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Cooperatively Yours



CONGRATS, GRADS! Over 250 co-ops attended our Co-op Graduation on May 4, 2014. More photos on **page 10**. (Photo booth provided by Two Dudes & A Booth).

CLOYNE COURT REIMAGINED

I like to think that for most of the BSC's history, our members looked at Cloyne Court with wonder. As one of our largest houses - the largest after the closing of Barrington in 1989 - the historic building housed university students in a place where "hospitality and beauty are mated." As a young co-oper, Cloyne shaped

my identity through the music, friends and experiences I enjoyed there. It was my first Co-op, and I will always love that time and place. Last year, after many difficult conversations and the longest Board Meeting in BSC history (that's right, longer than the meetings about Barrington!), Board decided to turn Cloyne into the first

explicitly substance-free house in the cooperative. Further, with support from a generous gift given by a BSC alumnus, Cloyne will also hold academic events aimed at showcasing the hard work and scholarship of BSC members. This decision represents uncharted territory for the BSC and, as the Cloyne Task Force Chair, it has

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CLOYNE TASKFORCE Tackles Changes

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been my responsibility and honor to help establish the new space in a place so familiar and important to me as a Co-op member. With BSC staff, representatives of Cloyne, and also new Cloyne members, the Task Force has been hard at work reshaping Cloyne to meet the Board's call for an academic themed substance-free house.

The work we've done so far is both physical and structural. To give us a chance to design the substance-free policies and the academic theme programs, this summer Cloyne was closed for BSC members. The Cloyne Task Force selected student managers to staff the house for next semester, and these managers lived at Cloyne Summer 2014. They cleaned, gardened, and designed the house's new policies, and made incredible progress. Due to their hard work, the substance free policies are complete, the rooms have fresh coats of paint, and things are looking great for Fall 2014.

Considering the newness of this project, the Board decided to limit membership at Cloyne for Fall 2014 to 100 students and permanently keep the house's membership at 140. Many members were concerned about our ability to generate interest in such a space. In the end, those fears were far from warranted; Cloyne has already reached its 100 member limit for Fall and the waiting list is growing. More importantly, of those 100 members, roughly 80% are new to the BSC and 33% are low-income first-generation college students participating in UC Berkeley's Educational Opportunity Program. These figures are remarkable when considering that only 12% of residents in our other room and board houses are EOP students. In creating a substance-free house, we have expanded our membership to students that likely would have overlooked us completely. We are, for the first time in many years, bringing in a new group of students to the BSC and I am optimistic that they

will help us renew our commitment to the mission of the BSC.

Our mission is to provide low-cost, quality, cooperative housing to university students who might not otherwise afford a university

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education. In 2012 the Board commissioned a demographic survey* of our members. What we discovered was very different from the story that our mission implies. **We are more affluent and less diverse than we tell ourselves**, and our member's demographics are not representative of the UC Berkeley campus. But Cloyne offers a chance to change that. By creating a place for students that traditionally avoided





the BSC as a housing choice, we can work to further serve those who need the co-ops. I value and appreciate the communities that exist across the BSC, but I hope to see us commit to serving the mission as truly as possible. Time will tell.

Ben Perez (Fenwick 2007-09, Cloyne 2009-2012, Rochdale 2012-13, Casa Zimbabwe 2013-14)

Alumni,

Please come visit the new Cloyne Court on **Sunday, September 28!**
See page 18 or

www.bscaa.org/events

After 20 hours of discussion and presentations by Cloyne residents, the Board decided to preserve murals in common areas that do not contain drug references. Cloyne's membership will decide in the Fall what they wish to do with preserved murals.

From left to right: (1) A freshly painted room. All personal rooms were repainted a cream color. (2) Summer residents prepare a room for painting. (3) Summer residents as well as other co-ops could do paid workshift to improve Cloyne. (4) All personal rooms in Cloyne were prepared for painting. (5) Summer residents held weekly dinner meetings to discuss programming for the fall. (6) The Chapel (formerly the TV Room), shown in progress here, is now an ADA accessible study room.

* The Berkeley Student Cooperative thanks Catherine Barry, Ph.D., Demography and Sociology, for conducting our 2012 socio-demographics survey. Her study was critical in our evaluation of how well we are serving our mission. Catherine lived in Convent and Northside Apartments while earning her doctorate degree.



We're All Policy Geeks

BSC Alumni Association Board of Directors Works on Itself

The BSC Alumni Association (BSCAA) Board of Directors created the Board Operations Committee at our retreat in February 2014. Our charge is to examine the functioning of the BSCAA, and its Board in particular.

Our small, enthusiastic group

represents four distinct decades of BSC living: **Victor Garlin** (Oxford 1952-57), **John Ehrlich** (Barrington 1974-77), **Alana Theriault** (Rochdale 1990-92; Castro 1992-94), and **Analise Smith-Hinkley** (Cloyne 2008, Wilde 2009-10). Our collective skills include experience with public policy and the law, organizational management, political activism, and marketing.

Our committee has been working hard. We've been interviewing BSCAA founders, BSC staff, and BSC student leadership to maintain a clear sense of our history and current needs. We conducted a survey of former board members because we want to know why they left the Board, learn how to utilize members' skills, keep Board directors engaged, and keep

our BSCAA members interested. We are also re-examining our formal and informal relationship with the BSC.

We are currently working on the BSCAA bylaws. Some proposed changes will be substantive, such as clarifying our purpose to follow the Rochdale Principles, and to increase our commitment to establishing and sustaining alumni relationships. Others are technical corrections that we believe will streamline and simplify our procedures.

At each meeting we revel in grammarian debates; have good-natured arguments about what transparency looks like; and in fine Co-op tradition convene over snacks, wine, and bubbly water with many social digressions.



Alana (Co-Chair), Analise (Co-Chair), John, and Victor

HOYT HALL Subject of Anthropology Paper

Last summer I spent six extraordinary weeks living in Hoyt Hall. With the help of the Wesleyan University Anthropology Department I conducted participant-observation research for my senior thesis on cooperativism and the intersection of pragmatism and ideology. I examined how Hoyt Hall functions as a cooperative and community-centric microcosm in a competition based market economy. I asked, in an organization whose membership is by definition transient what produces the feeling of solidarity and cohesion (being “a part of something bigger”) that many members described?

I examined how two distinctive features of life in Hoyt—the

routine fulfillment of obligation to community and the deliberate and incidental sharing of space—function to situate the co-oper in a community matrix and instill an understanding of codependency. And though many community members expressed the practical nature of their participation in the cooperative (many explained to me that “living elsewhere is too expensive”) I observed the degree to which this feeling of interconnectedness ultimately generates a strong sense of emotional well-being. As one Hoytian put it, living in Hoyt makes “you feel whole.”

I am a firm believer in the benefits of cooperativism for individuals and for communities. Learning to



This summer Hoyt Hall received new stucco work and a fresh coat of paint, and had its lightwell on the roof repaired.

understand the interconnectedness of people can help us reconceptualize our relationship to people who we will never meet, but who are profoundly impacted by our social and economic choices. As one friend

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Here's a photo from a book swap in Cloyne Court, taken sometime in the 1960s (Cloyne has been Academically-Themed since its inception!). Anyone know who's in this photo or anything about Cloyne's book swaps?

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A photo of some sort of meeting from Ridge House! Anyone know what these men are up to?

Can you identify the people in any of these photos? Please let us know and we'll caption them in the next issue!

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“**Joe DeCuir** (Ridge Project, Davis, Northside Co-op 1969-74) sits cross-legged in the foreground. He helped invent the Atari. He was the manager of the Modem Division of Microsoft about 20 years ago. He's the one who introduced me to the BSC.”
— **Margie (Greene) Guillory** (Hoyt Hall 1970-72, Northside Co-op 1972-75)

“The fella sitting on the sofa, right center is Steve Forest, a roommate of mine.”
— **Ladd Coates** (Ridge House 1968-69)

Battles of Idealism and Self Discovery

The experiences of **Zoe Borkowski** (Stebbins 1948-51), the first female President of the USCA (1949) reveal her real talents... and struggle with identity.

I grew up in East Oakland in a Portuguese, Italian working class neighborhood. My father was a railroad clerk, and my mother was a housewife. I graduated from Castlemont High School.

I struggled as a UC Berkeley student as my working class education hadn't prepared me for the rigors of UC Berkeley. Though I worked hard, I got awful grades! I tripled majored in political science, art, and psychology and later even had a stint in grad school, but I soon realized that I am not an academic. As you will see, the Co-op gave me the opportunity to learn how to organize and work with people.

After commuting to Berkeley for my first year, I moved into Stebbins Hall at the age of 19. It cost \$40 a month to live in Stebbins, and my father's salary was \$2,000/year, so my education was a significant sacrifice for my parents. It upset my father that he couldn't afford a sorority, but I say, thank God for that!

Part of what I really liked in Stebbins Hall was the mix of cultures. But I got called out for discrimination when I asked the House Mother to reassign me because my idiot father, who was in fact sacrificing so much financially, was livid that I wanted to live with my assigned roommate, a black woman. What a scene that was.

The Co-op was the only place on campus for working class kids and kids of color. The sororities and fraternities felt superior. "If you all would just dress differently," a sorority girl said to me. She said they could pick us out anywhere. The fraternities were the same but with the addition

of drinking and brawling. In contrast, so many of the Co-op members were serious students.

One of our great coups was to get the Co-op to run three girls for Homecoming Queen, an honor supposedly for UC students but controlled by the Greek system. Our trio represented the working class, multi-cultural Co-op, were **Annette Hazen** (Jewish), **June Low** (Asian) and **Brunetta Reid** (Stebbins Hall 1949-52), (black and my then roommate). The Women's Dean confronted us about it and we argued and won. Our slate in fact represented the University student body, not the sorority candidates. Cloyne, Oxford, Ridge House, and Barrington made history by voting our girls as Homecoming Queens. The ceremony was awkward but we were so proud.

My junior year I became President of the USCA, as it was then called. I won because Stebbins had 70 members and we coordinated with Cloyne, with which we had an amicable, prank-filled relationship. It wasn't an issue to anyone that I was female.

We had many arguments in Board. It wasn't easy but it honed my leadership skills. I would love to review some of the minutes. My idealist's concern was to build the concept of cooperation externally as well as internally. I wanted to educate our community about cooperation. Fellow Board members Tom Hoh and Jacques Templin took me on. They were idealists organizing for the people — the hell with ideals, just give us cheap food and room. Hal Norton, the General Manager, was a wonderful, wise, supportive man. He and Bill Davis made me think

past square one and fight for what I believed in.

I fell in love with a woman when I was a senior. I was afraid of my homosexuality and made it a secret, living in a dungeon without sunlight. Oh, God I was in love. When I think about that time, I cry -- we were so unrealized, so alone. I also became increasingly radical and got involved with the Peace movement and Labor Youth League. Not easy in the McCarthy Era. We struggled to get 6 or 7 people at Sather Gate demonstrations for the Hollywood Ten (not like the Free Speech Movement that flooded the area in protestors a few years later). While I was still a student I ran for the California Assembly under Henry Wallace's Independent Progressive Party and got 25% of the vote in Berkeley, the largest Progress vote in the state.

I allowed radical politics and sexual orientation issues to distance me from my Co-op friends. God what a difference 60 years makes. Today I could probably live in a gay house like Oscar Wilde House [our queer-theme house].

After college, Zoe Borkowski had a career in social work and community organizing for immigrants and refugees. She plans on attending the Berkeley Student Cooperative Free Speech Movement Revival on September 28, 2014.

Board Minutes from Zoe's term as BSC President. The Board discussed the possibility of the BSC taking an official stance against the Loyalty Oath.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

SHERMAN HALL 4-4-50

Present: Directors: Mann, Olson, Randall, Hoh, Templin, Lindsay, Lyons, Caruthers, Hiller, Brooke, Embree, Borkowski, Prosser, Tinley, Hoyt, Davis, Whitman.

Committee
Chairmen: Joe Kamiya, Public Relations
Ken Olson, Planning
Andy Zehr, Personnel
Edward Caruthers, Finance
David Henderson, Education.

Staff: Norton, Yasukochi, Skeels, Taniguchi, Tang.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Borkowski.

Motion number 16. After stating the need of the USCA to take a stand on the loyalty oath, Elizabeth Bamberger introduced the following motion:

"We believe that the University Students' Co-operative Association consist of more than a group of inexpensive boarding houses. It stands for fundamental principles which are directly endangered by the present threat to Academic Freedom. These principles cannot survive in an atmosphere of intellectual regimentation.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the University Students' Co-operative Association, believing in Academic Freedom, firmly support the Academic Senate in its fight against the so-called loyalty oath. The University Students' Cooperative Association furthermore opposes any political oath for teachers and/or students and states that competence and performance alone shall be the criteria for hiring and firing of teachers."

Motion was ruled out of order since the Board voted (7-8) not to take a stand.

PETITION REGARDING THE "LOYALTY OATH"

The University Students' Co-operative Association cannot, under its by-laws, take an official position "on any controversial issue which is not directly concerned with this organization, its units, or with the co-operative movement in general". Therefore, despite the requests of many members that the Directors officially oppose the "Loyalty Oath," the Directors did not feel free to do so.

However, in view of the importance which University students attach to the oath issue, the Directors have authorized the circulation of this petition among the 770 members of the Association in order that they might express their opinions as individuals.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ARE OPPOSED TO THE IMPOSITION OF ANY OATH ON MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY EXCEPT THE OATH PRESCRIBED IN THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION:



BSC GRADUATION

The BSC Graduation is a tradition first started in 2007 by BSC President Patrick Ford:

My time in college was mostly shaped by the people that surrounded me, and those people were almost all living in the co-ops. I wanted to have a time to mark this big upcoming transition that included my closest friends and community, and no university-organized graduation would be as meaningful as graduation with fellow co-ops. Plus I thought it would be a lot of fun and get folks to sign up for the BSC alumni association!

Since then, the BSC Alumni Association has nurtured this tradition under the leadership of **Analise Smith-Hinkley** and other dedicated alumni. The graduation in recent years has started to outgrow our alumni crew! When the food ran out within the first hour of the 2013 graduation, Analise and co-Chair **Jonathan Lampman** (Cloyne Court 1968-69) knew that alumni support of the graduation needed to be significantly bolstered.

We are ever grateful to new BSC Alumni Association director **David Pon** (CZ 2009, Stebbins Hall 2010-12), who recruited an enthusiastic volunteer crew. Volunteers included **Alex Wong** (Convent, 2004-05, Oscar Wilde 2010, Stebbins Hall 2012), **Bonnie Prestridge** (Stebbins Hall 2009-12), **Meg Dholakia** (Castro 2011, Stebbins Hall 2012-13), **Monika Decker** (CZ 2010, Stebbins Hall 2011-12), **Jack Cunha** (Stebbins Hall 2009-12), **Cassey Realubit** (Cloyne Court, Lothlorien 2010, Stebbins Hall 2011-13), **Sarah Williams** (Euclid Hall 2011, Stebbins Hall 2011, Kingman Hall 2011-12), **Alex Sizemore-Smale** (Kingman Hall, Cloyne Court 2009, CZ 2010), **Heather Do** (Cloyne Court 2010-11, Castro 2011-12), and **Anna Vignet** (Hoyt Hall 2009, Stebbins Hall 2010-11, Kingman Hall 2011-12). They made the largest graduation ever (250 attendees) much less scary, handling decoration, food prep, cleaning, and even an emergency beer run.

And this year, we had a bounty of food, thanks to BSC graduating

student **Sarah Tulga** (Hoyt Hall 2011-12, Euclid Hall 2013, Davis House 2014), who coordinated her brainchild – an Iron Chef competition. Cooks from our houses proudly showed off their culinary skills, developed from workshifts cooking for their large households. BSC cooks provided a delicious, home-cooked spread of Korean ribs, brisket, veggie lasagna, patisseries and more. After a bit of a voting snafu, I declared Hoyt Hall the Iron Chef winner, and Hoyt won an extra \$200 for their kitchen account.

Many other alumni helped us with recycling, bussing, ID checking, warmly greeting graduates and their families. Thank you **Steve Greenberg** (Cloyne Court 1980-85), **John Ehrlich**, **Art Walenta** (Barrington, Cloyne Court 1953-57), **Scott Hayes** (Ridge House 2003-05), **Jonah Markowitz** (Fenwick Weavers Village 1998-99) and **Vic Garlin**!

Madeleine Loh
BSC Development Director



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PHOTO INFORMATION:

(1) The photo booth was a hit for the new graduates. Over 580 photos were taken in the photo booth that day. (2) Houses competed in the Iron Chef competition. Pictured is the “Cake Assorti” by Castro House. (3) Highlights of the BSC Graduation included a performance by Ballet Folklorico Reflejos De Mexico. (4) Executive Director Kim Benson, Liz Baroi, BSC President Michelle Nacouzi, Monica Finc, and Shannon Levis take a picture in the photo booth. (5) Sarah Williams, David Pon, Development Director Madeleine Loh and Analise Smith-Hinkley take a photo in the photo booth. (6) Former Cloyne Social Manager Jon Lampman gives a speech on his experiences in Cloyne and the co-ops.



Executive Director Kim Benson Inspects Ridge House Retrofit

The Berkeley Student Cooperative began seismic retrofit work on Ridge House in June 2014. As of the print date of this newsletter, we are on track to reopen the house for students on August 22, the start of the Fall contract period. The incoming students will have to bear with some continuing work in the foyer, outside stucco, and common bathrooms, but all bedrooms, common living areas, and the kitchen will be ready.

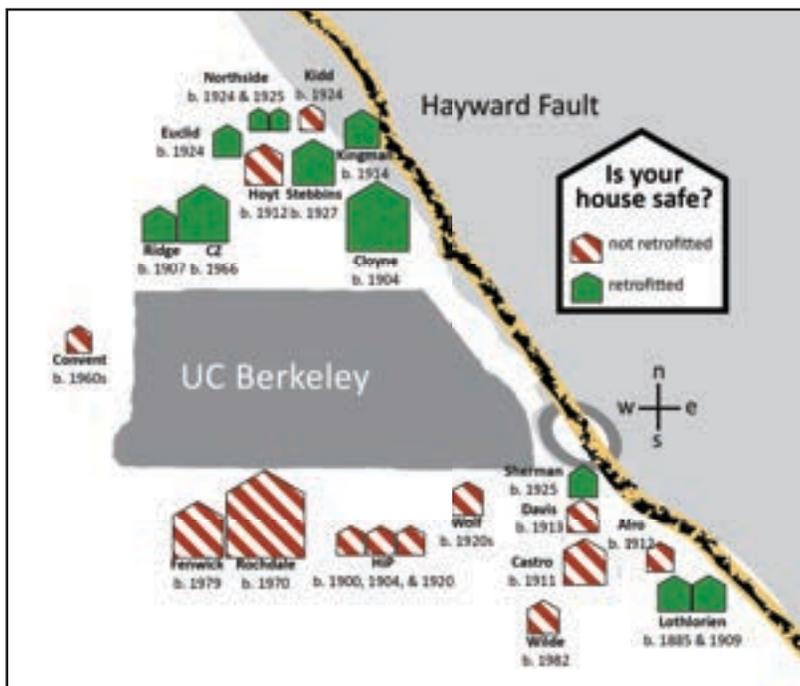
The cost of construction will be

around \$500,000, while we originally budgeted for \$350,000. \$350,000 was our best estimate in March 2014, in time for the Board's budget approval cycle, before we had an opportunity to accept and consider responses to our request for proposals. But the main reason for the cost of the retrofit is that the building is over 100 years old, with many hidden characteristics to both its original construction and subsequent add-ons. As we opened up walls and dug into the basement,

we discovered we had to do much more foundation work and a huge amount of electrical updates. The good news is, we identified these potentially dangerous problems so our students are now much safer!

Each BSC student pays \$1,374/year to finance seismic retrofits. Please consider a donation of \$1,374 to match what students are paying annually.

www.bsc.coop/donate



Executive Director **Kim Benson**, center; (CZ 1998-99, Euclid Hall 1999-2003, Rochdale 2004-08), with Fundraising Co-Chairs **Richard Lira** (Barrington 1963-64, Ridge House 1964-67) and **Li Chu** (Sherman Hall 1961-63).



“Musical Chairs” Career Workshop at Rochdale Earns Repeat Performance

In April, seven alumni volunteers circulated with 25 students in the Rochdale Village commons room in a “musical chairs” format. Small groups of students rotated around alumni for resume critiques, mock interview questions, and professional networking tips. Rochdale Facilities Manager **Gerardo Zaragoza** (Oscar Wilde 2008, Rochdale 2009-10) suggested this format so that the students, many of

whom are first-generation college students, gain real life experience navigating professional contacts. The alumni volunteers were carefully chosen for the relevance of their professional work and their ability to communicate with college students in a challenging pace. We were also supported by a counselor from the UC Berkeley Career Center. We got an overwhelmingly positive response. The event was so successful that the students asked

us to come back every semester!

Thank you **Joel Beam** (Davis 1994, Kidd 1991-94), **Christie Batterman-Jordan** (1960s Hoyt), **Ivy Moya** (Davis, Sherman Ridge House, ~1990), Jim Gray (former Executive Director), **Russ Button** (Oxford 1972-75), **David Pon** (CZ 2009, Stebbins 2010-12), and UC Berkeley Career Center counselor Grace Kim!



Richard Lira in the main floor hallway of Ridge House.



Improvements at Ridge House include new concrete foundations, additional anchoring of the house to the foundation, strengthening first through third floor with shear walls, and additional steel frames to support large open areas on first floor and porch, electrical upgrades in opened walls, and wall insulation.

ALUMNI NOTES

Brad Gunkel (Cloyne Court 1991-93) organized a Cloyne reunion on May 10, 2014. The Cloyne Reunion was awesome!!! The current residents were very welcoming and everyone seemed to have an amazing time.

I'm moved to write this note, in addition to donating to the Ridge House Seismic Upgrade, by the letters from Richard Lira & TZ Chu. Upon reflection, my time at Ridge, as a resident and Food Manager, influenced my future in ways I hadn't a clue at the time. Many of the interesting experiences I had at Berkeley ('65-'69) involved discussions and activities with fellow Ridge Co-ops. As an engineering student, most of my liberal arts education took place outside the classroom while living in the co-ops. Ridge House was a big improvement in accommodations from my freshman year at Oxford Hall. Over the years, including this morning, I make pancakes for my wife, children, and granddaughters, a skill I learned in Ridge's kitchen. Being Food Manager was a foundation for my 18 years as a Technical Manager at Bell Labs.

I'm also making this donation on behalf of my older brother, Dr. **Leonard Ruby** (Ridge House 1959-62), who lived at Ridge six years before me. He is no longer with us, but I'm confident he would approve.

Sincerely,

Dave Ruby

(Ridge House 1965-69)

Thank you for including the Memoriam to **Chuck Radcliffe**

(Sheridan 1942) in the latest publication.

Charles was three years ahead of me in El Centro's Central Union High School. He was on the 1939 varsity basketball & tennis teams as well as acting in the Junior & Senior plays and on the publication staff of the school annual (La Solana). He was also an excellent student & helpful tutoring us kids.

When I first went to Cal I was lucky enough to have an older cousin (Jim May) who took me in as his roommate in Sheridan Hall. It gave me comfort to also find that Charles was a part of the team living there. It eased my transition from a class of 200 to the UCB class of thousands. That comfort didn't last long as Jim & I got immediately drafted into the army. Charles avoided that by enlisting in the Navy's V12 program and completed his degree before entering active duty.

Charles' younger brother, Robert, was my close friend & fellow member of the High School class of 1942. We were both on sports teams, were interested in engineering, radio & model airplanes. While I went on to Cal, just in time to be drafted into the army, I think Bob only came to Berkeley after he was discharged. By then, he had the GI Bill to pay his way. By this time I was married, living in the University's Richmond Housing and lost contact with both Charles and Robert.

I don't see Robert Radcliffe in your list of members so he may have made non-coop living arrangements at Berkeley. Sheridan would have been a natural but it no longer existed.

Since Sheridan is no longer a Coop residence I rarely see it listed but it was a treasure for me during the short time I was there.

Thanks for your interesting publication.

Andy DuBois, UCB Mechanical Engineering Class of 1950.

1990 retired from the Engineering Dept at Lawrence Berkeley Lab.

(Sheridan Hall 1942-43)

Harry Krueper (Ridge House 1951-53) Keeping Ridge House as Ridge House is very important to many of us. That was my home starting 62 years ago, and in spirit and inspirational effect, it still is something that helped to make me the successful Civil and Traffic Engineer for 61 years. As pot washer at Oxford hall on Tuesday night and cook at Ridge House for Friday breakfast (noted for green scrambled eggs and red hash brown) and House President, all helped me realize the importance of sharing together and staying in contact. My thoughts and wishes are passed on to the old Ridge Members, many of whom are far away and cannot travel as I once could, but contributed in spirit to one of the finest gatherings that could ever exist. Thank you for the continued correspondence and good luck on your campaign for funding.

[Ed: thank you for your donation to the Capital Campaign fund, which was used to retrofit Ridge House.]

Morrie Greenfield (Ridge House 1941-42, Oxford Hall 1942-44) — Living in the co-cops became a first,

On Cleanliness: a dialogue between Ridge House Alumni and Students

Dear Staff,

When I came for the reunion in 2012, I made a commitment to donate for the sake of providing continual affordable housing for those who, like myself, were underfunded when entering college. Thus, a check is enclosed. However, when I walked through the lower parts of the old house, I was disappointed. Ridge House is now Flop House. I will not claim that I had a morally elevated worldview when I was at Cal, and I vigorously agree that the university

should be a place where ideas are exchanged and new concepts debated to the best of our ability. Living only slightly above animals, which was the aspect which I experienced at the reunion, is not required for such mental investigations. If we are to renovate the premises, don't we need to set a higher "moral" standard as well? If we don't, the structure and furniture will again degrade and the same dissipation will set in. The graduates of Cal should reflect intellectual development and that should include how to "live". I

cannot support a physical renewal without a renewal of values. So, my contribution is not just financial, it's an encouragement to set standards. During the challenging times of the '60s, I experienced a high level of mutual respect as well as soundness in administration (however illusory these latter turned out to be on the national level) at Ridge House. Without these inner revivals, new accoutrements would be a waste.

Bruce Kemmell (Ridge House 1965)

Dear Distinguished Alumni,

We as a house thank you for your generous financial support of Ridge House, and all other ways in which you graciously volunteer your time to help the BSC meet its mission of providing affordable, cooperative housing. We strongly believe giving Ridge a long overdue seismic retrofit is integral to providing future Ridgelings with academic achievement, social development, and financial sustainability (and, most importantly, physical safety).

We must confess that the "game room" did indeed become more of a storage space in 2012, and much of the room was invaded by bikes and old furniture. Most Ridgelings generally spend their time in other rooms with more beautiful architecture,

nicer study amenities, better views, comfier furniture, and proximity to the kitchen. These areas have been well-preserved over the years, and the exposed redwood beams still lend an architectural prestige not matched by many co-op houses.

My personal experience in Ridge over the past 3 years is filled with cherished memories of intellectual stimulation, cultural awareness, and social growth. I have been impressed with the love and dedication both members and managers feel toward the house. From two years of attending manager meetings with leaders of other houses, I can assure you that we at Ridge are privileged to live in a generally responsible and respectful house that experiences less member conflict and property destruction than

most other houses. Ridge House has also continued to deserve its reputation as a studious environment.

Once again, we offer our apologies that you were only able to see the messy basement during your visit. Attached are pictures of other parts of the house, which I assure you have been well-maintained.

In addition, we humbly extend an open invitation to any and all alumni who wish to visit the house.

Thank you for everything you have done to assure the future of Ridge House.

Zane Rankin (Ridge House Manager), **Rachel Strangeway** (House President), **Katie Pettibone** and **Jessica Wong** (Kitchen Managers), **Tanja Mehlo** (Maintenance Manager), **Mariya Sakharova** (Workshift Manager).



Estate Planning 101

A proper estate plan is essential to ensure that your assets go to the people and organizations you love most. Without a proper estate plan, your assets are automatically distributed through the court system in a process known as “probate”. Probate is a notoriously expensive, public, and time-consuming (both in literal terms and for heirs who must deal with paperwork) administrative process for estates greater than \$150,000 - which includes nearly every California homeowner. Probate can be avoided with proper estate planning, enabling you to assign assets to those you care about most, choose a guardian for minor children, plan for incapacity, and minimize avoidable fees and estate/income taxes. With proper estate planning, you can leave a gift for those you love most and for any wonderful organization of your choosing, such as the Berkeley Student Cooperative.

The primary components of an estate plan are: a revocable living trust, a “pour over” will, a general assignment of assets to the living trust, documents transferring assets to the living trust, a power of

attorney, and a healthcare directive. This sounds complex, but in practice is straightforward.

The trust owns your assets and gives control of your assets to an individual, called the “trustee”, who in turn controls distribution of assets to beneficiaries without having to go to court. For a living trust, all your assets are assigned to the trust and you function as the trustee during your lifetime, maintaining total control over all your property and assets. In practice, this change is completely transparent and does not affect your day-to-day life. This saves significant money versus state-mandated probate fees, which are approximately \$46,000 for a \$1,000,000 estate (gross) over the course of the one-year probate process. The living trust also sets up structures for estate and income tax savings.

The “pour over” will is simply a will which states that if any assets are not properly titled in the living trust, the assets will be distributed (i.e. “poured over”) to the living trust. The will also nominates guardians for any minor children. A power of attorney names an agent to act on your behalf

if you are incapacitated. If there is no power of attorney and you become incapacitated, the only way to manage your assets is a conservatorship, which is similar to probate: expensive, public, and time-consuming. Finally, a healthcare directive designates your care preferences and who should act on your behalf if you are unable to make your own healthcare decisions. Estate planning is even more critical for those with business interests, as improper planning can trigger litigation and other consequences.

Once completed, a proper estate plan provides peace of mind, the framework for continued updates as your life situation changes, and does not impede your daily life in any way. It ensures that you do not leave a complicated and costly mess for your heirs to sort out in the court system over the course of a year or more.

Rebecca Renzas
(HiP House 2005-06)

Rebecca Renzas lived in Hillegass Parker House while earning her JD at Boalt Hall. She works as an estate planning attorney at San Francisco firm Greene Radovsky Maloney Share & Hennigh LLP.



The BSC is proud to partner with Silicon Valley Community Foundation to offer even more estate planning options to our alumni, including charitable gift annuities. SVCF is a public-benefit nonprofit corporation which helps donors achieve their philanthropic goals.

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Besides providing the satisfaction of helping future generations of students through the Berkeley Student Cooperative, a charitable gift annuity can provide security and enhance retirement.

Alumni Florrie Martin Milligan and Harper Puziss Honored at BSC Board of Directors Meeting



Florrie Milligan was honored posthumously. Her daughter Marty Milligan, above with then-BSC Executive Director Jim Gray, represented the Milligan family at the Board meeting.

At its last meeting of the academic year, the Board of Directors of the BSC honored two special alumni.

Harper Puziss lived in Oxford Hall from 1946-50. After college he served in the Korean War, worked as a teacher, union organizer, and civil servant. In his retirement he volunteers in his local soup kitchen

and delivers meals on wheels, and continues to make his own jam and chop his own wood. Over his lifetime he has contributed over \$108,000 to the BSC.

Florrie Milligan made a bequest to the BSC. Florrie lived in Stebbins Hall from 1946-49 and studied Political Science. Her husband, William Milligan, lived in I-House. They raised a family and ran their business in Berkeley. Florrie also worked as an Urban Studies instructor in the Oakland schools and a docent of natural history at the Oakland Museum. The generous financial bequest of Florrie and Bill to the BSC continues their life-long support of education.

We plan on continuing a tradition of thanking key alumni in person at BSC Board meetings to educate current student leaders about the importance of giving back to an organization that was so important in their lives. More importantly, it allows our members to express their gratitude.

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Contact Madeleine Loh, (510) 649-8984 or mloh@bsc.coop

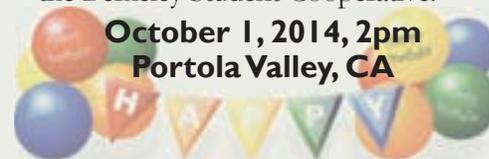
Join the BSC LEGACY SOCIETY

Let us thank you!

Those who remember the BSC through a will, trust, designation or other planned gift, are invited to join the BSC Legacy Society, recognizing this special form of lasting philanthropy.

Legacy Society Members Receive a Special Invitation

Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Bishop Richard Millard, Founding Member of the Berkeley Student Cooperative!



I came from a railroad family and grew up in the lumber town of Weed, CA. It was a low-wage, low-rent, rural town. Attending UC Berkeley was a financial struggle.

A group of us, with the support of Stiles Hall, YMCA, and Harry Kingman, learned of a vacant fraternity house on Ridge Road. We rented it and furnished it with cast off furniture – that was the first Co-op.

I hope you will join me in making a sacrificial gift to the Berkeley Student Cooperative – an organization which saw us through difficult times and continues to provide an important service to university students.

The Berkeley Student Cooperative did not seek me. I sought the Berkeley Student Cooperative and when I heard of its needs I made a bequest of \$10,000. I always thought of the Co-op as part of my family.

If it weren't for the Co-op I'd still be in Weed. — Bishop Millard (Ridge House 1933-35)

In Memoriam

Russell Kletzing passed in his sleep on February 15, 2013. Russell became totally blind at about eighteen months of age but went on to attend UC Berkeley to get a degree in Chemistry in 1945. He later completed his law degree at Boalt Hall in 1948. While at UC Berkeley, he resided in Oxford Hall. Roommate **Morrie Greenfield** (Ridge House 1941-42, Oxford Hall 1942-44) fondly remembers Russell's wit and humor. He wrote to us, "[When I was first introduced to Russell as my roommate] I noticed he was very obviously blind. I was not happy with the news... thinking I would have to take care of a 'blind person'. But I've very pleased to say this 'feeling' DID NOT LAST LONG!! Russ had

no cane or dog yet he was able to go to class and visit shops around the block. His hearing ability served him remarkably well. It enabled him to use the echo of his footstep sounds to sense distances of nearby objects. Russ had a very keen sense of humor. One evening I came into my room and saw that Russ was studying at his desk in his room with his light on. I asked him, 'Russ how do you know when your ceiling light is ON?' He said, 'Look at the switch, dummy... is it UP or DOWN?'" Russell went and worked for the State of California Department of Water Resources for thirty years and retired as assistant chief counsel in 1988. During those years he was also very active in the organized blind movement. He

was the president of the National Federation of the Blind from 1962-1966.

Margot Adler

Former Hoyt Hall resident Margot Adler died on July 28, 2014 after a battle with cancer. She had been an NPR journalist for over three decades, and a Wiccan high priestess. Only in February 2014 Margot visited Hoyt to talk about her career and life. The students loved her warmth and generosity of spirit. Margot said afterward: "The Co-op was better than I ever, ever remember. What bright, alive, totally full of zest and SMART young women! WOW." We are grateful for the time and wisdom she shared with us, and deeply saddened by her passing.



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important, and valuable opportunity to live with and truly experience how other "strangers" (and situations) can be. That was an important part of my education, perhaps as important as being able to participate years later as an engineer in the thermal design of spacecrafts such as Galileo and the Voyager.

I first entered the Co-op for the fall '41 semester and lived in Oxford Hall. From the outside porch on the 2nd floor, one could look west and see fully across the bay towards San Francisco. Very often at the time of sunset I found the view to be unbelievably beautiful. It was a bit difficult to study for finals, so one early evening I took some material to study in the campus library. At about 8-9pm I gathered my stuff to

leave. On my way out, two students asked me, "Did you hear about Pearl Harbor?!" No, I had not! The date of that library visit was December 7, 1941.

Fred Hartmann (Barrington Hall 1941-43) I went to the web with the idea of finding a place to help poor students (of which I was one). It occurred to me that I should know where it would be--with the coop. I was amazed at how much it has all grown since I lived at Barrington Hall from 1941 to 1943 (when I went off to Midshipman School) I would have been class of 1944 except for the war, so I am 1943. I am pleased to be in contact with you.

If it had not been for the coop. I would not have made it. Good luck.

I support the Berkeley Student Cooperative because as a first-generation college alumni of UC Berkeley I will always consider myself indebted. Had it not been for the affordable housing the coop provided me with, and the wonderful community I was able to find there, my years at Berkeley would most certainly have been dramatically different. My only hope is that the coop continues to provide affordable housing to future generations of low-income and first-generation college-bound students.

Christina Priscilla Flores

Doctoral Student
Department of History
The University of Chicago
(Rochdale 2008-10)

Support the BSC today!



Executive Director and alumna Kim Benson (CZ, Euclid, Rochdale) just joined the BSCAA and got her complimentary BSCAA bottle opener. Join and get yours too!

Donate to the BSC!

The BSC is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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Join the Alumni Association!

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Lifetime Membership, BSC Alumni Association

- \$500 Lifetime Membership
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explained, “cooperation implies conscientiousness. You’re conscious of the people around you and the house you’re living in and doing the work that makes it run. You’re part of

a bigger thing, and maybe that plays over to your outlook on life.”

Yona Roberts Golding
BSC Alumna

Free Speech Revival

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Cloyne Court, 2-4 p.m.

Come at 12 p.m. for a complimentary lunch with the BSC Alumni Association!

Co-op Students and Alumni
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Free Speech Movement

rsvp at bscaa.org/events

What causes were you most **passionate** about when you were in school?
How did the BSC (USCA) support you and your **activism**?
How did your experience in the BSC affect your **life decisions** after college?

“Cloyne was my school for democracy. I was education chairman, then President, and presided over a house meeting that lasted into the wee small hours of the morning finally deciding not to provide names to the Dean’s office of 1956 panty-raiders. While the substance was trivial, the discussion of rights, responsibilities, community, loyalty, law, authority and related matters was not.”
— **Mike Miller**, Cloyne 1954-56

“After 50 years, I find my most enduring memory of the Free Speech Movement is this: after 12 of us at Oxford Hall were arrested in Sproul Hall, the rest of the Oxford Co-op members immediately began raising our cash bail and organizing the effort to find out which jails we were in, bailing us out and bringing most of us back that very night to be greeted by the cheers of our comrades at Oxford. A lesson in solidarity I will never forget, and that served me well in my years as a labor organizer.” — **Allen Davenport**, Oxford Hall 1964-67

“When I moved into the BSC in 1990 I was already immersed in the Independent Living Movement, a cross-disability movement focused on removing social, attitudinal, and physical barriers, and building community. I was attending Mills College, a school that was not very accessible, so I found refuge in the Co-op where difference was valued and accommodated, and I was expected to do my part. I got involved in both house and central level governance where I learned the skills that eventually lead to my career in disability public policy advocacy.” — **Alana Theriault**, (Rochdale 1990-92, Castro 1992-94)

“In 2011, with only one Black student in the space, Afro House was in danger of dropping the house’s African-American Theme. In Fall 2012, six black students moved in and reshaped Afro House into an Afro-centric house in which all people feel comfortable and respected. We are very grateful for the legacy and opportunities created by Co-op alumni that supported the house and are eager to hear about their experiences in the Co-op!” — **Marcel Jones**, current resident of African-American Theme House

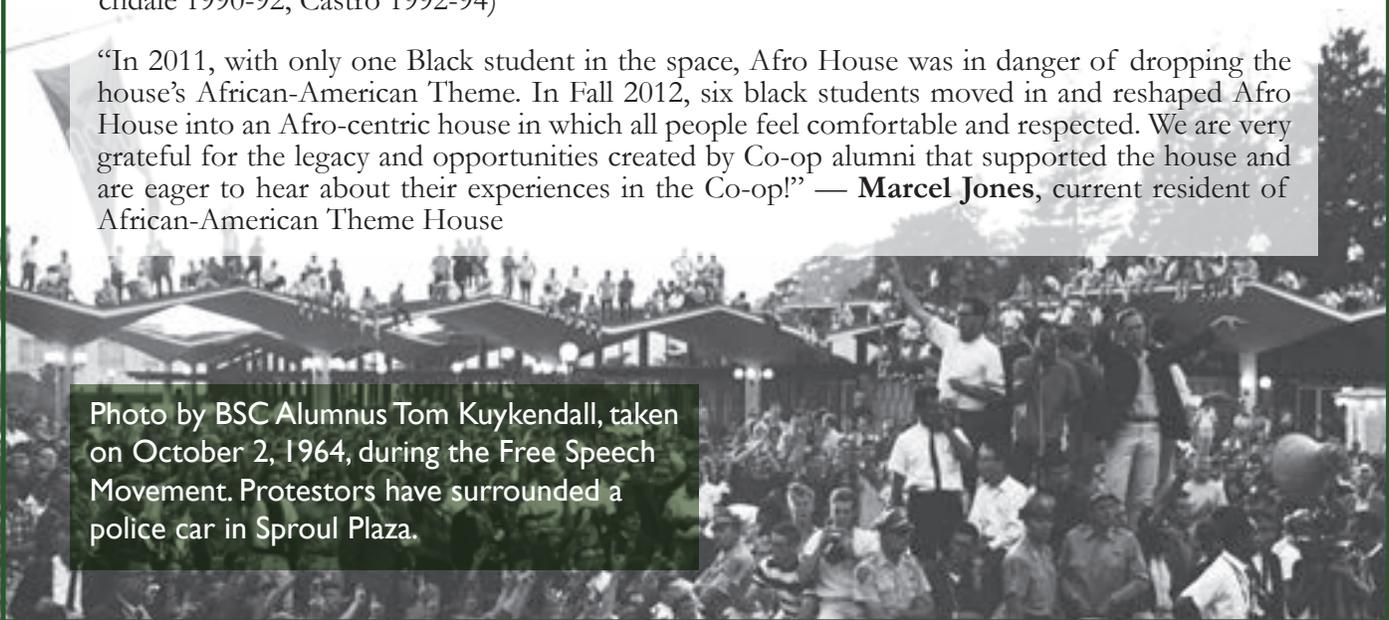


Photo by BSC Alumnus Tom Kuykendall, taken on October 2, 1964, during the Free Speech Movement. Protestors have surrounded a police car in Sproul Plaza.

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

You must be a member of the BSCAA to vote. This ballot must be received at Central Office, 2424 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA 94709 by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2014 to be delivered to the Secretary at the Annual Meeting. You may otherwise deliver your ballot to the meeting. You may vote for as many candidates as you choose. The following members have agreed to stand for election to the Board of Directors for a three-year term.
(* denotes returning member)

YES NO ABSTAIN

JACK CUNHA is a proud alumnus of Stebbins Hall (2009-12) who has since gone on to join the East Bay's burgeoning biotechnology community. As Stebbins House Manager for two semesters, Jack steered the house through periods of rapid resident turnover and coordinated with the rest of the management team to implement long delayed infrastructure improvements. His extensive outreach on behalf of the BSC includes tabling at student orientations, leading house tours, and volunteering at Coop Graduation.

YES NO ABSTAIN

SCOTT HAYES* lived at Ridge House from 2003 to 2005 and has served as a BSC Alumni Association Board Member since 2005. Scott has over 15 years of sales and marketing experience. In addition to working with BSC, he also advises young entrepreneurs and tech startups. He has served on the BSC membership committee helping with marketing efforts.

YES NO ABSTAIN

MARGIE GREENE GUILLORY lived at Hoyt Hall from 1970-73, then Northside Co-op from 1974-1978. She graduated from Berkeley with a degree in mathematics, two teaching credentials, and a certificate in accounting. She started working for BSC as a part time worker in 1972 and retired as BSC's full time accountant in 2012. She also had fun running Central Kitchen (now known as Central Food Services), working on the summer Central Maintenance Crew, surviving at least five computer system conversions, and making friends with the best and brightest Berkeley had to offer.

YES NO ABSTAIN

VICTOR GARLIN* lived in Oxford Hall from 1952-57, serving on the BSC (then USCA) Board of Directors for three years. He taught economics, and law, at UCB, UCSF and Sonoma State University for 50 years. Since retiring in 2007 he has served on the boards of the Northeast Bay ACLU, the Emeritus and Retired Faculty at Sonoma State and, since 2008, on the BSCAA board. He is presently working with the BSCAA's committee on board operations, revising our bylaws, and seeking ways to improve the functioning of our board.

YES NO ABSTAIN

I, the undersigned member of the Berkeley Student Cooperative Alumni Association, submit this ballot to the Secretary to represent my votes for the Candidates and Action Items being decided upon at the Annual Membership Meeting on September 28, 2014.

signature

date

print name

PROXYVOTING

In the event that an action item is brought up at the meeting and deemed in order by the president, there would be a vote. If that occurred, anyone with a proxy from a member could vote on that item on their behalf. If you wish, you may give your proxy to any member who will be in attendance at the meeting. To do so, please use the following form:

I, _____, (absent member) give my proxy to _____ (a person who will be present at the Annual Meeting) to vote on any issues presented at the Annual Meeting. To appoint the Secretary of the Corporation, Edward Thelen, I have checked here [].

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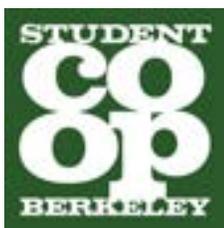
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Sunday, September 28, 2014
Cloyne Court, 2600 Ridge Road, Berkeley

BSC Alumni Association Meeting 12-2pm

All alumni are invited for lunch, an update on the BSC and the BSC Alumni Association, and BSC Alumni Association board elections.

Free Speech REVIVAL 2-4pm

The BSC is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Free Speech Movement with a gathering of alumni and students involved in all social justice causes — SLATE, Civil Rights, FSM, People's Park, Anti-Apartheid, Occupy, the revitalization of Afro House and more!

Both events are **FREE**, just RSVP online at www.bscaa.org/events

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