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CELEBRATORY MOOD: There's much to smile about at the BSC! Pictured at the 80th Anniversary Gala: Lulu Falls, Brian Simmons, Joan Gilbert, Nancy Blattel, Nancy Rogers, and Debbie Bopp. See more photos of the Gala on [page 10](#).

Alum Gives Record Gift to the BSC

THE BERKELEY STUDENT Cooperative is pleased to announce that we have received a \$400,000 gift to support ongoing seismic retrofit projects as well as the development of an academic theme house.

The \$400,000 gift by an anonymous alum is the largest donation received by the BSC to date. Executive Director Jim Gray offers the following: "This donation speaks to the accomplishments and direction of the Berkeley Student Cooperative, an 80 year old student run non-

profit housing organization. The BSC, its generous supporters, and its members are willing to make bold, smart moves to help make a university education affordable and accessible, and to create quality cooperative housing experiences for its members. We hope that this donation sends a message to others that the BSC is an important organization to support for those who share our concerns about providing access to higher education."

We are undergoing seismic retrofit

projects for each building, some of which are over one hundred years old. Half of the historic donation will help fund the seismic retrofits. The donation will also support the conversion of one of its existing houses into an Academic Theme House, which will join theme houses Oscar Wilde House (queer theme), the African American House and Lothlorien (vegetarian theme). "Our student leadership is excited to start planning the future Academic Theme House. The goal is to create a space for

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STEBBINS HALL REUNION

THANK YOU, current and past Stebbinites including **David Pon** (Casa Zimbabwe 2009, Stebbins 2010-12) for making our reunion on October 20, 2013 a success! Stebbins members prepared brunch, which was followed by open-mike story telling presided by our masterful MC, Bonnie Prestridge. Stebbinites young and old were engrossed as stories unfolded about HUAC, house mothers, tea parties, house inspections, and the origins of the Stebbins Hands. The reunion ended with a group rendition, led by **Alex Cuevas** (Stebbins 2012-13), of *Dinky Doo*, the official Stebbins faux birthday song.

We have collected some reflections on the reunion:

“I have too many wonderful memories to count. I loved working switchboard, especially relating to guys working the same shift on boring Saturday nights. I remember when Stebbins gals painted the treasured Cloyne bell pink. We had

to put up with a lot of retaliatory pranks (stealing our dining room door, leaving it against the Campanile, stealing our silverware, etc.). Reconciliation occurred when we organized the ‘Pink Pearl dance’. Seriously, my three years in the co-op changed my life. It gave me many opportunities for leadership (Social Chair, President, Workshift Manager) I would not have had in the dorms. It was also the first time in my life that I had as much money as my peers.

Plus we were so proud to be on the Attorney General’s Subversive list.”
— **Earleen Hamlin** (1950-53)

“I enjoyed hearing the story of the house manager taking the city inspector around the premises while fumes from spices used during meal preparation were being sucked into the house ventilation system, irritating everybody’s mucus membranes.

Making friends who have remained close to me for the last 60 years has to be the legacy that I take from Stebbins. There’s lots of memories:

room inspection, curfews and lockouts, panty raids (this was during the Eisenhower years when not much controversial has yet surfaced—no FSM, no HUAC, no civil rights movement, so we pretty much were

“One of my roommates from Stebbins fessed up to being the cause of the Green Giant visiting Stebbins in 1968.”

able to blissfully ignore the world around us. (Yeah I know...ignorant, huh!) We used to have a ‘spring tea’ (as if we knew what a ‘tea’ was), where we borrowed silver samovars from a wealthy benefactor who lived at the corner of Ridge Road and LeConte Avenue to serve tea and coffee, and made petit fours and little finger sandwiches for the guests. It was supposed to be an elegant event, but some of us more rowdy residents tried spicing up the afternoon with potted flowers in the toilets and a broomstick dummy wearing a mop staffing the switchboard.”

— **Gladly Ikeda** (1953-57)

“I truly loved the whole reunion. One of my roommates from Stebbins fessed up to being the cause of the Green Giant visiting Stebbins in 1968. It made the front page of *The Daily Californian* the next Monday. I remember the hand prints being much larger and the giant footprints from the Campanile were impressive, but you know what they say about one’s memory as you grow older.

I remember that time as full of turmoil on campus, very exciting and exhilarating to be in the midst of, but it was so great to go home to Stebbins and have a sense of being in a safe place. I met great people there.

I really want to thank Noreen, who lives in room 228 for opening her room to us (Kathy and Carol) who lived in room 228 the first half of the year. It was fun to see the changes in the building and also the things that haven’t changed.”

— **Carol Gant** (1968-69)

“I enjoyed hearing about the absurd curfew restrictions placed on the young adults in the house. I think this was probably for the purpose of assuring parents that their daughters would graduate with their ‘virtue’ intact. Listening to Jan Pierson and Kathy Erickson play the first movement (cheerful feelings on arrival in the country) of Beethoven’s *Sixth Symphony* (the *Pastoral*) as a duet on the piano.

Kathy and I have been married for 40 years, so Stebbins Hall and 1972 were definitely a pivotal place and time in my life.

One story I didn’t tell at the reunion was being up in my room (229) and feeling an earthquake while lying on the bed in the afternoon. I rushed down to the Earth Sciences

building to have a look at it recorded on the seismometer.”

— **Steve Harness** (1971-72)

“I liked hearing the story that one woman shared about how she participated in the Cloyne/Stebbins rivalry, and how the green hands came to be painted on the house.

I also enjoyed talking to alumni who would lived in the house in early 2000, and hearing about how they had met up with or run into other Stebbins alumni in their travels throughout the world. For example, one guy told me about a time that he was at a restaurant and overheard somebody sitting next to them talking about Stebbins. A similar thing happened to me about months ago in DC. I was sitting in a bar with another Stebbins alum and the people next to us overheard us talking. They had lived in another co-op and were excited to meet others in DC.

In the spring of 2012, six other Stebbins residents and I wrote and performed a Spanish-language soap opera for music and story night. It was sassy, sordid, and more convoluted than a slinky in a washing machine. Creating the 15 min. piece was an incredible artistic experience. For some reason, we all flowed really well together. Whether it was coming up with the story, designing costumes, or practicing, there was this unprecedented synergy that was beautiful to experience. And when it came time for the performance, the results were incredible! The whole house was hooting and hollering, clearly enjoying the performance.

— **Bonnie Prestridge** (2009-12)

Photos courtesy of Alex Cuevas.

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students who want to prioritize their studies, and to present an academically supportive image to the UC Berkeley community. The BSC is proud of its existing theme houses and the options they provide our members, as well as the external statement they make about the Cooperative. We expect the same success from the Academic Theme House,” says UC Berkeley senior and BSC President Michelle Nacouzi. The BSC has not yet identified which house it will “theme.” It is anticipated that some aspects of house life in the Academic Theme House will be decided by the Board when they create the theme house, and that other elements of house life will be determined by the initial residents of the house themselves.

Madeleine Loh
BSC Development Director



FROM THE ARCHIVES



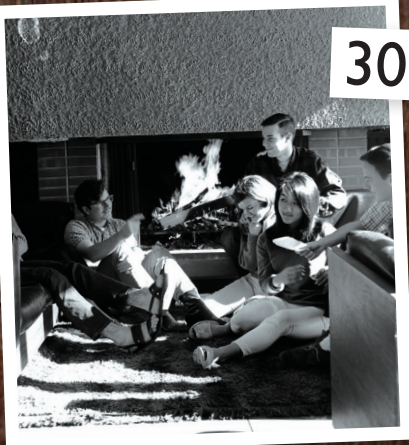
A photo from some kind of meeting at Ridge Project (Casa Zimbabwe).



Palmina (Brunelli) Rende (Stebbins, 1944-49) kindly sent us this great photo of Stebbins Hall Halloween in 1947! She identified (from the left) Ellie Fuseo, June Lowe and herself. Do you know anyone else in the picture?

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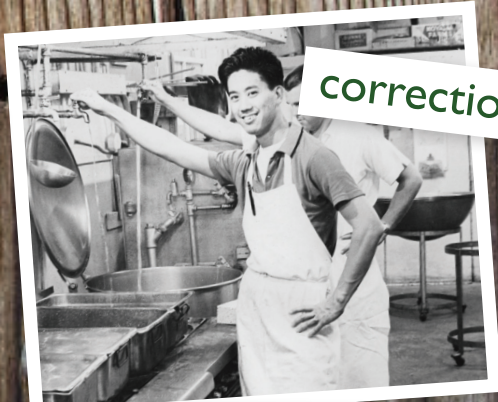
Can you identify the people in any of these photos? Please let us know and we'll caption them in the next issue!



Tim Hallahan (Ridge Project) identified this photo at Ridge Project (now known as Casa Zimbabwe): far left Louis Weinstein and Kathy Abdallah, 2nd from right: Diane Louie.



Bernie Altman: That's Greg "Yogi" Plant in the center of the picture, who lived in Cloyne Court 1965-1966 for sure, probably earlier too, maybe Northside Apartments following; as I recall he was Cloyne's Social Director 1965-1966. To his right is Gideon Anders, Ridge Project 1966-67, but was in another house earlier."



Harry Delmer (Oxford Hall, 1961-65). Regarding the photo on pg. 3 of the Fall 2013 issue, you've identified the guy in the front of the picture as Andres Castro, but that's George Ishiguro, who was President at Oxford Hall when I was there in the early 60's. I remember Mr. Castro from that period, and that's not who's pictured.



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Free Speech Movement

Save the date! On Sunday September 28, 2014, 2-5 p.m., the BSC will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the FSM

THE FREE SPEECH Movement (academic year 1964-65) was a student protest that took place at UC Berkeley under the informal leadership of Mario Savio, Michael Rossman, Brian Turner, Bettina Aptheker, Steve Weissman, Art Goldberg, Jackie Goldberg and many others. The protestors demanded that the university lift the ban of on-campus political activities as well as acknowledge the right to free speech and academic freedom.

Many co-ops played a vital role in this movement. Some were involved in SLATE, a predecessor organization to the Free Speech Movement, while others helped organize and participated in the Free Speech Movement itself.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of this historical event, we asked BSC alumni to share their stories from this revolutionary

moment of Berkeley history.

“I believe it was Bill (Winton) Cooley, coming into Barrington in the middle of the night on December 2 or 3 announcing that the police had started arresting the protesters in Sproul Hall. I ran to the Daily Cal office in old Eshleman Hall (the one next to Strawberry Creek), grabbed the 4x5 Speed Graphic and some film, then headed for Sproul Hall. My *Daily Cal* press pass got me inside, where I witnessed the arrests of leaders and supporters alike. Several were dragged down the hall, sometimes even down the stairs, to police vans waiting to cart them off to the county jail (later dubbed ‘U.C. Santa Rita’).” — **Ron Enfield** (Barrington Hall, 1962-65).

“In spring of 1967, I was arrested while walking across campus nine minutes past a Reagan-imposed curfew after leaving the library where

I was studying for a mid-term. I spent 48 hours in county jail before being bailed out by my Ridge Project co-op roomie.” — **Keith Silva** (Ridge Project, now Casa Zimbabwe).

“In 1957, I organized the first SLATE candidates to run for ASUC office. Following that election, a group of us organized SLATE into becoming a campus political party, where I served as the first chairman. We received widespread support from the co-ops. Many of our votes and core activists came from the co-ops, and our first steering committee included current and former co-op residents alike.” — **Mike Miller** (Cloyne, 1954-55).

“We had fallen into the habit of playing bridge while waiting for the cops at demonstrations. The night of December 2 my then wife (who left before any arrests were made) and I got into a bridge game on



A Barrington beer bust from the FSM period. All FSM photos courtesy of Ron Enfield, a BSC alum!

the floor of Sproul Hall. We played four hands and won four straight games, after which they wouldn't play with us anymore because they thought we were cheating." — **David Richardson** (Oxford Hall, 1961-63).

"Some time in 1956 I read in the Daily Cal that somebody at Stanford had buttons made reading 'McCarthy for Fuhrer.' I ordered a bunch to pass out on the street and at some of the co-ops. One man on the street came up to me and said, 'You ought to be shot!' I told him I could see he was a disciple of McCarthy." — **Jan Polissar** (Ridge House, 1952-57).

"There was a flurry of organizing on the day that 800 of us entered Sproul Hall to occupy it in 1964. Everyone was waiting to see what the police would do, but there were still hours to wait before they showed their hand. When the police finally came, they bounced my protesting butt down the stairs and eventually to Santa Rita Jail. Before that happened though, some of the protestors were offering to teach classes on various subjects. I sat down in an unused stairwell and listened to someone talk about primate behavior. The teacher turned out to be a graduate student

in anthropology named Don Sade, and I could not have foreseen that I would become an anthropologist and spend much of my life studying monkeys, and then go on to teach at San Francisco State University. In many ways, as an 18 year old, Sproul Hall and the FSM was the beginning of my life as a protestor and as a professional." — **Steve Gabow** (Oxford Hall, 1963-65).

"Congratulations to Oxford Hall arrestees for outnumbering Barrington Hall arrestees 12-9, even though Barrington Hall had more members. The first Thursday of September 1964 witnessed a strike. I didn't attend my lower division survey of English Literature Course taught by Mr. Tosswill. Instead I stood in front of Alameda Sheriff's deputies, eyeball to eyeball, while they remained locked in formation. Mario Savio worked as a server at a popular bar on San Pablo Avenue -- Steppenwolf's. His 21st birthday was December 8 of that year. The day was celebrated by the faculty voting 8 to 1 in favor of all the student demands. And of course Mario was incarcerated at Santa Rita. I also spoke at Mario Savio's Manhattan Memorial

Service." — **Richard Thompson** (Barrington Hall, 1962-64).

"The 30-hour police car standoff and rooftop debate was the truest 'free speech' action, other than frequent debates in the Ridge House dining or living room. I went to Sproul Hall for the sit-in, and later spent the next day on 3 different

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strike picket lines. I was arm in arm with Joan Baez in one, got assaulted in one, and was photographed for the book *The Trouble in Berkeley* in another." — **Ken Halliburton** (Ridge House, 1964-68)

"I was a boarder at Ridge House in the fall of 1964. There were quite a few of us who attended the protests, several of whom were arrested in Sproul Hall. I was also a member of the FSM Executive Committee. After ExCom meetings, I would usually



drop in at Ken Salzberg's invite to debrief, and all the FSM fans in his house would come by and listen. This was a vital part of the FSM's nervous system. Everyone in the center of the FSM passed on the latest decisions of the FSM to thousands of students, while also listening and reporting back the reactions of students who were not directly involved. If we decided on something and people thought we were out of touch with the rest of the population, we would slow down and take more time to negotiate. Alternately, when people were ready to go, and urging us on, we knew that we were not just speaking for ourselves, and admiring our image in the mirror of our own echo chamber, we actually had the campus on our side. So when we unloaded on the administration with the Sproul sit-in and the campus-wide strike, we knew we had the full support of the campus." — **Jack Radey** (Ridge House 1964-65.).

A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE on the Free Speech Movement

We were on the cusp of great changes for women but, of course, we didn't know it. In the fall of 1964, the young women living in the Co-ops who participated in the Free Speech Movement were focused on furthering civil rights for African-Americans. The previous school year we had seen evidence that demonstrations and sit-ins organized at Berkeley could play an important role in ending some of the most blatant job discrimination the Bay Area. Now, university officials were trying to end those efforts by implementing policies that would result in expulsion for students who organized a demonstration that resulted in arrests. That a university would seek "revenge" against students who were risking their futures to do the right thing was truly appalling.

Yet my anger at university efforts to stifle on-campus organizing never led me to question the discriminatory practices that governed the lives of women at Berkeley. At the time, I was a sophomore living at Stebbins Hall. Women had weeknight and weekend curfews (11pm and 1am, as I recall—with one later night per week). Staying out beyond those times meant being locked out of the building and having your name sent to the university for disciplinary action. If your parent wrote a permission letter, you could sign out for an "overnight" to a specified location. Fortunately, I had permission to take "overnights" to one location--the home of parents of a friend who lived in Oakland. In order to get arrested, I signed out to that home. (Here's hoping the statute of limitations has expired and my Berkeley degrees will not be rescinded.)

I guess the idea of curfews was to protect young women from certain hazards of college life. If so, the effort was probably unsuccessful. In the pre *Roe v. Wade* environment of my freshman and sophomore years, I attended several hastily arranged wedding showers. Right after the shower, the young women left school. I have no idea if any of them ever returned. I do know that the much-touted "weeding out" process that we heard about ("look to your right, look to your left, one of you won't be here next year") did seem to happen in occasion—but rarely because of academic performance.

Despite the limitations, without the co-ops I could not have afforded Berkeley (even with free tuition). It was a warm environment full of lively young women. I was barely 17 when I arrived, and even if I had been wealthy I probably would have been lost in one of the large, impersonal dorms. At Stebbins, I quickly met just about everyone. My "job" for most of my two years there was working the switchboard seven hours a week in the tiny social room at the front of the building. There was a record player and a very limited choice of albums. People drifted in and out, selecting records to play. One song seemed to get the most exposure. To this day, when I hear Dave Brubeck's "Take Five" I'm still transported back to that room and that era before the world changed.

Lana Muraskin BA, 1967; MA, 1968; Ph.D., 1979 (all from UC Berkeley)
Stebbins Hall resident, 1963-65



CLEANING UP OUR ACT!

Executive Director Jim Gray explains some important changes in the BSC's habitability and workshift policies

Images like the above helped the Board make the nearly unanimous decision to overhaul habitability and workshift policies.

I CAUSED A BIT OF A STIR at the 80th Anniversary Gala with my frank remarks about the state of cleanliness at our houses. In case you weren't there, I said:

[When I first started working at the Berkeley Student Cooperative,] I was surprised by the dirty and often uninhabitable condition of our properties. Not one or two of our properties, most of our properties. Even the cleanest houses, were not really very close to what you could call clean. We as an organization, collectively, have allowed this condition to persist and worsen for generations now, as I understand it, but it was not always so, as many of you can attest. This unsanitary, unsafe, and unsatisfactory condition has pronounced negative impact on our ability to attract and retain a diverse membership. It adds to our cost structure in wasteful and

unacceptable ways. It breeds and perpetuates a lack of respect for the assets of the cooperative that can and does manifest itself in other, even more destructive ways. Lastly, it reflects poorly on our organization, and sends the message to the rest of the world that we do not care

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properly for the buildings that have been generously given to us by prior generations who bought and paid for them, so that we might benefit.

I mostly received positive feedback, much if it from alumni who lived here in the 1940s through 1960s and have since been back to visit their old Co-op homes. But I also received

some negative feedback, due in part to the awkwardness of such a topic for a celebratory event.

Am I just being hypobolic? I think the pictures on these pages speak louder than words.

Some people might prefer numbers: workshift fines totaled over \$72,000 in the Spring 2013 semester. With workshifts currently at \$13 per hour, that's over 5,538 hours blown!

Habitability of the BSC has been the elephant in the room for nearly thirty years, but this past Fall semester the Board of the BSC dealt with this problem squarely and passed, with a nearly unanimous vote, major policy changes to raise the BSC's habitability standards. The new policy will ensure each member participates (subject to their own ability) in maintaining their properties, as well as the cooperative spirit of the BSC.

Here are some major policy

changes we have already started phasing in:

> Termination for those who are down 15+ hours. While there are indeed excusable reasons for missing a workshift, the effect of so many blown hours is an unequal distribution of work, unclean conditions, and a less cooperative environment.

> A grading scale inspection system with clear criteria for obtaining each grade. The previous policy used a pass/fail system which limited feedback or ability to measure performance over time.

> After the first inspection of the semester, successive inspections will be randomized so that we break the cycle of houses degenerating between scheduled inspections.

> A system of incentives for passing or improving performance on habitability inspections, and penalties for failing inspections. Our previous policies lacked both.

> To collectivize our investment in clean environments, each member of a house with a failed inspection will be

fined the equivalent of two workshift hours (\$26). However, members with financial need and / or disabilities will be given opportunities for paid workshift to make up this fine.

Michelle Pesce (Casa Zimbabwe 2009-12), Assistant to the Operations Manager, conducts house inspections and has already seen some positive results. “The managers at Casa Zimbabwe were really pleased to pass their first inspection. They liked the grading system and knew what to focus on (such as clearing hallways) in order to pass.” I thank Operations Manager **Kim Benson** (Casa Zimbabwe 1998-99, Euclid 1999-03) and Vice President of Operations **Katrina McLaughlin** (Kingman Hall resident) for their insight and leadership on this important project. I also thank alumnus **Greg Emerson** (Casa Zimbabwe 2000-03, Lothlorien 2003) who generously shared his expertise as a management consultant and Co-op veteran to help us work through the challenges of

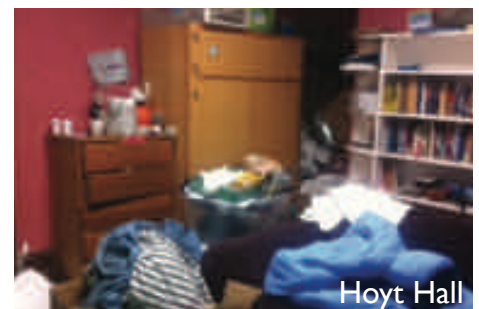
implementing the policy changes.

I want to stress how extremely proud I am of our organization and its student leadership. I heartily concur with the remarks of one of our very involved alumni, **Edward Thelen** (Barrington, Cloyne Court, Rochdale Apartments, 1981-85): “It is this kind of work, and the quality of the work, that makes me proud of the students running their Co-op. The students are finally on top of the problem, are taking it seriously, and are paying attention to details in order to reduce the number of unintended consequences.”

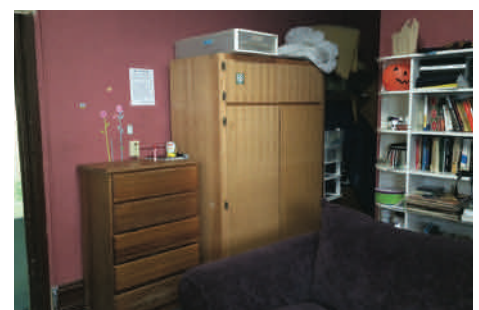
We hope that with these improvements, the BSC can better serve its mission of providing a quality, low-cost, cooperative housing community to university students, thereby providing an educational opportunity for students who might not otherwise be able to afford a university education.

Jim Gray
BSC Executive Director

Before the Habitability Policy Changes...



After!





80th Anniversary Gala

ON OCTOBER 19, 2013, the Berkeley Student Cooperative celebrated 80 years by inviting new and old co-ops to its 80th Anniversary Gala dinner at the Hs Lordships Restaurant. As soon as guests began to arrive, the place began to buzz with stories of living in the BSC. It was a remarkable pleasure hearing from BSC founding member Bishop Millard and understanding just how impactful his dream of providing affordable housing for university students has been for so many people over the last 80 years. As a student at the event, speaking with guests who lived in my house in the 70s and 80s (and later seeing them return to Loth for brunch to continue our conversations) was a highlight of the night! Thanks to the very generous donations made by the Gala attendees and sponsors, the BSC raised a total of \$65,975.49, compared to the \$12,763.74 raised at our 75th Anniversary Gala. Proceeds will be used towards completing seismic retrofit projects.

Sydney Johnson
BSC Alumni Coordinator, Lothlorien Resident





PHOTO INFORMATION:
(1) Executive Director Jim Gray with California Assemblymember Nancy Skinner. **(2)** Eric Juster, Gretchen Taylor, Analise Smith-Hinkley, Li Chu. **(3)** UC Berkeley Associate Dean of Students David Surratt and his wife, Ping Zhang, Betsy Putnam, UC Berkeley Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for Residential and Student Service Program LeNorman Strong and his wife. **(4)** Brian and Melva Simmons, Kenny Abiko, Rick Ruderman and Deb Roth. **(5)** Dorothy Lindheim and Ed McGrath. **(6)** Rebecca and Russ Renzas. **(7)** Tom Kuykendall and John Alcorn. **(8)** Edward Thelen, Craig Schmid, Saul Schulthers-Gerry, Keith Geller, Jonathan Grossman. **(9)** Casa Zimbabwe House Manager Spencer Hitchcock with Assistant to Operations Manager Michelle Pesce. **(10)** Pamela and Albert Bendich, Mike Miller. **(11)** T.Z. and Irmgard Chu. **(12)** Bishop Millard, founding member of the BSC and Barrington Hall on video at the Gala (you can find the video on YouTube). He will be celebrating his 100th birthday this year!



ALUMNI NOTES



Margot Adler (Hoyt Hall 1965-67) took a break from being a reporter for the New York Bureau of National Public Radio to promote her new book, *Vampires Are Us: Understanding Our Love Affair with the Immortal Dark Side*. She visited Hoyt Hall with Hoyt friends **Marlene Hansen** and **Christie Batterman-Jordan** and discussed her career, Wicca religion and new book with Hoyt residents. Margot says: “The Co-op is better than I ever, ever remember. What bright, alive and SMART young women!”

“I organized an all-co-op Passover Seder.”

Bernie Altman (Cloyne 1965-67, Northside Co-op 1967-1970): Beginning in the autumn of 1966, the University converted to the quarter system. The following year Passover did not align with spring break as it always had during the semester system, and it occurred midweek. Because most of us couldn't get

home to celebrate with our families, Sharon Mayer and I organized an all-Co-op Passover Seder.

Central Kitchen provided a basic chicken dinner, plus we collected \$1 from each participant to pay for the various foods that are key elements of the service. These include matzo, charoset (a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine) and horseradish, probably gefilte fish, and of course wine—in this case gallon bottles of Red Mountain, pretty much the cheapest there was.

Sharon insisted that we serve chopped liver—one of her family traditions—but on our budget we could afford neither chicken liver nor schmaltz (rendered chicken fat, a key ingredient). Instead we used beef liver and substituted vegetable oil and crushed chicken bouillon cubes for schmaltz. The result didn't taste or look very much like what our mother's made, but it was surprisingly palatable.

Gideon Anders was recruited to play “rabbi”—as I recall he didn't have much experience in conducting seders, but he was willing and, after all, came from Israel and therefore could speak Hebrew. We were able to borrow a stack of haggadahs (prayer books used for seders) from a generous synagogue in Oakland. The dinner was held in a large lounge at Ridge House.

There were at least 30 enthusiastic participants and possibly as many as 60. It was a characteristically diverse group with any number of religions represented, including one Moslem. I can't recall further details, but the

seder went extremely well, Gideon did a great job, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

Ron Enfield (Barrington 1962-65). I just sold a couple of photos of the Free Speech Movement for an NPR documentary about the 60's, so it seemed like a perfect use for the money to pay my BSC Alumni dues. After all, I was living in Barrington Hall when I took the pictures, and had I not been able to live there for \$67.50 a month, I would not have been there anyway. So, full circle. Being one of Romney's 47 percenters, I have lots of time to think about these things. There are a couple of photos from Barrington tucked away in my collection online at the Bancroft Library (see Ronald L. Enfield Photographs). I would love to hear from/ about other Barrington alums from that era. My old friend George Crow sent me an article about how things got a little wilder there after I left.

[Ed. – thank you Margot, Bernie and Ron for renewing your BSC Alumni Association membership dues! It's a great way to give back.]

Dick Kaufmann (Cloyne Court, Rochdale Apartments, 1966-69). Thanks again Bob Reyes and Jeff for hosting another fine gathering at your place. Those old photos you sent reminded me of a backpacking trip in the summer of 1967. We went to Little Yosemite above Vernal Falls. I remember Bob, Rick Kent and Frank, and perhaps one or two more of us. The local black bears got some

of our food despite our best efforts to secure it. I believe we returned early from hunger. But the highlight (or lowlight) was one night we slept immediately around the campfire because of the pesky bruins. Late in the night Rick was awakened by a bear sniffing about right next to his head! When my eyes opened at his empathic yell, half the sky was covered by the same bear's rear end! It took a little while before we could laugh about it.

Steve Harness (Stebbins Hall 1971-72). I taught natural sciences (chiefly biology) at Upper Lake High School from 1978 to 2010. One of my students, **Daniel Ban**, went on to Cal, lived in the co-op (but not at Stebbins), and even served as president of the USCA in the late 1980s and was very much involved in the closing of Barrington Hall.

When I first came back to Berkeley in January of 1973 to start work on my second BA in bacteriology, I lived at Ridge House for 2 quarters. The winter quarter I was in a triple on the top floor. One of my roommates there was **Charles Ferguson III**, now known as **Charles H. Ferguson**, then about 17 years old and just graduated from Lowell High School. After graduating in math at Cal, he earned a PhD in political science at M.I.T. and became a documentary filmmaker. He was awarded an Oscar for best documentary feature for *Inside Job* in 2010.

I determined from reading the autobiography of children's book author **Beverly Cleary** that while I lived at Stebbins I occupied the very same room in which she had lived during her residency at Stebbins in the 1930s: northwest corner of the building on the 2nd floor.

Of course, my most significant encounter in the Co-op was at Stebbins where I met my wife **Kathleen Erickson**. We just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

Galen Hathaway (Barrington Hall 1950-51, Buena Vista 1951-?). At Buena Vista, we didn't have the best cooks. We were all men, and spent more of our time playing chess or jogging around the street than putting together dinners. We all made our own breakfast and lunches, but would rely on one of our neighbors to cook dinner if we wanted something really good.

The house was full of students, law students, orthopedic students, dentistry students (whom we referred to as DDS- "Dumb Dental Students") and several others who all went on to be successful. Although I could easily say things often got out of control, we also we get to work when we had to- this meant taking breaks from our weekend-long chess tournaments.

Things seem to be much different than when I was a student at Cal. For one thing, I always had some money in my bank account, even though my father had passed, making me financially self-reliant. It probably helped having tuition at only about \$36, including health benefits.

The whole application process was much different as well. I wanted to study law, so I went to speak to the Dean of students simply by walking into his office and waiting a few minutes. The Dean admitted me into Hastings right then and there. No formal application involved.

At Hastings I met Willie Brown, who went on to be the mayor of San Francisco and who the Western span of the Bay Bridge has recently been named after.

On December 3, 2013, **Harry Krueper** (Ridge 1951-53) wrote in to greet the BSC and all its members a happy Holiday Season. "I'm retiring!" he mentioned, "But not completely. My left leg has given out, limiting my activity. Hope all is well with you folks and that you will have Happy Holidays and communicate."

[Ed. – Buena Vista was the Co-op house we had briefly in San Francisco.]

Tori Partridge (Hoyt Hall 2008, Ridge House 2009-11). I am currently studying at University of Oregon to receive a Masters degree in K-12 special education and really love the coursework so far. Eugene has several co-ops comparable to those at the BSC, so since moving to Oregon I have been living in a student cooperative again! That seems to be a part of Berkeley that I can't seem to stray too far from. The SCA (Student's Cooperative Association) is much smaller, being only a three house system, but otherwise it feels really similar to the BSC. I've run into some folks who've been guests at Lothlorien, but have yet to meet any actual BSC alumni yet.

[Ed. – Great to hear from young alumni like you, Tori. We'd like to recognize you again for being the House Manager that organized your house around the Ridge House reunion of 2011! We know it was a tremendous amount of work.]

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In Memoriam

Murray Tobak

Cherished co-oper and BSC Alumni Association member Murray Tobak passed away Saturday, August 31, 2013. Tobak lived in Ridge House and Kingman Hall over the course of 1946-48. A frequent donor to BSCAA, Tobak's connection with the Berkeley Student Cooperative helped many students receive a comfortable and positive living experience like the one he had. Born June 11, 1925, Tobak died at the age of 88 and had been living in Palo Alto, CA prior to his passing. He left behind a generous donation from his estate for the BSC.

Douglas Page

Douglas Page, 87, passed away on February 25, 2013 after a battle against bladder cancer. After serving in the Army Air Corps, Doug went on to study law at UC Berkeley. During this time, Doug lived in Cloyne Court from 1947-48. After graduating from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall, Doug went on to establish his own law practice in Walnut Creek, where he remained for 47 years. Doug was a peace advocate, a father, and never held back from making the difference he believed was necessary, whether it be through his involvement with city council or within the Supreme Court. Wife C. Jay Page had this to say regarding Doug's experience within the coops, "[Doug] was always grateful for his opportunity to live in a coop, as it made college possible. He enjoyed many years as a very successful because of it."

Brunetta Reid Wolfman

Brunetta Wolfman, former Stebbins Hall resident, passed away on November 15, 2013. She left behind a legacy of academic achievement both for herself and also by extending accessibility of knowledge and resources for higher education students. After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Sociology and Social Institution, Brunetta later went on to achieve a Master's in Adult Education and a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education, Higher Education, and Urban Education from UC Berkeley as well. Some of the higher institutions where Brunetta served as an administrator include Dartmouth College, Roxbury Community College, University of Massachusetts, and George Washington University. In addition, she taught many undergraduate and graduate courses on sociology and educational management. Throughout all her success, Brunetta remained closely tied with the BSC and frequently donated to the scholarships given to present BSC members.

Donald McCallum

Former Barrington resident Donald McCallum passed away on October 23, 2013. After graduating UC Berkeley, Don went on to receive his PhD in Japanese Art History at NYU and later taught as a Professor of Japanese Art History at UCLA. Since his passing, The Donald F. McCallum Memorial Fund has been created to support the Department of Art History at the UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies. Don

lived at Barrington Hall in 1958-60, where he was roommates with **Rich Laursen**.

Chuck Radcliffe

After a childhood in Calexico, CA, Charles "Chuck" William Radcliffe went north to attend UC Berkeley in 1942, where he resided in Sheridan Hall. In 1943 he joined the US Navy's V12 program, serving on the USS New Mexico from 1944-1946, and becoming a LTJG USNR Engineer in the main propulsion division. He was awarded 3 battle stars for action in the Philippines and off Okinawa.

While his ship was in Boston in 1945, Chuck met Martha Clark. They married on February 18, 1946. Martha remained his love and life partner for over six decades, leaving his side in 2010.

After the war, Chuck resumed his studies at UC Berkeley, and became a member of the Mechanical Engineering faculty in 1956. He was a member of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, traveling the world to give lectures. He taught the theory and practice of mechanism design and worked for decades with the Veterans Administration. He invented the 4 bar Radcliffe knee and SACH foot, and worked with medical colleagues to improve artificial leg fitting techniques, receiving the ASME Design Division's Machine Design Award for his many contributions. Chuck was an extremely generous and longtime supporter of the BSC.



Daisy Wong-Denman (Hoyt Hall 1972-74) and I met as roommates in Hoyt Hall in Fall 1972. Daisy was born December 3, 1950, raised in San Francisco and transferred to

Berkeley as a junior. She passed on September 20, 2013. I was lucky enough to discover the co-op that year as well. She graduated and worked as a Lab/Micro technician, married Guy Denman, and raised and home schooled their three daughters, Kristen, Stephanie and Brieanna. She was devoted to them. They lived in Moapa, NV, but raised their daughters largely in Williamsburg, VA and then moved to Albuquerque, NM. In Albuquerque she took a job at the law firm Dixon, Scholl & Bailey and was highly valued as an employee and as Daisy. She became interested in nutrition and studied and practiced healthful eating. Her three beautiful daughters are successful competitors in body building. A memorial service to celebrate her life was held at the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Albuquerque on October 2, 2013. Her funeral service was on October 6, 2013 in San Francisco at Evergreen Mortuary. She is buried at Woodlawn Memorial park in Colma, CA near her parents, just outside the City. I miss her greatly. She was a dear friend who lives on in my heart.

I was so pleased to remember Daisy by becoming a lifetime member of the Berkeley Student Cooperative Alumni Association. Thank you for asking about Daisy. Please let me know if there is anything else you need. Sincerely — **Patricia Barron** (Hoyt Hall 1972).

[Ed. – thank you Patricia for honoring your friendship in such a sweet way.]



Troublesome Data:

GOOD NEWS: The BSC Alumni Association is the largest dues-paying UC Berkeley alumni group.

BAD NEWS: The rate of membership is *falling*. **Fewer alumni** are joining or renewing their membership each year!

2011: 885 total members

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2013: 866 total members

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Please be sure to renew your membership this year
and ask your alumni friends to join as well!

Dear Ridge House Friends,

Ridge House and the Berkeley Student Cooperative were key to my UC Berkeley education. Yes, it was low cost student housing, but for me it was more than that. It was an inclusive place where I, as a nerdy engineering student, matured socially and learned people skills that helped to smooth over many of my rough edges. Ridge House was a place where I made friends who provided me with moral support and guidance during the career building phase of my young adulthood and it exposed me to different political, social, and religious views that helped me understand others as well as learn more about myself.

While living at Ridge House I served as a Breakfast Cook, Food Manager, Social Chair, Exchange

Dinner Waiter at Hoyt Hall, Vice President, Council Member, Board Rep, and Student Fund Raiser for the construction of Ridge Project. All of these activities added to my personal “school of hard knocks,” leadership training, and life experience.

Now that I have been retired for some years, I come back to Ridge House just to hang out and reminisce about those days of my youth. In doing so, I hope that I can help today’s youth get an affordable education. I come back to Ridge House to attend reunions and also to attend meetings of the BSC Alumni Association Capital Campaign Committee. Sometimes I have lunch at La Val’s, buy an ice cream at the corner convenience store, and sit on the Ridge House steps reflecting on

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Sincerely,

Richard Lira (Ridge 1964-67)

Dear Fellow Ridge House Alumni,

My wife asked me why I care so much about an old house where I lived while attending Berkeley. A fair question and the answer is not simple.

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But, it was more than money. When I first arrived at Ridge House, a veteran resident immediately took me, an obviously bewildered young foreign student from a tiny high school in India, under his wing and introduced me to everyone as “T.Z.,” a name that stayed with me ever since. During the early 1950s, there weren’t

many Asian students at Berkeley and I remembered many of my fellow Chinese students felt estranged and left out of student life. That was quite different from my experience at Ridge House. I began my work shift assignment as the Central Kitchen Pot Washer at Oxford. Before long, I became the Sunday Breakfast Cook, then the House Manager, then Workshift Manager, then House President, and eventually President of USCA. In retrospect, the experience and confidence I gained at Ridge House had a significant impact on my career, initially as a manager in US and abroad, and eventually as CEO of companies. And, most importantly, I met my wife while I was working in Switzerland and we just had our

Golden Anniversary.

Ridge House therefore is much more than a house for me, symbolically and substantively, as it is with hundreds or thousands other residents and boarders who have their own Ridge House stories to share. At 80, I feel my age as I am sure Ridge House, which is considerably older, does too. Richard Lira has laid out what it takes to return Ridge House to good health. I am stepping up to do my share and I hope you would too.

With warmest regards,

T. Z. Chu (Ridge House 1953- 57)

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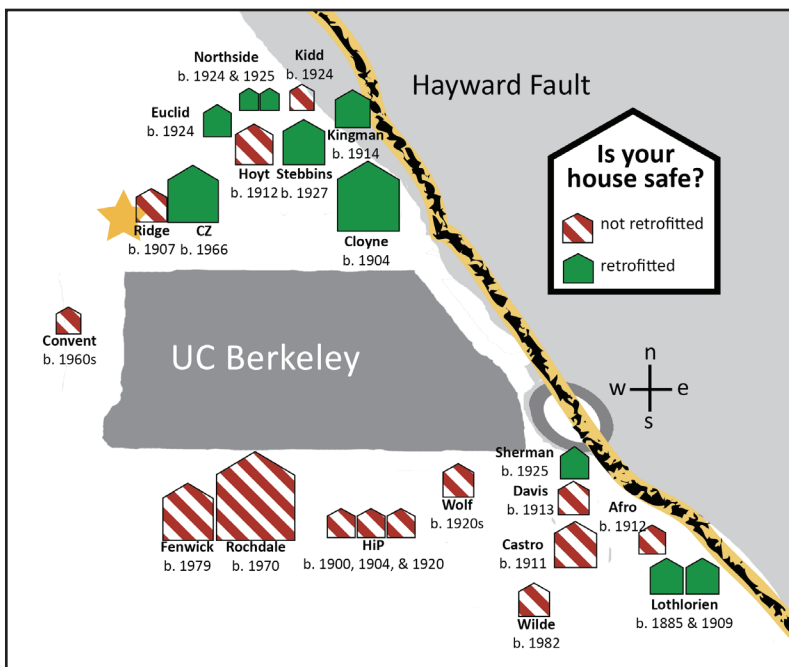
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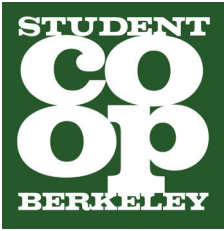
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