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What Can "Student-Run" Mean in Alumni Relations?



2019-20 DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

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MADELEINE LOH

DAVIS HOUSE, 1993-96; ROCHDALE VILLAGE, 2002-04 BSC Development Director

Being student-run is in the DNA of the Berkeley Student Cooperative. It is our foundational value as a cooperative. So when our organization doubles down on alumni relations because it is critical for our own future, what does "student-run" look like? Our student-run Board of Directors sets the strategic vision for alumni engagement and fundraising and ensures the BSC allocates enough resources to those endeavors, the job of any nonprofit board. I am immensely grateful for the many other ways the Board shows its collective support, like thanking our donors, welcoming alumni at our events, and mobilizing BSC members around alumni engagement. I'd like to give a particular shout out to this year's President, Emery Martinez, and Vice President of External Affairs, Ella Smith, for their leadership in this area.

As the students' Development Director, it is my responsibility to oversee the proper execution of the BSC's

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development and fundraising activities; it is also my passion to further the BSC's cause and to support our students. Consistent with our values as a student-run cooperative, I work with our members in ways that can provide valuable educational experiences.

The Board created our new student-run Development and Alumni Relations Committee (commonly referred to as "DARCom" around here) to expand our capacity and to realize our student-run principles (the "BSC is committed to taking leadership responsibility in alumni engagement and fundraising activities, consistent with our student-led cooperative model and our status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.")

DARCom consists of five students selected by myself and our Vice President of External Affairs who are passionate about the BSC mission and love to share their passion with their fellow BSC members and our alumni community. They are also exercising skills in event and project management, community organizing, and fundraising. Mentoring this year's DARCom team has given me tremendous joy and inspiration, and reminds me of why I love working in a student-run nonprofit. I am proud of how they have grown as professionals and as a team!

DARCom has been working on creating more volunteer opportunities and events for alumni-student engagement. You can see some of the fruits of their labor in this issue, including an upcoming Alumni Work Day in April. I thank all alumni who have offered us encouragement and support as we continue to evolve our alumni relations, with the ultimate goal that our alumni have a stronger affinity to our mission and our students.



∧ HOYT HALL BRUNCH FOR RECENT GRADS DARCom has been encouraging and supporting our members when they want to organize alumni events.



∧ PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

Development & Alumni Relations Committee organized a Professional Networking event for co-opers to network with alumni and to learn about how to leverage BSC experiences in the job market. A big thank you to alumni **BILL HULL** (CLOYNE • 1976-79), **LIZ LIEBMAN** (HOYT • 2015-17), **SELENA FELICIANO** (HOYT, WOLF, CZ • 2012-15), **NATHALIE MUNOZ** (HOYT • 2017-18) for serving on our alumni panel!

> BOWLING PARTY IN LOS ANGELES

DARCom is organizing an event in Los Angeles every winter break. We always choose a place that's fun and different, and bowling at XLanes was a hit! Great idea, Nelson!



Development and Alumni Relations Committee at One Year

NELSON WONG • CASA ZIMBABWE Chair, Development & Alumni Relations Committee

I come from Elk Grove, a town near Sacramento, and study Political Science and German at UC Berkeley. Before my job here, I worked in the UC Berkeley Disabled Students Program, supporting other students. During high school I served as a volunteer and rider leader at Project RIDE, a nonprofit that provides therapeutic horseback riding for people with special needs. So, I have enjoyed jobs that require empathy and compassion. I am excited about working in nonprofits supporting disadvantaged communities after I graduate.

I became interested in my current position because my own BSC experience has been important to me, and I thought I would love helping alumni reconnect with a place that is so special to them, both in their college careers and beyond. I was also interested in gaining experience in managing teams and projects. This semester I have had the privilege of working on many exciting projects that brought alumni and students together, including the bus tour for alumni from the 50s and 60s, and a professional networking event for students and alumni, and our New Years mixer in Los Angeles. While I am not busy planning events you can find me in the office processing donations and maintaining our robust alumni database.

I have had a lot of fun working with a team of fellow Co-opers. Our DARCom team (me, Aren, Malia, Austin, and Alberto) comes from diverse backgrounds and places (including Spain and Hawaii!), and we really enjoy working with each other. We work cooperatively and always support each other. With our experiences living in different houses in the BSC, we enjoy discussions on how to best to get other members involved in support-



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ing events for you. My team and I are particularly excited about the events we have planned for Spring 2020, such as Queer Your Heart Out at Oscar Wilde and our Alumni Work Day (you should definitely sign up).

I am so happy to have the opportunity to work with all of you, and getting to know some of you in the process. My favorite part of the job is getting emails from alumni who are excited to learn more about everything BSC related. If you ever want to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out at alumni@bsc.coop. I would love to connect with you. Email me at alumni@bsc.coop.

RECAP: 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Challenge of Educational Equity

Executive Director Kim Benson's statement appears in our Annual Report, published in October 2019. The annual report is emailed to all alumni and can be found at bsc.coop/about-us/annual-report.

As a student-run cooperative, the Berkeley Student Cooperative has unique insight into the challenges faced by each generation of students. The students we are meant to serve as a 501(c)(3) are also our leaders, giving voice and priority to real student experiences and needs. Our founders knew this when they created the BSC in the depths of the Great Depression. Later in our history, the BSC was again a safe haven and the only option for students of color who faced housing discrimination.

We can no longer take higher education for granted. Many students from previous generations benefited from the post-war economic boom and the state's investment in public higher education. These students could graduate from college with little to no debt and reasonable prospects for a living wage and homeownership. Today, students struggle to meet basic needs like shelter, food security, and the crushing weight of student debt post-graduation.

Higher education is increasingly out of reach. The cost of housing in Berkeley (and the Bay Area) is one of the highest in the nation. UC Berkeley's dormitories have the fifth-highest room and board rates in the country, exceeding most private schools.

And UC Berkeley offers housing to just 26% of undergraduates, the lowest rate in the UC system.

The percentage of Pell Grant recipients (who receive aid based on economic need) at UC Berkeley has been declining since 2010.

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The BSC addresses these barriers directly: we provide shelter and food security at less than half the cost of UC dorms. The BSC doesn't run credit checks, and our security deposit is \$250 or less. Co-signers and social security numbers aren't required. Undocumented, disabled, and low-income students are prioritized on our waitlist.

I'm sure that our alumni and friends are aware of the socioeconomic challenges to achieving higher education. What might be new to some is the notion that the BSC's purpose is to be the solution.

UC Berkeley Tuition & Fees

\$14,068 resident \$42,082 non-resident

Cost of Rent & Food for 2019-20 Academic Year





The Berkeley Student Cooperative as a Cause

After our Annual Report was published in October 2019, National Public Radio reported on the affordability of college.

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Most Of Nation's Top Public Universities Aren't Affordable For Low-Income Students

November 5, 2019 • ALEXIS MARSHALL

America's top public universities, known as flagships, are generally the most well-resourced public universities in their respective states.... They're rigorous schools, and many were built on federal land grants meant to serve the "industrial classes." Today, only four public flagship universities [University of Arizona, the University of Michi-gan, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison]—are affordable for students from low-income families, according to a report from the Institute for Higher Education Policy.

Access to public universities can be critical for low-income students because those institutions can serve as engines for upward mobility. And these schools aren't living up to their responsibility to remain affordable, says Mamie Voight, one of the study's authors from IHEP.

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	Traval (no Dependents)	Jin Sook (with Dependents)	Sonja (Low-income)	Ava (Middle-income)	Maria (High-income)
U. OF ALABAMA	-\$20,729	-\$20,929	-\$19,579	-\$21,856	\$15,789
U. OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS	-\$15,246	-\$15,246	-\$9,486	-\$10,316	\$39,139
U. OF ARIZONA	-\$10,877	-\$11.109	\$1.850	-\$7.367	\$28,689
U. OF ARKANSAS	-\$13,521	-\$14,463	-\$10,371	-\$14,732	\$19,137
U. OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY	-\$2,488	-\$2.203	-\$2,800	-\$951	\$29,798
U. OF COLORADO-BOULDER	-\$5,378	-\$5,378	-\$5,378	-\$13,927	\$23,192
U. OF CONNECTICUT	-\$9,859	-\$9,726	-\$9.962	-\$14,963	\$37,894
U. OF DELAWARE	-\$3,252	-\$3,485	-\$3,125	-\$5,006	\$21,860
U. OF FLORIDA	-\$2,325	-\$575	-\$7.023	-\$7.467	\$25,293
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Excerpted from Opportunity Lost: Net Price and Equity at Public Flagship Institutions





"A Wonder-Filled Experience": On the BSC Bus Tour

An event for 1950s-60s co-opers — touring their old haunts, and learning what's new with the BSC — brought together alumni, student leaders, and staff

The BSC hosted its first ever bus tour for alumni of the 1950s and 1960s. We visited all 20 properties we currently operate, plus Sheridan Hall, Oxford Hall, and Barrington Hall. Our student-run Development & Alumni Relations Committee were instrumental in mobilizing the warm welcome from our current students. At Rochdale, teams of students greeted alumni in the morning and when the bus returned. At Casa Zimbabwe, Stebbins Hall, Oscar Wilde and Kingman, students boarded the bus with finger food, cookies, and hot cider.



RICH ARTHUR • OXFORD HALL, 1960-64

Rich Arthur spent a week in Cloyne before moving to Oxford Hall. Oxford was the closest off-campus housing to the Naval ROTC training building (when ROTC was required of all male UC students at the time) and to Gilman Hall, where Rich studied as a Chemistry major. Rich recalls parading to the Stanford campus with friends before the Big Game with a "Beat Stanford" banner, which made the local news. Rich graduated from UC Berkeley in 1964.

From the very first entry at Rochdale Village with coffee and donuts to the well-organized tour of 23 properties (chief among them the "Flagship Oxford" – no bias here!), it was a wonderful experience. Three cheers for



the organizing effort of the BSC staff and student volunteers!

It was particularly nice to be greeted by reception committees at several of the housing stops from Northside to Southside (including "the ghost" of Oxford on the West)! The historical presentation by Executive Director Kim Benson was extremely wellresearched and informative. Several highlights stand out along the tour. Comments by Al Bierce, Al Davenport, Tom Suhr, and Don Frank livened things up. And homemade scones served on board!

Most enjoyable, however, were the conversations with individual student volunteers along the route, such as Malia from Kingman — I noted that I met Harry Kingman in the 60s and discovered that before founding the BSC he played first base with the NY Yankees in 1916! It was a pleasure to meet Lita, Lizbeth, and Diana from Rochdale, VP of External Affairs Ella Smith, and of course, President Emery Martinez. The reunion luncheon tables were replete with stories of yesteryear. I'm only sorry we weren't able to reminisce with other out-of-area alums (John Dolan, Uri Herscher, Will Newman, George Gregg, Jeff Koon, Bob Hall) and in memoriam to others (Shang Keng Ma, Willie, Andres).

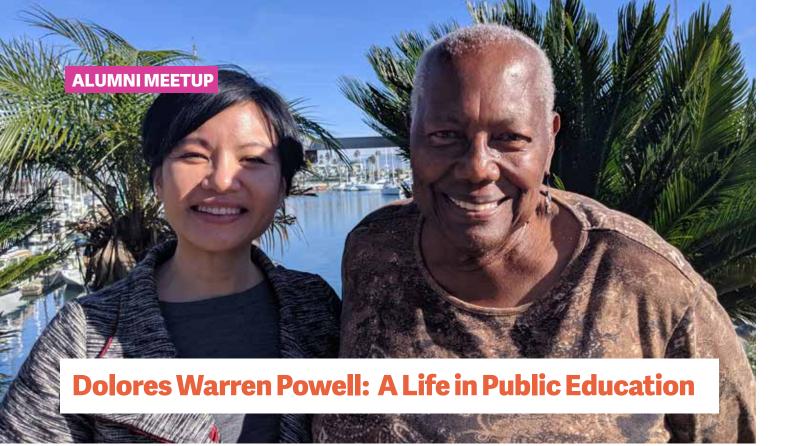
All in all, it was a wonder-filled experience for the Berkeley Student Cooperative; best wishes for continued success!

^ PHOTOS, FROM LEFT

1 • BSC members hopped on board with delicious homemade snacks.

2 • Austin Aguilar, former Maintenance Manager, discusses maintenance projects for the Kingman Hall Ampitheater.

3 • The bus tour was followed by lunch at Rochdale Village Apartments. **AL BIERCE** (wearing full-brimmed hat) organized the guys from Oxford Hall.



DOLORES WARREN POWELL

HOYT HALL • 1956-58

Development Director Madeleine Loh visited donor Dolores Warren Powell in Oxnard, CA over Winter Break. Dolores's story exemplifies how public investment in education can transform lives and set up future generations for success and how the BSC plays a key part.

I am the third oldest child in a family with eight children. My family moved from Texas to California in 1943 when I was six years old so my father could work in Long Beach building ships during World War II. We lived in unincorporated East Los Angeles, in a federal housing development for federal employees called Maravilla. It was segregated by street but we all went to the same school, Riggin Avenue Elementary. Just north of Maravilla were farms previously owned and operated by Japanese-Americans who were forcibly removed by the US government.

Education was always important to my family, and my parents held high expectations for all of us children, especially the girls. My dad did not want me or my sister to end up as maids or babysitters in a "Whit Man's House"! The first thing he did when we moved to East LA was to get library cards. At the end of the war, I attended Garfield High School, which was part of the Los Angeles Unified School District. I was enrolled in the college preparatory track. I received an excellent education which gave me the study skills to thrive in college. I later discovered that many of my Berkeley classmates who grew up in small towns or inner city schools were not as prepared for Berkeley and had to drop out, including my roommate at Hoyt Hall, Carol.

I had the grades to go directly to the University of California, but I started off at East LA Junior College, worked and lived at home to save money. I had always planned to attend UCLA. A boy I knew from Garfield who ended up at UC Berkeley convinced me to transfer to UC Berkeley instead of UCLA. I was excited to leave LA and live independently from my family.

At UC Berkeley, the dorms were segregated but the Coop was not. I lived in Hoyt Hall, where my workshifts were dusting, cleaning the living room and dish duty. I joined the Bay Area chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, a black sorority, which became an important network for me throughout my life. Other Delta Sigma Theta

> Dolores Powell with LINDA BUSH and JOAN COLMAN at Hoyt Hall.



ANDERSON, who lived in Stebbins Hall. I played intramural sports and had fun as one of the "Oski Dolls" who greeted football teams that played against Cal.

sisters were GLORIA MARSHALL and SANDRA JONES

Aunts and uncles helped with my college expenses. During winter breaks I worked in the Berkeley post office, and in the summers I worked at sewing manufacturer Charles of California in Los Angeles. During the school year, I took babysitting jobs. Black students could not get campus jobs, which led to protests in 1959.

I earned my bachelor's in Social Science and English in 1958, and then my teaching credential from the UC Berkeley School of Education in 1959. I was offered a job immediately after graduation teaching first grade at my own elementary school, Riggin Avenue Elementary School. As the neighborhood became more Hispanic, I worked as a language specialist. A highlight of my career was when the LA Unified School District sent me twice to Mexico to improve my Spanish at the Universidad de Guadalupe Autonoma! I later received a master's degree in educational psychology and counseling from Cal State Los Angeles in 1974 and because a licensed educational psychologist in 1978. I continued to work for Los Angeles Unified Schools until 1997.

These days I spend most of my time at senior centers where I can have conversations, exercise, play games and have lunch with friends. The weekends are spent with my large extended family and church. I give back to the Berkeley Student Cooperative because it gave me an opportunity to attend Berkeley and live near campus with diverse group of people and develop life skills. I hope my giving will help others have similar experiences and thrive in school.



Events Throughout the Year with the BSC!

First or second weekend in January Los Angeles

Saturday March 7, 2020, 6-9 pm QUEER YOUR HEART OUT art & dinner for LGBTQ+ alumni at Oscar Wilde House

Monday March 23, 2020, 6-8 pm Seattle Happy Hour with Madeleine Loh

Sunday April 19, 2020, 2-5 pm Alumni Work Day at the BSC Sites: Sherman Hall, Rochdale Village

April 27-May 1, 2020 Special Give Campaign — Volunteer!

Wednesday May 20, 2020, 6-8 pm New York City Happy Hour Thank you Tommy York and Michelle Nacouzi for organizing NY happy hours every year around Memorial Day!

For information about any of these events, contact mloh@bsc.coop or 510 649-8984.

Please update your contact information so we can keep you up-to-date with events in your area!

bsc.coop/alumni/update

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➤ Donor BARBARA HUGHES (SHERMAN HALL • 1960-63) enjoyed dinner at Sherman Hall last semester. The students loved hosting her!



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- Work from home!
- Special Give 2020 volunteers will receive our new hemp tote bag!



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YADIRA HERNANDEZ-FIGUEROA

I am a first-generation, low-income, Latinx and woman-identifying student majoring in Political Science and Ethnic Studies. My plan is to pursue law, with the hope of fostering social justice for communities of color. I come from a small town in the Central Valley, so being a part of a community at Berkeley has helped me in not only creating my own identity but also being comfortable in it. This will be my first year at the BSC and Cloyne Court already feels like home —a safe and comfortable place to authentically be myself. I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the BSC!

FRANCISCO PEREZ

I am the product of two Mexican immigrants who always encouraged my educational goals. I attended a small, underresourced charter high school in the Watts neighborhood of South Central Los Angeles. At UC Berkeley, I am gravitating towards Political Science. I live in Cloyne and the community has become my second family! As soon as I moved in, I was greeted with happiness and love. I really enjoy working as an assistant cook and playing a quick game of basketball in the courtyard. I've made many friends in very little time. It is because of your support that the BSC can provide so many opportunities for its members and I am extremely thankful.

CARLA FERNANDEZ

I am a rising senior, double-majoring in psychology and legal studies. I aspire to earn a PhD in clinical psychology and offer services to low-income people of color. I am the second oldest of five sisters and both my parents immigrated from Mexico. I am currently living at the BSC's Rochdale apartments. Ever since freshman year, I have had to work two jobs while also balancing academics and rugby. It is often very hard to secure affordable housing for low-income people of color like myself, and the BSC allows me to thrive at UC Berkeley.



Living in the BSC has been my #1 favorite part of Berkeley. I'm a 4th year Civil and Environmental Engineering student, focusing on water quality improvement. I plan on pursuing a PhD. I run a civil engineering competition team about water quality improvement, volunteer at the UC Berkeley Food Pantry, and help people make stuff in the invention lab, and take care of the gardens at Stebbins. I love my house. I've lived there for two years and it's my everything. Thank you so much for contributing and letting me have this experience. I really feel like I've become a much better person because of it. AFLIKE FV

Alumni Notes

∧ STEBBINS, 1970s

"I was the unofficial photographer for Stebbins. Working and living in close proximity to a diverse group gives one the opportunity to develop closer bonds and to widen one's outlook." — Michael O'Toole

MICHAEL O'TOOLE

CLOYNE, STEBBINS, ROCHDALE, NORTHSIDE • 1971-79

I am giving back to the BSC because it enabled me to go to Berkeley at a cost that I could afford, and to study and work with a diverse group of people. Although I was studying engineering, I found it very stimulating to hear about other majors and what they were studying.

One year I was the Workshift Manager at Stebbins Hall. The experience of making sure the workshifts were filled and that the house ran smoothly was a great experience. Our house, Stebbins Hall, was quite dirty and in need of minor repairs and upgrades. A number of us decided we would change that. As we made improvements, the morale and energy in the house rose dramatically. People started chipping in, even though they didn't have to. The house started to look much better, a study room was added, and common rooms painted. Stebbins became a more pleasant place to live.

Someone organized a square dance party, which turned out to be the best party of the year. None of us knew how to square



dance, but the caller told us what to do. At the beginning, almost no one came. However, in a few hours, we were all having so much fun that almost the entire house joined in even people walking by came in to dance!

I am still friends with a number of the people I lived with in the Co-op. I was the unofficial photographer for Stebbins, and these photos commemorate somel people and memories. I am now retired after a career in Silicon Valley tech. I enjoy spending time with friends and my extended family, including my godchildren who are the children of one of my best friends, whom I met at Stebbins.



^ DINNER AT BARRINGTON, 1970s

We thank TOM BRODY (BARRINGTON • 1971-72), house photographer, for these photos! See anyone you recognize?

SANDY YOUNG

HOYT, ROCHDALE • 1970-74

As the oldest of seven children, I needed to be economical. Not only was living in the Co-op economical, it was also sibling-free! After sharing a room during my freshman year at Hoyt Hall, I was excited to get my own room in my sophomore year. When I was notified of my selection by the Education Abroad Program to study in Germany during my junior year, I asked the Coop to reserve my single room, on Hoyt's fourth floor, for my return to Berkeley in Fall 1973. They said "yes," and I re-entered American life in my old room at Hoyt. I also lived at Rochdale Village for one quarter. One of my favorite memories is raiding the refrigerator at Hoyt after studying at Moffitt Library (and climbing that formerly very steep hill on the north side of campus); my favorite Co-op dessert was apricot pie. I give to the BSC because I know how expensive it is to live here and want to enable students to live near the campus during their university studies.

JAKOB KARSTENS

CASA ZIMBABWE • 2015-16 When I applied to the BSC, I was hoping for anywhere but CZ. Of course, CZ was the only house that had a vacancy. Devastating! Nevertheless, it only took a couple weeks before CZ became my favorite and I knew I wanted to stay there as long as I could. It was the people I met that really made the place (plus, it had the nicest piano). I had so much fun with so many extraordinary people doing workshift together, working on school projects together, cooking dinner together, all the fun stuff. I support the BSC because of the cooperative living opportunities it provides students and the economic barriers to education it breaks down.

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Jakob enjoying a meal on the CZ rooftop.





MARIA SEBASTIAN

ROCHDALE, FENWICK, AFRO • 2009-11

One of my favorite experiences at the BSC was becoming House Manager for Afro House in 2011. I learned so many valuable skills. I wouldn't trade my experience in the BSC for anything! Other memories which will stay with me are our house dinners, our intramural soccer team, watching the sun set over the SF bay on the roof, and our legendary parties. Our house was intimate and quickly became my chosen family. I even found my first love while living in Afro. So many good memories. I am happy to contribute to the BSC!

JAMES HOLMES

CLOYNE COURT • 1957-59

Limited financial status made going to Cal a distant dream. The Co-op and a scholarship transformed that dream to reality. I came to Cal in 1957 and chose Cloyne because it was close to my classrooms. Looking back at my Cloyne years, I have a montage of thoughts — young people working together, diverse backgrounds living together, students focused on academic success, but also having fun together. I hope that my financial support will help another student succeed in the Co-op. It sounds trite, but education improves both

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Dinner at Afro House during Maria's time

> Patricia and James Holmes

individual lifetime and societal outcomes. To the benefit of all it should be tuition free as it was back in my



day at Cal. After Cal, I worked in Nuclear Energy research. I retired from that in 1994 and developed a vineyard in southwest Washington using state of the art technologies to great advantage. Currently retired from the vineyard, I continue research work in association with WSU on vine performance. It seems unreasonable for someone my age (83) to be learning new computer languages and artificial intelligence to resolve otherwise intractable vine/soil/water relationships. Yet, this is where I find fulfillment in these twilight years.

IN MEMORIAM

David T. Huang

David Thomas Huang, 63, born on October 17, 1956, in Orange, NJ passed away October 23, 2019. He resided in San Marino, CA at the time of his passing.

As a student at the University of California, David found his home at Kingman Hall, located on the northeast side of campus. In 1977 David became one of the first residents of Kingman, through which he had the opportunity to meet the hall's namesake Harry Kingman, who co-founded the Co-op in 1933. The Co-op left David with gratitude for his lifetime friendships and the foundation it provided for cooperative living.

The Berkeley Student Cooperative is grateful to David's many friends and family who made gifts to honor his memory.

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Founding residents of Lothlorien attended a reunion last summer. Thank you current students for opening up your home to our valued alumni!



THE BERKELEY STUDENT COOPERATIVE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Greetings! We have had a lot of exciting things happen recently at the BSC Alumni Association.

First we have revised our dues structure to make it more accessible including a first year after graduation being free with registration:

Recent Grad Annual Membership (6-10 yrs) \$20 + \$5 to add spouse! Recent Grad Annual Membership (2-5 yrs) \$5 + \$5 to add spouse! First Year Grad - Free with registration.

No one turned away for lack of funds — contact bscaa1996@gmail.com to make arrangements.

We are all volunteers so we are able to focus our funds on assisting the BSC and promoting the Rochdale (Co-op) principles. Donations are encouraged as well.

Secondly, we had a very exciting annual meeting at the Pauley Ballroom with a great speakers panel on cooperatives including the BSC's VP of External Affairs, Ella Smith. Last we have a number of new initiatives, including a new "South Bay" set of events, forums for addressing the housing shortage and cooperative solutions, as well as fun events with the BSC students, like the annual graduation party.

Please consider joining us. Go to https://www. bscaa.coop/membership. If this is your first year out of the Coops, merely select \$0 as the fee!

Cooperatively yours, WICK SMITH, BSCAA President bscaa1996@gmail.com

The BSCAA is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization that is operated and governed separately from the Berkeley Student Cooperative. Your dues are tax-deductible contributions to the BSCAA, and do not support the Berkeley Student Cooperative.

Checks should be made payable to "BSCAA."

OUR COMMUNITY

A Special Thanks to the Spouses and Families of our Alumni

ROSANNA BOGART, wife of BOGIE BOGART (BARRINGTON • 1941-43)

Rosanna grew up in a poor neighborhood in Los Angeles and attended UCLA. After graduating, she got her first teaching job at Bancroft Middle School, after convincing them she could teach music. Rosanna, who taught for many years in the Los Angeles school district, was a beloved teacher. She still enjoys friendships with many former students. She is proud that most of her doctors are her former students! Rosanna became connected to the BSC when she met Bogie in 1970. Bogie, who passed away in 2000, was incredibly generous to the BSC because the Co-op was there for him when he was a needy student, and he wanted to give the same opportunities to other students who would otherwise not afford college. We are honored to have Rosanna's continuing friendship and support.

MARK NORBERG, husband of CAROL NORBERG

(SHERMAN HALL • 1944-46)

Why do I contribute to BSC as someone who was never a member?

My late wife was a former Sherman Hall resident. She credited her experience at Sherman with contributing to the skills which she used throughout her life. Carol's situation was very similar to those who go to college today. During the Great Depression, money for college was not necessarily an easy thing for any family to pro-





In 2003, Rosanna attended our 75th Anniversary, where President Rebekah Cutler and alum Robert A. Hughes presented this certificate honoring Bogie's memory and contributions to the BSC.

vide. One was very lucky to find a residence at a reasonable rate. But because this was also war time, students were able to find part-time jobs while in school or during vacation that allowed them to graduate with little or no debt. This is much different from today's student population where almost everyone graduates in debt, even when you work multiple jobs.

It becomes imperative that we find a way to provide housing for those who can least afford it. The BSC provides this. I ask, therefore, those who read this contribute to BSC and then ask friends and enemies to do likewise.

JULIE MERCER, wife of LAUREN MERCER

(CLOYNE • 1952-54)

My husband died last year and now I want to continue to give to the BSC. While at Cal, Lauren lived at Cloyne Court and worked for the State Division of Highways in the summer. He paid his own way through Berkeley and received a Civil Engineering degree. He studied hard to pursue his degree and was always thankful to be able to live at Cloyne Court. I am grateful for all you do to enable students to live at the Co-op and attend school. Lauren and I were married for 52 years.

Where do your donations go?

All donations ultimately keep rents low for students. How do we use your donations specifically?

- 1. Capital Improvements. Donations to Capital Improvements help us preserve and improve our most important assets — buildings and infrastructure. When you donate to capital improvements, you help relieve the biggest upward pressure on rents as we tackle years of deferred maintenance, software upgrades, and capital projects like seismic retrofits.
- 2. Scholarships. Donations to Scholarships go directly to our lowestincome students who get a rent reduction of ¼6 to ⅓ off their rent.
- 3. Where It Is Needed Most. Donations to Where It Is Needed Most are unrestricted donations. You are investing in the BSC and our mission to make an impact on the affordability of higher education and the cooperative movement. The Board determines the use of these funds. In the past, unrestricted donations have funded seismic retrofits and helped us grow our operating reserves.

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The BSC wants to reach all alumni! bsc.coop/alumni/update

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Use the online form, or contact Madeleine Loh at (510) 649-8984 or mloh@bsc.coop

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Sunday April 19, 2020, 2-5 PM Volunteer and work alongside students to improve our homes! This year's sites are:

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