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THE NU CHAPTER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The 66th Annual Nu Chapter Holiday Luncheon is Sunday, December 15th, at the Moraga Country Club. Mark your calendars now and join us! Last year's event was an amazing gathering in a large private room with a quality sound system, great food, and an open bar. Generations of TKE Fraters, new and old, gathered and compared stories of our days at 2725 Channing. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet the next generation of Fraters and share in the camaraderie that makes our chapter so special.

Like last year, we will have we will welcome our new pledge class and many actives to continue to live by the example that we are a "Fraternity for Life." RSVP through our website if you haven't already done so! (www.tkenu-alumni.org)

Spread the word to any Frater you know who might not have received the previous email or postcard notifications.

See you all on December 15th!

YITB,

Peter Cloven '86, #858
President, TKE Nu Alumni Association



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

Zach Leighton - #1403

Fraters of the Nu Chapter,

My name is Zach Leighton, and I have been very fortunate to serve as TKE Nu's 2024 Prytanis. I am a Junior majoring in Urban Studies and minoring in Public Policy, and a part of the Spring 2023 Alpha Sigma pledge class. While the house has certainly had difficult times over this past year and especially throughout the pandemic, we have already seen lots of positive change and we are primed for even more in the near future.

After a great rush the past two semesters, we have a strong brotherhood of over 60 active members, and we are primed to add 10 more new members by the conclusion of this semester. Since Covid, the house has had far fewer live-ins than in the past, leading to not only financial hardship but also a much different experience for those who do live-in, with far more closed doors and less activity on a daily basis. From last Spring to this Fall, we were able to increase the number of live-ins from 25 to 36, which has led to an incredible change in the day to day energy in the house and has been significantly more fun for the house as a whole.

On top of the increase in live-ins, there have been many projects completed recently which have added lots of value to our house. We have had the front of the house professionally repainted, put new vinyl floors in 2B and 3B, and rebuilt our DJ stand. Our most innovative project of the past year has been the first floor Gentleman's Room, which has been added to and worked on over the course of the year. Thanks in large part to a generous donation from housing board president Mark Edelstone, we were able to put couches, a coffee table, a tv and sound system, a pool table, end tables, and more items to make the room a truly enjoyable place to be. Over the past few years, the room had been used for random storage or just empty space. This transformation project has been a huge success, with brothers using the room to study, eat lunch together, watch sports together, and much more. Our Hypophetes has also done a great job utilizing the space, planning movie nights and a super bowl watch party which drew really great attendance from the brothers (and have been some of my personal favorite events with the house).

This past Spring, we had great success with our philanthropy, raising thousands of dollars for St. Jude's through TKE Week, in which we hosted philanthropy events every day of the week leading up to Cal Day. We held a live music night with friends inside and out of the greek community, a rodeo themed event with a sorority, as well as a clothing drive / thrift day held with GASA (Greeks Against Sexual Assault). Our most popular event of the week, TKE Trivia, was also a great success, with almost 20 teams from different sororities donating to our philanthropy for a fun night of trivia and music. We've also been very active in other philanthropies, including participating in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash dance competition, Chi Omega's kickball tournament (which we won!), and winning a Redbull charity competition for spinal cord research, in which brothers raised almost a thousand dollars for the cause.

The brotherhood has also been very active in the Cal sports scene, hosting game day parties and alumni barbecues on the deck before the brothers head off to Memorial Stadium to have their hearts broken by a Cal missed field goal. Of course,

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we also saw an incredible turn out from the brotherhood at Cal's first ever College Gameday on October 5th, with active members, candidates, and even recently graduated alumni waking up and making their way out to the glade by 2am for an unforgettable experience. We have also had great turnouts at the basketball games, often with over a dozen brothers heading to the games together to cheer on the squad.

As Prytanis, I have learned so many lessons and made some of the best memories of my life over this past year. I have learned how this house runs, but more importantly what makes this house truly special. As brothers, our connections to one

another as both active members and alumni are the foundation of this house, and those connections would never be possible without those who have donated their time, energy, expertise, money, and support in so many other ways. Thank you all for giving back to this house and helping us continue to grow and thrive to this day. Hope to see you around the house!

Yours in the Bond,

Zach Leighton #1403
Prytanis, Nu Chapter

A VIEW FROM THE BOARD



Dear Fraters,

Another year is almost over, and I am happy to say that Nu Chapter is doing well. As I have gotten older and hopefully wiser as well, I like to say that you should never underestimate the importance of leadership. Nu Chapter is an excellent case in point.

Zach Leighton has been our Prytanis this year, and he and his officer corps have successfully managed numerous challenges to leave the house in a strong position as we enter 2025.

In addition to the undergraduate chapter, we have been blessed to have lifelong Tekes committed to the long-term success of Nu Chapter. To that end, I would like to recognize the strong support of the Housing Corporation Board, which is comprised of Peter Cloven, Craig Kirchner, Erik Lewis, John Phillips (Treasurer and our sole remaining member of CAPA to which we will always be grateful to for its vision and leadership) and Anthony Wright (Secretary). In addition, our Advisory Board is comprised of Andy Henning, Kevin Okimura, Xander Paul, Mike Rigg (also serves as Chapter Advisor) and Graham Van Leuven (former Chapter Advisor). These individuals bleed Cherry and Gray, as well as Blue and Gold, and they are invaluable leaders supporting the long-term success of Nu Chapter.

With 63 actives currently in the undergraduate chapter, Nu Chapter is doing well and the number of fraters living in the house has been steadily increasing since the depths of the COVID pandemic. The front of the house looks good, as a new coat of paint was applied before the school year started. Other

improvements have been made to the backyard and inside the house as well. If you haven't been to the house recently, you should definitely do so and check it out.

Our football team could have easily been undefeated as I write this letter, as we lost our first four ACC games by a total of 9 points after starting the season 3-0, including an important road win against Auburn. Regardless, the pregame alumni parties at the house were still a lot of fun. My hope is that we can finish with a winning season and be Bowl Eligible. Regardless, our 2025 schedule looks to be significantly easier and with this year's learnings, I am hoping we can overachieve. Please plan to go to some games next season and swing by the house for our gameday BBQs. It's time for basketball to start and while nearly every impact player on our team is new, we are deep and we have a fantastic head coach that knows how to get the most of his players. As always, I intend to be at nearly every home game, so please seek me out if you will be in the Haas!

As many of you will hopefully remember, we had an awesome 100-year anniversary party for Nu Chapter in 2019. While we still have time ahead, our mortgage will be fully paid off in January 2026. Given that, we plan to have a mortgage burning party at the house to celebrate that milestone in late 2025 or early 2026. More details to follow, but I wanted to give you an early heads up now. Lastly, we moved our annual Holiday Party to the Moraga Country Club. Given its great setup and the solid list of attendees, we are hosting it there again on Sunday, December 15. Hope to see you all there!

YITB,

Mark Edelstone '83 #811
President, Housing Corporation Board of Directors

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - ERIC TYE

We're all aware of how the COVID-19 pandemic changed life as we knew it in the beginning of 2020. But less known is that one of our very own TKEs, Eric Tye, played an instrumental role in helping the world respond to the pandemic by supporting the global commercialization of Gilead's antiviral therapy, remdesivir (VEKLURY®), one of the first commercially available products aimed at combating COVID-19. I had the pleasure of connecting with Eric for this alumni showcase to learn more about his significant accomplishments and life moments along the way.

Eric was destined to be a Cal Bear. He grew up in San Ramon and has a deep family history of Cal alumni (including both parents, his grandmother, two aunts, three uncles and three cousins). He is the middle child of three brothers, and while his older brother chose UCLA over Berkeley (don't worry, the family still gives him a hard time for being a "baby bear"), both he and his younger brother made the right choice to attend UC Berkeley. Befitting his eventual major (economics), he only applied to UCs because of the great value. His decision came down to UC Santa Barbara and Cal, and the decision to attend Berkeley he claimed to be "one of the best decisions of [his] life."



Eric at a Cal game with his mom, aunts, uncles and cousins

Eric was not intent on joining a fraternity, but his personality and past experiences guided him in that direction. In high school he played football and was a captain of the varsity team. The team made the CIF-North Coast Section championship and played De La Salle in the Oakland Coliseum. Eric had shoulder surgery mid-season and could not play in the championship, and his team was defeated. My money is on these two facts being related. His football experience taught him a lot about hard work, teamwork and brotherhood. He had a strong group of friends and knew he wanted to find great guys to surround himself with at Cal. While he rushed several houses, the quality of the people and the actual brotherly bond he observed at Tau Kappa Epsilon made TKE the easy choice.

A self-admitted "not good" pledge, he soaked up the environment and bonded with pledges and brothers. After his initiation, he was very active in the chapter with roles of rush chair

and epiprytanis, while also being a big brother three times. His love for bringing great guys into the fraternity and ensuring TKE was well run and living up to the core values attracted him to these roles.

Football game days were a highlight of his time at Cal. One of his favorite memories was the legendary game at Stanford his senior year when Cal upset Andrew Luck's squad and he rushed the field with fellow Tekes. For home games, his family would always make the trip to the house. Eric loved hosting them, and the two-story, two-person beer bong was a key attraction. Eric was a professional at racing the beer bong, with a reported record of 13-0 mid-way through one season. His dad's friend and fraternity brother boasted a reputation for chugging and challenged Eric. Eric won, but the competitive spirit of his father's friend did not die. With the barb that he had "figured it out", he demanded a rematch the following week. He returned the next week, and was accompanied by his ten year old son. There was a huge crowd for the rematch, as word had spread throughout TKE. This time, Eric lost by a hair and the winner turned around with a bellowing yell and his fists raised in the air in victory. Seeing his son's wide-eyed excitement, he shook Eric's hand and then leaned down to his son and said, "You see all these people? They worked really hard to get here so they could have fun on days like this. If you work hard, you can come here and have fun too." Eric and the brothers found the moment a hilarious lesson in parenting, and the story became legend.



Eric and Frater Avi Baskin with Eric's family on the TKE deck for a game day

One of the best things Eric got out of the TKE experience was his now wife, Abi. After briefly meeting at a TKE party, they crossed paths again and Eric confidently asked "Liz, right?" Abi did not let him escape the blunder, but the two started dating despite Eric's suaveness. Their relationship grew throughout college and continues to flourish to this day.

Eric was always strong with numbers and gravitated towards quantitative classes but did not have his sights on a specific major coming into college. He explored a lot of different majors, but gained clear focus based on the US economy. The Great Recession was unfolding, and economics classes helped Eric make sense

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out of the complication. The incredible economics professors (including Christina Romer, former chair of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Obama administration and designer of the 2009 federal bailout) helped further Eric's knowledge in the area and provided a great education.



Eric and Abi at TKE's Red Carnation Ball

Beyond TKE being a group of guys that were really fun to hang out with, the fraters truly became Eric's brothers and helped him grow into the man he is today. Through all the highs and lows, they challenged, supported and celebrated with him. After graduation, he moved to San Francisco with three other Tekes (Kyle Meshna, Dain Adamson and Brett Goldstien). This crew along with other recent graduates soaked up all SF opportunities (Outside Lands, Fleet Week, Santa Con, etc.) and went on entertaining trips including the alumni 'bago trip to UCLA and an epic snowboarding road trip to Utah and Wyoming. Eric claims "it was a blast to be young and dumb together in SF."

Realizing that he wanted to be a part of something bigger than himself and have a positive impact in the world, his career search out of college was focused on healthcare or renewable energy. He found himself at ZS Associates, a consulting company specializing in biopharma. The people reminded him of TKE, being smart, motivated and well rounded. There he was able to be deployed to challenging and interesting projects where he was able to learn and assist companies that were literally changing millions of patients' lives with their therapies. At ZS, he started doing a lot of commercial analytics projects to support Gilead's launch of their treatments that cure Hepatitis C. In 2015, after working on many Gilead projects, they reached out to Eric to lead physician market research.

While working at Gilead, Eric figured that he had not had enough Cal experiences in his life. In 2017, he went back to Haas part-time to get his MBA. It was a grueling process to work full time while taking evening classes in Berkeley for his MBA, but Eric has always found that when he pushes himself outside his comfort zone, he grows, and the MBA program was no exception. He graduated, via Zoom, in 2020, to add a second Cal degree to his name.

As the pandemic hit, it is not news to anyone that the world began scrambling for therapies to prevent, treat or cure the disease. The first candidate to have real impact on the coronavirus was Gilead's antiviral medication remdesivir. While it captured the news headlines, it also captured our very own Eric Tye to support the commercialization efforts through leading Global Analytics and Insights. His team gathers and evaluates data to understand things such as how many patients are receiving the product, why

qualifying patients may not be receiving the product and how to communicate the clinical benefit with physicians and patients. Eric is also working to inform Gilead's product development for COVID-19 by running analyses such as forecasting how many people will get COVID-19 over the next five years and the potential for next generation treatments for patients not yet hospitalized with the virus.

As we emerge from the pandemic, Eric has big things on the horizon. He has been together with Abi for over twelve years and finally had their wedding in the summer of 2022 (originally planned for 2020 but postponed due to COVID-19). They bought a house in Castro Valley in 2022 and are making that house a home. And they recently welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Cooper Michael Tye in March 2024. A couple years ago he trained for and completed the trans-Tahoe relay swim with fellow Teke Avi Baskin, his older brother and other friends. Always thirsty for outdoor adventures, he continues backpacking and freediving/spearfishing, often performing the latter with fellow Tekes Jeff Young and David Wong. He has always loved the ocean, and he views taking a single breath and diving down in search of fish as the most pure way to interact with the ocean and harvest his own food. During a freediving training class, he hit a personal best dive of 111 feet but says he typically goes only 30-40 feet in search of fish.

In just eleven years out from graduation, Eric has flourished in life. He has career successes, being a Director at Gilead that has directly supported the COVID-19 response. He has personal successes, surrounded by loving friends, family and wonderful partner to explore those things that he enjoys about life. His life has been supplemented by the great experiences and relationships through Tau Kappa Epsilon, and he continues to push himself to live his best life and live by his strong values. We do not know what is exactly in store for Eric's future, but we look forward to being included in the journey as friends and brothers.



Eric, Abi, and Cooper on a trip to San Diego in 2024

NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

Many readers tell us this is the section of Nu News that they most look forward to. So it is with pleasure that we present a somewhat expanded section in this issue. We continue to encourage alumni to contribute news and photos for us all to enjoy.

JOHN PHILLIPS '61 #460 - As a member of the class of 61 (and class of 66 for my MBA), I am recognizing ever more clearly, through our 50s and 60s era membership decline, the cycle of life we are all traveling on. As many of you know, three of my adult lifetime close friends from Nu Chapter: Dick Anderson, Cliff Ceridono and Carl Anderson, and I, renovated the chapter house in 2003-04, which we were all very proud of accomplishing. All three have now passed away, Carl being the most recent in 2023. On a more personal note I did travel to Croatia this summer and look forward to seeing many of you at our December 15th Holiday Party.

JIM SHERK '65 #511 - A few of the troopers left from the 1960's, still going strong. Occasion was to visit Frater Mike Duffy, to dine and imbibe at his home in Sierra Madre.



L-R: Mike Duffy, Bob Muhlbach, Bob Quellmalz, Guy Newmark, Terry Smerling, Jeff Vieth (a friend), Jim Sherk and Mike Doyle.

CLARK GROSS '73 #712 - I have been living in Israel for the past three years. Still practicing law, servicing my U. S. clients. Enjoying living a couple of blocks away from my grandkids.

GREG ALLISON '78 #720 - After graduation I became a teacher, VP, and then principal at Glen Cove Elementary School in Vallejo for 25 years. Happily retired now and playing piano concerts in the schools. If there is interest, there are 40 or so YouTube recordings online (search Greg Allison, piano) and also some SoundCloud recordings of Prokofiev, etc. At least once in a child's life they should hear Bach. Still making beer but at a

bit of a higher level than the college years. I would be happy to connect with brothers from the past at gallison37@yahoo.com.

ALEX ZWISSLER '78 #744 - I recently joined the Board of Directors of the Cal Alumni Association. Very happy to stay connected to Cal and contribute where I can be of use. Go Bears!

KEVIN MCFARLAND '81 #743 - I retired from Google last year and started a YouTube channel for guitarists, now at 35k subscribers after 8 months (www.youtube.com/@theBuildingBlocksOfRock). Now working on developing a mobile app (prototype at www.guitarviz.com). My wife Mary is being very patient with my not-quite-retired-yet status. Look forward to catching up at the holiday luncheon!

Mark Edelstone '83 #811 - As time has gone by, I have continued to become more involved at Cal. In 2017, I became a founding member of our amazing and unparalleled M.E.T. (Management, Entrepreneurship & Technology) dual degree (engineering and business) major. On July 1, I was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University. With three possible extensions, I expect to be in this role for the next dozen years. On a personal note, my favorite Teke, Steven Edelstone, will be getting married to his long-time girlfriend, Nikki, in Brooklyn next year! I hope to see many of you at the house before football games, the Holiday Party at my country club in Moraga, or in the stands at Haas as Mark Madsen turns our basketball team into a contender in the years to come.

CHARLES DETHERO '87 #818 - I now meet the definition of Old CAL Forester (El Viejo), as a result of having 4 grandchildren. Now working for the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) helping private landowners with Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention practices such as Shaded Fuelbreaks, Defensible Space, and Forest Resilience in compliance with numerous State plans, including finding myself on the California Joint Forestry Committee. I am a CAL Alumni Golden Bear Life Member, regularly attending CAL Football games, very fun albeit brutal at times; the BEARS can play with anyone, they just are not always on the plus side at the end. FIAT LUX! Keep up the Faith! GO BEARS!

NASIR KHAN '06 #957 - Hey everyone, I hope you're all doing well! Boy, it's been a minute, eh? I'm in southern California these days, and have been a practicing immigration attorney for over a decade. I got married to the love of my life, and we're expecting our firstborn - a future Teke!- due in February of 2025. I can't wait to get back up to Berkeley and show her, and eventually him, that wonderful place on Channing we all call home. More recently, I finished my first manuscript, a horror novel I'm calling

Chapter Eternal

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

While there are likely more Fraters who have passed in to the Chapter Eternal this past year (2023-2024), the following Fraters passing were shared. If you know of others who have passed this last year, please send a note to gobears_34@yahoo.com and we will make a supplemental presentation in the future.

CARL W. ANDERSON '57 (#365)



Carl is one of those special Fraters who never let his light dim with his passion for TKE and the Fraters at 2725 Channing Way. Carl was an active TKE from 1953 to 1957, where he served as Prytanis, among other officer positions. After Cal, he graduated from Boalt Law and went on to an illustrious legal career, from serving as Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County to being appointed as a justice in 1984 by the Governor to the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District. He retired as the presiding justice in 1997 but continued to stay active in the legal field as well in various philanthropic endeavors (Boy Scouts, Rotary, and YMCA).

Carl will be forever known by future pledges as a member of the Big 4 / CAPA, who put up their own resources and talents to renovate our beloved house in 2003/2004 in preparation for coming back on Campus. Carl was passionate about the house and was involved with many landscaping projects throughout the years. He served on that Housing Board and as an advisor to the board until his passing into the Chapter Eternal this year. Carl's contributions to 2725 Channing and memory will always be a blessing.

ANDREW O. DUNN '84 (#804)



Andrew Dun passed in October 2023. For those of us Fraters in from the early 1980s, we remember Andrew fondly and a man with a kind smile and great attitude. Frater Mark Edelstone summarized his passing as follows: Andrew was my Hegemon in 1981 and one of my best friends from the house for more than 40 years. He was a lifelong Teke and an amazing friend and brother. He was a groomsman in my wedding and I was in his as well. With his passing, he leaves his wife Carolyn in Chicago, along with his daughter Lindsay and her husband in Salt Lake City, as well as his son Drew (TKE at Miami of Ohio) and his wife in Chicago. Andrew was a man of deep faith and he and Carolyn were very philanthropic. He will be greatly missed.

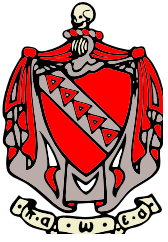
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The Kiss of Mata Hari. It's currently pending with a few agents, and I hope to have it published next year through my creative company, Dapper Gods. I'm stoked to reconnect with you fellas over the coming years.

ANTHONY WRIGHT '10 #1043 - It's been an exciting year for me! I had a record-setting year of travel, flying almost 100,000 miles from everywhere from Biloxi, Mississippi to Taipei, Taiwan. I started the DHS Senior Executive Candidate Development Program allowing me to complete the Key Executive Leadership

Program at American University. I adopted a wonderful new Australian Cattle Dog, German Shepard mix dog named Ember with my partner. I look forward to catching up with you all at the Holiday Luncheon!

ALEX MORRIS '13 #1124 - My wife and I welcomed our new son, David "Lachlan" Morris, to the world on Wednesday, September 25. There's been very little sleep in the Morris household, but an abundance of love and new milestones for our family.



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