

Cooperatively Yours

BSC Alumni Association named Outstanding Chapter of the Year



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Steve Greenberg, Cami (Nilmeyer) Erickson, Jim Gray (Executive Director), Edward Thelen, Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, Charter Gala Honorary Committee member John Gage, Justin Erickson (BSCAA President); (middle row, from left) Madeleine Loh (Development Director), Nancy Blattel, Brenna Fallon (BSC President), Scott Hayes, Jenny Robles, Will Rohrer; (front row, from left) Richard Lira, Analise Smith-Hinkley



The Cal Alumni Association has named the BSC Alumni Association the winner of the 2013 Outstanding Alumni Chapter of the Year Award. The last time we won this prestigious award was in 1999. The BSC Alumni Association was honored at the CAA Charter Gala on March 16, 2013.

Our winning nomination was prepared by Scott Hayes, Nancy Blattel, Steve Greenberg, Li Chu, Art Walenta, Madeleine Loh and BSC Alumni Association President Justin Erickson.

With 750 active members, the BSC Alumni Association is the largest duespaying Cal alumni group. We provide

social and networking opportunities to co-op alumni across the country, build alumni relationships with the BSC, work closely with co-op staff and student leaders, support BSC relations with the City of Berkeley, and direct fundraising efforts.

Alumni Association members have donated more than \$2 million to the BSC, which have been used for seismic safety and disabled access renovations, IT upgrades, scholarships, and other programs.

As the Berkeley Student Cooperative celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2013, we are grateful that our alumni are receiving recognition for volunteering, fundraising, and sharing their institutional knowledge and professional expertise with an important segment of the UC Berkeley community. Thank you to the many alumni who give their time and resources back to the BSC!

New Executive Director Jim Gray

Eats at Lothlorien, Discusses Meaning of Intentional Community

New Executive Director Jim Gray got a taste of BSC culture by having dinner at Lothlorien, our vegetarianthemed house, two days after starting work on February 4. "It was delicious and my vegetarian kids would have enjoyed it too," remarked Jim, who had driven to Berkeley from his previous home in Cincinnati the week before.

Jim was the special guest at the monthly meeting of the BSC Alumni Association, which rotates among the 20 houses of the BSC. The alumni had been instructed on the Lothlorien no-meat rule and assembled with their potluck items in North House, where the "elves" served dinner. Jim



commented on his lifelong love of the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and made a request for "honorary elf" status, which has yet to be acted upon by the Loth House Council.

After socializing and proudly guided tours of Lothlorien grounds (which include a tree house), the students were invited to ask questions. They were surprisingly gentle with Jim, the toughest question coming from Elliot Goldstein: "What does inten-

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Sankofa in the Berkeley Student Cooperative: A Report from African American Theme House

In 1997, the Berkeley Student Cooperative purchased the Slavic House, a wood shingle house on Prospect Street, from UC Berkeley. The BSC reopened the house as the African American Theme House (Afro House), where 21 students live. The creation of this theme house was a response to Proposition 209, a bill that cut the Black student population to half its former size at 3%. Ever since, many coopers have questioned what the purpose of Afro House is and how it can fit within the cooperative system.

The University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey shows that from 2008-2012 almost 50% of Black students did not feel that their identity was respected on campus, the highest of any other group by 23%. The purpose of Afro House is to provide an environment in which Black students feel comfortable to express and explore their identity— an environment in which they feel their culture, history, and presence is respected. The idea of cooperative living is one that has always existed within the African Diaspora, which makes the idea of an African American Theme House a beautiful addition to the BSC.

The history of Afro House has been a very interesting one that has seen drastic changes in the treatment of the space. A major advocate and founder of the house was Donald Foster who has been a teacher, a journalist in Cuba, and a diversity coordinator for a private school in San Francisco. Well versed in issues of race as it relates to institutions of higher learning and a returning student from the 1960s, Foster combined his leadership within the Berkeley

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Student Cooperative with his understanding of the Black condition to help create Afro House. Foster envisioned the house to be Afro-centric in nature and a center for activism with an atmosphere in which Black students felt safe to just be.

At first the house served its mission well. Afro House held many cultural events, fostered critical dialogues, and was a space that supported movements like the Third World Liberation Front,

which helped establish the Multi-Cultural Center on campus.

Over time however, both the house's original mission and physical condition were neglected. For years, the house only had one to two Black members at a time. Some house members even discussed the possibility of dropping the house's theme.

Understanding the importance of Black spaces and aware of the House's condition, two Black leaders, Naomi Wilson and Salih Muhammad, initiated a push to reclaim Afro House. Wilson explained, "We're on a campus where Black people feel like they don't belong. It's imperative that we have our own space." Naomi continued, "Cooperative living is in our culture; it's a culture that we're lacking as Black students at Cal."

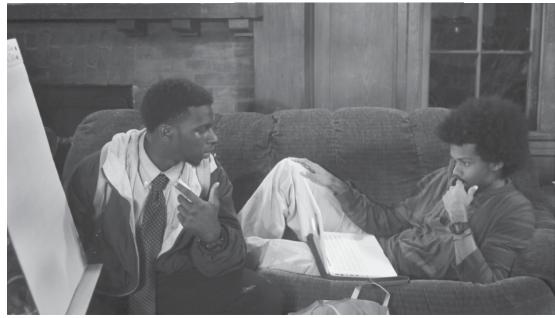
Thanks to the efforts of Wilson and Muhammad, six Black students moved into the house in Fall 2012, including myself. We have faced the challenge of reshaping the house's culture and improving its physical condition. Devonte Jackson, a Campus Mobilizer for Cal Students for Equal Rights and a Valid Education (CalSERVE) and my housemate, explained, "My move to Afro House was political. I wanted to take part in a movement to reclaim our space at Cal."

To bring the house back to its original mission we (the "Afro Six") decided to

> follow the West African principle of Sankofa – taking from the past to move forward. After meeting with Donald Foster, we decided to hold Afro-centric events including an alumni tailgate and power and privilege workshops. We are also reaching out to the larger Black community at Cal. Campus groups like the Black Student Union and Nigerian Student Association use Afro House to hold meetings, potlucks and socials. Afro House recently created the Don Foster Boarder Scholarship that will fund seven freshmen from the UC

Berkeley African American

Housing Program to board



A look inside Afro house: residents Destiny Iwuoma and Marcel Jones work in the living room



House Manager Spencer Pritcherd (third from right) with fellow housemates and guests at Afro House Music and Story Night

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at the house.

While making efforts towards making Afro House a safe Black space, we are also improving the house's physical condition so people can feel more comfortable.

We are shaping Afro House into an Afro-centric oppression fighting house in which all people regardless of race, cultural background, gender, sexual orientation, or class feel comfortable and respected.

Marcel Jones is a sophomore studying African American Studies and Political Economy. He is a resident of Afro House and works with Development Director Madeleine Loh as the Alumni Coordinator. According to the BSC Census taken

> in 2012 and discussions with the UC Berkeley Office of Planning and Analysis, the Black population in the BSC overall is proportionate to UC Berkeley Campus. The 2012 Census also tells us that most of the BSC's Black members tend to live in our apartments rather than our room and board houses. The BSC is not complacent – we are constantly seeking ways to make our mission accessible to all students and especially those for whom quality, low-cost housing could make a critical difference. Thanks to the work of the Afro Six and the BSC Staff, we expect a great increase in Black student members in Fall 2013.



Housemate jam session: Devonte Jackson, (left) and Marcel Jones

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Giving Testimony: Alumni Support at Berkeley City Council Meeting

At the October 16, 2012 Berkeley City Council meeting, the Berkeley Student Cooperative successfully convinced the City to exempt the BSC from developer fees, a stance that was contrary to City Attorney recommendations. Mayor Tom Bates and other affordable housing activists praised our organization and diligence in pursuing this issue. City council members Laurie Capitelli, Gordon Wozniak, and Kriss Worthington proudly proclaimed their co-op ties as alumni.

Dozens of BSC members lined up at the podium to share their experiences in the BSC and explain how an exemption from developer fees would enable us to embark on future expansion (such as reopening Barrington) without onerous costs. We are very grateful to alumni Pati Yolanda Navarro (Rochdale) and Vic Garlin (Oxford) for their testimony and support at the meeting. Here are some notable statements:

Brenna Fallon: Good evening council members, my name is Brenna Fallon and I am the president of the Berkeley Student Cooperative, a 79 year old organization with a rich heritage in Berkeley. We are a democratic and student-run housing non-profit, with the mission of providing quality, low cost housing to students who would otherwise not be able to afford a university education. As an affordable housing provider we are strong proponents of the affordable housing mitigation fee, and we hope that it has a wide impact sustaining low cost housing options in Berkeley for the long term. However, as this is written the BSC would be subject to the fee despite being the largest affordable housing provider for students in Berkeley. During the May 1st meeting of this year city council unanimously passed a motion to "direct staff to return with an item to exempt students from the new housing impact fee." Tonight we're asking you to recognize the low rent housing that BSC provides to low

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income tenants and grant that exception. I ask those who came in favor of this to stand up [at this point, over 40 BSC members and friends stood].

Jorge Pacheco: Good evening, I'm here to represent the Associated Students of UC Berkeley and I am also the representative of the cooperative community as ASUC senator. Last week the ASUC Senate supported and co-sponsored an exemption for the BSC from the affordable housing mitigation fee. I am a first generation student that would not be able to afford higher education without the BSC. My family income is \$23,000 per year. You can imagine that the market rate is not feasible for me. So that's why I urge the council members to please stand in unison with the ASUC to support this exemption and the needs of the EOP community and low income community.

Patricia Navarro: I lived at Rochdale with Madeleine Loh ten years ago when she was studying law and I'm so glad she joined this organization. I wanted to speak about the circumstances of these "low income students." and how grateful I am. Like my other friends who were first generation students, we couldn't qualify for apartments. We couldn't pay the first and last month rent or the security deposit that most private landlords ask for. They (the BSC) would allows to promise payment based on financial aid. Ten years ago financial aid wouldn't kick in until three weeks to a month after school started [ed: this is still true]. Had it not been for this organization I probably would have been homeless. By the time I received my financial aid money there wouldn't have been apartments available for me and my friends.

Spencer Pritchard: I am the president of Afro House, which is one of the few themed co-ops, another one is Oscar Wilde House, which is an LGBT themed co-op. I want to tell you more about the culture of the co-ops and why it's not just another developer. It is a student-run organization. You've met the president and vice presidents; there is a board of directors that runs and manages the whole co-op. It is a student empowerment organization. There's also house level management, like house managers and kitchen managers. Treating the co-op as just another developer with a landlord is a mistake.

BSC Member: I came from Los Angeles where I was a junior college student. I worked three jobs and saved enough money to pay for UC Berkeley dorms with help from pretty much my whole family. My mother suffered a stroke so she couldn't work anymore while I was living in the dorms. I was able to get a scholarship from the university for tuition, but affordable housing was still a concern. The best deal all around was the Berkeley Student Cooperative. They gave me an affordable place to stay, they have a culture that is very welcoming and warm, they provide student services and workshops on everything from personal safety to healthy food choices to sustainability. I love living with other students; we talk about quantum physics or whatever we learned in class.



Patricia Navarro (2002)

Victor Garlin: I'm a 60 year resident of the city of Berkeley. I came to Berkeley in 1952 and the first five years of my residency in Berkeley were at Oxford Hall, one of the student co-ops at the time. I have been for several years a member of the board of directors of the alumni association of the student cooperative. I don't think of the 120 men that lived at Oxford Hall when I lived there, that any of us could have afforded to live anywhere else but the student co-op. And it provided an opportunity for me and for others to get a university education, something that I would not have been able to do without the student co-ops. I eventually got four degrees from the University of California and spent 50 years in front of college classrooms at UC Berkeley and in the California State University system. I have the student co-op to thank for that. So I would like to ask you to give favorable consideration to the proposals that the students have brought to you tonight, not for my sake but for theirs.

Ian Davis: I am a member of the board of directors for the BSC. If we are not exempt from this, we would be forced to raise member rates. My dad helped save up for college and then the 2008 financial crisis hit right before home. I was on a Pell Grant my first two years at Berkeley. My junior year, my dad was forced to sell his house and leave California because he just couldn't afford living here anymore. As a result he had more assets to contribute to my education and then I was no longer eligible for Pell Grants. I started this year with less than \$100 in my bank account.

I've been working two days a week to make up the difference. The co-ops let me defer my payments. The first payment this month I didn't have enough in my account but they let me defer it a couple of weeks until my paychecks came in, until I had enough in my account to make that payment. Those are things that speak to our affordability and our mission in a way that a lot of other housing providers can't.

Jenny Tang: Good evening, I am a fourth year environmental science major at UC Berkeley. Having been here for four years, I can say that the Berkeley Student Cooperative is the place that you can find the most diversity in regards to class, race, or socioeconomic background. The turning point of my university life has been to enter the Berkeley Student Cooperative because of the different types of people I met who have other priorities in life and are more grounded. I would be very sad if Berkeley housing costs made our university inaccessible, creating an exclusive environment with limited discourse. For the sake of not only affordability but for the sake of the educational experience I request that we try our best to keep the Berkeley Student Cooperative as accessible as possible.

Undocumented BSC Member Receives Green Card and Master's in Public Health

My mother moved my five siblings and me from Mexico to the United States in 1995, when I was eight years old, to reunite with my father. My father had moved due to the unstable economy in Mexico, which was no longer providing him with a high enough income to support our family of eight. My parents and older siblings did what they needed to do to

find better opportunities for us, and because of this I feel very strongly that I should appreciate all the opportunities I have received and strive for excellence in every aspect of my life. I graduated from UC Berkeley in 2009 and just received a Master of Public Health degree from San Francisco State University December 2012. The Berkeley Student Cooperative (BSC) helped me stay true to my values by providing affordable housing, a warm community, and leadership development opportunities.

I did not move into the BSC until I started graduate school. My first house was Hoyt Hall, an all women's house where I lived for a year and a summer. In the summer I brought my mother's recipes into the kitchen and every Thursday at Hoyt became Mexican Food Night when I would share my Mexican heritage with the Hoyt community.

While at Hoyt in 2010, I encountered the most difficult months of my academic career. As an undocumented student, it was already incredibly difficult to make ends meet. I had the additional stress of negotiating the final stages of my immigration process. It was time for me to face the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) review process. If the DHS denied my application I could be deported in a matter of days.

My family applied for residency a few years after immigrating in 1995, but because of our Mexican nationality, the waiting period was up to 15 to 20 years in order to have our cases reviewed. Because of my activism in the immigrant movement between 2006 to the present I was knowledgeable of the immigration process and kept careful track of my case. This is how I knew that my case was ready to be reviewed in 2010.

An immigration attorney who mentored me advised me that I could use the Child Protection Act to ex-



pedite my immigration process. I had to raise about \$3,000 to pay the Department of Homeland Security fees to have my case reviewed, schedule physical exams and tests, and travel to DHS interviews in Los Angeles. The critical point was when DHS had to search for supporting documents that my family had submitted with our original application because DHS has misplaced them. If the DHS did not find the documents, I would have been at risk of deportation, and once deported, the US would bar me from returning to the US for ten years.

Meanwhile I was working parttime, commuting three hours a day to SF State, and lacking financial support from my family. But I had help from mentors, including an immigration attorney who advised me pro bono, some scholarships and the BSC. Things did fall into place, the forms were found and I was granted permanent residency in the United States in December 2010. I also received the Brunetta Reid Wolfman Scholarship through the BSC Alumni Association, which helped me continue supporting myself in the spring semester of 2011.

I also boarded at Euclid and made great friends there, and I currently live in Northside apartment with a fellow co-oper during my final months of the "grace" semester. I have gotten involved in central level functions as

> an Administrative Committee member where we heard cases involving workshift fines and nonpayment of room and board fees. Currently, I serve on the Conduct Committee deciding conduct issues such as harassment, and party policy. In addition, I am now the Health Education Coordinator and Member Events Coordinator. By serving on these committees and jobs, I have been able to give back to the BSC while learning more about how this organization works.

> I am extremely grateful to the BSC and the BSC Alumni Association! Thank you!

Perla is working part-time as Director of the Women's Center at S.F. State. She is looking for a permanent position in health education, women's rights, or immigration issues.

BSC Numbers

1,260 members

20 houses

42%
of our undergraduate
members are
first-generation
college students

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tional community mean to you?" Jim's answer: "It is different with different groups, but basically an intentional community happens when people consciously agree on certain terms of living together."

Meanwhile, Jim has also been delving into the inner workings at Central Office. "We didn't want to overwhelm," says Operations Manager Kim Benson, who has relinquished her title as Interim Executive Director. "We thought we should ease him in with introductions to our organizational structure." Kim and Brenna Fallon, the BSC President, have been steadily giving Jim responsibility for major financial, legal, and insurance matters. The staff at 2424 Ridge joke that the final transformation will occur when Jim assumes emergency phone duties.

The BSC executive search team was most impressed with Jim's eight years

as the Associate Vice President of Real Estate Services for Harvard, serving as Harvard's senior real estate officer and managing a \$160 million operating budget. "We think that Jim's background in property management, leasing, construction, and development will bring a deep, nuanced understanding to the BSC," says Brenna.

Jim, who also worked for fourteen years at Duke Realty earlier in his career first as an attorney and then as Senior Vice President and General Manager in two different cities, recognizes that his corporate background may seem incongruous at a cooperative, student-run organization like the BSC. "My transition from the business world occurred many years ago with my move to Harvard. It is important to me that my work is consistent with my values," he commented. It is worth noting that Jim told staff his favorite book is Catch-22. Recalling the character Milo Minderbinder, the book satirizes the American capitalistic dream

and the consequences of pursuing profit without conscience. "The mission of the BSC – to make a university education affordable – strongly resonates with me, especially now, and especially in California where higher education budgets have been so deeply cut. Also, I am very happy to relocate to the Bay Area!"

What about, well, getting things done? "In private businesses with hierarchical structures, decisions are made in a top-down fashion. But at nonprofits and student organizations like the BSC, maximizing profit is not the only concern, and things move at a slower pace as democratic principles are employed and many voices are heard. Different decision making processes are appropriate for different organizations. The BSC has thrived for 80 years, so it is obviously doing something right. I am looking forward to exploring the keys to the success of the Berkeley Student Cooperative and helping members make it an even more successful organization."

Volunteer! A Report from the BSC Scholarship Committee

Generous Alumni Association donations fund important scholarship awards that are given to deserving BSC students every Fall semester. This year, we received 155 applications, which were reviewed by seven alumni: Cami Erickson, Ran Klarin, Sara Bagwell, Melanie Colburn, Maha Haji, Maria Ryan, Development Director Madeleine Loh and Jon Lampman.

Madeleine Loh and Annie Moore, the former Alumni Coordinator who recently graduated, set up an online application program, with valuable input from the UC Berkeley Office of Financial Aid, who also verified the application submissions. This collaboration with the UC Berkeley Office of Financial Aid greatly streamlined the review process.

Then each application got three reviews and three scores. The reviewers convened to make final decisions based on financial need and contextual information about the applicant's family, work opportunities, volunteer activities and academic workload. Many thanks to Cami Erickson who used her sophisticated Excel skills to compile re-

sults from the individual review sheets, which were critical in facilitating the committee's deliberations.

This year we gave out over \$45,000 in scholarships. Each scholarship is worth 1/3 of a semester's room and board. Of the 37 awarded scholarships given out, four were doubled because of the applicant's significant need.

The scholarship committee hosted a reception for scholarship awardees at the Central Office on December 17, 2013. This reception gave the scholarship committee members an opportunity to discuss academics and other issues with student awardees. One student talked about how her parents' differing ethnic backgrounds will be the theme for a paper about World War II.

It was a great experience for me to be able to give back to the Berkeley Student Cooperative.

Jon Lampman (Cloyne 1968-69) is the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. He is also working on the annual BSC Graduation. Interested in volunteering? Contact him at sandyjon@sbcglobal.net.

Exhibit at the Bancroft Library

Fall 2013

The Bancroft Library is having an exhibit on the history of the BSC in their lobby display cases. The exhibit will open in August, 2013 and run until the end of the year.

Please donate your original memorabilia, documents, and photos so that they can be professionally preserved and archived for other alumni and researchers.

We appreciate digitized copies (600+ppi) as well. Please include information about your donated document or photo, including names, dates, locations, and description of the recorded event.

BSC History Exhibit: Bancroft Library Celebrates our 80th Anniversary

Since September 2012, Berkeley Student Cooperative's Project Management Intern and Kingman Hall member Alex Sizemore-Smale has been working on a major project to transfer historic co-op photos and documents to the Bancroft Library. We are thrilled that our history will be accessible to the public and preserved using the highest archival standards.

Part of the project includes digitizing the most important documents and photos before the physical items are transferred. Alex, with the help of fellow members Tiffany Xu (Kingman) and Andrew Godar (Wilde House), has digitized board packets up to Spring 1983.

Our work will culminate in an exhibit in the display cases in the Doe corridor abutting the Bancroft Library. The exhibit will celebrate the BSC's great achievements and social impact in our 80-year history. It will open in late August 2013 and run at least through the end of 2013.

MINUTES OF JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

Kingman Hall

March 9, 1942

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Black at $7:15_{ullet}$

Committees:

- 1. Awards Committee. The ERSC wants to choose five members to be given UCSCA placards at the general meeting as recognition of their work in the UCSCA.
- 2. Dêfense Committee, to act as a coordinating committee for the defense measures. It was moved and seconded that each house appoint a definite committee for defense, and that the heads of these committees meet for exchange of ideas, etc.

Mr. Norton, Business Manager of the Berkeley Campus, has asked the UCSCA to help the Berkeley Defense Council by taking sign-ups of persons willing and able to work at night. Each house will post a sign-up sheet. Members are asked to specify if they have had or are taking first aid, have had experience as firemen, deputy guards, etc.

It was suggested that the houses buy bonds, that voluntary contributions be used to buy defense stamps and bonds. It was further suggested that we have a dance and charge defense stamps for admission.

It was decided that there will be more joint council meetings, at intervals of 4-6 weeks,

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Williams Acting Secretary

Minutes from a 1942 meeting chaired by Bruce Black, in which a Defense Committee was proposed to support the war effort. We shared this excerpt with Bruce Black's surviving wife, Helen Black, the first House Manager at Sherman Hall.

Alumna Claire Doran Receives Rotary Peace Fellowship



Claire Doran, who lived Casa Zimbabwe and Kingman from 2005 to 2009 presently works as the Program Director of the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center in Downtown Los Angeles. She has just received a fellowship from the prestigious Rotary International Peace Fellows program, which awards 50 fellowships each year to individuals from around the globe to study peace at one of several Rotary International Peace Centers on university campuses. Claire will be studying at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan.

Claire's background as a mixed race, first-generation American sparked her interest in intercultural conflict and transformative communication processes. Her experiences at UC Berkeley and in the co-ops shaped her dedication to working in conflict resolution and particularly multicultural mediation at the community level. Claire was the BSC Coordinator on Outreach, Diversity, and Anti-discrimination, and also facilitated the Female Sexuality DeCal student-led course.

A community mediator and facilitator, she believes that community mediation and restorative justice programs are essential for advancing justice and fostering understanding. Her specific interests lie in exploring the ethical implications of power dynamics in mediation, particularly as they relate to gender, culture and class.

Oxford Hall Reunion

Over 100 alumni came to the Oxford Hall Reunion on October 7, 2012. It would not have been as fun as it was without the planning efforts of alumni Joe Mixer, Allen Davenport, Rus Button, Vic Garlin, Marla Koss, Fred Lavine, Mike Tripp, and Doug Finley. Thank you!



Original lease of Oxford Hall building, for years 1938-1943. The USCA purchased the building in 1963.

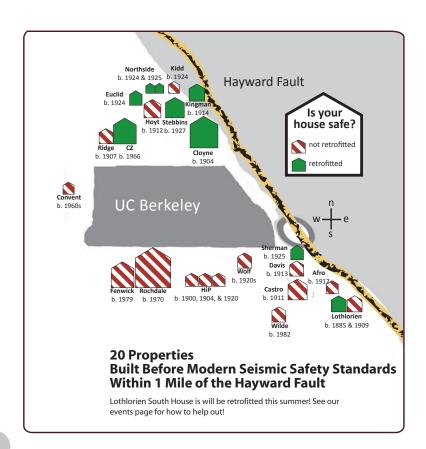
Marla Koss presented a fairytale about Oxford Hall and its magical transformation to co-ed housing

Why did we sell Oxford Hall?

Oxford Hall was sold in 1977 because the USCA determined that the building was seismically unsafe and too expensive to retrofit. With the help of alumni donations, we won't have to make that mistake again! Alumni brought Oxford memorabilia to showcase. We had a near-complete set of Oxford Accents, the original 1938 lease for Oxford Hall. Jeff Koon's manager notes, Hans Newman's vintage 1970s t-shirts, Mark Sarconi's original architectural survey demonstrating that we never should have sold Oxford Hall, and an original poster for Oxford Hall's Last Dance from Douglas Roberts.



Recollecting stories: From the WWII draft to the Free Speech Movement



Oxford Hall Reunion Continued



Alumni mug on the steps of Hillsgass and Parker House the house purchase with proceeds from the sale of Oxford Hall.

We enjoyed a surprise performance by the Cal Straw Hat Band. They worked for leftover food, seven bottles of beer, and a dozen cans of soda.





Immediately after the reunion, alumni visited the original Oxford Hall. The manager, Unes Gollestani, was wonderfully kind and hospitable, and some of the current residents even welcomed alumni into their old rooms.

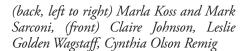
Oxford Hall Reunion Continued

Pictured here are Vic Garlin (current member of the BSC Alumni Association board of directors), Rudy Dyck (former Workshift Manager at Oxford Hall), Joe Mixer (former House President at Oxford Hall), Darwin Marable (reservist and activist with the Tibetan Brigade), Ted Klaseen, and Joanna Pace (Ted's daughter).





Marc Sarconi and Gordon Herscher enjoy some beers on the roof of Hillgasse and Parker House. We encouraged 1940-50s alumni to gather inside the house, 1960s alumni in the backyard, and 1970s on the roof.







(left to right) Jeff Koon, Carol Schamp, Roger Schamp, Anne Ekes, Bill Ekes. Thank you Jeff for your meticulous House Manager manual and extensive collection of Oxford Accents!

Inspection Standards: Keeping the Co-ops Clean

Operations Assistant Michelle Pesce conducts three rounds of habitability inspections per semester for each of our houses. Inspections begin within one week after classes start. "We check the physical structure, electricity, water, fire escape, and the kitchen for safety and no faucets leak, bathroom vents are clear, all caulk is continuous, and that fire doors self-close.

"The purpose of these inspections is to help our house-level managers maintain habitability and cleanliness levels. We also want to stay one step ahead of the Berkeley Health the grout, showers and dirt built up in the corners. Cloyne was charged \$300 for the crew work and supplies.

The system is working well, but the Operations Assistant can think of ways to keep improving. "I want to clarify cleanliness standards to make sure that managers know how

op op	Habitability & Kitchen Inspection Report Berkeley Student Cooperative 2424 Ridge Rd, Berkeley, CA 9709 TEL: (510) 848-1936; EMAIL: mpesce@bsc.coop	Date: 2/1/13 Time: 12pm	Round:	
House/Apt: WILDE		Spring 2013		
Inspected by: Michel	FAIL	PASS		
OBSTRUCTIONS: Mak	e sure all of the areas below are free of trash, furniture, and	l other debris		
Fire Escapes	O Contact Best Fire about recharging fire extir	nguishers by March 28	3, 2013	
Hallways/Stairways	X Clear all hallways of items - boxes, trash, paint, books, mattresses, etc.			
Main Entrance/Exit	ostill some items in hallw	ay-znd flo	or 300	
Common Areas	X Organize and store party decoration from la	st semester that are in	living room	
next to fire place.				
Roof/Basement	X Dump old pool that is on roof!			
Other	X Free Pile - clear foam from the top of the	wardrobes (this ma	terial is	
highly flammable). Pleas	e establish 18" of clearance below the sprinklers in fr	ee pile area. Clear h	allway in	
basement with free pile s	tuff. Wardrobes with free pile stuff should be organiz	ed, consider adding	shelves or	
bins inside of the wardro	bes to organize area. Unused metal rack that is on the	back porch of the h	ouse could	
also be useful for the free	e pile if you are looking for a new way to organize	areat		
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EXTERIOR: Clean and	organize the areas listed below. All items must be free of d	irt, mildew & mold.		
Dumpsters & Recycling	0			
Compost	0	_		
Walkways	0			
Patio/Yard	0			
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sure all dry goods are stored in	X Transfer dried fruits and nuts to container with tight fitting lid and label. Make a sealed containers and labeled - there should be no open bags in the pantry.
Counters	o still some open bags, but nice labels!
Ceiling, Floor & Walls	X Floor needs a good mopping. Use degreaser to get up built up dirt in floor
grout and under counters/sinks	s. Keep dirty pots and dishes stored at least 6" off the ground
Sinks	X Clean out floor sinks
Sanitizer	0
Refrigerator(s) & Freezer	0
appliances	0
Stove Hoods and Filters	0
Waste Storage & Recycling	X Recycling needs to be taken out especially cardboard by front door.
Cleaning Products Storage	X Organize mop area — should be no standing water left in mop buckets, throw ou
empty bottles and dirty mop he	ads. Make sure you store mops hanging upside down on hooks.
Dining Room	X clean up plates with leftovers left out in dining room. Replace broken light
cover in the dining room - con	tact CM.
Safety	0
	Station, First Aid, Fire Extinguisher, Oven Mitts)
BATHROOMS: All of the are	eas listed below must be clean and sanitary. All items must be free of dirt, mildew & mold.
Ceiling, Floor & Walls	X Take out trash/compost in kitchen bathroom – overflowing!
Counters	X Restock paper towels in kitchen bathroom
Pans/Ventilation	0
oilets	0
howers/Tubs	0
Grout/Caulk	0

health concerns. We also check for general cleanliness in the common areas and around the grounds. The main violations we look for are obstructions, dirt build up, and areas overlooked by workshifters. The laundry room should not have mountains of lint waiting to catch fire, and mattresses shouldn't be left out on the roof in the rain. We open closets, check in the basements, and make sure the 'free pile' is organized."

The second inspection also includes the participation of a Central Maintenance crew member and the house's Maintenance Manager. The team focuses on safety and preventative maintenance issues. Among other things, they make sure

Department."

If the house does not meet

inspection levels, the report reflects a "FAIL" rating. The report is provided to the house managers and the house has one week to address the problems identified in the report. Michelle then returns to the house to conduct a re-inspection. If a house still has not fixed habitability problems, Central Office assembles a crew of on-call BSC members to do the clean up and the house gets billed for the work. For instance, after Cloyne recently failed to clean a bathroom that had flunked the habitability inspection, a crew of four members worked for a day and a half to clean to prepare for inspections and if necessary, engage the membership to respond to a failed inspection."

Re-Inspection Date: 02/08/2013

Operations Assistant Michelle Pesce (Casa Zimbabwe 2009-12) served as CZ Workshift Manager for two years before graduating in 2012 with a degree in Political Science and Geography. In addition to habitability inspections, her 20-hour-per-week job provides support to the BSC workshift managers. She is studying for the GRE and plans on applying to graduate school.

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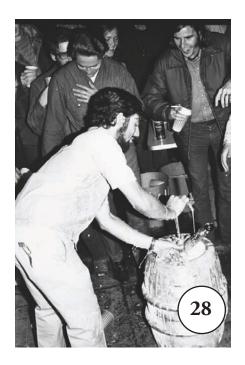
If you can identify any of the people, places, or things in the photos, please email Madeleine Loh at mloh@bsc.coop











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Cloyne Court, 1970

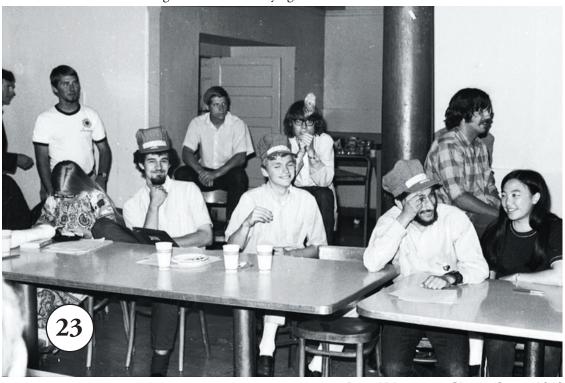
Holy Moly, we received a lot of help identifying the coop alumni in this photo #23. Thanks to Maya D'Anjou, Margie Greene, Eric Leong, Sharon Oda, Ted Pack, and Susan Schaefer for their help in identifying! The photo was taken

at a coop board meeting at Cloyne Court during the 1969-1970 academic year. Ted Pack (third from the left wearing a conductor's hat and goatee, Cloyne 1966-1970) claims that they were wearing railroad engineering caps because, "There were rumblings about the co-op being 'railroaded.'" Ted believes the girl on the far left is Sally Peterson (Hoyt and Sherman) but another identifier claims she is Chris Pattillo (Sherman 1969-1971?). On the far left, we have Bud Rice 1969-1973). (Cloyne John Mausser is the cleanshaven fellow in the center, also wearing a hat. On the right, the man in the checkered shirt is

Ned Moore of either Atascadero or Paso Robles, CA (the identifier can't remember). Everyone agrees that the man in the long sleeved shirt is Tariq Kadri (Cloyne 1967-1972?) who later became Cloyne house manager and eventually got a

Thank you Tia Shields Clark (Stebbins, Rochdale 1969-72), who helped us identify the dancers in this photo. Here we see a bumping party at Cloyne Court Hotel, in the fall of 1970 when Cloyne was still an allmale house. (Though the photo indicates that their parties were not). The tall man dancing in the center is Jeff Hambelton, wearing a "peasant shirt that I sewed him," offers Tia. Tia herself is featured to the left, in front of the white wall. The bearded fellow in the center is Terry Tarantino, who married Patti Shields, Tia's sister, now divorced. Jay Goldsmith is dancing on the far left, in front of the wall. He currently resides on the other side of the Bay Ridge in Walnut Creek. Tia now lives in Laramie, Wyoming with her husband of thirty-six years, Roy Clark. Shout-out to all the dancers and many thanks to Tia for volunteering some insight on what looks like a groovin' party!

degree in law at Georgetown. Lastly, on the far right is Maya Low D'Anjou (Sherman 1969-1971), who married Jim D'Anjou (Cloyne). Whew!



Board Meeting at Cloyne Court, 1969

Alumni Notes

Bernie Altman (Cloyne 1965-67, Northside 1967-70) fondly remembers senior banquet at Cloyne Court in Spring 1966. The seniors arrived in the dining room on motorcycles—which they had driven along the main hall from the basement "cocktail lounge" at the other end of the building. The banquet quickly and predictably turned into a food fight, with the floor covered several inches deep with beer, salad dressing, and sour cream (baked potatoes were served only at special dinners). The Cloyne kitchen supervisor had been previously reprimanded by the house council for not doing his job adequately. His punishment was to clean up after the banquet by himself. He worked all night, and by breakfast the room was habitable again. Bernie had to leave the banquet early to do work at Wurster Hall. The music at the banquet was so loud he could still hear it as he passed Sather Tower. Bernie now lives in Los Angeles at the historic Baldwin Hills (now Village Green) and works as an architect.

Richard Arthur (Oxford 1960-

62) spent week in Cloyne before he was able to move into Oxford hall. His first workshift was polish the "Cloyne brass sign above the entryway (no safety belt above a 20-foot drop). When he moved into Oxford, he found that the WCs located

on his third floor living area were positioned on the back laundry porch, along sloped wooden trussed floor boards that you could see through to ground level. Oxford was a polyglot of old-young students, including "professional men" like Darwin M., who was fully employed as a probation officer for Alameda County. Co-op life was laissez-faire except for the daily meal hours, Tuesday night linen ex-

change, and Thursday night haircut times with Joe "the barber" St. Clair, who charged 25cents or a can of beer. In 1962 the Alameda County sheriffs conducted a "poker raid" to rescue some "tuition starved" residents from card-sharp ringers. Richard, as presiding President, house manager Jeff Koon and Bob? convened an emergency house meeting to outlaw the game. For Richard it was "a great time with some great people at a great place" where he learned a lesson in the Oxford spirit: "some see the world as it is, and ask 'why?'... others see visions of things that have never been, and ask 'why not?'"

Debbie Bopp (Barrington, Rochdale, Northside, USCA President 1978 with Bennett Freeman as Vice President). Debbie studied three years at Cal, then continued living in the Co-op while attending nursing school at UCSF. In 1980, a nefarious band of ex-Barringtonians – Nancy (Brigham) Blattel, Ed Weil, Steve Ross, and her later-ex-husband Bob Lucke – migrated to the Washington DC area, where

Roxy Glick (Wolf 2011-12, Castro 2012) writes: I must have been glowing when I dashed into the Wolf House dining room after graduation last May, because the gaggle of housemates who were amid a Saturday night pre-party seemed to shout my name in unison, and variously congratulated me as I appeared. One of my friends poured me a shot that burned my throat as I hurried to rejoin my family waiting outside. That joyous hubbub is how I will always remember the Wolves, a community that respected and supported all aspects of my life while keeping things on the wild side. This anecdote is also a microcosm of my post-grad life, since I have left my dear Berkeley friends to live with my family in Seattle. After part-time gigs in website design and tour guiding this fall, I'm now looking for full-time work in an entry level position that can point me toward urban design.

John Dolan (Oxford 1959-61) was roommates with the barber Joe St. Clair, who ended up in medical school at the Sorbonne because he didn't get

into a US school. John was an activist with Berkeley CORE (Congress for Racial Equality) and spent the summer of 1961 in jail down South. When he returned he could not get back into Oxford Hall. He wasn't sure how long he would be in jail, so he did not sign up for the Fall

semester. John rented an apartment with fellow ex-Oxfordites Norman Prince and Larry Akey. Norman was really bright and the last I heard he was in graduate school in Edinburgh, Scotland, studying philosophy. Larry was more prosaic, though his undergraduate degree was in philosophy. He became a banker, married a nice girl, and had several kids. John met Willie Kelly, the only black student at Oxford



Former co-oper Roxy Glick, far right, an experienced tour guide with Seattle Free Walking Tours, organized a walking tour of Pike Place Market and Pioneer Square in February 2013. She was joined by Alan Kahn (Lothlorien 1988), Alan Lloyd (Barrington 1970s), Ellen Judson (Barrington 1973-74), and Ken Halliburton (Ridge 1964). Thank you, Roxy, for helping alumni connect with each other and with the BSC! If you want to organize an event in your area, contact Madeleine Loh, Development Director, at mloh@bsc.coop.

Debbie attended the nurse-midwifery program at Georgetown. Debbie has been a midwife for 29 years and has delivered about 1,400 babies. Her husband Greg is a Park Ranger and they have a 15-year-old daughter, Leah. They now live in Port Angeles, WA. Debbie considers her Co-op time as good years. "They are years I have to edit heavily when answering my daughter's questions."

Alumni Notes

Hall during John's time, several years later when Willie came into the ER in Kaiser Vallejo for treatment. Willie was an optometrist. Tragically, Willie died of an acute asthma attack when he was still in his forties.

Carleton MacDonald (Ridge House 1967-70, Davis House 1970-73, USCA President July-December 1970). My room at Davis House was the single on the top floor on the east side (just to the right of the exit door) with the single window. It faced the courtyard just south of California Memorial Stadium. One Friday night we had a HUGE party with all variety of sophisticated adult refreshment, and all got to bed late. At 7:00 am the following morning we were blown out of sleep by an unbelievably loud blast of out-of-tune trumpets, trombones and tubas. Home football game, California against somebody, High School Band Day, and all the bands were right outside my window practicing. We had a tradition of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in the wood-paneled dining room. The cooks would come up with something really fantastic and we all dressed up (such as we had dress-up clothes). I was the maintenance manager for awhile and was scared to death when people played games that involved throwing things in the entry hall because the glass globes on the lights dated to 1915. I loved Davis House. When a university has 27,500 undergraduates, you find your friends not in class, but in your activities and where you live. And to think we bought it for \$75,000 in 1969, with \$40,000 spent to fix it up. I lived in Berkeley for two more years then moved back to San Francisco, sang in and managed a chorus over there, and went to work for Amtrak. I still work for Amtrak in Washington, DC taking advantage of the writing skills that a sociology major develops to create timetable text, develop employee policy bulletins, and develop reservation and ticketing procedures.

In August, **Maria Ryan** (Euclid, Kidd, and Northside '91-'95) relocated to Vancouver (WA), just across the Columbia River from Portland. She now works as a budget analysts for

the local Parks & Rec department, and has a very short commute of just over a mile. She's enjoying getting to know the area, and is counting the days until the clouds part, and sun will be a daily occurrence. She plans to schedule coop alumni gatherings in Portland and Seattle.

Jim Slama lived in Oxford Hall 1953-55. At that time, Oxford Hall was known to have the highest academic standards of all the co-op houses. Upon graduation, he moved to Portland to the Univeristy of Oregon for his internship and four years of surgical residency. He moved to Salem and practiced General Surgery for thirty years. Now in retirement, he and his wife remain in Salem, in an active adult living community, enjoying playing bridge and golf.

LOVE CONNECTIONS

Leon Bennett's (Ridge House 1946-47) first exposure to the Co-op was when he traveled from Escondido to Berkeley with his high school buddy Oscar Madsen, who lived in Oxford Hall. V-J Day occurred during Leon's visit, and the men at Oxford waterbombed passing cars from the roof. Leon also accompanied Oscar to a dance at Lexington Hall, where he met Lucille Jane Morse. When Leon started a Cal the next year, he moved into Ridge House. Ridge did not have a kitchen, so Leon boarded at Lexington, where he took a dishwashing workshift alongside Lucille. "We met over a bunch of dirty dishes." Leon spent so much time at Lexington Hall that one night as he was sitting with Lucille, "my bed walked into Lexington, carried by my two roommates from Ridge." One night after a Co-op party, as they were relaxing in front of the Lexington fireplace with Lucille on Leon's lap, Leon proposed. After Cal, both had careers teaching in various schools in California, although Lucille was forced to "retire" when a principal in Hilmar, CA decided she was too pregnant. The two eventually retired in Paradise, CA. Lucille passed after a long illness on January 27, 2013. They had five children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Leon now lives close to family in Denver, CO.

Thomas Clark and Lois Olney met at a local community fundraiser, where they were representing Cloyne Court and Stebbins Hall as respective house presidents. Their courtship was fairly convenient. They married in 1952, after Lois graduated. Thomas later served mayor of Long Beach. Lois passed away in 2006. They have three children, including two who graduated in UC Berkeley but did not live in the co-op. Thomas, who visited Cloyne in 2005, observes that "it seemed like they used quite a creative variety of paint; we used to be more consistent in our color choice."

(Tanfield) Ruth and Peter Simmons were high school sweethearts. When Peter started at Cal in 1949, Ruth spent her freshman year at LA State College and would visit Peter at Oxford Hall. Ruth started at Cal her sophomore year and moved into Sherman Annex, which was a big old house on what is now the parking lot on the south side of Memorial Stadium. The UCSCA rented it from a lady who turned out to be a student's ideal "house mother" - ie, not particularly interested in her supervisory role. Nonetheless the 14 girls for Sherman Annex were subject to Sherman Hall Judiciary Committee, which oversaw discipline and curfews in compliance with university rules. At that time, co-op members could eat their meals at any of the coops, so they generally went where it was convenient to classes. Ruth took most of her meals at Barrington, where Peter lived during their sophomore year and served as Workshift Manager. Peter became dean of the Rutgers Law School (1975-1993) and continues to teach there. Ruth began her career as an archivist and manuscript curator organizing the papers of Alexander Meiklejohn, one of the founders of the ACLU. She ended up at Rutgers, first as University Archivist, then as Director of Special Collections and Archives, then focusing on the Rutgers Meiji Era collections. She retired in 2002. In January 2013, Ruth and Peter celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

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Alumni President's Barbeque

Saturday, June 15, 2013 12:00 - 4:00 PM 128 Pepper Ave. Burlingame, CA 94010

\$10/BSCAA members children under 12 free Tickets at bscaa.org/events

The President of the BSC Alumni Association, Justin Erickson (Cloyne 1980-85) and Cami (Nilmeyer)

Erickson invite you to a familyfriendly co-op alumni BBQ! Come mingle and swap coop stories.



Lothlorien Retrofit Work Party

Dear Old Elves,

South House will finally be retrofitted this summer! However, before we can make the house earthquake friendly, the basement needs to be cleared out. Help move stuff to the garage! Get a last look at those *special* basement spaces! Want the heater and pump from the legendary old concrete hot tub? First come first serve and it's yours!

The Berkeley Student Cooperative Alumni Association will be providing pizza and keg of beer after That's right, a whole keg - in other words, unlimited beer, because the last time Loth ever finished a keg was 199never.

Saturday April 27, 2013, 4-6pm Lothlorien 2415 Prospect Street, Berkeley

Co-op Graduation

Sunday, April 28, 2013 5:00 PM Alumni House

The BSC Graduation is a blast for students and alumni volunteers! We need volunteers to bring desserts (especially vegan), set up, and clean up. If you are interested in being part of our graduation party, please contact Analise Smith-Hinkley at aesmithhinkley@gmail.com



This year is the BSC's 80th Anniversary! Come join us the weekend of October 19-20, 2013 to celebrate!

Stebbins Reunion

Sunday October 20, 2013 11:00 am - 2:00 PM

\$5 BSCAA Members \$10 non-members \$15 at the door Tickets at bscaa.org/events



If you would like to help with planning or finding Stebbins alumni, please contact Stebbins alumnus David Pon at david.r.pon@gmail.com

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Dan Eisenstein, Cloyne Court alumnus from 1950-1954, reported that two former BSC members have passed away. **Frank J. Wong** passed away on April 20, 2012 at the age of 86. He was a UC Berkeley graduate in architecture and former Cloyne Court resident in 1955. **Martin Bragen** passed away on May 26, 2012 and was a former Cloyne Court resident in 1954.

Tom Gong (Barrington 1958-60), a former member of the BSC Alumni Association Board of Directors, passed away December 15, 2012 from renal failure due to ANCA vasculitis which attacked his kidneys. Tom earned his BA and PhD at UC Berkeley with an MA at San Francisco State University in between. Following many years of research and college-level teaching in the cell biology field, he entered the biotechnology industry and became a well known and respected expert in insect cell culture and growth. Tom was passionate about fishing and tournament fly casting. He was past president of the American Casting Association and current president of the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club headquartered in Golden Gate Park. He earned many medals for his prowess with the fly rod, and was a past national record holder. Tom also loved Dodge Brothers automobiles. His collection spanned models from 1915 to 1935, and he and his wife Elaine enjoyed participating in many parades and Gatsby festivals with the appropriate 1930's attire.

Mary Ann Cecile Levant (Ridge Project 1967-70) graduated from UC Berkeley with a Masters in Library Science and a minor in psychology. She married her first husband, Hugo Blasdel, while at Berkeley. Mary Ann started her 36-year teaching career in Montgomery County, MD in 1972. She met her second husband, Reg Hahne, in the late 70s and married in the early 90s. A serious car accident in February 2012 left Mary Ann a paraplegic with other serious internal injuries. Although she was a fighter, she succumbed to an infection in early June and never recovered. Mary Ann had a brilliant intellect, was an avid reader, outstanding problem solver, and a friend to many. Music, theater, reading, learning, crafts, travel and family all became part of her being. She is sur

vived by her husband, friend, lover and soul mate of over 34 years, Reg Hahne.

Matthewson Patricia (Sherman Hall 1945-47) died at the age of 90 on October 2012. Pat was an independent career girl even before she arrived at Sherman Hall, having worked at an FBI steno pool straight out of high school. After receiving a degree in International Relations at UC Berkeley, she worked all around the world for the State Department. BSC Development Director Madeleine Loh enjoyed a lively visit with her the year before she passed at her home in Huntington Beach, where Pat showed off her many pho_ tographs from her travels around the world. Pat was spunky, compassionate, and keenly interested in supporting the mission of the BSC.

Dave Ruby (Oxford 1965-66, Ridge House 1966-69) reported the sad news that his older brother, **Dr. Leonard Ruby**, (1969-62) passed away in October 2012. Dave, Leonard, and Leonard's roommate Ted Akulian hiked in Yosemite together once. Dr. Ruby was a renowned surgeon who established the orthopedic hand surgery division at the Tufts-New England Medical Center.



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