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Football schedule

Aug. 30 FRESNO ST.
Sep. 6 TENNESSEE
Sep. 13 @ BYU
Sep. 20 ARIZONA
Oct. 4 WASHINGTON ST
Oct. 11 @ Oregon
* Road trip to Eugene, Ore.
Oct. 18 STANFORD
Oct. 24 @ California
Nov. 8 OREGON ST.
Nov. 15 @ Washington
Nov. 28 @ Arizona St.
Dec. 6 USC

Tailgaters at most home games. Look for our blue tent and purple ΣΠ flag in Lot H (southeast corner of Rose Bowl, grass lot).

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.

Alumni updates

▲ **David Kremers** (Seattle) has been retired from secondary school teaching for eight years. He spends most of his time indulging hobbies and travels in the great Northwest with his wife, Vicki.

He remembers that **Richard Edic** (San Diego) gave him the chance to drive his Austin Healy 100-4 when he was a starving student at the time and "couldn't afford such thrills on my own."

Founders Day '08

"Joseph F. Marsalek & James R. Ross Memorial Founders Day"
held at Sigma Pi Manor in Westwood on Feb. 23

Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting held on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles

WESTWOOD – Hands and handshakes were the theme of the 85th annual "Joe Marsalek and James Ross Memorial Founders Day," for which 130 alumni and actives were on deck on Feb. 23 at Sigma Pi Manor.

Paul Dinh remembered most of the grip (with quick help from other nearby alumni) when the Herald ascertained that all members present during Opening Ceremony were qualified Deltas.

Chef **Ruben Zuniga** feted us with fine dinners of salmon and prime rib, and not a single plate remained at the end. That is when "The Hand" himself, **Alfred Hernandez**, finally rolled up the stairs from Houston for his first visit to the house in a decade. Little sisters ran away quickly.

Alfred was not the latest to show up. The Fearsome Foursome of **Marty Fortier** (Idaho), **Andy "Carp" Carpenter** (Phoenix), **Jeff Sargent** (Oregon) and **Scott Smith** showed up at 9:00 p.m. (from who

knows where) in time for a final drink in the Chapter Room before heading out for more of a night in Westwood. "Carp," surprisingly single after all these years, is a professional, functioning drinker. He romances the fine young ladies of Phoenix, where he has an estate and spends most of his time in bars talking about himself.



The evening began with the Memorial Ritual, led by 2nd Counselor **Zach Sprague** and 1st Counselor **Alec Jossens**, which honored those brothers who no longer answer the call. It has been a sad year for Upsilon, which has seen several dedicated brothers enter the Adytum after long and fruitful lives:

Joseph Marsalek, James Ross, George Barlow, Doug Bergen, Ray Carlisle, Richard Benner, Thomas Reddy, and Oscar Heselius.

It was the brotherhood's first Founders Day without longtime advisor and friend of all, **Joseph Marsalek**, who died in November. His obituary was read as part of the Memorial, which commemorated his sagely advice to many generation of brothers.

The rest of the festivities were spirited, thanks to the organization of **Blayne Kercher** and **Alec Jossens**, the past and current 1st Counselors.

Gold Crosses were awarded to brothers on the 50th anniversary of their initiation: **Claude "Skip" Keyzers** (Carmel), who has provided financial guidance to the Housing Board; **Tom Miller** (Santa Monica), the long-time president of the Housing Board; **Douglas Keppler** (Shingle Springs), who returned to the house for the first time in 50 years; **Fred Jones** (Placentia), who returned to the house



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▲ **John Kulli** and his wife Jean were featured in the UCLA Alumni Scholarships winter 2007-08 newsletter as generous donors to the UCLA Alumni Scholarships General Fund, which has helped students since 1937.

John and Jean both attended Franklin H.S. in Los Angeles and arrived on campus in 1937. Tuition was \$48 per year, and Jean was awarded one of the first Alumni Scholarships for \$150.

John was a reporter for the Daily Bruin and served in the ROTC. He was friends with **Hal Mahn** and **Jim Hutchinson**.

John and Jean married after graduation in 1940, more than 65 years ago. "I've been lucky in my health, my job, and my marriage," John said.

John served as a naval officer in World War II and in the Korean War, and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He worked for Sears Roebuck in stores in several western states and retired in 1980 after 40 years.

John and Jean have lived in Pasadena for 40 years and are active in All Saints Episcopal Church. They have 3 children, John, Jolinda and Sandra; 6 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.



during Greek Week. Doug was one of the smallest brothers, so he was selected to ride the car to victory, which Paul Finwall had made from scratch and used to qualify for the national finals earlier in the year. **Ryan Henneberg** has returned from two years abroad in Ireland, and **Malcolm Gibson** (Encino) returned for the first time in a decade, showing photos of his wife, Sonja, and new daughter, Isabel. ΣΠ

for the first time in 40 years; and **Chuck Osterlund** (Huntington Beach), a dedicated Founders Day attendee for a decade.

Many brothers traveled long distances: **Ricardo "Rickstar" Rodriguez** from New York; **Tim Howell** from Denver; and **Michael Smith, Doug Glantz** and **Doug Keppler** from northern California. Keppler stayed late until the end, regaling the alumni and actives about the grand campus life of the 1950s. There is still a photograph on the wall of Doug racing down Bruin Walk during soap box derby

Housing Board update

The Upsilon Chapter Housing Board welcomes new members **Liron Nelik** and **Scot Kawano**. Liron works in real estate and Scot works on-campus at the UCLA School of Dentistry. All offer skills that are useful to the board, and Scot will work as the Housing Board's House Manager. Scot did that job for years as an active, trained by the illustrious **Chris Daughters**, so as the saying goes, "Some things never change!"



During the past year, new carpeting was installed, the dining room tables were refurbished, the couches were re-upholstered, the dining room floor was sanded and re-finished, the basketball court blacktop was resealed, and the tool shed doors were replaced. Future improvements include a new sound system, more Sigma Pi crested plates and bowls, a new refrigerator,

Recent retirements are **Claude "Skip" Keyzers** and **Gary Stafford**,

who contributed for decades by helping with insurance and financing. Former President **Tom Miller** remains on the Board, and **Matt Sumrow** has served as President for the past year. Other members include **Art Martinez** (Secretary), **David Finkel** (Treasurer), **Stu Johnson**, **Scot Kawano**, and **Jay Ross**, by virtue of his position as Chapter Advisor.

Stu was instrumental in working with the national fraternity to establish the "Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation," the Upsilon Chapter's tax-exempt foundation that is under the umbrella of the national Sigma Pi Educational Foundation. Scot is the Alumni House Manager (again!) and manages house repairs and renovations. ΣΠ

31st Sigma Pi Western World Series

FULLERTON - **Dan "Pudge" Romero** hit two home runs to lead the mighty Upsilon Bruin Alumni to a 10-8 victory over USC Alumni to clinch a playoff berth in the 31st Sigma Pi World Series on April 26. **Andrew Fisher** secured the win with an amazing long throw from the outfield for an assist as **Jay Ross** tagged out a charging Trojan going for a home run on the last play of the game. Tony **see P. 9 -->**



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▲ **Princeton Kim** wrote an article in the Dec. 2007 electronic newsletter of Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Kim discusses the important of preparation and planning when new attorneys begin to do legal research for their more experienced bosses. The three important factors to discuss are issues, deadline and limitations.

The advice is similar to pledgeship and tasks like ordering kegs for Moonshiner. Remember to ask about issues like how much money can be spent (Keystone Light or Heineken), the deadline of when the party actually is (Thurs. or Fri. night), and limitations that can hinder the purchase (can the kegs fit through the door, do we have to ask all the brothers to chip in).

Remember that Coach Wooden said, Failing to plan is planning to fail. Coach Kim follows those mantras in his work at as an attorney with the law firm of Reed Smith LLP where his practice focuses on defending institutional clients in labor and employment matters, including wage and hour class actions, discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination claims.

▲ **Doug Bastyr** (Weekie Wachee, Fla.) retired in 1993 and lives in Florida. He was a California province archon for five years during the 1950s and also a member of the Housing Board.

Bastyr's roommate in the house was **Robert Howe**, and the two hashed in the kitchen



Guest Speaker: Nate Murphy

Nate Murphy was selected for the Directors Guild of America's coveted training program, which accepts only 15 of 1,000 applicants. He will finish the program as a Second Assistant Director after 400 days of work.

Murphy spoke to a packed Chapter Meeting on Jan. 14, regaling the students with tales of Hollywood and climbing the difficult ladder of television production. He explained the DGA program and other internship programs that the actives could use to advance in the field of film and television.

Murphy graduated in 2000 with an English major and Business minor, and began working in a recording studio in the San Fernando Valley, where Tupac Shakur, Dr. Dre and the Red Hot Chili Peppers recorded. As the recording industry began to wane, he turned to television, starting at the bottom rung as a production assistant. Although Murphy did not attend film school, he quickly grasped the skills required and worked for

shows such as Cold Case and Transformers.

Murphy first worked in the production office, starting in the mailroom, but he craved to be on the set, where the "action" is. He worked on the set for "That '70s Show" and some reality shows until he was accepted to work for "24" after three years of applying. The work is hard and includes 60-hour work weeks.

Murphy explained the difficulties of depicting a 24-hour period in which Jack Bauer saves the world but never eats, sleeps or goes to the bathroom. Murphy said that he can down drinks as well as Kiefer Sutherland, but not when the actors lets loose on a Footloose dance (drinks may be involved in that part, too). Now that he is a successful production staffer on a successful show, he regularly is recruited for other productions. But, he is staying put for now on "24."

Murphy is being helped by the DGA program, and he mentioned other opportunities for the actives – the Academy of Arts and Science (television) internship in directing, writing or animation; and the film school on campus at Melnitz Hall, which needs actors and crews for its productions. ΣΠ

Alumni update: Pete Vander Poel elected as Tulare Supervisor



Pete Vander Poel was elected to Tulare County Board of Supervisors (District 2) on June 4 by a 2-to-1 margin at age 23: "I'm humbled that the voters of Tulare County would think that highly of me. I'm looking forward to bringing new energy to the supervisors."

Carlton Jones, a Tulare City Council member, said he at first didn't support Vander Poel but has since shifted his position: "He earned my vote."

"I'm looking forward to working with Pete," Supervisor Allen Ishida said. "New ideas and young energy are always welcome at the board of supervisors."

Pete received endorsements from more than 100 prominent businessmen, political folks, city councilmen, etc. He was endorsed by U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, Tulare Co. District Attorney Phil Cline, and Tulare Co. Sheriff Bill Whitman. Pete's campaign website is www.FriendsOfPeteVanderPoel.com.

In 2004, Pete survived a bad car accident that put him in a coma for 10 days, followed by 6 months of rigorous rehabilitation, but rallied. He graduated cum laude from UCLA College of Honors in 2006 in Environmental Studies and Accounting. On campus, Pete was Vice President of the chapter and External Vice President of IFC.

Pete grew up on a dairy farm in Tulare and was valedictorian of Tulare Union H.S. Since graduation, he has worked as a financial analyst for Wells Fargo and currently as Controller for the Mendes Calf Ranch as a Controller. ΣΠ



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for extra cash. Bastyr originally enjoyed fraternity life too much and was called into the Dean of Men's office, who said he did not think Bastyr had the aptitude to be a UCLA graduate. Bastyr was the social chairman with the policy of "save money, work hard, but never let an exam get in the way of a good beer bust." He arranged many exchanges with sororities and enjoyed the dances held by the houses' Mothers' and Dads' clubs.

During his time on campus, Bastyr joined the National Guard and was drafted in 1950. He went to training at Ft. Ord in northern California, and his company was stationed in Ft. Benning, Ga. He was stationed in West Germany with the 4th Division. During the Cold War, their job was to hold a Soviet attack for 72 hours and relocate toward the Rhine River.

In later years, Bastyr was best man at Howe's wedding to his wife Willow, and **Bill Meyer** was in his own wedding party.

▲ **Gabor Fabian** (Whittier) and his wife Lilia welcomed their second child, Natalia Irina, on Jan. 28. "Mom, baby and brother Peter Elvis are doing fine. Dad is a mess," Fabian reports.



the L.A. Marathon, which raised money for the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center and the Sam Spady Foundation) by hosting a barbecue at the Sunset Recreation Center for "The Sunshine Kids," whose goal is to add quality of life to children with cancer through providing them with positive group activities so that they may have fun and celebrate life. Organized by **Mike Spiker** and **Sam Cortina**, the event was a huge success with two piñatas and actors dressed as Star Wars characters. Brothers played baseball and soccer, made snow cones, and did arts and crafts.

We also had note worthy performances while competing in sorority philanthropies. Sigma Pi placed second in Kappa Delta's Shamrock football tournament, and second place in Pi Beta Phi's Arrowspike volleyball tournament. Furthermore, our synchronized swim team for Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash received second place. Outside of philanthropies, sports teams had much success with A and B softball in the playoffs.

While our large brotherhood has allowed us to contribute to the community and have athletic accomplishments, it is also important to note our academic success. Although there are more than 100 brothers, we still maintain a 3.3 GPA (higher than the UCLA average) and are continually ranked in the

top 5 fraternities. **Matt Nazareth** scored a perfect 180 on the LSAT and will attend NYU Law School. **Ben Kurtz** will attend UCLA Law School, and **Case Colaw** will attend Hastings in San Francisco. **Mike Chung** is going to medical school. **Mark Ayling** is traveling to India to help a large sugar and ethanol company develop a micro-financing program for local farmers. Congratulations to the rest of the graduates: **Bryan Barry**, **Hendrik Broekelschen**, **Scott Demar**, **Isaac Gonzalez**, **Russ Hess**, **Mitch Huynh**, **Tom Knepper**, **Bob Martin**, **Arman Matevosyan**, **Mina Morkos**, **Taylor Patterson**, **Sebastian Perkinson**, **Andrew Pedromos**, **Fletcher Riehl**, **Joe Scarola**, **Craig Schallhorn**, **Ben Sherman**, **Tom Woodward** and **Matt Vrale**.



On campus, **Matt Sandler** served as a USAC representative and ran for President in the Spring, losing a close race. **David Lusby**, a former Sage, was appointed IFC President in May.

The Executive Council led by Sage **Andrew Londerholm** successfully completed national's "Golden Standard" efficiency report. Furthermore, the chapter stays in close contact with the re-established Santa Barbara chapter. **Andrew Londerholm**, **Sam Cortina**, **Matt Passinisi** and **Russ Hess** helped to install the chapter in February (above photo). "Career Night" was in May at which alumni in law, finance, medicine, and film discussed their professions and gave valuable advice to graduating brothers: **Wayne Wilson** (finance), **Jeremiah Smith** (media/production), **Jay Ross** (real estate), **Art Martinez** (law),

Active Chapter update

The Spring quarter has proven to be the culmination of an extremely successful year. We are pleased to welcome the 10 members of the Spring pledge class. Their addition strengthens our house, and allows us to maintain the title of being the largest fraternity at UCLA. With 100 active brothers, we are able to accomplish more than what was previously thought possible.

On May 10, we held our second philanthropy of the year (the other being



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▲ **Bob Kerrebrock** lives on a sailboat in the Caribbean. He is presently anchored in a bay on the island of Carriacou off the coast of Grenada.

He and his wife have been living aboard and sailing the islands and Venezuela for the past five years.

Senior Dinner

Thank you to alumni who sponsored graduating seniors at the 4th "Senior Dinner," on June 2 in Westwood: **Vern Joens, Chuck Osterlund, David Shiokari, David Finkel, Steve Schechter, Art Martinez, Gary Gross, Larry Furst, Matt Malone, Brian Letourneau, Princeton Kim, Dan Romero, Pablo Rivas, Kasper Teichman, Joe Cruz, Liron Nelik, Dashiell Nash, Jon Roper.**

Joe's Brick

Many alumni donated to a brick at the Sigma Pi Centennial Clock Tower at our fraternity's birthplace in Vincennes, Ind., in memory of our long-time friend and Chapter Advisor, **Joseph Marsalek**, who died in 2007:

Dario Sanchez, Ralph Rea, David Shiokari, Steve Schechter, Art Martinez, Gary Gross, Brad Reichard, Larry Furst, Won Park, Steve Yu, Princeton Kim, Matt Malone, Rob Lietzow, Dan Romero, Joe Cruz, Mike Bonino, Pete Vander Poel, Ricardo Rodriguez.

▲ The UAA also purchased a brick to commemorate our chapter and its founders.

The inscription will read:

*Upsilon - UCLA
Feb. 24, 1923
Ball & Chain 1919*

Pablo Rivas (finance/ investment), and **Joe Pease** (media/internet). Art also pinch-hit as Asst. Chapter Director for the night.

With the academic year ending, brothers will continue to build momentum, and already look forward to fall. It is our desire, both as a fraternity and individually, to improve wherever able in order to achieve our full potential and continue the legacy of Sigma Pi excellence. – *Alec Jossens, 1st Counselor.* ΣΠ



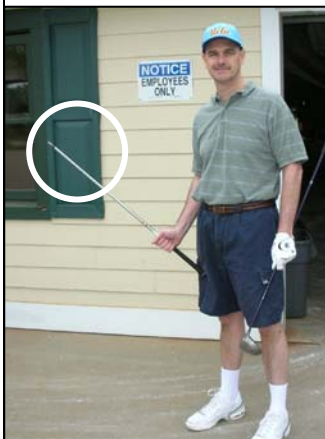
Alumni updates: Letsch, Mahairas, Zonker

▲ **Dieter Letsch** works for Chevron Overseas Petroleum and was stationed in Nigeria with his family before moving to Thailand recently. In his words...

My life since graduation from UCLA has been anything but dull! After attending Colorado School of Mines for a Master's Degree in Geology, I went to work for Chevron (yes, big, bad oil) in Houston. From there I moved to Chevron's International company in San Ramon (East S.F. Bay) and have had the great fortune of traveling to some pretty exotic areas, including various parts of China, Australia, Brazil and Nigeria. I've also been able to live in a few of those places (no, not Brazil,

unfortunately), and had many great experiences and met some great people.

I've been married to my wife, Dianne, for about 10 years, and we have a terrific 8-year old boy who is used to being chauffeured around and catered to by a nanny (he's a good kid, although he's pretty spoiled, I admit). We have been in Lagos, Nigeria for nearly 4 years now, and have not been kidnapped once, or even threatened. All that stuff you hear about is in the "delta," and we are nowhere near there.



▲ **Mahairas married:** **Jimmy Mahairas** married Miss Courtney Martin in Albany, N.Y., after 5½ years of courtship. **William Perng** was the best man, and **Mike McKenzie, Brian Letourneau, and Tim Howell** attended. ΣΠ

▲ **Zonker strikes again:** **Ron Atmur, Peter Drake** and fellow alumnus **Mark Levin** (friend of Ron and **Bill Korb**), visited **Matt "Zonker" Finn** for the 2007 Final Four in Atlanta in April (lost to Florida in the semifinals), following the Mighty Bruins on the road. Zonker hosted the group at his home with his wife and two children. The brothers slept in his basement "fraternity-style" and had a blast. They toured Civil War battlefields and played a round of golf. On Zonker's first swing, he lost the head of the rented golf club (see photo). As Drake said, "Only The Zonk!!" ΣΠ



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Donations

1. **Upsilon Alumni Association:** The general fund that collects annual dues, donations for the Bill Meyer and Julien D'Avanzo scholarships for active brothers, communications (website, mailings, Founders Day invitations), and events. Not tax-deductible. Annual dues: \$35-100. Issue checks to "Upsilon Alumni Association" or <http://SigmaPiBruins.com/subscription.htm>.

Mail to: Scott Scheffler, Treasurer, 16 Fleet St., Apt. #9, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 - Chef@UCLA.edu.

Via Paypal at Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com.

* **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 Foundation:** 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 Foundation."

Mail to: David Finkel, Treasurer, 1627 S. Camden Ave., Apt. #206, Los Angeles, CA 90025 - DavidFinkel@Juno.com (310)478-4293

Thank you to the following brothers who contributed to Upsilon during 2007 and 2008.

Joseph F. Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation

*Δ – Friend of Sigma Pi
and Joseph Marsalek*

Grandest Orchid Level (\$1,000)

Carl Moroney

Grand Orchid Level (\$250+)

Δ Ernest Gall, Dirk Gall

Scott Scheffler

David Shiokari

Robert Webster

Orchid Level (\$100-250)

James Ballard

John Goodlad

Claude "Skip" Keyzers

Scot Kawano

Emerald Level (\$100)

Bill Altman

Δ Douglas & Sally Calderon

Robert Doumakes

Arthur Jones

Δ Sharon Kelley

Barry Maiten

Tom Miller

Δ Donna Ornell

Chuck Osterlund

Dan Romero

Δ Susan Rubel

Δ Robert & Judith Spare

Fred Thornley

Gold Level (\$50+)

Oleg Albert

Δ Patricia Dyer

Brian Gross

Joe Henriksen

Δ John & Sally Jess

Δ Ted & Mary Pagel

Δ Kevin & Dana Peters

Michel Perl

Δ Daniel & Gay Place

David Randel

Δ Donald Vokal

Rob Ward

Lavender Level (\$30)

Δ Martha Martell

2008 (dues paid through)

Orchid Level (\$100+)

David Finkel

Mike Flory

Barry Maiten

Carl Moroney

Emerald Level (\$100)

Robert Doumakes

Fred Jones

Kurt Kenworth

Phillip Lyons

Ron Rule

David Shiokari

Gold Level (\$50)

Doug Glantz

Ron Jamison

Dieter Letsch

Ralph Rea

Glenn Smith

Lavender Level (\$35)

Jeff Bara

Dr. Rainer Beck

Michael Bonino (2009)

Adam Brockman

Josh Brooks

Paul Dinh

Bill Flores (2010)

Malcolm Gibson

Erik Johnson (2015)

Stu Johnson

Kaveh Kamfar

Princeton Kim (2015)

Arturo Martinez (2011)

Nate Murphy

Dan Romero (2014)

Jay Ross (2011)

Scott Scheffler (2010)

Jim Seely (2010)

Keith Shoji (2015)

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Charles Bader

Ed Cox

Robert Doumakes

Fred Feldman

David Finkel

Jared Frandle

Steve Hazarabedian

Bob Hillerman

Stephan Howsepan

Paul Hutton

Stu Johnson

Robert Jones

Claude "Skip" Keyzers

Greg Khougaz

Robert Lashbrook

Ken Lehmer

Tim O'Hara

Alex Ooi

Dave Randel

Rick Savage

David Shiokari

Mike "Pokey" Smith

Matthew Sumrow

Gold Level (\$50)

Adam Brockman

Mike Calligan

Dean Cameron

Jim Cochran

Paul Finwall

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Gary Stafford



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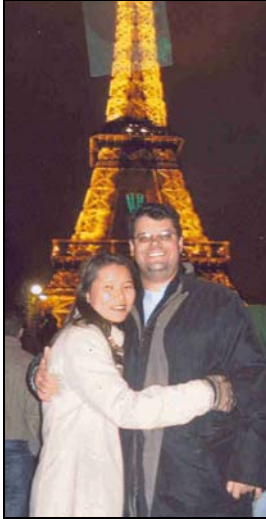
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▲ **Larry Furst** (Calabasas) shot two hole-in-one's in a 6-week span – an 8-iron on the 8th hole (155 yards) on Feb. 10 at the Camarillo Golf Club and a 4-iron on the 12th hole (182 yds) on Mar. 30. "I can't believe it, I've seen his swing!" **Jim Ballard** said.

Larry and wife Nu visited Paris last year. He works as counsel for Amgen in Thousand Oaks and meets up with Beverly Hills H.S. classmate **Adam Treiger**, an attorney in Westlake Village.



▲ **Tony Orfila** lives in Coronado Cay in San Diego, a marina community. He plays golf with Art Jones and stays in touch with **Bob Kerrebrock**, **John Goodlad**, and **Emmett Tompkins**.

Orfila retired as a manufacturers' representative, after working Glendale and La Crescenta. He was friends with **Bob Seaman** and **John Seaman** and **Rudy Feldman**.

▲ **Mike Liskey** and his wife Robyn welcomed their second child, Michael "Will" William Liskey III on Apr. 4.

From the Editor: Returning to the circle

You can always come home again, be it one or 10 or 40 years later. If you have been gone from the fraternity and haven't attended Founders Day or a football tailgater or joined us for a Career Night in many years, you are always welcome to return to the hearth at 612 Landfair Ave.

If you have been wronged by someone in the house, during school or after graduation, don't let that be an end. Time heals wounds, and what you thought was an insult back then may have been something that you interpreted incorrectly.



I have seen some encouraging moments recently from the alumni, which teaches us that the circle may change and bend with the years. But it is always complete and never breaks.

One alumnus told me of a dispute in which he had lost business to an alumnus who had been a business partner. After two years of ignoring each other, the two re-connected and made amends. I asked, "Why?" He answered, "Because he's a bro."

What had seemed like an insult may have been partially due to capitalist forces. It is typical for "poaching" to occur when business partners split, and it should not necessarily be taken as an insult. However, if you are planning to have a business separation with a brother, it is best to discuss what will happen and how issues like clients and finances should be handled beforehand.

A second alumnus told me that he avoids formal house events because of brothers whom he believes wronged him in the past. The issues involved women, which is always a tough subject. Whatever the culpability, the incidents were many years ago, and the hard feelings can be resolved by a frank talk with the other brothers involved. It just takes the courage and humility to admit you are wrong and to forgive – none of us are perfect. Also, this brother has contributed some very large donations in recent years, so I know that he still cares about the house. (If you know who you are, we do want you to join us at Founders Day.)

A third alumnus is the indomitable **Brad Reichard**, a first-rate brother who lives in Boston and visited L.A. during the summer. He grew up in the San Fernando Valley (Birmingham H.S.) and worked public relations in Los Angeles after graduation, learning about city politics and its chicanery. But Brad wanted to explore the country and try something new after spending his whole life in Los Angeles. So, he moved east and now runs his own very successful public relations company in Boston. Brad has done work for affordable housing development and the Democratic National Convention in 2004. Brad and his partner were also featured in recent years in a Los Angeles Times article about domestic partnership and civil unions in Massachusetts. Being from Los Angeles, Brad was the perfect source on the issue. He loves his life back east, where he renovated an old home on Cape Cod to stay close to the beach.

A pledge brother, **Erik Johnson**, drove all the way from Fullerton in rush-hour traffic to meet Brad (and me) for happy hour in Westwood last summer. Brad had not stayed in contact with any brothers since graduation 14 years ago, but he and Erik and I instantly clicked, just like old times. Brad had been good friends with Erik's college girlfriend, who sadly died shortly after graduation, and she had helped to support Brad during a transitional time in his early 20s when he was finding himself and exploring new opportunities in life, showing him that there was more to L.A. than the Valley and UCLA. As Brad and Erik talked, Erik said this was one of the few times he had been able to talk intimately about his girlfriend's death to someone else who was close to her and understood her. The



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Adytum

▲ Please remember the brothers who have entered the Adytum in recent years:
Arthur Williamson - 1952 #436 (2005, San Marino).
Col. William Bennett - 1941 #254 (2005, Reva, Va.)
A. Joseph Spielman - 1942 #265 (3/15/06, Kamuela, Haw.)
Albert "Kennie" Gifford - 1935 #128 (12/6/06, Camarillo)
Julian D'Avanzo 2007 (4/27/06, Oceanside)
Robert Howe - 1952 #416 (9/10/06, Northridge)
Paul Hastings - 1970 #712 (12/7/06, Boulder, Colo.)
Wesley Terry - 1950 #311 (Ukiah)
Leonard Eilers - 1953 #421 (6/29/06, Fair Oaks-Sacto)
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 Heselius - 1955 #476 (9/5/07).
Claude Blakemore - 1932 #125 (11/24/06, San Diego).
Joseph Marsalek - 1954 #428 (11/21/07, Arcadia).
Richard Benner - 1940 #245 (11/07)
Ray Carlisle - 1939 #199 (11/25/07).
Thomas Reddy - 1958 #564 (12/11/07).
John Selby - 1954 # 281 (8/1/07).
Jay Van Holt - 1947 #369 (4/6/08).

whole experience was cathartic for both Brad and Erik and helped them deal with difficult emotions.

During the night, Brad's good friend from the house, **Keith Hayes** (who lives in Monterey), sent an email to Brad's cell phone. I asked why he did not stay in contact with a good friend, and Brad said that he wanted to make a bit of a break from his L.A. life and seek his fortune and himself on his own.

The lesson is to not make excuses to stay away from the brotherhood. Our brothers die every year, and you will regret not making amends with your brothers. Plus, they can help you in unexpected ways. We all have wives, partners, work friends, and children. But, most people look back at college and their fraternity as the best days of their lives. You can't go back to "living in" and partying every Thursday night. But, you can stay in touch and share new memories with long-time brothers.

A final note: I am following the departed **Joe Marsalek**, "Mr. Upsilon," as Chapter Advisor. I can never replace him, and as the Dalai Marsalek, his spirit and wisdom will long grace Monday night meetings. Joe was the consummate Sigma Pi. He saw a problem when there was no willing, qualified Chapter Advisor 25 years ago, and he grabbed the job. He took it upon himself to be responsible for irresponsible or newly responsible college students for three decades. I welcome the participation of all alumni like you, and I ask if anyone wants to be an assistant Chapter Advisor for me. Several alumni have been especially helpful already with the UAA and Chapter Advisor: **Art Martinez, David Finkel, Pablo Rivas, Jon Roper** and **Andrew Prodomos**.

Jim Seely (Virginia) adds, "Joe was a positive influence on everyone he met, especially Sigma Pis and in particular those in Upsilon from the early 1950s to today. A man of complete integrity, humility, good humor, and very wise counsel." ΣΠ



Alumni: In like Dinh

Paul Dinh bagged a 145-lb. doe from 150 yards while hunting in Wisconsin during Thanksgiving. Paul lives in Orange County but stays close to UCLA, attending all Rose Bowl games with his wife Dawn and two daughters, Natalie and Olivia.

Paul's nephew, **Dan Nguyen**, is a newly initiated active and gladly served a fine dinner to Paul and his alumni friends on Founders Day, which Paul attends every year. He and his nephew may be the first family legacy since father-son teams **Larry Ballard - Jim Ballard** and **Ray DeCamp - Dave DeCamp** and uncle-nephew team **Dr. Kent**

Shoji - Keith Shoji. ΣΠ

Adytum: Remembrances of our brothers



Thomas Reddy (10/3/37-12/11/07): Thomas Reddy entered the Adytum on Dec. 11, 2007, at age 70 in Easley, South Carolina.

He was friends with **Buckley Martin** and **Larry Ballard** while in the fraternity in the late 1950s.

"They had a good time, and it was an important part of his life," his wife **Julie Reddy** said. "He had lots of stories about UCLA and the fraternity. We had a good life together, and he was a good man."

Reddy is survived by his wife Julie and two children, Colleen and Brian, and three grandchildren.

Reddy was born Oct. 3, 1937, in Massachusetts and first met his future wife Julie at age 8. His family moved to California, where he attended UCLA, was a reserve in the U.S. Marine Corps and joined the fraternity. He graduated in 1959.

Reddy saw Julie again at age 21 at a family gathering on a trip back to Massachusetts when he was stationed in Washington, D.C., as a Marine.

In 1960, the two moved to Fullerton, and he worked for Autometric, writing training manuals. One of



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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 of a deceased brother 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 his life by printing an obituary or other information about his life.

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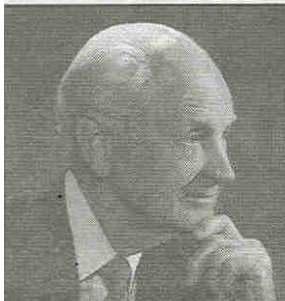
Planned Giving

Your gift to the Upsilon Alumni Association will make the difference in the lives of many of our fellow Bruin Sigma Pi brothers through scholarships, leadership training and values-based education.

As you create your personal estate plans, please remember the value of your membership and pass along the belief to others.

Sample text for a will:

"I give and bequeath to the Upsilon Alumni Association, the sum of \$_____ to be used in fulfillment of educational purposes as the Upsilon Alumni Association shall determine." ΣΠ



Ray Carlisle (1918-2007)

Julie's memories is eating Mexican food for the first time, courtesy of Reddy's fraternity brothers,

Larry and Buck. They also had a sailboat in Oceanside.

The Reddys moved to Ohio to work for North American Rockwell, and then moved to South Carolina in 1979.

Reddy always loved flying. He had trained as a pilot in the Marines, and he liked to fly radio-controlled model airplanes. In his later years after retirement, he re-built a one-seat airplane and enjoyed flying



it over the lakes near his home in South Carolina.

Reddy's wife Julie can be contacted at (834) 855-1416. ΣΠ



Richard Benner (1/26/18-9/30/07): Richard Benner entered the Adytum on Sept. 30, 2007. He lived in Rancho Palos Verdes and was one of the wisest and oldest brothers at age 89. He was cremated and his ashes spread into the ocean that he loved.

He was a California boy, he stayed youthful until the end," his son **Richard Benner, Jr.** said.

Benner was an athlete on campus, a World War II veteran, and he remained active into his final years.

Benner was born in Jan. 26, 1918, in El Sereno and attended Abraham Lincoln H.S. in Lincoln Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. At UCLA, he was on the gymnastics team and graduated in 1941. He served during combat during World War II as a Naval officer in the South Pacific. A strong soldier, probably from his gymnastics days, one legend is that Benner held an insubordinate subordinate over the railing of a ship, dangling over the ocean.

Benner earned a graduate degree in engineering from USC, and he moved to Massachusetts with his wife Helen. They were married for 55 years and had two children, Richard Jr. and Susan, both who are dentists.

Benner moved back to Los Angeles and lived in Palos Verdes Estates for 45 years. He worked in the aerospace industry and received a patent in lasers during their early development.

Benner competed in sailboat racing, was an active backpacker, and he and his wife Helen were members of ski patrols. He was able to ski black diamond trails, including the Corniss at Mammoth Mountain, into his 80s, and he also played tennis until late in his life. Benner also was a craftsman, and made his own tennis racquets and skis in his father's workshop.

"He lived a long life and a good life," Richard Jr. said.

Benner's wife Helen can be contacted at (310) 375-5158, and his son Richard Jr. can be contacted at (310) 375-7065. ΣΠ

World Series (from P. 1): Lopez and Fisher had RBI singles in the 4th, to give UCLA the lead to. In the playoffs, a 9-run rally in the 4th inning fell short, and UC Irvine Alumni eliminated the Bruins, 12-10. **Tony Lopez** had a 2-run RBI single and **Drew Mercado** had a key RBI single during the rally. Lopez pitched 2 games and notched 2 strikeouts, earning the "W" against USC.

In the first game, the Bruins were destroyed by Long Beach, 14-1. Lopez hit a triple to drive in **Kevin Rodriguez**. Other players: **Omar Vallejo**, **Rex Ray Roberts**, **Dustin Beckley**, **Dave Canty** and **Mark Goldsmith**. ΣΠ

