi at bay so John could devote all his time and energy to physical therapy. In his own words: "I went from completely out of it, 50% paralyzed on the right side, to where I am now, using a walker, venturing out for appointments, etc." All along the way, Peggy kept us informed of John's progress through periodic, sometimes daily, e-mails. It is still requested that visits to John at home be preceded by a phone call to be sure the coast is clear. Phone is 707.996.8896.

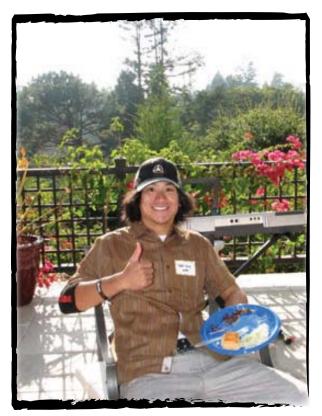
**JEFF GRAVES '56**. Reliable Jeff, of Novato, never fails to check in with us. He still tends his vast antique toy collection and his two 1963 Studebaker Golden Hawks. He and Shirley were pictured in the "Studebaker Remembered" volume published in 1994. Jeff volunteers as a docent at the Novato History Museum (he is a decent docent) after serving a term on the Board. He enjoys working at the polls on election day, and keeps in shape walking two miniature poodles, Phillipe and François.

The Alumni Association Board is happy to announce the naming of **FRED LUSK '56** to its ranks. What better choice could there be but a frater who travels all the way from Fresno to be present at every Teke event.

**LEE SHUGART '56** weighs in with this message: "Lisa and I celebrated out 50th anniversary last Sept. 1. We left SFO on that date for a trip to Finland, Estonia, Russia, and the Ukraine. We have visited all the continents, as travel is one of

AL HERZOG '52 says, "I tried to retire 25 years ago and

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# <u>CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2006</u>



Serenading the Wives



Fraters Dove '50, Dermott '49, Morgan '50, & Costello '51



Fraters Viscovich '48, Smith '50, Schlussel '49, Lawrie '50, & Winkler '76



Fraters Costello '51, Wray '53, & Harris '56



Fraters Costello '51, Wilson '56, Marshall '55, & Cowan '53



Fraters Smith '50, Costello '51, Schmidt '90, & Plimpton '58



Fraters Schlussel '49 & Marshall '55

# News of Nu Alumni Continued...

Lisa's passions. Over 60 countries and counting. Croatia is our next trip. After retiring from teaching in Southern California in 1988, we moved to Mammoth Lakes, CA where we spend the winter and summer. We call Hawaii home in the spring and fall. I keep active skiing and golfing. Rarely get to the Bay Area except when passing through on our travels."

Also under the weather for a while was **RAY YOUNG '56**, of West Jordan, Utah, who underwent heart bypass surgery in January, but is now doing well.

**BILL LONGWORTH '57** of San Diego tells us of life in Germany for 15 years where he taught for the U.S. Army, retiring in 1994. Now he's in San Diego and plays tennis five days a week, belongs to a ballroom dance club, and dances three nights a week. Most of his family still lives in Germany, he says, and all are bilingual. Two of his kids graduated from the University of Berlin and Würzburg. One is now with Foreign Service in Transjordan with his wife. "Life is good for me and never boring," he says.

**JAKE MATHIS, M.D. '57** of Kentfield, has re-surfaced after a few years in Mississippi. He'll tell you all about it when he gets a chance, but right now he's just happy to be home. Jake is a neurosurgeon, and he has spent five years in Mississippi "showing them the ropes" (our quotes, not his) where he was one of only three neurosurgeons in the entire state. He's already hitting all the major Teke events as he settles back into the fold on the West Coast.

**BILL DOZIER '59** writes: "I am enjoying life in Newport Beach with wife, Terry. After 27 years with Bethlehem Steel, I took early retirement and started my own property tax consulting company. It is rewarding and keeps me busy, but I still find time for traveling, golf, bike riding, and walks along the beach with Terry. We have four children and eight grandchildren which we enjoy spoiling. Two of our children live in Palm Desert, CA and Boulder, CO, and we try to visit them as often as possible. We were in Colorado for the "big" snowstorm of 2006, and it was truly a white Christmas with a snowman, ice skating, and sledding in the park. I have fond memories of the Teke house during my years at Cal, and I look forward to visiting with all of you soon."

**SAM PEDEN '59** is in Vancouver, WA, where he is the owner of Tax Problem Solutions. He will be remembered as past head cheerleader at Cal for the last Rose Bowl team, Class of 1959. His message to us all: "Go Bears!"

**JOE GARRETT '70** in Berkeley, is just back from Bosnia, Croatia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, and Poland on business. Had a fascinating time, but is glad to be back home.

**NORBERT REICH '75** writes: "I've been on the faculty at UCSB since 1987, having received a PhD in medicinal chemistry from UCSF, 1985. My work here is focused on epigenetic processes and enzymes in both bacteria and humans, with a goal of developing new drugs, diagnostics, etc. I am involved in several start-ups (currently trying to develop a diagnostic for HVP), and busy both running a research group and teaching courses. I love it. I've been married for 31 years to Elisa, who gets me to visit incredible gardens in our travels. (She is a garden designer.) My daughter attends UCSB, and Santa Barbara is an amazing place to enjoy the outdoors. My one year of Teke exposure was intense but helpful."

CLIFF MARKS '80 of Saratoga tells us: "The Marks family traveled to Egypt the last two weeks of June last summer. The weather was quite warm, but not stifling like I anticipated. In fact, the heat wave in the Bay Area in July was hotter! The great pyramids of Giza are awesome up close, as are the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. Scuba diving in the Red Sea was amazing! The water was crystal clear, and the fish were everywhere. Hotels are first rate. Arabic is the national language, but French and English are taught in school. Had no problems communicating with the locals. No concerns about terrorists. The Egyptian government is highly concerned about the U.S. dollar. The tour guide gives security our itinerary and they make sure it's safe wherever we go. They give Americans the red carpet treatment. By showing our U.S. passports, we bypassed a huge line at immigration/customs. They waved us right through. I'd recommend Egypt to anyone unless they're allergic to tobacco. Cigarettes and water pipes are everywhere.

**BARRETT MADRIGAL '84** shares this: He is still living and working in Kobe, Japan. He and his wife, Akemi, just celebrated their 20th anniversary. Barrett's eldest daughter, Lillian, will graduate in June from the Canadian Academy in Kobe, and has applied to several universities, including Cal. His other two daughters, Madeline, 16, and Noelle, 14, enjoy soccer and singing, respectively. He says, if you are in Japan, please give him a call.

A long, long letter comes from **STEVE SCHMIDT '90**, passages from which we quote (we have his permission to "edit the heck out of this"): "Life is good, and it's great to be back in the Bay Area after a year of sabbatical bliss. I spent five months in Mexico and three months in South America studying Spanish. And the full immersion into the Latino culture really added to my bilingualism. I got around a lot during my time in Mexico. Of course I made a pilgrimage to the town of Tequila and visited the Jose Cuervo distillery. Also got to see a free Pete Yorn concert in Puerto Vallarta. The best part of my time in Mexico was the 11 days I spent with my parents who came to visit me for Christmas. Dad is 83, and Mom is 79. How cool are my folks for coming down to spend the holidays with me in Mexico?"

Steve highlights many events in South America, most of them lovely, but including a very rowdy soccer match in Buenos Aires. He says, "I wish California Memorial Stadium could muster that kind of energy and spirit for the Bears!"

"After my two summer jobs, I returned to Lowell

High School last August. I'm again teaching social studies and next year will return to being Lowell's student activities director." He will not return to Yale this coming summer, but will return to Mexico to study Spanish, Mexican history, and do some volunteer work.

"In my absence last year," he adds, "TKE-Nu was lucky that Peter Cloven '86 stepped into my shoes as chapter advisor. He did an outstanding job, and the Teke community owes him a huge debt of gratitude for his service. Now that I am back in town, the two of us have been sharing the chapter advisor position. We make an excellent team. We both love Tau Kappa Epsilon, but are two very different people. We generally come from different positions in confronting an issue, but always come to some sort of consensus in terms of what is best for TKE. We both encourage you to get involved, come by and visit the house, or donate to the TKE-Nu capital campaign."

There's so much more to report that Steve needs a website. We can only hope!

**KINMAN TONG '03** writes that he has just celebrated the new year in his new bachelor pad in San Francisco. He is now an official San Franciscan, together with Frater Tony Shan '06, and another buddy of his from work. He looks forward to visiting with Nu fraters who would take BART and journey out to the city. He's pretty close to both Powell and Civic Center BART stations.

# TONY WAYNE '72 IS AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA



Tony Wayne '72 was appointed U.S. ambassador to Argentina April 4, 2006, confirmed by the Senate July 28, and sworn in by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in early November. With his wife, Pam, he traveled to Buenos Aires to take up his post. He had served as assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs from 2000 to 2006.

He became a career minister in the Foreign Service in 2002. In 2005, he received the Department of State's Distinguished Honor Award, as well as a Presidential Meritorious Service Award. Wayne received graduate degrees from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Princeton University, and Stanford following his years at Cal where he joined TKE in 1971.

## TEKES ENJOY NORTH.BAY\_LUNCHEON

Fifteen Nu Tekes joined for lunch at the Wild Oak Saddle Club at Oakmont between Santa Rosa and Sonoma, on February 23, where they enjoyed their usual elegant buffet lunch and open bar. Hosting these periodic events is Ed Dermott '49. Tekes in attendance, some coming from places like Chico, Sacramento, & Fresno, were Bob Dickerson '51, Chip Wray '53, Earl Boynton '56, Robin Harris '56, Fred Lusk '56, Terry Wollter '56, Dick Anderson '57, Jake Mathis '57, Don Romeo '57, Cliff Ceridono '58, Hal Plimpton '58, Jerry Blalock '60, Bob Gassin '60, and John Phillips '61. All agreed that it was the finest North Bay Luncheon yet, and many thanks are due Frater Dermott for making it possible. Rumors abound that another such event will be held in late summer.

*Editor's Note: Please let us know of periodic Teke events in your area so we can include them in Nu News.* 

# **TEKE CHAPTER ETERNAL**



# <u>William P. Rus, Jr. '48</u>

"Bill was the father of Nu chapter at that time, no question about it," said George Dove '50, speaking of his classmate's activities on behalf of TKE at the time of recolonization in 1948. Meeting with Soph Goth and alumnus Bill McCammon '30 to

explore and actualize reorganization, he recruited members from International House, where he lived, as well as the Masonic Club, of which he was a member. He became the first prytanis then, and, "was in charge of everything" from hiring the cooks to setting up the Mothers' Club, and remained active in TKE for many years.

Bill Rus passed away January 25 after an extended illness following a stroke. He was 86. He was born in Evansville, Indiana, but moved with his family to California in 1934. He graduated from Tamalpais High School, attended Marin Junior College, then transferred to Cal, where he earned degrees in business administration and civil engineering.

During World War II, he was awarded three Bronze Stars for combat during the New Guinea campaign, the Philippine liberation, and combat on Luzon, was discharged as a battalion first sergeant in 1946, and then returned to Cal. In 1953 he met and married Scharlott Schultz, and they settled in Palo Alto to begin their family.

Over the ensuing years, Bill led a variety of large engineering and construction projects, operating his own general engineering and construction company in Palo Alto for 12 years. During the Palo Alto years, he was a planning commissioner, and then served on the Palo Alto City Council from 1961 through 1967, and served as vice mayor for a year.

The Rus family moved to Kailua, Hawaii in 1971. Here, as vice president of engineering and construction for Lone Star, Hawaii, Bill oversaw 10 residential subdivision projects. In 1976, the family settled in Marin County, where he served as a vice president of Lincoln Property in charge of engineering, architecture, and construction for Larkspur Landing. He then worked for Continental Development for the proposed restoration of the Ferry Building complex in San Francisco. He retired in 1991.

Bill was a registered professional civil engineer, a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and belonged to the American Society of Professional Estimators, and Society of American Military Engineers. He was a 32nd Degree mason and held membership in the Scottish Rite.

He was a lifelong sailor. He built his first sailboat while in high school, which he raced successfully for years. The boat was featured in *Mechanix Illustrated*, and he won a race series at the 1939 World's Fair in it.

Besides Scharlott, Bill is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. A gravesite memorial service was held on February 23 at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

## <u>Richard L. Millikan '59</u>



Rich Millikan and granddaughter Alexandra. October 2006

Rich passed away unexpectedly on December 7, 2006. Born in 1937 in Huntington Park, California, he was raised in San Francisco, where he attended Commodore Sloat Elementary School, Aptos Junior High School, and Washington High School. At Washington, he was head yell leader, student body treasurer, and a member of the Eagle Society, graduating in 1954. At Cal, he majored in economics, was a member of the Rally Committee, and assistant yell leader to the Cal cheerleading squad. In December 1958, while still at Cal, he met his future wife, Beverly Ann Clearie, also a Cal student.

After leaving Cal, Rich joined the Navy for a year and did a brief tour of duty on a battleship that sailed around the world. He decided, though, that the Navy was not his choice, so he applied to Officer Candidate School with the Air Force, was accepted, and began his active duty service as a second lieutenant in March of 1961.

A few months later, he and Beverly announced their engagement, and they were married on January 27, 1962.

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The following year, while living in Berkeley, they gave birth to their only child, Christopher. Subsequently, they moved to Napa where they lived while Rich was stationed at Travis AFB.

The job he enjoyed the most in the USAF was Navigator Training School, and upon graduation he was assigned to the 84th Air Transport Squadron of the Military Air Transport Service. In July 1966, he began a series of flight missions in the Vietnam conflict. Because he was graduated third in his class in Squadron Officers School, he was given his choice of assignments, and chose the Hawaiian Islands. The family moved to Oahu, where he was stationed at Hickam AFB for three years while he flew a number of supply missions to Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia.

Restationed back at Travis AFB, Rich and his family purchased a home in Napa and settled down. Here, he flew a few more missions to Vietnam until January 1973. That spring, Rich and Bev came upon a lakeside home at Lake Almanor, fell in love with it, and ultimately purchased it—but not before they received news of Bev's cancer diagnosis. They wanted to spend Bev's last Christmas there. It was one of the happiest of times for the three of them. Bev passed away in January 1974.

The following year, Rich was recommended to the Air Force Command and Staff College where he gained his training for his final assignment as squadron chief for the Air Terminal Operations Center at Travis. Here he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and served there until his active duty retirement in 1978, but not before he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

In retirement he enjoyed spending time with his son Chris, watching him play tennis for his high school and college teams, and enjoyed participating in one of his son's interests: sports cars and racing, an extension of his own interest in sports cars (mostly British) from an earlier time. He also enjoyed various road trips and visits to the cabin, which he loved so much. In 1998, he moved from his home to Aegis in Napa, to an assisted living facility where he could have his own apartment, but still partake of the physical and social activities there. Rich's other varied interests included music (especially jazz), fishing, barbecuing, backpacking, the outdoors, playing bridge, cribbage, film history, American history, and politics.

A memorial service was held in Napa for Rich on December 16.

## A Pledge Class Mourns

The story of a pledge class -- that of Fall 1983 -- precedes this next news. With 17 initiates, it was one of the larger pledge classes in Nu chapter history, and a particularly close one. Their pledge class project was the construction of the front deck of the chapter house, still used for pre-football game barbecues. They have stayed in close contact with each other, through almost 20 years since graduation, remaining a part of each other's lives, as fast friends and loyal Tekes. So it is sadly significant to report that within five weeks of each other, two of the 17 passed away in their early forties.

We are grateful to Steve Schmidt '90, TKE Nu Housing Board member, co-chapter advisor, and a member of that pledge class of 1983, for this information.

### Dion D. Mathewson '87

A failed 1984 pledge sneak. The pledge class kidnapped Dion Mathewson and Steve Schmidt '90 to Laguna



Beach. Dion managed to escape, and called fraters to rescue him. Here, L to R, are Clarence Eubanks '86, Charles Dethero '87, and Dion, the conquering "escapee," stepping on pledge John Paris '88. Not your typical obituary photo, but so typically Mathewson that it had to be included.

Dion David Mathewson of Seattle, Washington, passed away January 29. Dion grew up in San Mateo, attended Aragon High School and graduated from Cal with a degree in English. Following graduation, he received an advanced degree in geography from the University of Washington, and then earned a law degree. At the time of his death, he was an intellectual rights lawyer for Microsoft in Seattle. The cause of death was heart failure, brought on by a severe case of pneumonia and aggravated by a previously undetected rare form of lung cancer.

Pledge Brothers Sean English '87, John Hubanks '87, Nick Buffinger '88, Justin Kestelyn '88, Joe Brabant '89, Thor Oxnard '89, and Steve Schmidt '90, attended the huge memorial service in Seattle. On March 3, a memorial service/ wake/celebration of Dion's life was held at the Nu chapter house for some 25 friends and fraters who could not attend the Seattle service.

Dion is survived by his wife, Jill, son David, 10, daughter Jennie, 6, his mother, stepfather, half brother, and sister.

### Kimio R. Steinberg '88

Kimio Robin Steinberg died suddenly and unexpectedly Friday night, March 9. The son of university professors of linguistics, Kimio lived in Japan and Hawaii prior to entering Cal. He attended Iolani High School on the island of Oahu.

After graduation from Cal with a degree in linguistics, he worked as fulfillment manager for Xinet, a computer printer and publishing company in Berkeley. He lived in Oakland for the past 15 years of his life.

While attending a George Clinton and P-Funk Allstars concert at the Fillmore in San Francisco with Steve Schmidt '90, he suffered an apparent heart attack. Steve spent the last three hours of his life with him. The actual cause of his death is still unknown.

A private funeral for close friends and family was held March 16 in San Francisco, with a celebration of life pending at the Nu chapter house at this writing.

Kimio is survived by his mother, Miho, of Nagoya, Japan, his father, Danny, of British Columbia, Canada, his halfbrother Will, and his girlfriend of eight years, Wendy Parks.

## SCHOLARSHIP DONATION HONORS DEPARTED TEKES

Effective December 1, Nu Chapter Alumni Association approved a donation of \$100 to the Soph Goth Scholarship Fund of the TKE Educational Foundation as a way to honor fallen fraters. Each of the men above has been memorialized in this way. Families and friends may also honor deceased members by a donation in any amount to TKE Educational Foundation, 8645 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1336.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH GIFTS AND DUES A Letter From Steve Schmidt '90

Dear Frater:

In my role as a board member of the Nu of Tau Kappa Epsilon Housing Corporation, the president of the Board has asked that I serve as the chairman of the permanent fundraising committee – and I have agreed to accept this challenge. On behalf of our Cal fraternity, I want to thank you for your support to both the Nu Chapter Alumni Association and the House Corporation. We now ask that you continue your support as we move into 2007.

Thanks to you and many others, we have a chapter house that is the envy of every other fraternity on campus and our membership is top-tier on campus (with 22 Spring 2007 pledges) – both in numbers and quality of men. With alumni support we have been able to pay down some of our housing debt, keep current with maintenance, and even make some improvements. And with your Alumni Association dues, we are also able to host our annual Christmas luncheon, maintain our website, and send out both e-news and newsletter reports several times a year, as well as pay for special projects at the house.

The cost of continuing this quality alumni and parent programming, and being able to maintain our facilities as we would like, is approximately \$25,000 annually. Make no mistake – your annual contribution is what allows us to make these objectives real. Moreover, we have ongoing goals of developing substantial scholarship and maintenance endowments (\$250,000 or more) and we can only build these funds with your support.

With these goals in mind, the House Corporation and the Alumni Association are hopeful that all of our alumni will join us in continuing to support the chapter. Please use the included contribution form and envelope to send us your contribution today. Your gift will keep our alumni and parent network strong, allow us to maintain the house, and award more scholarships to deserving members.

Thanks in advance. Please remember, without you we cannot succeed!

Yours in the Bond,

Steven P. Schmidt '90, Director



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# DUES HONOR ROLL – 2007

These men are members in good standing of the Nu Chapter Alumni Association so far this year.

Mylon Nelson '48	Bob Collins '54	Jim Sherk '65
Bill Rus ′48	Will Deady '54	Russell Buss '66
Andy Viscovich '48	Bill Ells '55	Mike Doyle '66
Ed Dermott '49	John Bell '56	Jim Leney '66
Thomas Johnson '49	Jeff Graves '56	Terry Smerling '67
Len Schlussel '49	Robin Harris '56	Guy Newmark '68
George Dove '50	Tom LaFehr '56	Jack Quatman '69
John Heaney '50	Bill Lewerenz '56	Charles Shapiro '73
Bud Jamison '50	Fred Lusk '56	Clark Gross '74
Don Lawrie '50	Garth Wilson '56	Wayne Martinez '74
Willie Moore '50	Carl Anderson '57	Peter Winkler '76
Donald Talbott '50	Roy Berry '57	Cliff Marks '80
Dan Costello '51	Bill Longworth '57	Kevin McFarland '81
Roy Claxton '51	Bob Muhlbach '57	Kevin Collins '83
Bill Graham '51	Howard Nemir '57	Mark Edelstone '83
Tom Morgan '51	Fred Schott '57	Robert Fowler '83
Karl Zellman '51	Hal Plimpton '58	Anders Torgerson '83
Herm Fisher '52	Bill Dozier '59	Chris Burns '84
Bob Heath '52	Sam Peden '59	Peter Cloven '86
Al Herzog '52	Richard Wolf '60	John Paris '88
Mark Engler '53	Don Gremaux '61	Steve Schmidt '90
Chip Wray '53	Bob LaLiberte '61	Bryan Dechairo '94
Jerry Blalock '54	John Phillips '61	Bryan Bailey '04
	James Chamberlain '64	

Check the list. Be sure you didn't forget. Some familiar names are missing from this list; however, these are the men who usually write their dues check in the spring, so we know their membership will be along soon. In the meantime, we have many new names on the roster this time around, so we'll surely be over the top for 2007. The complete list will be published in Fall 2007 *Nu News*.

Apologies to Frater Karl Zellman '51 whose name was omitted from the Dues Honor Roll in the Fall 2006 Nu News.