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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.

Remembering Upsilon

Alumni have been very generous in remembering Upsilon in their estates, including Ray Carlisle (Class of 1939) donated \$55,000 in 2011. We hope that young alumni will include Upsilon now when they are first developing their wills and estates.

Your gift to the "Upsilon Alumni Association" or "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation - Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Fund" will make the difference in the lives of many of our fellow Bruin Sigma Pi brothers through scholarships, leadership training and values-based education.

Sample text for a will: "I give and bequeath to the "Upsilon Alumni Association" or "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation - Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Fund", the sum of \$_____ to be used in fulfillment of educational purposes as the "Upsilon Alumni Association" or "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation - Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Fund" shall determine."

90th Founders Day - Feb. 23, 2013 **UAA Annual Meeting - Feb. 23, 2013**

Upsilon will celebrate 90 years at Founders Day on Feb. 23 at Sigma Pi Manor in Westwood.

Don Buchanan has RSVPed, and looks forward to seeing other brothers from the 1950s. Doug Glantz and Mike Smith are en route for the 7th consecutive year.

Silver Crosses will be awarded to brothers on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation. Larry Coval and David Zeichick have RSVPed. Eligible brothers: Paul Abramson, Laith Al-Jamie, Andrew Carpenter, Robert Field, David Harman, Warren Harrison, Michael Mann, Roger Merchat, Bradley Niems, Mark Porizky, Stuart Reid, Rick Savage, Scott Smith, Shane Smith, Dale Waldo, Martin Fortier, Edward Sabins, Vince Aguilar, Al Calce, Samer Jaridly, Steven Stokes, Zachary Taylor, David Daggett, David Finkel, Ben Perkins, Paul Raber, Michael Shires, Anthony Aarons, Douglas Campbell, Patrick Carmody, Larry Coval, Cary Hutchinson, William Kelly, Kurt Kretzschmar, Robert Ronyak, Eric Sawyer, Bill Segal, Todd Straka, Sean Treglia, David Zeichick, Lt. Burke Farrah, Paul Kakuske, Mike Smith, Kelly Young.

Golden Crosses will be awarded to brothers on their 50th anniversary: Eligible brothers: Don Brower, Dennis Cosso, Robert Smith.

Scholarships will be presented to worthy actives in the name of Joseph Marsalek, Ray Carlisle and Carl Moroney (Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships) and in memory of William Meyer and Julien D'Avanzo.

Sage Mike Murietta will lead the Opening Ritual, and 1st Councilor Mike Schall will lead 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



90th Founders Day **Sat., Feb. 23, 2012**

6:00 pm: Drinks

7:00 pm: Dinner

8:00 pm: Awards:

9:00 pm: Cigars in the courtyard (bring your best Habanas!)

RSVP: Jay (310) 979-9255
or Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com

Cost: \$40 (\$35 for pre-1962 and post-2007 graduates).

WWII veteran who fought in the Pacific theatre.

▲ **UAA Annual Meeting:** Executive Director Herman Quispe and Secretary Art Martinez will chair the Annual Meeting on Feb. 23 at Sigma Pi Manor at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles, and all current members are invited. The current officers will stand for re-election: E.D. Herman Quispe, Pres. Jay Ross, Sec. Art Martinez, Treasurer Scott Scheffler.

All actions of the Board will stand for ratification by the members. New committee members are Ryan Formanek (Scholarship Chair) and Manuel Gouveia (Founders Day Chair).



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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.com.

Lost Brothers

Several mailings/emailings of The Pioneer were returned. If you have contact info for these brothers, call Jay Ross at (310) 979-9255 or Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com:

Nathan Atkinson
Andrew Casson
Armonde Baghdanian
Doug Brown Mike Calligan
Andy Capps James Carlisle
Tom Concannon Peter Drake
William Fine
Harrison Flannagan
George Francis Paul Goto
Steven Green
Charles Kirk
Robert George
Kyle Heckman
Mark Hazelwood
Ben Ikuta
Tom Knepper
Allen Kamrava
Josh Kamzan
Steve Laine
Ed Martin
Gene (Dye) Mitchell
Paul Rosburg
Bill Segal
Nick Sidjakov
Shane Smith
Cale Steiner
Scott Swanson
Stephen Thomas

Upsilon heritage: Pajamarino



Pete Haliman with his future wife Renee at UCLA in the old days. The grew up in Anaheim together. Now they are in rural Colorado with Peter's 1964 super stock Dodge and longboard. At their wedding in 1968, Lee Blackwell and Alan Nichols were ushers, and Alan met his future wife Barbara.

By Pete Haldiman, UCLA Class of Dec. 1965 (end of first ever Fall Quarter)

I enrolled at UCLA for the Fall Semester of 1964 and my Junior year. I pledged Sigma Pi while living in a dorm and moved into the house on Landfair Ave. in Jan. 1965.

Being from Anaheim in Orange County meant I was exposed to "Surf" fever. Dick Dale, "The King of The Surf Guitar" and the Del-Tones played at an assembly at Western H.S. in 1960. Although I never surfed, I dug the surf music at the "Rendezvous" in Balboa, the "Retail Clerk's" in Buena Park, etc. I still have a Motorola "Vibrasonic" reverb in my 1966 Plymouth Hemi Satellite and collect surf tunes.

In 2004 I was perusing through a "Collector's Choice Music" catalogue when I saw this intriguing blurb: "The Bruce Johnston Surfing Band: Surfer's Pajama Party - Recorded live on the UCLA campus". The CD arrived shortly. The music was not good but the liner notes were outstanding: "By this time,

Johnston was a freshman at UCLA, and he'd joined the Sigma Pi fraternity during the original "Animal House" era. He would often come into Keane's office, raving about partying with the cute flannel-clad coeds at the wild weekend pajama parties. Johnston suggested Keane record a live performance by Bruce's band. On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, Keane arrived at the Sigma Pi frat house, along with an engineer with a mobile recording truck (possibly from Wally Heider's), which was parked outside. They set up two stereo tube-operated Ampex 350s in a bedroom and ran cables into the main dance hall..."



What is more, the cover of the CD seems to be of a real pajama party!

The July 2005 issue of "The Pioneer" had an article about the "Dynamic Duo" of Jim Cochran and Ed Cox that mentioned "at a memorable Pajama-reno of 1962, the Beach Boys played. (Jim and Ed both SWEAR this is true.)". Jim and Ed were partially correct. The beach boys (but with a small letter "b", consisting of Bruce Johnston and his band, did play at Sigma Pi! Eventually, Johnston did play with the



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OMC

The Old Men's Club met for its annual Holiday Party in December, which brought together alumni from the post-war 1950s.

The best story was about a 1950s Orchid Ball, which was held at the Beverly Hilton. The fraternity did not have its own ballroom and shared it with the public. To their amazement, Marilyn Monroe was also in the ballroom with Peter Lawford, and she strode onto the dance floor with a low-cut black dress and one of her suitors. The brothers were immediately distracted from their tables and stood up to watch her. Immediately behind the brothers were all of their dates, looking the other way.

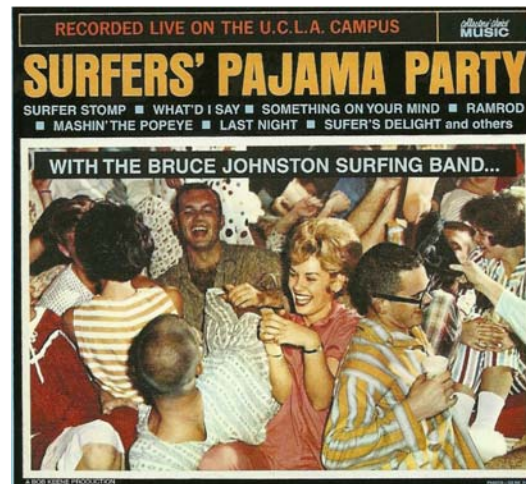
The OMC remembered trips to the Beverly Glen bar, and when 30-year-old Al Minjares was the only one who got carded (and the 18-year olds didn't). "We left in a huff," Bob Baker chortled.

Past Holiday Parties included a trip to Lake Arrowhead, memorable for when rugby king Merle Swanson somehow pulled the sink out of the wall while getting ready in the bathroom.

Brothers included OMC President Dick Peters, Bob "Santa Claus" Baker, Ken Ingman, Paul Finwall, Paul Hutton, Dean Cameron, Bob Eggert, Tom Straeter, Dick Welsh, Joe Henricksen, Ralph Rea, and Dan Nguyen. Nancy Goodlad,

real Beach Boys starting part-time 1962 and then permanently in 1965. Besides being a Beach Boy for 47 years, Bruce's other major claim-to-fame is as the composer of Barry Manilow's #1 hit "I Write The Songs".

My Frat's Party Is On A CD!: "Surfers' Pajama Party with the Bruce Johnston Surfing Band" (released in 1962 on Del-Fi Records).



1) The liner notes of the CD state that Johnston "joined the Sigma Pi fraternity." Is this true?

2) The cover of the CD shows a pajama party. Was the photo taken at Sigma Pi?

I was at the Pajamarenos of 1964 and 1965, which had a large wooden bed frame in the living room. One noted 1950s alumnus remembers that fun times were had on the bed but "even more fun underneath it."

A popular event was the "Bobbing for Weiners" contest, which the co-eds contested fiercely. No wonder so many of them ended up marrying Upsilon brothers.

This year the Beach Boys are celebrating their 50th year (1st album was 1962) with a national tour. I just saw them in July in

Denver. Wow, fantastic! For one song, "Be True to Your School," they put three college logos on the video screen: Colorado Univ., Colorado St., and UCLA. Weird, huh – I guess those Sigma Pi parties left a lasting impression?

Haldiman worked as a civil engineer for the Los Angeles Public Works Dept., and retired to Colorado for less traffic, having grown up in Orange County when it was green fields. But he does miss In 'n Out and Tommy's. On his 80-ac. ranch, he has a collection two dozen Chrysler, Dodge and DeSoto hemi engine cars and trucks from the 1950-60s and keeps them tuned up and in display condition.

Like many alumni, he remembers hashing for Pearl Winter, a great chef who watched carefully and strictly over the brothers as if they were her own children: "Without her, we would have been a mess!"

Editor's notes: Johnston is not listed as an initiated brother on our all-time roll. Perhaps he was a pledge. But, he certainly played some great parties with his beach boys at the house in the 1960s, according to Ron Jamison (also a current Colorado resident). As Treasurer, he remembers writing a check for \$75 to the Beach Boys. Jamison also remembers the comedian Redd Foxx performing at the house. "He was foul-mouthed and the sorority ladies loved him! He was obscure for the time. More like you hear at a comedy club today. We loved it because it was a new way of talking. I doubt if anyone had ever heard someone talk that way in mixed company. It was shocking and exciting. There was a new, young America forthcoming. We were on the forefront of change at UCLA, and that change would revolutionize America. 'Words' were an integral part of that, and Redd Foxx was a leader in breaking barriers in language between people," Jamison said.

I asked alumni if they recognized any brothers in the photo, but none did. Perhaps it is a stock photo.

Post-script: Hon. Andrew Guilford, a U.S. District Court judge in the Santa Ana courthouse, reports on the party's eventual end. When he was Sage in the early 1970s, the fraternity decided to end the party to move in a "different direction." It may have been a tough decision but that kind of big picture view helped him establish his leadership and integrity, and eventually led to a prestigious position on the federal bench. Moonshiner was born a few years later under the auspices of John Snodgrass, and the actives added the best party on campus, the Foam Party, several years ago, which Pablo Rivas helps to run. So, Upsilon is in good shape on the campus social circuit.



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OMC (continued):

the widow of long-time president John Goodlad, graciously hosted the events at the Santa Ana Country Club.

Everett Rea, who lives in New York, sent his regards: "Wish I could get to the OMC gathering. It's been far too long since I could be there. I played golf at the Santa Ana Country Club with Milt Freeman and Evan Murphy back in the 1950s. I even caddied there back in the early 1930s."

Goldberg (continued):

Goldberg now has his pilot's license, because a Sigma Pi from Wake Forest struck up that conversation with him about the benefits of flying – mainly that chicks dig pilots.

On campus, students should visit their T.A.s and do research with professors, which helps to get references for resumes and graduate schools. Leadership roles, even the fraternity, are very important because companies understand the importance of smart employees with social skills. A fraternity also shows that candidates can handle responsibility, organize complex tasks, get people to help, communicate with supervisors and underlings, and exercise good judgment.

Upsilon still plays a big role, and 10 years later, he is good friends with Jamal Sediq and Wayne Wilson. "It's a great network of friends, you don't get this anywhere else," he said.

Alumni guest speaker: Marc Goldberg

Marc Goldberg, a financial whiz from the early 2000s brotherhood, spoke to the chapter on Nov. 19 as the Alumni Guest Speaker.

Past speakers include Matt Sandler, Nate Murphy, Taek Chang, Ed Kwak, Jared Frandle, Claude "Skip" Keyzers, Dr. Chris Koutures, Robert Webster, John Goodlad and Past Sage Fred Thornley.

Goldberg encouraged the students to start early and jump into the professional arena, through internships and entry-level jobs where they can learn business. He now works as a Mergers and Acquisitions Manager, analyzing how his company should invest \$100s of millions of dollars around the world, but a first job was as an accounts receivables clerk. It was a low-level job, but the Morgan Stanley name enhanced his resume.

Another early job was for the Center of American Politics in Washington, D.C. Goldberg wrote a report on the effect of free trade on the developing world. He followed that with a summer job at Goldman Sachs, and was off and running. He worked the 80-hr. weeks in investment banking and private equity, and parlayed that to handling finance in his current job at Parsons, a worldwide engineering company with \$2 billion in assets and \$3 billion in annual revenue.

Goldberg didn't start that successfully but he persevered: "I was rejected for 50 jobs, but it's a matter of bouncing back and learning why you didn't get it, and then prepare more."

Pablo Rivas said that Goldberg is the main reason he joined Upsilon. They met during summer orientation parties, and he was impressed by Goldberg's knowledge and worldliness at a young age: "At first I didn't like him, but I learned so much from him. He was always a step ahead. During the summer, he did internships in investment banking. Then, he went on to interview brothers for internships."

Goldberg also advised to learn a foreign language, which opens doors for opportunities in international business and for multi-national companies, and to be willing to move across the country for new jobs. In addition, brothers should have a hobby that is a good conversation starter.

▲ Photo: Marc Goldberg, Ryan Farjadi and Alumni Rush Chair Pablo Rivas.



Convocation update

SAN ANTONIO - Ryan Farjadi represented Upsilon with honor at the 51st Biennial Convocation, collecting awards such as the Merino-Tash Award (100-man chapter) and Best Alumni Newsletter (3rd in a row for The Pioneer).

Dylan Robin of the active chapter was honored with the William Cutbirth Scholarship. Robin is a well-liked brother from the East Coast who is best known as a guitarist in the band, The Ten Thousand (photo on the right with bandmate). The award is presented to the top Sigma Pi junior or senior in the national fraternity. William Cutbirth, the namesake of the award, was Upsilon Sage, Chapter Advisor, Founders Award winner, and Grand Sage (two terms) before his early death in 1975.

Upsilon brothers have won scholarships at the past two Convocations. In 2010, Past Sage and Housing Manager extraordinaire Andrew Londerholm won the Hungerford scholarship, which honors the brother who had done the most





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UAA financials

Treasurer Scott Scheffler does a diligent job of keeping UAA in the black, along with your generous alumni donations.

UAA Financials as of Dec. 29, 2012:

Balance sheet

Assets

Cash	\$17,653
Other	100
Total	\$17,753

Liabilities

0

Equity

Retained earnings	\$11,273
Net income	6,480
Total	\$17,753

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Income statement

Revenue

Donations	\$ 4,204
Founders Day	2,850
House beautification	3,225
Scholarship donations	700
Senior Dinner donate	520
Interest	20
Total	\$11,519

Expenses

Scholarships	\$ 1,500
Founders Day	1,123
Upsilon property	651
Senior Dinner	547
Pioneer newsletter	375
National dues	300
Website	292
Convocation travel	150
Misc. fees	100
Total	\$ 5,039

Income \$ 6,480

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Housing Board

The Housing Board completed painting the exterior of the house, the renovation of the bathroom by the den, and re-finished the wood floor in the dining

for his chapter.

Brian Devot of Long Beach St. was re-elected as Grand 3rd Councilor. His experience at Union Bank is essential in maintaining the long-time financial feasibility of the national fraternity.

Past Grand Sage Larry Rovira of Fullerton St. was elected to the Educational Foundation Board of Directors, where his dedication to the fraternity and promotion of organizational transparency will be an excellent addition. He also established a scholarship fund in the name of his beloved mother.

▲ Photo: Grand Sage Chris Brown, Past Grand Sage John Merino (Long Beach St.) and Ryan Farjadi.



1960-70s alumni

A group of 1960-70s alumni held a summer reunion at Chris Carver's home in Orange County, keeping intact the circle of brothers who once "borrowed" the Jackie Robinson football photo from the Cooperage and comprised the "Milk and Cookies Club" with Chef Pearl Winter.

Dr. Don Cox is retired after a successful entrepreneurial career in running technology companies. Levan Gopadze would like to join him, but his expertise in radio communications equipment and systems is too valuable to lose. He was called back from retirement to run a company with manufacturing facilities in China, and works on keeping their designs a step ahead of the competition in a quickly changing industry.



Ron Moore is contemplating retirement from his work for the United Nations Food Program. He is based in Rome, and the agency helps world governments with technical expertise in providing better farming systems. He has been able to travel to Indochina and Africa in recent years. He began his career in Kenya after graduating with a degree in international development in the late 1960, and he moved to a job in Rome.

Chris "Termite" Cochran showed up with his shirt buttoned to the top, as he did at the reunion two years and as he did in school 45 years ago. Hon. Franz Miller is

active as a Superior Court judge in Orange County. John Lindsay, a retired Los Angeles Times reporter, enjoys the beautiful Central Coast where he now lives.

George Farina, David DeCamp, and Richard Frank were co-chairs the reunion. Coach Franko arrived late from his daughter Eryn's soccer game (somehow getting lost after he was the one who organized the whole event), in which Eryn's team rallied to win after he departed from the sidelines.



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room during 2012.

Upcoming investments include 200 new dinner plates (glazed with the crest) and painting the interior, including the chapter room and foyer.

A long-term project is the renovation of the upstairs bathroom. Room 8 will be eliminated, and the space will be used to add a bank of sinks and more showers and toilets.

These upgrades are made possible by you. The Housing Board took a loan of \$25,000 from the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation, which is a direct result of your donations to the Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Educational Foundation.

National invests our donations in a mutual fund account for our exclusive use, and our interest payments are split with National. In essence, we pay half of the interest to ourselves, and our endowment grows.

We solicit your tax-deductible donations, 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.

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).

Chapter update: 1st Councilor's report

▲ Thank you to the outgoing 2011-12 Executive Council: Andrew Chung (Sage), Mike Murrietta and Sean Smith (1st Councilors), Brandon Rokos (2nd Councilor), Dylan Smith (3rd Councilor), Evangelos Tseperkas (4th Councilor), Sam Caine (Herald), and Mohammed Abbas (Social).

By 1st Councilor Sean Smith:

Another fall quarter completed at UCLA, and another impressive quarter for the men of Sigma Pi Upsilon chapter. We had a huge pledge class and some awesome parties, but we also did our share to try and give back with our first annual Sorority Super Bowl and other philanthropic efforts.

We started off the term with the biggest pledge class on the row - 48 pledges. Ryan Farjadi stepped up as Rush Chair again and did a great job in getting not only a large quantity of pledges, but also a lot of quality guys who we believed could be Sigma Pi material. Throughout the quarter we took to heart the phrase "quality over quantity," and ended by crossing 24 new members into our brotherhood. While some may see these numbers and worry that by crossing only half of our original potential new members the state of the house is in jeopardy (or that our pledge process leaves something to be desired), we firmly believe that we have crossed only those men who were deserving to become brothers of Sigma Pi. These men were the cream of the crop, and some are beginning to move into the house as early as this Winter Quarter.

The Foam Party was, as it always is with Pablo Rivas running the suds machine, a huge success. Cameron Holl took the initiative in creating a design for the foam pit and he worked tirelessly along with the other actives and pledges in its construction. Brothers all the way from the Long Beach and Santa Barbara chapters of Sigma Pi came to enjoy the festivities, and none were left disappointed.

We also tried to do our part to make a difference and decided to do a new philanthropy project this year. Upon hearing of Upsilon recent alumnus Gami Arakelian's ongoing battle with Ewing's Sarcoma, we focused our efforts to try and support him and his cause. Through a lot of hard work, especially by Tim Ennen and Graham Woolf, our house decided to create a Sorority Super Bowl in which sororities would play flag football against each other and the event was tailored to raise money and awareness for Ewing's Sarcoma research. The event was a huge success as 8 sororities participated and we were able to raise \$1,200. It was our first year trying an event like this, and because it was so successful we are looking to continue to improve it and make it an annual tradition.

On top of these group efforts made by our fraternity, many individuals have stepped up to serve the larger community. Sasan Amini is not only a member of, but also the Financial Director for Best Buddies at UCLA, a program that uses one-on-one friendships to help and enhance the lives of individuals with





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Osterlund (continued):

I am a life-long sailor. There is a special affinity that sailors, not power boaters, share for the wind and the sea. Not everyone is so inclined to the rigors of close living and sleeping quarters. Sailors do enjoy a drink, but not at the expense of safety.

Not everyone wants to make a commitment to learn about others. To do so would mean they have to share more than they want. I think those who join social groups are more social and open to the challenges of group living.

The fraternity/sorority format is not for everyone. Just as sailing is not liked by everyone. I find it interesting that this study did not differentiate between what kind of social group do you like, rather than "What's wrong with Frats/Sororities". Social people have social consciences. Who else do you want to lead? Why try to put people who are not socially inclined into a place where they might encounter a requirement to be civil or accommodating to others?

This study seems to be a bum marketing scheme. The circle changes through the years, but socialability does not change that much. In our case, the young men we have in our house now are a continuation of a great positive aspect of life. Brotherhood happens in many ways....more lives are enhanced than damaged.

intellectual disabilities. Mack McGonagill epitomizes service to our country, as he is in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps: Bruin Battalion. James Martin volunteers for Project Literacy, helping those in the LA community with limited financial and social resources. Many other members are involved also involved in mentorship programs. Oscar Del Rio is a Youth Mentor at LATM, new member Alex Stone mentors through a program called MSHIP, Roy Akarakian mentors for the Medical Friends club, and Miles Pember and Chris Scogna also mentor at UCLA.

We will also be welcoming back Brothers

Mike Carlson and Jason Carpenter who have been absent this past quarter as they were abroad chasing academic pursuits in Europe. They, along with Chris Kirchmeier who was studying in Washington DC, will be rejoining a house that has worked hard this past quarter increase our presence and influence on the UCLA campus.

We all look forward to continue our success into the 2013 year, both in the social scene at UCLA and in making a difference in the community as a whole. With all the hard work we do, we still make sure to have a good time as our house grows in numbers, but more importantly as our brotherhood grows in strength.



Upsilon heritage: Dalai Osterlund

▲ Charles Osterlund (Class of 1957), one of the most dedicated alumni, responded to an article about the Greek system with these words of wisdom:

It is fun to be young and not have to deal with ravages of time. But it does happen and old friends become dear friends, and we cherish the time we had together. The few years in the house has provided me with a lot of good memories of good friends. I hate to see them go without mention.

The beauty of a fraternity, and especially our house, is that we have a great group of young guys continuing the process of brotherhood, corny but true, through the years.

I always find it interesting to hear the opinions of those who would not like to join a fraternity. I knew

nothing about fraternities when I came to UCLA. It was the outreach of one of the members who invited me to lunch.

This personal outreach is so important because the true value of a fraternity is a meeting of the minds of kindred souls.





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Osterlund (continued):

We all have sailed the good ship Sigma Pi and very few have regretted it.

However, there is a need to give back some measure of word, deed, or treasure upon leaving a fraternity. Alumni support is so important for the continuation of a chapter or the Fraternity system. Alumni need to relate their good stories to the public at large. Alumni leadership for actives is far more important than many of us realize. Why isn't there a study about how alumni participation could strengthen the fraternity system?

I think the one size fits all people are in charge of a lot of things. Fraternities have a long history of leadership in many fields. With leadership come the critics, who usually don't lead.

So, If you look at the stereotypes that sell movies, Animal House wins. We will never convince everyone that all fraternity men are not like John "Bluto" Belushi.

We are more like the Marines' slogan, "We are looking for a few good (sociable) men."

Adytum on High

▲ Please remember the brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High:
Joseph F. Marsalek - 1954 #428
(11/21/07, Arcadia)
Ray Carlisle - 1939 #199
(11/25/07, Rancho Mirage)
James Payton - 1949 #408
(6/13/2009, Rancho Mirage)
Raymond DeCamp - 1936 #157
(10/30/09, North Hills-L.A.)



Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers

Lt. Donald Bullock #419 (12/3/1931-11/4/2012): Brother Bullock, a Golden Cross recipient, veteran of the U.S. Army, and long-time alumni contributor to Upsilon, passed to the Adytum on High, at the age of 80 in Cornfield, Ariz.

Bullock retired to picturesque rural Arizona after a long career in the electronics and technology field. On his last weekend, he watched the Bruins beat ASU at the last minute.

Bullock was in the ROTC during his days at UCLA, and participated in Spring Sing – though as a high school football player, music was not his forte and the brothers told him to just stand in the back of the chorus. His Upsilon mug listed his graduation date as "1961", instead of "1953" because the brothers figured the smart Bullock would stay in school forever. He was good friends with James Hunts (Adytum on High), who was an Old Mens' Club member. After graduation, he served six years in the Army in New Mexico during the early atomic age, putting his math major to good use in defense of our country.

"He was very quiet but he had a wicked sense of humor," his daughter Susan said. "He was very witty and always made people laugh. He loved UCLA."

Bullock was a Los Angeles native who attended Tujunga H.S. in Verdugo Hills. He worked in sales for TRW in southern California, a technology company that was formed by employees of Howard Hughes, for 23 years, and he met his wife Constance while there.

Bullock enjoyed golf, tennis and handball in his later years, and he learned about wine to become an expert and even built a wine cellar in his home. He also taught his children to bodysurf when they lived in Pacific Palisades. "He loved the outdoors and gardening. He could fix anything," Susan said.

Bullock loved good food and drink, and when eating out, he made the table's goal for the bar bill to equal the food bill. On a trip to New Orleans, the waitresses were beautifully dressed transvestites who came up to the former football player, sat on his lap, and cooed, "What can I get for you, big daddy?" Bullock roared with a huge laugh.

▲ Bullock is survived by his widow, Constance; his first wife, Sheila (a UCLA ΔΓ); and his two children, Susan and Bruce. Constance can be reached at (928) 634-8478 or CNDBullock@Cybertrails.com; and Susan can be reached at (310) 985-0170. ΣΠ



Ltc. Ned Ramon Ash (9/29/1926-4/25/2012): Brother Ash, a U.S. Army officer who served in World War II, UCLA donor and Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High at age 85 in Huntsville, Ala. His ashes were interred with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in December.

Ash was a renaissance man who served in the military and earned many degrees that allowed him to teach a variety of academic classes and work in many fields, including economics, healthcare, physical rehabilitation, and building safety. Ash was a Shriner for 62 years, and constantly raised money for crippled children. He would drive them in vans to get treatment, and reach out to poor strangers to help them arrange services. One boy who Ash helped was able to overcome a club foot to play high school football, and Ruth received a big hug from him years later in the grocery store, thanking Ned profusely.

Ash retired in Mobile, Ala., built a dream house on a golf course, and traveled the world visiting his old friends from the Army, including trips to the Caribbean and Alaska. He also hosted Taiwanese friends, from his days stationed there in the 1960s. Golf was an important part of many trips, including Pebble Beach and Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

"He never ran out of friends to stop and have coffee with," said his wife Ruth. "If he met you, he kept you as a friend for good."

Ash's family immigrated from Germany and spoke no English, and he attended Hollywood H.S.,



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Remembering those brothers who served our country in the pursuit of peace and freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice:

Robert "Ace" Calkins (#193), Donald Hesse (#195), Liston Comer (#214), Lane Donovan (#234)

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
#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).
Lt. Ned Ramon Ash - 1950 #353
(4/15/12, Huntsville, Ala.).
Lt. Donald Bullock - 1953 #419
(11/4/2012, Cornfield, Az.)
Andrew Fleming - 2010 #1393
(11/5/2012, Brawley)

Remembrances

I was touched by the recent Pioneer remembrance of Scott Bourquin. It was a nice tribute.

His death was one of those shocking reminders that life is a precious day-to-day gift.

I still remember Scott "studying" for three finals one night at the house freshman year and then proceeding to ace all of them the next day.

If Alan Alosio, Bruce Dillon, Mark Helmick, Rick Myrah, Joe Schuchert or Tom Yu are out there, say a quick "Hi".

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growing up near Hollywood and Vine. Ash dropped out of high school and enlisted as a 17-year-old in WWII, experiencing combat, and his infantry platoon was slated to invade Okinawa right before the atomic bombing ended the Pacific war. Afterward, Ash attended UCLA and Officer School in a class produced five generals, and he served as an officer in Korea and Vietnam.

Ash reunited with his old friend Ruth after his retirement from the Army in 1969 as a troop commander in Taiwan. They had met while Ash was serving in the Panama Canal Zone in the 1950s, and they arranged for a reunion in Tucson. On that trip, he proposed, and Ash's friends said they never had seen a man who loved his wife like he did with Ruth.

"I took him up on his deal, and we had 43 really wonderful years together. His life began when he met me, he used to say," Ruth said.

Ash earned a doctorate in education and administration at the Univ. of Arizona in 1976, and wrote a thesis on fire hazards and safety in schools, which was a prominent issue at the time. He also taught physical therapy classes and volunteered with the State of Arizona to develop jobs for middle-class families. The influx of families who had moved to Arizona for the warm climate created an environment in which many were overqualified for positions and had difficult times finding work. He also worked with a doctor from his Panama tour to establish a clinic for victims of sickle-cell anemia. Another side job was working in the Astrophysics Dept. with an astronomer who discovered red rings on Jupiter.

The two later moved to Chicago to care for ill relatives, and Ash taught economics and banking at the Univ. of Aurora.

▲ Ash's wife, Ruth Ash, can be contacted at (256) 489-3858 or (251) 454-9952. His son Dale Ash of Sandy, Ut., can be contacted at (801) 571-0605, 571-0604, 558-6359. His daughter Cathie Westby of Scottsdale, Ariz., can be contacted at (480) 991-6650, (602) 653-5213. ΣΠ



Andrew Fleming #1393 (d. 11/5/2012): Brother Fleming, a beloved brother from the late 2000s, passed to the Adytum on High, at the young age of 24 in Brawley.

Fleming returned to his family's farm in the Imperial Valley after graduation from UCLA in 2010 but remained in close contact with his Upsilon brothers, joining them at football

games at the Rose Bowl and other social gatherings.

"He was a really great person to be around," Paul Hovanesian said.

"He was always laughing.

His friends included Past Sage David Lusby, Erik Troedsson, Paul Hovanesian, and Jake Supowit, who were among the dozens who traveled to Brawley for the funeral. The brothers met the Fleming family the night before, and at the church, there were not enough seats for all the friends and family. Fleming's parents were very touched by the outpouring of emotion and love for their son.

Fleming was a huge Bruins fan, so brothers wore everything from formal suits to UCLA jerseys to the blue "The Den" t-shirts from Pauley Pavillion. At the reception afterward, John Douglass led the crowd in a UCLA "8-Clap" cheer.

Troedsson recounted in his eulogy that he and Fleming tried to run on the field at the Rose Bowl after UCLA's 2006 victory over USC, but was pepper-sprayed. Troedsson was trying to catch his breath, but Fleming wouldn't wait and insisted that he stand up and take a photo to record the historic win. Then, at the USC game this year, the brothers hung a flannel shirt in Fleming's honor at their tailgate party, and said that he helped the Bruins to our big victory from above.

Fleming could make everyone laugh, even our sagely long-time Chapter Advisor Joe Marsalek. At one Monday Night meeting, a brother complained that the outdoor landing by the upper condos was sagging. Fleming's response was "to stop bringing in so many fat checks," which brought a chuckle from the usually stern Marsalek.

▲ Donations can be made to the Brawley Boys & Girls Club. ΣΠ



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Comic Con: Todd Jefferson speaks on a panel with Stan Lee, the creator of Spiderman. Todd works at Marvel Comics in movie and video game development.