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THANK YOU ROBIN!

After almost a quarter of century as Editor of Nu News, the venerable Robin Harris is stepping down from his position and passing the helm to the next generation.

Robin and I had a chance to sit down for a 2.5 hour lunch at Saddles in Sonoma. While sipping a couple of perfect dry Manhattans (Robin's favorite) on a Sunday afternoon, Robin reflected on his childhood, his time on Channing Way, and his life after TKE.

Born in Oakland as the 6th child in a depression-weary family, Robin was adopted by an upper-middle-class couple who lived in Berkeley near the entrance of Tilden Park. His father and mother had met at Cal at the old Harmon Gym. They hit it off immediately. Active students at Cal, his father was on the swim team and his mother was an art major and the Jr. Editor of the Daily Cal.

Robin recalls his father having been a three-sport athlete in high school (Etna, CA) and wanting him to be the same. But at 5 foot 1 inch in high school and 110 pounds as a sophomore, being forced to try out for the football team lasted two weeks at most before the coach informed his father, "you'd better get him out of here or he'll get killed". That didn't stop his father from giving Robin athletic gear for his birthdays, when all he really wanted was a speedometer for his bicycle. Robin says that the only thing that he inherited from his father was his temper, and his love for fly fishing and gardening. Robin says he took after his mom (El Centro, CA) who he described as a "blithe spirit". She was an Art major at Cal and pianist who used to play piano in the pit for silent movie theaters.

As Robin recounted his childhood through college years, one major theme dominated his time line ... his love for cars. At the age of 4, Robin remembers knowing the make model and year of every car on the road. He could recite the number of cylinders and the horse power just like other kids could recite batting averages. But Robin liked cars for aesthetic, not mechanical, reasons.

At the time of his adoption, his father had been the principal of the University of California Demonstration

School for the previous 12 years. Robin was the smallest in his class and was known as the "problem child". They didn't have a name for ADHD back then. He recalls not being able to stay in his seat and being forced to sit in the front row. He would intentionally snap his pencil so he could ask to sharpen it in the back of the classroom, and then proceed to hit everyone in the back of the head with it on the way back to his seat. He says that he has "gradually mellowed".

At 9 years old, Robin's family left Berkeley to move to Montgomery Creek (35 miles north of Redding), as his father took a job in the lumber industry. His father was restless ... "he was too young for WWI and too old for WWII and all he really wanted to do was fight Nazis". He recalls the culture shock as they moved to a rented home with no electricity. He asked his parents, "all the kids are saying ain't, can I say that too?". His mother became the telephone operator, and he got tips for delivering messages.

Robin recalls his family's first car, a 1928 Graham Page, followed by a 1935 Plymouth. In seventh grade his family moved to Colusa County. He recalls meeting two of his still good friends, Alan and Harold, who purchased an old,



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non-operating Model T for \$5 and put it his backyard. They worked on that car every day after school at 13 years old -- nobody thought they'd getting running. Then one day with a blast of black smoke, they took off down the street with their mothers running after them in aprons. He recalls getting his driver's license at 14 and being allowed to drive the Plymouth to school ... one of his finest moments. Later on that year, Robin purchased a 1935 Desoto convertible for \$150. He had earned the money sweeping floors at a dime store, before getting the "cushy" job at



15 of working for the funeral parlor and driving the Hearst at 50 cents an hour.

At one point, Robin and his mother stopped by a Chrysler dealer and saw a creme-colored Chrysler Highlander with scotch-plaid upholstery on the doors and seats with a Spanish leather dash. Robin was able to convince his mother and father to purchase the car, and in so doing was able to convince the owner of the dealership to hire him as a salesman. He became the youngest Chrysler salesman in California.

Robin attended Shasta Community College. While there, he was the vice president of the student body and a sales person at the local Nash dealership where he drove a demonstration car. Upon leaving the Nash dealership, Robin sold his Nash and purchased an MG TD, a small, black two-seater with a red radiator grill and red upholstery. Unfortunately, his father made him sell the car before attending Cal.

Days at Cal & TKE

When Robin arrived at Cal, he didn't know anybody. In those days, you announced your intention to rush and you received handwritten invitations from each fraternity on their stationery. He recalls going to many houses, each "a pile of crap" physically with drunken residents. He remembers that TKE carried itself differently. The house was immaculate. The men were mature. They sang. Robin had been in a quartet and played piano, and there was need for a baritone. The house president at the time, Jim Griffin, asked Robin to pledge. He became the first pledge of his 24-strong pledge class. In his pledge Class were Howard Nemir, Cliff Ceridian, Carl Anderson, Dick Anderson, and others. They were the biggest class in many years. The pledge class was a tight-knit group. Recently, his Pledge Class had a reunion at a restaurant in Lafayette, CRobin recalls that recently passed Frater Cliff Ceridian asked for it because he wanted to see pledge brothers on more time. Right after the reunion, Cliff and Fred Schott passed. Prior to that, only two of his pledge brothers, Roy Berry and Ray Young, had passed before.

Robin signed the scroll with number 385. His big brother was Ken Porter, a transfer from San Diego State. His pledge semester he lived in the third-floor barn with three others and caught pneumonia. Later, he rented a two-bedroom

house with Howard Nemir and Ken Porter. The chapter enticed him back into the house by asking if Robin would be Histor, which resulted in his getting a decent room.

Robin later became Hegemon, which he recalled as the best job in the house. He supervised an amazing pledge class of 22 super guys - they loved him and he loved them. He recalled that the pledges he looked after would come to Larry Blakes, where he played piano until closing time at 2:00 a.m., to get him and bring him home - their way of looking after him as well. Though Robin was not familiar with the Clang Bird ditty, upon hearing it, he said that they used to memorize something very similar called the Boodiggy Bird, which ended in a similar manner with the bird flying up its own anus, but with a different sound. With a chuckle, Robin was quick to point out that ever-tightening concentric circles do not end up in a vortex.

Robin recalls owning six cars at TKE, which took all the parking spaces on Channing Way. He remembered having to park them on the downhill slope of the street so that he could pop the clutch to start them. The best moment was when Frater Terry McIlray came into a 1925 Cadillac chassis with an engine but no body, which was used to build a Big Game Float with a sorority. The float was self-contained, which distinguished itself from all the other floats in that it didn't need to be pulled. Not surprisingly, TKE always won Best Float in the parade.

During summer vacations, Robin returned as a counselor to the summer camp he attended as a child, Bar 717, in Hayfork, California. It was there that he met his wife Donna in 1955. A student at Oregon State, Robin pinned her that summer. When the TKEs in Corvallis found out that she had been pinned by a TKE, they serenaded her house. Robin announced their engagement at a cocktail party at the house of John Bullen, the clarinet player in TKE house.

Robin graduated from Cal in December 1955, with a degree in Business Administration. Robin was immediately drafted, which required a shotgun wedding on two-weeks notice in Fresno in May 1956. Robin said over 20 TKEs showed up for his big day. All of his groomsmen were TKEs, including Howard Nemir as the best man, and Carl Anderson, Will Deady, Harry Brock, and Ray Young. He remembered how Ray had hidden in the trunk of Robin's car in order to try to kidnap him after the wedding - Ray was not successful. After

a brief one-day honeymoon in Yosemite, Robin was shipped off to Germany.

Life After Channing Way

While in Germany, Robin and Donna lived in relatively-ritzy married-couple housing. His daughter was born in Germany, where they lived together fondly for another year-and-a-half. Instead of being in the infantry, Robin showed off his organ-playing chops and became a chaplain's assistant. He volunteered at German orphanages, one time organizing a Christmas party and gift exchange for the orphans with the help of his comrades-in-arms. He loved spending time with the children, and would take film equipment to the orphanage to show them movies. At one point, the company commander was looking to grant a commendation to somebody and asked "Has anybody done anything?". The sergeant replied "give it to Harris, he does these things for orphans". So Robin received the Army Commendation Medal for doing what he was having fun doing anyway.

Upon returning from Germany, Robin and Donna moved back to Fresno, where he received his teaching credential from Fresno State. Together, they held several positions as educators in public and private schools in central and northern California. Twice, they set up and ran private schools until "they were burned out". The last private school

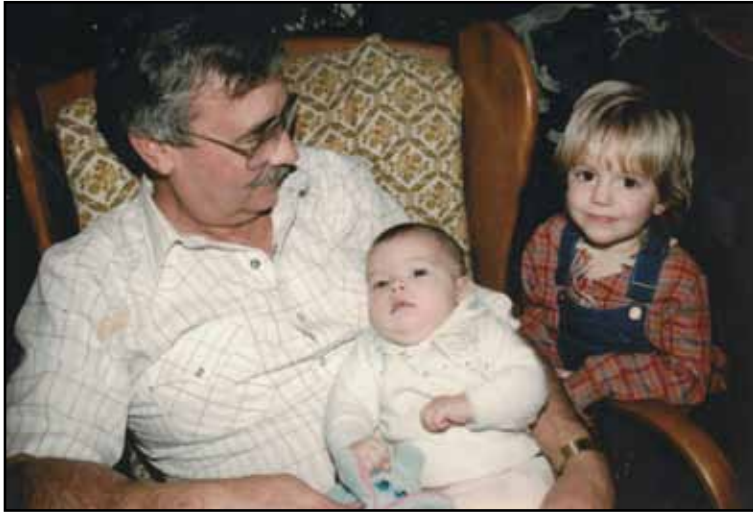


was in Boonville in Mendocino County. Robin and Donna purchased a summer resort with seven cabins, a swimming pool and dining hall. They ran the school together for 12 years in Boonville, from 1986 to

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1998. After that, Robin purchased an 11-acre farm and ran a children's summer program for three years. One of the camper's mothers suggested that Robin should go into foster care. Robin took her up on it, and became a foster parent to many children, parenting up to four kids at a time.

Based on his experience, Robin recently wrote and published a book on Foster Care called "Journeys Out of Darkness". The forward was written by pledge brother Carl Anderson. "Many families have no idea how fulfilled their lives can become as foster parents," Harris remarked during the interview. "I'm hoping this book will give them some insight into the impact they may make as they help to raise children who need them so desperately."



At 83, Robin is currently a substitute teacher in Lake County. He is writing another book, together with his regular column in the Lake County newspaper called "Good Parents, Good Kids". He has the most fun writing humorous editorials for the newspaper.

Nu News

After his wedding, Robin recalls he had limited connection to TKE. He went to an occasional Founders Day dinner. He remembered that he started receiving Nu News in 1959, which made it easier to keep track of TKE functions. Robin started going to Christmas luncheons in 1990, and hasn't missed one since. In 1993, the same year that TKE House went dark in Berkeley, Robin took over Nu News and ran its production on a mimeograph machine. His foster kids did the folding, stapling and mailing. Robin



proudly maintains a thick binder of Nu News publications from the first one he received in 1959 until the house closed in 1993, and then every copy from when it went back into publication.

Robin is ready to give up the reins of Nu News. He sees "no need to carry on the tradition" of the current Nu News format, and welcomes a modern overhaul. He hopes to see the significant task of publishing Nu News apportioned over several responsible TKE alums to take it into the next generation. When asked about contributing, he mused about an editorial, or perhaps a feature article on the history of Nu News. If he has his way, his legacy will be the return of TKE House to immaculate condition, to perpetuate its prior glory and to keep pristine the many memories inside.

- Peter Cloven



MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

Vasan Atul - #1224

My name is Vasan Arul, I pledged TKE as a sophomore as a member of the AlphaAlpha class, and since that time have held the positions of Philanthropy and Decline chair before being elected as Prytanis. TKE has been the defining experience of my college experience, a home away from home with a group of brothers I know that I will always be able to count on.

Morale this semester has unequivocally been at an all time high since I have joined the house. Brothers have truly recognized what can be achieved within TKE through the energy and initiative of our individual members, an effort clearly reflected in our outstanding social and brotherhood events this semester. I can look at every frater this semester and point to a significant way they have improved the chapter this semester.

I have always appreciated the vast involvement and leadership of TKE's in outside organizations in Campus, something that continues to stand this Fall. We currently have fraters in ASUC Superb, Cal TV, the business and law fraternities AKPsi and KAPi, the Ski and Snowboarding Club, the Sage Mentorship Program, Theatre for Charity, Party Safe at Cal, and the Suitcase Clinic. In addition many brothers have used Cal as resource to create and advance their own ideas, with several brothers involved in instructing DeCals and creating various apps and startup businesses.

We currently also have three members on the IFC with David Lester as VP of Health and Wellness, Matt Leinwand as VP of Philanthropy, and our Epiprytanis Thomas Ferry as President of the CalGreeks Alcohol Task Force, a subdivision of the IFC dedicated to make Berkeley's social events safer and more enjoyable.

As a former philanthropy chair, I am very proud of the events we will be putting forth this semester. Earlier this September the philanthropy chairs put together an event called "Photoshoot for St. Jude" where members of the Cal community were given the opportunity to have their a professional photo taken in exchange for a small donation to St Jude. This October we will be bringing back our signature "Touchdowns for St Jude" flag football event of years past and will continue to look to how to expand our philanthropic outreach for years to come.

We have also enjoyed the success of our high quality, engaging social events this semester. Earlier this Fall we went on our annual rafting trip with the sorority Alpha Chi Omega on the American River, a true TKE classic. We have also been able to throw large Gamedays this semester that provide opportunities for both TKE alumni and the campus at large to have a considerable amount of fun. I personally look forward

to our annual "Decline of Western Civilization" event later this Fall, where Frater Timmy Ngo will lead the chapter into transforming our house into a spectacular Halloween-esque sight.

The success the house has recently experienced is no small part due to the hard work and leadership of my fellow officers. The financial acumen of Crysophylos Will Leung, commitment to mental health of Hypophetes Ethai Barnea, steady risk management of Pylortes Ethan Jung, community building of Grammateus Evan Williams, chair organization and motivation of Epiprytanis Thomas Ferry, alumni relations of Histor Kenny Closser, and guiding hands of Spring and Fall Hegemons Drake Myers and Alex Ho have been invaluable in my year as Prytanis.

The hard work and initiative of some of our younger pledge classes, suchs the AlphaGammas and AlphaDeltas, have been instrumental to our recent success, with many of them taking on key officer and chair roles directly after being initiated. The work of individuals such as our Social chair Warren Pugash and House Manager Christian Medina have greatly improved the quality and energy of the house.

I am also incredibly excited to introduce the members of the AlphaEpsilon pledge class. They have shown a remarkable amount of passion for the fraternity and I hope to initiate the entire class into our fraternity as the semester closes.

TKE has given me more than I ever could have imagined. The leadership skills, opportunities, and family I have gained here have changed my life. To quote frater Drake Myers, TKE is the best fraternity on campus. My goal is to make the brothers in the house and campus at large see that and leave this house a little better than I found it. You get out what put in, and I can tell you that for whatever I've putten into the house, I have received so much more.



MESSAGES FROM THE UNDERGRADS

HEGEMON REPORT

It's been a long semester for these men. Currently, the pledges are through the first three phases of their process and are approaching phase four. They are showing no signs of slowing down now, however. Their pledge project has just been finished and the Hegemon is currently planning a rigorous set of tasks for them before they finally undergo initiation.

So far, they've been able to raise nearly \$1000 for their pledge class through raffles and selling food. Much of this went toward their project, redoing the split brick path in the front yard, which is now consistent with the main path. They have also put in 180 hours into various philanthropic efforts such as our Shave to Save event, Theta dodgeball, and dinners at sororities.

The past 8 weeks have certainly taken their toll on them. Out of 11 pledges starting out, two were dropped from the process early on. Rush was unusual this year with an early start and more restrictions on events, but the rush chairs went above and beyond in coordinating events and, as a result, we ended up with passionate rushees. Out of the 9 left, over half signed their bids on the spot.

Spring of 2016 was a bit different. We started with 11 pledges and were eventually left with only 6, but these men could not have been more passionate. Five of them currently have positions in the house, including Matt Melendez as serenading chair, Michael Horio as assistant social chair, Kevin Wei as assistant house manager, Beau Mott as griffon, and Jonathan Jayaprakash as logistics assistant and future CalGreeks Alcohol Taskforce president. Those who are assistants are going on to hold the full chair positions in 2017.



Their process was similar. They needed to raise \$600 for their pledge project, a new lighting system in the living room for parties, and ended up doing over 200 philanthropy hours. They were able to complete everything by mid April and were initiated on April 23, 2016.

PHILANTHROPY REPORT

Over the past year, we have held philanthropy events raising thousands of dollars for St. Jude Children's Hospital and participated in many outside the house. Cookies for a Cure was a major event held in Spring of 2016. For four weeks on each Sunday, TKE worked with Sigma Nu and Tri Delta to deliver cookies baked at TKE to Berkeley students. The proceeds all went to St. Jude. We were able to raise over \$9,000 in total and took a portion of that in our name to donate.

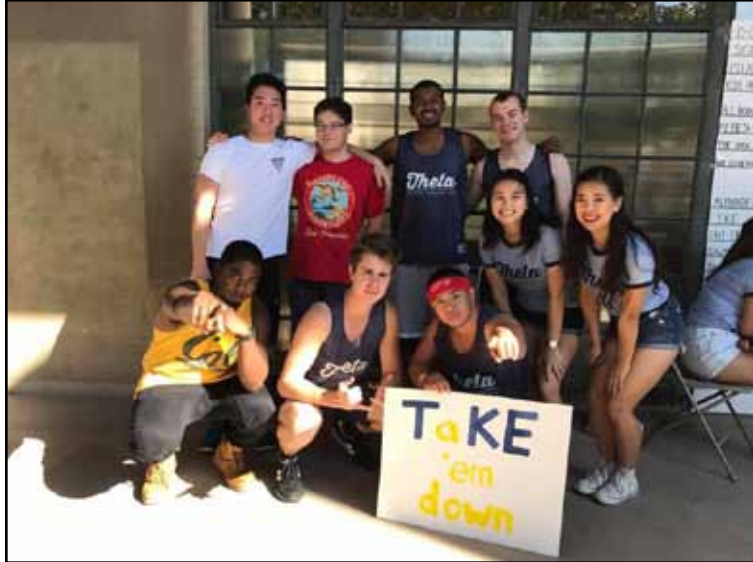
In the fall of this year, our biggest event was Shave to Save. Brothers set a goal for donations that if met meant they would shave their heads. Over \$1,000 was raised because of this event and many brothers, including our venerable Prytanis, are now clean-shaven.



We are also partnering up with another non-Greek organization to host a Berkeley dance marathon in February. Currently, philanthropy chairs Jonathan Jayaprakash and Sree

Boyella are coordinating this. The event is expected to be very large with many Greek houses participating and a portion of the proceeds are going to St. Jude in our name.

In addition to our events, we have participated in numerous events for other houses, including sporting events with Chi Omega, Alpha Phi, and Kappa Alpha Theta, dinners at Alpha



Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha, and events that the pledges this semester have run on their own.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Currently, our house has a successful soccer team with Joe Dorfman, Raine Scott, Warren Pugash, Michael Horio, Yoshio Boris, Colin Schoen, Xander Paul, Malcolm Williams, and Matt Melendez as consistent members with other brothers walking on depending on their schedules. We are looking forward to creating softball, basketball, and football teams in the future when more brothers are interested.



SOCIAL REPORT

This past year, we have had exchanges or events with Alpha Chi Omega, Tri Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Sigma (formerly Alpha Omicron Pi), and Sigma Kappa. Turnout for these was generally good, with special mention to Alpha Chi Omega for over a hundred girls coming during one exchange. In addition, game days have grown substantially in the fall 2016 semester with hundreds of party guests on average.



ACADEMIC REPORT

With the competitive nature of Berkeley currently, our academics are being taken more seriously than ever. Study hours are hosted either downstairs or in the library every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In the past year, we have had brothers who have had 4.0 GPAs as pledges. The current pledges are required to go to study hours once a week so as to learn to balance their time between the house and school. Our house average GPA is a 3.25.

The diverse nature of our majors is reflected in what the brothers are involved in beyond the house as well. Many of us held internships or lab work over the summer, and some continue to work. Most of the seniors who are graduating this spring are finished with recruiting and have jobs lined up at companies such as Houlihan Lokey and Facebook.

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ALUMNI SHOWCASE

Steve Schmidt interviews Griff Marshall '51



In the fall of 1949, Harry S Truman was the U. S. President, Vaughn Monroe's "Ghost Riders in the Sky" was the big hit on the radio, and Griffith ("Griff") Marshall pledged Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Griff has spent most of his life bouncing between living in the Bay Area and California's Central Valley. His roots in Tiburon, where he presently lives, go way back! Griff's father was born in Tiburon in 1882, the son of a sea captain who had sailed into San Francisco Bay many times and eventually settled in

Marin County. In 1906, Griff's dad led a cattle drive from Northern California to Merced County where he settled. Griff was born in Modesto and grew up on ranches and dairies in the San Joaquin Valley.

Griff spent 2 1/2 years at Modesto Junior College becoming a track star there. He wound up being recruited by Cal to run both cross-country and track. Upon transferring to U. C. Berkeley, Griff did run cross-country for Cal one season. However, his love of music and singing, and more importantly his admiration and attraction for his piano accompanist, one of the first 3 ladies he met at President Sproul's "welcome reception" and the woman who would eventually become his wife, led him to drop out of Cal Athletics and focus more on his hobby and part-time job of singing.

Since his high school days, Griff took singing lessons. He sang in a dance band during junior college. While a student at Cal, one winter and summer Griff earned money by singing at the Sun Valley Lodge in Idaho.

Griff lived in TKE House for a year and a half. When asked about hazing at TKE back in the late 1940's, Griff recounted instances of "paddling" and was pleased to know that those days seem to be gone, stating, "Wonderful! Progress."

He remembers having a few exchanges each semester with sororities like DG and Gamma Phi Beta (Griff's mom, a 1923

Cal grad, was a Gamma Phi). He particularly remembers the costume parties that were held annually at the house. While other houses got in trouble with the IFC back in Griff's day, TKE managed to avoid tangles with the university while he was there. Even so, according to Griff, "The parties we had were fantastic parties!"

He ended his time as a Berkeley student living in an apartment with fellow TKEs Foster Shannon and Bob Dickerson. Griff received a group degree in "Political Science, History, and Economics".

Following his graduation from Cal in 1951, Griff's first roommates were fellow TKEs "Hawkeye" Hyde and Martin Sprague, son of the famous WWII admiral. While at TKE, Griff remembers the first night that "Hawkeye" brought a baby St. Bernard puppy into his room. This puppy eventually became the legendary dog and TKE-Nu mascot, Brutus I.

Griff began his career in the insurance industry with New York Life hoping to earn enough financial security to marry his college sweetheart / accompanist. They wed in 1952 and had three children: Andrea, Julia, and Elliot. At a TKE Alumni Association party in 1957, Griff was recruited by a fellow TKE alum to work for Prudential Insurance. Griff has been in the insurance business his entire career also having worked for Connecticut Mutual Life and now owning his own firm. He has no plans of retiring saying, "I have dreams of accomplishing certain things. I still have some overseas communications in Africa. And as we speak, someone is doing something for me." Smokes! What amazing drive and ambition this frater has! And for someone in their late 80's! WOW!

In addition to working in the insurance industry, from 1969-1976 Griff traveled between the Bay Area and Africa to run an international cattle business in Ethiopia. Known as Bishoftu Farms, Griff's business ran over half the head of cattle in Ethiopia on 3 different ranches. In fact, Griff met Emperor Haile Selassie on four different occasions. One time, Griff was alone in the throne room with Haile, who was sitting on the throne, the only other person in the room being Selassie's security guard. Unfortunately, in this Cold War era, due to a Soviet backed revolution, after 7 years, despite having had many dinners with the Ethiopian ambassador and his wife and accumulating a lifetime of fascinating stories, Griff lost his investments in Ethiopia.

During his career, Griff served as the Vice-President of the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, as

well as being the Chair of their National Queen Contest. This competition and its winner opened up Cal's football season each year. In addition to organizing what at the time was the largest nighttime parade in the U.S., while with the Jaycees, Griff had the pleasure to work with the likes of celebrities including Jimmy Durante and The Platters.

Griff still keeps up with his fellow fraters and upon being asked about his current fraternal connections, mentioned spending the weekend before with one of his pledge brothers, Chip Wray, who served as the TKE-Nu Alumni Association President for years. Griff has served as the alumni treasurer. Both Griff and Chip were ushers at each others' weddings.

Griff divorced his first wife in 1980, the same year he met his current wife, Violet, whom he married in 1986. With Violet, Griff enjoys 5 "wonderful" step-grandchildren.

Griff and I met in August for brunch at Sam's Anchor Café in Tiburon. I also invited Griff's second daughter, Julia, and her boyfriend Johnny to dine with us. Julia Marshall is the long time girlfriend of John Corcoran. "Johnny" is an honorary TKE himself and served as the TKE House cook for

years including the many years I was an undergrad at Cal. My love for Julia and "John the Cook" is the primary reason I set up an interview with Griff to be our featured alumni. After our meal, we returned to Griff's beautiful Tiburon home for an outstanding 2 hour interview.

Throughout our conversation, I was struck with how many similarities Griff Marshall shares with my father. Like my dad, who also grew up on a dairy, was a junior college track star, drove the bus to attend college, transferred to U.C. Berkeley, and then became financially successful, Griff Marshall exemplifies "The Greatest Generation" - those who exemplify hard work, dedication, and an "American /can do spirit".

Griff ended the interview by leaving these words of wisdom to the present undergrads:

"Enjoy yourself. Appreciate your time with the fraternity and the full meaning that it will have in terms of your friendships and direction that it gives you for the rest of your life. It's a fraternity for life."

What a remarkable man!

YOUNG ALUMNI TAHOE REUNION

RECENT ALUMS TAKE TO TAHOE

by Anthony J. Wright '10

For the fourth year in a row, recent alumni gathered for the annual Young Alumni Weekend. The trip was once again held at a lakeside villa in Tahoe, with breathtaking view of Lake Tahoe. Organized by Fraters Anthony Wright, Eric Tye, James Stuekerjuergen, and Adam Furman the weekend was considered to be a terrific success. Once again, the trip had an amazing turnout, this year bringing 19 different Teke's together in the 5,000 sq ft eight-bedroom house.

All food and refreshment from lunch on Friday to breakfast on Sunday were provided and the menu on board was delectable; with burgers, steaks, fresh fruit, bacon, and eggs, and a range of other mouthwatering options available throughout the three day trip.

Fraters spent time catching up, enjoying the fully loaded game room, taking turns playing ping-pong, foosball, and billiards. Only a short walk from the beech fraters took to the shore to play pick-up football, frisbee, and enjoy some time in the water.

The annual tradition will continue next July, with hopes of attracting an even larger crowd of Tekes. If you have any ideas, or would like to help with next year's trip, contact Anthony Wright at awright@tkenu.com.



Chapter Eternal

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away. - Anglican Hymn

DR. ANDREW J. VISCOVICH '48 (#258)

Dr. Andrew John Viscovich passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospital, Stockton, CA at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Elena Wong Viscovich, son Randal Viscovich, daughters Andra Viscovich Johnson, Alison Wong Bertsch.

After graduation from Oakland Technical High School in 1943, Andy joined the Navy during World War II and served as a radioman and then an officer. He earned his B.A. and Doctorate of Education from the University of California, Berkeley, and his M.A. and teaching credentials from San Francisco State University. Andy's love of learning and teaching became his passion. He served as a teacher, principal, central office administrator and finally the Associate Superintendent of the Oakland Public Schools. He worked with racially diverse students and communities to improve learning and to build trust. Subsequently, Andy held superintendent appointments in Garvey School District in San Gabriel Valley, Palm Springs and the Berkeley Unified School Districts. After retiring in 1991, the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed Andy as the State Administrator of the then bankrupt Coachella Unified School District to bring them back to fiscal responsibility. Later, he was a consultant for the Marriott Corp. focusing on school facility planning and services.

In 1990, King Juan Carlos of Spain awarded him the Knight of the Civil Order of Merit. The rank of "Don Andreas" or "Sir Andrew" was bestowed for facilitating the sojourner program in California.

Andy was a member of the Oakland Archdiocese Board of Education, the Croatian Scholarship Fund Board and the Berkeley Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He was active in the Rotary Clubs of Palm Springs, San Gabriel Valley and Berkeley and served on the Executive Boards of their YMCA and United Way organizations. He regularly attended the S. F. Commonwealth Club, enjoyed flying ultralight aircraft and engaging in stimulating conversations. He was a loyal Oakland Raiders fan and, most of all, he took pleasure in spending quality time with his family.

JACOB L. MATHIS M.D. '57 (#372)

Jacob Lenhardt Mathis, M.D. was born in San Francisco on November 4, 1935 and passed away in San Francisco on December 20, 2015.

As a young child, Jake crossed the Golden Gate Bridge when it opened with his parents and again on the Bridge's 50th anniversary with his family.

Following his graduation from Lowell High School, he attended CAL where he was a frater in Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon and a member of the water polo team.

Jake graduated from The George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. in 1961. Following completion of residencies and fellowships at Walter Reed Army Hospital, the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and the UCSF School of Medicine, Jake enlisted in the US Army and served in Vietnam from 1968-1969. For his outstanding service he received the Bronze Star among many other commendations from both the US and South Vietnam.

A book on Vietnam by UPI and Time-Life photojournalist, Tim Page, was dedicated to Dr. Mathis for his life-saving brain surgery on Mr. Page during the war. Many of Jake's patients in Vietnam, including Mr. Page, and their families visited him in San Francisco after the war where he had established his neurosurgical practice. Jake's experience in Vietnam, along with surviving lymphoma caused by exposure to Agent Orange while in Vietnam, shaped him as a doctor who vowed to never turn away a patient who could not afford care, treating them all with respect and kindness.

He practiced medicine in San Francisco for over 30 years and served 5 years as a doctor in Mississippi. He was Chief of Neurosurgery at several hospitals and was an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at UCSF, as well as teaching at the VA Medical Center. He was a member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons, American College of Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Alpha Omega Alpha, and numerous other medical societies and honor societies, receiving

many academic awards over his long career.

After retiring from neurosurgery, he was a consultant and Qualified Medical Evaluator for the State of California until the time of his death. He enjoyed the symphony, ballet, and attended the SF Opera for over 35 years. He was a lifelong scholar and coupled his love of history with visits to historical sites worldwide. Skiing, swimming, hiking, and scuba diving were his favorite sports. He was honored by the Boy's Club of SF for performing medical examinations for their summer camping program. He was an Eagle Scout, member of the Guardsmen, 40 year member of the San Francisco Yacht Club, and fan of all the SF sports teams.

He will be remembered by all the people he encountered for his ever-present smile, his kind, gentle and generous nature and his dedication to his family, friends, and patients. He is survived by his wife Patricia Mathis and daughter Dominique Clinton of Kentfield, son Mark Mathis, his wife, Janet, and grandchildren Anna and Jack of Chicago, and sister Beverly Nicol of Ranier, Oregon.

A funeral mass was celebrated by Father Lawrence Vadakkan at Saint Patrick's Church in Larkspur on January 9, 2016.

TERRY DIXON WOLLTER '56 (#381)

Born May 16, 1934, an only child, and raised in Oakland, Terry passed away January 11 at the age of 81 following many years of ill health. He pledged TKE in Fall 1953 and was initiated in January 1954. At Cal, he majored in Advertising. He was a member of Alpha Delta Sigma, the national professional advertising fraternity, and served as Editor of the California Pelican in the Spring of 1955. He was a humorous writer, known for his dry, sometimes acerbic, wit. He worked his entire life as an advertising executive, most of his career spent at Guild, Bascom and Bonfigli where he was part of the team that developed the Masked Grandma ad for Mary Ellen Jams.

Terry last lived at Deer Park Senior Citizen Community in Novato after many years in San Anselmo. He is survived by his ex-wife, Patricia, and sons Adam and Ben, both unmarried. He was attended at Adobe Creek Funeral Home. No services were held.

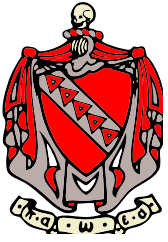
NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

Many readers tell us this is the section of Nu News that they most look forward to, but we can't publish anything without word from you. So we continue to encourage alumni to contribute news and photos for us all to enjoy.

WILLIE MOORE '50 writes, Wife Sally & I are still going strong. At 87 I'm in my 8th year as docent (tour guide) taking tourists & school kids thru our historic Iolani Palace 2x weekly, am a 15 handicap golfer (play 2x a week), & after I honcho my Punahou School's Class of 1946' 70th Reunion in early June, we both are headed for our British Columbia 2nd home for our 30th Summer there. Life is good!

From **BUD JAMISON '50** comes this: "It's a blessing that we don't know what life around the corner will be. After more than 50 years of active physical and intellectual activities with my wife, Karin, she is in the late stage of Alzheimer's Disease. Her many friends and family try to keep in touch, but after the visits she whispers, "Who was that?" Our life is home-centered, and she has a caregiver the two days I am working. My advice to the pledges is to make the most of your youth, and develop lasting friendships for later years. TKE is a good foundation on which to base those goals."

Along with this message came a most welcome donation of \$1,000 to the Nu Chapter House Corporation.



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