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# Cooperatively Yours



# 85TH ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*

The Berkeley Student Cooperative, true to our 501(c)(3) nonprofit mission, **is changing who gets to go to college and stay in college.**

We have always been a **student-run cooperative.** We prepare students for the next step with leadership opportunities, real work experience, and supportive living communities.

We are a working example of **systemic equity.**

Celebrating our 85th year at Rochdale is significant because Rochdale Village remains our largest development project. In 1970, the BSC broke ground on UC Berkeley land to build a home for over 200 students. The current ground lease expires in 2020, and we will soon start lease renewal negotiations for both Rochdale and Fenwick.

Please show your support for our work and our Rochdale/Fenwick lease renewal by joining us at our 85th Anniversary Celebration!

**Sunday October 21, 2018, 12:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Rochdale Village, 2424 Haste St., Berkeley, CA**  
This event is wheelchair accessible.

**20% off all tickets until October 1! Use code: 20PERCENT**

Tickets : <https://bsc85th.eventbrite.com>

**\$29 GENERAL ADMISSION**  
**\$10 KIDS UNDER 12**  
**\$25 GROUP RATE FOR 10+ (advance purchase only)**  
*Save \$90 for a group of 10 by using 20PERCENT code*  
*Reserved table seating*  
*Complimentary bottle of wine*  
*1 free BSC T-shirt for every 10 tickets!*

***Ticket price includes entertainment, all-you-can-eat gourmet tacos and more***

***Piñatas and games for children of all ages***

***Beer and wine available to purchase***

# WHY DO WE FOCUS ON “Low-Income”?

*UC Berkeley Housing Task Force findings underscore the critical role of the Berkeley Student Cooperative*

Ten years ago, fewer than 20% of our students were low-income. We are now at 60%. Why are we so closely tracking the demographics of our membership? Why do we care so much that low-income students should have access to the unique and valuable experience we can provide as a student-run cooperative?

Of course, we must honor our charitable mission as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. More than that,

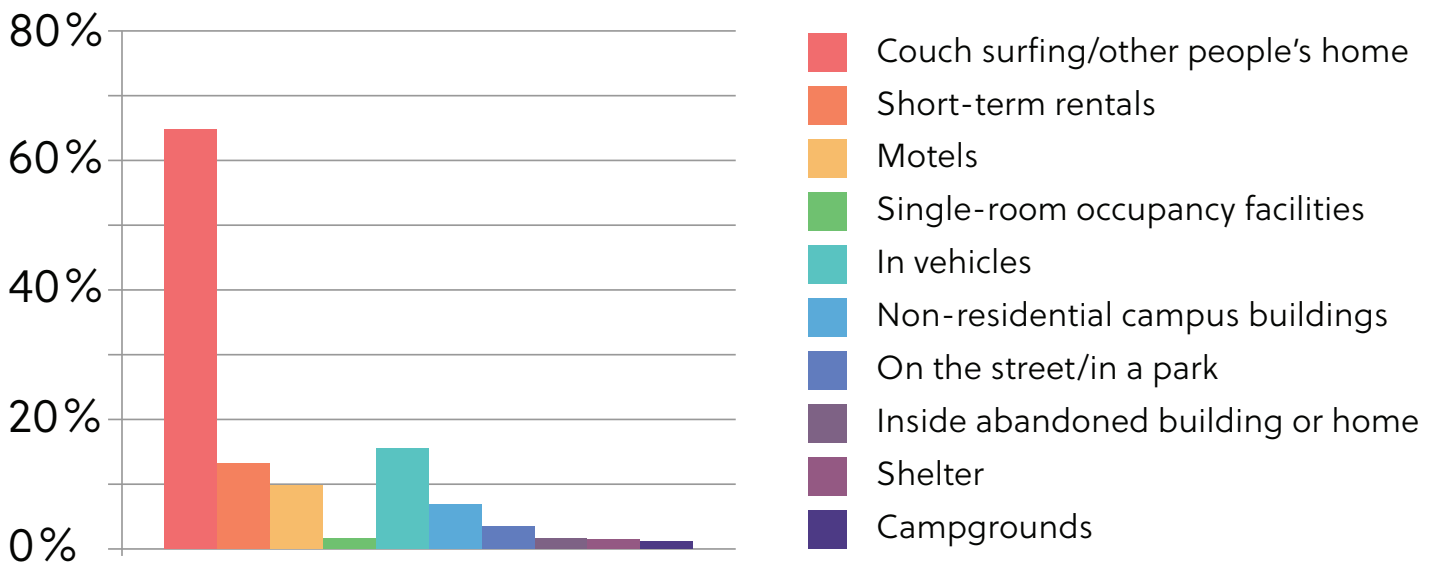
the Berkeley Student Cooperative is responding to a real and growing housing crisis.

20% of UC Berkeley students have experienced homelessness of 1-2 months in duration. They couchsurf, live in cars, or resort to expensive motels and other short term rentals. This stunning fact was uncovered by Chancellor

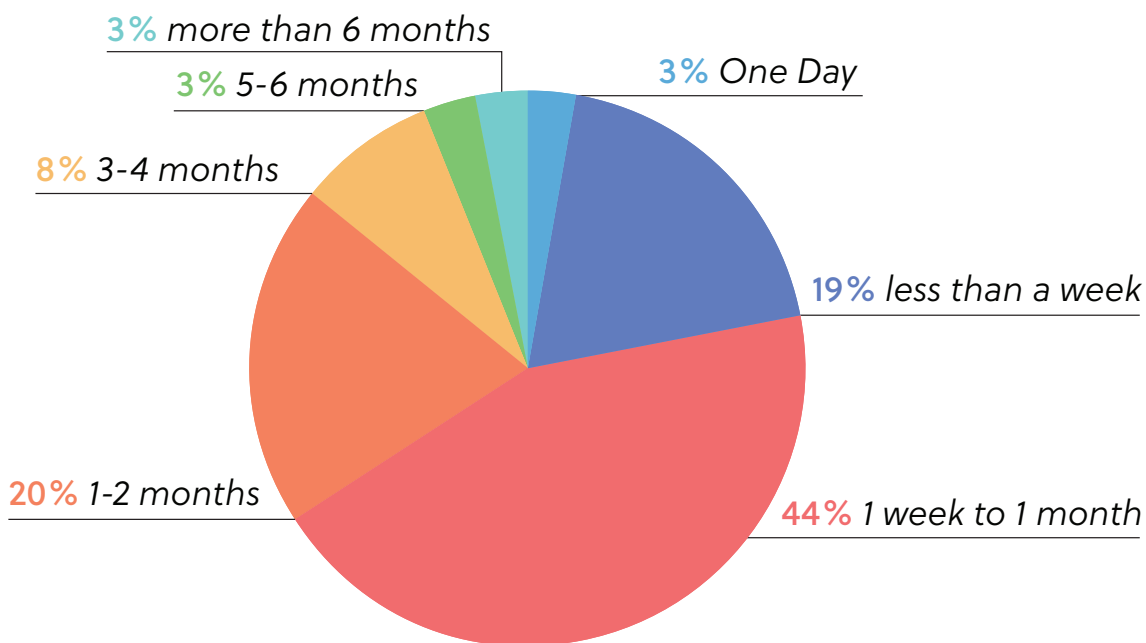
10% of UC Berkeley students have experienced **HOMELESSNESS**

Carol Christ’s UC Berkeley Housing Task Force. BSC 2017-18 President Zach Gaglieli was an active member of the Task Force, and we intend to raise our visibility

## Where undergraduates live when homeless



# Duration of homelessness for UC Berkeley undergraduates



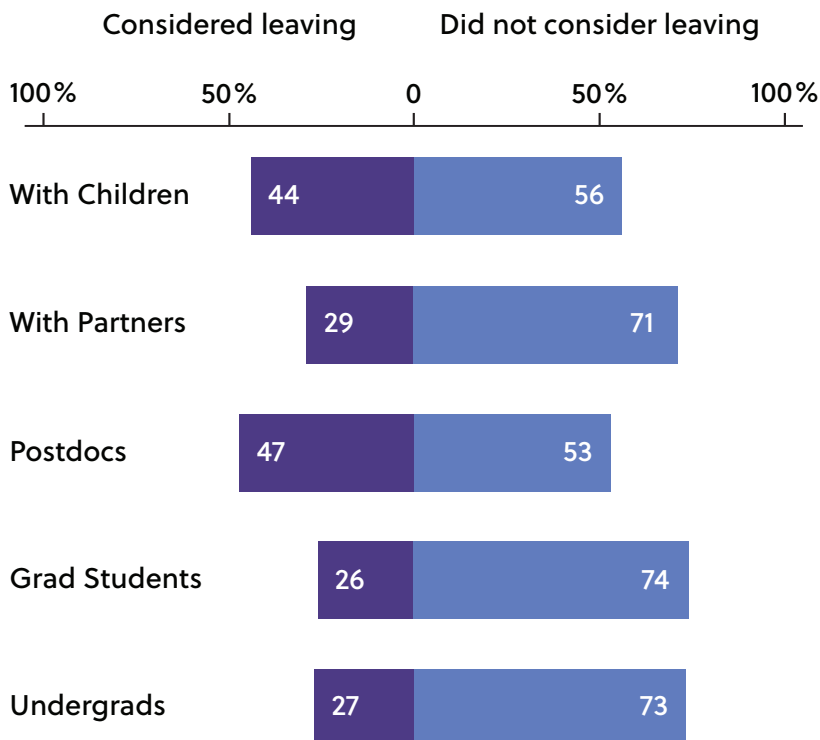
with the Chancellor’s office. Many BSC alumni and students know first-hand the critical difference the BSC provides.

“Grants and scholarships can cover tuition. You can always find food somewhere. I used to get free food at recruitment events. But if I didn’t have housing, I don’t know what what I could do. Can you imagine how destabilizing that would be?” says Madeline Burchard (Hoyt Hall 2006 - 09)

The BSC is the solution to the student housing crisis, and 93% of the UC Berkeley student body agrees. The ASUC passed a resolution (Senate Resolution No. 2015/2016-063) explicitly endorsing the BSC to help alleviate the housing crisis, ratified by 93% student voters.

Read more about the Chancellor’s Housing Task Force at <https://housing.berkeley.edu/housing-task-force>

## Students who considered leaving UC Berkeley because of a housing situation



# BSC Elects First Female President in Six Years

Dear BSC Alumni and Friends,

It is a proud yet humbling experience for me to introduce myself as the new BSC President. It is also with great pleasure that I welcome you back this Fall as we celebrate the BSC's 85th anniversary.

I come to this position with perspective of someone who has had to overcome far too many obstacles to be here today, a reality shared by many of our members. This is especially true since where we were born and how we grew up are used by others to define our possibilities. For many of us, intellectual merit and multiple jobs to afford attending UC Berkeley are still not enough to justify our presence on campus, and often our very existence is a crime.

An introduction to myself is really an introduction to my mother. I had it rough growing up but I didn't realize how much worse my mother had it. She is the living embodiment of strength and determination. My mother was a single parent who raised three daughters in South Central Los

Angeles. She taught us by example to work hard and to study so that we could have better lives without constant struggle. When I was little, I didn't understand how much of her life she gave up for us, or how brave she had to be to leave everything she'd known in El Salvador to escape the violence and fear that harmed her family and permeated the country. The life she came to in the U.S. wasn't easy, but she found a community in South Central with the black and brown bodies that struggled right beside her. My mother gave my sisters and me the best life she possibly could and I can never thank her enough.

I take on the position as the BSC President with my mother as a role model.

I see my job as President to be a catalyst for the BSC to take all our hard work and push it one step further.



*Shilo Pinto-Quintanilla, our new President, poses with Zach Gamlieli, our out-going President, at the BSC Graduation photobooth.*

*Shilo previously worked as Maintenance Manager and House Manager at Kidd and has served on the BSC Board of Directors for three years. She currently lives in Davis House.*

The BSC has grown tremendously throughout its 85 years and my vision for this year is to challenge us to come together as a community to redefine our future. This will entail taking an intimate look at how we can continue to support our membership and provide the best experience possible. The BSC serves as a resource to support students throughout their education and in doing so, highlights the determination, dedication, and handiwork of each member.

As we continue to work towards our mission, we will need to come together as a community of 1,260 members, board of directors, unit-level managers, staff, and alumni—which is why I ask for your support and contribution wherever possible.

The BSC is a safe space for many students, like myself, who come from low-income and marginalized communities, but it's also more than that — it's a home. I love the BSC and know that we are a student-centered and student-led organization that is challenging a system built against us.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to meeting many of you this year.

Cooperatively,  
Shilo Quinto-Pintanilla

# BSC Board Passes Next Three-Year Strategic Plan

By Kim Benson, Executive Director

Shilo was among the Board members who developed and approved our Strategic Plan for 2018-2021, which will organize our efforts for the next three years. I will be working with the successive Boards of Directors to ensure that our Board keeps these strategic priorities in focus as we develop governance directives and policies. I am excited about the direction we are going and hope all of you will support us with your encouragement and contributions!

## Here are some Highlights:

### Collect Data and Improve Education to Support the Cooperative Experience

We want all our members to understand the social and economic value of our cooperative model, and to be better prepared to play a meaningful part. We also want to ensure that our cooperative is accessible and helpful as possible to students who have a critical need for low-cost housing. Implementation of this priority would include incorporating best practices in adult learning theory and continuing operational improvements to improve the experiences of our members.

### Improve the Quality of Our Units

The BSC has a responsibility to be good stewards of our capital stock, without which we wouldn't be able to carry out our basic purpose. As we work through deferred maintenance and capital improvements, including seismic retrofits, we will steadily increase resources devoted to the upkeep of our buildings (currently over 35% of our budget). Additionally, we will also invest in better education of our members on the importance of habitability standards, particularly with regard to attracting and retaining members who need low-cost housing.

### Improve and Build Capacity for Development and Fundraising

Probably of most interest to you is our priority to build authentic, inclusive relationships with our alumni. Such relationships may start from nostalgia but we want to them to grow into deeper understanding of the BSC's social justice cause and the experience of our members. We also want to empower all parts of our organization, including members, to be part of this effort. Look forward to volunteer opportunities and invitations coming directly from our students!

# *From the BSC Alumni Association President*

Dear alumni, current co-op members, and friends,

We are now in the Berkeley Student Cooperative's (BSC) 85th year! Happy birthday to the BSC and a fond note of gratitude to all of our alumni and friends who make up our wonderful community. We look forward to celebrating with you this year at one of our potlucks, happy hours, or at the BSC's celebration on October 21, 2018 at Rochdale Village.

Our website at <http://www.bscaa.coop> is live and updated! Want to see more on it? Write in to us with your thoughts and questions at [bscaa1996@gmail.com](mailto:bscaa1996@gmail.com). We regularly add new information, especially when alumni let us know how we can help them.

As in past years, the BSC Alumni Association again made several grants to the BSC during the 2017-18 school year. This year, to address concerns for our most vulnerable current BSC members, the BSCAA committed to supporting those students detained for immigration-only issues with a small fund set aside to guarantee bond money (up to a reasonable amount). In making this commitment, we align the BSCAA's values with values of the current BSC members, which they have voted into policy across the entire cooperative organization. In addition to this new effort, we continued our tradition of providing current BSC members with emergency grants for financial duress during the school-year and with funding for boarding contracts that connect homeless/houseless college students to a community where they can eat, study, do laundry, and take showers.

We want to make sure all of you as alumni know how to visit the houses and current members. The student-leaders of the BSC have prioritized building relationships between current members and alumni, and the current BSC members enjoy meeting alumni. Whenever I visit, they are eager to hear stories of what it was like when I lived in the co-op and, in turn, I am reminded of how my co-op experience shaped my life. They are increasingly holding events that are open to alumni, and House Presidents have been made aware that their manager contact information is being shared. To schedule a visit at one of the houses, email the House President and you will receive a warm welcome. Below is a list of each house/apartment with its President's email.

Cooperatively Yours,  
John Ehrlich

# Do you want to visit a beloved co-op house or apartment building?

Visit your old home in the BSC! Our students welcome you back. Just stop by or contact the House President in advance.

Andres Castro Arms or

Person of Color Theme House: [acahp@bsc.coop](mailto:acahp@bsc.coop)

Afro American Theme House: [athhp@bsc.coop](mailto:athhp@bsc.coop)

Casa Zimbabwe or Ridge Project: [cazhp@bsc.coop](mailto:cazhp@bsc.coop)

Cloyne Court: [clohp@bsc.coop](mailto:clohp@bsc.coop)

The Convent: [conhp@bsc.coop](mailto:conhp@bsc.coop)

Davis House: [davhp@bsc.coop](mailto:davhp@bsc.coop)

Euclid Hall: [euchp@bsc.coop](mailto:euchp@bsc.coop)

Fenwick Weavers' Village: [fenhp@bsc.coop](mailto:fenhp@bsc.coop)

Hillegass Parker House or Le Chateau: [hiphp@bsc.coop](mailto:hiphp@bsc.coop)

Hoyt Hall: [hoyhp@bsc.coop](mailto:hoyhp@bsc.coop)

Kidd Hall: [kidhp@bsc.coop](mailto:kidhp@bsc.coop)

Kingman Hall: [knghp@bsc.coop](mailto:knghp@bsc.coop)

Lothlorien: [lothp@bsc.coop](mailto:lothp@bsc.coop)

Northside Co-op Apartments: [nschp@bsc.coop](mailto:nschp@bsc.coop)

Ridge House: [ridhp@bsc.coop](mailto:ridhp@bsc.coop)

Rochdale Village: [rochp@bsc.coop](mailto:rochp@bsc.coop)

Sherman House: [shehp@bsc.coop](mailto:shehp@bsc.coop)

Stebbins Hall: [stbhp@bsc.coop](mailto:stbhp@bsc.coop)

Oscar Wilde House: [wilhp@bsc.coop](mailto:wilhp@bsc.coop)

Wolf House: [wolhp@bsc.coop](mailto:wolhp@bsc.coop)



Summertime in Berkeley brings cold, foggy weather and wiffle ball! Central Office and Casa Zimbabwe, which share the same building, challenged each other to a friendly wiffle ball game on the lawn of the nearby Pacific School of Religion.

## Volunteer Opportunity **FOR ALUMNI**

*Apply to Serve on Our New  
Development & Alumni  
Relations Committee!*

**You care about the BSC's mission  
You love working with college students  
You are a savvy event organizer**

The BSC Board of Directors has created a new Development & Alumni Relations Committee to support our goal of creating meaningful experiences that connect alumni with the BSC and our students. "DARCom" will consist of three students and two alumni, and they will be supporting the Development Director. We are accepting applications from alumni!

**Apply here:** <https://www.bsc.coop/alumni/volunteer>

# Central Food & Supplies: the Lifeblood of the BSC

By Pranav Pamidigantam, Cloyne resident



The BSC delivery truck is a beautiful sight to see when your house just ran out of milk.

If the Central Office is the brain of the Berkeley Student Cooperative, then Central Food & Supplies (CFS) might be the heart, pumping the lifeblood of all coopers to each of the houses and apartments: food and supplies!

CFS purchases, warehouses, and delivers food as well as supplies for cleaning and maintenance throughout the whole BSC system. Hidden under Central Office are the unsung heroes, the CFS staff and student workshiffters, who load the inventory onto the iconic CFS truck for house deliveries on the regular.



As the Contract & Purchasing Agent, Charlotte Goldman is responsible for all orders for goods purchased at the central level and often works with the CFS workshiffters.

Contract & Purchasing Agent Charlotte Goldman (CZ 2013, Stebbins Hall 2013 - 15) has her office between the loading dock

and warehouse: "CFS reflects the students," says Charlotte. "I just look up from my desk and see students working together, building friendships

and even relationships. I don't feel removed from the Coopers when I see them everyday. It reminds me of the BSC mission to serve the students."



You might recognize the Central Food and Supplies warehouse as the BSC's former Central Kitchen. The BSC no longer operates a central kitchen as all food preparation and cooking are done by workshifter at the house level in industrial kitchens. Our house residents elect managers to receive ServSafe training and certification, run the kitchen, supervise the cooks, and order ingredients and supplies from Central Food and Supplies. Becoming a cook is competitive, and the quality of food is high.

For the students, CFS workshift is a opportunity to learn new skills and connect with BSC members from other houses, and as a paid position, it helps with paying BSC rent.

Ak from Hoyt was on her third shift ever in CFS when I spoke with her. "I'm just trying something new. It started to feel weird doing workshift in my house; I've lived there so long. CFS needed people to keep the train choo-chooing, so I joined. I like it! The supervisor, Miguel Duarte, is friendly, and so is everyone else. I get a more objective, holistic view of the BSC community."

Ak mentions that she lists her CFS experience on her resume. From receiving orders, to taking inventory, to truck deliveries, workshifter engage in various hands-on skills that prepare them professionally. Vivian from Stebbins has worked in CFS on almost everything, and is currently training to be a back-up truck driver: "There's a lot of different tasks on different days. Sometimes I help go through all the categories of food items and supplies, sometimes I delegate tasks to other team members. We load the truck 3 days a week and make the deliveries."

There's a liveliness among the workshifter as they load box after box onto the truck. "The warehouse is always thriving and bustling" Charlotte laughs, as people weave their way around us. The students



Ak from Hoyt helps take inventory of items in the warehouse.



certainly care about keeping the whole BSC system running. "I love my coop. I affectionately refer to it as my palace," says Adam from Casa Zimbabwe while slicing cheese and meat in the kitchen.

Vivan reflects on her time at CFS, and the BSC in general: "CFS is the backbone of the BSC in addition to other parts of Central. I like the

idea of the BSC. It's a powerful and unique living situation. There are some improvements to be made but it's up to the people to work on that."

Working in the CFS is a great way to connect with the larger BSC community. What better way to experience the whole BSC than to deliver supplies to each house and keep them running?

# Cloyne Court Holds Annual Academic Theme Event

## *A Royal Evening with David Peterson*

*By Pranav Pamidigantam, Cloyne Resident*

When the BSC re-themed Cloyne Court into our Substance-Free Academic Theme House, our intention was not just to create a space that was welcoming for students who preferred or needed a substance-free option, but also to demonstrate to the campus community we are building a culture that supports our students' academic goals. The Cloyne Court charter includes an annual academic event for the larger community (a version of an "out-of-house" party). Cloyne Court is thriving, with a long waitlist and high retention rate; the Cloyne model has inspired other BSC units to organize academic events too.

David J. Peterson, the creator of fictional languages such as Dothraki and Valyrian from the hit show *Game of Thrones*, spoke at Cloyne in April for the 2018 Academic Theme event.

David lived in Casa Zimbabwe and Ridge House during his undergraduate studies in English and Linguistics at Berkeley. David spoke fondly of his memories of the Co-op in the early 2000s. Back



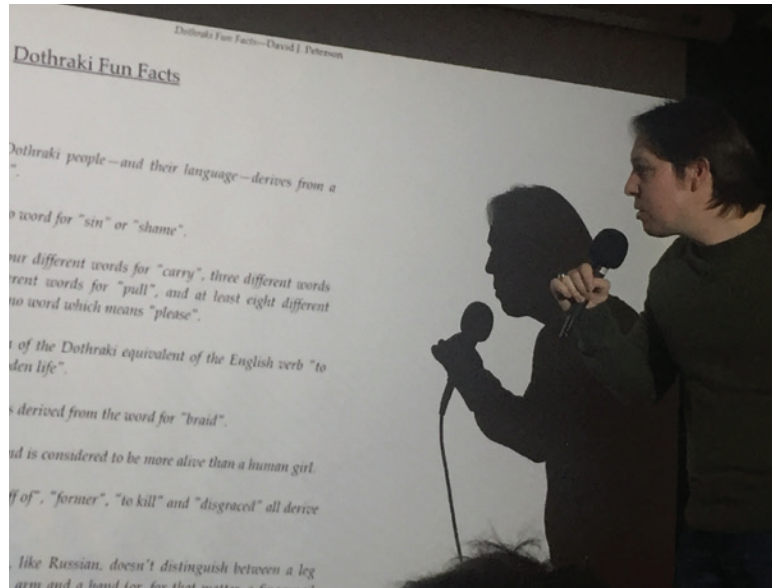
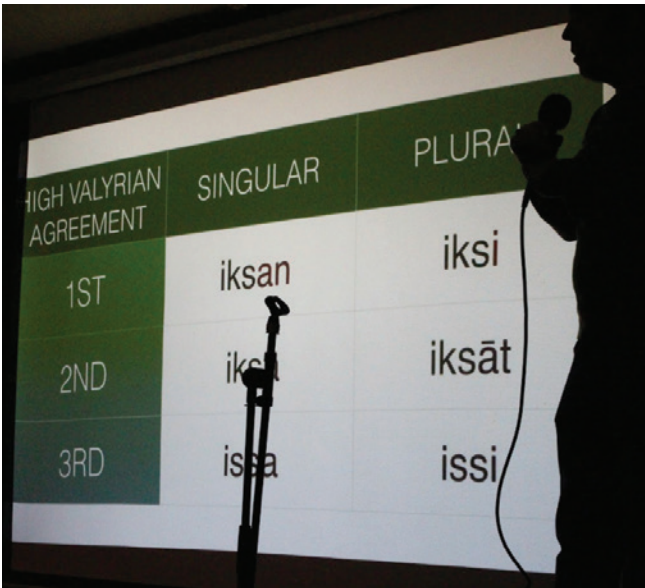
David takes a trip down memory lane.

then, things were...different. I told him once that I would be living in Cloyne, to which he responded, "Isn't that...the crazy one?" David was around for pre-themed Cloyne, full of stories like that one time Cloyne stole CZ's prized new couch, so CZ seized it and then burned it in Cloyne's garden!

For David, it was a poignant experience to return to Cloyne after many years as the featured speaker for our Academic Theme event. The audience, full of Clones and Co-ops, as well as linguistics students and fantasy fans, were no less captivated by David's humor and insights into the old days of the BSC and UC Berkeley, and his unique experience as a hired language inventor on the sets of many shows and movies.



David, yer chomoe anna!



David shares some Dothraki fun facts and gives the audience a High Valyrian 101 lecture.

David gave a quick intro to constructed languages, or “conlangs” in the trade. He also talked about how the tiny community of language enthusiasts and artists found themselves on center stage when the studio behind *Game of Thrones* reached out to hire a conlanger for the show, in the form of a competition. David, being an avid conlanger with a degree in linguistics and having learned several languages already, swept them off their feet with an deeply developed linguistic study of the Dothraki people, which he briefly shared with the audience.

Others studios have hired David for constructing languages for their shows and films, some well know ones being *Thor: The Dark World*, *The 100*, *Doctor Strange*, and *Bright*. David continues to be the first person approached in Hollywood when writers find themselves in the need of an expert on inventing languages.

Despite all his travels and time spent with celebrities, directors, and producers, as well as making all sorts of appearances, such as one Talk at Google, David regularly makes time to return and visit Berkeley. He enjoys

spending time with the Berkeley Society of Linguistic Undergraduates, or SLUGs, as well as reminisce at Casa Zimbabwe and Ridge House. He even instructed a course on language construction at Berkeley last summer.

David’s conlanging career started with some scribbles in his college notebooks and on the walls of CZ (they might still be around!), and ended up in Hollywood somehow. His journey reminds us at the BSC that our future after graduation might take us places we never expect. And of course, that the years we spend living in the BSC might be the best of our lives.

Thanks to David Peterson and everyone who made this event possible, including Patricia Malagon, Board Director; Dawnia Brody, Academic Theme Manager; Jacob Szymkowski, Academic Theme Manager; Matt Sabouri, Facilities Manager.



Clones, other BSC members, linguists and fantasy fans crowded into the Cloyne dining room.



# BERKELEY STUDENT COOPERATIVE SPECIAL GIVE

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORDS OF SUPPORT

“I LIVED IN SHERMAN FOR 3 SEMESTERS AND TWO SUMMERS – BEST DECISION OF MY LIFE!  
#CLASSOF2017”

“THE CO-OPS MADE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING ABLE TO GO TO CAL OR NOT.”

“GOOD MEMORIES/VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCES. ALL FOUR SIBLINGS FOLLOWED MY EXAMPLE.”

“I LOVE THE BSC. IT’S GIVEN ME SO MUCH AND I WILL ALWAYS GIVE BACK TO THIS ORGANIZATION WHEN I CAN IN THE FUTURE!”

“I DON’T KNOW OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS WHO PROACTIVELY SEEK TO MEASURE THEIR IMPACT, EMBRACE CRITICAL FEEDBACK, AND USE IT TO IGNITE CHANGE.”

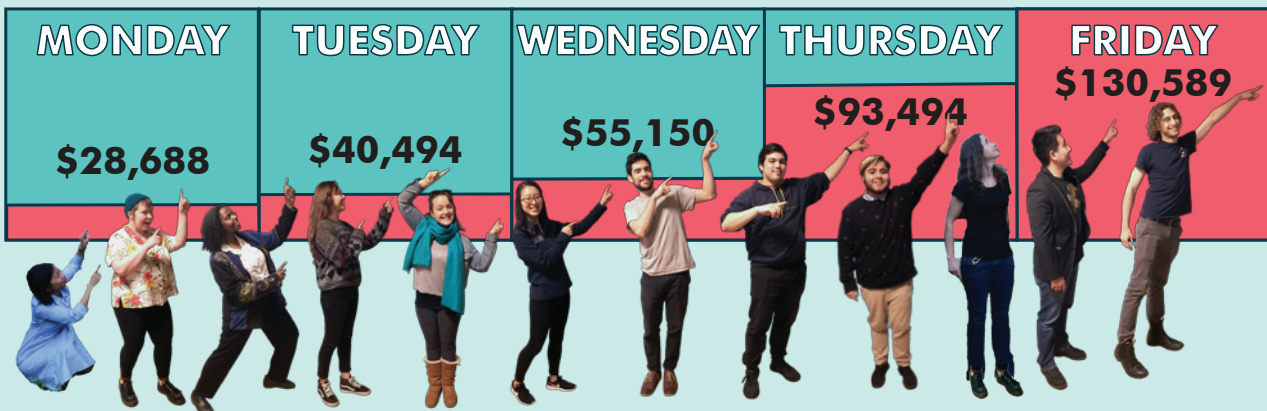
“THANKS TO KEVIN RAMIREZ FOR THE EXTRA PUSH TO DONATE! I’M DONATING BECAUSE OF THE STEPS THE BSC IS TAKING TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO LOW INCOME STUDENTS AND STUDENTS OF COLOR.”

“THE BSC WAS THE ONE INSTITUTION THAT HELPED ME OVERCOME THE INEQUITY I FACED AS A CAL STUDENT. IT ENABLED ME TO AFFORD HOUSING AND FOOD AS A STUDENT FROM A WORKING-CLASS BACKGROUND, BUT IT ALSO CHALLENGED ME TO BE THE LEADER I AM TODAY.”

“I DISCOVERED MY PASSION FOR COOKING, DEVELOPED LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND MADE SOME OF MY CLOSET’S FRIENDS IN THE CO-OPS. I AM THE FIRST IN MY FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE AND I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THIS ORGANIZATION.”

## THE BSC’S 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDS WITH GROWING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AND NEW STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

### BSC SPECIAL GIVE \$125K IN 5 DAYS



**370**  
DONORS

**\$130,589**  
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## THANK YOU!

We cherish your confidence in our ability to make a difference for college students who face incredible odds today.

### Special Thanks to the Special Give Volunteers

for pouring your hearts into expressing what the BSC means to you: John Schooler, Kathleen McCully, Judy Bertelsen, Nancy Blattel, Al Davenport, Jon Lampman, Richard Lira, Michelle Nacouzi, Tori Partridge, Bonnie Prestridge, Kevin Ramirez, Karen Tkach Tuzman, Steve Wood.

### Special, Special Thanks to Vice President of External Affairs Joshua Erdtsieck and the BSC Student Leaders

for starting new conversations with our members about the significance of the BSC as a cause worth supporting! Many of our donations came from current students as part of our inaugural drive to raise \$1 per member. The student turnout rate was higher than for alumni!



Special Give volunteers and challenge donors celebrated the success of our 2018 campaign at our annual “Post Mortem” party in front of Central Office. BSC Finance and Accounting Manager Steve Catano barbecued asada, Madeleine blended frozen margaritas, and many students dropped by.

### Special Thanks to our Challenge Donors

for making generous donations and motivating other alumni to give back: Ray Adams, Ted Akulian, Victor Bloomfield, William R. Blythe, Allen Davenport, Jim Gray, Steve Greenberg, Sara Ishikawa, Niels C. Laughlin, Richard Lira, Matthew Madison, Rudi E. Scheidt, Omar Shakill, Mark H. Shapiro, Ruth Spear, Tom Sutak, Vlad Tsyrklevich, Deniz Tuncer, Stephen R. Wood.

# ALUMNI NOTES

**Crislin Christian (Afro, Rochdale, 2016-18)** I've been a part of the BSC community since I transferred to Cal in spring 2016. Living at Afro House my first semester definitely helped ease my transition into university life. I cooked on Fridays (while singing to loud music) and cleaned the third-floor half-bathroom (with groans of despair). During my two years at Rochdale, I lived in buildings B, C, and F. My first year, I helped paint the entire common room. One summer, I did office workshift and regularly interacted with Rochdale community members and BSC staff. I always tell students seeking housing to apply to BSC, including



Crislin Christian

my partner, who now lives and serves as a manager at a BSC house. After graduation, I'm moving back home to launch a program that will build a student artist community in inner-city Chicago. BSC exemplifies a truly dedicated and thriving community; I cherish the role the BSC has played throughout my university experience and look forward incorporating its values of consent, accountability, and cooperation into my future work. I am proud to have been a BSC member, and it is my honor to give back to the next generation of BSC residents.

**Linda Artel (Hoyt 1964-65)** A friend Dori Mintzer said, "come be my roommate at Hoyt," so I lived there my sophomore year. I was looking for freedom from dorm restrictions. Sneaking into Hoyt after curfew (in those days: 11pm weekdays and 1pm weekends for "girls") was a lot easier than in the dorm. I liked that Hoyt was small and cost less, helpful since my father was a shoe salesman. Dori, whom I still know and just saw a few weeks ago, helped me get an easy administrative work shift. Plus, I developed great calf muscles trudging up and down from Northside to campus. But mostly I remember what I did away from Hoyt ~ studying too much in the Library stacks where I had a pass, and going to months of Free Speech Movement rallies until in December, I joined the 800+ people sitting-in and getting arrested in Sproul Hall.

Now I'm semi-retired and feel lucky that I still work but just one day a week plying my trade, career coaching employees internally at Genentech, and another day granny nannying my now 9-month old grandson in San Francisco. I love helping clients solve their career problems and adore seeing my grandson learn to crawl, stand up, discover the world.

I'm inspired to give back to BSC because I still believe in the American dream (my grandparents were immigrants) and want to help smart, young people from all kinds of backgrounds and lifestyles get started in this expensive, crazy world. Since I never left Berkeley, I can meet BSC scholarship recipients at the annual Scholarship Reception in December, hear them talk about their persistence against major odds and donate what I can. Using my skills, I have also career coached the interesting, motivated members of the BSC executive

committee who are soon to graduate.

**Bill Blythe (Ridge 1951-53)** As I grow older, I become more appreciative of the opportunities I had when I was young. In the 1950s, the state policy was that anybody with sufficient grades could get a free college education. There is no way my family could have afforded today's tuition. The co-ops allowed me to live in Berkeley and fully immerse myself in the student experience.

At Ridge House, I had mundane workshifts like cleaning the heads after a Friday night party or kitchen work. We had some good times. I grew up in Martinez, where my dad worked as a carpenter. He was a good man, but we had only modest means. My dad knew enough to convince me to get an education; he also knew that the boss at the job sites were the architects, so I majored in architecture. After discovering my affinity for math, I switched to engineering for my Masters and PhD.

**Laura Cattani (Cloyne 2000-02, Kingman 2002-03)** My first semester at Cloyne I had a dish washing workshift and also a few hours as an assistant cook. I enjoyed putting on headphones, zoning out and washing dishes and the amazing feeling at the end of the workshift when all of the dishes were cleaned and put away.

My favorite workshift however was always cooking. After working as an assistant cook I was able to be a dinner head cook for the rest of my semesters in the BSC. I always looked forward to my afternoons in the kitchen, it was a really special time where I could forget the stresses of life and school for a few hours and just focus on cooking. It was so rewarding to make healthy food for all of my friends and housemates.

One semester I got to cook with two

of my best friends and roommates at the time, Lindsay Lowe Worthington and Rowan Sill. We had so much fun and I learned so much about cooking through those workshifts, I'll never forget those afternoons in the kitchen.

**Andrew O. DuBois (Sheridan 1942-43)** *Class of 1950, Masters in Mechanical Engineering* I didn't start attending Cal right after high school due to a farming accident, but I arrived in time for the second semester in January of 1943. I was able to get into the BSC as the roommate of my cousin Jim May, who was already a member. It seemed like a great bargain to me. The room had 2 beds, dressers and a closet. I don't recall if there were desks in the room or not.

I liked the other members and the building was well located so I could walk anywhere on campus. Everyone at the BSC had a job that was theirs for a month. This was not a hardship for me as I grew up on a ranch and there were always chores to do. My most memorable job was making breakfast for 30 hungry guys, usually oatmeal (we were just starting to claw our way out of the Depression), but occasionally scrambled eggs and toast.

There were rules about not drinking at the BSC, which my cousin occasionally ignored. My parents were both members of the Temperance Union, so I was not inclined to break that particular rule.

Alas, I did not get to stay in the BSC for long because I was drafted into the Army in the spring of that same year I arrived. WWII was not going well and in spite of the injuries I sustained in the farming accident Uncle Sam took me as a member of the "Walking Wounded." By the



Andrew DuBois

time I returned to Cal after the war, I was married and the BSC was no longer appropriate for me.

After finishing my Masters, I worked on campus at the Rad Lab as an engineer before leaving for the private sector. I returned in the 1970s to work at LBL on many fascinating projects, finishing as the Senior Mechanical Engineer on the mirror positioning system for the Keck telescopes in Hawaii.

At 93, I have been retired for some time. Until a recent stroke, I remained active with tennis, ping pong, skiing, bridge, book clubs and many volunteer activities. Now, I have a very quiet and comfortable life in Alameda and enjoy visits from my daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren!

**Dara Pastor (Casa Zimbabwe 2006-06, Ridge 2007, Kingman 2008-09)** Most semesters you could find me in the kitchen working dinner shift or making Costco runs for Central Kitchen. It took me years to learn how not to cook for 30+ people. My favorite memory is Living Love at Kingman, of course. I met my best friends my first semester at CZ: Jen Connet, Katie Gladstein, Cordy

Panlillo, Steph Deherra, Martha Ruch, Xtochil Ortiz, Sam Blodgett and Blitz (Rayo) Ono.

I worked in non-profit community development and micro grants in Los Angeles and then went back to school for an MBA in social enterprise. I'm currently earning my corporate stripes at IBM Healthcare & Life Sciences where I get to be part of exciting advances in genomics, oncology and medical imaging.

I want to give back to the BSC because I often reflect on the fact that some of the most formative years in my life at Cal were because of the many creative and intelligent students in the Co-op and how grateful I am to have found the BSC community. I am passionate that this opportunity be afforded to many more students for years to come.

**Jeanette Hammann, née Heljeson (Ridge Project 1980-83)** A memory: It happened sometime in 1981-82 at Project. (Sorry, Rodney! I'll always be a Projectile from Ridge Project). We woke up one morning to find that every single dining room chair had been moved down to the tennis courts next door. There they were, all



Dara Pastor

lined up. No one was ever definitively fingered for the prank, although some of us have our suspicions.

**A workshift:** The best workshift had to be IKC – intensive kitchen cleanup, or as we called it, intensive Karen Carpenter. You worked two hours but got credit for three. Of course, you had to mop the blood from thawing meat off the bottom of the big refrigerators. But there was music (the Carpenters, of course, just to be anti-New Wave for a while) and dancing and Ken!

**Friends:** I was proudly one of the four bitches – they know who they are.

**Why:** Living in the Co-op gave me lifelong friends and a perspective on living a life that is part of something bigger. I have pretty much worked in nonprofits my whole career. The Co-op was there when I really needed them, and I want them to survive and thrive.

**Mary Elizabeth “Ma’lis” Walton Wendt (Stebbins 1964-65)** I came to Stebbins because my aunt (Marian Walton Dunn) had lived there in the late 1930s. My father (John Walton) lived at Barrington in the late 1930s and early 1940s. My brothers followed me to Berkeley and the co-ops and lived at Oxford in the 1960s (Jack

Walton) and 1970s (Bill Walton).

I had gone to Mexico with a group from Newman Hall called Amigos Anonymous in the summer of 1964 and came down with hepatitis and was at Cowell Hospital for two weeks at the beginning of the fall semester. I think my work assignment that semester was cleaning, since I couldn’t work in the kitchen.

In the spring semester, I became president of Stebbins, which was also my work assignment. One of my duties was to represent Stebbins on the Women’s Dormitory Association Board. Our big project at that time was working on procedures for no curfew for senior women. All women’s dormitories had curfews then. I think they were 12 am on weeknights and 2:30 am on Friday and Saturday (this curfew dated from the time when ferries were the only transportation to and from San Francisco and the last ferry got students back by 2:30 am). Having no curfew for seniors was a major change and the group spent almost the entire semester debating and establishing rules and regulations.

During the fall semester of 1965, my work assignment was working the switchboard – calls came into the central phone number and were

transferred to the individual rooms by cords. My experience here helped me get a job on the switchboard of Peralta Hospital the next semester.

After graduating with a Master’s in Library Science in 1967, I moved to New York where I worked for The New York Public Library for 36 years. I’ve been retired for over ten years and continue to enjoy all the varieties of things to do in New York.

I couldn’t have afforded to live on campus without the Co-op. I’m so glad it’s available to students now and am happy to give back whenever possible.

**Kevin Ramirez (Casa Zimbabwe 2015, Andres Castro Arms 2016)**

As a Latinx from a working-class background born to immigrant parents in Los Angeles, my path to an excellent education was full of barriers and challenges. I ended up dropping out until one teacher made helped me overcome the inequity I faced in LAUSD as a student. If it wasn’t for the BSC, I would have ended up going to UCLA. So as soon I got my confirmation for housing in the BSC, I accepted my admission to Cal.

Barriers still persisted as I became a student at Cal. Fortunately, through living in the BSC - I had access to a pantry full of food. I depended on daily dinners and snacks cooked by my lovely housemates, but other needs still persisted even though. My entire financial aid was exhausted through rent and tuition alone, so I barely had enough for academic expenses (e.g. books and supplies) and other personal expenses.

I was privileged to live in the BSC as it gave me access to opportunities to earn extra money for academic and personal expenses. I took on managerial and leadership roles which allowed obtaining income stability during my time as a student at Cal. However, most importantly, through those roles I had the chance to develop my leadership skills and



From Jeanette Hammann, Halloween 1982 at Ridge Project



gain immense professional skills in the nonprofit and cooperative sectors. Skills that are definitely useful as I start my career in the educational advocacy landscape where I work to end educational inequity in Los Angeles and the US at large.

The BSC wasn't just housing for me. The BSC was the one and the only institution that helped me overcome the inequity I faced as a student at Cal. It enabled me to afford housing and food as a student of a working-class background, but it also challenged me to be the leader I am today. I donate and support the BSC's Special Give campaign because I want the BSC to be there for other students!

**Jeffrey Wright (Chateau 1979-80)**  
Favorite memories of living in the Chateau co-op: learning how to cook every week for 100 people. Swimming in the pool. Sunbathing on the roof. Being co-house manager with Jonathan Cooper for two quarters. Learning to live with really smart people from a big range of backgrounds.

Right now: I retired early from a corporate job with AT&T followed by a decade of real estate investing. I am traveling to parts of the world that I have never been to before; St. Petersburg, Helsinki etc. I am



Jeffrey Wright

spending more time with friends and rediscovering my large network of cousins and building friendships there.

Giving back: The highlight of university for me was everything I learned at the Co-op. How to work with people, how to trust, how to delegate, and the joys of creating meals to bring 100 people together at the table. After a decade in real estate I better understand the concept of entropy. The buildings are slowly falling apart and the task of keeping them safe and attractive is big. However, with money and work they can be maintained so they continue to house many future

generations of Co-ops.

**Koushik Datta (Fenwick Weavers, Ridge Project 1981-86)** I was lucky to have made a lot of friends in Ridge Project (RP). Many of us are still in touch and have been doing fun stuff over the last 30+ years. Those I have drifted from, I still enjoy meeting at reunions. We reconnect like it was yesterday.

Fond memories at RP include playing volleyball and broomball, chatting while lined up for dinner and in late night sessions, sitting on the roof enjoying those magnificent views, and whooping it up while watching "The Play" in the TV room. One time, I walked into my room and was astonished to see that all my stuff had vanished. Completely cleaned out, moved out to other rooms by my



Koushik Datta and Stacy Budin

"friends" as a prank. It is funnier now than back then. My most cherished memory of all is meeting Stacy Budin at RP. This spring we will celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary.

A memorable workshift was when a few of us, with no prior experience, spent a summer putting a fresh coat of paint on the dining room ceiling, walls and floor. Sure hope the paint job lasted. I enjoyed the camaraderie and community spirit of the co-ops. I hope that giving back to the BSC will allow future students to enjoy the same co-op spirit in new and different ways.



Kevin Ramirez, center, during his BSC Board days.

# In Memoriam: JOSEPH MIXER

Joseph Redding Mixer died peacefully on, January 8, 2018. He is survived by his loving wife, Madeline “Hokie” Mixer, his step-daughter Christine Coddling, his two sons, Andrew Kirtland Mixer and Scott Redding Mixer, and three grandchildren, Lindsey, Sydney and Henry.

Joe lived in Oxford Hall from 1942 to 1943 and served as House President. He was also UC Berkeley Student Body President.

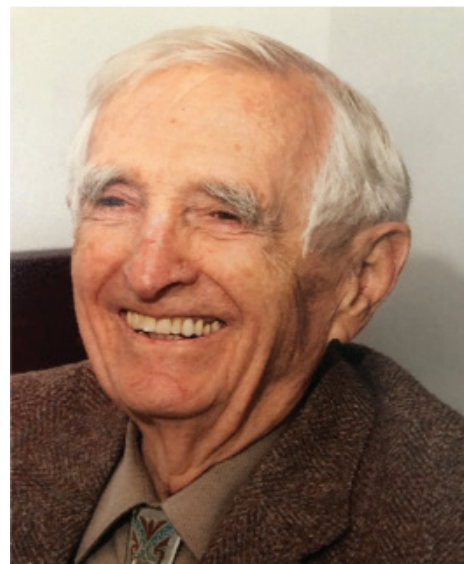
Joe was a lifelong supporter of the Berkeley Student Cooperative. During his time as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of UC Berkeley in 1962, Joe was an important ally of the then-USCA in its campaign to build Ridge Project. He was also an active fundraiser on behalf of the Co-op, and helped raise the \$1 million necessary to build what is now known as “Central Office” and “Casa Zimbabwe.”

Joe and his wife Madeline were dedicated to helping the students and staff of the USCA, contributing regularly and

charitably towards our Scholarship and Seismic Retrofit Funds to give coop members a safe and supportive learning environment. In 1999, their contributions helped the BSC surpass the \$25,000 goal for scholarships, and they even gifted an advanced copy machine to Central Office for the students and staff to use. Joe and Madeline also helped create the June Walton Tichinin Memorial Grant for women in the co-ops who demonstrate leadership, providing a third of room and board costs, in honor of June Walton, a Stebbins alumna and friend who passed away in 2006.

In a 2005 interview with Joe, he told us about his thoughts on the Co-op:

“Oxford was so convenient; it was like having an apartment suite. The Co-op are a great place for students to live and be able to come to Cal. They do a good job; the continued operation of providing reasonable, quality accommodations for student and engendering the Co-op spirit inspires me to contribute to the Co-op. I think holding interesting events



where people can rejoin their former acquaintances and experience the current co-op environment is a good way to get alumni involved.”

Joe continued to display his warm friendship to the Co-op in recent years. He has trained other alumni to fundraise for the BSC, and in 2012, Joe participated in the 2012 Oxford Hall Reunion, where he spoke enthusiastically of his fond memories living in the BSC. [ed: you can find a Youtube video of Joe and the event, “Berkeley Student Cooperative: Oxford Hall Reunion”] When Joe’s former students of fundraising solicited him for donations, Joe always responded generously and encouragingly.

Joe’s example has been a guiding light for the BSC’s evolving and growing alumni engagement and development program. The Berkeley Student Cooperative is deeply grateful for Joe’s legacy.

**Joe was an active fundraiser for the BSC and helped raise the \$1 million to build what is now Casa Zimbabwe and Central Office.**

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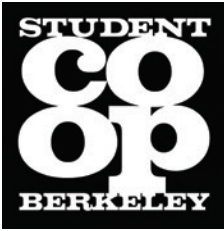
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