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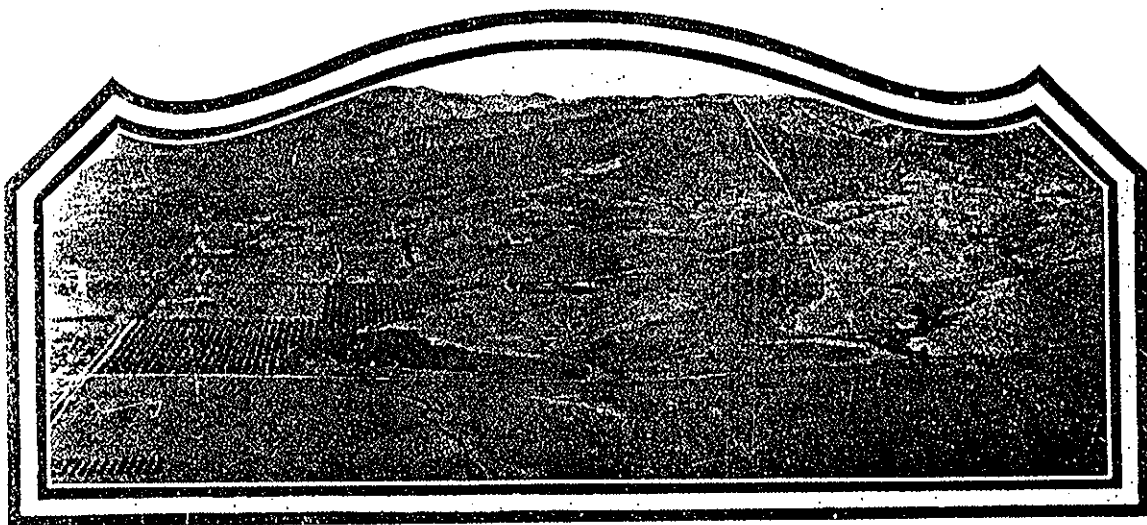
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Come Men and Gather . . . Let Our Cares Lie!

THE romance of the University of California at Los Angeles is the romance of youth, rich with present beauty and future promise. In its new home this youngest university of the southland, and oldest university of the west, stands upon the last of the ranchos, where the brightest traditions of Spanish California were nurtured, and the mellow charm of the old days was longest preserved.

The 4400 acres of grazing land, rimmed 'round with oak-strewn hills to the North and East, rolling away in gentle undulations toward the West and South with vast fields of wild oats rippling wave-like, were granted to Don Maximo Alanis by Mexican Governor Micheltorena, back in the spring of 1843. They called it Rancho San Jose de Buenos Ayres. Here, nascent Westwood lies today.

The University of California at Los Angeles owes its existence in a stricter sense to the establishment of the Los Angeles State Normal School in 1881. One of the most prominent landmarks of early Los Angeles was the building of the school which stood on the site now occupied by the Los Angeles Public Library. Thirty years later it became necessary to move the Normal School to a new site for a busy metropolis had grown up about the building. A Hollywood ranch on Vermont Avenue was chosen as the new site. Vermont Avenue was nothing more than a wagon track at that time.

Dr. Jesse F. Millspaugh made the proposal that the school grant the degree of Bachelor of Education, but it remained for his successor, Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore, to carry out his plans. Through the efforts of Dr. Moore the Normal School became a branch of the University of California. It was on July 19, 1919, that the Governor signed the bill handing over the grounds, buildings, and goodwill of the Los Angeles State Normal School to the Regents of the University of California. Thus it was that the University of California at Los Angeles came into being on that date.

In February, 1922, the Regents voted "that the teachers courses be hereafter styled the Teachers College of the University of California" with a four-year course leading to an appropriate bachelor's degree.

In 1923 a third and fourth year in the College of Letters and Science were added. The Regents thus created two colleges with four-year courses, which have been functioning ever since. The growth of these two institutions since 1919, in numbers and standing, has been phenomenal.

The time came, however, when the Regents realized that U. C. L. A.'s Vermont campus was not large enough to meet the demand. Expansion was inevitable. In the spring of 1923 a group of citizens of the State of California, headed by Regent Edward Dickson, journeyed to the Wolf-skill Ranch, ten miles west of Los Angeles, and standing knee deep in waving fields of wild grain, broken in the foreground by oaks, and framed in the distance by the High Sierras, resolved to obtain if possible a new campus for the University of California at Los Angeles among these hills.

On March 17, 1925, the Regents of the University voted to accept 384 acres of this land in the city of Los Angeles, west of Beverly Hills, as a new campus for the University of California at Los Angeles. In a bond issue authorized the following November, \$3,000,000 was allocated to buildings, on this new site. On September 2, 1927, Director Moore turned the first shovel full of earth that broke ground for the creation of the new site for the institution.

In September, 1929, classes opened for instruction on the new campus with four buildings completed. They were Royce Hall, Library, Physics-Biology Building, and the Chemistry Building. At the present time there are three more buildings, the Mechanic Arts, Education Building and Kerckhoff Hall. Kerckhoff Hall, a student union, is indubitably the finest structure of its kind in the country.

When Westwood was chosen after much careful deliberation from among the many sites offered, it was evident that Fate had kept this vast tract

unoccupied for nearly fifty years, in spite of the attempted encroachment of progress, for Rancho San Jose de Buenos Ayres offered a perfect setting upon which to create in great unimpeded glory the physical design of the University. Perhaps it was merely coincidental that such landscape was typically characteristic of the provinces of Lombardy and of Northern Italy. As the site of the University at Westwood is truly representative of the ideals and aspirations for which the people of California have struggled, so are the buildings on this site representative. The ideals of centuries, rather than of decades, have determined the form and design of the Westwood structures.

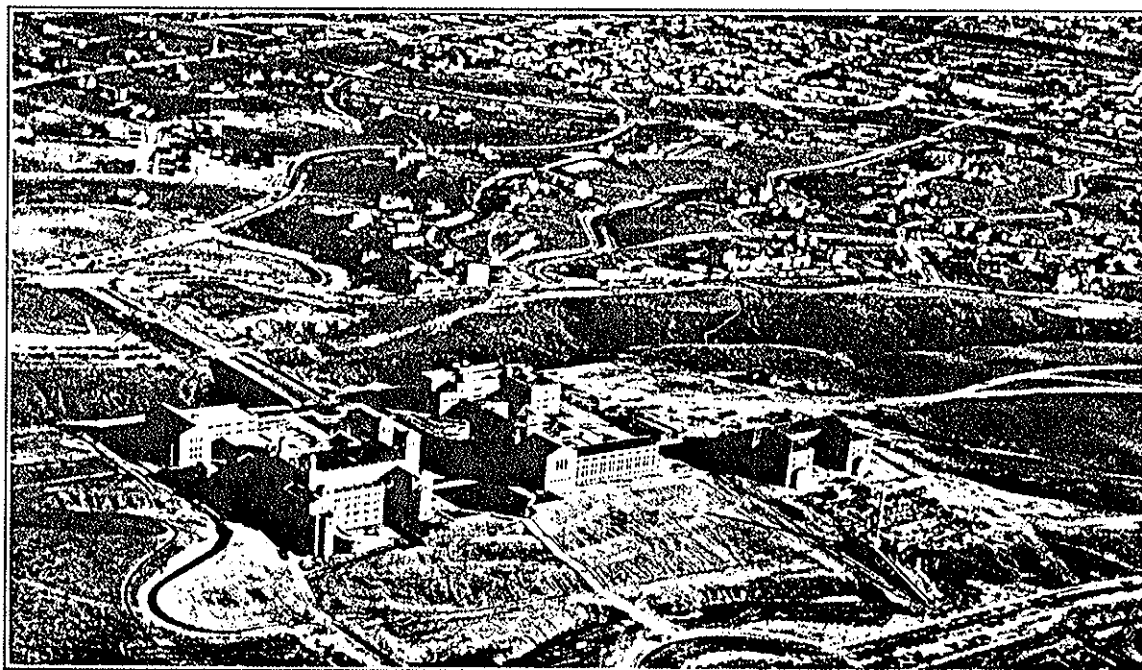
That the traditional early Californian and Spanish Colonial style of architecture would be adopted for the general design of construction might be the primitive supposition, but it was deemed more representative of the aesthetic element involved to search out a heritage of greater power from the past. A dignified, yet colorful, style was taken as the keynote of construction—that of Northern Italy. The buildings already completed are proof in themselves of the facility with which the style lends itself to beauty of texture and color in brick and terra-cotta work, colorful tile roofs, and richness of ornamental detail in entrances and window motifs, in lofty towers and domes.

Nestled in the rolling hills in a distinctly University community midway between the city and the sea, the Westwood Hills campus of the

University is ideally situated. From an architectural standpoint, U. C. L. A. has been declared by observers to be as nearly perfect as possible. The 384 acre tract that was farmland a few years ago, today is the location of stately buildings; the site that formerly consisted of barley fields now is beautifully landscaped with hundreds of trees and shrubs already planted.

At the present time nearly \$7,000,000 has been expended in developing the Westwood Hills campus. Developments which will be made in the immediate future include gymnasiums for men and women, and a permanent parking area for automobiles. Within a few years, the entire campus will be completely landscaped, with grass planted over almost the entire area and with a sunken garden on the east side of the campus. Other buildings will be erected as the need arises, and a huge stadium will be constructed.

Not only is the Westwood Hills campus practically perfect in itself, but it is situated amidst charming surroundings. Bounding the campus on the east and west sides are fraternity and sorority rows where all social organizations will eventually build homes. Already nearly a score of women's organizations have erected houses and nearly all of the groups have purchased lots. On the other side of the campus towards the sea is fraternity row. Many of the fraternities have constructed houses on the row, and many more will be constructed in the future. The University of California at Los Angeles is indeed a university with a future.



Airplane view of Campus at University of California, Los Angeles

Be Where We'd Rather . . . With Sigma Pi!

FEW Chapters of fraternities have had a more varied and unsettled existence for the past three years than Upsilon. The spring of 1929 saw us rather reluctantly saying goodbye to old 1012 North New Hampshire, with its memories and associations that are still dear to the hearts of every alumnus and upperclassman. But things looked bright—a few prominent men leaving, to be sure, but a record size freshman class to take their place, and then—a new year, a new campus, a new house just in the offing. Little did any of that happy carefree group realize that this was to be one of the darkest years in the history of Upsilon.

The first snag came during the summer when our proposed plan of finance fell through completely, not because of any lack of industry on the part of any one concerned, but because of a reorganization in the bank that was to handle the business. The mortality rate was exceptionally high. Only a few of those expected returned to school in the fall. The ranks of the upperclassmen especially were depleted. The fall semester on the new campus opened, and with it came the heart-breaking days at Sweeney's, a private boarding house in West Los Angeles.

While we were waiting for work to start on the new house, we thought it would be a good plan to economize by not renting a place of our own. Consequently four men were boarded at this private home, the use of which we were entitled on Monday evenings for meetings. Lunches were served but the place was located four miles from the campus; guests were of necessity entertained in upstairs bedrooms, and loud noises brought unending complaints from the proprietary family below. Monday evening would find eight or ten fellows at dinner and perhaps twelve at regular meeting. Rushing was impossible—dreams of the new chapter home were fading swiftly . . . farther and farther into the distance. Only those men who have experienced these trying times can appreciate them. Finally . . . sheer dismay awakened new life. It was like the desperation of a drowning man.

Christmas vacation marked the awakening. The new year found us in a new house, temporary, but a house which we had rented, which was ours alone to use, and which was the first place we could really call a Sigma Pi house since the move to Westwood. The remainder of the first semester was a period of convalescence for the chapter.



Between Classes—Royce Hall

With the advent of the second semester the fight upward had started in earnest. Rushing was carried on as of old, and with good results for mid-semester. Men got back into activities and slowly but surely the lost pride of the chapter returned and a "place in the sun" was ours again.

Spring was filled with action. The annual spring Formal at the Uplifter's Ranch started things going. Memorial day services were held at the chapter house with Dr. Allen as the speaker. A week later came a successful Mothers' Tea, also taking place at the house. Brother Janssen was the speaker and Brother Dees furnished the music for the affair. Lost energy and enthusiasm were gradually regained. All that was lacking was the new house, and so during the last month of school, a concentrated drive was carried on to raise funds.

Through the untiring efforts of a handful of alumni, a new plan had been evolved for the financing and building of the house. The only thing necessary was to restore lost interest on the part of former supporters and to get the money coming in again. It seemed like an impossible task, especially in view of former discouragement and failure, but there was no longer a lot of vaguery. A house was ours for the struggling, so we struggled!

During the summer our temporary home was sold and we were forced to move. Our new place was far more desirable than the old one, but as fate would have it, it was in a restricted area, and school had hardly started in the fall, when we were again obliged to move, but not before the great event had happened.

On October 28th, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, we officially broke the ground for the erection of our new house. In the presence of a hundred or more loyal brothers, their families and friends, on that cold, bleak, Sunday afternoon, the ceremony took place. Brother Grow, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Upsilon Chapter Building Association, presided. A temporary platform had been erected for the speakers and the whole affair was quite impressive. After a few speeches by Dr. Allen, Brother Hutchinson, and the Chapter Sage, Brother Schlicke, the group adjourned to the chapter house where a tea was held in honor of the occasion. The cheery warmth of the house, the friendly atmosphere were quite welcome on that windy day and helped to emphasize the general feeling of joy which prevailed.

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We Cheer It . .

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HERMAN WITZEL, Jr.
Sage of Upsilon

It is difficult to describe a thing so unique as the career of Upsilon Chapter. Founded at the Los Angeles State Normal School early in September, 1919, it became the second Greek letter society on the campus. The original group have stamped a character on the organization that still prevails. On October 1st, 1919, a reorganization was effected, and Ball and Chain came into existence. About this time the name of the school was changed to the Southern Branch of the University of California. Ball and Chain expressed the comradely desire of six close friends to organize a fraternal group.

A clause in the original constitution best explains the purpose and ideals of the men: "... to provide for the social and general welfare of its members, and to encourage a high standard of scholarship, character, and morality". All of these things have been fostered up to the present day.

Rapid growth led the men to petition Sigma Pi, and at this time the name was changed to Delta Sigma Cchi. In the latter part of 1922 at the time of petitioning the chapter quarters were a bungalow at 650 North New Hampshire.

Vincennes Convocation in December, 1922, accepted the petition, and Upsilon Chapter came to the university as the first academic fraternity of a national organization on February 24th, 1923. Sigma Pi thus placed two chapters in branches of the same university, located in different cities.

Installation was held at the West Ebell Club House, under the direction of Walter D. Kephart, Past Sage of Delta, assisted by Sage John E. Hettrich of Iota, and Fourth Councillor Merritt T. Davidson of Iota. An informal banquet was later held at the University Club.

In 1923 under the leadership of Sage Allison a house was occupied at 1012 N. New Hampshire. A group of Alumni at Berkeley occupied the third Sigma Pi House at the University of California for a short while. These men were doing special work for their degrees.

In 1927 the regents created the University of California at Los Angeles, and on September 15th, 1929, the University officially occupied the new Westwood campus. The chapter realized the urgency of obtaining a chapter house. Loyal alumni cooperated in the purchase of a site and the completed building became a reality on March 14th, 1931. Jack J. Landon, Upsilon '25, designed the house.

Upsilon cherishes with pride the rich horde of traditions and customs handed down from year to year, many of which date from the early days of the parent organization. The strength and memory derivable from such an atmosphere has moulded a unit strong in every detail. In fact it is the pleasant memory of such customs that make membership in a fraternity distinctly worthwhile.

The members of Upsilon have always taken an active interest in the wholesome campus life, and the chapter portals have sheltered both men prominent in student work and athletes of note. The Sages of Upsilon have been as follows:

Keith G. Parke, 1922-23
Donald Lyons Allison, 1923
Paul Revere Hutchinson, 1923-24-25
Paul Currier Grow, 1925-26
Wilber F. Blakemore, 1926-27
Robert Henderson, 1927-28
Alex Gill, 1928-29
James Denny Reed, 1929-30
Carl Paul Schlicke, 1930-31
Herman Witzel, Jr., 1931.