

# NU NEWS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FAMILY PICNIC

If you're ready for rib eye steaks and chicken, being barbecued while you enjoy the Sonoma County sunshine with beverages and appetizers galore, then we'll be seeing you Saturday, June 6 at the country home of Chip and Anne Wray, just east of Sonoma. This is one of our two biggest alumni events, and is not to be missed. If you've been there, then you know.

\$30 covers the cost for each adult, and kids are free. Details are on the reservation form in this issue.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WAS BIGGEST EVER

### EVENT WILL MOVE TO NEW VENUE NEXT DECEMBER

Thirty-seven alumni and three undergraduates gathered at the Olympic Club in San Francisco December 8 for one of the most pleasant Nu Chapter Christmas affairs in recent history. As if the presence of "old standbys" wasn't enough, we happily welcomed some additional younger alumni who had not previously graced those halls. As usual, alumni wives enjoyed their buffet at the Marines Memorial, and joined the rest of us later on. And, as always, the food was superb. Photos of the festivities, thanks to Tom, Morgan, are included in this issue.

Framer Dan Costello, longtime master of ceremonies and coordinator of the luncheon, took the opportunity to announce his retirement from both positions, and expressed the hope that someone new and, perhaps, younger would take over. In the meantime, this has happened. Framer Peter Cloven will assume both jobs, and the Alumni Board has already sewed up arrangements for next December. Reservations for the room are made and the deposit is paid.

We'll be at Hs.Lordships on the Berkeley Marina, site of several of our Founders Day Banquets of a few years ago. This location is more accessible to most members, we'll have a sumptuous buffet for \$40, with red and white wine on the tables (that's \$24 less than last year) and parking is free. The ladies will have their luncheon there, as well. The event is Friday, December 11. You'll be hearing a lot more about this as we draw nearer to the date.

Some will miss the Olympic Club; some found it too expensive. But all will remember fondly the many times we spent there, and surely appreciate the years of effort expended by Framer Costello to make the affair possible.

## LETTERS FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTER

### LETTER FROM THE PRYTANIS

Dear Esteemed Alumni,

As I started my term as Prytanis, I was unsure of what to expect and how difficult my job would be. Halfway through my first semester I could not be more pleased with where the house is right now. I have seen my fraters grow and become stronger individuals and I have seen the house become a much stronger place to exercise our fraternal bond. When move in day came in mid January, everyone was excited to be back at school and more importantly back in the TKE house. I have never seen the spirit of the house so high. It was that attitude that led to what may be the largest initiated class since re-chartering. Our rush chairs Dan Fiedler and Adam Furman did an amazing job finding outstanding men to join our bond. We currently have 21 pledges and are looking forward to having every single one of them be initiated.

With 21 new minds entering the fraternity, I see the house changing. We have the opportunity to be the greatest fraternity on campus. I don't mean that we will be throwing the craziest parties. Rather, I mean that our house has gained a reputation that Tekes have outstanding character and are gentlemen at all times. Equally important, we can have great Philanthropy events such as our Battle of Bands that raised over \$1400 dollars for the Alzheimer's Association. TKE has become a great place to help men to develop mentally, morally, and socially.

My fears of my job have subsided after seeing how well our house is doing right now and I would love to see the alumni involved whenever they can. If there is any way in which we could reach out to you, please don't hesitate to contact me or the Histor, Dustin McKenzie, as we all appreciate the work and time you spent as a Teke in order to make it possible to be as successful as we are today.

Yours In the Bond,

Michael Cerussi, #1041  
Prytanis, Nu Chapter

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# **DON'T SHOOT THE EDITOR**

Writing about alumni dues is only slightly more pleasant than writing about a bowel resection. The difference is that although I know almost nothing of the latter, I know a hell of a lot about the former, because dues are what keep this rag grinding out twice each year. And, I have to say, those of you who continue to renew your alumni membership, who contribute to our coffers, who let us know in so many ways that you are committed to TKE, who care so much, are the people who make it possible for us to publish *Nu News* and send it twice a year to you-- as well as to those who, perhaps, don't care as much.

In finalizing our Dues Honor Roll for this issue, I notice that we are down considerably in numbers for this time of year. Most of the missing names are simply Fraters who forget unless reminded. We maintained our Alumni Membership dues at a modest \$30 for many, many years, raising it to \$50 only recently. Some Fraternities' memberships are in excess of \$100 a year-- something we hope never happens here. It makes much more pleasant sense to deal with greater numbers of members than to foster exclusivity by raising dues again.

The publication of *Nu News* is our greatest Alumni Association expense—draining some \$4,000 from the till each year. Do the math, and you'll see that we need 80 paid memberships just to fund our newsmagazine. The obvious solutions in this regard are unthinkable, at least to me: First, significantly reduce the size and quality of *Nu News*; second, publish it only once a year; and third, mail it only to Fraters who have renewed their membership. Let's not go there... at all.

On another level, let's look at membership. If Fraters who join us regularly, as well as those who come and go, would look at their check registers or into their hearts, they may see that they have forgotten to renew their membership, or perhaps decide to sign on once again. This, in itself, would make us very happy as long as we stay above water.

But "above water" is not what I'm talking about. We could do so much more.

Painfully, I acknowledge that in the best of families, some members fall away from the fold—even irretrievably. It is, perhaps, futile to pursue their favor. Rather, there is an element between our flailing at windmills and preaching to the choir that I need so desperately to address. It is that group of Fraters who still love their Fraternity, who send us news of themselves, their families, their successes and their hopes and dreams—who go to lunch together-- who play poker, golf, and watch the Super Bowl together—who even go on vacations together. They know they are Tekes, and they draw heavily on that bond; and that, I suppose, as members of the Fraternity For Life, is the most important thing. But hey! -- they do not contribute to our efforts to keep the family together.

Please, please (yes, I know this not a dignified stance!) review your commitments, and make your Teke family a greater part of your life.

## **COMING EVENTS**

- Saturday, June 6  
**7TH ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**
- Friday, December 11  
**54TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

# LETTERS FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTER CONTINUED...

## LETTER FROM THE HEGEMON

This past spring rush brought the biggest pledge class since the Kappa class of Spring 2007. This semester, the Xi class started out with 26 members, a pretty even distribution of freshmen and sophomores. The class is now down to 21 members going into the start of week 7.

The class seemed to click effortlessly during Alumni Chapter Advisor Peter Cloven's bonding night, where they faced a few challenges as a group and were encouraged to open up to each other. They all seemed to be moved significantly by the event, and all shared an excited energy over what was to come.

Sophomores Tom Paulino and Danny Freisinger were elected president and vice-president of the class respectively. These positions are difficult enough, but the two face a unique challenge in leading and organizing such a large class. So far they have handled the task quite well, and truly possess the respect and admiration from the rest of their class.

The biggest challenge to the class so far has been in bonding together as a group. Like any large group, cliques naturally form. The class is now beginning to see the importance of breaking out of their shells and pushing their comfort zones in order to grow in the pledge process, and have started taking measures to break up cliques within the group. They still have a long way to go, but I see some promising future leaders and contributors to TKE in the Xi Class.

In addition to developing the member candidates, we will be beginning a new TKE National program called the "Blueprint Program". This program will set goals for fraters to reach after they become initiated as brothers. We hope that this program will continue the moral lessons of the pledge process and will further strengthen our foundation as honest and moral men. I can only imagine the immense positive effect the Blueprint Program will have on our house and the chapter as a whole.

Yours in the Bond,

Camden Andrews #1060  
Hegemon, Nu Chapter

## LETTER FROM THE HISTOR

When I took my job as the Histor of Nu Chapter, I drew upon my experiences as a pledge to remember what I wished I had learned during my history lessons. I wished my class had learned how this house had grown from a strong musical foundation, declined, and eventually came back to campus and established itself as one of Cal's strongest fraternities in a short period of 6 years.

I am proud to say that today's lessons have been expanded and everyone in the house from pledges to brothers are getting a taste of all eras of Nu Chapter history. This is being done by the "Know Your Nu History" history questions that are being sent to pledges via email. These questions range from serious to silly and challenge pledges to seek out brothers and alumni to find the answer to historically relevant questions.

We are also setting a historical foundation for Tekes to come. We are beginning to order pledge paddles for the Iota, Kappa, Lambda, and Mu classes so that future classes can see the record of fraters before them. I have also received photos from Fraters Steve Schmidt and Nasir Khan that will allow me to construct more photo albums to place in the chapter room. With such a large

pledge class, I have stressed the importance of connecting to not only each other, but the chapter that existed before them, so that they may be inspired to be connected as alums when their time to graduate comes.

On a closing note, I encourage all the alums to come by the chapter whenever possible. The house itself has been renovated in many areas and is absolutely beautiful. The new pledge class is full of personable, upstanding gentlemen. And as always, the chapter welcomes any stories or anecdotes of old that any of you wish to tell. God Bless; I look forward to meeting you all!

Yours in the Bond,

Dustin McKenzie #1078  
Histor, Nu Chapter



## LETTER FROM THE HYPOPHETES

With the semester's end just around the corner, it's amazing to see the progress that TKE has made since my pledge semester last spring. What drew me to TKE so strongly as a potential was the sense that every brother had a connection to the house stronger than any other house I had visited. My goal as Hypophetes was to continue producing an environment that allowed such an extraordinary bond, while, at the same time, instilling the same determination I take in my academic goals in all our men. Looking back, it is clear that both brotherhood and academics have made tremendous growth.

Academically, TKE has seen its GPA rise up to the All Greek Average GPA of a 3.25. Our goal for the next two semesters is to continue this trend by reaching a 3.4 house GPA. We have also started instituting new means to help each brother achieve his own individual academic goals.

In terms of Brotherhood, the house has continued to remain at full capacity for the last two semesters, and member participation has remained strong with ever increasing numbers. This semester especially, we have tried to implement more brotherhood events, including TKE Assassins and paintball. Member respect is extremely high, and with retreat around the corner, we hope to build upon the founding six pillars and instill them entirely within all our members. Our hopes are to establish unique goals for each brother before and during retreat, and to check in on each brother individually throughout the coming months to see that they live up to their goals successfully.

With every few semesters, the house changes dramatically, and there is always a fear that brotherhood, morale, and academics will slip as well. However, if anything, the changes that have been underway since Mu class have been for the better. Not only has our GPA as a whole increased, but we are coming up with brighter and better ways to continue a brotherhood based on more than just parties and women. Along with a new pledge class of 21 men, it will be interesting to see how the house dynamics change over the next two semesters.

Yours in the Bond,

Jason Joffe #1070  
Hypophetes, Nu Chapter

## LETTER FROM THE HOUSE MANAGER

As the coming year draws to a close, the TKE house remains in a constant state of improvement and development. Several points of interest deserve notice. A recent upgrade of the internet hardware has provided a more reliable connection to the internet for all our Fraters. The wood floors downstairs are being sandblasted and redone, giving this living space a much needed face lift. Plans are underway to create a new protected bike rack outside

to keep the entryways clean and provide more space downstairs and throughout the house. Furthermore, TKE Day, the semesterly all-house clean up, will not only give us an opportunity to do some spring cleaning but also provide a great chance for brothers to reconnect after spring break and midterms; it is scheduled in a few weeks. Last, but certainly not least, the Nu class will be rebuilding the barbecue in the back yard. Every brother has been working hard to maintain and improve the house, and it is with relish that I say we urge all alumni to visit whenever they can. We are working hard not only for ourselves and for future members, but for all the members that came before us, so they can return and be proud of the past, present, and future of our fraternity.

Yours In the Bond,

Michael Deamer #1071  
House Manager, Nu Chapter

## LETTER FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

As the new Scholarship Chair of Nu Chapter, I am proud to announce that we advanced our average GPA to a 3.2 last semester. While this is above the all men's Greek average, I would like to increase this number even more during the Spring Semester. As Scholarship Chair I have been announcing study tips to the brothers every week at meeting and holding study hours three times a week; I organize study rooms at the library so Tekes (and the pledge class) can collaborate and help each other with studying or completing homework assignments. I'm also compiling a list of brothers who have taken and are currently enrolled in the common large lectures (e.g. Economics 1 or Bio 1A) so we know whom to consult for help or advice in these classes. In the first week of April I will be drawing on my business knowledge and, with the aid of another brother, host a resume, cover letter and interviewing workshop to prepare the brothers for internship searches this summer. In addition to these measures, one of chapter advisors, Steve Schmidt, has graciously raised \$1,000 in scholarship funds to give to hardworking brothers, as well as pledges who obtain the highest GPA, highest scroll number, and highest number of community service hours. I can only hope his interest in the academic standing of the chapter will inspire other alums to take an active role in the scholastic improvement of our great chapter. It has been an exciting position thus far and I'm looking forward to seeing our scholastic achievements at the end of the semester.

Yours in the Bond,

Chris Taylor #1077  
Scholarship Chair, Nu Chapter

## LETTER FROM THE PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

During the Spring Semester of 2009, the TKE men of Nu Chapter have really committed themselves toward working to strengthen one of the six pillars; service. After an incredible response to our marquee philanthropy event last semester, TKE's



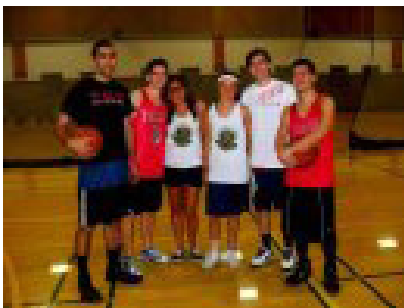
1st Annual Battle of the Bands for Alzheimer's, which raised close to \$1,400 from campus and community members, the members of TKE Nu were itching for more opportunities to give back.

It's quite admirable to see the men of TKE involved in such a diverse assortment of programs. We hope to provide whatever help we can, when we can, to aid those reaching out, those less fortunate, and also the community at large. There are guys who are involved in Youth-Mentoring programs around the bay, taking on the opportunity to foster a child's growth and development during their early years in school. Tekes meet with their "mentees" weekly, not only checking on their scholastic progress but also spending time with them in really fun, wholesome events like going to local concerts, watching the latest movie in theatres, and participating in the mentee's favorite sports or hobbies. One can really see the guidance and direction the men of TKE can provide for these young budding minds.

Other fraters have recently become involved in Wheel-Chair basketball put on by UC Berkeley's Recreational Sports Facility (RSF). Fraters strap themselves in a wheelchair alongside members of the disabled community to play hours of basketball in an unconventional method to most of us. The fraters and their disabled teammates alike get so much enjoyment out of this on going event that members eagerly continue to participate whenever the opportunity arises.

Along with all of the personal commitments to service members of Nu Chapter have made this semester, the house as a whole is attempting to participate in a number of service events put on by other houses in UC Berkeley's Greek community, such as Delta Gamma's Anchor Slam Basketball tournament and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We are also currently working on plans for our 2nd annual TKE Battle of the Bands for

Alzheimer's, trying to build off the success and campus interest from our last semester, and seeing where we can improve. A planning committee has been set into motion to start the advertisement and design of the event so that this upcoming semester, more



performing artists will know TKE is the place to be in fall of '09 to showcase their talents for a great audience and for a great cause. In the remaining months of this spring semester, Nu Chapter sees no signs of slowing down.

Yours in the Bond,

Ryc Oca #1061  
Philanthropy Chair, Nu Chapter

## LETTER FROM THE ATHLETICS CHAIR



Tau Kappa Epsilon not only prides itself on its academic, philanthropic, and leadership values but also athletics. The encouragement of living healthy lives—staying in shape and eating well—helps in our Fraters' growth and development, especially during the stressful years of college. Athletics play a significant role in teaching our fraters valuable lessons that the fraternity strongly believes in, such as becoming leaders, being a part of a team, and building sportsmanship with other individuals.

This past semester, Nu Chapter competed in five intramural sports (IFC soccer, CoRec soccer: "Kickin' It On Channing," IFC basketball, CoRec basketball: "The United\*Ballas of America," and CoRec volleyball: "Sets On The Beach") and as a first semester Athletics Chair I am proud to say that the fraternity had three teams make it to the playoffs with both the CoRec basketball and CoRec volleyball teams going all the way to the championship game, where the CoRec volleyball team won it all! More impressively, the entire fraternity, along with many close friends, came out strong to show support for the players. The brotherhood not only made our athletics teams fun to play on and watch but above all made me damn proud to be a Teke!

Yours in the Bond,

Freddy Yip #1035  
Athletics Chair, Nu Chapter

# RECLAIMING OUR HISTORY

It has been five years since our re-chartering in 2004, and the chapter is pressing forward. The front deck, originally built by the fall pledge class of 1983, was removed and rebuilt. The powder room has been renovated and is now flanked by new bookshelves and desks, serving as a study room for future generations of Tekes. Names such as near cave, far cave, and third floor closet, have been replaced with numbers such as C1, C2, and 3DD. During a recent visit, the Grand Prytanis, Mark Johnson, said that our chapter was one of the best he had seen. Nu Chapter, in my opinion, has never been better. However, as we press forward, we are losing a bit of our past.

When the house was abandoned in 1995, the Chapter Room, and the history within, was removed and stored by various alumni. Much of this history, in fact I would say a majority of this history, is still missing. No graduating senior has had the honor of wearing a TKE stole to graduation. No active member has had the honor of using the original ritual equipment, most of which was only issued to single letter chapters. New members are left with quick snapshots of certain years from the scrapbooks and minute books we still have.

As such I am calling upon every graduated Frater, not only to look to see if he has a piece of TKE history, but also to become a piece of TKE history. Recently Frater George Dove sent a copy of the Oral History of Sophus C. Goth to the Chapter. It was a collection of transcribed interviews, recorded in 1978 by Leslie and Greg Allison, and then later transcribed. In this tradition, I am beginning the process of creating an Oral History of TKE. It is my goal to interview every living Nu Chapter Teke (for about an hour), and compiling it into a book for future generations.

If you have an hour to answer a few questions for TKE, let me know:

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845-558-1590

Yours in the Bond,

Anthony Wright

# TKE

# MEET OUR NEW INITIATES

## CHRIS TAYLOR: SCROLL NUMBER 1077

My name is Chris Taylor and I am a junior Business major in Haas. I am currently the Scholarship Chair at Nu Chapter and value the leadership skills that I gained as Pledge Class President last semester. I am also a member of a professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, and am a huge sports enthusiast; besides playing intramural basketball and soccer at Cal, as a Bay Area native I avidly follow the Warriors, Giants and 49ers. I love playing golf and hope to get a job in business consulting after graduation.

## DUSTIN MCKENZIE: SCROLL NUMBER 1078

Hi, I'm Dustin McKenzie and I am a sophomore Econ and Political Science Major. I am originally from Los Angeles and I have 9 siblings who live in California, Texas, and Oklahoma. I spend most of my time teaching history lessons and looking through the Chapter Room as TKE's Histor and planning events for the Greek community as IFC's Special Events Programmer. I absolutely love watching and playing all kinds of sports from Basketball to Soccer and Track and Field. I hope I can meet as many graduated fraters as possible this year as Histor.

## JOE MARTORANA: SCROLL NUMBER 1079

My name is Joe Martorana and I am a Freshman here at Cal. Here at Nu Chapter, I am currently the House Improvements Chair and am working toward building a barbeque in the backyard and landscaping the areas behind and in front of the house. I am currently Undeclared but hope that I will major in business or environmental economics and policy. I am from the San Clemente area and love the outdoors. In my free time, I like to play for TKE's CoRec Soccer team, read, and mountain bike.

## ERIC TYE: SCROLL NUMBER 1080

Hello, my name is Eric Frank Tye. I am an 18 year old freshman at Cal and want to major in either Business or Economics. I was born and raised in San Ramon, California, which is located in the East Bay Area and never moved before I came to Berkeley. I am the middle of three brothers and both my parents went to Cal as well. In my free time I like watching and playing sports, fishing, hiking, hunting, snowboarding, going to the beach and pretty much any other outdoor activities.

**RYAN JENSEN:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1081**

My name is Ryan Jensen and I am a first year at Cal. I am originally from San Clemente, California and I'm currently undeclared. Last semester, I was the Histor of my pledge class and I had a great time compiling the scrapbook as well as ordering the Nu pledge class paddle. This semester I have taken on the role of IFC delegate and I enjoy it immensely. It feels great to have a leadership position as well as contribute any way I can. TKE has made my time at Cal extremely rewarding thus far. The friendships I have made and the lessons I have learned are truly unforgettable. In my free time, I enjoy going to the beach, traveling, and meeting new people.

**SWARAJ BANERJEE:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1082**

My name is Swaraj Banerjee, and I am a sophomore majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. I pledged last semester and was the pledge class secretary, which entailed organizing over 200 hours of community service for my pledge class. In addition to TKE, I am also the electrical team lead for UC Berkeley's solar car team, CalSol. I love the brotherhood and friends that I've found in the house and look forward to the next couple years as a brother.

**BRETT GOLDSTEIN:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1083**

Hey, my name is Brett Goldstein. I am a newly initiated brother from the Nu pledge class. I'm a freshman at Cal studying Psychology. I'm from Walnut Creek, California. Music is a big part of my life; I am a member of the UC Men's Octet, and I am the TKE Serenading Chair. I love working with the pledges on serenading because it was one of my favorite parts about pledging last semester. I am excited to see the Xi pledge class continue TKE's great reputation for serenading. I am also looking forward to living in next semester and becoming closer with my fellow fraters.

**JUSTIN CHOW:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1084**

Hello, my name is Justin Chow and I am currently in my third year at Cal studying Business at the Haas School. Last semester, I worked as the pledge class Treasurer and believe the experience taught me a lot about fundraising and dealing with

individuals. I hope I will be able to build on these experiences and get to know the current brothers and those who have already graduated. In my free time, I like to read, platy video games, and contribute to my Asian-American business club.

**MIKE FONG:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1085**

I'm Michael Fong and I am one of the two Griffins for the Xi pledge class. Getting to know and assisting everyone in the gigantic pledge class (21 pledges at this moment) has been a daunting but exhilarating experience. I am an intended Business major but I have been considering doubling in Environmental Economics.

**ANDREW TREVINO:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1086**

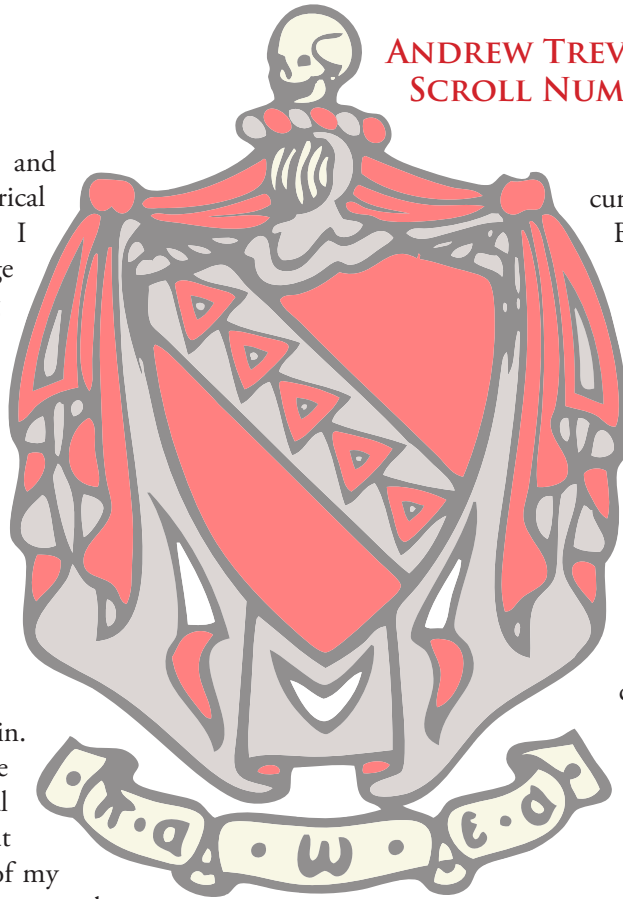
My name is Andrew Trevino, and I am currently an undeclared freshman at UC Berkeley. I hadn't planned on joining any fraternity; in fact, I was actually quite opposed to the idea. However, I couldn't say no to TKE, and I've enjoyed every second as a member of the house. I currently play on the club baseball team, and hope to walk on to the D-1 team next season. I'm also a member of the editorial staff of the Berkeley Poetry Review, and hope to one day have my poetry published. I'm a very active, outgoing person, and I'm very excited for the next three years as I continue with my college career.

**KYLE WYLIE:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1087**

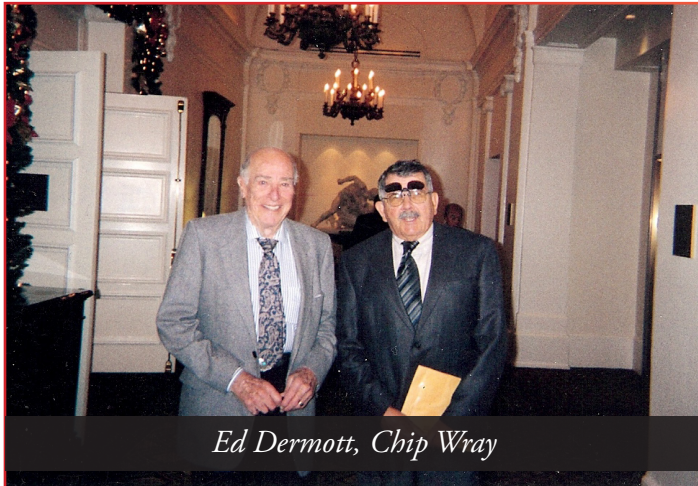
I'm a third year Integrative Biology major from Sierra Madre, CA. After a stressful pledge semester, I'm excited to finally be part of the house and was lucky enough to be able to move in this semester. Although I'll be graduating in a year, I hope to get involved and have a great year in TKE.

**HENRY HERCOCK:  
SCROLL NUMBER 1088**

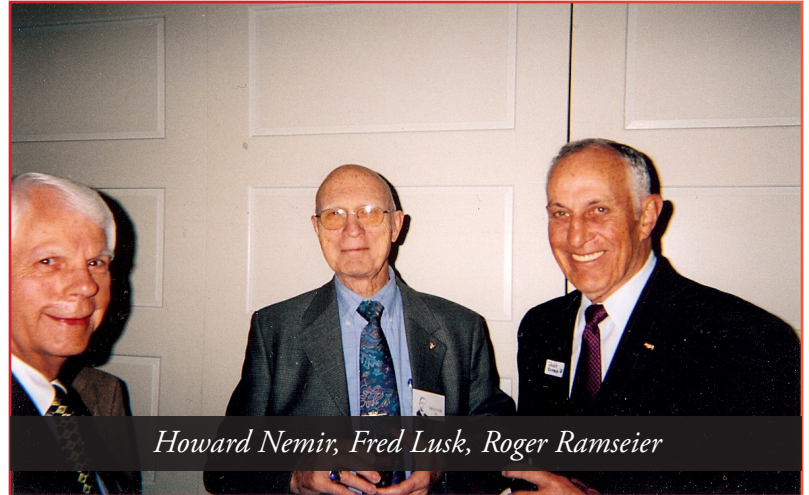
Hello, I am Henry and am visiting Berkeley as a foreign exchange student from the United Kingdom. I had a lot of fun pledging last semester and got to know the brothers in the house very intimately. I hope that I can contribute to the house in the short time I will be here and look forward to meeting all of the alums who will be attending future events.



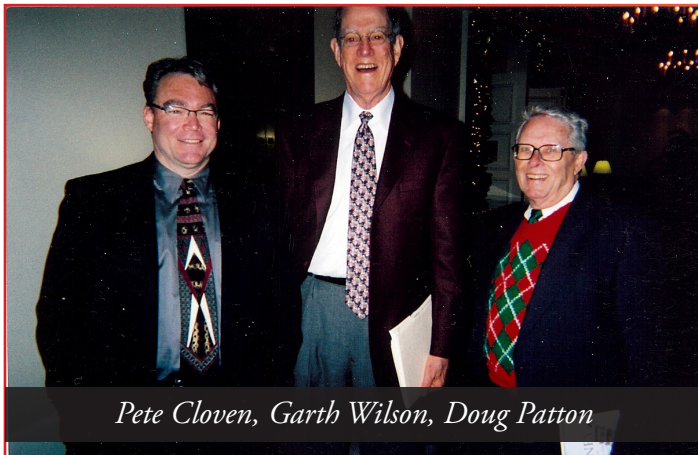
# CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



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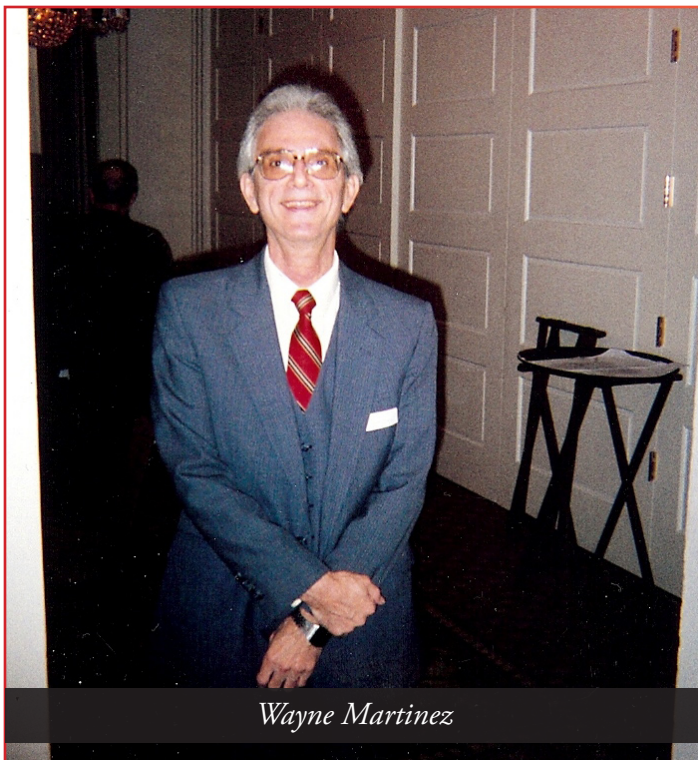
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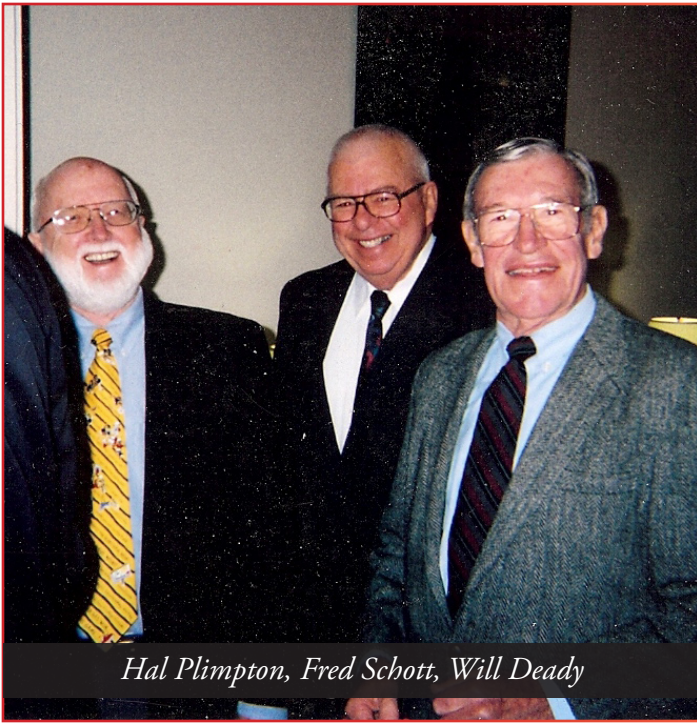


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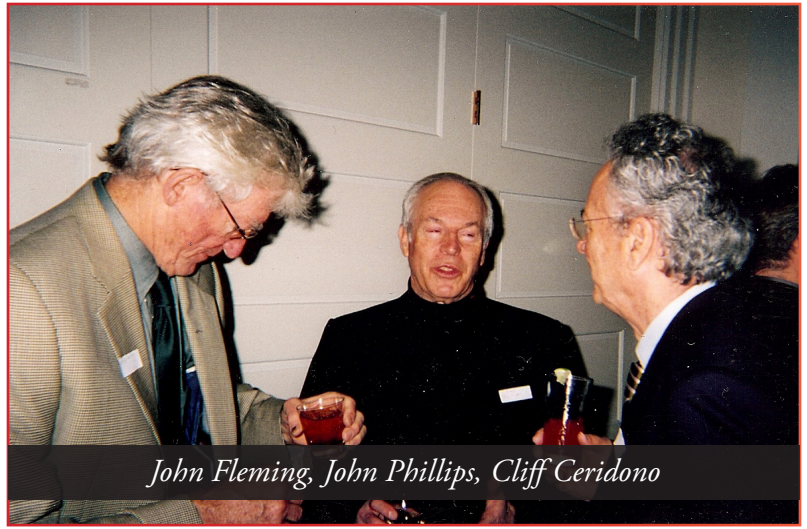


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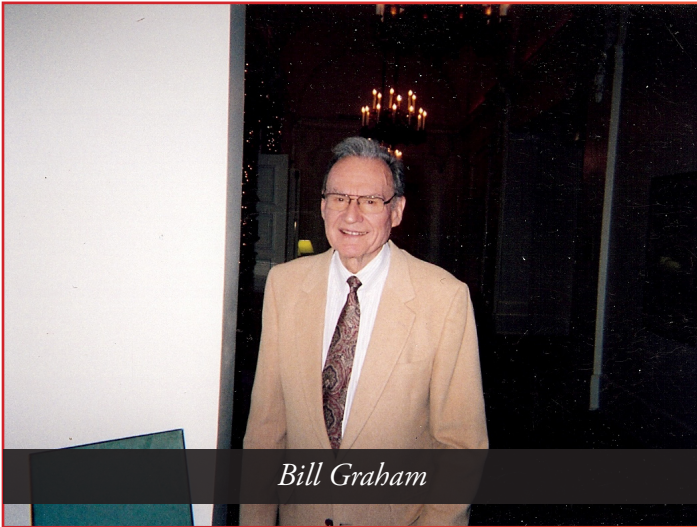
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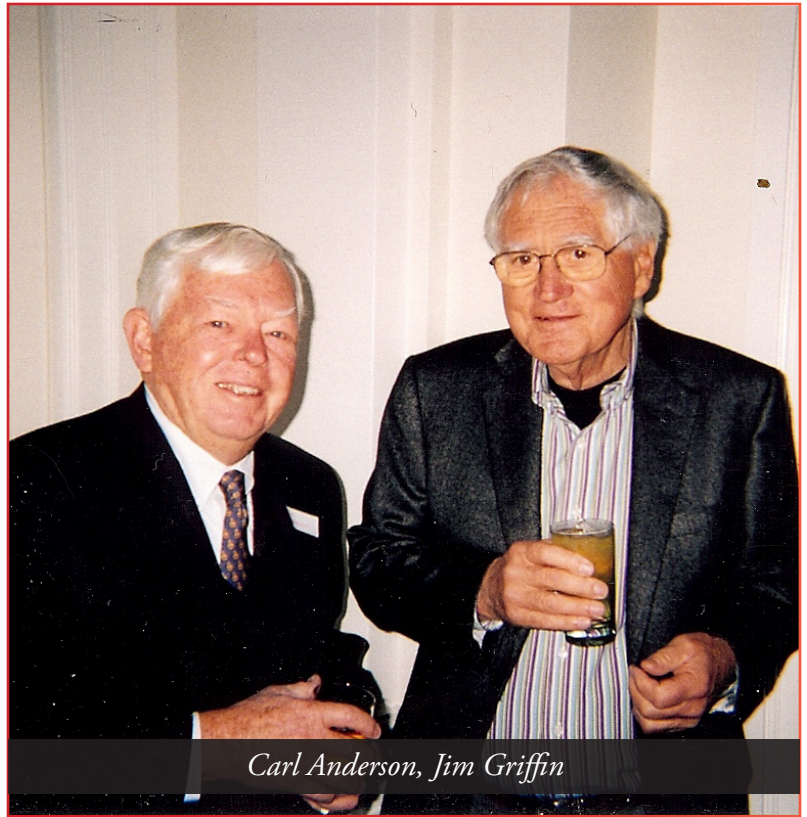
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*Carl Anderson, Jim Griffin*

# NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

**CARL NORDMAN '86** writes: “Married 20 years to high school sweetheart and Chi Omega Mu Chapter alum, Julia, with one daughter, Caroline, 12 years old. She is an exceptionally bright student in sixth grade, taking Latin (her favorite class) of all things. She also plays club soccer and competitive tennis (USTA Challenger and Open, Girls U12), both sports Carl played growing up, so Dad is really thrilled.

“Currently working for IBM, leading Governance Risk and Compliance and Financial Transformation Solutions Globally. Joined IBM by acquisition (of PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting) in 2002. Been consulting in this space for 13 years since graduating from Yale School of Management with MBA in 1995. Prior, held a variety of management positions with Franklin Resources, investment management company headquarters in San Mateo, CA. Also pursuing a hobby on the side, starting a real estate investment, contracting and property management business, InnoVenture Group, Inc., a hobby that is time to develop into a going concern. As Buffet would say, “Buy when others are selling; sell when others are buying.” Have purchased a number of Bank REO properties recently at significant discounts to market values, and holding long term for rental income/tax benefits. If you have an interest in this and would like to connect, I am looking for investor capital and people to join the ‘team.’”

**RICHARD (JENKS) JOHNSON '74** says: “I was called out of retirement last May to work as a Senior Nuclear Engineer / Safety Analyst for NuScale Power Inc., a start-up over in Corvallis, OR. NuScale is designing systems for small, scalable modular nuclear power plants. Each NuScale module will produce 40,000 kilowatts of electricity. The scalable design allows electric utilities to add capacity as needed. See <http://www.nuscalepower.com/> for more information.”

Rick and Kate live in Burns, OR.

**JACK LEHBERG '57** had a cyst removed from a vertebra last October, and recovered really well without pain. He and Sandy enjoyed a 50th anniversary cruise with their children and spouses, and their grandchildren.

**PAUL ARK '92** moved to Beijing in late 2008, where he is head of real estate and development for Apple, Inc., and is responsible for opening new Apple retail stores across Asia Pacific. He previously spent three years in Shanghai where he was responsible for opening department stores and building shopping malls across China for Thailand's largest retail group. He is happily married to Nicha, his wife of 7 years.

**KEVIN COLLINS '83** shares this: “I am a professional land surveyor working for a utility district in Contra Costa and living

in Martinez. Being an avid snow skier, I recently enjoyed a week at Vail with Fraters Michael Munier and Mark Lockridge. We remembered driving to Kirkwood (Tahoe) from the Teke House almost 30 years ago, and skiing for \$8 a day with the midweek student discount. Now it's \$97 a day at Vail!”

From **ROBERT KEASBEY '55** we hear: “I have been retired from United Airlines for 15 years. Moved to Ashland, OR and started a second family, and now have two boys in high school. My older son and I played a duet on the Great Wall of China during a musical tour by the Ashland High music department. I still play banjo and other instruments. Robin Harris came to visit a while back. If you are traveling UI-5 to Portland or Seattle, give me a call. 541-488-5907.

**ROY CLAXTON '52** writes: “The Claxton clan keeps growing! Now we have four grown sons, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I retired from general contracting in 1980, and have gone on to become a founding partner of the Left Bank Brasseries.”

And now this from **JOHN BELL '56**: “As one of my esteemed Fraters wrote recently, “Where did 2008 go?” As Peggy and I were adding up our combined ages, we decided that we should consider moving closer to our daughter's family while we can still enjoy their activities. We are now located in Camarillo, halfway between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. It is our first time ever experiencing the Southern California culture, where the USC fight song is considered classical music! Since my stroke in 2007, I no longer drive, so our vacations are usually by rail or on a cruise ship, and once in a while by airline. I miss the games (Go Bears!) picnics and luncheons, but the family closeness makes up for those losses. Welcome to all the new alums!”

**JEFF GRAVES' ('56)** daughters gave him an 80th birthday party in November. He tends his huge antique toy collection, featured in a show last year, “Time To Play,” at the Marin History Museum. After a knee replacement last March, he does some of his gardening in a chair. He still volunteers at the Novato History Museum and works at the polls every election. He looks forward each year to the annual TKE Christmas Luncheon.

Here's the latest from **AL HERZOG '53**: “Finally, at the age of 78, I am retiring as an investment advisor for Smith Barney. I love my work, but it is time to hang up the spurs and have fun. My wife, Carole, and I have traveled to over 100 countries and nearly all of the states. We are looking forward to at least two cruises and a trip to Eastern Europe in 2009.

“My fishing hobby will keep me very busy. I am the President-Elect of the Southern California Tuna Club for the year 2010. This group of 200-plus members meets every Thursday for brunch for the last 85(!) years. Our members have many fishing trips, couples trips, hunting trips, golf trips and tournaments. Other than that, we sit around telling jokes, and lies.

“Hopefully Carole and I will be able to participate in more TKE events in the coming year.”

“Tekes in Hawaii” says **WILLIE MOORE '50**

Ed Dermott '49 was in Hawaii for a granddaughter's wedding, and with his significant other, Gloria Riley, lunched at the Honolulu home of Willie Moore. Willie reports Ed was his Big Brother 60 years ago, and they have kept in touch over the years.



*Willie Moore (left) with Gloria Riley and Ed Dermott*

**DAN COSTELLO '51** checks in with this note: “I have been to most of the football games during the 2008 season. Dropping by the House, it's great to see some of the alums and the fresh faces of the boys in the House. They put on a barbecue every week. It's amazing what's happened to our campus since the coming of Tedford. Every fraternity and sorority house is alive with luncheons and groups enjoying themselves. The Cal spirit is alive and well. Come and enjoy it.”

**FOSTER SHANNON '52** writes: “Janis and I had two good weeks with friends in Punta Gorda, Florida, in March. We very much enjoyed a two-week Baltic cruise on the Crown Princess in September. There were 20 of us. I think this was the seventh group tour I have led since 1974 (the first four were to the Middle East).

Janis had aortic valve replacement surgery Thanksgiving week two years ago. We thank God how well she has done as a result of that surgery. I am presently working on my seventh book. The working title is “15 Dynamic Presbyterian Churches.” It should be out in the Spring.”

**SAM PEDEN '59** tells us: “I retired from the IRS after 34 years in 1995. I now have my own business called “Tax Problem Solutions” and work out of my home in Vancouver, WA. I am licensed as an enrolled agent. My wife, Coleen, and I enjoy short trips in our motor home to the Oregon coast and other areas. My distance from Berkeley has prevented me from coming back to House functions, which I would love to do. Being the ex-head cheerleader at Berkeley for the 1960 Rose Bowl team with Joe Capp and Jack Hart, I would love to see Cal win the Pac-10 title and head back there again. 47 years is a long time to wait for another championship team.

Hope to see you soon.”

Here's a word from **MARK PARRISH '78**: “I joined Nu in the Fall of 1976 right after a bicentennial summer tour of the U.S. with the Cal marching band. In the Fall of 1978 I became Prytanis, and finished classes in December of 1978. I stayed in the House until Spring graduation 1978. My wife and I were married at Holy Spirit Parish on Dwight Way, and held our reception (music and dancing) in the Teke House on July 1, 1979. After Berkeley, my wife and I moved to New Jersey where I got a PhD in Entomology at Rutgers University and started working for Rhone-Poulenc (agricultural chemicals). We moved to Raleigh, NC in 1989 where I now work for Bayer CropScience as the Director of Product Development. Along the way we had two children. Mary has graduated from UC Berkeley, and Anthony is attending Notre Dame.”

This just in from **TONY WAYNE '72**: “I am still serving as U.S. Ambassador to Argentina. The election process in the U.S. was closely followed here, and was the best advertisement we could have for our country. President Obama is very popular here—more so than practically any local politician. We had an event at my residence to watch the inauguration on January 20 which was carried on national TV along with events from Washington, just to show the attention to what is going on in the United States. At present the focus here, as in many places, is what is going to happen in the global economy and in Argentina. I know the impact in California has been hard, but I hope the recovery comes quickly. With all good wishes.”

**FOURTEEN FRATERS** enjoyed another North Bay Luncheon at the Saddle Club at Oakmont near Santa Rosa on February 6. Besides our host, Ed Dermott, those attending were: Chip Wray, Robin Harris, Don Romeo, Hal Plimpton, Carl Anderson, Dick Anderson, Cliff Ceridono, Will Deady, Austin Walther, John Phillips, Tom Morgan, Dan Costello.

## Chapter Eternal

**ROBERT SCOTT SHARP '56**

Bob passed away February 22nd following extended illness. A former resident of Oakland, Bob lived in Martinez since his retirement as a teacher in special education for 32 years. He spent many years instructing children with special needs at Lincoln Child Center. Throughout his career, he spent summers as the recreation director of the Cerebral Palsy Center for the physically handicapped. He also served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He is survived by Sheila, his wife of 37 years, daughter Robyn and son-in-law Nick, and grandchildren Madison and Brianna; son Scott and daughter-in-law Kimberly, and grandchildren Hunter and Connor. He is also survived by a brother Donald, and sister-in-law Georgia.

Private services were held March 2nd.



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## IT'S THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NU ALUMNI FAMILY PICNIC



*Join us in the sunshine in Sonoma  
Saturday, June 6 – Noon to Whenever*

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Here's my check for the Picnic ( )\$30.00 for each adult

Please make check payable to Charles H. Wray, and mail to him at 2081 Hyde Burndale, Sonoma, CA 95476

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**FROM SAN FRANCISCO** – North on 101 to 37 at S. Novato. Then to Sonoma/Napa turnoff on 121 at Infineon. Then to Hwy 12 turnoff to Sonoma. Stay on 12 to four-way stop light. Then right onto Napa Road. After two miles you will come to Burndale Road. (Note: There are two Burndales; take the second one a block further on.) Turn right, go 200 yards, turn right again onto Hyde Burndale and you're there – 2081 Hyde-Burndale.

**FROM THE EAST BAY** – Take Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to 101 and proceed as above. OR... from Interstate 80, take Napa/Sonoma turnoff (Hwy 12) follow to Hwy 29, then turn right toward Napa. Follow Sonoma signs until you see Sonoma/Napa Road sign. Angle right onto Napa Road. Go two miles and you're at Burndale Road. Turn left and proceed as above. LOST? Call (707) 938-8458.

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