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A LONG YEAR THAT ENDED WELL



IN THIS ISSUE . . .

We're chock full of news in this edition of *Nu News*... undergraduate news, alumni news... things that have happened, and things to come. Read two new in-depth profiles of Alumni Who Make a Difference. Enjoy a new retro section featuring photos and stories from the past. A new Chapter Advisor and a new Assistant Editor. It's all here!

Above: Spring Officer Corps gathers for a picture following the Chi Class Initiation

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I'M JUST SAYIN'

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

I love PBS specials. It's nostalgia time for me as I enjoy the impeccable timing of Bob Hope and Jack Benny (a contrast in timing if ever there was), or listen to two hours of Judy Garland, singing as only she could sing, and even (now don't laugh) Lawrence Welk. These are wonderful experiences for me. Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Fibber McGee and Molly. Those were the days. In my tender years enjoying radio, I was sent to bed after Bob Hope, because he was followed by Red Skelton whose humor my mother considered to be—as she put it—“off color.”

But I digress.

As much as I enjoy them, I have a problem with those boring pledge breaks, during which I wander off and do something else for a few minutes.

But I wonder: Should I be watching these terrific shows when, being an impecunious party, I probably don't pay my share of financial support to PBS? Or should I just enjoy what is there and let someone else shell out the bucks for these specials which are funded by “viewers like you?” Should I feel a little guilty?

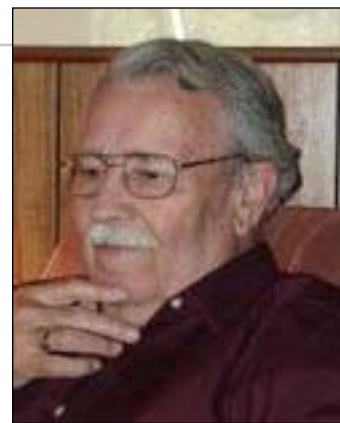
This dilemma has, perhaps, a parallel in the payment of dues to the Nu Chapter Alumni Association. There are Fraters who enjoy what the Alumni Association provides, but they do not pay dues. Should they feel guilty?

Okay, look. Guilt is a *terrible* motivator. Guilt, as an incentive for payment of dues, stands in sharp contrast to the joy of belonging, participating, giving. Surely the money is important. It makes possible Nu News, pays for alumni events and provides scholarships.

But it's the *joy* we're after—the joy you feel as you read Nu News or join us for special events—and the joy *we* feel that you are in the Teke family.

In this issue, we are excited to bring you news of two alumni appointments: A new Chapter Co-Advisor is introduced to you on the facing page, and Nu News has an Assistant Editor you'll meet on page 11. You'll see some examples of his talent in these pages, because he's been at work since January. We've continued our profiles of Fraters Who Make a Difference, and you'll also find Nu Chapter Looks Back—containing some nostalgia in a new section we hope you'll help us keep alive with your old photos and stories of life in Nu Chapter “back when.”

Robin Harris '56



ERIK LEWIS WELCOMED AS NEW CHAPTER CO-ADVISOR

Outgoing Chapter Co-Advisor Steve Schmidt, stepping down after ten years of faithful service to Nu Chapter, provides us this warm welcome to his successor, Erik Lewis '05

When I ponder my lasting legacy for Nu Chapter, I'm guessing that one of my major fraternal contributions will have been naming my replacements. In 2005, before leaving the country for nine months on an educational sabbatical, I asked Frater Peter Cloven to take the helm of leadership and step in as the acting Chapter Advisor. Now, who doesn't love Peter Cloven? He's not only been an exemplary Chapter Co-Advisor with me, but he's also taken on the position of President of the TKE-Nu Alumni Association. Presently, I look forward with great anticipation to the many types of assistance my permanent replacement as Co-Chapter Advisor will give to the house that we all love. I am confident that like Frater Cloven, he, too, will be well received. Please welcome Nu Chapter's next Co-Chapter Advisor, Erik Lewis.

I first met Erik Lewis over 10 years ago while Eric Wilhelm and Eric Glenn of TKE International were in Berkeley helping with the rechartering of Nu Chapter. (Boy, there were a lot of Eric/ks back then!) Through attending Rush events at places like Raleigh's and Albany Bowl, I got to help the TKE representatives bring in the next generation of Tekes and meet Erik Lewis. In the second semester of his sophomore year at Cal - luckily for all of us - a friend of Erik from AXO recommended him to Eric Wilhelm as someone that they should rush. Erik rushed and pledged TKE. He immediately impressed me with his charm and upbeat, friendly personality. Erik became one of the 28 members of Alpha Class and has continued impressing me as a TEKE, student, friend, and all around quality young man.

Erik was born and raised in Sacramento, graduating from Jesuit High School in 2001. At Cal, Erik majored in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS). As a born leader, Erik was the newly rechartered chapter's first Rush Chair helping to bring in Beta Class. Erik then became the chapter's second Epiprytanis. As one of the younger members of Alpha Class, Erik became one of the lucky undergraduates who first got to live in the newly remodeled version of 2725 Channing Way. During his tenure as a Teke undergraduate, Erik went to the 2003 Conclave in Dallas, and the 2005 Conclave in New Orleans, as well as attending a Regional Leadership Conference in St. Louis. He has been, and remains, very "Go TKE!"

After graduating from Berkeley in 2005, Erik moved back to Sacramento and fell into a job tutoring high school students in math. While at first toying with the idea of getting his M.A. in Mathematics, after talking to an old math professor from Cal, Erik decided to go for a Ph.D. Having been accepted into UCLA's Graduate Program, Erik moved to L.A. in 2007. It was in Southern California where he met his girlfriend Nicole Abruzzo. For two of the years that Erik was working on his doctorate, he lived in SoCal with Rob Frings, the TKE-Nu Prytanis while Erik

was our Epiprytanis. Erik finished his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from UCLA in March of 2012.

Following the attainment of this most impressive degree, and after spending a few weeks in Europe, Erik moved to San Francisco to begin his current job as a Customer Success Manger and Data Scientist at Kontagent. He loves living in the city and the fact that it has given him more of an opportunity to become involved with TKE.

Though I didn't make the decision to officially step down as the Co-Advisor until November 2012, I had Erik in my sights as my replacement soon after he returned to the Bay Area. We got back into contact due to his concern about the situation the chapter found itself in regarding our recently lifted social probation. His optimistic spirit and "can do" attitude started to convince me that he would make the perfect Chapter Advisor. He came to our Bid Dinner last fall to help welcome the Phi Class and help us continue rushing. It was that evening that I began nudging Erik in the direction of once again taking an active role in guiding TKE-Nu and becoming an Advisor.

I've always thought that the Chapter Advisor should really be someone closer in age to the undergraduates, but as the house closed in the 1990s, when our rechartering occurred, there was no one of a more appropriate age to step in to offer guidance. By the TKE Christmas Luncheon, realizing that Erik is the perfect age to be an Advisor and that I was ready to move on, I continued my insistence that he should replace me. As Erik is not only younger, but smarter and better looking than I am, he will be, and already is, a great role model for our chapter.

After finally deciding to "take the plunge" this past January, Erik has been shadowing me this semester attending chapter meetings in January, February, and March. Erik also attended the last TKE-Nu Housing Board meeting where he was warmly welcomed as the newest leader for our fraternity. He is already popular, well-liked, and respected by the boys. So, I am grateful to Erik for stepping up to help lead TKE-Nu into the future and am pleased with my ability to persuade him to take over. Though I will defer to his superior qualities in many categories that will make him a stellar Co-Chapter Advisor, the one area where I still won't admit that Erik has better qualifications than I do is his love of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Well, Fraters, just give Erik Lewis some time to prove to all of us his dedication to TKE-Nu and what he'll be able to accomplish through his love, charity, and esteem for our chapter. Along with recruiting Peter Cloven to start volunteering for TKE-Nu, choosing Erik Lewis to become our next Chapter Advisor might just be the best thing I've done for TKE yet. Good luck and best wishes, Frater Lewis!



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

James Brady - #1133

I am a third year Chemical Biology major from Thousand Oaks, California. Since joining TKE the fall of my freshman year, I have really embraced the philosophy that the more you put into TKE, the more you get out of it. I have lived at 2725 Channing Way since my sophomore year, and doing so has molded me into the person I am today. My previous positions include the Signature Party Chair (themed Electrify America), and Pylortes.

As for my goals this year as Prytanis, I continued the path which the house is currently following and continue to work toward academic and philanthropic excellence. As a house this semester we have successfully won Chi Omega's Frat's at Bat softball philanthropy event and our Epiprytanis Fred Hertlein as well as Andrew Treviño, our philanthropy chair, are currently working on a brand new Inner-Tube Water Polo philanthropy event in order to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. For the first time in about a semester-and-a-half, we are thriving again socially and for Samuel Heinz as Pylortes to manage risk has proven to be a great choice.

Nu chapter has had some very big events. On April 16, we held our semesterly Scholarship Dinner. Professors, GSIs, and community members, made it one of the largest turnouts within recent years. In addition, on April 27th we had a Parent's Dinner, again with an outstanding number in attendance. The current officer corps is more concerned than ever to continue Nu Chapter's excellent standing in the community and with the University.

As always, the officers are pushing accountability and scholarship in the everyday lives of our fellow fraters. Having a very active Sustainability Chair Nick Duffy, and past Prytanis Michael Tuffli as Kitchen Steward, the general chapter is now more concerned to follow the lead set by the officer corps and these esteemed gentlemen to keep our house a home. With 74 active members and a strong pledge class of eight men, we foresee a strong future here at TKE-Nu. The graduating senior class is growing more and more excited about



the prospect of returning to the house as alumni and joining our vast alumni network. Those returning to the house expect growth throughout all aspects of the house and look forward to seeing the return of alumni come the 2013 football season!

FROM THE EPIPRYTANIS

Fred Hertlein - #1150

I have the pleasure of serving as Nu Chapter's Epiprytanis for the year of 2013. I'm a Junior Mechanical Engineering student with a passion for product development and manufacturing.

As Epiprytanis, I developed a more formal system for the different chair positions in the house by creating a compilation of the responsibilities and advice from the predecessors for each position. I hope this system will help our house grow to be more productive and efficient by strengthening our weaknesses and also smoothly transitioning between new chairs.

This semester I'm excited for continuing many of the opportunities I've already experienced with some of my closest friends in Nu chapter and Cal including intramural dodgeball and ultimate teams, along with exploring new interests from hurling to the Design Engineering Collaborative, a new project based club on campus that a handful of TKEs are joining along with myself.



FROM THE PYLORTES

Sam Heinz - #1187

I am a sophomore Political Science major and was a pledge last semester with the Phi class. I hail from the glorious Yucca Valley, California, which is a small town in the Mojave next to Joshua Tree National Park. My hobbies include, but are not limited, to playing the organ, hiking, camping, grooving on the bass, and acting. I am currently involved in a comedy theater and improvisational club on campus. My current goal is to go into journalism after college, possibly seeking to get a graduate degree.

As our chapter has just recently gotten off of social probation thanks to the tireless effort of past officers and Fraters, my main goal as Pylortes is to keep our house off probation by any means necessary. Coming into the house it seemed a huge thorn in the side of older brothers to not be able to throw the social events that were once such an integral part of the chapter. Once lifted, the morale of Nu chapter seemed to be at an extraordinary high. So my goal is to contribute to maintaining a level of excellence in the high spirits of the house by creating the safest environment for the house.

Perhaps what I look forward to most this year is to fully integrate myself into the TKE experience. By this I mean doing everything possible to enjoy TKE. I will hopefully be living in the house this summer and next academic year for which I am "totally stoked".



FROM THE GRAMMATEUS

Alex McLean - #1169

I am from Seattle, Washington and both of my parents went to Cal. I am a second year Cognitive Science major attempting to minor in Computer Science. After I graduate I hope to continue living in the Bay area, hopefully getting a job in the tech industry and eventually going on to graduate school in a few years.

As the chapter's Grammateus, I aspire to improve the overall quality of the chapter's internal communication. My responsibilities have consisted mainly of maintaining the e-mail listservs for the chapter and distributing minutes of every meeting to the chapter. I hope to streamline e-mail communication and quickly send out detailed minutes to keep all brothers informed and involved in the goings on of the chapter, as well as assisting any of my fellow officers to more efficiently accomplish their goals.

As a live-out brother, I am really looking forward to living in the house this coming fall. Not only will I be closer to my friends and brothers, but I will be surrounded by driven and motivated people who I know will push me to do even better in school. The amount of fun and level of involvement in the chapter available to me will increase greatly, and this is something I am eager to experience.



FROM THE HISTOR

Andrew Grant - #1167

I am a second-year Political Science major from Anaheim, California (Go Angels!) As the new Histor, I have been excited to reconnect the chapter with alumni, through new events like the Career Night and Golf/Poker tournament. As a member of the Tau class, I look forward to providing a younger perspective to an already impressive officer corps. When I'm not studying, I enjoy participating in the UC Berkeley Model Arab League and playing third base on the TKE softball team. This summer I will be serving as a trial monitor for the UN war crimes trials in Cambodia.

This year, I wanted to create an entire day filled with alumni events to get the most bang for your buck, rather than just short singular events. The festivities started out with a morning of golf at Tilden, with mixed foursomes of brothers and alumni. Despite the tee time of 8:45am, unfathomably early for most brothers, everyone made it out for a great day on the links. That afternoon we had a great turnout for dinner. Chef Gordon outdid himself yet again, grilling spare ribs for the crowd of brothers and alumni. After dinner, Frater Erik Lewis continued to hustle everyone at poker, winning all three games. Alumni Day was a fun time for everyone involved



and I am looking forward to putting on a larger Scholarship Poker Tournament in the fall.

FROM THE HEGEMON

Jordan Bull - #1154

I'm a third year Electrical Engineering and Computer Science major focusing on the CS side of the major. I have been working at Lawrence Hall of Science as a programmer since last May and will be interning at a start-up in San Francisco this summer as a software engineer focusing on backend development. Outside of academia, I'm Vice-President/Alternate Captain of the Cal Hurling club. For those not familiar with Hurling, it's an Irish sport with a lot of similarity to lacrosse. I've been having a great time in Nu chapter and at Cal as a whole and am looking forward to having game days again next season. Go Bears!



FROM THE HYPOPHETES

Matt Cook - #1178

I am a second year Molecular and Environmental Biology major from Sacramento, CA. I pledged in Spring 2012, and dove headfirst into TKE by becoming the Kitchen Steward and Griffon for the Phi pledge class my first semester as a brother. Now, I have the honor of being the Hypophetes for the Nu Chapter. I was inspired to run for the position after learning about all that it entails from a former Hypophetes, and my Big Brother, Doug Wreden. My goal was to bring a lot of energy to the officer corps and build upon the already solid brotherhood in the chapter. Outside of school, I enjoy playing on the TKE intramural dodgeball team, The Dodgefathers, and going to as many Cal sporting events as possible. This summer, I am serving as a counselor at Camp Kesem, a camp for kids whose families have been affected by cancer.



FROM THE CRYSOPHYLOS

Franklin Krbecheck - #1184

I am a junior at Cal, majoring in History, with hopes of going to graduate school. I hope to have a dignified, and professional career, but as it stands now I have few of the skills required for such a goal.

One of my goals this semester has been to work with individual chairs to ensure they properly follow our budget so that we have funding for things we want to do throughout the semester. I am also working to ensure that there is funding for the house manager to keep the house well stocked with paper towels, which are not as common as they should be.

I most look forward to having a chapter house newly off social probation. I think this an excellent change of pace from the police state of regulations imposed by the university from last semester. Being able to act normally in the house without fear of retribution is definitely something to look forward to.



MEET OUR INITIATES – THE CHI CLASS

Spring 2013

For Hegemon Jordan Bull, the Chi initiation was a special moment. “Seeing the Chis finally become brothers in Tau Kappa Epsilon after months of hard work, definitely makes the long hours of the position worth it. I couldn’t be more proud of these guys.”

Hi, my name is **Rogue Meehan** and I am a junior studying Economics. In my free time I like to draw. I’m enjoying this pledge semester because of all of the new people I am meeting. One fun fact about me is that I am the youngest of six children.

Hi, my name is **Alfonso Shin** and I am a first year studying Chemical Biology. In my free time I like to enjoy chipotle and sleep on Memorial Glade.

Hi, my name is **Derek Liu**, and I’m a sophomore studying Bioengineering in hopes of going to medical school. I spend most of my free time doing research, but I also enjoy longboarding and listening to and searching for new music. Throughout four years of high school, I was part of various bands and orchestras but was the only male flute player in every single ensemble. This pledge semester is challenging but enjoyable, as it encourages me to step outside my comfort zone and pushes me to re-think my capabilities.

Hi, my name is **Zach Hutkin** and I am a freshman studying physics. In my free time I like to play tennis and soccer and follow the

Chargers. I’m enjoying this pledge semester because I’m getting to meet and hang out with a lot of cool people. One fun fact about me is that The Who is my favorite band.

My name is **Gilbert Ghang** and I am a Freshman Engineering Undeclared student. In my free time I like to longboard or play guitar. This pledge semester, I’m especially looking forward to serenades.

Hey, my name is **Ariel Rofeim** and I am a Junior studying Political Science and Theatre. In my free time I like to play basketball and question how I got accepted to UC Berkeley. I’m enjoying this pledge semester because it has given me the opportunity to learn more about myself while also creating new friendships.

Hi, my name is **Daniel Au** and I am a first year EECS major. When I’m not studying, I can usually be found swimming, hitting the gym, or hanging out with friends. I really enjoy pledging TKE because of all the unique brothers I meet in the house and the opportunities to spend time with them.

Hi, my name is **Raymond Sun** and I am a Molecular and Cell Biology major from Westlake, California. The pledge semester has given me the opportunity to make great friends and get to know all the brothers in the house. In my free time, I enjoy singing acapella and am thrilled to be part of the UC Men’s Octet next semester.

FAREWELL SENIORS

The following men were honored the night of May 9, as well as at their Senior Sendoff a couple of evenings previously.

Graduating in May 2013: Brett Barlow, Austin Bourdier, Nick Chang, Walker Dove, Nick Duffy, Steven Edelstone, Barrett Glasauer, Robby Hays, Alexander Hebels, Evan Kahn, Alex Morris, Mike Rigg, Andrew Trevino, Michael Tuffli, Kevin Zhu, Jacob Zipperstein.

Graduating in December 2013: Sam Homich, Ross Meyer, Ryan Tabura, Doug Wreden.

“It is a bittersweet thing seeing the seniors graduate,” said Hypohphetes Matt Cook,. “These guys have given the house so much, and it is sad to see them go. At the same time, though, I know they are all going on to do amazing things wherever they end up.”



Graduating seniors gather for an informal picture following their last chapter meeting. After emotional gavel passes reflecting their time as undergraduates, many of the brothers hung around to tell stories.

CHAPTER RETREAT

New Venue – Still a Wonderful Event

by Matt Cook '15

This year, we decided to switch up the location of Retreat. We moved Retreat from Golden Gate Park in San Francisco to Lake Anza located within Tilden Park. I loved what was done previous semesters with retreat in the city, but many brothers were ready to see a change in the structure. Though there may have been a couple bumps along the way (the finish line for a marathon was camped up exactly where we originally planned on being), Lake Anza served as the perfect spot for Retreat. With the lake, beach, wide-open areas, barbeque pits, and even a merry-go-round a minute away, the venue allowed brothers to explore, relax, and simply hang out with each other.

With Brotherhood arguably at the highest it has ever been, it was truly a pleasure being able to plan retreat. Brothers were split off into groups, and were then asked to reflect on the semester and year they have had. They were then encouraged to share their opinions on what they want to see out of TKE and what goals they will set for themselves for the semesters to come. Afterward, the small groups split off throughout the park in order to go into a deeper reflection. The brothers were asked to reflect both upon themselves and their group mates during this period. After a couple brief questions about how school, family, and life in general was going, each member



The Retreat at Lake Anza in Tilden Park. Photo by Frater Alex Nelson.

offered one another constructive criticism and praise. Once, the group was finished with this deeper reflection, they were free to enjoy their day in the park—meriting games of softball, football, hurling, as well as people simply hanging out and eating by the barbeque.

Retreat reaffirmed the fact that TKE Nu Chapter is in a great place right now. As discussed in small groups, there is a vitalizing force pushing us all forward, making us strive to do well in academics, social life, philanthropy, and to improve upon our relationships with one another. Overall, that sunny Sunday afternoon in Tilden Park not only gave another reason to look forward to the next retreat, but gave reason to look forward to the future of the house as a whole.

ALUMNI SHOWCASE

MEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - by Andy Henning



DAN COSTELLO '51

I met Dan Costello at his Concord, CA home. This interview took place over a delicious dinner as the sun was setting on a warm evening. Outside, the crickets were chirping raucously.

The Army Years

Born in Oakland in 1925, Dan Costello attended Catholic elementary schools and Tech High School. At Tech he played varsity baseball and was a yell leader. During this time he also began a long career of playing semi-pro baseball on weekends. Because of severe asthma as a child, Dan missed a year of primary

school. Consequently in 1943, he turned 18 his junior year and was immediately drafted into the Army Air Corps. His hopes of becoming a fighter pilot were dashed because they needed radio operators who could use Morse code.

The training base at South Dakota, at twenty degrees below zero, was an alien climate for this California boy who had never seen snow. Dan became seriously ill with scarlet fever and a double mastoid infection.



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Sulfa drugs existed then, but this was before the invention of antibiotics. The army hospital missed the seriousness of his illness until a specialist examined him and sent him, by plane, to Lincoln, Nebraska for emergency surgery, which saved his life. Dan's illness delayed his transfer to the war zone with his original training class. While flying bombing raids over Germany, a number of the members of his original training class were killed. After recovery from surgery, he joined a new B-24 crew for more radio and gunnery training. His crew was scheduled to join the 8th Air Force, but the war ended, and after serving thirty months, he was discharged. During a furlough, and given senior year credit for his military training, he had been allowed to graduate from high school wearing his uniform—a practice not uncommon during World War II.

Dan Goes to Cal

In September, 1946, Dan enrolled at Cal. He joined the Cinnamon Bears baseball team and also continued playing semi-pro baseball on weekends. A scout from the Giants wanted to sign him, and approach Dan's father who managed the team. Fearing his son would not finish college, he refused—and did not tell Dan.

The TKE charter had recently been renewed after being off campus since the depression in the 1930s. Loyal alumni members Soph Goth and Bob Fraser were instrumental in bringing it back. In 1948 a TKE friend, Cal Bland, invited Dan to join. Most of the Tekes were vets and not into paddling pledges or doing things they considered childish. George Dove had earned the Silver Star for charging a machine gun nest and capturing several Germans. Cal Bland was in the 101st Airborne and made 34 jumps into enemy territory, including a jump into Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. Tom Morgan had been a prisoner of war. As vets, they were two to three years older than the usual freshmen, and boy did those freshman girls get an education!

Dan hosted a succession of date luncheons, consisting of a formal lunch at the TKE house, "it was a great way to invite one of the girls in your class over to the house." Dan also describes some of the parties TKE would host in the late 40s and early 50s, "We had a circus themed party and the engineers made a life size elephant and rigged a vacuum cleaner to it so that it would eat peanuts out of your hand. Also, at another party, guests would enter on a canoe that floated on a large moat, which we constructed on the side of the house."

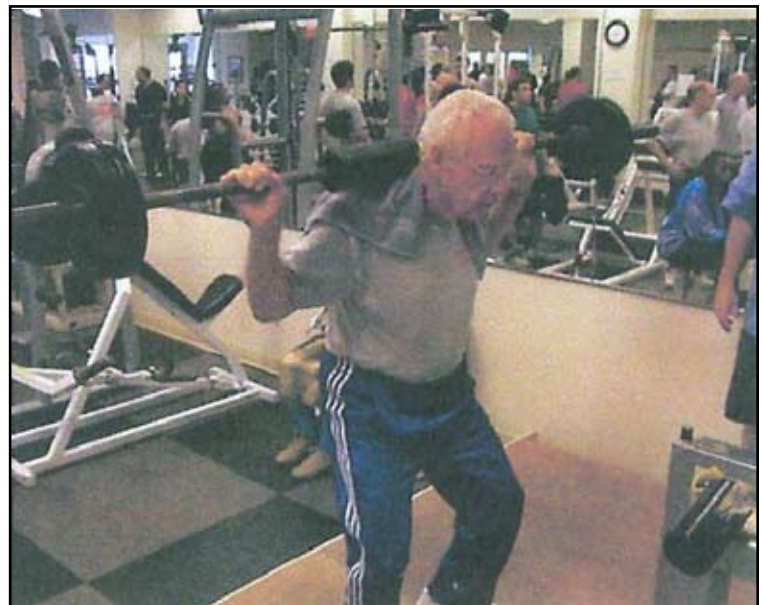
Dan was elected Pledge President, but because he lived at home, he had to cede this honor to Bill DeMartini. Mom Costello was a member of the TKE Mothers' Club which raised money and collected furnishings for the house. Dan coached and played on all the TKE intramural teams. He was appointed to the Rally Committee through the influence of Teke Bill

Rockwell. Bill was the creator of Oski, and Dan's job was to create stunts for the diminutive bear. Dan recalls that Oski used to stand on the goal post at the beginning of every home game, and once he roared out onto the field in a motor scooter. A Cal lifesaving class led to a lifeguarding job at Lake Anza in Tilden Park where he saved 16 people from drowning.

Alumni Distinctions

Graduating in 1951, Dan took with him the many friendships he had made at TKE. Later, he served as Alumni President, and is now President Emeritus. He was also on the Board of Control (the forerunner of the present Board of Directors). For many years he arranged and hosted the TKE Christmas party at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. He is quite the story teller could really entertain the group. Dan also started the tradition of inviting the wives of TKE alums to the luncheon, along with serenading them over their meals.

He has been a member of the Olympic Club for over 50 years where he has golfed, swum, and played basketball and handball. At age 80, he won the club weightlifting contest for his age group. Dan continues to exercise twice a week for two hours and play at least one round of golf.



Following his graduation from Cal, Dan went to work for Lederle Laboratories (now Pfizer) as a representative to medical and pharmacy professions. He loved his work, and got TKE frater Frank Smith to join him at Lederle where they both worked until retirement. Somewhere in between, Dan became a stock and commodity broker for five years and then returned to Lederle. He married Sharon, an athletic woman, and the two of them enjoyed camping, boating, water skiing and snow skiing. Dan has been active in the Catholic church and schools, serving in several money-raising activities and on the school board. He also coached Little League baseball.

Dan and Sharon have opened their home to numerous foreign students who have lived with them over the years. They are the parents of two adult children: Ann-Marie is a Project Manager for a software company, and Casey is a Christian missionary.

Dan loves being a Teke, and advises young members that it will really be a Fraternity for Life, if you let it.

STEVE SCHMIDT '90

I found Steve Schmidt at a flea market sale for Cal Athletics in Memorial Stadium. I noticed him in line, attempting to bid on three separate items on eBay, all limited edition Beatles ties. Steve initially seemed disinterested in the sale, but as we approached the entrance he became enthralled. He bought three pairs of shoes, two jerseys, two windbreakers, and he even bought me a golf bag! Sweet deal. This interview took place over steak nachos on the scenic terrace of Café Durant in Berkeley.



Quaint Country Living

Steve spent his formative years on a ranch in southern San Benito County in Bitterwater Valley, where his parents still reside. Steve enjoyed the freedom that the country offered, but after graduating from King City High School in 1983 (as valedictorian, no less), he longed for the bustle of the city. Throughout his youth, Steve had driven up to Cal football games with his parents, who are both loyal fans and his father is a Cal Alum. Therefore, the “Go Bears” mindset was instilled in Steve at an early age. When it came time to decide what college to attend Steve had the option between Cal and Stanford, but when he heard that his close friend didn’t get into Stanford, he made the fateful decision to come to Berkeley. As Steve says, “I got in and chose the better of the two schools.”

“Bitterwater to Berkeley was the culture shock of a lifetime!”

Steve came up to Cal in the spring of his senior year of high school to enroll in the IFC formal rush for the following fall. His impetus for joining a fraternity was basic necessity--Steve’s priority number for student housing was so high that he was not guaranteed a dorm. However, his initial decision to join a fraternity and especially join TKE would have a great impact on this naïve country boy, granting him lifelong friendships, “Fellow Housing Board member and one of my closest friends now, Craig Kirchner, was Rush Chair at the time.” Steve’s choice to join TKE was finalized and he returned to high

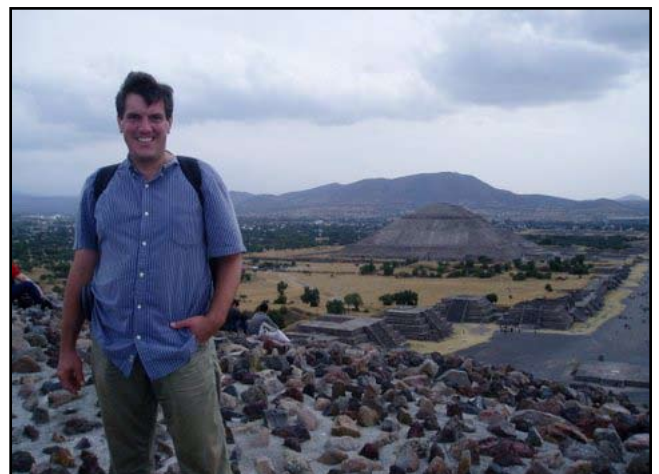
school announcing his accomplishment and proudly wearing TKE buttons.

As Steve will no doubt recite (as he has an affinity for dates), he graduated from high school on June 10th, 1983 and moved into the TKE house on June 17th 1983. Some of the simple things Steve chooses to remember are rather superfluous. For example, as he narrates his initial reaction to living in Berkeley Steve exclaims, “I loved being able to walk a few blocks and see every movie currently playing rather than having to drive an hour and a half to see a movie.” However, I suppose that concisely explains the difference between county and semi-urban life.

During his time at TKE, Steve has garnered many distinctions. He was named “TKE of the Week” at his first and last chapter meetings. The first was for his service during pledging. As he explains, “I won with my Pledge Brother Mats Wallin for effort above and beyond the call of duty--we answered phones, shoveled mounds of sand left over from a party, and other general service during summer 1983.” Steve’s pledge class was quite productive and was the first to build the front deck that has been reprised numerous times over the years. Steve also served as Kitchen Steward and was elected twice as Hegemon. Steve graduated with a BA. in history and a Chicano-Studies Minor. Upon graduation, Steve crossed into post-collegiate life with his “usual flare for the dramatic” with what he describes as an incident involving copious amounts of Mountain Dew and mint chip ice cream. As he narrates his college experiences Steve maintains a sly smile and always ends his stories with “GO TKE, GO BEARS!”

From School to School

Steve is an accomplished educator. He is currently in his 22nd year of teaching high school history and his 15th year at Lowell High School. He has graded APUS History essays for the College Board and worked for the Junior State Foundation Summer School program at Princeton and Yale. In Summer 2009, Steve was a “Master Teacher” for the National



Endowment for the Humanities in Salem State, Massachusetts. Along with these acknowledgements, Steve has been able to pursue his passions abroad. While on sabbatical in 2005-2006, Steve spent five months in Mexico and three months in South America, “visiting as many archeological sites as possible”. He remembers well, because he watched Big Game that year on Game Tracker from a tiny internet cafe in Guadalajara, Mexico. Also, in the summer of 2007, Steve was able to travel to Mexico for seven weeks and volunteer with orphans, which he found to be a life-affirming experience. While at Lowell High School, Steve has served as Student Activities Director, Parent Teacher Student Association Faculty Representative, Social Committee Chairperson, Graduation Coordinator, and for San Francisco Unified was the Faculty Sponsor of the Student Advisory Council, which is an inter-district student government with representatives from each high school aimed at increasing student voice for educational issues.



Work as Chapter Advisor

Steve has been a mainstay of our Chapter Advisor team for the past eleven years, but he sums it up as: “simply an honor to work with such fine young men”. Peter Cloven (Co-Advisor with Steve for many years), he says, should be credited with Steve as a ‘dynamic duo’. “Peter Cloven and I are incredibly

different people, but we’ve made an amazing team in terms of guiding TKE-Nu.” Steve relates stories to me from his very first days as Chapter Advisor during meetings in the basement of Barrows Hall, “I just kind of casually walked into the role of Chapter Advisor.” When asked if he was apprehensive about taking on this new responsibility, Steve seems to shrug it off and answer with a glancing statement, “When I think about my best friends on the planet, most of them are Tekes.” One might assume that this declaration might not really answer the question I posed, but upon closer inspection I came to a deeper understanding. Steve felt immediately comfortable as Chapter Advisor because he naturally is a rallying point for Tekes across many generations; he conformed easily to his new role. Steve never forced himself to act as Chapter Advisor through sheer exertion, but by his innate congeniality, as explained in a later statement, “I sit with Craig and two other Tekes for Cal Football. Together, we own 13 tickets and try to get other Tekes to come out and support the Bears with us.” Many Tekes, young and old, have looked to Steve for support, chapter guidance, and to reconnect with fellow fraters. Steve will continue to visit the TKE house often, even after stepping down as Chapter Advisor. He will no doubt always be greeted with great revelry. GO TKE, GO BEARS!



NU CHAPTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BRIEFS

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2012 ALWAYS A SUCCESS

Alumni, their significant others and a number of undergraduates met for what is believed to have been the 57th annual Christmas Luncheon, held once again at Hs. Lordships Restaurant on the Berkeley Marina. This remains Nu Chapter

alumni’s biggest celebration of the year. Certainly the attendance was evidence of this.

Although the plan had been to include the ladies in the Tartan Room for what would have been the first time, they expressed the wish to have their own area again, so a lovely venue was set aside for them, and reports are that they were very happy. As usual, than ks are due Frater Peter Cloven for

the arrangements.

Now it's time to mark your calendars for the 2013 Luncheon, again at Hs. Lordships, on Friday, December 6. Additional details and reservation information will be provided as the date approaches.

ANDY HENNING NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR OF NU NEWS

Already hard st work since for the past three months, Andy Henning '12, has assumed the daunting task of coordinating the news from the undergraduate chapter, as well as the development of the two alumni profiles which appear in this issue.

Hailing from nearby Alameda, and presently living only a few blocks from the Chapter House, Andy is in an ideal position, geographically, to perform this essential liaison between the undergraduates and Editor Robin Harris '56. who, for the past 19 years, has been attempting this task from his home in Kelseyville, California two-and-a-half hours away. "It was just getting to be too cumbersome," said Harris, "so we've been looking around for some time for a qualified man willing to assume this part of Nu News's publication. That man, Andy Henning, accepted the position following an unexpected, impromptu meeting in Henry's Lounge last November. It was the kind of spontaneous happening which sometimes presents itself when you least expect it."

Andy is qualified in other ways, as well. He was Nu Chapter's Histor in Fall, 2010, making him no stranger to the publicity process.

GRADUATES WELCOMED TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nu Chapter has established what will surely become a tradition with a Welcome Graduates Dinner at the Chapter House May 9. Held for the past two years in conjunction with the undergraduates' annual Senior Sendoff, it was felt that this celebration deserved its own evening in a more formal atmosphere. And what a time it was!

Held the evening before,



Chapter Advisor Peter Cloven gives a final toast to the seniors after welcoming them to the alumni family.

the Sendoff represented a goodbye to the graduates, while the Welcome Dinner was a hello. How fitting that celebration of the close of one chapter of life preceded the opening of another.

Held in the Chapter House living room, a hospitality time opened the festivities, followed by an elegant dinner prepared by Chef Gordon Heavner. Ten alumni, representing various eras, came forward during the meal to speak to the fifteen graduates about their experiences as Nu Chapter alumni. Fraters Dan Costello '51, Chip Wray '53, Robin Harris '56, Hal Plimpton '58, Mark Edystone '83, Peter Cloven '86, Craig Kirchner '86 David Levine '88, Steve Schmidt '90 and Erik Lewis '05 shared anecdotes both serious and amusing, designed to show what life as an alumnus can be. In addition, e-mail messages to the graduates from various alumni were read at the dinner.

Following the meal, the graduates were presented framed Certificates of Membership representing a complimentary first year in the Alumni Association.



GIVE A RIDE – GET A RIDE

Increasing numbers of alumni no longer drive, or at least feel uncomfortable doing so for appreciable distances, especially after dark. This means they cannot attend Nu Chapter functions. Fraters with room in their car can help with this by making a ride available to these men.

Following notice of a special event, Fraters from areas such as the Peninsula and San Jose, eastern Contra Costa County, Marin and Sonoma Counties and the Sacramento area are asked to participate in this program by notifying the Alumni Association Secretary (harris.tke@att.net), and men needing a ride are invited to do the same

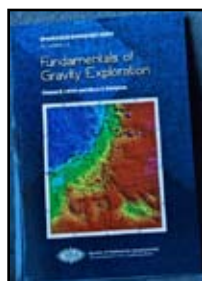
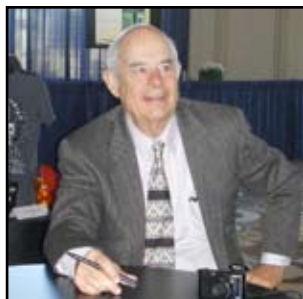
This program will be successful with sufficient input from drivers and riders.

NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

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

TOM LAFEHR '54 has written a book, and sent us two photos. The first is Tom at his book signing in Las Vegas, Nevada, in November 2012. The second picture is of the book itself, "Fundamentals of Gravity Exploration" by Thomas R. LaFehr and Misac Nibighian, 218 pages.

Tom says, "Now that my book is finished, I plan to return to my principal hobby of photography (Polar bears in the Arctic in June!) and plan to visit Berkeley in 2013."



CLIFF MARKS '80 writes, "I was in Hawaii a couple of months back and had an opportunity to go skydiving. Check it out at www.youtube.com/user/comarks. I can now cross that off my bucket list. Have been taking better care of my body. Have dropped 15 pounds in the last six months by watching what I'm eating and working out two or three times a week. Have also joined a bowling league. (Don't call me on Thursday nights!) Perhaps I'll tell you my average in the next Nu News... then again, maybe not."

CHRIS GRIGSBY '05 is close to wrapping up his PhD in biomedical engineering at Duke University. He was awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Fulbright program to spend nine months researching at the Mechanobiology Institute at the National University of Singapore. He has been in Southeast Asia since January, and says the most foreign experience so far has been getting up early to watch Cal basketball games at 9:00 am with the UC Berkeley Singapore Club. A small but vigorous TKE reunion took place one Friday in February when **ALEX MOK '07** dropped by to visit with **KYLE DRECHSLER '09** who also resides in Singapore.

PETE (BILL) THOMPSON '54 had a stroke February 19 and is recovering at home. He was blessed that he had no paralysis in his arms and legs, but his speech and swallowing were affected. He is now eating everything, but he has trouble putting complete sentences together. He is going to speech therapy. "He is patient with our lifestyle change," says wife Sylvia.

BOB JAMISON '51 tells us, "I just finished reading the Fall issue of Nu News. I thought the piece on Tough Love was superbly done. I got married in 1950 and left the house in June of that year. In the meantime, I have had only one opportunity to visit and that was about 10 years ago in the summer, I think. However, I get and receive Nu News whenever it comes. It was a great surprise (and disappointment) to read about the Administrative Disposition issue; however, I was very impressed with the forthright and maximum effort brought to bear. Well done!"

We enjoyed a note from **JOHN BELL '56**, who asks, "Why is it that I never think to tell the Nu Chapter what's Nu with me? Until a copy of the Nu News arrives in my mail? By then, of course, the news is old and you'll read it next Spring, but here goes, anyway: After returning to Sonoma from SoCal (relatives are way overrated), Peggy and I decided to move into Merrill Gardens (one of God's waiting rooms) only a few blocks from our old neighborhood. It's a great place, but there are a lot of old people around!"

We did manage to fly off to Colorado Springs to watch our son's promotion celebration on attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. Since his wife is already a Colonel, we now have three in the family! Just shout out 'Colonel Bell' and there's no telling who will show up! Our older granddaughter Samantha is a freshman at Boston College, and we expect to see that part of the family at Christmas time. Right now we're trying to figure out how the tree goes together and where the ornaments are. I'll let you know how it all works out when next I see you!"

JIM SINGLETON '61 is living in Anchorage, Alaska, where he serves as a U.S. District Judge, Senior Status. He and

his wife, Sandra, have two grown children, Matthew, 39, and Michael, 36.

DAYTON "HAWK" HYDE '50, at age 88, is celebrating the 50th year of his wild horse sanctuary in Hot Springs, SD. His 20th book is a book of poetry (*Alone in the Forest*). In January he attended the Sundance-Slamdance Festivals in Utah for the first showing of a documentary of his life as a naturalist, rodeo rider, rancher, conservationist, etc. The documentary, *Running Wild*, has been 15 years in the making. (*Ed. Note: An in-depth Frater Profile of Hawk Hyde can be found in Nu News, Fall 2005.*)

And now we hear from **JERRY BLALOCK '54**: "Still keeping busy in the Sacramento area. I attended a memorial for my good friend **DAVE FRANCIS '54** on 17 November. Such a great guy. He will be missed deeply by all who knew him. Doing some flying (and giving check rides) in our partnership Cessna 182. Working in the Sacramento Sheriff's Department as a reserve deputy, and am busy teaching the fundamentals of aviation to the 5th through 12th graders in the simulation room of the Aerospace Museum of CA.

On 23 November, Ann and I were blessed with a beautiful granddaughter (this makes 14 for me, plus three great ones.) I enjoy the excellent newsletter. It keeps me in touch.

JONATHAN KAHN, MD '78 just returned from a great trip to Costa Rica with **ROB BRACKETT '77** and **DAN DIETDERICH '78**. "I own some property on the beach in the Tamarindo area," he says, "so I invited them to come along on a 'business' trip to check on it."

BOB HEATH '52 with a "Did You Know?" He points out that the man on site and in charge of building Cal's new football stadium was Steve Newbern, Vice President of Webcor Builders. He is the son-in-law of **BILL HEATH '48**. (Bill passed away several years ago.)

FOSTER SHANNON '52 writes, "At the present time I am serving as Interim Pastor at Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church. I continue as President of Green Leaf

Press. We promote books in the areas of Bible study, Christian Living, Christian evidences, church history, church growth and some children's books.

We enjoyed attending Cal Homecoming; the seminars were great, and we got to see Cal win a football game!

I went by the house on Friday and was told that there were no activities on game day. Sorry about that. I have recently begun a blog: www.fostergoesfishing.com.

Here's news from **BUD JAMISON '50**, who says, "We just finished a great vacation with our grandchildren and their parents on Kauai, including snorkeling, biking and hiking. Lots of sunscreen needed by all. I'm still working three days a week in the office and assisting with surgeries at the hospital. I feel fortunate to be in good health so I can have an active old age.

CARL ANDERSON '57 and **JACK LEHBERG '57** and wives Margo and Sandy spent a couple of weeks together in May for a much-deserved change of pace, part of it tasting some fine wines and basking on the beach at LaJolla.

TOM MORGAN '50 passed away May 20 just short of his 88th birthday. His memorial service June 14 was attended by many Tekes -- some of whom spoke of his passion and his leadership. A complete memorial will appear in our next issue.

The Nu House Corporation has established a Tom Morgan Scholarship Fund, and all Tekes are invited to contribute to it.

Donations may be made electronically on our website (www.tkenu-alumni.org/donate), or checks may be sent to:

Nu Chapter of TKE

c/o Claire Phillips

1021-A Timothy Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549

ATTN: Tom Morgan Scholarship Fund.

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NU CHAPTER LOOKS BACK



Here's an oldie from Fall 1955, when Fraters decided they wanted a more laid-back picture. Several men can be seen with what appear to be extended digits. Actually they are cigars. (A Teke would never extend a digit). We count 10 cigars, plus one which is being shared.

COMING THIS FALL IN NU CHAPTER LOOKS BACK

He was too big to fit into the Oski suit, so Frater Dan Costello '51 planned the little bear's stunts. Working with Frater Bill Rockwell '48, the creator of Oski, was a rare experience, and Dan shares some little-known Oski secrets in our next issue. You can help to flesh out this feature with your own Oski experiences.

A BIT OF NU CHAPTER HISTORY HOW THE TEKES GOT CHANNING WAY

Based on an article from Nu News, Fall 2002

We were a fraternity without a house. And who knows how much longer that would have been the case, if it weren't for Frater Ed Dermott '49. It's a wonderful story, and Ed tells it so well:

"When TKE was reorganized at Cal in 1946 or 1947, we met in the basement of the Masonic Club next to the campus. Thanks to some great alumni (Soph Goth and others) we took steps to have Nu Chapter reactivated. The next step was to find a place to live. Up on Dwight Way was a boarding house run by Mrs. Odom. Negotiations were conducted and now we had a place to live, although it was not our own. I was away at the time, and when I got back I found out I had been elected Crysophylos (House Manager).

"During the Christmas season of 1948, Bill Graham and I were in Los Angeles for the holidays. We had been invited to a party given by some Tekes. Bill had a date, and I brought my fiancé, who was a member of Theta Upsilon sorority on campus.

While we were dancing, or drinking, or doing something, she told me that her sorority was negotiating to purchase the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house on Channing Way. Bill and I got on the phone to Soph Goth—or maybe it was Bob Fraser—and reported what I had heard.

"By the time we returned to Berkeley after the holidays, we found out that the alumni had purchased the Kappa house. I won't bore you with the details of my relationship with my then fiancé, other than to state the obvious. It was terminated! Believe it or not, I did not suffer too badly.

"The fraternity then moved from the Odom house to its new home on Channing Way, February 1, 1949. Although I helped purchase and install the wonderful Army surplus beds, mattresses and blankets, I never got to live in the house because I graduated in January 1949.

"I qualify all the above to my memory, which may not be too accurate. The names and times may be only approximate, and I apologize to anyone who doesn't believe any of the above."



Tom LaFehr '54, shares these snapshots from Fall 1953.

On the left, inside a living room (not ours) we see Jim McMullen, Earl Boynton, Tom LaFehr, Dave Billman, Don McIntosh and Gay Virden.

And on the right, out at the sidewalk, are Earl Boynton, Jack Lehberg, Ed Dawson and Brutus.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Spring 1959

We have made progress this year and have accomplished some of the goals set last Fall. The school year started out very well in that we pledged eighteen. Then in the Spring, nine more were pledged. We had a well-balanced social program and our scholarship gain was an improvement. We have members active in all phases of campus activities and we participated in the intramural program.

All is not perfect. We have not been able to keep in contact with our alumni as we planned. Thus, we initiated a definite program for better alumni relations with Nu News, a newsletter to be published regularly for alumni and friends, designed to keep you better informed about the activities of the chapter, the University and your own classmates. You will now be hearing more from Nu.

Adapted from an article by Steve Dedina '59, Prytanis

Spring 1972

Members agreed to a raise in the basic housebill from \$130 to \$135 a month. The house is caught in the grip of the same inflation that is causing price increases on most items, particularly food. We

are cutting costs everywhere, but we are already walking a thin line on quality, as it is.

Through the benefit of the House Corporation we were able to buy a new freezer, and now we are able to buy meat a side at a time at substantial savings in meat costs. All in all, we are hanging in there, providing fraters with the best food and services that we can.

Our Spring Formal was a great success. A lot of planning by members and alumni took place, and we owe them our thanks. The affair was held in a semi-serious, semi-camp attitude, with the wearing of white tie and tails, silk hats and gloves, a string quartet, waltzing, and of course a midnight buffet. Alumni Dan Costello, Bill Graham and Harry Smith and their wives attended, and a splendid time was had by all. We blew most of our social funds, but it is generally agreed that it was well worth it.

All in all, the house is in good shape. The spirits of the members are high and we are looking forward to a well-organized, rewarding rush.

Adapted from an article by Brad Volpi '74, Prytanis

Chapter Eternal

DAVID ERNEST FRANCIS '54 – 1932-2002

“He was the nicest Frater,” said one of his colleagues when hearing of his passing. No subsequent pledge can remember ever having been paddled by Dave Francis, a very nice guy, who died November 4, 2012 at the age of 80 after a four-year battle with Parkinson’s Disease. He had been living in a full-care facility for many months prior to his death. Described as a person of unusual integrity, he was respected by all those whom he met.

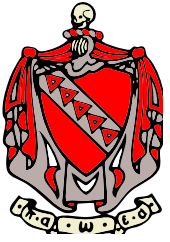
Born in San Francisco, September 25, 1932, he and his family moved to Sacramento when he was eight years old. He attended McClatchy High School, and then Cal, where he lived in the Nu Chapter house from 1950 to 1954, and served as Epiprytanis in the Fall of 1953. Since graduation, he served as Treasurer of the U.C. Class of 1954 and played an instrumental role in the class gift to the University, the beautiful North Gate.

David served with the U.S. Army in Germany, and then went to work in the credit department of Standard Oil in San Francisco. Following this, he earned his teaching credential at San Francisco State and then taught in Novato for 18 years. He and wife Mary Jo retired to Rocklin where they lived at Springfield, a retirement community for about ten years, and helped to form the tennis club there. The book club there dedicated the David Brooks book, *The Social Animal* to the library in his name, a book that he had introduced to them for study and evaluation.

Upwards of 100 people attended a Celebration of Life for David at the Springfield Clubhouse. His mind was in a very good place when he died, said Mary Jo, feeling that he was being guided home by guardian angels.

Besides Mary Jo, he is survived by sons Richard and Douglas, and a sister Jean Lewis. Donations may still be made in his memory to Parkinson’s research organizations, or charities of choice.

*The Nu Chapter Alumni Association donates \$100 to the Teke Educational Foundation,
Sophus Goth Scholarship Fund, in memory of every deceased Frater.*



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FAREWELL TO TWO OLD FRIENDS



Tom Morgan '50 and the Knabe concert grand piano left us at the same time.

The piano has been replaced with a like-new Sherman Clay grand piano, all tuned up and ready to enjoy.

There will never be a replacement for Tom.

Memories of these friends will be published in the next Nu News.