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Foreword



THE EDITOR AT PLAY

The Pioneer is the traditional annual publication of Upsilon Chapter of the Sigma Pi Fraternity. It is published as a summary of the year's activities and is distributed on the evening of the Senior Banquet.

There are three fundamental motives for the publication of the Pioneer; first, to let the alumni and other Chapters know what Upsilon is doing; second, to bring about a closer bond of understanding between the active Chapter and the alumni members; and third, as a lasting memento of the year's work.

It is a glaring fault of many fraternities that they lack that mutual interest between the alumni and the actives. We of Upsilon are proud to say that we have developed that common bond between all wearers of the Greek Cross. And we all look forward to the day when we may be established in our mutual home at Westwood. It is to that high ideal of active intelligent youth working toward a common end, whether attending the University or following their life work, that this year's Pioneer is dedicated.



The Fraternity



Editorial

At the close of the summer of 1928 the fraternities of the University of California at Los Angeles will find themselves at the chosen site of the new campus at Westwood. For years they have looked forward to this great event: to the time when they will be able to show in a material way the cumulative efforts of eight years in the form of a new house and a membership of the type that is a criterion of present-day manhood.

The Sigma Pi Fraternity, through the efforts of its members, has not been in the background. It has grasped every opportunity, using every item to better its position on the new campus. We look forward with eagerness to the day when we shall be an integral part of the university at Westwood. It is our intention to work and work hard for a status in keeping with that already achieved.

The towers of our contemplated mansion shall rise toward the skies as a symbol of modern co-operative youth. Our desire to satiate the idealistic principles of that young manhood will be partially realized in the form of a new home at Westwood.

The building of a Chapter house, the moving to the new site, increasing educational advantages, everything is in store for us. Are we going to live up to the demands of the situation? Can we do otherwise, amalgamated as we are, bound together in the strong, intimate feeling of brotherhood?

The problems that confront Sigma Pi are many. The new house, the obtaining of new men, the fulfillment of the hopes of the past, and the work of the future are indeed problems. But we shall fulfill them as never before because the spirit of Sigma Pi is the spirit of meeting new situations, of overcoming obstacles.

ALFRED SLINGSBY,

Third Counselor.

Kephart's Review

Brother Holt has asked me for an article for this issue of the PIONEER, and while I am, at this time, up to my neck in work preparing for the coming issue of the EMERALD and the early shipment of the supplies belonging to the office of the business manager of the EMERALD to the central office and newly appointed executive secretary, Harold Jacobsen, Lambda, 403 West 5th Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey, I will try and scribble off a few lines for I want to show my interest and appreciation in what Upsilon is doing by complying with his request.

The past year has been a wonderful one so far as the Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States is concerned. The Tenth Biennial Convocation held at Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana, December 29th-31st, 1926, will go down in fraternity history as the great convocation. It was remarkable for many things. Its greatest features were, the clarifying of muddled issues and the final session which did more, perhaps, in a few minutes to cement the Fraternity as a great national body, than any other convocation in the history of Sigma Pi.

The history of the Tenth Biennial Convocation cannot be written in terms of business sessions, banquets, smokers, and the like, but rather in terms of ideals. Issues that have long been smoldering under cover were brought to the open on the convocation floor and definite steps were made to make these issues understandable to all and to place the delegates on a common ground of understanding.

The outstanding achievement of the convocation was the establishment of a central office with a paid full-time executive secretary. Second to this was the unanimous vote to grant a charter to Gamma Epsilon of Mercer University, a petitioner of some years standing. In addition, convocation passed several important amendments to the Constitution and passed on a few matters of routine business.

Upsilon was represented at the convocation by Brothers Wilbur Blakemore and Alex Gill. The Chapter is to be congratulated upon having sent two of the most popular delegates to the convocation (doubtless many of the Vincennes debutantes are anxiously waiting for a return convocation). I wish I could go into detail on the part our Los Angeles delegates took for their speeches and papers were marked by an unusual mixture of common sense with idealism, but time forbids my so doing.

One of the topics entered into by the Upsilon delegates was that of athletic over-emphasis in the Chapter. They believed that no Chapter could afford to neglect the athlete who is essential to a well-rounded collegiate group. He is in a sense a publicity agent for the Chapter, a reflector of prestige and a magnet during rushing. An athlete need not be a poor scholar. As a matter of fact, they believed, the athlete has an incentive to better his scholarship in his desire to better his place on the team.

The highly successful past year and convocation is but a promise of even greater progress for the brotherhood of Sigma Pi.

WALTER D. KEPHART,

Grand Fourth Counselor.

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DEAN MARVIN L. DARSIE

Dr. Marvin Lloyd Darsie, Dean of the Teachers College at the University of California, is recognized as one of the leading educators of the country. Besides his active work on the faculty, Brother Darsie finds time to write numerous educational surveys and publications which have acquired for him a national reputation as an educator.

With all his academic degrees, Dean Darsie is still "one of the boys" on the campus and at the Chapter house. And can he play ball? He brought in two of the faculty's six runs in the senior-faculty ball game; one with a single and three stolen bases and the other with a wallop that lost the ball. And can he slide?

Brother Darsie's little talks at the Chapter affairs, his quick humor, and his interest in the boys are certainly appreciated.

Dr. Herbert F. Allen, associate professor of English, and well known in literary circles, is a great inspiration to the Fraternity. Brother Allen is always ready with advice and help to the men and his fine spirit has made him a true brother indeed.

Dr. Allen's scholarship talks on Monday nights, his ready speeches at banquets, and his sincerity have won the love and respect of the brothers.

The Sages

I regret very much my absence from the university and active participation in Upsilon affairs. I wish to thank the officers who served with me and the men for their wonderful cooperation during my administration.

Upsilon has advanced rapidly in the past year and no doubt it will continue its good work under the capable leaders chosen for the coming year.

The convocation was a great affair and my only regret is that every brother was not able to attend.

W. F. BLAKEMORE,
Past Sage.

As the old saying goes, "one never knows one's friends until they have worked with them," and such is the case in Upsilon.

I feel that after spending four years with the brothers in this Chapter, that the Chapter has a future untold, for in the past the men of the Chapter have always proven that they could get what they went after.

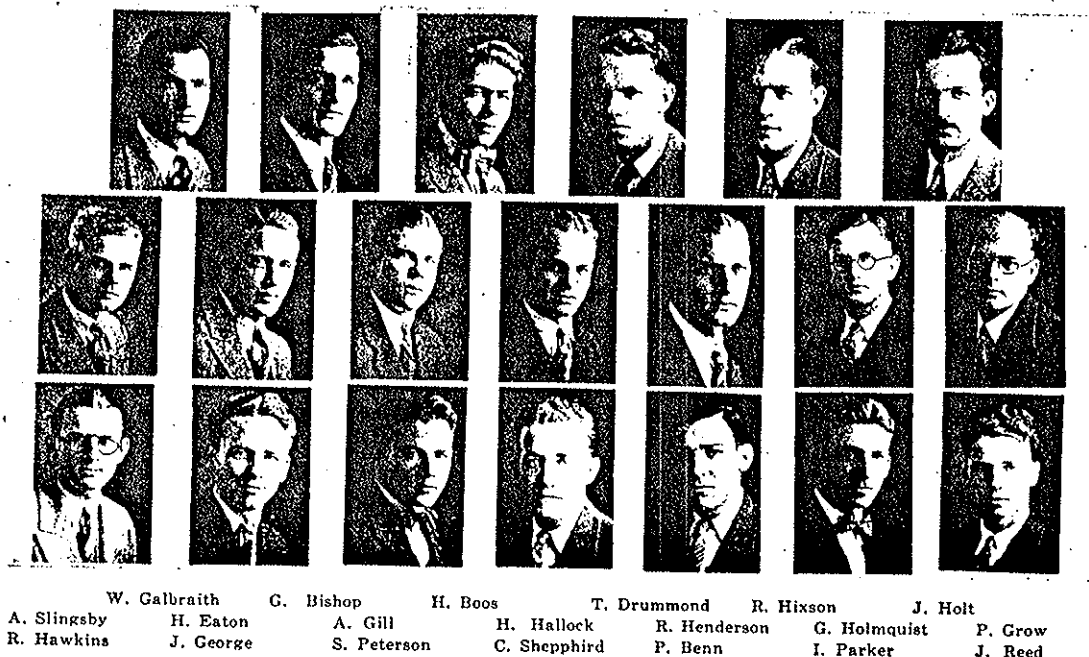
No less will be the case at Westwood. The actives and alumni at the present time have subscribed and collected enough to make payment on a lot at Westwood, which means that Upsilon is to keep its name as one of the *first* and *best* on the Southern Campus.

Plans are now well under way to secure the best possible location on the new campus. Upsilon has never been left on anything yet, and it has no intention of being left out in the cold on the lot situation. So, with the spirit of the old combined with the spirit of the new, success is sure to remain in the halls of Upsilon.

PAUL CURRIER GROW,
Past Sage.

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The Members



The Chapter Officers

April, 1926, to April, 1927

Sage—Wilbur F. Blakemore
 Paul C. Grow
 First Counselor—Charles A. Hastings
 Second Counselor—Alex Gill
 Third Counselor—Alfred Slingsby
 Fourth Counselor—Robert N. Henderson
 Herald—Willard Galbraith

April, 1927, to April, 1928

Sage—Robert N. Henderson
 First Counselor—Delmar Wright
 Second Counselor—Alex Gill
 Third Counselor—Alfred Slingsby
 Fourth Counselor—Carroll Shepphird
 Herald—Ivan J. Parker

A Message from the New Sage

Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi has just completed a most successful year. We cannot, however, be satisfied to rest on our past achievements. With the full co-operation of every active brother and every alumnus next year should be the most successful year in the history of Upsilon.

We are well on the way to finance our new home at Westwood. Thanks to the able assistance of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter we have the necessary capital to purchase a lot at Westwood. Every man is looking forward to the time when we will move into our home on the new campus, and that time does not seem to be so far in the future.

The real problem facing Upsilon is the pledging of new men. Through graduation we lose eight of our most stalwart members. It is the men who are pledged at this time that must carry on the ideals of the Fraternity.

ROBERT N. HENDERSON,
 Sage.

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Those Who Graduate

GEORGE W. BISHOP—"An I sez to my Roomy."

George, aside from being the biggest man in the house in stature, is also noted for having the biggest heart. The tubbing committee will sure have a terrible time without him, as will the boys who are always borrowing Gillettes. Bish has served Upsilon well in the capacity of house manager and has been a tireless worker in every Chapter undertaking, besides his numerous campus activities. We know one thing—a certain kindergarten teacher is going to have a pretty big boy on her hands when he leaves us. Can he wield a paddle?

ELVIN DRAKE—"Read a Herald, boys?"

Ducky in his quiet way has been one of the real workers in the class of '27. Considering that the boy has been holding down one of the circulation manager's jobs on the Evening Herald staff, trying to hold on to his own heart, (you know who she is) and at the same time doing so much for the house and the university, credit in large quantities is due this graduating brother.

We only hope that the rest of his family of brothers will soon come to school to help fill the place he leaves.

Can that boy dive?

WILLARD GALBRAITH—"Hey Bish—any seconds?"

"Pete" has been one of the hard workers within the house—acting as chairman of the rushing committee and Herald. Always working with a thought of the Fraternity in the back of his mind, Willy has been of greatest service, and his far-sighted activity will be greatly missed when the new year rolls around. For three years Willard has represented the house in inter-fraternity tennis, and this last year won his way into the semifinals. On the campus he has had an active life, and has done much to spread afar the good name of Upsilon. He also has the house record for consuming seconds and raisin bread.

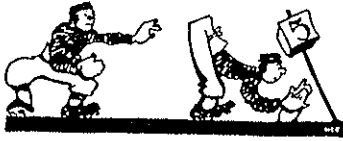
Can that boy wear fine clothes?

PAUL C. GROW—"Well, I think I'll go out and play Santa Claus to some of the boys."

Good old Currier is leaving us too. His kindly aid to the freshmen, his seasoned, level-headed advice to the sophs, his interested and sincere attitude towards his fellow upper-classmen, all these will not soon be forgotten in the halls of Upsilon. On the outside Paul has contributed a great deal to the house, and his work on the campus will be missed. As Sage and Fourth Counselor he has served his Fraternity faithfully and well.

And can he play dominoes?

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Intra-Mural Sports

UPSILON wasn't able to live up to her old tradition of placing in Interfraternity athletics this year. Nevertheless the Chapter took a keen interest in the competition and brought credit to herself for the fighting spirit of the men. Under Foster's guiding hand the Chapter teams always emerged from competition with the respect of her foes.

Brothers Holmquist, Grow, and Galbraith, the "Knights of the Sigma Pi Court," started things going with a bang, by finishing a strong third in tennis. The boys, particularly "Darrow, Tilden" Galbraith, had a way of arguing the opponents out of any doubtful points that went over like a million dollars. These boys finished the season with seven victories and but two defeats.

"Andy Smith's wonder teams" had nothing on our "lightning 'leven." We started the season by treading all competition into the dust, only to be

forced out of the running at the crucial moment by injuries. At the height of the season the Foster to Gill pass combination could

not be stopped. Gill had an uncanny habit of snagging the ball out of the air with the entire opponent backfield around him, and ran up the best individual score of the competition. With a 200-pound line, including such famous weights as Hixson, Wright, Holmquist and Boos, the team was hard to stop.

Track, usually our strongest event, proved to be our stumbling block. There were plenty of men out, but we were able to qualify only two men for the finals, and neither of these were a Jarrott or a Hardy, though Foster threatened to be. The Inglewood lad qualified for the low hurdles, century and broad jump, but unfortunately pulled a ligament before the finals. Henderson, the other, put our name on the list by finishing a close second in the high sticks.

Because Brother Henderson came from the center of the casaba country he was awarded the job



CECIL HOLLINGSWORTH, '26
FRESHMAN COACH



"DUCKY" DRAKE
CROSS COUNTRY CAPTAIN '27
TRACK CAPTAIN '26

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of organizing our casaba-tossing team. This "fierce five" went into every battle with "Fight for Upsilon" emblazoned on their hearts and souls. Brother Hawkins managed to be high-point man in nearly every game, even without the aid of his horn-rims.

Brother Grow upheld the Chapter honors in swimming by copping the "breath-holding event." He navigated like a submarine for over fifty feet for first place. Brother Biewend, good for fifteen points in any puddle, unfortunately left school just before the big event.

Indoor baseball was the closing sport of the year. The boys of Upsilon made a strong bid for a chance to play in the World Series of the campus, and were not disappointed until the final game of the season. Our batteries of Hastings and Henderson, Bishop and Henderson, and Drake and Shepphird, capably filled the gap left by "Adonis Cole." It was a funny thing the way we would clean the league leaders and fall before the cellar champs. It is rumored that "Babe" Galbraith has been offered a position with the New York Yanks to fill Ruth's shoes, on the strength of his home run ability. It has not been verified by the Pioneer as yet, but it is believed that Ty Cobb is going to resign his fielding position in favor of Del Wright.



CAPT. CHAS. HASTINGS, '27

In looking back over the season's sport we find ourselves in sixth place out of over thirty competing organizations—not so bad, but not good enough for Upsilon. With a fine bunch of material and some good men coming up we ought to make a strong run for that trophy next year.

Honors

Alpha Kappa Psi (Commerce, Professional)

Paul Grow, President
Gordon Holmquist, Treasurer
Alfred Slingsby
Robert Henderson
Alex Gill
Harold Eaton

Blue "C" Society (Honorary Major Sports)

George Bishop
Elvin Drake
James Armstrong
Charles Hastings
Robert Henderson, Treasurer
Alex Gill
Harold Eaton



CAPT. JIMMIE ARMSTRONG

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Blue Circle "C" Society (Honorary Minor Sports)

Elvin Drake
Thomas Drummond
Gordon Holmquist

Scimiter and Key (Junior Men's Honorary)

Charles Hastings
John Holt
Robert Henderson
Alex Gill

Phi Epsilon Kappa (Professional Physical Education)

George Bishop, President
Elvin Drake, Secretary and Treasurer
Charles Hastings



NO WONDER MISS THOMAS WANTED " BISH "



OUR "PREXY" BOB HENDERSON
PLAYS END

Phi Phi (Senior Men's Honorary)

Robert Hixson, President

Press Club (Honorary Journalistic)

John Holt

Thanic Shield (Senior Men's Honorary)

Dean Marvin L. Darsie
Dr. Herbert F. Allen
Cecil Hollingsworth
Charles Hastings
James Armstrong

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Student Activities

Publications

Harold Eaton, Southern Campus Advertising Staff
Willard Galbraith, Daily Bruin Advertising Staff
Joe George, Southern Campus Photographer
John Carlyle Holt, Southern Campus Assistant Editor
Alfred Slingsby, Advertising Manager, '25, '26

Managers

Harold Eaton, Assistant Swimming Manager
Paul Currier Grow, Glee Club Manager, '25
Robert Hawkins, Sophomore Baseball Manager
Gordon Jones Holmquist, Senior Swimming Manager

Glee Club

Gordon Jones Holmquist, Student Director, President

Interfraternity Council

Gordon Jones Holmquist, Secretary

Rally Committee

Willard Galbraith, Chairman of the Minute Men



JIMMY PLAYS FOOTBALL
TOO

Oratorical Contests

Willard Galbraith

R. O. T. C.

Robert Hixson, Captain
Paul Currier Grow, Lieutenant
Carrol Shepphird, Lieutenant

Athletic Board Members

George Bishop
Robert Henderson

Athletics

Football Varsity

Charles Hastings, Captain
James Armstrong
George Bishop
Robert Henderson

Football Freshmen

James Reed
Carrol Shepphird



ALEX. GILL CLEARS THE BAR AT 6 FT. 2 IN.

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Basketball Varsity

James Armstrong, Captain
Robert Hawkins

Track Varsity

Thomas Drummond
Harold Eaton
Alex Gill

Cross Country

Elvin Drake, Captain

Swimming Varsity

Thomas Drummond (Pacific Coast Breast
Stroke Champion)
James Armstrong

Gym Team

Stanley Peterson



EATON "WARMSUP" BEFORE
WINNING HIS LETTER



TOM DRUMMOND, WHO HOLDS THE SCHOOL RECORD
IN THE DISCUS

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Pictures We Would Like to See



CAN YOU FIND ANY OF OUR
FRESHMEN IN THIS MESS?

Featuring:

Hayes Hallock in "Fast and Furious"

George Bishop in "Old Ironsides"

Bill Jarrott in "God Gave Me Twenty Cents"

Stanley Peterson in "The Collegians"

Hal Boos in "What Every Woman Wants"

Tom Drummond in "Woman Handled"

Bill Masters in "Beware of Widows"

Bob Hixson in "The Love Thrill"

Alex Gill in "Held by the Law"

Paul Benn in "Les Miserables"

Bob Hawkins in "The Great Necker"

Hal Eaton in "King of Kings"

Charles Hastings in "Mr. Wu"

Bill Barnett in "Long Pants"

Bill Masters in "See You in Jail"

All Star Cast in "Three Hours"

Al Cole in "Don't Tell the Wife"

Paul Benn in "The Nervous Wreck"

Tom Drummond in "The Music Master"

Inyo Eaton in "The High Hat"

Al Slingsby in "Robem Good"

Gordon Holmquist in "The Naked Truth"

Ivan Parker in "Lightning"

Jim Reed in "The Barker"

Willard Galbraith in "Grandma's Boy"



ARMSTRONG AND HASTINGS
MUST HAVE THEIR FUN