

FOUNDER'S DAY - FEBRUARY 25!!!



PIONEER

Sigma Pi Upsilon Chapter Alumni Association

The President Speaks



*Paul Abramson
Upsilon Alumni Association
President*

Let me introduce myself. I was a member of the fall 1982 pledge class and graduated in 1986. Because of the infamous Sigma Pi railroad, I was elected President of the Alumni Association last February.

Much has happened since the Pioneer last visited you. Carp (Andrew Carpenter) will now be producing the Pioneer. Russ Strenk, after a glorious six years, has stepped down as Editor and Publisher of the Pioneer. He shaped this newsletter into the award winning publication that it is and his creativity, energy and passion for excellence will be missed. We all owe Russ a great many thank you's for his efforts in producing this publication for all these years. We will try to live up to the standards Russ set.

I'd also like to recognize the several years of outstanding service to the fraternity at large by Martin Fortier, the outgoing Alumni President.

Marty's efforts in building alumni support, active chapter involvement and general brotherhood are greatly appreciated by alums and active members alike. All those who attended the 70th anniversary Founders' Day Gala can attest to Marty's commitment to the Upsilon Chapter. Thank you Marty!

The golf tournament on July 3 this year was a rousing success. Thirty-two brothers participated and all who played enjoyed themselves. Top prize went to Joe Marsalek and Tom Miller after they defeated Shane Smith and Bill Segal in a playoff. Rob Webster won the longest drive competition. Thanks to Russ for organizing this event and to Scott Smith and Spectrum Golf for donating the "Death Stick" and other fabulous prizes.

For the fall, Dave Finkel is planning a tailgate party for all Upsilon Alumni at the Homecoming Game against Stanford on October 29. The Party will be located on the grass median East of Parking Lot F and South of Gate A of the Rose Bowl. Food and drink will be provided. This event promises to be a great time.

Founders Day is scheduled for Saturday February 25, 1995. We want as many alumni attending as possible. Mark the date on your

calendar now and plan on attending. The cost will be around \$50.00.

Next year's golf tournament will be held on May 6, 1995 at the Meadowlark Country Club in Huntington Beach. The cost will be around \$60.00 to participate and we are expecting at least 40 brothers to play. You can pick your partner and your foursome. The cost is reasonable and the prizes are excellent. More information will be mailed early next year.

One of my goals this year is to increase the involvement of "younger" alumni in both the Alumni Association and the Building Association. While they have done an outstanding job, grooming replacements for the members of the "Old Men's Club" requires that the younger alumni step up and help carry this house into the 21st Century.

To do this, I believe we need to establish an Alumni Association Board of Directors. I am looking for three to five guys from each of the last three decades to commit a little time and energy. We cannot keep relying on the same individuals to organize, plan and sponsor each event. We need two or three brothers to step up and coordinate Founder's Day. We need two or three other brothers to organize another event in either the Winter or Spring. We also need a group to update and publish the Sigma Pi Alumni Association Directory in 1995.

These are not overly ambitious goals, yet to be done properly they cannot all be done by one or two people. Our Association is large enough that we can have more than two or three successful events a year, provided more brothers become part of the organizing process. Those interested in serving on the board and providing assistance, please call me at (310) 305-1586.

I hope all is well and I look forward to seeing you at either the football tailgate or at Founder's Day!

Chapter Director's Report



*Joe Marsalek
Upsilon Chapter Director*

Little did anyone suspect how many lives would be affected by the birth of an infant son on December 8, 1902 in Louisiana. That young boy later moved to California and attended public schools in Los Angeles including Manual Arts High School. He then attended the Southern Branch of the University of California on Vermont in Los Angeles. He joined a local fraternity known as the Ball and Chain Club. Needing courses in optometry in order to complete his doctorate he moved to U.C. Berkeley and was thus an alumnus of the Ball and Chain. While not among the active member petitioners for a charter from Sigma Pi, he nevertheless was granted Upsilon badge number 4. It was thus that Donald L. "Doc" Allison began to affect the lives of Sigma Pi's until Saturday September 17th when he regretfully passed away.

During his 52 years of practicing optometry in Los Angeles, Doc Allison remained an active alum serving as Chapter Director in the late '40's and early '50's. It was during those years that his daughter, Arline, became acquainted with then Sage Joe Henriksen. Joe's fraternity brothers became well acquainted with many of Arline's sorority sisters which resulted in a number of marriages including that of Joe and Arline. This writer's experiences with Doc started with my association with Sigma Pi in 1949 when he was Chapter Director. In the early '80's when I was "elected" Alumni President at a Founder's Day I found that I had no checkbook and no treasury. After complaining of that fact Doc walked over to me and stuffed a \$100.00 bill in my breast

pocket saying, "This ought to help you get started."

As many of you may recall we honored Doc at our 70th Anniversary Founder's Day at the Santa Monica Beach Club. We all signed a banner wishing him a speedy recovery from the illness that prevented him from attending that night. I spoke with him on the phone shortly after that and he expressed his gratitude in his own gentle manner.

Thus were so many lives affected by this gentle, considerate and generous man.

We shall always keep your name alive at Sigma Pi, Doc. Good Luck and God Speed.

Our Active Chapter

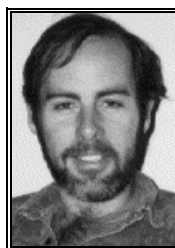
Dennis Hong - Herald

The past few years have seen declining rush numbers campus wide, but Upsilon Chapter has nevertheless been able to maintain a steady increase. With 50 actives and 12 pledges for this quarter (Fall '94), we are proud to be one of the strongest growing houses on campus. This summer, the Housing Board invested over \$150,000 in improvements of every sort. The entire house, inside and out, has been sanded down and repainted, all the old doors have been replaced with new, wood stained ones, and all the rooms have received new carpeting. We have a new front lawn, floodlights to illuminate it, a newly installed sprinkler system and reconstructed front and back balconies. The beaten up wooden walls of the Chapter Room have been sanded down and refinished and the "Dungeon" has been re-furnished into a true entertainment center, complete with billiards, foosball, darts, a vending machine and a stereo system! All the upstairs rooms will be receiving new sinks, we've had cable TV installed (legally!), our kitchen has been stripped down & cleaned from the bottom up, and we have brand new silverware and glassware for meals!

Monday night dinners are beginning to look more and more civilized!

The active chapter at Upsilon thanks the housing board and all the alumni who made these improvements possible, and we hope to see everyone at the next Founder's Day in our "new" house!

From the Editor . . .



*Carp
Pioneer Editor*

As the new editor of the Pioneer, I'd like to take a moment to recognize and especially thank, our previous editor Russ Strenk for his outstanding, **award winning** efforts on the many previous issues of this publication.

Only after undertaking the responsibility of this first issue of my own (*albeit a bit late*), have I come to realize the level of effort that goes into getting these pages out in a timely manner. Naturally, this first attempt is a bit rough around the edges, but in the coming months I hope to continue the same level of quality and commitment required to insure the continuation of Upsilon's nationally honored newsletter!

In the near future I hope to add additional features, profiles, photos and more, as well as a more dignified photo of our new Alumni President (and myself - I've seen better shots at the Post Office), so please feel free to contact me with suggestions, comments, barbs, newsworthy events, contributions, etc., and help me continue the tradition of excellence that Russ has maintained for the past 6 years!

Help us, we're lost!

If you know the whereabouts of these recently lost brothers, contact Carp at 2307 Green Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, or call (310) 376-7077. I'll make sure they receive the next issue of the Pioneer.

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