

The Pioneer

The Official Newsletter for the Alumni of the Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity International



Dave Riley '91, Jay Ross '92 (kneeling), Herman Quispe '92, Matt Sumrow '92, and Lance Fuchs '92 at the UCLA-Tennessee barbecue.

75th Founders' Day Celebration Planning Underway

Mark your calendars! The tentative date for Founders' Day is set for Saturday, February 21. It will be held at the Beach Club in Santa Monica as it was for Founders' Day 1992.

For those of you who could not attend the 1992 celebration, it was a wonderful affair. For the 1992 event, wives and significant others were welcomed. The evening began with a cocktail hour and concluded with big band music and dancing. For our 75th anniversary celebration, it promises to be much more.

Look for our Winter issue in January for more details concerning this event. Contact Herman Quispe 626-791-2312 or Stu Johnson 310-251-9707 if you have any questions, have any suggestions, or would like to help with the preparations.

MISSION STATEMENT

To support the Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity International in its development of young men united in brotherhood to advance truth and justice, to promote scholarship, to encourage chivalry, to diffuse culture, and to develop character in the service of God and man.

The Association serves as a vital link between all graduates and the Upsilon Chapter. It supports the Chapter by facilitating communications and promoting a wide variety of programs and benefits for alumni that foster a spirit of loyalty, involvement, and life-long commitment to the Upsilon Chapter.

The Association's vision for the future is to develop further a cohesive organization of alumni with the ability to exert influence as a valued partner on matters relevant to growth and development of the Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi International.

CLASS OF 1997

The Alumni Association would like you to join us in congratulating the Class of 1997.

- **Gabor Fabian**, *BS Mathematics*
- **Mark Jutabha**, *BA Political Science*
- **Jeffrey Lehto**, *BS Biochemistry*

Post Graduate Education:

Stanford University, Graduate School of Chemistry

- **Jimmy Maharis**, *BA Anthropology*
- **Ron Manalastas**, *BS Kinesiology*
- **Brent Murata**, *BS Electrical Engineering*

Post Graduate Education:

UCLA, Graduate School of Engineering

- **Trong Nguyen**, *BS Chemistry*

Post Graduate Education:

UCSD, School of Medicine

- **Keith Shoji**, *BA Political Science*

Post Graduate Education:

University of San Diego, School of Law

Editor's Page

The current incarnation of *The Pioneer* is part of the revitalization of the Upsilon Alumni Association. *The Pioneer's* primary purpose is to keep you abreast of Alumni Association activities and news. In the coming year, the Upsilon Chapter is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. *The Pioneer* will keep you current on Founders' Day planning and events. Additionally, numerous social and sporting events are planned, including the annual golf tournament being planned by Tim O'Hara.

The Pioneer is also intended to be your forum. If you just got married or became a father; if you just started a new business; if you just became partner of your law firm or brokerage firm; let *The Pioneer* and your brothers share in your good fortune and celebrate with you. Feel free to contribute an article or an editorial. Even if you want to criticize my writing, I'll print your letter. Listed below are *The Pioneer's* mailing address and e-mail address. Take advantage of *The Pioneer*.

Shane Tseng
Class of 1995

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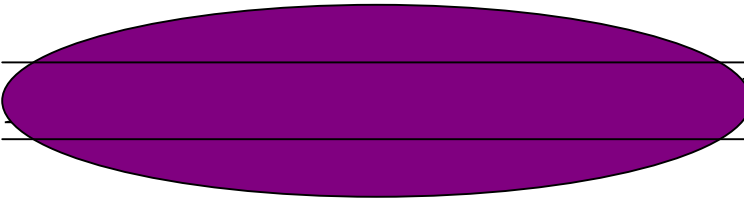
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

O'HARA DRIVES A STRAIGHT

We all remember Tim O'Hara ('92) from his days at the Big Purple House. He was the Bel-Air night putter terror of the Hanson Dam Golf Club and an all-around bafloon that earned that earned the nickname "O'Hairball." You probably would not have bought a used car from him back then. How 'bout buying a Porsche from him, today?

Times have changed big-time. Now, he's dealing luxury cars in Santa Monica, just a jaunt over from days of old at the Irish Rover.

Tim is now the general manager at Steve Taub Porsche and Audi on Santa Monica Blvd., working up a storm as a young capitalist. He is using his new job and generosity to help the brotherhood of Upsilon by arranging for the dealership to sponsor this issue of *The Pioneer*. So, damn it! Go buy a Porsche from Tim!

Like most bro's, Tim was not sure where his career path would go after graduation. He dabbled as a bank teller and a public links hack and drove around a blue VW Rabbit affectionately known as "The Bucket."

"It was weird, I didn't know if I was going to grad school or what," Tim said. "Now I'm selling the kind of cars I love. It was either that or golf, and there's no money in that considering my caliber."

There are many benefits to Tim's job. Loy Vaught and Eric Piatkowski of the L.A. Clippers stopped by, and so has rocker Eddie Van Halen. Rick Fox wasted little time visiting after he signed with the

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ALUMNI WEBSITE UP: DEARBURBLE SPEAKS . . .

The last time many of the Upsilon brothers saw Andrew Dearborn, he was hurtling a couch off the front balcony with Brian Gorman and Steve Schultz lurking somewhere in the background, or perhaps he was discussing guitarmanSHIP late at night at the Westwood 7-11 with the cashier.

Things have changed for the brother we knew as Dearburble, who – like many of us – excelled when he finally left the Big Purple House. Today, he tosses information at nanospeeds across in information superhighway, and he loquates of "technospeak" like transaction handlers and ADPs.

Dearborn lives in San Francisco, having earned an engineering degree from San Francisco State, and he works as a computer technostar in the Silicon Valley. One of the projects that we must have suckered him into is a website for the Upsilon Alumni Association. The idea is in its infant stages, but it sounds good. A central locale in hyperspace (for you non-literate bro's, that is defined as "an indefinitely vast area.")

Dearborn already has put in a good chunk of hours, and he hopes to build a self-maintaining website. The main idea is for a brother to open his own account and give any information that he wishes to be public for other brothers. Bro's would need a log-on and password to do this, and that would enhance security so the information could not be altered or corrupted. Also, Dearborn is exploring how to keep interlopers out of the website to ensure that Delt Sigs don't come inside and try to steal the secrets of Brewmeister Gorman. Brothers would be able to find e-mail addresses, phone numbers, cities of residence and other personal information like Hatfield/McCoy designation, parole record, age, pledge class, academic degrees and profession (possibly for networking).

Dearborn also wants a method to flag announcements that could be posted on a central page. Therefore, anyone could post information about upcoming weddings, births of children, Vegas trips and whose sisters just enrolled at UCLA and should be recruited for the Little Sister program.

The website construction, like any proficiency in cyberspace, is a great skill nowadays. So, bro's,

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ACTIVE CHAPTER ON THE RISE: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FALL 1997 RUSH UPDATE



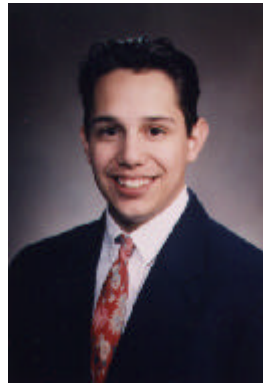
The Upsilon chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity is looking forward to a great 97-98 school year. The house's extensive leadership coupled with this fall's rush has not only ensured the house of an exceptional social calendar and intramural

season, but has also laid a solid foundation for years to come.

Chapter members currently hold four positions on the Interfraternity Council (IFC). Past Sage Sean Topp is the IFC external vice-president and is working on the Greek newspaper as well as the organization and revitalization of Greek Week at UCLA. Jaime Parady keeps himself busy as the IFC secretary, Sigma Pi Pledge Father, and director of the campus' Student Health Advocate program. Dan Romero, in addition to leading the charge in the best rush Sigma Pi has seen in its recent history, also guided the entire Greek system to a strong fall as IFC's director of recruitment. Princeton Kim is completing his term as IFC director of communications and with it the new IFC logo and website.

This immense presence on IFC combined with the hard work of the house's own executive council has steered Sigma Pi in the right direction. The house's leaders were aided by this past summer's national Sigma Pi leadership school in Vincennes, Indiana which was attended by Sage David Canty and Third Counselor Brian Letourneau. Canty and Letourneau received advice on the most efficient ways to run the chapter's day to day operations and also had the opportunity to meet Sigma Pi's from all over the country.

The efforts of these individuals, most notably rush chairman Dan Romero, as well as the rest of the chapter help Sigma Pi to recruit the largest pledge class on the row this fall. Both the actives and the new



This fall rush turned out to be very successful for Upsilon Chapter. Through the efforts of active brothers and some alumni, we were able to put together a 26 man pledge class. This was made possible by our involvement on IFC and the number of brothers that opted to live in this summer. I,

Dan Romero, had the distinct advantage of being the IFC 'Director of Recruitment', which kept us up to date on all prospective members at UCLA. Through numerous phone calls, and a few summer rush events, we were able to expose over 75 men to Sigma Pi Fraternity before day one of fall rush.

Rush will not end here however. We have a core group of roughly 10-12 guys who could not join in the fall for various reasons. We will continue to rush these men for both the winter and spring quarters. The goal is to get AT LEAST 6 men in both winter and spring, and finish the year as a 75 man house. However, we are shooting for 10 a piece. We want to make sure we continue to admit only those men worthy of being brothers of Sigma Pi Fraternity. The future looks very good for Upsilon Chapter, and hopefully everyone of you can play a part in our success. I look forward to seeing many of you around the house to meet our newest members, and most recent alumni.

I would like to thank the following alumni for any help they gave this summer, or during fall rush (Please excuse me if I left you out!)...Dennis Hong, Shane Tseng, Ti Le, Jay Ross, Jimmy Maharis, Herman Quispe, John Ivsan, Tom Miller, Joe Marsalek, Chuck Bader, Skip Keyzers, Tim O'Hara, Greg Khougaz, Stu Johnson, and Rich Henrich.

Dan Romero
Rush Chair, Fall 97

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAPTER DIRECTOR

If you have me on a Rolodex or list of phone numbers please change my area code to 626. Coming back to the house for the fall quarter was a pleasure due to the excellent job done by the actives over the summer in rushing the attendees at freshman orientation sessions. With involvement in I.F.C. activities several actives learned how other larger houses were getting larger pledge classes. While all actives helped with the summer rush program the efforts of Sage David Canty, past Sage Sean Topp and current Rush Chairman Dan Romero were particularly notable. Chairman Dan brought in 27 pledges at last count.

In my own case it's becoming apparent that my "Sell By" due date is coming ever closer. I've tried several times to interest alums in assisting me as Advisor to the Chapter. Perhaps the thought of taking over the whole job at once is viewed as too demanding. If so I'd like assistance in several areas that I can discuss with any of you at your convenience. Perhaps a partial commitment in a particular area of supervision would be more to your liking. If so let me know at 626-447-0238.

We have finally gotten a service from the university that we've wanted for a long time. They will hold transcripts and records of those in arrears to the fraternity at our request until the financial obligation is satisfied. This condition is agreed to by all actives and pledges as part of a five page agreement form detailing expected behavior, house rules and so forth. This should be a great help to current and future treasurers.

Joe Marsalek
Class of 1953

HOUSING BOARD REPORT

The Housing Board is pleased to report that the house is still standing!!!

In fact, it is doing quite well. Since the major renovation in 1994, the actives have been much more respectful of the house and it shows. We continue to repair, replace and update. With a little nudge from our insurance carrier, an exhaust system as well as an automatic fire extinguisher system has been installed over the kitchen stove. We're looking to waterproof the front balcony, replace lights in the foyer, repair the rear rain gutter, and build reserves for replacement of the roof, carpet, and upholstered furniture etc. You get the idea.

Tom Miller
Housing Board Chairman
Class of 1961



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learn about computers. "An alumni home page might seem silly, but companies look at that, and that can be a resume-builder," Dearborn said. "People totally take that stuff seriously."

The website's address is "www.serve.com/sigmapi/alumni/" and is best viewed through the Netscape Navigator browser (sorry, Mr. Gates, you haven't cornered the market yet, and there's too many bugs in Explorer anyway). A 56k modem can download it in 7 seconds, and a 14.4k modem takes about 21 seconds. For now, the website is off Dearborn's server, but if it becomes popular, he may switch it to a better, faster location to access. He is working on "getting it up." If you have any feedback, engineering advice or dirty jokes for Dearborn, his e-mail address is "andrewd@altera.com".

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recruits will benefit from the extensive social calendar put together by social chairman Scott Cwiertny. The quarter is already off to a great start with a very successful Thursday night party which was preceeded by a Bar-B-Que with Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. There also has already been an exchange with Alpha Delta Pi and a dinner with Delta Gamma. The great success of each of the events contributed to the massive turnout that the house saw for its Little Sis rush this past week. The dining and living rooms were packed with bro's and guests last Wednesday evening, and on last Thursday night at the annual Around the World party, the Big Bro's for the 73 Sigma Pi Little Sisters were revealed. The quarter's events continue this week with a party at the house with the Sigma Pi's from Loyola Marymount on Thursday night and a homecoming Bar-B-Que with Alpha Delta Pi.

The end of this week will also see the continuation of a successful intramural season. Two years ago, Sigma Pi finished 11th in the running for the IFC trophy. Last year that standing improved to seventh, and this year IM chairman Bill Flores has guaranteed a Top-5 finish.

Kicking off the year are Fall sports football and volleyball. Although the volleyball season began with a disappointing loss to Sigma Nu, there are high hopes for the season. Freshmen Pawel Ozechowski and Rex

Ray Roberts Jr. team up with senior Chris Good to form the core of this highly touted bunch. The team continues its season this Wednesday night against Theta Chi.

Sigma Pi's football team sees Jaime Parady at the quarterback position for the third straight season and he has the team off to a solid start. Parady threw four touchdowns, each to a different receiver, in an opening day rout of Pi Kappa Alpha. The team followed this 26-6 win with a 12-0 victory over Lambda Chi Alpha. Senior Kevin Rodriguez caught two touchdowns and had four interceptions in this win. The football team looks to continue this success next week against Theta Xi.

The combination of this athletic success and an exceptional rush and social calendar has left the house's morale at an all time high. The brothers have joined to together in aiming at making Sigma Pi a 70-man house by the end of the year and asserting itself as UCLA's top fraternity.

Dave Canty, President, Active Chapter

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bros generally sat on their butts on the sidewalk and drank and played hearts. The Good brothers (Barney, Lite, Diet, Little, etc.) tried to see how many they could fit on a skateboard. Hey, who says that family has no ambition!

Keep in touch. Delt Sig sucks. Beat U\$C.

Jay Ross, Class of 1992

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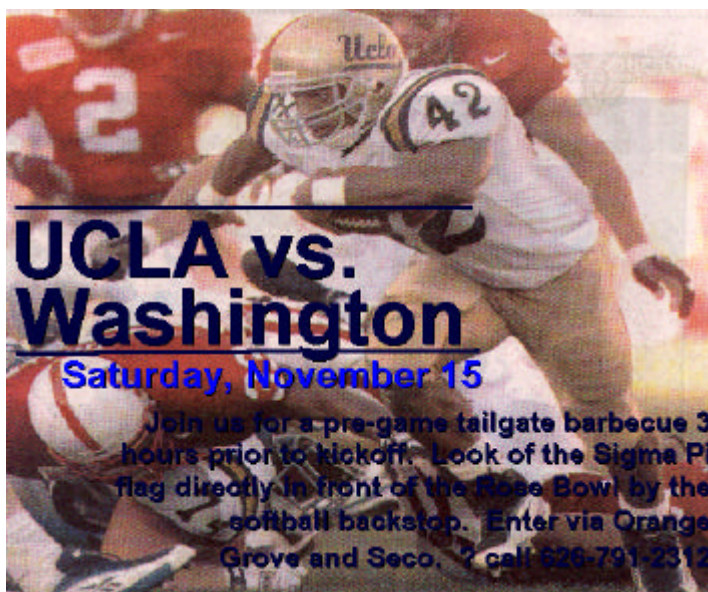
Lakers, so at least a contender came by. Even better Sandra Taylor of Playboy fame is a client. She's 6-feet tall and had a memorable July 4th issue. (Little sister potential?)

"It's lots of fun, taking people's money," Tim said. "It's fun to meet all kind of people. It's almost like a bar," of which Tim is certainly an expert.

With his history of skipping class, Tim also makes sure he misses work once a year. That's when Seth Bluman sets him up with tickets for the Dodgers' Opening Day. Tim also golfs on Sunday, but he tries to avoid the muni's and follow his hero, Ty Webb.

Tim lives in Pasadena with his wife, the former Gigi Lin, to whom he has been married for two years.

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