

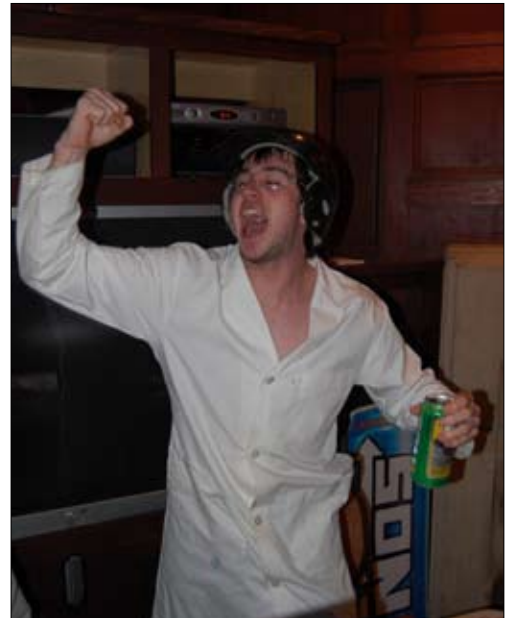
# NU NEWS

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## LIFE IS GOOD ON CHANNING WAY!



What's Going on Here?  
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IN THIS ISSUE, WE DEPART FROM TRADITION WITH A GALLERY OF PHOTOS.  
THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING ON CHANNING WAY, AND IT'S TIME YOU KNEW.

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## **I'M JUST SAYIN'**

### **Giving Back**

A couple of months ago I spent over an hour on the phone with one of our esteemed board members. We both seem to rant a lot, but I think I rant more pathetically than he does. Is this a positive attribute? Probably not.

Anyway, I was struggling, as always, with the organization of this issue of *Nu News*, and I suggested that this would be my last issue—or the coming Fall issue, for sure. I just wasn't having much fun with it any more.

I hung up with a self-satisfied smirk. There! I've said it and I'm glad. I spent the next few days reflecting on the past 15 years at the helm of our beloved news magazine, and congratulating myself on my resolve. Good! I'll have more time to garden, listen to music and get creative in the kitchen. I can devote more time to my camping program for kids. I can spend some time practicing new jazz breaks on the piano. Maybe I'll go trout fishing. Less carpal tunnel stuff, and no more dealing with deadlines. Yeah!

Then it hit me. No. Wait a minute. This is all fine, but I then wouldn't be serving anymore.

Our National Interim CEO, Shawn A. Babine in Indianapolis recently reminded us, "Service to others is the price we pay, and as Fraters in the Bond it is our obligation and our responsibility. That is our legacy to others." Well, that is the essence of TKE. Tekes have performed inspiring acts of service in the nation and the world. It is, presumably, one of the reasons we joined this Fraternity for Life. If all we were after were beer busts and panty raid (Do they do that anymore?), many fraternities would have done nicely. But if you have read statements of introduction from new initiates in past issues of *Nu News*, you recognize a different kind of commonality among their reasons to be Tekes.

Many of these men also saw other qualities among the men on Channing Way, qualities related to friendship—the Bond, and what they were already giving to each other. It was electrifying.

My own service has been miniscule in contrast to some of those described in *The Teke* magazine, or weighed against the efforts of other men of Nu Chapter. Probably I should do more. But it has been my way to serve, and I guess it has helped. To quit, I realize, would be unthinkable, because my service has been not so much magnanimous, as it has been a way to give back. My debt to Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is immense—more so than I will try to make you



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believe. It continues to this day. A few of you know what I'm talking about. Most do not. Best to leave it that way.

There have been a lot of bad patches in my life. I get past it with a sense of humor. Although it is an attribute perhaps not wholly appreciated by the more curmudgeonly among the masses, it has certainly helped. But what has made the greatest difference is the friendship and support of Nu Chapter Tekes. So it's back to the computer so I can keep giving back as best I can. And I will do so for as long or short a time remains for me.

Those of you who graduated this year, and are already testing your mettle as young alumni, will find your unique ways to give back, using your own talents and enthusiasms to do so. At a time when many drift away, I entreat you to not even think of such a thing. You would be leaving behind the most formidable body of support you will likely ever have.

Robin Harris '56

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## THOSE PHOTOS ON PAGE ONE

*(Top Left) Fraters on their retreat pose at the top of Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park.*

*(Bottom Left) A victory shot after we won the inter-fraternity Dodgeball Tournament for Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy event, "Theta Dodgeball." We unseated the two-time defending champions in the finals.*

*(Bottom Right) Fraters Robby Hayes, Erik Johnson and Robert Rigonan transform the house for our annual Summer of Love party.*

*(Top Right) We had a Fifa Tournament, sponsored by an online gaming company and an energy drink. Held during Room Draw, it made for an exciting time, especially with 49 men living in the house.*

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## THE LEWIS CREW



*One big, happy family of big brothers, little brothers, grand-little brothers and great-grand little brothers. Erik Lewis '05 was one of the recolonization founders, a member of the Alpha Class. His little brother was Alex Mastrodonato, whose little brother, in turn, was Anthony Wright (seen at the top of the photo). Anthony's little brothers were Chris Handley, Austin Bourdier and Ben DeShetler. Austin's little brother is Alex Voet, Ben's little bother is James Brady, and Chtris's little brothers are AlexHebels and Steven Edelstone. Steven went on to have Sean Greene as a little brother, and Alex had two of his own, Eric Foard and Adam Tuetken, all of whom are pictured here.*

# LETTER FROM THE PRYTANIS

*Curtis Hendrickson (#1120)*

My name is Curtis Hendrickson and I am the new Prytanis for the Nu Chapter. As pledge class president of the Pi Class as well as the Hegemon for the Rho pledge class, I have been able to use my leadership to continue traditions that I feel make our house a better place and additionally, break from old traditions that are no longer necessary in building a well-respected house in the community. Some of my goals when coming into the position of Prytanis included: building better relationships with our neighboring houses, communicating with the University when we are excelling in the community with philanthropy and scholarship, reaching out to our alumni more and making the house a more comfortable haven for the people who have made it what it is today, making sure that I have a very informed and tight knit officer corps, and last but not least, I wanted to make sure that our members are always evaluating themselves to create a culture against stagnation.

So far, these goals are very ambitious, but if we as a house, can continue to keep the words of the ninth paragraph as well as the six pillars in mind then we can continue to make choices that lead us to be better men. People join fraternities for multiple reasons: girls, booze, housing, etc. I believe that



*Getting ready to attempt the Fenton's Ice Cream Challenge.  
Somehow, everyone managed to finish in 15 minutes!*

on the contrary, boys join our house when they are ready to be Men. What I mean by that statement is that when people join TKE they embark on an education period where they learn the values of being a great student, the importance of being a gentleman to all people, the positives of helping the community through service and philanthropy, and the inspiration to be a better brother to anyone wearing the letters "T-K-E." All of these skills that we obtain when we join TKE are ones that make us into leaders of tomorrow in any field that we plan to get into. While some fraternities stop their education program when they become brothers, I, as Prytanis, have a different idea of when the education process should end. I believe that while I am leading this house, every person will have to contribute and be accountable for our house and additionally every person will have to continually learn and be reassured of why they joined this house.

Beyond all of these goals, I believe that the number one goal that needs to be addressed while I am Prytanis is just to make sure that I try to help facilitate problems as they arise. Realistically, I cannot solve every problem that takes place in the house but as long as I am trying to make sure that I lead our house when changes are in need and only when I see a positive result from those changes then I can only see forward progress for our house. I am convinced that the Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is in good hands and I believe that as we continue to make these culture changes and continue to educate our members then we have nothing but flourishing years to look forward to.

I know that I will look back 15 years from now, hopefully as a high school history teacher, and say that I had an impact on my fraternity house and that my fellow fraters are making changes in the world because they were part of such a unique experience at Cal. These are my goals that I will hold in this semester and beyond.



*Prytanis Curtis Hendrickson shows off his complimentary shirt awarded following the Fenton's Ice Cream Challenge.*



# LETTERS FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTER

## FROM THE HISTOR

**Steve Edelstone (#1117)**

I am a second year Political Science major, hailing from the far-away town of Moraga, CA (located about 15 minutes away from Berkeley). Born into a Cal family, I have always wanted to attend UC Berkeley. I have attended both Cal football and basketball games my entire life and consider myself to be the biggest Cal fan in TKE right now. Attending Berkeley has always been my dream and I try to appreciate the fact, on a daily basis, that I am a student at the best public university in the world.

I pledged TKE in the Fall of 2009 as a first semester freshman. Since my pledge semester, I have held both the Trip Chair and helped out as Serenading Chair. This last December, I was elected Histor and have put forth all of my effort to advancing the position. I have supplied the chapter with an Alumni Spotlight every week. Alumni Spotlights consist of an email that I send to a different alum every week, asking TKE and career related questions. If you get an email from me in the future, please respond! Furthermore, my main goal is to reconnect younger alumni to the chapter, through these Alumni Spotlights and through alumni events. Look out for future emails and announcements regarding alumni events and general happenings at the TKE House!

Outside of TKE, I am very involved with KALX, University of California's listener supported radio station. Located in the basement of Barrows Hall, I am on air almost every week as a disk jockey, playing a diverse selection of music, ranging from modern British alternative rock to nu-folk music to 80s hip hop to Motown R&B. If you want to discover new music, tune into the DJ Eddie and the Stones program at 90.7 FM! You can also stream it live at [kalx.berkeley.edu](http://kalx.berkeley.edu). Music has always been a big part of my life; I not only DJ, but I also play both the ukulele and the piano.

## FROM THE PYLORTES

**James Brady (#1133)**

I am the Pylortes of the Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. I am a first-year Chemical Biology major from Thousand Oaks. I've always been interested in the sciences, so I jumped at the opportunity to join a new major at Berkeley that was a mix of Chemistry and Biology. I've played baseball since I was four, including appearing in the Little League World Series when I was 12.

I pledged TKE mostly due to current Hegemon, Mike Rigg. He introduced me to the house, and essentially is the reason why I decided to pledge in the fall and not wait until spring. Because I am a first-year student, I am the youngest

officer on the current officer corps, and the youngest Frater to hold an officer position since our re-chartering. It is an immense amount of responsibility but I felt that I was most fit to handle the tasks of the position.

During my term as Pylortes, I will continue to strive to educate the house on safety concerns as well as security issues and protocols. With new members joining and older members leaving every semester, some important pointers get lost in translation. I will make sure that doesn't happen by holding mandatory meetings throughout the semester to educate the house not only on issues that only arise in the house, but also on measures that will be useful for the rest of our lives.



*We rented three Winnebagos to drive down and support our Golden Bears when they played USC. The game was lost, but the weekend was a definite win.*

## FROM THE HEGEMON

**Michael Rigg (#1128)**

I am a second year Molecular and Cell Biology major from Westlake Village, CA. I joined TKE in the Spring of 2010 as a member of the Pi pledge class. I didn't serve as an officer for my pledge class, although I did run for historian. Because of this, I felt as though I wasn't participating to my full potential and giving as much to my pledge class as I should've. However, I always had hopes of holding an officer position in TKE and I was particularly interested in becoming Hegemon or Pylortes.

During my first active semester as a brother, I was the kitchen steward, a big brother to Brendan Rafeld #1134, and the assistant to the House Manager who, at the time, was Josh Feldman. During that time I still felt as though I was not

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giving as much to TKE as it had given to me. With elections looming, I did not know whether I was ready to take on one of these positions. Fortunately, I decided at the last minute to run for Hegemon and I am excited to now be pursuing that position for the Nu Chapter. I've always been eager to tackle this position because I feel as though I am a natural fit for the Hegemon-- I want to instill the values of Tau Kappa Epsilon and more specifically, those of the Nu Chapter into our candidates while shaping them into valuable and motivated brothers. Not only will I ensure that the Sigma (Spring 2011) and Tau (Fall 2011) pledge classes will succeed and become initiated as members in this house, but I will also stress that they become an integrated part of our brotherhood-- that is, that they will be active and contributing to our house. I find that being a member on the Executive Board of TKE is an extremely rewarding experience because it constantly challenges me, polishes my leadership skills, and teaches me new things everyday.

Outside of TKE, I serve on the executive board of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) as the Vice President of Risk Management. I find this position specifically rewarding because I actively communicate with University faculty as well as other leaders in our local community. My goal for this position is to ameliorate its previously tarnished reputation and to essentially cater to all of the chapters in the CalGreeks community while also making sure they follow all risk management guidelines safely and responsibly.



*Some of us got together for a group shot before leaving for the Red Carnation Ball in San Francisco.*

## FROM THE HYPOPHETES

**Doug Wreden (#1122)**

I am currently a second year Computer Science major.

This is my 2nd semester as an active brother, and my previous positions in the house include being the Griffon for the Rho pledge class, and being one of the two chairs responsible for putting on the Decline of Western Civilization Halloween party. I chose to run for Hypophetes because I feel that it is a role perfectly suited to my character -- above all else I cherish the brotherhood that exists in TKE, and I see no better way for me to serve the house than to promote and advance that brotherhood in every way possible.

My goals for this year are twofold. The first is to provide an atmosphere at TKE that encourages the strengthening of the bonds between our brothers. One way that I hope to accomplish this is by hosting brotherhood events of a very wide variety -- already we've had events such as Shitty Movie Nights, group attempts at the famous Fenton's Ice Cream Challenge, and "Kids Night". By really encouraging brothers to host events, and by supporting those events with my brotherhood budget, I can (hopefully) always give people a reason to come by the house and have something unique to look forward to. Additionally, I plan to promote an atmosphere of open communication at TKE. More than anything, I want our house to be open and honest with our thoughts and opinions, especially on a person-to-person level, so that conflicts between brothers can be resolved in a constructive and responsible manner.

Secondly, I plan to promote TKE's academics in every way possible. Already our house GPA and general attitude towards school is exemplary, so I hope to continue this by offering regular study tips at meetings, keeping our study room clean and usable, and working with our scholarship chair on his various projects. An example is the tutoring system that we set up this semester, and there is now a weekly list sent out to the active brothers of those who are willing to tutor other brothers in specific subjects. I have no doubt that we'll continue one of the top academic houses in the Greek community.

## FROM THE CRYSOPHYLOS

**Michael Tuffli (#1108)**

I am a second year Economics major from Marin County, CA. I am very interested in economics and business and have enjoyed all the classes I have taken so far at Cal. I play guitar and am a big fan of a wide variety of music genres. I pledged Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon in the fall of 2009 during my first semester at Cal. I have lived in the house since last fall and have had more fun this year than any other in my life.

As Crysophylos I am in charge of managing the finances of the fraternity. I coordinate with dues collection and draft the house budget. I also manage expenses and revenues and am in charge of the chapter bank account and the chapter debit card. I reconcile the chapter bank account and record all expenses with the appropriate filing. I also make sure all the committees and chairs know how much money they have in their budget

and how much they have spent.

I am trying to make the position more efficient and increase the accountability with Fraters and their financial obligations. I also am trying to make the budget drafting more transparent and democratic so that the budget we use each semester goes toward things that pleases the most amount of people. Hopefully these changes mean that we are most efficient with our budget and have a happy house.

## FROM THE EPIPRYTANIS

**Christopher Lee (#1110)**

I was born and raised in Laguna Niguel, California. The son of two Taiwanese immigrants, I am extremely lucky to come from a caring and supportive family, along with my two older sisters, who are graduates of UCLA. During my youth, I was very involved in sports - most frequently golf and basketball - as well as community service. In fact, I spent a lot of time volunteering in the oceanfront hospital that I was born in! Now at Berkeley, I have learned to appreciate the great outdoors more and enjoy going on hikes and enjoying the scenery of Northern California.

As Epiprytanis, I hope to help lead Nu Chapter to new heights, building on the successes of our predecessors. With TKE in such a good place, my goal is to make even more improvements to how we conduct our business and plan events that can be carried into the future. In less than a semester thus far, I feel that I have already benefited personally from this experience and am growing as an individual. I look forward to the challenges and successes ahead and am excited for what our chapter can do in the times still to come.

## MEET THE SPRING 2011 PLEDGE CLASS

Hailing from the wheat-filled plains of Eastern Washington, freshman **Michael Nave** is the only out-of-state student in the Sigma pledge class of TKE. Michael currently plays on the Berkeley Quidditch team along with other Tekes, and waved the Cal flags at football games on the field of Memorial Stadium this past fall. He plans to study Economics at Berkeley with hopes of becoming a CFO for a Fortune 500 company.

I'm **Sasha Berkowitz**, a freshman from Berkeley, California. Living in the San Francisco Bay Area, I have a variety of interests including sports, movies, foods, traveling, and the outdoors. I am an intended Forestry or Conservation Resources Studies major and hope to transfer into the College of Natural Resources

**Eric Foard**, Pledge Class President, is a second-year Rhetoric

## FROM THE GRAMMATEUS

**Kevin Zhu (#1115)**

I am currently a second year Bioengineering major from Palo Alto, California. As the new Grammateus, I would like to continue the excellent job that my predecessor has done, while improving upon and expanding my responsibilities. My first goal is to make meeting minutes easier to read through succinct notes and the inclusion of a summary of significant business. I would also like to implement a weekly and monthly calendar containing relevant events within and outside of TKE. My last goal is to improve weekly meeting attendance and sustain it throughout the year. Additionally, there are many smaller projects I am currently working on to advance the position of Grammateus. I am always open to ideas and suggestions, so feel free to get in touch!



*Fraters gather before a holiday themed exchange with Alpha Delta Pi Soorority.*

and Film Studies double major from La Honda, California. He went to Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo at which time he played club soccer and participated in the theater program there. In his free time, he enjoys reading, watching movies, playing soccer, and drinking copious amounts of coffee. He plans to attend law school.

My name is **Richard Rodriguez** and I am a first year with an intended pre-Business major. In high school I engaged in competitive swimming and water polo, and began to learn French as my third language; I am fluent in English and Spanish. Some of my passions include playing guitar, surfing, and snowboarding. My current goals in college are to succeed academically, be accepted into Haas School of Business, and develop lifelong relationships.

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My name is **Tyler Wade** and I am currently a first year from Burbank, CA. I love music, and I was in the show choir Powerhouse from John Burroughs High School. I plan on majoring in Economics and possibly minoring in Music.

**Ryan Tan** was born to Alfred and Kathy Tan in San Ramon, California in 1991. He is currently studying Integrative Biology, with the hopes of attending medical school in the future. Ryan's interests include soccer, dogs, and the guitar.

I am **Cody Brock**, a first year student from Vacaville, CA. I am an active member of the Cal Hurling team, who just beat Stanford to take the Gary Duffin Cup. I am undeclared, but working towards a Cognitive Science major

Hi everyone, my name is **Matthew Rosenblum** and I'm from Sebastopol, California. I'm a freshman studying Molecular and Cell Biology, hoping to become a surgeon in the future. I love to play tennis and volleyball in my free time, as well as cook.



*Frater Alex Hebels speaks to the rest of the Chapter at this semester's retreat in Golden Gate Park.*

Originally from Poway, California, **Michael Smykowski's** first year at UC Berkeley has been both new and exciting. Although he is currently undeclared, Michael has always been interested in the environment and is considering a major related to environmental science. Apart from school, Michael has been on a swim team his entire life and is just about a fanatic when it comes to any sport.

I'm **Alex Voet** and I am a first year from Palo Alto, CA. Some of my hobbies include running, soccer, and ultimate frisbee. I am currently undeclared but am thinking of majoring in either Operations Research or Mathematics.

**Grant Audet** is a first year student from Palo Alto, CA. He has been playing trumpet for 9 years now and is currently in the University Wind Ensemble. Grant is a politically active

young man and is currently deciding between an Econ and Business major.

My name is **Steven Nagy** and I am a first year from Lakewood, CA. I am leaning towards a degree in Environmental Science with a possible double major in Celtic Studies. My favorite moment at Cal so far was when the Campanile played Hedwig's Theme (the Harry Potter theme song) just before the Cal-Stanford quidditch match. I can also solve a Rubik's Cube in about two minutes.

My name is **George Hertlein**, and I'm a first year student from Carmel Valley, CA. I took a gap year and lived in Belgium as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I enjoy playing sports including water polo, squash, and swimming. I'm an engineering undeclared student looking into Industrial, Mechanical or Civil Engineering.

My name is **Jason Wipaki** and I'm a freshman from Richmond, CA. On my free time, I enjoy going on morning runs, traveling, and spending time with friends. Here at Cal, I am a blogger for CalTV sports and I'm on the club baseball team. I'm interested in studying either Political Economy or Economics.

**Jordan Bull** is a freshman from Vacaville, California pursuing a degree in Engineering Physics. He is a huge fan of the San Francisco Giants and is still celebrating their Championship. At Berkeley, he is a full forward for the Cal Hurling club team and hopes to get involved with engineering research opportunities.

**Gene Shuster** is an Uzbekistani-born first year student majoring in Integrative Biology. He hopes, one day, to become a veterinarian. His hobbies include playing for the Cal Ice Hockey Team, nutrition, and film.



*Jordan Bull, Walker Dove, Kyle Meshna, Steven Nagy and Alex Dickey painting the walls on TKE Day.*



I'm **Alex Dickey** and I am a freshman from Carmel, CA. I'm a fan of football, basketball, and climbing. My major is currently "undeclared," but I'm leaning toward political science and rhetoric, and hope to have that decided upon before too long.

I'm **David Fink** and I am a first year from Newport Beach, CA. I play tennis, basketball, and soccer as well as the guitar. I am a history buff, but am deciding between business or econ to go with a Political Economy double major.

My name is **Zach Contreras**, I'm from San Diego, and I came

to Cal with an interest in economics. I'm a health freak so in my spare time I like to read and exercise. I'm pledging TKE because of the personal growth I believe TKE will help me attain.

My name is **Christopher Berardino** and i am currently a pledge in the TKE Sigma pledge class. I am from Lake Forest, Orange County, and am currently a sophomore at UC Berkeley. I am double majoring in English and Philosophy and hope to become a lawyer. I am involved in student government and boxing at Cal.

## NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

**KINMAN TONG '03** updates us. He is Business Assurance Manager of Healthcare and Not-for-Profit Services for Moss Adams LLP in San Francisco. Kinman was Nu's first Prytanis following the rechartering of the Chapter in 2003.

A note from **RICHARD WOLF '59**: "I'm still turning out musicals and plays and getting them produced by the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre. In fact, I have "Bookstore" opening next month, and another musical next season, "Fetterhoff for Hire," which is a detective musical set in 1946 L.A. and is sort of a tribute to film noir. They did my play, "After the Murders: The Quest of Lizzie Borden," last season. So, I keep myself busy. If you'd like to check out their website, go to: abettheatre.com.

**JERRY BLALOCK '54** continues a busy and interesting life. He says, "I am still active with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office as Reserve Deputy, putting in about 20 hours per month volunteer duty. It's interesting work, gets me outside and makes me stay with my gym.

I am still flying a souped-up Cessna Skylane (CV-182) in my 10-person Sacramento Aero Club at Executive Airport. I renewed my CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) rating so I could conduct the required biennial flight reviews on our members for free (they run about \$150 at the local flight school) and to insure that we are standardized on procedures.

I am a simulator instructor at the Aerospace Museum of CA, located at the old McClellan property here in Sacramento- check it out next time in Sacramento, a really fine museum. In our Aerospace Learning Center we teach kids, mostly as school visits and scouts, the fundamentals of flying in hopes they will pursue an aviation career. Also doing some docent work.

I'm still an active member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron, a pretty close group of pilots who own airplanes and are in support of the Sheriff. We stand ready to lend support in case of any area emergency.

My wife Ann (AGD At Michigan State U.) is still flying the "friendly" skies of United as a flight attendant, and has just received her 40-year plaque! Seems like yesterday when I retired from United in 1994. Seems like a long time ago when I retired from the Air Force in 1976!

I've missed a lot of TKE events in the past, but plan on better attendance in the coming year. My group of four season tix holders for the Cal football games gave up a ghost after 25 years. Cal kept raising the prices and demanding larger and larger contributions—and this after the team began consistently self-destructing.

Here's a note from **BOB HEATH '52**: "My wife Bev, who many of you knew, passed away in February 2010, sadly ending a beautiful 60-year friendship and partnership. I will miss her very much. My daughter Shari's family took me to Tanzania and South Africa and the World Cup. It was a wonderful trip. I am also planning to visit the southern part of South America including Cape Horn at the end of the year.

I try to swim each day and still enjoy tennis. We even won a USTA Senior Doubles (over 75) Championship because of a default. As a result we advanced to the next level, the nine Southern States USTA Sectionals in December at Hilton Head. We were in Vermont, our second home, for Christmas."

**BOB TESTA '69** says, "I live in Las Vegas. I retired in 2008 after 34 years in the technology industry in marketing and finance. I now participate in the Endowment Seating Program at Cal. So, I attend most home football and basketball games. When I walk along Channing Way near the Fraternity, many great memories return of living in the house in the 1960s."

**JOE BRABANT '90** shares this message: "As a past Prytanis, I am very happy to see what Nu Chapter has become. Hats off to all the Alumni like Steve Schmidt and Peter Cloven (big brother and pledge brother respectively) who have put in countless hours to help maintain an older Frater presence in the house!

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I live in the San Fernando Valley with my lovely wife Susan and two children, Adrienne age 5, and Henri Jasper, age 2. Both kids have “Go Bears!” down with exuberance. (Thank you Uncle Steve). I started a consumer products licensing business several years ago which I call SLICE, Inc. We are doing well representing MTV/Viacom and selling lots of fun products into major retailers.”

**CHRIS BURNS '84, ANDREW DUN '84, MARK EDELSTONE '83, ROBERT FOWLER '83 AND ROBERT PORTILLO '86** had a great ski / Pac 10 basketball getaway in Tahoe over the college tournament weekend in early March. Fast skiing, some powder, great college basketball, great wine and food, and good times were had by all.



It was good to hear from **BILL LEWERENZ '56**, who tells us he is still working as an industrial and commercial real estate broker. His company, Lewerenz Company, Inc. which started in 1972, is located in San Francisco and covers the Bay Area. He works with his broker son, Rob. Bill is married to wife Joan, has three children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. All live in the area. “Still riding my horses,” he says, “going to our cabin in Tahoe, and traveling. Life is good.”

**SIXTY FRATERS AND WIVES** enjoyed the annual Christmas Luncheon December 10 at Hs.Lordships Restaurant on the Berkeley Marina. Joining the festivities, which lasted well into the afternoon, were 10 undergraduates who were invited down the hill from Channing Way. Once again, Frater **PETER CLOVEN '86** handled all arrangements, and did so admirably. This was the largest Alumni event to be held in many years.

**THREE RECENT GRADUATES** from Nu Chapter toasted their post-college success at a chance meeting

with their Chapter Advisor in Times Square, New York. Pictured below from left to right are **ORI DULA**, now working in sales for Morgan Stanley in Manhattan, **EVAN WILDER**, now working at a bar in Hell’s Kitchen, **STEVE SCHMIDT '90**, Chapter Advisor, and **KEVIN OKIMURA**, currently working for Merck Pharmaceuticals in Philadelphia.



**BUD JAMISON '50** writes: “Karen and I are enjoying our time with two “local” grandchildren, Colin and Lauren. I’m still working in the office three days a week and find the practice of medicine is still very rewarding in spite of Obama’s health care plan. Will still travel abroad a couple of times a year and like that, too. Costa Rica is our next trip.”

Parents and grandparents of children, ages 6 to 12, who may be at loose ends now and then this summer should talk to **ROBIN HARRIS '56**, who says, “With years of foster care hopefully behind me, I’ve resurrected a program from years past called KidTours of Northern California. We do three and four-day camping trips to specific locales such as the gold country, Shasta and Lassen Counties, or the Salmon River in Siskiyou County. It’s a hands-on approach to learning and self-esteem that I expect to have a lot of fun with.

On the home front, wife Donna and daughter Ann are coordinating the Lake County Renaissance Faire, and son Dan is in two musical groups performing around the state, and now getting ready for a huge pirate festival in Vallejo later this year. He can also be seen at the Dickens Fair at the Cow Palace in December. My grandchildren are incredible, as grandchildren so often are.”

Our very own “teacher of the year,” **STEVE SCHMIDT '90**, is the recipient of three more fellowships, and is already on his way to participate in them. He will be studying James Madison and Constitutional Citizenship at Montpelier, Madison’s colonial estate. Then he will visit battle sites of the Revolutionary War with the Sons of the American Revolution. Following this, he will be studying the international impact of the Declaration of Independence at Thomas Jefferson’s home, Monticello, including on the Fourth of July.



# Chapter Eternal

## FRANKLIN COURTLAND SMITH '50 - 1924-2011



*Fast Friends: Frank Smith (left) and Dan Costello  
at the 2008 Christmas Luncheon.*

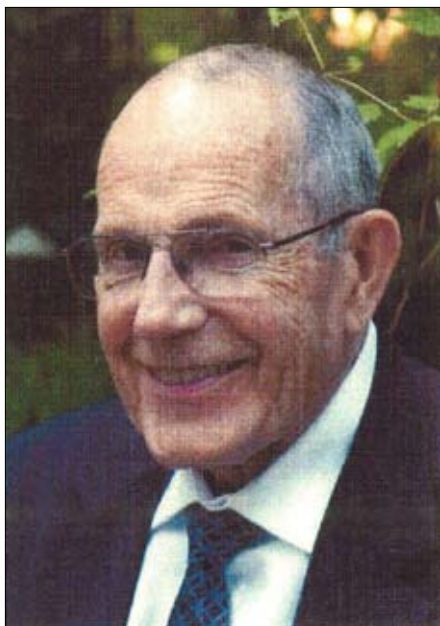
Frank Smith of Menlo Park, CA, Scroll #247, was born August 26, 1924 and passed away April 8 at the age of 86. He had been an active member of the Alumni Association for many years.

Frank and his brother Harry pledged Nu Chapter together and were initiated in 1949. Harry served as House Manager during his time there. Frank was a close friend of Fraters Dan Costello, George Dove, and Bill DeMartini, among a number of others, for the rest of his life. Along with Frater Costello, he worked for 34 years for Lederle Laboratories, where he earned every sales award imaginable. Frank was an enthusiastic tennis player and an avid investor.

His wife, Norma, who preceded him in death, was a devout Roman Catholic; and although Frank was not, he attended church regularly with her and their three children, because it represented, to him, an important family commitment. That's the kind of person he was.

Services were held May 28.

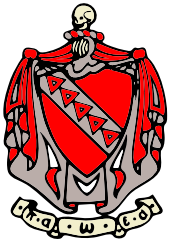
## BRUCE MORRIS COWAN '53 - 1931-2011



Bruce Cowan of San Francisco, Scroll #292' was born August 7, 1931, and passed away May 7 at the age of 79. Active in the Alumni Association, he attended most alumni functions regularly.

Born and raised in the Berkeley hills, he was an active member in Nu Chapter from February 1950 until his graduation in 1953. Classmates say he played a lot of bridge and a lot of basketball during those years. Following two years as a Sergeant in the U. S. Army, he entered Boalt Law School. He practiced law with Steinhart and Falconer in San Francisco for 46 years, a firm which ultimately merged into DLA Piper. He was a highly competent tax advisor, admired by his colleagues and feared by his opponents. A fierce humanitarian and environmentalist, he will be remembered for his dry humor and deep intellect.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of 53 years, three children, Douglas, Ted and Ellen, and a sister. A private graveside service was held, and a community celebration of life is planned for his 80th birthday, August 7, at San Francisco's First Unitarian Universalist Society.



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## RECENT GRADUATES WELCOMED BY ALUMNI

At the close of the Nu Chapter Senior Sendoff Dinner May 1, the Alumni presented 2010 and 2011 graduates with handsome membership certificates welcoming them, at no charge, into the Alumni Association for the 2011 year. This move, according to Alumni President Chip Wray '53, is designed to introduce them to the Association, its benefits and its fun, in the hope that they will renew their memberships next year. "The Association has worked hard to entice younger alumni to its ranks, and this marks the beginning of a tradition to accomplish that," Frater Wray said.

2010 graduate Michael Cerussi assisted with the presentation.

The dinner itself, superbly hosted by the undergraduates and attended by 10 alumni as their guests, was another much appreciated event in the reciprocal social efforts being established between undergraduates and alumni.

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