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HOUSE CORP SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

One primary role of Tau Kappa Epsilon is to help undergraduates with their social and academic needs. As such, TKE International has been providing scholarships to U.C. Berkeley Teke students for years.

The TKE Educational Foundation provides thousands of dollars of scholarships annually. Luckily for Nu Chapter scholars, certain scholarships provided by TKE International are reserved solely for Berkeley students. Thanks to the generosity of Fraters like John Phillips, Mike Cerussi, Bud Jamison, and Al Herzog, a number of U.C. Berkeley specific scholarships have been endowed, ultimately lessening the financial burdens of many of our undergraduates.

With this in mind, I clearly remember a TKE officers' retreat held in Peter Cloven's backyard in 2006, where we set up the Nu Chapter Scholarship Program. Its beginnings were pretty humble. I put up \$300 of my own money to award to three pledges based on the criteria set by the officers that day. Namely, the 3 pledge winners would be rewarded for receiving the highest-grade point average in the pledge class, having the greatest number of philanthropy service hours donated, and having displayed the most exemplary service to TKE

After pitching this idea to some of my buddies, like TKE-Nu Housing Board President Mark Edelstone, we were able to raise enough money to provide these pledge scholarships for four semesters.

Upon reporting this scholarship program to the TKE-Nu Housing Board, it was agreed upon that the housing board would not only take over payment for the pledge class scholarships, but also institute new TKE Nu Housing Board Scholarships using the same criteria of scholarship, philanthropy, and service to the chapter to be recognized.

More recently, through the tireless efforts of Al Herzog to serve Tau Kappa Epsilon and Nu Chapter, thousands of dollars from a Southern California based organization, that wishes to remain anonymous, have been donated to TKE-Nu to be awarded as scholarships to our Fraters. Thus, the housing board began issuing six awards of \$3,000 a piece to high academic achieving fraters. With these generous gifts, the Housing

Board suspended what we called the "Live In Scholarships" and now awards six or more "SoCal Scholarships". This is in addition to the many other Berkeley specific scholarships given by Nu Chapter and TKE International.

Congratulations to all those who made scholarship, philanthropy, and service to TKE a priority for the 2016-2017 academic year!

The following fraters were recipients of the SoCal Scholarships: Evan Williams, Will Leung, Christian Medina, Sam Johnson, Joe Dorfman, Kevin Wei, and Nick Dill.

The winners of the various individual scholarships are:

- Burt Thomas Award for \$3,000 was Ethai Barnea.
- Al Herzog award for \$3,000 was Alex Ho.
- Nu Healthcare Scholarship for \$2,100 was Yoshio Boris.
- John Phillips award for \$1,700 was Timmy Ngo.
- Sophus C. Goth award for \$600 was Thomas Ferry.
- This year TKE International chose the winner of the Michael Cerussi award.

Working with the TKE Educational Foundation, the Nu Chapter Scholarship Committee chose all of the winners for both local and international scholarships so as to ensure that the most worthy scholars got the biggest scholarships. Thus, the Nu Chapter Scholarship Committee acts as a "clearing house" for not only our local monies, but also those specifically reserved for CAL students or in which U.C. Berkeley students are given preference by the TKE Educational Foundation.

As chairman of the Nu Chapter Scholarship Committee, I'd like to thank my fellow committee members: Chapter Advisors James Stuekerjuergen and Erik Lewis, Kevin "Oki" Okimura, and Mike Rigg for their help in selecting last year's winners! Great job, Fraters!

So, over \$30,000 has been awarded in 2017 to 13 Nu Chapter Scholars. Next year, the Tau Kappa Epsilon Housing Board will be distributing over \$35,000 to local TKEs! These are exciting times for scholarship at TKE House. STUDY HARD!

- Steve Schmidt #838

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HOUSE CORP IMPROVEMENTS

The Nu of Tau Kappa Epsilon Board of Directors held our Spring Meeting in the TKE House on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

At that time, it was reported that of the current actives who would be graduating in May, sixteen of them were currently living at 2725 Channing Way and would therefore be moving out soon, and while Tau Kappa Epsilon is a brotherhood, the management of the House is also a business. For the House to operate on a financially sound basis, there should be close to 40 fraters living in each semester. Consequently, the Board approved a number of expenditures designed to assist the Chapter for its fall rush. These included the following projects:

The board approved funding for the painting of the common areas where it is needed as well as allocating an estimated cost of \$10,000 to replace the carpeting on the 2nd and 3rd floor hallways and the connecting stairway.

It also approved the renovation of the 2nd Floor bathroom between "The Closet" and "The Porch" (the C and D rooms) at an estimated cost of \$20,000. It also agreed to have the contractor who recently performed the waterproofing work on the east side of the house seal one of the windows in Room 3CC (3rd Floor Porch) to prevent further leaking.

Due to Berkeley Fire Codes, the Housing Board also approved almost \$29,000 to repair the 3 separate outside metal fire escapes which date all the way back to the 1920s and have never been replaced or repaired. Also, some of the ladders to the roof will be removed and a railing area / cage will be placed around the ladder to the roof on the north side of the house.

On a minor note, TKE-Nu Inc. also agreed to have the broken legs on the pool table fixed and have heavy duty casters placed on each of the four legs to better protect the floors when the pool table is moved.

Thus, in one two hour meeting, the TKE Nu Housing Board allocated over \$60,000 to improve the house we all love! Money cannot fix all problems, but this should be a good start in improving the quality of life of our undergraduate chapter lucky enough to live at 2725 Channing Way.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

Ethan Jung - #1192

My name is Ethan Jung, I pledged Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon as a member of Phi Class when I was a freshman at Cal in Fall 2012. In the past I have held a couple of positions in the chapter including Philanthropy Chair in Spring 2013 and Pylortes in 2016 after completing my military service in South Korea. This year I was given the honor to be elected as Chapter Prytanis, and it is my privilege to lead the fraternity in which I hold most dearly above all else.

Thanks to the outstanding performance of the previous officer corps under the leadership of former Prytanis Vasan Arul, we were able to kick off the semester with a healthy financial status as well as a good standing with the campus. With six out of eight officers this year being sophomores, I could feel the house brimming with energy as many of the younger classmen took initiative to be the change they wanted to see ever since they joined the house.

Managing this fraternity would not have been possible without the young, enthusiastic, and qualified members of the new officer corps. Epiprytanis Warren Pugash is a veteran in chapter business having past experiences with important positions like social chair. Hypophetes Yoshio Boris is one of the most proactive brothers, always rallying others together. Grammateus Matt Melendez's meeting minutes are detailed and his jokes always give a good laugh to the brothers. Crysophylos Christian Medina is a financial expert with extensive knowledge stemming from his past experiences. Histor Matt Helle is the only other junior whose experiences and organizational skills never fail to impress. Pylortes Ryan Foster is our dedicated sergeant-at-arms whose role is becoming ever important. Last but not least, Hegemon Ben Bright is the passionate teacher who gives all his heart teaching pledges what TKE means to them.

On top of our officer corps, our brothers at large are heavily involved in our community making an impact and putting our name out there. Jonathan Jay, the new president of Calgrieks Alcohol Taskforce, is one of the most influential individuals across the Cal Greek community. Daniel Au, Vasan Arul and Sree Boyella are involved in some of the most rigorous and prestigious professional fraternities on campus such as Theta Tau, Delta Kappa Alpha and Alpha Kappa Psi. Our previous hegemon Alexander Ho is involved in Superb Productions as student entertainment programs manager. We also have members excelling academically, namely Colin Schoen who is currently a Teaching Assistant for Computer Science 61A series, one of the most important and rigorous

courses for the major.

We are also making bold initiatives to improve the operations of the chapter. With the incorporation of the new team collaboration platform, Slack, as an official chapter communication tool, we have managed to increase communication efficiencies across the board, fostering active discussions in all areas of chapter businesses. To increase accountability and to separate the judiciary arm from executive body, we have reconstituted the judiciary committee under the new chief justice Kenny Closser.

We are also increasing efforts to strengthen our connection with the alumni body, with several projects underway spearheaded by our Histor Matt Helle. We are building a professional mentorship program linking alumni with the active body for professional advice, as well as creating a professional recruiting toolbox to assist the recruiting efforts of our undergraduate members. We will make efforts to establish an effective channel of communication between the two bodies, and look forward interacting with aspiring alumni out there to seek advice for the success of the chapter.

House improvement efforts have also been successful with the installation of new flatscreen TV in the dining hall replacing the old plasma TV, and with the end of last year's drought we have undergone an extensive landscaping project thanks to esteemed alumni Carl and Dick Anderson and landscaping chair William Leung.

Our concerted efforts towards philanthropy continues as we are holding several events bringing the community together for a good cause, led by frater Thomas Ferry, one of most prominent visionaries in the chapter. "Puppies n' Pancakes" co-hosted with Alpha Phi brought in a great amount of attention, allowing community members to have a great time having a brunch with puppies from "Canine Companions for Independence." We also made the house ADA accessible, creating a socially inclusive event for all members regardless of character. With these experiences we are planning our way to building a sustainable signature event in the near future, and we look forward the days to come.

TKE's social events are becoming known for their unparalleled attention to detail

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MESSAGES FROM THE UNDERGRADS

HEGEMON REPORT

My name is Ben Bright, and I pledged TKE Nu chapter in Fall of 2015 my freshman year as part of the Alpha Gamma pledge class. I am about to begin my Junior year, planning on graduating with a degree in molecular and cellular biology and attending dental school with the goal of becoming an orthodontist after graduation. Before taking over as Hegemon for the 2017 calendar year, I was also the scholarship chair during my first semester as a brother. I am very grateful to be the Hegemon of Nu chapter. This experience has been rewarding, and has helped me grow and push myself as an individual. I am happy that I have the ability to educate our new members and influence the future of our brothers. In this brief message I would like to first summarize the Spring 2017 pledge semester and then talk about my plans for the upcoming Fall semester pledge process.

The Spring 2017 pledge class of Nu Chapter was the Alpha Zetas, who are a fine group of young men that finished the process with nine new members strong. The pledge class president, Evan Hershman, led his pledge class through a challenging but successful semester. Multiple members of the Alpha Zetas have already expressed interest in taking on larger leadership roles in TKE when the new officers will be elected for 2018. Since Spring 2017 was my first semester as the Hegemon, I decided to implement a few new ideas for the Alpha Zeta pledge semester to change the pledge process a bit.

First, I began to meet one on one with the pledge class president every week after new member meetings. This was a very effective way to communicate with the leader of the pledge class to ensure that he was keeping track of his pledge brothers' goals, philanthropy requirements, fundraising requirements, and other various goals for Nu chapter. Furthermore, I added a new pledge event which replaced the first scavenger hunt in San Francisco, also known as the "Marin Trip". I considered the fact that the current pledge process had two long events in the city of SF, and thus saw this as redundant. So instead, I designed a new pledge event called "Invade the Farm" which was still a fun scavenger hunt, but on the campus of Stanford University. During this trip, the Alpha Zetas met with famous professors, serenaded girls in the Stanford Library, and hiked various trails. After the pledge semester was over, the Alpha Zetas told me that this was the best pledge event of their semester by far and urged me to keep the event for the Fall pledge class, which is exactly what I plan on doing.

The 2017 officer corps has enormous expectations for the results of this upcoming rush of Fall 2017. Our rush committee

includes multiple brothers who are very dedicated to Nu Chapter, and are incredibly driven individuals. As such, we plan on having at least 20 potential members sign their bids to join the pledge process as part of the Alpha Eta class. I found that the transition to Hegemon was very challenging, as it is a time consuming, tough

position. So, for the Fall 2017 pledge semester, I will be implementing a Hegemon committee in which two brothers who are interested in becoming Hegemon will assist me with various operations with regards to the pledge process. This is for the sole purpose of having brothers gain experience with running the pledge process, but also gaining some credentials before running for the position of Hegemon in the future. For this coming Fall, I plan on focusing more on the professional and social development of our new members in order to make the Alpha Etas better men for a better world and the best TKEs that they can be.



PHILANTHROPY REPORT

Spring 2017 was a great semester for TKE's philanthropy. Not only did the chapter engage greatly with the local community with a record participation in Camp Kesem (Over 8 members and pledges joined the ranks of the organization), but TKEs also organized two signature events and will most certainly reach their goal of raising \$1000 for St. Jude's. For the first event named Puppies and Pancakes and held in march, our chapter partnered with the Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi and the Canine Companions for Independence in order to raise awareness about dog and animal abuse as well as to raise funds for our respective philanthropic actions. In April, the chapter organized TKE Trivia, where sororities competed for the title of first ever TKE Trivia champions. As a final note, on behalf of St. Jude's and the children they benefit, we would like to thank esteemed alum Paul Polapat Ark, who generously made a substantial donation in the name of the TKE Nu Chapter. Paul, thank you, you exemplify what fraternity for life as well as Love, Charity and Esteem really mean.

ATHLETIC REPORT

The Spring 2017 Intramural season was a fruitful one for the TKE Nu Chapter. Brothers and pledges proudly represented cherry and grey colors in five different sports. TKEs were signed up in the dodgeball, flag football, 3v3 basketball, and speed soccer leagues. We also partnered with the lovely members of the ZTA Upsilon chapter to compete in the co-ed softball league. When judging the performance of our TKEs in most of these sports, it would be wise to keep in mind Pierre De Coubertin's infamous quote: "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well." as TKEs compensated what they lacked in skills with the strength of their character and their great sense of fair play. However, it is important to notice that the speed soccer team with a 4 - 1 record is looking towards the league playoffs and has a high potential to claim the title. Only time will tell if the efforts of Joe Dorfman and his teammates will lead them to victory.



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.

HYPOPHETES REPORT

My name is Yoshio Boris and I am the current Hypophetes for the house. I am a member of the Alpha Gamma pledge class from the Fall of 2015. This semester has consisted of many brotherhood events including deep gavels, hikes, brotherhood bonfire's, and so many more. For those of you that do not

know what deep gavel is, it is essentially a gavel pass that we have at meeting, but it is a time for brothers to come and speak about any and all aspect of their life and any struggles they may be facing and want to share with the group. It is a great time for brothers to get anything heavy that may be weighing on their chest off and a space for brothers to be there to support each other. They are held every other week with a regular attendance of 10-15 brothers. Retreat is coming up on April 8th and it will be held up at Tilden park as per tradition the last few years.

Brotherhood is definitely on the rise in the house. One of my goals as hypo was to have more use of the communal space (living room) downstairs and I think this is definitely becoming the norm. With the mounting of the new TV, on any given weeknight you will find people downstairs playing pool, studying, watching TV, eating, or just hanging out and socializing. The presence of brotherhood is also very evident at meeting. As many of you may know we have awards for stories of the week including TKE of the week. Out of the 10 awards at least 2 stories are nominated per award every week, which gives us all a plethora of laughs and a space for us to talk about everything fun that happened during that week. Brothers have also made a number of trips around the country and world this semester. Over spring break last week, we had a group of 10 guys go to Cabo, 3 brothers were on Oahu, and a group of 3 brothers took a backpacking trip up to Mt. Zion. We have a couple more brotherhood events planned on the calendar including Cal Day at the Giants game where we will be sending 22 brothers off to the Giants game to watch the boys in orange and black bring home a W (implied Giants bias) and senior send off just before finals. Again I am happy to report that morale is high and I thank you all for your continued support of the current chapter!



ETHAN'S STORY

Dear Fraters,

As Tekes of Nu chapter, we all have different memories of how it was like when we first stepped into the doors of our fraternity. As an international student from a country halfway around the world in the fall of 2012, this fraternity has shown me what it means to have a home away from home.

As a child, my memories are filled with moving trucks and smell of new houses. Born in Seoul, South Korea, our family would move wherever my father assigned by the company. It was a style of life in which we found hard to adapt to but also in which we came to accept. After living in two different countries, eight different cities, and six different schools, I finally received a high school diploma and an acceptance letter to Cal, signaling a new chapter in my life in a completely new country and new environment.

I still remember one morning of August 2012 when I landed on SFO with two oversized luggage. I was familiar with the language that surrounded me yet it all felt unfamiliar. Sitting on the Bart while it raced towards Berkeley I was both excited and nervous for all the things that I would come across in Cal.

After taking care of all the initial agenda once arrived in Berkeley, with a new 510 number on my phone, I was wondering what the next steps were to meet more people in this college town. It seemed overwhelming for me to go through all the checklist to find the right group for me, and fraternities seemed to be very honest about what they could offer – friends. Of course, having over 30 fraternities on campus did not help me to narrow down my choices, and I turned to Joseph “Hawk” Yim (Upsilon Class) for advice. Having known him since high school, it seemed only fair for me to heed his advice and check the Greek community out for myself. After all, having moved around so many times in my life, I knew the best way to settle down is to find a place that I could call home.

Toga parties in Sigma Nu, Rooftop beerpong in ATO, and after shady invitations from Alpha Sigs in the backyards of Aqua Delt, I came back to the doorsteps of TKE. I fell love with its beautiful house and amazing members in the chapter. Of course, nothing went smoothly – mistaking venerable prytanis Michael Tuffli as a newly initiated brother, drunkenly trying to get into Bart with the help of Andrew “Tre” Trevino who ended up becoming my big brother, and shameless selfies with brothers that I didn't even know – and I had a great time coming here. Before I knew it, I signed my bid in the chapter room and I was inducted as a pledge.

Even until then I didn't know what fraternities really were – I remember the frustration trying to persuade my parents to help pay for the dues while I didn't really know what I was getting into. After the first encounter with my hegemon Alex Morris, I finally realized that this was pretty “real.” Of course, I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in TKE, and I ran for Pylortes as a freshman straight after I was initiated, hoping to make the impact I wished to make in this fraternity.

Reality, however, was different from ideal. Losing the election to no confidence was a blow to my ego. I also realized that it was important for me to build more experience if I wanted to give confidence to the chapter at large as a potential leader. I joined the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi on campus, and after my third semester in which I picked up my first little, I was making preparations to withdraw from school and serve in the Korean military.

The first month at the bootcamp was such a tough yet amazing experience. Standing in formation with hundreds of other jarheads on the first day tapped into my sense of discipline and I was determined to make this a meaningful experience. Third day into the camp I was promoted to platoon leader in command of 66 others. Giving morning reports to drill instructors, screaming all day to keep people in formation, and ending the day with a formal report to company CO hardened my discipline and taught me about leadership. Being ranked as second in the company on the last day of four-week training gave me the confidence coming from the first experience as a leader.

Due to my shoulder conditions, I was assigned in the public sector, serving in the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office in the heart of Seoul. There, I was immediately assigned to department of emergency as the social service personnel representative in charge of 35 others. It was a rough ride carrying out orders coming from my COs and keeping others – most of whom who were older than I was – in line. I slowly realized that, even in commanding positions, leading others required charisma and competence. Lacking age that gave me the first element, I focused on the latter, constantly communicating with the rest of personnel in terms of what we have to do and what we can do to keep ourselves in line. My lack of age and charisma, although it made it harder to command, it taught me valuable lessons about what it meant to lead.

Nearing 24 months of service, I participated the 2016 officer elections online and ran for Pylortes again. Although I was uncontested, at least this time I was able to beat no

confidence. Serving as chapter Pylortes, I realized that despite my experiences I was still long ways from the leadership TKE required. My leadership was often described as too rigid and unyielding, and it wasn't enough to reach a higher goal. I decided instead of focusing on what the chapter can't do in terms of risk management, I focused on what I can do on risk perspective to help facilitate the events in the fraternity. Success of Decline of Western Civilization and our good standing with the campus reaffirmed the efforts I made, and I decided to run for Prytanis. Since being elected as Prytanis my goal was to give back to the fraternity as it has given me.

For me, college was a long journey to learn about leadership, and this journey would not have possible if it weren't for TKE that I called home since the first time I stepped into Cal. I see TKE not only as a chapter of a fraternity, I see it as a home for many young men who drifted long ways from home, and moreover a cradle of leadership so that those young men could become great future leaders of our society. One of my goals is to inspire – inspire young members to take on endeavors that will forge them into better men.

- Ethan Jung #1192



PRYTANIS MESSAGE

(Continued from pg 3) and execution, providing a great experience to all the guests visiting our house. Pylortes Ryan Foster and the newly formed Sexual Assault Prevention Chairs Kenny Closser, Jordan Rosendorf, and Xander Paul promote our number one rule as Tekes to “always be a gentleman” by giving consent talks to all our guests. Our themed events such as “the Glow,” “Tropik Thunder,” and “Electrify America” have proven to be huge successes both in entertainment and risk management, impressing IFC officials and guests visiting 2725 Channing Way.

There are still challenges that awaits our chapter in the upcoming weeks. In recent years, the Cal Greek community has received increasing pressure to increase accountability and improve internal risk management. With the end of recent litigations the Greek community has faced, Greek societies are transitioning into the newly constituted IFC that will be self-sustained and self-governed, and our chapter is working closely with advisors and nationals to ensure a seamless transition into the new system. The big senior class graduating this spring - many of whom played integral roles in the chapter throughout their membership - will also signal a transition of the chapter to the next generation. Our goal as an officer corps is to empower many of the younger members to fill in the roles vacated by the graduating seniors, to continue the

momentum so that our chapter may thrive in the future.

Looking towards the future, the Alpha Zeta pledge class under the supervision of Hegemon Ben Bright is coming together to prove their integrity potential members of the future. Pledge class president Evan Hershman and his 9 pledge brothers will soon present their pledge class house project that aims to impress the active body and in turn earn their membership to this fraternity.

Having been involved in TKE since 2012, I have witnessed the changes that our chapter has gone through, the challenges we have faced, and the hopes of pledge classes looking forward into the future. My goal, as a Prytanis and soon-to-be-graduating senior, is to ensure that I lay to foundations in which this chapter stand on to thrive on, to be the soil that the new seeds of hope may grow in the future. I thank all the esteemed alums who have enabled TKE to stand as it is today, and I promise to pass it on to the future in a better shape just as you have done in the past.

TKE

YOUNG ALUMNI SHOWCASE

Steve Schmidt interviews Andy Henning '12

So, how does a Liberal Arts major from CAL wind up getting a job at Google?

In addition to wanting to find out the answer to that question, I also just wanted a chance to get to catch up with one of my favorite 21st Century TKEs - Andy Henning. Thus, I met Andy on April 19 with long time girlfriend Jess at Chez Maman in Hayes Valley. Though we had a great visit with wonderful food, it was a bit loud to conduct an interview and as usual, I did more talking than listening. So we tried again on Sunday, June 4 at Dragon Eats, had some great Vietnamese food, and it was quiet enough there to conduct an interview.

In a large sense, it seems like Andy has come full circle. Andy was born in 1989 in Hayward, the youngest of 3 sons. Both of his brothers are much older with differences of 12 and 20 years between them and him. Andy was then raised in Alameda and Andy currently lives in Alameda close to where he grew up. He enjoys the small town feel and sense of community there. What comes around goes around. As Andy was the beneficiary of community support when he was younger, now Andy spends much of his free time giving back to the community that had helped him earlier in his life. Luckily for Andy, the Google bus stops in Alameda to take him to the Mountain View Campus to go to work.

Andy attended high school in Berkeley at St. Mary's Catholic where his dad taught math. In fact, Andy took his father's classes for 2 years. As Andy is currently taking classes to improve his skill base, he still gets tutored from his dad to help him for his job with Google. Not only is Andy's current course of study important to his career, but also, Andy says, "I wanna stay in school and I wanna keep learning". "I haven't taken math since high school. I think it kind of trains a certain part of my brain that's laid dormant for a very long time." "Going back to school has been good because it definitely has opened up some avenues as far as becoming more technical in my career."

The summer between Andy's Sophomore and Junior year of high school, he was diagnosed with lymphoma. He was exhibiting signs of the disease which were recognized by family members. "A lot of people in my family are doctors A good immigrant family."

While at Stanford Medical Center, Andy was diagnosed with Stage 2 Hotchkins Disease.

So, a Social Worker from the "Make A Wish Foundation" spoke with Andy and asked what his wish would be. Andy was amazed as basically, "There's nowhere in the world I can't

go and there's no one in the world I can't meet. It's kind of a strange feeling to a person who's an anonymous citizen."

So, Andy chose to go to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Andy loves how the Olympics symbolize a coming together of nations. Additionally, Andy ran Cross Country in high school and despite being diagnosed with lymphoma, even while battling the disease, he continued running. Thus, he dreamed of going to the Olympics to see some famous runners. He even got to meet CAL Gold Medal Swimmer Natalie Coughlan and wear some of her medals! GO BEARS!



2008 Beijing Olympics

Andy had been given the option to meet some freshman senator from Illinois - a guy with a funny sounding name. According to Andy, turning down the opportunity to have lunch with Barrack Obama is the "Biggest regret of my life."

During his Freshman year at CAL, Andy lived in Bowles Hall. In fact, fellow Google employee and future pledge brother Kyle Meshna lived 2 doors down from him at Bowles. Another TKE who lived at Bowles with Andy was Frater Mike Deamer.

For the Spring Semester of his freshman year, Andy rushed the Greek System with a few other Bowles Men, including Kyle Meshna. At first, Andy was not particularly sold on the Greek system. He applied to Coops as well. When I asked him what drew him to TKE, he replied, that there was a "good mix of guys there." He noticed a racial mix at TKE apart from the other fraternities. Andy felt a big difference at 2725 Channing Way with the diversity of personalities and just felt more comfortable there. He gives credit to Eric Tye

for being an outstanding rusher who gave Andy the “benefit of the doubt” in terms of being a good guy and a worthy rushee.



1,000 year old church in Eastern Turkey

Andy pledged TKE-Nu as part of the XI Class which was a big pledge class. Tom Paulino was his Pledge Class President and some of his pledge brothers included Max Keeler, David Herschorn, Christian Handley, and Kyle Meshna. What a great pledge class! Please don't feel slighted if your name was not listed as part of XI Class. This is an article about ANDY after all.

The only ritual office Andy held was as Histor, probably one of the reasons I know him better than many others, since he was forced to interact with the alums. I clearly remember that as Histor, Andy worked hard with a Phone Banking campaign to improve and expand on the data base of TKE-Nu alumni and their contact information.

Andy also served as a Rush Chair and for years worked as our Landscaping Chairman.

At CAL, Andy completed a double major in History and Geography, focusing on Earth Systems Science, which Andy calls a “pseudo science”. This is the branch of Geography that deals mostly with the environment. By earning a double major, Andy said, “I wanted to have more breadth.” Upon graduating from CAL, Andy at first took a job as an intern contracted by the State of California's Department of Fish and Wildlife to map invasive plants in the San Joaquin / Sacramento Delta. Apparently, these non idigneous plants were blocking some shipping channels.

Later that Fall, Andy responded to an advertisement by a hiring company known as Leap Force. The 1 line stated that a “major tech company” was looking for majors in geography. Andy's interview was in Pleasanton in an office that Andy said looked like a “front”. He was at first a bit creeped out and remiss to give them his Social Security Number. Yet, it was

all on the up and up. At first, Andy worked as a contractor and temporary employee, but eventually Google bought his contract and he has been with them almost 5 years now.

Andy now works as a Business Analyst for Google. “I started doing Program Management at Google.” But, “I didn't really want to be a boss and have to manage other people.” “Analytics is great!”

Being so proud of his accomplishments, I then asked Andy for a business card. His classic Google employee answer was, “Paper. Not a thing. Ya know Ecard, I guess.”

As a Google employee, Andy works with an operation team that collects and then curates map data. As part of Google Maps, Andy analyzes the accuracy of this map data by trying to keep up with changes in the real world like roads and businesses being closed, parades, and the like. Thus, part of Andy's job is to get metrics on how well Google Maps is keeping up with accuracy.

Andy met his girlfriend, Jessica Nelson, while she was a TKE House boarder during the summer of 2011. Andy and other fraters lived in 2D (the 2nd floor walkthrough and closet to us older alums) and Jess, a Chi Omega, and some other girls lived in 2C (the 2nd floor walkthrough and porch). Thus, Andy and Jess shared a bathroom all summer and took their first steps toward living together. In 2015, Jess and Andy took a massive cross-country road trip together.

As mentioned earlier, Andy spends much of his time volunteering. At Alameda's Presbyterian Church, Andy is one of the Deacons who is elected by the congregation. Andy helps to care for members of his congregation by serving meals to those who need that help and by coordinating donations for his church. Andy also volunteers at the Alameda Food Bank.

When I asked Andy what he does for fun or who he hangs out with, his first answer was, “I work a lot. Sometimes I wish I didn't

work so much.” Even so, at Google's Mountain View campus, he sometimes sees Fraters Brian Manley, Brett Goldstein; and before being relocated to Dublin, Ireland, Kyle Meshna.

Also, “We have this thing called



Badwater Basin - lowest point in Western Hemisphere Turkey

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ALUMNI SHOWCASE

Peter Cloven interviews Jon Tomlinson '89



Sitting down for a lunch of sushi and tall Kirin beers, John Tomlinson (aka Whopper), reminisced fondly of his days at Berkeley, at Cal, and at 2725 Channing. He recalled he came to Berkeley from North San Diego County, growing up working his parents' nurseries in Orange and San Diego Counties. Graduating for Fall Brook High School, he didn't get

accepted to Cal on the first shot. But he appealed and was able to get into what he called the best school in California that could challenge him academically. He knew that if he went to USC or Pepperdine, he'd have to work for his father on weekends, so he was happy to be at Cal.

During his first semester in the Unit 2 dorms, he met Jonathan Wales who had pledged TKE in the fall. He recalled going to the Decline of Western Civilization party and deciding that he just had to pledge TKE the following Spring semester.

Whopper is quick with dates and numbers and quickly rattled off his scroll number as #878, which he states he proudly signed on April 21, 1986. He smiles when he says his Big Brother was Daniel F. Bryan. His four person pledge class brothers included Lee Banks, Jay Lee, and Rob Laposavik. The Prytanis at the time was Greg Sutton. During his time at TKE, he recalls receiving the Love, Charity, and Esteem Award from National for exemplifying TKE from the then chapter advisor, Ross Durking.

As a pledge, Whopper realized how special TKE would become to him. He never saw any of his economics or geography major classmates on campus, but only in class. TKE house gave him a place to be. Instead of being undergraduate #U2465-270 (his actual UC student ID from memory), TKE gave him a home away from home. Whopper never lived in the house because he knew it would be a major distraction. He lived off campus in Albany and drove to campus every day. He paid for the TKE lunch program and sometimes slept on the couch.

Whopper recalls realizing that all the pledge events (phases) were created for the pledges by actives with so much

effort being placed by actives behind the scene. He recalls the scavenger hunt and seeing actives all over the city making sure the pledges were safe. He remembers the rush of Monsoona. While he expected to get wet, he never dreamed of having so much water being involved. Given that Spring was a colder season, he recalls relaxing from the euphoria with the camaraderie of hot chocolate and a warm fire in the chapter room afterwards.

He fondly remembers "Ruby .. Kegeerator" who gave the best head in Berkeley and got tapped often. He recalls kicking back in the Kimosphere, cleaning the sidewalk with tooth brushes, and the space heater patrol (Ted Walker and John Paris with bats). But TKE also taught him that you can't always get your way, and you have to work around some personalities.

While he graduated in May of 1989, he vividly recalls the 1990 edict from TKE National that abolished physical hazing. Whopper always thought of the phases as character building that made stronger pledges and fraters. Whopper concludes that lack of formality to the new pledge program (mostly educational) caused the guys that came later to be less committed as the older guys because they didn't have a sense of bonding. But the late 1980s and early 1990s were not kind to the fraternity system due to too many deaths and bad publicity, so National's edict was understandable. He remembers the decreasing membership with lament and the need to bring on borders to pay the bills.

During his last year of Cal, his younger brother passed away which caused Whopper to go home to be with family. He applied to law school and graduated from Western State with a JD in 1994. He completed his MBA at Chapman University in 1999 and recalls it being a great private school with excellent teachers. During this time he worked for the family business, Tomlinson Enterprises, which had converted much of its nursery holdings into commercial and multi-family real estate.

In 2001, he started Tomlinson Management Company with his cousin to manage the family's properties. In the same year he married his wife, Lori, and they have been blessed with their son and daughter, Jack & Emma.

Whopper laughs when he thinks about the phrase "go to each other weddings, birthdays and funerals". He has made deep, forever friendships with TKEs that have made a difference in his life. He recalls flying up for his first TKE Christmas Luncheon a few years ago "when the band played

with Fraters from the 1950s". He felt like every person he saw just as if he had been talking to them yesterday (rather than almost 30 years ago). Whop vows to make it to at least one football game a year and fondly remembers the Fireman with all those valves and tubes ... "you need a Ph.D. to use it, but it was fun".

Whopper has had an active civic life since graduating Cal. He became a Master Mason and rose to Master of the Lodge and has been a line officer for 10 years. He says proudly that that is one of his proudest achievements.

As a resident of Dana Point, California, a few years ago, his 83 year old neighbor came to him and said "the city is going to take away my chickens." With a soft spot in his heart for the neighbor, Whopper told her that he would talk to the city council about the chickens and see if he could help. A legislative advocate and president of the Orange County Apartment Association, he was familiar with how to talk to city officials. He found out the City of Dana Point was incorporated in 1989. Prior to that it was part of County and chickens were allowed. However, the new ordinance did not allow livestock. His neighbor had had birds for years, and did not know they had become illegal when city incorporated.

Whopper went to bat for his neighbor, talked with the city council, and prepared a draft ordinance. As a result the City Manager said "we need good guys like you to run for city council ... you could be mayor someday". Whopper initially laughed at the idea. However, one of the edicts of being a Mason is to give back to the community that has given you so much. Running for office fit well into a Masonic upbringing. So, he filed to run 2 weeks before the deadline to file. He ran his campaign as a political newcomer with a good background and education. He ended up receiving the most votes of the nine candidates listed. Shortly into his term he was named, mayor pro tem and then served as mayor of the city of Dana Point for a year. He remains a council member.

As Whopper thinks back to his time at Berkeley and TKE, he realizes the most important thing he learned at Berkeley was that his view point (a North San Diego County Conservative) wasn't everything. He learned to listen to other people. While at Cal, he had to work with people who had completely different politics and upbringings. He learned that while he can be just as passionate as they are, their point is just as valid as his. Spoken like a true TKE gentleman and public servant.

From the City of Dana Point Web Page John Tomlinson - Council Member

John's family has resided in Dana Point since the 1960's. John and his wife Lori moved to Dana Point in 2005. They are very proud parents of their twin daughter and son. John is a volunteer director for several profit and non-profit organizations. He has owned his own property management company, Tomlinson Management, Inc., since 1999.

First elected to the City Council in November 2014, John assumed office on December 2, 2014. He served as the City's Mayor in 2016.

John is a member of the Vestry of his Church, as well as a reader, and Eucharist Minister. He also enjoys being a regional referee for AYSO. He raises Lowline Angus cattle in Northern Idaho and participates in Regional and National Stock Shows. His champion bull, FT Sir Constantine (named in honor of a colleague and good friend battling ALS), was declared the 2015 Fullblood Angus Lowline National Champion at Western National Stock Show in Denver.

John graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Geography. He earned a Juris Doctor from Western State University in 1994, and a Master in Business Administration from Chapman University in 1999.

YOUNG ALUMNI SHOWCASE

(Continued from pg 9) the 'Bistro Brothers' where every 2 months or so, fraters, under the direction of Evan Khan, will get together for a brunch or dinner. Other members of the Bistro Brothers include Sam Homich, Barrett Glauser, Alex Morris, Matt Cooke, and Andrew Trevino. According to Andy, "I feel like I'm probably the oldest. Except for Trevino. I'll never be as old as Trevino!"

Andy still runs for fun taking on 5Ks, 10Ks, and the 2016 "Bay to Breakers".

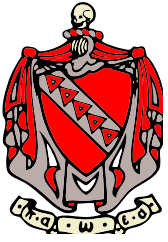
Andy wants to do much more software and some computer science learning - as much as he can. Through his recent

coursework, Andy will be getting an additional A.A. degree, but more importantly, he'll receive skills and knowledge needed to advance his career.

Upon graduation, like most of us, Andy was scared. Who hires liberal arts majors?

Yet, one lesson of Andy's story is quite apparent. Frater Henning's wise words for the undergraduate chapter are: "Follow your dreams and your passions and you'll end up in the right spot eventually." That certainly happened for Frater Henning!

CONGRATULATIONS on all of your successes!



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