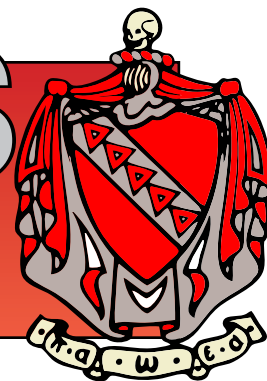




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WE'RE BACK AT THE OLYMPIC CLUB! IT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON TIME

The rumors are confirmed. We're returning to the Olympic Club for the 52nd Annual Christmas Luncheon, Monday, December 10th. And what an event it will be. After three years away from that familiar venue where we met for so many years, we are coming home, a change requested by some fraters. Dan Costello '51, long-time coordinator of this affair, tells us that things will look a lot different after extensive remodeling; but one thing remains the same: the incredibly warm gathering of the clan.

Make no mistake - wives and sweethearts will join us for the fourth year of another fine tradition, that of including them in these annual festivities but with a twist. (Fraters are asked to direct the attention of their ladies to the message addressed especially to them, elsewhere in this issue.)

We gather at (or about) 11:30 a.m. for an hour of visiting - every frater's time for the fun of "working the room." Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. and a choice of filet mignon or halibut is offered. The cost for the men is \$61.

We wanted to have the wives at the Olympic Club as well, but the cost would have exceeded \$60 for them, too (owing mostly to the cost of another room). A total of \$120-plus for a couple for lunch is a pretty big hunk of change. So the wives will be dining at their now-familiar haunt: the Flying Leatherneck Room of the Marines Memorial not even a block away, and the cost of their buffet will be \$30. This will cause no problem in getting fraters and wives together following the meal, however, because the Sutter Street entrance to the Olympic Club is only 100 feet from the Marines Memorial, and gentlemanly escorts will be dispatched from the Olympic Club to the Flying Leatherneck Room to bring the ladies in style to fraters awaiting their arrival.

Owing to the untimely mailing of *Nu News* this year (due to problems no one wants to hear) with very little lead time before the December 10th event, all fraters in zip codes 89--- through 97--- should have received their invitation by now with a detachable section to return to Dan Costello '51 with your check and choice of entrée, and whether your spouse will be attending. No reservation form is included in this issue of *Nu News*. Fraters with e-mail addresses have already been sent a reservation form, as well. If you have received neither the e-mail nor the invitation, telephone Dan Costello '51 (925.827.9249) and tell him you want to be there.

Parking is suggested at the Sutter-Stockton Garage, a three-block walk to the Olympic Club and the Marines Memorial alike. Holiday shoppers fill the lower floors quickly so count on going up a few levels. Closer parking is also available at the Olympic Club, but at a considerably higher fee.

This is our most elegant affair of the year and if you have never attended one, this would be the day to break the ice.

Letter From The Prytanis - Paul Winzer '08

Esteemed Alumni and Fellow Fraters,

Once again, it is with great confidence and pride that the active members of Nu Chapter enter the fall semester. As this issue of *Nu News* illustrates, we have accomplished great things together since the beginning of the 2007 calendar year, and already our productivity has been noticeably high during the opening few weeks of this semester.

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DON'T SHOOT THE EDITOR SIMPLE PLEASURES

I am looking at a Siskiyou County newspaper from June 1923, and I am fascinated by the simplicity of the folksy little vignettes of news confronting me:

“Edna Gitman and Sarah Fitch motored to Yreka on Monday, driven by Edna’s husband, William, for a visit with Edna’s sister, Alice Mellenkamp. Alice has been ill with influenza, but her many friends on this side of the mountain will be happy to know that she has recovered and is now feeling fine. Edna brought back a huge bouquet of gladiolus from Alice’s lovely garden and will place them in the Congregational Church Sunday morning to be admired by all.”

Now this may not be very interesting to you and I’m not overwhelmed by it either, but if you knew Edna and Alice in those days now long past, it was news. Here are two more:

“George Buckman is the proud owner of a beautiful new Chandler motor car which he purchased in Redding and motored home with no untoward incidents. It is dark blue with black fenders and is said to be the first to have effortless gear shifting. All the neighbors were treated to rides in the elegant machine.”

“The men of the Congregational Church hosted a picnic last Saturday at the City Park for the women and children of the church. Eddie Parris was in charge of the event. Lovely food was served and many games were played. Little Tommy Gitman and Ethel Jensen won the potato sack race. A good time was certainly had by all who attended.”

It was a simpler time, when you didn’t have to take a Caribbean cruise, retire to a villa in Italy, or win a Nobel Prize to be worthy of publication, and everyone cared to read of those simple pleasures because they knew and loved one another.

The point is this: we know and love one another, too. And we enjoy reading of the simplest adventures, however mundane they may seem to you, the writer. “Frater News” is one of the most appealing sections of our publication. We should be hearing more of your simple pleasures - your new car, the flowers that you took to church, or your trip to visit your Aunt Dora in Milpitas. And be sure to tell us that you motored there.

- Robin C. Harris '56

Letter From The Prytanis Continued...

Our featured philanthropy event of the spring was our now annual TKE Comedy Night. The evening featured one of Nu Chapter's own comedians, my big brother John Waste '07, as well as popular comedians from all around the Bay Area who were kind enough to volunteer their time to raise money for charity. It was, needless to say, hilarious.

Last semester's Red Carnation Ball was a smash. Planned by Fraters Brent Macomber '08 and Ori Dula '10, we returned to San Francisco's Fort Mason for the second year in a row. Our in-house chef Tony catered a delicious salmon flambé which thoroughly impressed (and satisfied) all of our dates. DJ Baysik kept the tunes going on the dance floor for hours of grooving, and of course, all the guests made it home safe at the end of the night.

Our front porch is now home to a brand new deck, designed by our fervent new house manager Anthony Wright '10 (see article elsewhere in this edition). The pledges of '83 put up a worthy structure (I SWEAR, STEVE!), but twenty-five years of college life is bound to destroy anything.

Men and women of Berkeley now gather at 2725 Channing Way for an innovative new alcohol-free Sunday night social event. Thanks to an innovative idea from Frater Mike Cerussi '10, "Disney Nights" offer Tekes and their friends an opportunity to unwind between a weekend of homework and another week of classes. Sorority women especially enjoy consuming root beer floats and popcorn while watching a Walt Disney animated classic. For better or worse, many of the viewers take their sing-along opportunities very seriously.

As of May 25, 2007, Nu Chapter is no longer in arrears with UC Berkeley! On that day, our two-year period of social probation ended and we are now free to register social events. Frater Albert Linden '08 is in charge of bringing back a signature party, "The Decline of Western Civilization," which has its roots in the 1980s. Not only were we successful in staying out of trouble for the past two years, but as per my conversation with the head of UC Berkeley's Office of Student Conduct, we are one of the best-behaved fraternities on campus.

Finally, I had the pleasure of attending TKE's 51st Biennial Conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada. As the voting repre-

sentative for Nu Chapter, I learned about the workings of the Grand Chapter. At the final formal dinner I ate with our newly elected Grand Prytanis Mark Johnson and his wife, Natalie. He gets a ceremonial gavel that is roughly three feet long; I'm a bit jealous. I reveled in the opportunity to participate in philanthropy and explore Vegas with friendly fraters from around the nation. I was also very pleased to bring home news that the latest edition of the *Teke Guide* features many pictures of fraters from Nu!

Most importantly, however, Conclave offered seminars that inspired me to set a high standard for both my chapter and myself and reminded me to never abandon my personal principles, especially love, charity, and esteem.

The fraters of Nu charge into the coming semester with great expectations, and great appreciation for support from our caring alumni!

Hegemon Report - Michaël Lévy '10

For anyone who has had notions of ancient Greek history, the Lambda, painted on the shield of the Spartan hoplites, was a symbol of the unity and the excellence of the Lacedaemonians; a symbol of the line never breaking under the assaults of the external pressure, nearly an equilateral triangle in fact.

The Lambda pledge class of Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon lives up to its name. Thirteen young men, mostly freshmen from various parts of California and the United States, are brought together by the ardent desire to be part of the Bond. Our three letters and the values stated in our Declaration of Principles are taken with earnestness and reverence.

The Lambdas consider the house as theirs which shows a strong identification with our fraternity, yet sometimes makes them forget their status of pledges. Game days, exchanges, game nights, Disney nights, Beirut tournaments, bar nights, house cleanups - no event has happened without at least one member of the new pledge class.

They don't have the frantic energy of Kappas, but every one of them has a strong character and a deep personality that brings a feeling of mutual closeness

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to every event. Their relatively small number enables each one of them to bring his particular qualities and way of thinking as an essential part of the puzzle, one of the entangled flavors of a great vine.

Strong and voluntary officers are backed up by an everlasting will of undertaking projects, assuming responsi-

bility, and contributing to the momentum of the class. Although everything is not perfect for now, they seem to tread along the path of progress with confidence. I am longing to see how well they will overcome the challenges of the pledge process: will all our promising perioeci become successful homoioi?

New in the Bond – Meet Kappa Class, Spring 2007

My name is **Kevin Okimura #1040** and I am now a sophomore studying chemical engineering. I really enjoy music, snowboarding, and going on spontaneous adventures. The thing that drew me into TKE and the attribute I most cherish is the true brotherhood I feel with everyone else in the bond.

My name is **Mike Cerussi #1041** and I am from right outside of San Francisco in Marin County. I am planning to apply to Haas this year and I am also minoring in rhetoric and music. I am extremely happy to be a member in the bond of Tau Kappa Epsilon for I have found true friendship in my brothers, and it has made my college experience that much better.

Hi, my name is **Bryce Riddle #1042**. I am a second year here at Cal and am a pre-business major. I come from Big Bear Lake, California where I grew up ski racing and playing soccer. I am this year's social chair and am having a fun time doing the job. TKE has had an extremely important impact in my life. Since joining, I have made lifelong friends, been challenged to excel by my brothers, and have been having the best time of my life!

My name is **Anthony James Wright #1043**. I spent most of my life in New York but have also lived in New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Alabama, and now California for twenty-two total moves in my life so far. I've come to Cal to study architecture and civil engineering in pursuit of my dream to one day design and build airports, hospitals, and other large-scale public works projects. I'm thrilled to be a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, and as I've discovered in my short time here, TKE truly is "The Fraternity for Life." The only thing I can look forward to more than the next four years is coming back to the house as an alumnus and seeing the next generation of great men, as I encourage you all to do.

Hey all, my name is **D. J. Swire #1044** and I am a fourth year English and rhetoric double major. The reason I joined TKE so late is that I am a transfer student, but I love all the guys in the house and I love being an older guy to give a different perspective. My plans for the future are prepping for the LSAT and going to law school. I am also involved in student orientation at Berkeley, the English Undergraduate Association, and Berkeley College Republicans.

Hi all, my name is **Andrew Mok #1045**. I'm from Cupertino, CA in the South Bay. I am currently studying computer science and will be applying to Haas this winter. I'm an avid Cal Golden Bears football fan and I religiously follow everything that has to do with the Bears and college football. I'm looking forward to an exciting year as a TKE! Go Bears and Go TKE!

Hi, my name is **Bradley Kerr #1046**. I have grown up in Southern California my whole life. I am used to surfing everyday in my hometown of San Clemente, but I love being at Cal and TKE; it's such an invigorating change of scene and I love absorbing every part of it. I'm an environmental science major and love being outdoors and active. Music is my other passion so look for me playing bass in the TKE band!

David Wong #1047 is a second year at Cal. He is an electrical engineering and computer science and business double major and hopes to graduate by 2010. Aside from school David enjoys singing in the UC Men's Octet and serves as their music manager. Lastly, he is very excited for his first semester as a brother in Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Hey everyone, my name is **Matthew Henry #1049** and I am a second year studying nutritional sciences. I

New in the Bond Continued

grew up in the Bay Area as a Bears fan. It is great to now be a part of this university and this awesome fraternity. Prior to Cal, I played junior A hockey in North Dakota. Now I like to keep my skills up on the Cal ice hockey team. My other interests include music and skate and snowboarding. GO BEARS!

My name is **Andrew Kelada #1050**. I am your new favorite 100% pure-bred Egyptian. I am pre-med, studying microbial biology. Everything about TKE is great, despite the fact that Egyptians (so far only myself) are far too outnumbered.

My name is **Jeremiah Abrigo #1051** and I am a sophomore majoring in political science. I am of Filipino descent and I hail from the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. More recently, I have begun taking an interest in cooking because many brothers in the house are really good cooks. Adam Potischman '10 from Iota Class introduced me to TKE and joining it has been the best decision of my life!

Hi my name is **Arjun Kolachalam #1052**. I am from Southern California (near L.A.) and am studying electrical engineering and computer science at Cal. My biggest hobby is playing tennis and I am currently a member of the Cal club tennis team. I came in to TKE not being sure if I wanted to join a fraternity but meeting all the amazing guys here made me fall in love with my new home.

My name is **Doug Matsunaga #1053** and I am currently beginning my third year as a molecular and cell biology major, with a possible psychology double major. Coming from L.A., I love the ocean, the outdoors, and traveling around and about. My favorite part about TKE is the diversity of people and interests, united under the values and open-mindedness of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Hi, my name is **Miles Ingwers #1054** and I am a junior here at Cal. I am studying genetics and plant biology and currently doing research on campus in plant gene expression and development. I aspire to some day be a college professor and conduct research in a lab of own. Although I have only been with TKE one semester, my time at TKE has been an amazing experience. My only regret is not joining sooner.

My name is **Kevin Welzel #1055** and I am a second

year molecular and cell biology student. I joined TKE because all the guys were original and had character. I like to play drums and listen to mind-numbing METAL! Also, I am deathly afraid of zombies.

My name is **Adam Furman #1056** and I am from Orange County, California. I am currently a second year, majoring in environmental economics and policy. I love to play sports, go to the beach, and just hang out with friends whenever I get a chance. So far, TKE has been one of the best experiences of my life and I have not regretted joining the fraternity for a second.

My name is **Dylan Case #1057**. I am a second year and an intended physics major. My hometown is Los Angeles and I am a nationally ranked fencer (40th for under 19).

My name is **Ara Zarifian #1058** and I am proud to be one of the newest members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. I'm originally from San Diego, California and I am attending Berkeley with the intentions of pursuing a degree in microbial and cell biology. I'm very happy with my decision of joining and living in the fraternity because I feel I've been able to grow by learning from the experiences of everyone in the house. I look forward to the next few years of college while being a part of this fraternity.

My name is **Bryce Welch #1059** and I grew up in San Carlos, California. I am a member of the California crew team. When I am not busy with studying I like to play guitar, listen to music, and work out. I am a political science major with the intention of going on to law school after I get my undergraduate degree.

Ted Kwong #202 (Sigma Chi Chapter) – Distinguished Alumni, I am a fourth year political science major with an eye towards law school who transferred from UC Davis, where I was already an active Teke, in January of 2007. Since then I have come to love this house and this campus, and I try to take every opportunity to become involved. In addition to being the philanthropy chair this semester, I am a photographer and staff member of the *Daily Californian*. Among other things, I still love to ski and raced with the UC Davis Alpine Ski Team previously.

Philanthropy Update



Comedy Night audience

For the main philanthropy event of the spring 2007 semester, TKE Nu Chapter decided to bring back Comedy Night, a previously successful recruitment event, as a fundraiser for our national philanthropy of Alzheimer's research. The master of ceremonies was once again, "the one and only John Waste," a graduating senior ('07, #970) who brought forth peals of laughter as he regaled the crowd of 200+ Cal students and friends with stories of his exploits and misadventures during his time at Berkeley. John was backed up by even more well-tested artists: five professional comedians from around California who each performed a standup act and ranged over topics as varied as the foibles of life in San Francisco, a tree that insults bystanders in the voice of Sean Connery, and the humorous application of scientific principles to life situations. The show lasted about 90 minutes, and the audience gave the performers a standing ovation at the end of the event.

The event raised nearly a thousand dollars for Alzheimer's research and we look forward to making Comedy



Master of Ceremonies John Waste '07

Night our signature spring philanthropy event, to return once again in spring 2008. The performance was organized, set-up, and publicized by co-Philanthropy Chairs Albert Linden '08 and Adam Potischman '10, but it really was a team effort by all the brothers in the house to sell tickets and get the word out to our friends and audience.

-Albert Linden '08

Nu Chapter Happy To Dedicate New Deck - House Manager Anthony Wright '10

If you stopped by the house after the Tennessee game this semester you may have noticed that the front yard does not look the same anymore. The original front deck, built by the pledge class of Fall 1983, has been torn down and replaced. It was just before the Tennessee game that we realized just how bad the shape of the old deck was: boards were cracking, the supports were rotting, and the tree in its center had uprooted several of the posts that held it up. So, we decided that a new deck was needed and with a generous donation of \$4,000 by Steve Schmidt '90, our



House Manager Anthony Wright '10

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New Deck Continued...



Nu Tekes tear down the old deck

chapter advisor (who happened to be in the very same pledge class of Fall 1983), we were able to rebuild the deck. The Sunday after the game versus Tennessee more than two-thirds of the active chapter gathered to demolish the old deck. After one hour the deck was gone and three hours later all the wood had been cut up and was ready to be hauled away.

On Monday, Anthony Wright '10, Nu's house manager, prepared detailed plans and presented them to the chapter in our weekly meeting. On Wednesday, Anthony and Bradley Kerr '10, the outdoor improvements chair, went to Home Depot and secured the supplies needed to build the deck.

On that Saturday at 9:00 a.m., 10 of the chapter's 52 actives gathered in front of the house to receive the delivery of supplies and prepared to begin construction. From that point on, if it was light out, there were Tekes working on the deck. By Saturday evening, the support structure was complete and the decking had begun to be laid down.



Outdoor Improvements Chair
Bradley Kerr '10

By the end of the day Sunday, TKE had a brand new deck and many very tired Tekes. Some members, especially Bradley Kerr '10 and Anthony Wright

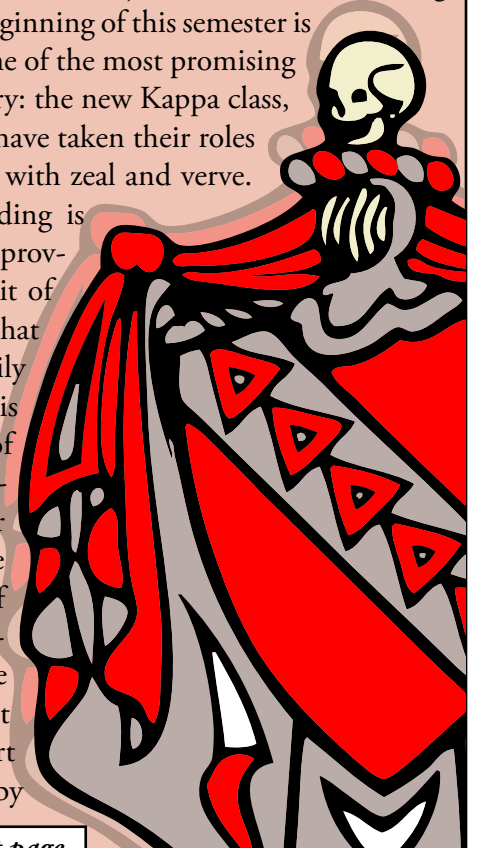
'10, put in more than thirty-five hours of work apiece, and they were not alone in double-digit contributions. On the following Friday, Anthony, Brad, and Chapter Prytanis Paul Winzer '08 gathered with others to finish the railings. The next Saturday, a week after beginning construction and just in time for the Cal versus Louisiana Tech football game, the Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon dedicated the deck to the entire Fall Pledge Class of 1983, in honor of the late Fraters Adam Kritzik '87, Dion Mathewson '87, and Kimio Steinberg '88.

The deck looks amazing and all of Nu Chapter's alumni are encouraged to stop by anytime to see the improvements both to the house and to the fraternity.

Appeal To The Alumni - Histor Mircea Raianu '09

Last December, upon my election as histor, I made a promise to the fraters of the undergraduate chapter to "increase contact with a broader base of alumni" and "involve alumni from all periods of TKE Nu history in the life of the chapter." Finding myself at slightly past the midpoint of my term, I must confess with some sadness that these objectives are far from being achieved. The beginning of this semester is in many ways one of the most promising in recent memory: the new Kappa class, 20 men strong, have taken their roles in the fraternity with zeal and verve.

Our social standing is continually improving and the spirit of brotherhood that pervades our daily interactions is like a breath of fresh air coursing through our house. From the point of view of structural improvements, we enjoy significant alumni support (as evidenced by



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Appeal to Alumni Continued...

Frater Schmidt's recent gift for redoing the deck). And so while things seem well enough, they are not noticeably improving in the one area that matters the most to me: involving alumni in the life of the chapter.

Last April we held our annual Founders' Day dinner at the house, and it could not have been a more pleasant affair for what it was. The theme for this year was "Nu Life," aiming to show the alumni how we live today in TKE at Cal. Our chapter advisors, Peter Cloven '86 and Steve Schmidt '90, who know us best, were the featured speakers, and we even benefited from the return of one of our "long-lost" alumni, Joe Garrett '70 (who delighted us with wild stories of his time). The day could have been so much more, however. A proposed golf tournament in the morning fell through for lack of interest and lack of planning. Only 11 out of the 200 alumni who received invitations were able to attend the dinner. There are many reasons why this was so: the principal one being the failure of the undergraduates, myself included, to aggressively spread the word. But the problem runs far deeper than that: our alumni directory is badly out-of-date. There is no way to know if the contact information for the 500+ names we have on record is accurate. Furthermore, we are aware that some of you are more interested

in attending undergraduate events than others, yet we have no way of knowing on whom to best focus our efforts. There are a few decades (between the late 1950s and the mid-1980s) from which we have few if any alumni with whom we are in contact. A major overhaul of the system is needed so we can have a consistent line of communication open between undergraduate fraters and alumni. That would be a good starting point.

For now, we can encourage you to attend as many events as you can (football game barbecues are the perfect opportunity). Look for news of our fall alumni reunion coming up. And remember: the goal is not primarily utilitarian. You have given us much practical assistance in rebuilding the house, yet your active and physical presence among us is the missing link to the strength of our organization. We need you for your presence, your stories, and your inspiration more than anything.

Yours in the Bond,

Mircea Raianu '09
Nu Chapter Histor



NEWS OF OUR FRATERS

FOSTER SHANNON '52 writes, "We had a terrific two weeks in Spain, ten days on Mallorca, and four in Madrid last October. Janis had aorta valve replacement surgery at UCLA in November before Thanksgiving and is doing very well, for which we are grateful to God. We attended the 55th reunion of the Class of 1952 and the Cal vs. Oregon State game the weekend of October 12 - 14."

ROBERT KEASBEY '55 checks in with this information: "After a career in the airlines as a (United Airlines) pilot, I retired to the town of Ashland, Oregon. I started a new family and now have two potential Tekes. Chris, age 17, and Drew, age 13. I also have kept my banjo skills alive. I play each summer in the Dixie warm-up band for concerts in the park. I also play mandola and balalaika with a folk band, which has played several years

in the Whole Life Festival in Seattle. I play saxophone with my son in the high school pep band. The Ashland High Music Department just returned from a concert tour of China in June. As part of the concert, my son and I played a duet on tenor banjo and tenor sax. We knocked their socks off; we even played on the Great Wall. My son found his dream car on eBay, so now we are the proud owners of an '81 DeLorean. When I am not playing music I am playing golf. I belong to the Shivas Irons Society, based on the book *Golf in the Kingdom*. We have played all over Scotland and Ireland, as well as many courses in the USA. Ashland sits right on I-5, so if any of you drive up to Portland or Seattle, give me a call."

ROBIN HARRIS '56 and youngest son Jeffrey mo-

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News of Our Fraters Continued...

tored to Siskiyou County in August, where they camped and fished on the Salmon River for nine days. Following this, they visited relatives in Yreka for two days and attended the Siskiyou Fair. Then they motored to Ashland, Oregon for two more days where they visited with Bob Keasbey '55, (above), and enjoyed the music of his folk band.

JIM SINGLETON '61 updates us as follows: "I joined Nu Chapter in 1960, graduated from Cal in 1961, and stayed to finish Boalt Hall in 1964. My plan was to join a mega firm in San Francisco and live prosperously if unhappily ever after. Mega firms were much less mega then. But a chance vacation took me to Alaska for a summer job in an Anchorage law firm, and, as they say, the rest is history. I returned to Anchorage in 1965 and practiced law until joining the Superior Court in 1970, the State Appellate Court in 1980, and then shifting from the state to the federal judiciary in 1990.

Sandra and I married in 1966. We have two adult sons, and two grandchildren with a third on the way. We now split our time between Anchorage in the summer and Arizona in the winter. We are snow birds.

It seems like just yesterday that I left Cal. It is hard to believe that our class of '61 just had its 45th reunion and is planning the 50th."

A provocative letter from **SETH ADAM KRITZIK '87** goes as follows: "Earlier this month (last spring 2007) while on vacation in Snowmass, CO with my wife, brother Tom '85, and his family, I became ill on the slopes and suffered a major heart attack. In the week that followed, I was required to undergo triple bypass surgery to save my life.

I did not make the healthiest choices while I was young and now those choices have caught up with me. My recovery has been slow and steady and I am in the third week post-surgery. I am looking forward to an ambulance flight this Wednes-

day to take me home to San Diego where I will have another three to four weeks of hospital stay before I can go home.

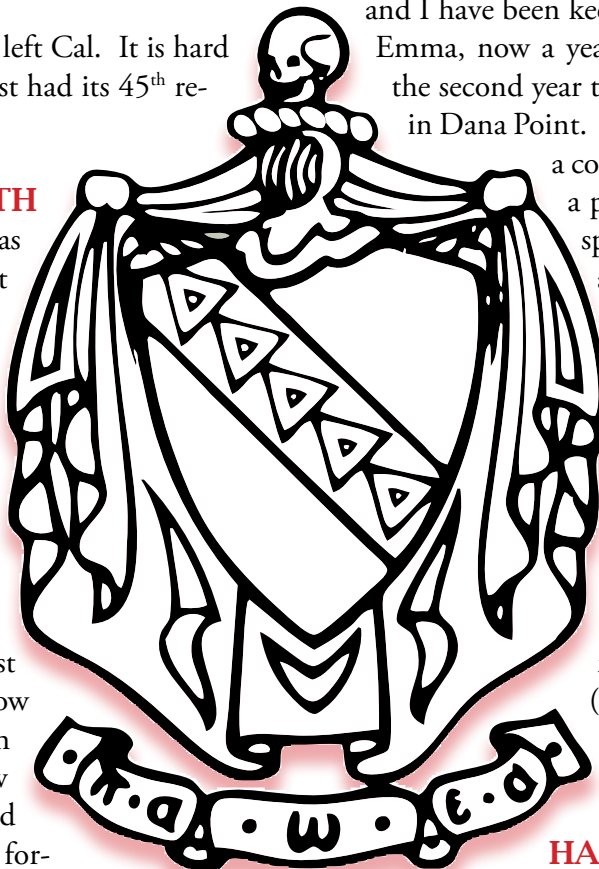
I thought 17 years ago when I got clean and sober that this would be sufficient for me to enjoy a long and healthy life. It was not enough. My sedentary lifestyle, lack of exercise, and utter indifference to the quality of foods I had been eating caught up with me.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. First, I would like to ask you all to pray in whatever way you enjoy for my speedy recovery. Second, know that heart disease is 100 percent preventable. Please make an appointment with your cardiologist this year. We don't need to lose any more young members. I wish you all joy and success in all your endeavors."

Shortly after sending this letter to *Nu News*, Seth Adam Kritzik passed away.

JOHN TOMLINSON '89 shares this: "Several events of note in the last two years of life include the birth of my twins and a relocation to Orange County. My wife, Lori, and I have been keeping busy with our twins Jack and Emma, now a year-and-a-half old. This July marks the second year that we have been in our new home in Dana Point. We relocated from Hawthorne, just a couple of miles south of LAX. I have a property management business that specializes in multifamily residential and commercial office buildings. Lori continues to work at Teledyne Micro Electronics as a program manager working on military projects such as the F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II."

***Attending the North Bay Luncheon October 12th at the Wild Oak Saddle Club at Oakmont were **ED DERMOTT '49** (our host), **BOB DICKERSON '51**, **CHIP WRAY '53**, **JOHN BELL '56**, **ROBIN HARRIS '56**, **DON ROMEO '57**, and **HAL PLIMPTON '58**.



Alumni Picnic Retrospective – June 2, 2007

photos by George Dove '50



Mike Wray '80 mans the grill



Griff Marshall '55, George Dove '50, Roy Claxton '52, Chip Wray '53, & Jerry Blalock '60



Mary Jo Francis & Mariel Claxton



*Don Romeo '57, Mike Wray '80, Roy Claxton '52,
Jerry Blalock '60, & Dave Francis '54*



Harriet & Don '50 Lawrie, Marge Romeo

Terry Wollter '56, Griff Marshall '55, & Tom Morgan '50



The Pool



Sharon Costello, Wanda Rose & Wayne '74 Martinez



Wayne Martinez '74, Claire & Bill '51 Graham

Dues to be raised, among other things

ALUMNI BOARD ANNOUNCES DILEMMAS AND CHANGES

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the alumni association, the following decisions were reached:

DUES GO TO \$50

The alumni treasury has been plagued by increased costs of publication of *Nu News* (our largest expenditure and our most important, representing approximately \$4,000 annually) and a 20% decrease in dues-paying fraters from 2006. Accordingly, after some 15 years at \$30, it was decided to raise annual dues to \$50, effective immediately. It should be noted that other fraternity alumni associations' dues are significantly higher than this - in a couple of instances over \$100 annually. The renewal notice in this issue reflects this new figure.

It was also decided to allow members of the active chapter who are about to graduate, to join the alumni association for the first year for \$10 if paid prior to graduation.

CHAPTER ADVISORS WELCOMED ABOARD

Effective immediately, chapter advisors (in this instance Pete Cloven '86 and Steve Schmidt '90) will automatically be named as members of the alumni board of directors. It is felt that this will facilitate communication between the alumni and active chapter.

1962 - 1994: A HUGE HOLE IN THE ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

The board discussed at considerable length the significance of 34 graduation years of very sparse alumni membership. Of 84 paid memberships for 2007, 57 are members of the graduating classes of 1948 - 1961. The ensuing 33 years brings us only 26 more. (Only one member of the recent graduating classes from the active chapter has renewed membership in our ranks.) Without getting maudlin about what the next few years will do to the ranks of the 11-year 1948 - 1961 group, it can be seen that a critical membership situation will then ensue.

The board discussed various ways to address this issue, focusing on the years 1962 - 1994, and will be contacting key members of these classes to bring their contemporaries into the fold. Meanwhile, the board solicits suggestions from members of these classes to make this possible.

NU NEWS TO BE SENT ONLY TO DUES PAYING FRATERS? IT COULD HAPPEN

Discussion on this matter was tabled but it is important to note that *Nu News* is being mailed to over 560 fraters, only 15% of whom support the alumni association. Do the math.

At the rate of the present decreasing alumni association treasury, even despite the rise in dues alluded to above, it won't be long before *Nu News* must drastically reduce its quality and length, if, indeed, it can continue at all. Again, suggestions are solicited.

WAYS TO REACH MISSING MEN

It is one thing to miss fraters from dues rolls and quite another to miss them from our social functions. In an effort to address both situations, the alumni board is planning outreach strategies designed to bring more men into the fold. Key fraters will be contacted from specific classes to help with this mission, using a committee of men of the '60s through the '90s and already active in the alumni association, to help accomplish this.

For Ladies Only

A WORD TO THE WIVES

Ladies of TKE, your husbands and lovers want to do something nice for you - that of continuing the tradition of hosting a buffet for you while we attend our 52nd annual luncheon. Your event will continue at the Flying Leatherneck Room at the Marines Memorial where it has been enjoyed for the past three years - an affair much appreciated by the ladies who have attended. Although we will be in different buildings, the Marines Memorial is almost behind and out the rear door of the Olympic Club. And to make it more special, a cadre of dedicated Tekes will show up at the end of your luncheon to escort you in style to our banquet room where we will enjoy the balance of the time together.

So, before your Teke mails in his reservation, ask him if your name is on it, too!

CHAPTER ETERNAL

William C. McCammon '30

Thanks to Frater Bill Graham '51, who knew Bill well, for this information.

Bill McCammon, who held the lowest scroll number of any living Nu Teke, was on the Board of Control serving as treasurer, when the chapter was reactivated in 1947, and was very active in helping us find a house. Bill Graham '51, who was vice president of Nu Chapter, probably knew Bill best because they were both seeking a house and crewed for him on his sailboat which he raced on San Francisco Bay.

Fraters Graham and Ed Dermott '49 were in Los Angeles for the summer and held a party at Graham's aunt's house. There, Dermott's date was overheard telling another girl that their sorority was going to buy the Kappa Kappa Gamma house on Channing Way because the Kappas were remodeling a house they had purchased on Piedmont. Dermott and Graham wasted no time in contacting McCammon, who suggested that Soph Goth '21 and Bob Fraser '22 also be called. Fraser jumped at the chance, making a dozen phone calls to find out who was handling the sale. He located the Kappa president and arranged a meeting, arriving at her home late that night where she greeted him in her pajamas and bathrobe. There, at her kitchen table over several cups of coffee, they put together a proposal. TKE made an offer but the Kappas did not want to vacate the house until their new one was ready, so Fraser arranged the sale that night with a lease back for one semester. The revenue from the lease paid for the new furniture required to convert a sorority house to a fraternity house.

Once the deal was accepted, McCammon, Fraser, and Goth scrambled to find the money for the down payment. The amounts were never revealed to the membership but it is assumed that the three of them lent the money to Nu Chapter. The rest is history.

McCammon's wife, Esther, immediately formed the Mothers and Wives Club, primarily to provide household items such as drapes and kitchen equipment. The primary source of these funds was from rummage sales they held.

Bill McCammon was a tall man of imposing stature but very gentle and kind. When Graham and other Tekes crewed on his boat, he gave firm orders but never shouted or became rattled when mistakes were made - and there were plenty of them. Over the years, he collected many awards for superior sailing. He was a soft-spoken and patient man, and Frater Graham says it was a pleasure to be counted among his crew. The team of Bill and Esther McCammon was very supportive in anything the house did and they chaperoned many of the social affairs.

Bill was a vice president of Chevron Corporation. One of the highlights of his life was when Esther was invited to christen one of their mega tankers which was being built in Finland.

Bill retired from Chevron in 1973. He was 97 when he died - a world champion cribbage player, a great competitor, and a kind and gentle man.

John Petric '50

John "Pete" Petric passed away early in July from complications of lung cancer. His career was in metallurgy and he owned several apartment houses in San Francisco, moving to Oceanside two years ago. He is survived by his friend and companion, Roger Brown, with whom he lived for 30 years.

Seth Adam Kritzik '87

Seth, or Adam as he was more popularly known, died June 27th of complications following a heart attack suffered earlier in the year while skiing at Snowmass, Colorado with his wife, brother Tom, and family. He seemed to be recovering and even wrote *Nu News* a hopeful letter (see page 9) but died of a subsequent heart attack in an ambulance on his way to the hospital. He is survived by his wife, Barbie, brother Tom (Nu Chapter '85), and Tom's children with whom he was very close.

Adam lived in La Jolla. His funeral was held July 2nd in San Diego. This is a staggering blow to the pledge class of 1983 which has now lost three fraters in 2007.

DUES HONOR ROLL - 2007

These men are members in good standing of the Nu Chapter Alumni Association.
Is your name here? Some otherwise enthusiastic and involved men are missing from this list.

Mylon Nelson '48
Bill Rus '48
Andy Viscovich '48
Ed Dermott '49
Thomas Johnson '49
Len Schlusser '49
George Dove '50
John Heaney '50
Bud Jamison '50
Don Lawrie '50
Willie Moore '50
Don Talbott '50
Dan Costello '51
Bill Graham '51
Griff Marshall '51
Tom Morgan '51
Don Sampsel '51
Karl Zellman '51
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Bob Heath '52
Al Herzog '52
Mark Engler '53
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Chip Wray '53
Jerry Blalock '54
Bob Collins '54
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David Francis '54

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John Bell '56
Jeff Graves '56
Robin Harris '56
Tom LaFehr '56
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Don Romeo '57
Fred Schott '57
Hal Plimpton '58
Fred Thill '58
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Sam Peden '59
Bob Penland '59
Bob Gassin '60
Richard Wolf '60
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Bob LaLiberte '61
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James Chamberlain '64
Jim Sherk '65

Russell Buss '66
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Terry Smerling '67
Guy Newmark '68
Jack Quatman '69
Steven Russell '70
Charles Shapiro '73
Clark Gross '74
Wayne Martinez '74
Joe Rea '76
Peter Winkler '76
Cliff Marks '80
Mike Wray '80
Kevin McFarland '81
Tom Steig '81
Kevin Collins '83
Mark Edelstone '83
Robert Fowler '83
Anders Torgerson '83
Chris Burns '84
Peter Cloven '86
John Paris '88
John Tomlinson '89
Steve Schmidt '90
Bryan Dechairo '94
Bryan Bailey '04


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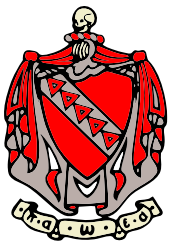
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**WE'RE RETURNING TO THE OLYMPIC CLUB
AFTER THREE YEARS AWAY!**

52ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday, December 10th

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