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## Hoops schedule

Jan. 2 @ Oregon St.  
 Jan. 4 @ Oregon  
 Jan. 11 @ USC  
 Jan. 15 ARIZONA  
 Jan. 17 ARIZONA ST.  
 Jan. 22 @ Washington St.  
 Jan. 24 @ Washington  
 Jan. 29 CALIFORNIA  
 Jan. 31 STANFORD  
 Feb. 4 USC  
 Feb. 7 NOTRE DAME  
 Feb. 12 @ Arizona St.  
 Feb. 14 @ Arizona  
 Feb. 19 WASHINGTON  
 Feb. 21 WASHINGTN ST  
 Feb. 26 @ Stanford  
 Feb. 28 @ California  
 Mar. 5 OREGON ST.  
 Mar. 7 OREGON  
 Mar. 11 Pac-10 Tourney  
 Mar. 19 NCAA Round 1-2  
 Mar. 26 NCAA Regionals  
 Apr. 4 NCAA Final 4

## Upsilon website

Please register and update your profile on the Alumni Association website [www.SigmaPiBruins.com](http://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](mailto:Herman@Quispe.com).

## Business Network

Dan Romero has organized an "Upsilon Business Networking Group". Meetings are quarterly at the house and open to all alumni. Agenda includes presentations about alumni companies.

Info: [DRomLLC@Gmail.com](mailto:DRomLLC@Gmail.com)

**Founders Day: Sat., Feb. 28 - 6:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave.**  
**Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting: Sat., Feb. 28 – 8:00 pm**

## Dr. Koutures in China

**Dr. Chris Koutures** served as the assistant physician for the U.S. Olympic volleyball team during its medal-winning exploits in Beijing this past summer. Koutures may be the first Upsilon – and overall Sigma Pi – Olympian since **Elvin "Ducky" Drake** coached Bruin decathletes **Rafer Johnson** and **C.K. Yang** in the 1960 Rome Olympics.



Koutures started three years ago by interning for the team, which includes the 6-member men's and women's and beach teams (including Bruin alumna **Elaine Youngs**). He received the side job soon after the team moved its training center to nearby Anaheim where he works as a Pediatrics and Sports Medicine doctor. While in China, Koutures had hoped to visit the Great Wall. But, the teams kept winning, and that took up his time – the men with a Gold and the women with a Silver. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything, having three weeks together like that. Guys come into the office and I say, Can you believe what just happened?" he said.

Koutures' job was to assist with nutrition and assessment of illnesses during the training and competition. He also helped to shag balls and had the best seat in the house for the games. He finally made it to Tiananmen Square, where he found his first beer (since no alcohol was in the Olympic Village), and to the Pearl District for jewelry shopping.

Koutures, an Irvine H.S. graduate, is married to his wife Niki and they have two children.

## Patel wins Calif. State Bar Award



LOS ANGELES - It's been a busy year for Sony in-house attorney **Ajay Patel**, an Upsilon alumnus from 1992.

The Los Angeles-based lawyer oversaw his company's recent launch of a new online service that allows media downloads via the Sony Playstation console, and also found time to step up his dedication to pro bono services.

As the pro-bono chair for the Southern California chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, a position he's held for five years, Patel spearheaded two successful campaigns in 2007 and 2008 that have earned him recognition from the California Bar Association.

A program Patel's chapter kicked off last fall brought volunteer attorneys and USC law students to an inner-city middle school to teach kids about the legal profession, and a program with Los Angeles-based Public Counsel provided free legal services to families trying to adopt foster kids.

For his leadership of the two efforts, Patel received the President's Pro Bono Service Award for the corporate counsel section at the California Bar Association's annual meeting Sept. 26. see p. 7 -->



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## Housing Board

The Upsilon Chapter Building Association holds quarterly meetings and maintains the condition of the 1931 Sigma Pi Manor. New members are welcome.

This past year, the Board funded the purchase of new dinner plates and bowls with the Sigma Pi crest emblazoned, to replenish the stock, and new photographs in the dining room. The board also contributes annually to the active chapter for educational purposes.

Current members: **Matt Sumrow** (President), **Tom Miller** (former President), **Art Martinez** (Secretary), **David Finkel** (Treasurer), **Stu Johnson**, **Liron Nelik** and **Jay Ross** (Chapter Advisor). ΣΠ



▲ **Andrew Guilford**, a former Sage who helped in the re-colonization of the chapter in the early 1970s, presided over the high-profile federal corruption trial of former Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona in Santa Ana in the U.S. District Court Central District of California. Guilford lives in Trabuco Canyon (Orange County), and

## Founders Day '09: Feb. 28

### Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting on Feb. 28 in Los Angeles

WESTWOOD - The 86<sup>th</sup> "Founders Day" will be Sat., Feb. 28, at Sigma Pi Manor in Westwood.

We will honor several dedicated brothers passed to the Adytum on High last year after long and fruitful lives: **Jay Van Holt** and **John Selby**.

Gold Crosses will be awarded to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of initiation to **Charles Bader**,

**Kimler Casteel**, **Milford Dahl**, **Doug Frank**, **Robert Jordan**, **Tim Lyerla**, **Ron Mathis**, **Errol Murphy**, **Michael Peterson**, **Alexander Riddell** and **Gary Stafford**. **Guy Lundberg** has passed to the Adytum on High.



**Jim Junio**, who helped to re-colonize the chapter in 1975, plans to attend after decades of world travel to the Soviet Union and elsewhere. Other likely attendees: **Andrew Guilford**, a federal judge with the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit in Santa Ana; **Franz Miller**, an Orange County Superior Court judge; **Ron Mathis** (Tulare), to receive his Gold Cross; **Clement "Jake" Jacomini** (Signal Hill) an 89-year-old practicing attorney and one of Upsilon's oldest

and wisest alumni; **Dave Randel** (Laguna Beach); **Bob Hillerman** (Florida); and **Alfred Hernandez** (Houston), who pledges to return for two consecutive years after a 15-year absence.

▲ **Photo**: 1959-era Golden Cross brothers: **Ron Coon**, **Herb Fish**, **Norm Reed** (and wife **Pat**), **Doug Frank** and **Tom Miller**.

▲ **Information**: Tickets are \$40 or \$35 (for graduates pre-1959 or post-2004). Issue checks to "Upsilon Alumni Assn" and mail to J. Ross, 1721 S. Granville Ave., L.A. 90025-1803. Questions: (310) 979-9255.

▲ **Upsilon Alumni Association**: **Art Martinez**, secretary of the 501-c-7 non-profit Upsilon Alumni Association will chair the Annual Meeting. **Herman Quispe** is the sole board member. **Jay Ross** is UAA President for 2008-09, and **Scott Scheffler** is Treasurer. ΣΠ

## UAA update

The UAA has funded many items for the chapter this year. Your donations make it possible!

\$150 for scholarship to **Michael Spiker** for a medical trip to Africa.

\$200 for Gold Crosses for alumni from 1954-1958.

\$200 to the national fraternity for a commemorative brick in honor of our chapter and our founders, the Ball and Chain club, at the new Sigma Pi Centennial Clocktower at Vincennes College in Indiana. Individual alumni also contributed for a brick in memory of **Joseph Marsalek**, long-time Chapter Advisor (1983-2007) who died in 2007 and friend of all.

\$200 for new equipment for the weight room (the old library/garage).

\$500 for scholarships to actives: William Meyer "Most Contributions to the Chapter" and Julien D'Avanzo "Spirit of Sigma Pi" awards

\$300 for educational purposes for actives to travel to St. Louis for the National Mid-Year Conference.

\$300 for Annual Dues to National to remain in "good standing."

\$700 for framing of old photographs (including a donated photo from **Doug Keppler**).

\$800 for new robes for meeting and initiation.

▲ **Photo**: UAA Treasurer **Scott Scheffler** in Costa Rica. ΣΠ







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he remains in contact with **Franz Miller**, an Orange County superior court judge; **Gary Spector**, **Steve Skiles** and **Kasimir Tolentino**.

Guilford has been seated as in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit for two years, and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate, 99-0, after being nominated by Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and President George Bush. Guilford jokes, "I guess they weren't paying attention."

Guilford traveled to the White House for his nomination interview, which was happening at the same time Bush was considering nominates for Chief Justice, after William Rehnquist died. During an interview with Bush's staff, the phone rang, and the staffer answered and replied, "I'm sorry, John, I'll have to call you back, I'm busy." Guilford asked who had called, and the staffer replied, John Roberts, the future Chief Justice. So, Guilford can claim that he caused the White House to hang up on the Chief Justice.

Guilford's cases include a Freedom of Information Act case between the Los Angeles Times newspaper and the Dept. of Defense; a labor law case in which the employees union claimed the major L.A. supermarkets pooled revenues and created a monopoly during the strike in the early 2000s; a trade disparagement case between fast food companies Jack in the Box and Carl's Jr.; and a copyright case involving a 1960s rock band.

Prior to entering public service, Guilford's most prominent case was

## Convocation update

LONG BEACH – **Jay Ross** represented the UAA as an Alumni Club in good standing at the Convocation on Aug. 2. **Alec Jossens**, 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor, represented the active chapter and deserves extra accolades for attending all of the 9:00 a.m. business sessions while his other brothers were still sleeping from some late nights. Jossens served on the Budget Committee, which approved the budget for the new biennium. Ross was Chairman of the Credentials Committee, which certified active chapters, alumni clubs, and alumni for voting. The chapter was honored as a 100-Man Chapter and for the second highest GPA during the past semester.

During the opening remarks of the Convocation, which was held the week prior to the Summer Olympics, Ross acknowledged **Dr. Chris Koutures**, who was in Beijing as a trainer for the U.S. Volleyball Team, and **Elvin "Ducky" Drake**, who as UCLA track and field coach went to the 1960 Rome Olympics to coach Bruin athletes **Rafer Johnson** and **C.K. Yang** (teammates who won the gold and silver medals in the decathlon, capped off by a thrilling 1-2 finish in the final event, the 1,500 meters, in which Johnson ran a person best time to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in that race behind Yang and clinch the Gold Medal).

Ross also acknowledged the two Upsilon alumni who served as Grand Sage, **Stedman Gould** (1954-56) and **William Cutbirth** (1962-64). **Frank Fryberg**, of Penn St., the oldest living Past Grand Sage (1964-66), mentioned that he was friends with Cutbirth and spoke highly of him and also knew **James**

**Ross** during expansion work in Philadelphia during the 1950s.

In past biennia, Founders Awards were presented to Upsilon alumni **William Meyers**, who served on the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation; **James Ross**, a Superior Court judge in Orange County; and **James Seely**, a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War.

**Pablo Rivas** and **Ed Kwak** also attended the Grand Chapter banquet. Our compadres at Long Beach St. won a Grand Sage's award for top chapter in the "Campus with 10-19 fraternities" category. Long Beach St.



alumnus **Nelson Ferris** (an early employee of Nike and confidant of Phil Knight), LMU alumnus **Ed Panconi**, and LBSU alumnus **Tim Leslie** (a California state senator) were honored with Founders Awards.

▲ **Photo:** The pride of the 1980s reunite at the UCLA-Oregon game in Eugene – **Andy Carpenter** (Arizona), **Jeff Sargent** (Oregon) and **Marty Fortier** (Idaho). ΣΠ

## Active Chapter update

Upsilon Chapter is proud to report another productive and exciting quarter at UCLA. The house capitalized initiated 11 new brothers into the fraternity at the start of winter quarter. Such a successful rush would not have been possible without Rush chair **Chase Hay's** diligent efforts and hours of hard work over the summer and at the beginning of the school year.

At Chi Omega's Tug of War philanthropy, we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> after upsetting SAE and Sigma Nu. Brothers also participated in Phi Sigma Rho's Laser tag on the intramural fields. Upsilon is planning two separate



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advocating the City of Anaheim's claim against the now Los Angeles Angeles of Anaheim for breach of contract, for allegedly removing the name "Anaheim" from the team's name.

Guilford also served in the past as president of the Public Interest Law Center, which filed "impact litigation" cases to prod cities to comply with their statutory mandates to build affordable housing, laws which they often ignored at the request of their wealthy residents.

During Guilford's seven years on campus (4 as an undergraduate, and 3 in law school), the Bruins won 6 national basketball titles. That was part of the reason Guilford turned down admission to UC Berkeley's Boalt Law School.

During the lunch hour, students played pick-up games in Pauley Pavilion before the varsity began its practice. At times, All-American **Henry Bibby** joined the group before practice for shooting around.

In the back yard at Sigma Pi Manor, he developed a nice fade-away jumpshot off the chain-link fence that was nearly unblockable.

After the Bruins' traditional championship in March, the campus usually followed with some sort of strike, as was tradition in the 1960s and early 1970s, be it the cause of Angela Davis, People's Park in Berkeley, or the U.S. bombing of Cambodia. He remembers a constant L.A.P.D. presence on campus and once having to bail out his roommate, **Steve Skiles**.



are our first priority, the house also hosted several social events.

While the house held its annual Foam Party (with help from **Pablo Rivas** and **Randall Bass**), it is sad to report that this year was likely the last year for this iconic event that attracts so many people through our doors, especially neighboring chapters like UC Santa Barbara and Long Beach St., with whom we are strengthening relationships.

The National Fraternity assembled at Convocation in Long Beach this past summer, where we made new friends from inside California and through out the United States.

Upsilon received an award for a 100-man chapter, and posted the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest GPA of any chapter (behind UC Berkeley). Delegate **Alec Jossens**, was part of the budget committee that elected to increase national dues in order to further expansion, and maintain Sigma Pi's reputation as an efficient and well-principled fraternity. Convocation was an opportune time to build friendships with members of other chapters, specifically Long Beach St. who hosted us every evening after a full day of voting and meetings. **David Lusby** and **Sam Cortina** also helped needy damsels carry beer to their hotel rooms, and Jossens helped to pick up the house's new plates (with Sigma Pi crests) from the glazing shop.

Paralleling the National Chapter, Upsilon has recently elected a new Executive Council: Sage **Manuel Gouveia**, Vice President **Kanishk Tulsyan**, Treasurer **Stephen Tye**, Social Chair **Daniel Heriman**. We hope to see plenty of alumni on Founder's Day on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>!

▲ **Michael Spiker** volunteered in Ghana for three weeks during the summer as a medical lab technician and educator, helping to fulfill the fraternity's Creed of "service to God and man." The UAA contributed \$150 to his trip, which was organized by Cosmic Volunteers. Spike, an anthropology and pre-med major, developed a curriculum and traveled to villages to teach about disease prevention.

He also tested blood in labs for diseases like malaria and typhoid. In villages, Spiker was welcomed by chiefs and elders and spoke to crowds of 100. Although English is the "official" language, a translator was needed for rural areas. The government has sporadic contact with the rural villages, so volunteers like Spiker fill an important need. The government is a democracy, modeled after the United States, but tribal elders still have authority over local domestic disputes, so it's a mix of modern and tradition.

"There was more freedom than I expected, like for school and career. But, then the women are not treated equally," he said.

Spiker lived with a Ghanan family with host brothers his own age, and few other American volunteers were around. So, he had the experience of being a minority, but was treated well. The poverty was difficult, and public health is a problem with no running water, poor sanitation and lean-to's as shelter. but the quiet and peacefulness of the imposing jungle was a memorable experience.

"It was pretty incredible and eye-opening. It was tough to see the conditions there. But it was enlightening to see a new culture," he said. — **Alec Jossens, 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor.** ΣΠ





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▲ **Andrew Dearborn** was married in April to the former Miss Anna Yudina, whom he met in Russia two years ago. **Dave Riley** officiated the ceremony in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

**Alan Dearborn**, Andrew's brother in the UC Berkeley (Iota) chapter, attended, along with **Brian Gorman**, **Dave Vasquez** and **Steve Schultz**.

All couches and kegs were accounted for after the reception.

▲ **Jim Ballard**, an attorney with Schwartz Semerdjian Haile Ballard & Cauley, was honored by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego with its "Outstanding Trial Lawyer" Award on Oct. 3. Ballard graduated from Univ. of San Diego School of Law and is on the Board of Directors for its Alumni Association.



A victory kiss for Sig Pi soap box driver Doug Keppler

## Remembrances: Soap Box Derby - 1957

In 1957, **Doug Keppler** led Upsilon to racing glory by winning the soap box derby race down Bruin Walk during Greek Week. He was honored by a kiss from Miss Hollywood. In the photo, **Carl Jaffe** and **Buckley Martin** hoist him after the victory. Keppler got the driver's job because he was small (the car was only 14 inches wide) and enthusiastic about racing. Keppler weighed less than 150 pounds, which allowed the car to stay under the 250-pound limit.

**Paul Finwall**, an engineering student, was instrumental in building the victorious car, and he also built a smaller 12-inch car that Pi Beta Phi used to win the Ladies Race.

Finwall raced in the Los Angeles All-American Soap Box Derby from 1946-49.

Keppler's car was one of three that

Finwall helped build. "Most cars that I helped with were chopped up in pieces since I had always felt that if you didn't win there was no point in keeping it. I would start over and build a new and better one for the next year," he said. The car that Keppler raced was built and driven by a friend, **Don Brown**. Don came in second in the 1953 Los Angeles Race and missed going to Akron, Ohio, for the national finals by less than a foot. Finwall's son Ken kept up the family and fraternity tradition by winning the L. A. Race in 1979, and he finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the nationals in Akron.

Finwall's wife Judy is an Alpha Phi from UCLA, and he still meets with friends from the fraternity, **Skip Keyzers**, **Emmett Tompkins** and **Mike Merz**. Finwall retired after working as a test engineer and manager of testing laboratories for Northrup. He has two sons, one who is a racing car designer.

Keppler lives in Sierra Country in northern California and has traveled to jazz festivals in Monterey, Sacramento and Port Angeles this year.



**Jim Ballard** rushing **Tiger Woods** in Mexico  
"Grab my bag, kid," Jim said to the Stanford grad



**Bob Searight**, **Don Cox** and **Rich Frank**  
in Hawaii



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## 1970s brothers

Brothers from the late 1970s gathered in Northridge in July to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bruce Thompson, including **Michael Dykstra**, **James Lipow**, **Greg Hill**, **David Shiokari**, **David Pulaski**, **Wayne Smith**, and **Thomas Concannon**. The group indulged in three cases of chardonnay for a wine tasting, and four magnums of some nice meritage reds (blends). If the name Tom Concannon sounds familiar, perhaps you have had a "Concannon Petite Syrah" or one of their other offerings. Tom's family sold the winery shortly after he left UCLA, but he was raised with it his entire life. The family vineyard started in 1883, and was in the family until the early 1980s. Concannon helped the less experienced paletes enjoy them better.

**Mike Dykstra** was part owner of a medical practice and is now teaching high school sciences. **Jim Lipow** was in construction and is now teaching special education. **Greg Hill** is with the Bureau of Land Management, doing the mapping, restrictions, etc. for the southwest deserts.

**Dave Shiokari** owns his own capital business. **Dave Pulaski** owned a rival to JD Powers, and is now at MetLife. **Wayne Smith** is an attorney. **Tom Concannon** is a manager/VP at a division of Oracle.

Among those who could not attend: **John Snodgrass**, Senior VP at Morgan Stanley; and **Mike McFarlin**, owner of an insurance company and

## Adytum: Remembrances of our brothers



**Jay Van Holt (7/20/1923 – 4/6/2008)**: **Van Holt**, a Golden Cross recipient and member of the Old Men's Club, passed to the Adytum on High on April 6, 2008, at age 84. He lived in Santa Rosa (Marin County) with his wife Marilyn.

Van Holt was friends with **Tom Straeter**, **Fred Thornley**, **Herb Martin** and **Mitch Toland** while in the fraternity in the 1940s. "He was a wonderful guy," **Bob Baker** said.

"He didn't lack for a story. He was a good man. If you knew him, you'd love him."

Van Holt served in the Navy during World War II and was stationed in Palermo, Sicily. He married Marilyn in 1952, after another tour of military service during the Korean War, and worked as a sales manager for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y., Salt Lake City, Detroit and Los Angeles.

Van Holt retired in 1985 to Santa Rosa in the San Francisco Bay area, and stayed busy with bridge, golf, and traveling, with trips to Alaska, Russia, Italy and Sicily, and Greece.

Van Holt's wife Marilyn can be contacted at (707) 579-5583. They have four children, Jack, Tom, Maxim and Brooks, and one grandchild. ΣΠ



**John Selby (6/1922 - 8/1/2008)**: **Selby**, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Aug. 1, 2008, at age 85.

He lived in Lakewood with his wife Dottie, and had been retired after working for Rockwell for many years. His business work was involved with the NASA Apollo moon flights and space shuttle programs.

Selby was born in Charleston, W.V., and moved to Memphis and Milwaukee before arriving in Los Angeles. He graduated from Hollywood H.S. and attended UCLA in the early 1940s, where he served in the ROTC. Selby was drafted into World War II and served as a radio operator and map reader in the Pacific Theatre, including Australia, the Philippines, New Guinea and the occupation of Hiroshima and Tokyo in Japan. He received the Bronze Star.

After WWII, Selby attended USC and graduated with a degree in Business Administration.

He and Dottie loved music, and they were subscribers to the L.A. Philharmonic, Old Globe Theatre in San Diego for Shakespeare, and the San Diego, Orange County and L.A. Operas. Their trips often centered around music, which included a Mozart-inspired trip to Vienna, and trips to New York for the Metropolitan Opera.

Selby and his wife Dottie also played bridge and golf and enjoyed reading and collecting books. They have two children, a son Richard who graduated from UCLA and is an engineer for Intel, and a daughter Pamela, who lives in Louisville.

Selby was friends with **Bill Meyer**, **Alex Palanach** and **Tom Ham**, and Dottie remembers that **Stedman Gould**, a Grand Sage from Upsilon, managed the Sears store where she worked after college.

Selby's wife Dorothy ("Dottie") can be contacted at (562) 866-6152. ΣΠ







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part time actor.

**Bruce Thompson** owns a small freight company, and his son just graduated Washington University in St. Louis in an accelerated BS/MS in five years. "So my wife and I just got an \$8000 per year raise, in cash," he says.

## Patel honored

**From p. 1:** Bijil Vakil, a partner in McDermott Will & Emery's Palo Alto office, nominated Patel for the award: "Despite the fact that he was in charge of the legal issues surrounding the deployment of Sony's new online service, he made the time to focus on the Street Law programs."

Through a partnership with Street Law, a Baltimore-based nonprofit, Patel and volunteers from his association of in-house lawyers put on a series of seminars on legal issues at Foshay Learning Center, a school southwest of downtown Los Angeles, culminating in a half-day event at USC. The sessions included lectures on contracts, entertainment law, sports law and a talk on students' rights.

Patel's association brought 20 in-house lawyers and partnered them with 50 USC law students to teach 60 middle school students about the legal profession. For many of the kids, it was their first opportunity to see what lawyers are like, and what they actually do. "A lot of them got to experience what being a lawyer is all about," Patel said.

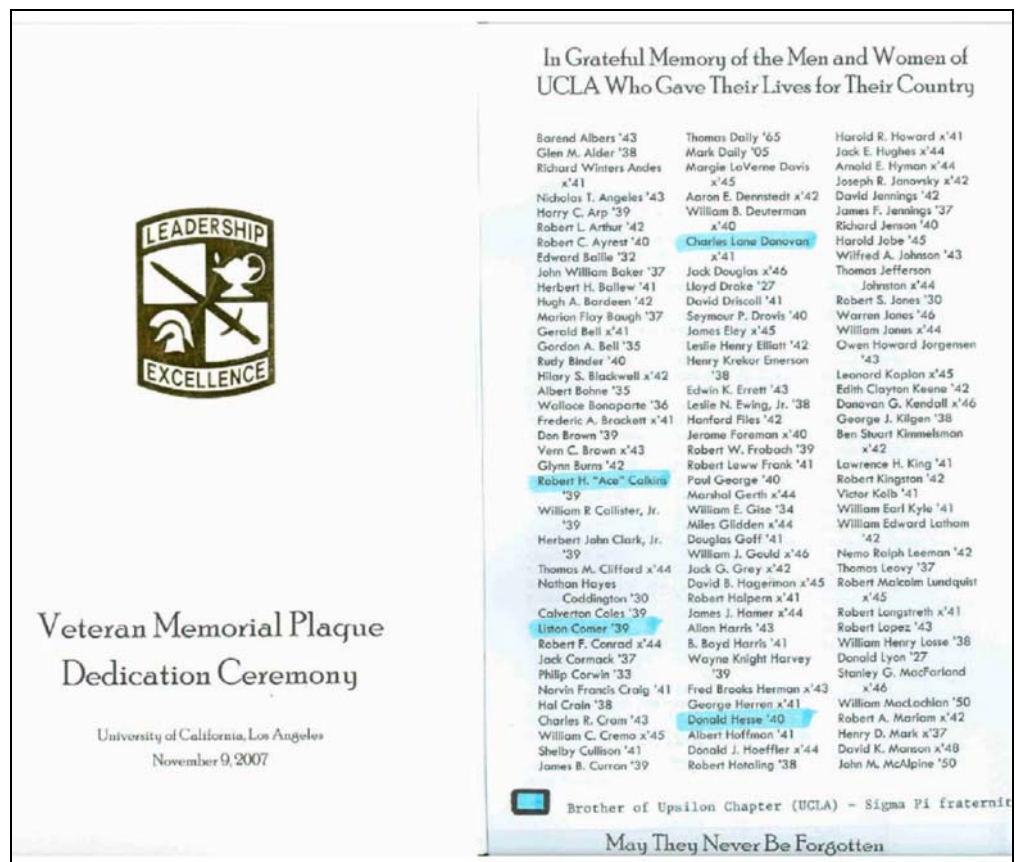
Patel also has helped

## Remembrances: Brothers who served

**WESTWOOD** - Four brothers of Upsilon who served in the military and were killed in combat during World War II were honored along with all UCLA veterans who gave their lives for their country at a ceremony on Nov. 9, 2007: **Robert "Ace" Calkins, Donald Hesse, Liston Comer and Lane Donovan.**

The ceremony included the dedication of a plaque, and included veterans from World War II era to the current Iraq War.

**John Kulli** (Pasadena) and **Clement "Jake" Jacomini** (Signal Hill) were classmates of the group and remember the Upsilon brothers fondly from their days on campus in the late 1930s and early 1940s. ΣΠ



## Dr. Robin Matuk - U.S. Army service in the Middle East:

**Dr. Robin Matuk** grew up in Bakersfield, where he now lives with his high school sweetheart-turned-bride Dana. They eloped at **Keith Shoji's** wedding in Hawaii in 2006. Matuk is a gastroenterologist and practices at Kern Gastroenterology, where he performs colonoscopies and endoscopic ultrasound to detect disease and cancer. He attended Univ. of Chicago's Medical School and interned at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles at the same time as **Scott Bronstein**. His residency was in Albuquerque, N.M.

Matuk was born in Canada and finally was naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 1999, and he wanted to give something back to his country. He enlisted in the National Guard and was deployed to southern Iraq in June. After three weeks, he badly injured his neck and spine during a rough landing in a helicopter, and returned stateside for treatment. He is undergoing physical therapy and making a slow but steady recovery. He was able to join Shoji for a Bruin football game at the Rose Bowl this past fall.



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bolster participation in a program that helps families complete uncontested adoptions of abused and abandoned children in Los Angeles. Karen Ullman, a staff attorney with Public Counsel who oversees the adoption program, said Patel has been an important leader in promoting pro bono work in corporate counsel circles.

Often times, in-house attorneys are intimidated by joining pro bono efforts like the adoption program because it involves going to court - something corporate transactional attorneys generally aren't used to. By working on adoptions himself and by coordinating training sessions for corporate lawyers, Ullman said, Patel has been able to bolster participation in the program. "Even though its different than what they do every day... [corporate attorneys] can do a wonderful job in these programs," Ullman said.

"Since Ajay has gotten involved, we have seen a continued increase in the involvement of corporate counsel in Adoption Days and other pro bono matters," said John N. Heathcliff, Public Counsel's director of development. "We need more Ajay Patels, because we need more lawyers and we need more pro bono services. It's a need that can never be fully met."

▲ **Joe Henriksen Bob Baker, Tom Tapscott, and Dick Welsh** went fishing for the opening of trout season at Lake Crowley near Bishop. They have been fishing there for 50 years.

Matuk was stationed at Camp Bucca, a detainee camp with 2,100 detainees. His specialty is gastrointestintology, but his primary work there was urgent care and diagnoses. The temperature was unbearable as high as 120 degrees, and it was a tough desert environment with only dirt and no greenery. "You had to wear goggles all the time," he remembers.

Back in the U.S., Matuk screens soldiers prior to deployment as part of his continued commitment to the U.S. military. ΣΠ



## Art Ramos - Dept. of Homeland Security

Art Ramos grew up in Venice and lives in Orange County with his wife, Liz. After graduation from UCLA in 1995, he did not want a full-time office job, so he applied to the old Dept. of Justice - INS. Nowadays, criminal enterprises for drug, arms and other crimes for the security.



Ramos was recently deployed in Colombia for three months to assist DHS and Drug Enforcement Agency investigations and prosecutions of money laundering, narcotics trafficking and alien smuggling. His Spanish language and street smarts also helped, but his group must also file for wiretapping authority from judges. Ramos' strategies combine mental power and mind games to infiltrate organizations, along with the brawn he developed as a star center for Venice H.S. football team "It's an adrenaline rush to figure out unconventional ways to get crooks and go under, instead of over." ΣΠ

## Alumni update: Seaman inducted to UCLA Hall

**Robert Seaman**, former UCLA record-holder and a distinguished distance runner, was one of 8 members inducted into UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame and honored at the Oct. 4 UCLA-Washington St. football game at the Rose Bowl.



In 1955, Seaman was a member of UCLA's victorious conference mile relay team and finished third in the mile at the NCAA Championship to help lead the Bruins to a second place national finish. During the 1956 season, Seaman set a UCLA record by running the mile in 4:01.4, the second fastest mile in U.S. history at the time. He helped the Bruins win the Pacific Coast Conference title, winning the 880-yard event. At the NCAA Championship, he ran 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1500 as the Bruins win the NCAA team title. Seaman served as team captain in 1957. During his UCLA career, in addition to the mile record, Seaman set records in the 880 yard run and relays. His brother, **John Seaman**, also ran at UCLA and was an Upsilon brother.

Seaman was known as the "Rascal from Reedley" after his birthplace in the San Joaquin Valley, and he helped to recruit **Rafer Johnson** to UCLA. He went on to break the 4:00-minute barrier in the mile in 1962 (3:58:07) and ran at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1960, meeting V.P. Richard Nixon. Seaman also served as a team official for the USA Track and Field team at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.





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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)

## 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](mailto:Chef@UCLA.edu).

Via Paypal at [Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com](mailto:Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com). (\* we prefer checks instead of Paypal because Paypal now charges a 3% fee.)

\* 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](mailto:DavidFinkel@Juno.com) (310)478-4293

Thank you to the following brothers who contributed to Upsilon from 2008 to 2009.

### **Joseph F. Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation (2007-08)**

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#### Grandest Orchid Level (\$5,000)

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**Joe Marsalek**  
**UCLA football - 1949**

### **2009**

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### **2008**

#### Orchid Level (\$100+)

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Stu Johnson  
Kaveh Kamfar  
Princeton Kim (2015)  
Arturo Martinez (2011)  
Nate Murphy  
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## *Annual Dues are Due!*

Please help the Alumni Association by paying Annual Dues for 2009. Donations fund scholarships for actives (Meyer and D'Avanzo scholarships) and renovate the house.

Payment is on an 'ability-to-contribute' basis. We are starting to do a lot more as an organization, and we hope you will support the brotherhood!

**Emerald level:** \$100.00-Includes Founders Day 2009 and Homecoming Tailgater.

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Viva Espana : Mike "el Presidente" Alvarez, Scott Good, Sean Topp and Won Park (Jeff Bara was there, too) celebrate Spain's victory in Euro 2008 in June at the new "South" bar in Santa Monica. Mike was a *futbol* legend at St. Francis H.S. while growing up in San Gabriel and in IFC/Intramurals while on campus. Some of the alumni are investors in the bar, located at Wilshire & 31<sup>st</sup> St. in Santa Monica.