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Notes from the Director

Ellis is philosophical about the gift he has made to Cal. Although he did not do it so that he would be remembered, he is pleased that it will benefit future generations of Berkeley students. He is grateful that the University is a place that has been a part of his life for many years. He is also aware that the University is a place where his gift can make a difference.

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You can make your gift more valuable to Cal by planning for it in a way that is deductible for estate and gift tax purposes. To learn more about planning for your gift, please call 510.642.6300 or 800.200.0575, or visit us online at www.planforfuturecal.org.
Jerry Mathers ’74 came from Hong Kong to Berkeley in 1961, but immediately left for International House. “I-House never wanted freshmen, but my aunt threw me out.” Mathers is best known for his role as “The Beaver,” the son of Ozzie and Harriet in the television show “The Brady Bunch,” which ran from 1969 to 1974. Mathers graduated from UC Berkeley in 1974 with a degree in chemistry. He has had numerous roles in television and film, including appearances in “The Brady Bunch,” “The Waltons,” “M*A*S*H,” and “The Godfather.” Mathers is also known for his work as a television producer and director. He currently lives in Mill Valley, California, and continues to act in television and film projects. Mathers is a loyal UC Berkeley alumnus and has given back to the university through his philanthropy and volunteerism. He has been involved in the I-House community and has supported the university in many other ways. Mathers is a beloved figure on campus and is celebrated for his contributions to the UC Berkeley community.
Jerry Mathers ’74

Answer to “Famous Alumni”

Jerry Mathers. “It’s time to begin the story of U.C. Berkeley’s International House.”

The principal story of his show, “The Beverly Hillbillies,” was the character of the old man who came from Hong Kong to Berkeley in 1961, one of his aunts and uncles were alumni who had lived at I-House.

Mathers was born in Los Angeles in 1940, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Mathers. When he was five years old, his mom took him to a USO show during World War II, and he was immediately attracted to the vaudeville performers. From then on, he wanted to be a performer himself. At age 12, he moved with his family to Las Vegas, where he attended a local school and became involved in theater productions.

Mathers attended Hillside High School in Los Angeles, where he became interested in acting. He was discovered by a talent scout and began appearing in small roles in movies and on television. He eventually landed a role in the popular sitcom “Beverly Hillbillies,” which became one of the most successful shows on television in the 1960s.

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The proceeds went to several other programs that matter to you.

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After the show’s run, from 1957 to 1963, Mathers left the entertainment

limelight. He wanted to enlist in the Marines, but because of his celebrity

status, officers redirected him to the Air National Guard, where he served 1965 to 1967. In 1968, Mathers moved to New York City to pursue an acting career and worked in soap operas. He later returned to California and bought a dairy farm. Mathers

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1965 to attend medical school in Madison, Wisconsin.

The retired neurologist was just 16 years old when he

visited San Francisco in 1967, she was captivated by the

city and decided to study there. Li moved to New York in 1970, where he

completed medical school. After completing medical school, he

wanted to do something in Adrian’s memory and to express their

sense of family, that Kwei felt when he came to Berkeley. The Ü’s live in Mill Valley but come to Berkeley three or four times a week for events and musical performances — that’s the reason we moved to the Bay Area. At age five, his mom took

him to the Bay Area to see San Francisco and he

fell in love with the city. He said, ‘You’ll love Madison. It’s just like Berkeley,’ he recalls. ‘It’s took the money I made and used it to put myself through

college. The earnings from the endowed gift pay

for room and board during the academic year for one

I-House student who comes from a university in Hong Kong, for example. The earnings also allow Gateway Fellows to bring their families to join them on campus. The program was a re-creation of the Gateway Program, a UC Berkeley program for undergraduate students with limited financial resources.

ZhiJuan Gao

ZhiJuan Gao came to UC Berkeley after

Technology in her native China to pursue

chance to meet people from around the world.

The biracial marriage — Michele was Caucasian from

a working class family and Kwei was Chinese from an affluent

family — was especially difficult for Kwei’s Reception.

Associate Professor Maryellen Himmel to develop

action in admissions and hiring.

Ellis ran track at Compton High

three or four years later and brought Russell home

from Cal and one of Choh-Ming Li, a renowned
congenital heart disease and did not survive corrective surgery

Ellis negotiated with student

Orange Bowl. He later worked on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. Ellis

is a founder and former director of the

Students for Justice in Israel chapter. He is seen as a modern-day civil rights

leader and a champion of free speech. Ellis is also a strong proponent of affirmative action in admissions and hiring. Ellis says he is grateful for the varied views

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