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About four years ago, a small and unassuming volume made its appearance within the halls of Upsilon. It aroused interest within the Chapter. It awakened and bound even more tightly the bonds between active members and alumni. It quickened the life blood of the fraternity, and brought still closer the men of Sigma Pi. It began a dream of a greater fraternity at Westwood, and today, when its footprints are nearly lost in the sands of time, its effect is still felt... it was a Pioneer.

Since that time, other volumes have made their bow, each one finer and more pretentious than the last, and each one a Pioneer, bringing with it its measurement of accomplishment. If this volume can, with pride, take its place by the side of its predecessors, then we may consider that it has achieved its goal.

To one who has served his fraternity faithfully and well, to one who exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism which is the heritage of Sigma Pi, this book is respectfully dedicated.

-- Forward and dedication,
Upsilon Pioneer, June 1928

Oldest Brothers

Dr. Wallace Reed, age 96, (Phoenix, Az.); **William Crickard**, age 94 (Ventura); and **Clement "Jake" Jacomini**, age 93 (Signal Hill) are believed to be the wisest and oldest living Upsilon brothers.

90 Years of Upsilon Honor

Upsilon celebrated 90 years at Founders Day on Feb. 23 at Sigma Pi Manor in Westwood, and brothers from all eras joined to celebrate. Douglas Keppler represented the 1950s, Dr. Kent Shoji and Rainer Beck attended from the 1960s, and the 2000s were well represented for the first Founders Day with 100 attendees in years.

UC Irvine even sent a delegation to celebrate with the descendants of the 1923 Ball and Chain Club that began at the UC Southern Branch campus on Vermont Avenue.

Richard Pena again made a big donation for the bar. Past Sage Manuel Gouveia generated numerous ideas for decorations and table-settings to create a unique "once-a-century" celebration.

Won Park, as usual, won the post-dinner Poker Tourney with a group of 1980s and 1990s graduates.



Silver Crosses were awarded to brothers on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation: Russell Schaadt, Larry Coval, David Zeichick, Stuart Reid, David Finkel, and Mike Smith (who made it back to his hotel this year). Reid and Past Sage Chris Daughters returned to the house for the first time in a decade.

Sage Mike Murieta led the Opening Ritual, and 1st Councilor Mike Schall led the Memorial Ritual, which honors brothers who passed to the Adytum on High: James Payton, a supersmart engineer from Palos Verdes; Lt. Donald Bullock, a U.S. Army veteran; and Lt. Ned Ash, a WWII veteran who fought in the Pacific theatre. Eric Troedssen led a remembrance of beloved brother Andrew Fleming, a recent alumnus and big Bruins fan who died at too young an age.



Each year, Upsilon gets smarter and throws better parties. Your generous alumni donations have funded nine scholarships to honor these worthy brothers, and our endowment is now at \$125,000:

Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships - Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation:

1st place: Brandon Rokos (Psychology & Economics, 3.4): Vice President, UCLA rowing team, organized environmental clean-up and alcohol awareness events, student-teacher, UCLA Career Center employee.

"One phrase I've completely eliminated since becoming a brother of Sigma Pi - I can't".

2nd place: Mohammed Abbas (Physiological Science, 3.1): Social chair, Westwood clean-up day, research in Dept. of Psychiatry and Neurology, Global Med international medical relief staff, Innworks UCLA chief curriculum officer (mentor at-risk youth), medical school, first member of family to attend college. "This chapter has enriched, improved and matured myself as a person and a student."

3rd place: Roy Arkarakian (Psychobiology, 3.8): Dean's honor list, Healthy Bruins Club medical director, Armenian Student Assn., Pre-Medical Peer Assn., Medical Friends Club co-founder, research asst. at UCLA Staglin Center (MRI scans on brain injuries), Santa Monica UCLA Hospital volunteer, medical school. "I believe this was the best decision I ever made in college. I believe that Sigma Pi has fostered a group of leaders who know that every contribution matters and who are well-prepared to



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Loss of Brothers

It is a sad fact of life, but alumni brothers die every year and enter the Adytum.

If you are a family member who has received this copy of the Pioneer, please notify us of the death of the brother.

We would like to notify the rest of the circle of brotherhood and help you celebrate him by printing information about his life.

Contact: Jay Ross (310) 979-9255 or

Ross_Jay@hotmail.com

Housing Board

Please consider a tax-deductible donation, so we can begin construction on larger projects in 2015.

This includes the bathroom renovation, new appliances for the kitchen, and painting the interior, including the Chapter Room and foyer.

Your donations make it possible to reduce the interest payments on loans, and provide a better house.

I have asked everyone to start saving \$100 per year for the next 10 years, so we all can donate \$1,000 each by 2023.

Phi Kappa Psi is finishing a \$5,000,000 new house on Gayley Ave., so we should provide similar support to our Chapter.

Current members: **Matt Sumrow** (President), **Tom Miller** (Emeritus), **Art Martinez** (Secretary), **David Finkel** (Treasurer), **Mike Flory**, **Stu Johnson**, **Liron Nelik**, **Mike Liskey**, **Jay Ross** (UAA President), **Taek Chang** (Chapter Advisor).

enter the real world."

William Meyer award (most contributions to chapter): Alex Jozefov.

Julien D'Avanzo award (spirit of Sigma Pi): Sean Smith: Attended every pledge event for four years and mentored countless new initiates.

Gary Gross award (campus/community service): Joey Donaldson (History, 3.6): 1st Councilor, UCLA Pre-Law Society, IFC Dir. of Philanthropy, UCLA Model U.N., National Collegeiate Honor Society, Order of Omega, UCLA Honors Program, intern in Office of Gov. Schwarzenegger, first person in family to attend college, law school. "Aside from the partying and girls though, this house provided me with something very few kids in college can actually claim. I found a group that embraces me for who I am and not what they want me to be. My life goals and interests are have become a small facet of the house along with everything else the brotherhood brings to the table."

David Finkel award (academics): Miles Pember (Business Economics, Accounting, 3.8): Dean's List, Volunteer Tax Advisors of UCLA director of finance, investment banking intern, Undergraduate Investment Society. "I am honored to be awarded this scholarship so that I can show my brothers, my family, and my friends, that hard work and trust in your fellow kindred minds can truly lead to great things. I consider my college career thus far to have been successful, and I attribute a huge portion of that to my involvement in Sigma Pi."

Pledge scholarships: Chris Kirchmeier, Reza Hajisanei.



Left: Retiring UAA officers Herman Quispe and Art Martinez, holding their pledge paddle that was returned this year after being stolen in 1991. Brandon Rokos hung it safely in Room 13, where Handbone once threw.



Right: Housing Board member Stu Johnson presents SPEF scholarship to Roy Akarakian.

▲ UAA Annual Meeting: Executive Director Herman Quispe and Secretary Art Martinez retired, and new officers were elected at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 23 at Sigma Pi Manor at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles: E.D. Pablo Rivas, Pres. Jay Ross, Sec. Jake Loughridge, Herald Brad Sharp, Treasurer Scott Scheffler. The membership approved all actions of the UAA Board during the past year.

Todd Jefferson at Comic-Con

"Fantastic four surprises from Saturday's Marvel video game panel"

4. For most in the packed hall, Stan Lee's sudden appearance may have been the panel's high point. For Suzy Cimino, though, the biggest surprise was seeing the massive case of jitters shaking her boyfriend, T.Q. Jefferson, head of Marvel game development.

"He's normally so good on these panels," said Cimino, who has dated Jefferson for six years. "But he seemed so nervous."

In fact, Jefferson's rambling monologue drew a shout of "Get to the point!" from one impatient spectator... So he did. "Suzy Cimino," Jefferson said, in a solemn tone that would have stopped Spider-Man in his webslinging tracks. "Will you marry me?"... She said yes... Congrats, Todd!





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ΣΠ World Series

FULLERTON - Upsilon finished with a big 19-2 win in its third game of the Western World Series in May.

Team MVP Fletcher Riehl bashed a 3-run homer over the fence in the 2nd inning to build a 7-0 lead! Riehl also was a wizard in the infield, snaring a screaming liner in the 3rd inning.

Leadoff batter Kevin Monte was 4-for-4 and scored 4 runs. Dan Nguyen, in his first World Series appearance, was a perfect fit at No. 2 and also scored 4 runs.

Mark Goldsmith was 3-for-4 and drove in 4 runs.

Manager Dan "Pudge" Romero led the Mighty Upsilon into battle but we lost our first two games to two steroid-enhanced Fullerton State teams.

Game 1 (12-1 loss to Fullerton): Web gem - On defense, Fletcher Riehl started a slick double-play in the 2nd inning, and nailed a runner trying to take third base in the 3rd inning.

Game 2 (21-6 loss to Fullerton): Upsilon was actually ahead 5-4 entering the last inning before surrendering a ton of runs.

Kevin Rodriguez made 3 impressive putouts in left field in the 2nd inning to preserve Upsilon's early lead, and he nailed a runner trying to extend to third base in the 4th inning.

Jeff Brown had 2 RBI and a nice running putout in the outfield, before succumbing to injury and being placed on the DL.

Justin Brandt singled in 1 run and scored 1 run.

Musings on Life and Love

Sharing the life lessons we've learned

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<http://www.musingsonlifeandlove.com/about-us/dennishong/>

* Dennis Hong, Upsilon brother in the 1990s, lives in San Diego where he writes about social life in our ever-changing and complicated modern times.



I confess. Back in college, I was in a fraternity. And yes, I engaged in some of the dumbass behaviors you probably associate with fraternities.

Even today, friends sometimes express surprise when they find out that I was a "frat boy." Other times, when I'm caught in moments of douchiness, I'm told that I'm "still such a frat boy."

But, I have a dirty secret to tell: I'm proud to be frat boy. I have exactly zero regrets about being in a fraternity, because my fraternity made me the guy I am today.

Amongst other things....

You've heard the expression, "Kids can be so cruel"? You learn the meaning of "cruel" when you live in a house with 40 other guys, many of whom spend a solid portion of their waking hours in varying stages of belligerent drunkenness.

"Drunkenness".... And this will do for "belligerence."

I came into UCLA as an 18-year-old virgin, who had amassed arguably half a notch on his bedpost through high school. I wasn't particularly ashamed (hence, my revealing my virginity to the guys), but the teasing over my lack of experience with women was fairly relentless.

And since I still had no clue how to approach women at that point, my prospects for evading the mockery anytime soon were bleak. The problem wasn't that I was too shy to talk to people. The problem was that I was too shy to talk to strangers.

Although the one on my left is way easier to talk to when I'm full of the one of my right.

In high school, there's really no such a thing as a stranger. Even if you don't know everyone at the school, you tend to know of almost everyone.

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Upsilon at SigPi World Series

Back row: CF Kevin Monte, RF Alec Jossens, SS Fletcher Riehl, 2B Josh Levy, Drew Mercado (DL), Manager Dan "Pudge" Romero, C Aaron Levy, UCPD Lt. Scott Scheffler.

Front row: Dr. Allen Kamrava, Jay Ross, 3B Dan Nguyen, LF Kevin "K-Rod" Rodriguez, DH Mark Goldsmith, Jake Loughridge (2 kids).



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Alumni guest speaker:

Rob Lietzow

Rob Lietzow returned to a house that no longer has a payphone and at a time when you no longer have to hire a lady with a typewriter to create multiple copies of your resume.

And as all alumni inevitably say, Monday Night Meeting is exactly the same as 10, 20, 30 years ago.

Lietzow, a former pre-med student switched to economics in time to launch a successful career in finance, returned to Upsilon Chapter in May for the annual "Career Night" in May. He advised the brothers to use their time on campus wisely to figure out their right career.

Other alumni included Princeton Kim (attorney), Nate Murphy (Film/TV), Matt Ashtiani (Internet), Brian Letourneau (Technology), and Pablo Rivas (Finance).

After three decades in the tough finance industry, Lietzow explained that a UCLA degree gives Upsilon students an advantage, but we – like pledges – must constantly prove ourselves worthy to new employers.

Companies do not expect newbies to have all the

Dalai Hong (continued): So, you never have to suffer the dread of attempting to carry on a conversation with a person you just met. In college, it's all about meeting new people. When your house parties draw 500 guests, probably 490 of those guests are going to be strangers to you.

My 500 closest friends at UCLA.

Even during exchanges (closed parties between a fraternity and a sorority), you're not going to know most of the girls now milling about your living room. If you don't go up and talk to them, you're the loser hanging out in the corner, taking shots with all the other shy guys.

I still remember my first exchange. A busload of girls was dropped off at my fraternity house, and... I spent the entire night getting sloshed with the guys. At one point, I did accidentally make eye contact with a girl (which is to say, she caught me checking her out as I was walking past her). She smiled this beautiful, warm smile and said "Hi."

I said "Hi" right back (at least, I managed that). But then....

I just kept right on walking, barely breaking my stride as I headed straight for the rows of waiting shot glasses on the counter behind her. Because I knew that if I stopped, my conversational ability had me at "Hello." Ron and Jose are way easier to talk to, anyway.

Not surprisingly, those of us who were too shy to talk to strangers got mocked. Incessantly.

But here's the thing. In spite of it all, I never stopped believing that these guys had my back. I think they saw me as the awkward kid brother, wearing swim goggles and a beach towel cape, scampering through the house going, "nananananananana... Batmaaaaaan!"

Hey, it was for a medieval-themed party. Point being, they would tease me and belittle me in private. But, I knew they ultimately were looking out for me.

Like on my birthday one year, when I found myself sitting alone on the curb outside a bar. A girl came up to me, and I ranted to her for two minutes about how I was waiting for my "bro" Rich, and I had no idea where he was, and I was annoyed that he had totally ditched me. I remember her laughing at me and wishing me Happy Birthday, right before I passed out. As I found out two days later (when I finally regained full consciousness), Rich was standing right behind me the entire time. He was propping me up with his leg so that I could talk to this girl, because I was too drunk to even sit upright.

30 minutes after the above incident.

Stories like this left me no doubt that my fraternity brothers made fun of me not because they were malevolent, but because they wanted me to stop being such a damned wallflower. And somehow, that made the difference.

I decided that anything—even getting shot down and embarrassed by one girl after another—was better than standing in the corner. And I certainly had examples, both good and bad. There were guys in the house who would blink, and girls would flock to them. There were also guys who were so indiscriminately aggressive that they had no problem approaching a group of girls, hitting on one, getting rejected, then turning to the girl's friend, standing right next to her, and attempting the same pickup line.

We ran the gamut. And I absorbed it all. I quietly assimilated the ways the funny, charming guys carried themselves.... On more than one occasion, Rich successfully passed himself off as Brad Pitt.

And I took mental notes on how not to be the creepy guy....

Okay, I wasn't one of the creepy guys. He just plays one in this photo.

By my senior year, I had no problem going up to random people and talking to them. All because the incessant teasing I had to endure gave me the motivation I needed—to learn to be friendly and outgoing, to learn to chat with strangers.

Even today, I still owe a good chunk of my social skills to my years in a fraternity.

So, call me a "frat boy" if you want. But "frat boy" is certainly better than whatever the hell I was before I became one.

This one goes out to my bros at Sigma Pi, UCLA.

Photo: Brad Pitt or Rich Henrich?





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answers, but they hire them for their blood, sweat and tears, and expect them to put in the long hours.

"You have to be willing to do whatever it takes and give your 100%," Lietzow said. "Even if that is a lot of time copying stuff. Your job will seem menial, but people appreciate hard work and effort... Some guys are offended by menial tasks, but it's like being in the house. It was extreme and you had to pay your dues. You're up until 3 am working. But, if you have a good attitude, you go on to becoming a partner in the business."

UCLA students compete against the rest of the country for the best jobs, and students should prepare early with internships. Lietzow gave an example of a friend's son who is seeking a finance internship for when he is in college – in 2014.

"That shows a lot of moxy and willingness to get the job done," he said.

Lietzow urged the actives to network as soon as possible, look up professions on the internet, proactively call them, and do internships. He talked to doctors and learned about their job and daily routine – and figured out that it wasn't for him.

He took an internship with a stockbroker, and that turned him onto investment banking. He had to send out 45 resumes for his first job, but he got 6 interviews and 2

Chapter update: 1st Councilor's report

By 1st Councilor Chris Scogna:

This year our chapter has been getting more involved with things outside the fraternity. In the past two quarters, many brothers have shown leadership in outside organizations. Sasan Amini, our chapter's current treasurer, ran for and was elected president of Best Buddies. Best Buddies at UCLA is a community service organization that works with people with disabilities through one-on-one friendships.

Also Michael Murrietta, our Sage, went to the United Nations headquarters in New York City to help run a mock-UN conference for 1000+ high school students. We as a chapter want to show the rest of UCLA that we are more than just "frat guys" – we are fraternity men who are multi-dimensional.

Our chapter is also taking steps to ensure we have futures after college by getting internships at various companies. John Grabowski has an internship at the Natural History Museum of LA. Weston Stout interned for the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. His duties included helping them run and promote events like Beverly Hills tomorrow, where industry leaders speak on the future of Beverly Hills and society. He also was part of the AdTeam campaign for Glidden Paint.

Alongside with internships, our chapter has also gotten various jobs around campus. Christopher Scogna works for the UCLA Call Center raising money for UCLA academics around campus. He also was just hired as a Community Service Officer who works under the UCPD to keep the campus safe. Jason Carpenter was promoted to Assistant Director of iD Tech, a tech camp for youths ages 7-17 where they teach them programming, video game design, and in general introduce them to technology. He will be in charge of 88 kids per week over the summer. Jason Carpenter is also involved in research as he was just accepted into the Psychology Department Honors Research Program in which he'll be the lead researcher of a novel experiment in the UCLA Visual Multisensory Perception Lab over the next year. By the end of the year, he will have written an honors thesis about the research.

Our chapter has also become more involved with philanthropy for the community. Johnny Hernandez was part of two major dance shows on campus that were to raise money for the community. He also went to the LA underprivileged schools to work with kids who are in the arts and he wrote an ethnography about his experiences. He is hoping to pitch a proposal for a summer camp this summer.

We also have musical talent in our chapter. Alejandro Bustamante, DJ Bustamove, has been competing and winning many different college DJ competitions including the Redbull Thre3Style University battle here in LA. He also got 2nd place in The Campus DJ which is a national DJ competition. Maurice Wheatley, Ace Mack, has started his rap career here on campus with 10 shows so far. He is also ranked 13th on reverbnation in L.A Charts (Artist Website). As a freshman he has a lot of potential and we will be supporting him in his journey.

Last but not least Dylan Robin, guitarist for the Ten Thousand, just released an album called Nausea.



Photo: Senior Dinner at South in Santa Monica – The Upsilon Class of 2013 gathers for the last time.

Thank you to Won Park for providing a ton of free food and drink, along with big donations from Scott Scheffler, Taek Chang, Pablo Rivas, Steve Yu, Scot Kwano and Arturo Escandon.



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job offers.

Another important trait is to figure out what you want to do – even if it's different from the common path.

"Mark Zuckerberg started Facebook and people probably laughed at him," Lietzow said.

Lietzow won't give out specific advice about investments (although everyone asks), but he liked companies that had good upsides with cashflow and value. He wasn't afraid to look at companies coming out of bankruptcy, because of the huge potential for revenue increases. Buying real estate during crashes and down years also can result in big profits when their values rebound and can be sold during the boom years.

Lietzow worked the dog days for years, and made the decision to retire and live a more relaxing life with family.

Wall Street is a great place to start, and businesses like hedge funds are capitalism at its purest, and it's a great place to make money and set a foundation for life.

Lietzow also ran his own smaller company, which allowed him to be more flexible on investments and do the kind of deals that he wanted – which is difficult to do at a large firm.

"I enjoyed it to a point, but it was a finite point," he said. "It wasn't for me forever.

You have to figure out what you want to do."

Alumni guest speaker: Mark Ayling

Mark Ayling returned to Sigma Pi Manor for the first time after five years of touring the world -- and with short hair! One of the most optimistic and popular brothers in the mid-2000s, Mark (now "Marko") took off right after graduation to see the world instead of just moving to Brentwood and joining the rat race.

He (along with his brother Alex) spoke to the actives in April about how not to get a job right out of college, but how to create a lifetime of memories. They have traveled the world as the "Vagabrothers", and although he technically is living at home at age 27 and has never owned a car, he has much more.

- See the website www.VagaBrothers.com

Marko wasn't at Upsilon long... The Vagabrothers are stoked to announce that out of 1,251 entries from 110 different countries, we have WON My Destination's Biggest Baddest Bucket List.

What does that mean? Starting in July we are off on a 6 month trip around the world to 6 continents and 25 destinations of our choice.



Our goal? Explore the world, connect with the locals, and inspire you to do the same. From the deserts of Oman, to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, to the jungles of Bali our Bucket List is sure to be amazing. We will be vlogging, blogging and snapping photos the entire time so be sure to stay tuned. Trust us, this is going to be one hell of an adventure...and we are taking you with us!

Thanks again to Mydestination.com for making this all possible and making dreams come true! You guys rock!

Back at 612 Landfair, Mark explained that he went to India after college to work in micro-finance, and could have taken a job in finance that paid quite well. That would have been the easy route. Mark was interested in a "craft," a way to better himself, instead of simply a "career," in which you compete against others only to make money. He was always curious about the world, and by being abroad, saw that the Los Angeles-centric view of the world was way off. He left India for a trip through Asia three days before a major terrorist attack at the Café Leopold, which many of his friends frequented, and that made him contemplate why there is so much misunderstanding in the world. His goal became to use his experiences and writing to create that understanding that is missing.

For some of his crazy stories... in Vietnam, he bought an old Russian motorcycle with a broken speedometer in a land with no traffic lights and freeways that are shared by tractor trailers and water buffalos. After a long harrowing drive north from Ho Chi Minh City, he found a paradise beach populated by young Israeli chicks. His trip continued into the countryside, where he was often the only white man and he spoke no Vietnamese and no ATMs were nearby. That was difficult when his motorbike broke. But Marko knew the word for "carburetor" and a villager fixed it, after Marko slept on his floor for a night. The villager tried to charge \$200 (that's a lot of dong), but Marko negotiated him down and the two shared many Vietnamese drinks together before departing. He even rode through Laos, though Vietnam is not supposed to let Americans re-enter, and he then hitchhiked up to Hanoi.

Marko's next semi-permanent stop was Spain, where he taught English in the Basque Country and wrote travel guidebooks. He regretted the failure to learn good language skills in college, and his first nightclub conversations with the Spanish ladies were humiliating. But the shoot-downs prompted him to study up, and soon enough Marko became fluent in the language of *amor*.



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One visitor to Spain was Upsilon brother Andrew Fleming, who died last year. Marko said you never know how much time you have, so live it up and share good times with your friends!

Some advice for future Vagabrothers:

1 TOEFL certification: Teach English in South Korea (pays well and can visit southeast Asia), JET program (Japan), Spain (pay is low, but 12 hour workweek and live like a Spaniard).

2 OffTrackPlanet.com: Website for young travelers).

3 Couchsurfing.org: Build up "credit" by allowing travelers to stay on your couch, so when you travel, others will read your reviews and offer you space on their couches.

4 Spend hard currency in cheap places: Learn to work via the internet, so you can work on the beach and Thailand and have low expenses.

5 Get certified to work on cruise ships or yachts. Income is tax-free because it is earned abroad, outside the jurisdiction of the United States. Go to Ft. Lauderdale in Sept., and walk the docks where the yachts are preparing for the winter Mediterranean season. Dress well, act professional, and go from boat to boat, asking if they need crew.

6 Woof-ing: Work exchange program for Worldwide Organization of Organic Farms.



Lietzow (continued →)

Another important tool is to have a stress release, be it golf, the bar or a girlfriend. Lietzow now has his own family and chooses to spend more time with his two sons, which creates plenty of value for him nowadays

▲ **Photo:** Robert Lietzow with wife Sheri and 10-year-old twins Derick and Steve in Hawaii.

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Alan Hanson #711 (10/29/47-1/17/03): Brother Hanson passed to the Adytum on High in 2003 at age 56. An avid outdoorsman, his family is scattering his ashes on the tallest mountains throughout the world, including the Himalayas in Asian, Patagonia in South America, Mt. Kilimanjaro in Kenya, and the Grand Tetons.

Hanson earned an MBA in Finance after graduation from UCLA, and he worked in Southern California before moving to the Pacific Northwest. He lived in Portland, Seattle and Bozeman, Mont., and he loved to do backpacking and flyfishing.



He also would hike mountains and ski down them. In the continental United States, he climbed every summit of 14,000 ft., including Mt. Rainier, Mt.

Hood and the Grand Tetons in Wyoming.

▲ Hanson is survived by his wife, Lynne, who lives in Washington, DC: (202) 525-1541 or LynneSHanson@Gmail.com. ΣΠ



Buckley Martin #551 (7/22/1938-2/25/2013): Brother Martin, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High at age 74 in the Sierra Nevada town of Auberry.

Martin was one of several brothers from the Central Valley who journeyed to UCLA in the 1950-60s and left a memorable impact on Upsilon. Brothers include John Seaman and Bob Seaman, Bruin runners from Reedley; Ron Mathis from Wasco; and Ken Riding. Martin also was friends with Bruin track legend and gold medalist Rafer Johnson, from nearby Kingsburg, and a high school teammate was Monte Clarke, who later coached the NFL Detroit Lions.

Martin was recruited to UCLA to play baseball, though he did not make the team. However, he became a teacher and stayed involved in athletics by coaching at schools for 50 years until he died.

This past summer, Martin's memorial in Prather was attended by 500 persons, including many former high school students of his who remember his coaching skills and life lessons. Martin often opened his home to children from bad homes and was a father figure to those without good parents. Back in the 1960s, he was color-blind and helped





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Adytum on High

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brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High:

James Blaikie - 1949 #213
(7/4/2002).

Alan Hanson - 1969 #711
(1/17/03).

James McBroom - 1956 #498
(3/2003, Palm Desert).

Paul Hastings - 1970 #712
(12/7/06, Boulder, Colo.)

Wesley Terry - 1950 #311 (Ukiah)

Leonard Eilers - 1953 #421
(6/29/06, Fair Oaks-Sacramento)

Alex West - 1949 #386.

William Sewell - 1950 #399
(1/2/07, Danville-S.F. Bay)

James Ross - 1949 #342 (3/5/07, Fullerton)

George Barlow - 1951 #390
(7/14/07, Monterey)

Doug Bergen - 1950 #354 (6/2/07, La Jolla)

Oscar "Terry" Heselius - 1955
#476 (9/5/07)

Claude Blakemore - 1932 #125
(11/24/06, San Diego)

Joseph F. Marsalek - 1954 #428
(11/21/07, Arcadia)

Ray Carlisle - 1939 #199
(11/25/07, Rancho Mirage)

John Selby - 1954 #281 (8/1/07, Lakewood)

Jay Van Holt - 1947 #369 (4/6/08, Santa Rosa)

William Holmes - 1948 #381
(7/14/08, Woodland Hills-L.A.).

Dale Champion - 1947 #330
(7/24/08, San Francisco).

William Barnett - 1927 #41 (2009, Cardiff by the Sea)

Roger Denney - 1954 #468
(1/12/09, Irvine).

Eugene Lica - 1940 #247 (1/20/09, Tarzana).

Robert Thomas - 1940 #244
(1/28/09, San Marcos-S.Diego)

James Payton - 1949 #408
(6/13/2009, Rancho Mirage)

Raymond DeCamp - 1936 #157
(10/30/09, North Hills-L.A.)

Merle Swanson - 1954 #339
(2/26/09, Carlsbad-San Diego)

Dr. Elliott Brainard - 1948 #331
(2/26/09, Pahrump, Nev.)

James Payton - 1950 #408
(6/13/2009), Rancho Palos Verdes).

Charles Norman Reed - 1960
#570 (2/22/10, Pittsford, N.Y.)

Hon. John (Jack) Crickard - 1942

children and adults of all races.

Martin stayed a Bruin for life, though the big city wasn't for him. He taught his children the UCLA versions of the California Drinking Song and taught them to detest the Ugly Small College and Univ. of Spoiled Children across town.

After graduation with a BA in Physical Education and a minor in history, Martin got his first teaching job in rural Imperial County, and later moved to Merced and Sanger. His parents married during the Depression and worked for schools, but didn't have the formal education to become teachers.

Martin and his wife traveled in a trailer and camped every year in the Sierra Nevadas. He loved hunting and riding horses. After his wife died in 2005, Martin lived alone as a gentleman cowboy during his last years in Auberry in a cabin in the rural hills which he loved.

Obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fresnobee/obituary.aspx?pid=163366931&storylink=cpy>

▲ Martin is survived by his children, Steve Martin, Seana Dull and Lindsey Jessup. Lindsey can be contacted at (559) 906-0112 or LindseySpeech@AOL.com. ΣΠ



Garni Arakelian #1453 (3/31/1987-7/11/2013): Brother Arakelian, a beloved brother from the late 2000s, passed to the Adytum on High, at the young age of 26 in Glendale.

Arakelian attended Founders Day in 2012 and visited the house this past Fall for the active chapter's Sorority Super Bowl, which helped to raise money for the Ewings Sarcoma Foundation.

At the funeral on Jul. 23, a strong showing of 60 brothers paid their final respects, and Rojen Gharagedaghi and Arman Matevosyan spoke during the traditional Armenian ceremony.

It was a sad day, but it was clear that Garni touched many lives. The church overflowed to an outside courtyard with 1,000 family and friends, including brothers Mitch Huynh, Sebastian Perkinson, Austin Willis, Jacob Benz, Johnny Hunter, Frank Solis, Dan Kleinkopf, Robbie Mack, Even Hou, Dan Nguyen, Albert DeMao and UAA Exec Director Pablo Rivas.

Rojen Gharagedaghi, who grew up with Garni and played basketball with him in school, said, "He was a business man and people person. You would never find him alone, he was always the center of attention... He touched a lot of people in his life. He was a uniter of sorts, he brought people together."

"Everyone wanted to spend time with him," Evan McGinnis said. "He was so non-judgmental. If he just met you, he welcomed you in as a good friend and treated you like family."

Gharagedaghi also spoke at the ceremony: Garni graduated with honors from Hoover High School, where he took a dozen A.P. classes, was a member of the basketball team, the advertising manager of the Journalism committee and came in second place to Prom King.

Garni graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology with plans to attend pharmacy school. While still in college, he steadfastly worked on a business plan that he began to execute. He reported on his Facebook page one day... "Finally! Progress! My master plan to take over the world is officially in Phase I."

In college, Garni met the love of his life "Jenny JGan"--as he referred to her each time he called her--they built a picturesque relationship full of love, respect and friendship. He traveled to Egypt, Germany and Turkey with Jenny--making many dear friends along the way. He also traveled on his own to both Armenia and Austria and continued to make more friends along the way.

Just a few months after graduating from college, he learned of his diagnosis. He said, "Making the best of a





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#240 (6/22/2010, Glendale)
John Kulli - 1940 #217 (7/26/10, Pasadena)
Robert Smart - 1948 #233 (5/14/10, San Clemente).
Dr. Ronald J. Baskin - 1954 #500 (7/25/10, Davis)
Greg Scott - 1968 #708 (10/17/10, Chino Hills).
Ralph Scott - 1948 #327 (4/20/2011, Redondo Beach).
Glenn Smith - 1949 #335 (7/17/2011, Murfreesboro, Tenn.)
John Goodlad - 1953 #423 (9/4/2011, Corona del Mar).
Gary Gross - 1989 #1062 (10/19/2011, Huntington Beach).
Fred Thornley - 1949 #368 (10/2011, Fullerton)
James Cochran - 1964 #620 (11/23/2011, Valencia).
Robert Lashbrook - 1954 #464 (10/2011, Palm Springs).
Ltc. Ned Ramon Ash - 1950 #353 (4/15/12, Huntsville, Ala.).
Don Gehring - 1955 #475 (5/2012, Nipomo)
Donald Kemp - 1956 #483 (2012, Cardiff-by-the-Sea)
Lt. Donald Bullock - 1953 #419 (11/4/2012, Cornfield, Az.)
Andrew Fleming - 2010 #1393 (11/5/2012, Brawley)
Allen Freeman - 1950 #304 (Medford, Ore.)
Walter Kuns - 1931 #131 (Inglewood)
Buckley Martin - 1960 #551 (7/22/1938-2/25/2013)
Garni Arakelian - 2009 #1453 (7/11/2013, Glendale)

Upsilon website

Please register and update your profile on the Alumni Association website www.SigmaPiBruins.com.

The login is your email address. Be sure to include your email address in your profile when you register.

This enables us to contact you via email and reduce mailing costs, which saves money for house renovation, scholarships, events, etc.

Problems? Herman at Herman.Quispe@gmail.com.

very unfortunate situation because it's all about perspective, and the way I see it: I got the best possible professional care in the entire world, as well as the most love and support any individual can have from friends and family."

Garni's vision of the future was more optimistic than ever after the diagnosis. He made extraordinary changes in his life--not only for himself but for those around him--advocating a healthier lifestyle through wholesome eating and meditation, discouraging cigarette smoking, and practicing energy healing to connect with a higher spirit.

"I'll never forget everyone's reactions about the cancer last year, as everyone was saddened by the news, and tried to be as optimistic and supportive as possible, as you would expect. But one friend's reaction, I didn't completely understand until a few months ago was my friend Todd McCormick's. ... Todd actually congratulated me on my cancer with a very happy tone and told me that this was a blessing, and how my perspective on life will completely change for the better. Thank you again Todd, I finally get it, and understand why cancer survivors appreciate each day. It's a beautiful thing to be alive, how can you complain?"

While still in treatment for the first diagnosis, his business mind envisioned an organic eatery that would promote healthier eating in the community. With staunch support from his uncle Onnik, Garni planned and opened the doors to Organica.

Garni was motivated every day, and on the hardest of days, to do it all. He had profound courage and was tremendously strong. He was loyal. He cherished his friends and family. He was not judgmental and as a result he maintained friendships from all walks of life, and never failed to let everyone in his life know that they were appreciated and loved by him. He was cheerful and charismatic. He was clever and witty. He was fun.

Garni hardly ever sent a text message without multiple exclamation marks at the end. He played pranks on his nurses and doctors and turned his entire hospital room into an organic cafe. After his hair started to grow back early last year he comically explained in a post: "It's exciting to wake up every morning and do a complete analysis on the length of hair grown overnight! The hair on my head still looks and feels soft like a baby monkey's head...but I don't mind at all, cuz who doesn't love monkeys?!"

Garni planned to explore internet businesses while also continuing to grow Organica. He had plans to travel abroad and as early as in the coming months, he planned to travel to Europe to visit his friend Seif. If Garni had not been taken from us, he would have thrived into even more of amazing man than he already had become. Garni's perseverance and outlook on life has touched thousands and put the lives of those around him in clear perspective.

Garni you are adored and admired by all--many who hardly ever met you and some who never met you at all. We cannot even begin to account for all the ways we will sorely miss you but your perpetual smile will always linger in our minds and brighten our hearts. We will recall your uplifting messages and attitude every day from hereon out to remind us of the important things in life:

In March of 2012, Garni said: "Statistically, 1 out of every 7 of us will unfortunately have cancer in their life. And out of every 100 that do, only 1 will have a sarcoma (which is what I had)... so consider it as me 'taking one for the team' for at least 100 of my friends and count your blessings at a time when you are stressed or just want to bitch about how bad your life sucks, because it can always be worse. Hope this at least helps you get through your Monday!"

A few months ago Garni posted the following quote by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, On Death and Dying "The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep, loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen."

Garni, words are inadequate to describe how much we love you. We will never say goodbye because you will always be watching over us and present as an angel at every special event or moment we have. We will never--ever forget you Garni. We are all of us elevated in our humanity by having known you.

▲ The Arakelian family has created the "Garni Arakelian Memorial Scholarship" to carry on his legacy. Checks payable to The UCLA Foundation, noting the Garni Arakelian Memorial Scholarship in the memo line, can be mailed: Sanam Khamneipur, UCLA Office of Scholarships, 10920 Wilshire Blvd. #900, Los Angeles, CA 90024. For questions, call (310) 983-3062. ΣΠ



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Mail to: Scott Scheffler, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6201, Buena Park, CA 90622 - Chef@UCLA.edu.

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* UAA can accommodate "Memorial Donations." If you wish to donate to the fraternity in memory of a specific brother, please contact me, and it will be included the designation in the next Pioneer.

2. **Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Fund:** The chapter's own, separate tax-deductible foundation, established in 2007. It is managed by the national fraternity's foundation, but the funds are separate and under our discretion to be used for scholarships and loans for house renovations.

Issue checks to "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation - Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Fund."

Mail to: David Finkel, Treasurer, 1830 Kelton Ave., Apt. #9, Los Angeles, CA 90025-4564 - DavidFinkel@Juno.com (818) 633-3898.

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Sigma Pi Educational Foundation

2013 (National)

Orchid Level (\$100-250)

Robert Jordan
Adm. James Seely
Gold Level (\$50)
Kent Lewis
Robert Smith

Pre-2013

Tau Phi Delta Society (National)

Lifetime gifts of \$50,000+

Ray Carlisle (Adytum on High)

Old Vincennes Society (National)

Lifetime gifts of \$25,000+

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Ltc. Ronald Rule
Joseph Marsalek (Adytum on High)
Carl Moroney
Julie Marsalek Wage (estate of Joseph Marsalek)

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2013

Grandest Orchid Level (\$1,000)

Carl Moroney
Dr. Kent Shoji

*Brothers Carl Moroney and David Finkel have qualified for the national "Order of the Emerald" honor.

John Lindsay

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(2014-2015 renovations)

Emerald Level (\$100)

Brian Gross

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Past Sage Won Park
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Mike McKenzie
Carl Moroney
Richard Pena
Bruce Peterson
David Randel
Pablo Rivas
Everett Rea
Stuart Reid
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Past Sage Chris Daughters
Past Sage David Finkel
Tim Howell
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UAA - 2012

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Please help the Alumni Association by paying Annual Dues for 2013. Donations fund scholarships for actives (Meyer and D'Avanzo scholarships) and renovate the house.

Payment is on an 'ability-to-contribute' basis. We do a lot – please support the brotherhood!

We frame photos of WWII veteran brothers and varsity athletes, and are helping to renovate the dungeon, kitchen and upper bathroom in 2014, along with a concrete basketball court, new interior paint and hardwood floors this year.

Emerald level: \$100.00 - Includes
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Aloft in Turkey: Robert Moore goes ballooning on a trip to Cappadocia. He also has traveled to Laos and Kenya from his home base in Rome, where he works for the United Nations food distribution agency.