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Football schedule

The UAA will host a tailgater at every home game. We arrive 6 hours before kickoff, so join us early for breakfast, lunch drinks and brotherhood. Feel free to bring your kids.

Look for the purple 'ΣΠ' flag in Lot H, the grass parking lot in the southeast corner of the stadium, south of the softball cage/backstop

Sep. 1 @ Stanford
Sep. 8 BYU
Sep. 15 @ Utah
Sep. 22 WASHINGTON
Sep. 29 @ Oregon State
Oct. 6 NOTRE DAME
Oct. 20 CALIFORNIA
Oct. 27 @ Washington St.
Nov. 3 @ Arizona
Nov. 10 ARIZONA ST.
Oct. 24 OREGON
Dec. 1 @ USC

From the Executive Director

Mark Briscoe, the national fraternity's Executive Director, sent this commendation to Joe Marsalek, to mark his retirement after 25 years of serving as Chapter Advisor:

I'm sure we all have our own idea of what a true Sigma Pi should be and the qualities he must possess. We learn from our early pledgship the 10 obligations and from our initiation ceremony, we take this to an even higher level. The virtues of honesty, dependability, generosity, leadership and being a team player are some characteristics that we **Cont'd →**



Joe Marsalek's retirement banquet: The wise men of Upsilon gather once more with the younger generations they inspired: Bob Jones, Tom Miller, Dean Cameron, Paul Hutton, Dick Peters, Joe Marsalek, Bob Baker, John Goodlad, and Ralph Scott.

Say it ain't so!

Joe Marsalek, uber-advisor and "Mr. Upsilon", retires after 25 years

WESTWOOD – The hills of Westwood were sad to see Joe Marsalek retire when the brothers of Upsilon feted him at his retirement party on June 4. It was one last hurrah for Joe at Sigma Pi Manor, where he has been an uber-brother since pledging in 1949 and serving as Chapter Advisor since 1983.

More than 30 alumni joined Joe for the night, including old pledge brothers like Bob Baker, John Goodlad and Dick Peters and other wise men like Bob Jones, Dean Cameron, Paul Hutton, Tom Miller and Ralph Scott. Doug Bastyr called from Florida to offer his appreciation.

If there has ever been a "Mr. Upsilon", it has been Joe Marsalek along with long-time legends like Bill Meyer, Jim Ross, Bill Cutbirth and Doc Allison. It was 25 years ago, that he began serving as Chapter Advisor – a demanding job that involves looking out for almost 100 active brothers away from home for the first time and celebrating their freedom. Joe was president of the UAA in the early 1980s, and he took a new busy job as Chapter Advisor because it needed to be done – the mark of a true Sigma Pi – and he kept going for three decades. The national fraternity selected Joe as the "Lyle H. Smith Chapter Advisor of the Biennium" in 1997-98.

John Goodlad, a pledge brother of Joe from 1949, remembers during their days on campus that Joe's shoes were big, which is expected for a 6-foot-4 and 240-lb. football star from Long Beach Poly, and always shined. Bob Baker remembers that Joe's thigh was the same size (29 in.) as his own waist. Dick Peters remembers how he, Joe and a group of pledges found their way back to campus after being dropped off in the hills of Malibu late at night, helped by a kind gentleman in a Cadillac who gave a ride to a group of seven muddy students.

Fred Thornley, the 1951 student body president, said "the house is losing one of its most important people -- someone who has given a major part of his heart, his energy and his time for many years to make the Upsilon chapter one of the most successful and respected chapters in all or any fraternity chapter in the national fraternal organization. I personally thank you for your support when I was a student, as well as an alumnus. I am honored to be your friend and Brother."

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Exec. Director (con't)→
could all agree is important to becoming a Sigma Pi.

As we strive to become all of these things, we look around for someone that can be a role model, someone that we can look at and say with admiration, "I hope to become just like him." These types of brothers are rare, not because they don't exist. It's because we rarely see them around the house or interacting directly with our undergraduate brethren.

When we are really lucky, we have the opportunity to cross paths with such a man. A person who has all of the qualities described before but also has the compassion to share and the patience to teach – an understanding of what it takes to be a true gentleman and the pride to share it with his fellow brothers

One word we probably don't use enough when talking between brothers and expressing our feelings is "love." However, I can think of no word more appropriate when we discuss our feelings for Brother Marsalek. Joe, we love you for being there for us, for giving us your time and your talents and continuing to share with all of us. We are all much better Sigma Pi's and much better men due to your compassion.

You make us proud to be Sigma Pi's, and we present this commendation as an appreciation of your loyal and dedicated service. ΣΠ

Marsalek (cont'd) → Chuck Osterlund said, "Joe deserves all the recognition we can heap on him. I remember all the times that he had to put some actives into proper perspective. He emphasized that it was about brotherhood and not about yourself. We have more winners from Sigma Pi because of him. His deeds are greater than all the ones who went on to be national grand sage because he made men out of boys. He is leaving some huge shoes to be filled. It has been a privilege and an honor to have spent time working with him and watching him build a house from a struggling group to a house of stature."

Mark Ayling, the 1st Counselor, awarded a plaque on behalf of the active chapter to the man who was born the same year that the house was built (1931):

"Joe is the common bond that unites us all. Joe guided us when we were errant, he inspired us when we were doubtful, he reprimanded us when we were miscreant, but above all he united us as brothers when we were individuals. Week after week, through the good times and the bad times, Joe has graced our chapter with his presence, his guidance, and his humor, all with a stiff glass of gin in his hand. Joe, your leadership and personality are truly irreplaceable and you will be missed by all. No chapter meeting will be the same after your retirement."

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Register on the Upsilon website!

Please register and update your profile on the Alumni Association website 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.

Alumni updates

▲ Three alumni were selected as "Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars" for 2007 and were listed in Los Angeles magazine's July edition:

Andrei Iancu, intellectual property, Irell & Manella.

Keith Griffin, personal injury, Girardi & Keese.

Shane Tseng, business litigation, Arnold & Porter.



▲ Abel Somillela (Redondo) and wife Liza welcomed their second child, daughter Simone Elizabeth on May 13.

Abel works at Eaglerider, a rent-a-Harley dealer in the South Bay. Call him, and he'll set you up on his hogs.

Info: www.EagleRider.com

Founders Day '07

"Howe Memorial Founders Day" honors Iron Horse of Upsilon Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting held on Feb. 24 in Los Angeles WESTWOOD - Almost 70 brothers re-pledged their loyalty to Sigma Pi fraternity at Upsilon's 84th "Founders Day" on Feb. 24 at Sigma Pi Manor.

Grand Sage Larry Rovira urged the actives and alumni to maintain UCLA as the flagship for the west coast. He expects a big showing from us at the 2008 Long Beach Convocation. Province Archon Brian Devot also attended.

Seats at the table were reserved for recent brothers who entered the Adytum: Robert Howe (the "Iron Horse" of Upsilon and Korean War veteran who had attended 50 of the previous 51 Founders Days), Paul Hastings, Arthur Joseph Speilman and Col. William Bennett.

Mark Ayling, the outgoing 1st Counselor and honoree as "Mr. Sigma Pi" with the "William Meyer Scholarship Award", organized an excellent evening. Chef Ruben Zuniga feted the group with beef tornados and baked halibut extraordinaire.

Brothers of the 1957 Pledge Class returned to the house for the event and reunited: Tom Miller, Ron Foland, Fred Feldman and Paul Finwall. Claude "Skip" Keyzers journeyed from his home in Carmel.

Other wise men from the 1950s who attended include Bob Seaman, John Goodlad, Fred Thornley, Chuck Osterlund, Kurt Kenworth, and Paul Hutton.

Dan Romero's limousine arrived in the nick of time, despite his promised "full bar" being a 12-pack of half-warm Natty Light. He helped ferry Rob Ward and Steve Lantz from far San Diego, and Matt Sambol in Long Beach pitched in with provisions after Dan's well ran dry.

Shelden Simons, who runs distribution operations as far away as the Philippines, returned to the house for the first time in more than 10 years.

Art Ramos, a Dept. of Homeland Security agent, showed up svelte as can be, getting in shape for his season with the Orange County Lawmen police/fire football team.

Chris Hoag led a group of new alumni that included Joe Pease. Wayne Wilson and Jared Frandle hopped over from big basketball win over Stanford at Pauley Pavilion earlier in the day.

Mike Sporty re-appeared (sans his big hair) as a medical student at USC.

Greg Khougaz limped up the front stairs with a broken leg, healing from a 'hit-and-ski' accident on the slopes. Tim O'Hara showed up after an absence of a couple of years to sponsor the bar and provide a Rolls Royce lift from the O'Hara's (the old Maloney's) bar after-party to the Q's bar after-party.

Sean Topp played gracious host, allowing Bruce Macdonald and Mike "El Presidente" Alvarez to crash at his Brentwood pad after the revelry.

We're still waiting for Brian Letourneau, who paid in advance but woke up at 10 p.m. (not a.m.) on Saturday after a rough Friday night, and Taek Chang, who was busy trying to squeeze in Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond for his newly renovated home in Culver City.

The evening ended with the "Fireside Song," with no brothers needing the 'cheat sheet' to remember the words. See you the 85th Founders Day in Feb. 2008!

Annual meeting: Arturo Martinez, secretary of the 501-c-7 non-profit Upsilon Alumni Association chaired the Annual Meeting of 2007. Herman Quispe remains the sole board member. Jay Ross was re-appointed UAA President for 2007-08, and Scott Scheffler was re-appointed Treasurer. All actions taken during the past year by the board member were approved by the membership.

▲ Scholarship winners: Bill Meyer "Mr. Sigma Pi" Award - Mark Ayling; Julian D'Avanzo "Spirit of Sigma Pi" Award - Evan McGinnis; Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships - Eric Thomassian, first; Mark Ayling, second. Pledge Scholarships - Samuel Cortina, Chance Goldstein. ΣΠ



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Alumni updates

▲ The U.S. Senate confirmed former State Bar President Andrew Guilford, a former Sage of the Upsilon Chapter who graduated in 1975, as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California by a vote of 93-0. He graduated from UCLA's law school in 1975.

Guilford drew a unanimous vote of support from the Judiciary Committee. He was unanimously rated "well qualified," the highest rating possible, by the American Bar Association's evaluating panel for federal court nominees.

Guilford has practiced since 1975 in the Costa Mesa office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton. His specialty is business litigation, including professional liability, intellectual property, finance, and unfair competition cases.

He represented the City of Anaheim in its dispute with the Angels baseball team over its name change from "Anaheim Angels" to "Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim."

Guilford was recommended by a bipartisan advisory committee established by the White House and Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and did not dissolve into a partisan battle.

"After 31 years as a litigator, my skin is thick and I hope I can do justice," he said.

▲ Guilford's rulings were in the news this summer: He sentenced a former CSU Fullerton baseball player for defrauding investors in a Ponzi scheme, and he also ruled in a dispute of a TV commercial between two fast-food companies. ΣΠ

Career Night: Iancu, whales & TiVo

WESTWOOD – Andrei Iancu brought a lesson of economics and inspiration to the active chapter as the Alumni Guest Speaker at the second "Career Night" on April 30 at Sigma Pi Manor.

Iancu continued the Upsilon Alumni legacy that includes past guest speaker legends Fred Thornley, John Goodlad, Jared Frandle and Skip Keyzers. He works in intellectual property and patent litigation and is a partner of the Irell and Manella law firm in Century City.

Other participants were Brian Letourneau and Joe Cruz (information technology), Pablo Rivas (finance), Brian Goldman (entertainment/music industry), and Jay Ross (real estate). Brian stressed that entertainment types must know accounting (to add up the costs of renting midgets and dancers as "Santa's helpers" for business Christmas parties). Pablo regaled the active chapter with the Studio 54/Room #4 activities that included a pizza deliveryman (but no midgets). Joe is back in L.A. with his wife for the first time since graduation, taking a tour of the Midwest for law school and Washington, D.C., to work for the General Accounting Office.

Iancu, an attorney who specializes in patent and intellectual property litigation, explained how America's economic prosperity now relies on the production of ideas, not factories nor the production of physical goods. In order to spawn innovation and persuade people to pursue new ideas, their ideas must be protected from thieves with patents and copyrights.

Iancu explained how Joe Barton, the founder of TiVo, invested all of his and his wife's money as a small entrepreneur into his new idea – recording live television and starting and stopping it as the viewer desires. With annoying commercials, phone calls and crying babies, it is difficult to watch television the whole way through without pausing it.

So, Barton developed TiVo into a reality. But, a larger company, EchoStar Communications, began to use his patented technology without paying licensing fees. Barton came to Iancu's office at Irell and Manella, a law firm in Century City, and explained that he was losing the benefits of his idea.

The result was one of Iancu's biggest cases -- representing TiVo in a patent infringement suit against EchoStar Communications in federal court in Texas. Iancu helped to persuade a jury to find all of TiVo's asserted claims to be valid and infringed, and it awarded TiVo \$74,000,000 in damages. He also has represented Immersion Corp., St. Jude Medical and Hewlett-Packard in winning cases or settlements.

Iancu switched from a career as a mechanical engineer to a career in law, and he is amazed at the client and colleagues he has – great minds, corporate leaders, and legal experts. The type of people I meet and talk to, you couldn't pay to meet and talk to," Iancu said. "Now, they pay to talk to me."

In 2006, Iancu was selected one of the top 20 California attorneys under age 40 by the "Los Angeles Daily Journal." He also has been recognized as a leading intellectual property/ patent lawyer in the 2007 "Chambers USA Leading Lawyers for Business Guide."

Iancu also assisted the Natural Resources Defense Council with pro bono representation in its lawsuit against the U.S. Navy. In that case, the federal court issued an injunction against the Navy from using high-frequency sonar that kills and injures whales and dolphins. The case was settled after that ruling.

Iancu has a prominent pedigree. He graduated from UCLA's Law School in 1994 after working as a mechanical engineer for Hughes Aircraft. (He graduated UCLA with a B.A. in Aerospace Engineering in 1989 and stays in touch with Michael Perl and David Finkel.) He received several awards, including the Malcolm R. Currie Innovation Award, and he is licensed as a professional engineer. ΣΠ





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Alumni updates

▲ Alvin Lam was on TV on May 1 for an episode of "The Unit" on CBS. Alvin's episode is number 2.22 (entitled "Freefall"). His hair is a bit longer these days, but he assures us that it's him.

"The Unit" stars "24"'s own Barack Obama, Dennis Haysbert, and Mr. T-1000 himself, Robert Patrick (but Alvin doesn't have any scenes with them unfortunately).

Alvin plays an 18-year-old spoiled son of a Thai prince. "I just turned 20 so that's not much of a stretch," he says.

Alvin also just finished filming a small role on the Anna Nicole Story starring Willa Ford, which may be released later this year.

▲ Robert Doumakes has been retired for 30 years as a marshmallow maker for his family company Doumak and lives near campus in West L.A.

He sold Doumak, which was one of the last two marshmallow makers in the U.S. with its "Campfire" brand.

Since retiring, Doumakes trades stocks and travels. He stays in contact with his friends from campus Merle Swanson and Jack Brian. ΣΠ

Keyzers (continued) →

They now live comfortably on the water and use their free time to travel to Europe and the Middle East. His favorite is Egypt, to where he has made two trips.

His next trip is June to Central Europe, Italy and Croatia with a pledge brother for 50 years, Emmett Tompkins, attorney who lives in San Marino.

Skip's dream came true, and his college friends and other extra-curricular contacts over the years, including his Upsilon brothers, helped him along the way with sage advice and lessons. ΣΠ

Sagely advice from the north: Keyzers visits active chapter

WESTWOOD – Claude "Skip" Keyzers learned from the wisest of the wise, and nowadays, he is as sagely as they come. The Upsilon graduate of 1959 returned to the house on Feb. 26 as an "Alumni Guest Speaker" for the winter quarter. Skip had also attended "Founders Day" earlier that week and shared memories with many brothers from the 1950s, including his big brother Kurt Kenworth.

Skip Keyzers grew up in Arcadia (near Pasadena in Los Angeles County) and won a scholarship to UCLA on the advice of an Upsilon alumnus, Jim Gesner. He boarded in the house during rush and was impressed by the spirit of the brotherhood and the quality of the food.

Skip was very active on campus, chairing Homecoming and Spring Sing. He joined the ASUCLA Board of Control, which managed the UCLA Athletic Dept. under Executive Director Bill Ackerman (of Ackerman Union fame), and he traveled on some good football trips up north to watch Red Sanders' warriors conquer Stanford and Cal.

One adventure was a trip to the Eastern Bloc in 1956 during the Cold War with a British professor, George Neller. They visited Yugoslavia and were the first group of students to visit the U.S.S.R. During the tour, they saw much of the war devastation, which was still only beginning to be re-built 10 years after the end of World War II.

Upon graduation, Skip's first job was with the California Dept. of Highways (the future CalTrans) as a right-of-way agent, and he negotiated land purchases for future freeways in Orange County. That entry-level job taught him the basics of real estate. Skip also served in the military following graduation.

Skip moved back to Westwood and shared an apartment with Gary Walls, a friend from Delta Sigma Phi, who thought he should go out with Joan Eichelsbach, a Tri-Delta sorority girl who had been a Little Sister at Upsilon. Their early dates included Spring Sing and a barbecue/pool party at the house of Bud Grable, an active alumnus during the 1950s. After a few dates, the two hit it off, and that led to a continuing 45-year marriage. On their honeymoon, the new couple stayed in a hotel that overlooked the coast in Carmel. Skip saw cute bungalows along the water and wondered what it would be like to live in such a paradise.

Skip had stayed in contact with Betty Barron, who worked in Chancellor Raymond Allen's office, from his days in campus activities, and in 1960, she asked if he could volunteer at the Democratic Convention, which was in Los Angeles. Skip took a leave from his job and wound up as a driver for candidate Sen. Hubert Humphrey. That gave Skip plenty of hours to hear the wise Humphrey talk, invaluable lessons that he would not have learned back in the office. Skip also heard some of the back-room negotiations that resulted in John Kennedy winning the nomination.

Skip then took a job with Prudential and learned about financing real estate. He deduced that development was expanding in Orange County and convinced his superiors to open an office there, a shrewd move. One deal was to finance South Coast Plaza Mall, and after that, the Irvine Co/ hired Skip as its director of commercial development.

Skip's next job was with the Segerstrom family, which was building shopping malls in Orange County. Skip was eager to sign up tenants for the new South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, which was supposed to be a middle-market mall (the Newport Fashion Island was supposed to be the higher-end mall, but it suffered from a poor location, hemmed in by water). However, Mr. Segerstrom wanted to wait for more upscale tenants for South Coast Plaza. That strategy eventually paid off, and South Coast now is the highest grossing mall in the county with \$4 billion in annual revenues, the highest in the country. Skip had learned an important lesson about "patient money."

In 1975, Skip joined several other entrepreneurs at Macerich, the Santa Monica company that was buying malls and renovating them, a new business at that time. Macerich became very successful, and weathered the 1989 recession which knocked out some of their large institutional investors. In order to further expand, the group took the company public in 1995, and Skip was able to retire as a partner and senior vice president.

After his decades of success, Skip made his way back to paradise with his wife Joan. They purchased a house on the Carmel coast near where they first saw the cute bungalow on their honeymoon 35 years ago. **Continued →**

Skip Keyzers, Emmett Tompkins, Paul Finwall and Mike Merz with their one and only UCLA sorority girl wives at Lake Tahoe.





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Loss of brothers

It is a sad fact of life, but alumni brothers die every year and enter the Adytum.

If you are a family member of a deceased brother who has received this copy of the Pioneer, please notify us of the death of the brother.

We would like to notify the rest of the circle of brotherhood and help you celebrate his life by printing an obituary or other information about his life.

Contact: Jay Ross at (310) 979-9255 or
JayVo@SigmaPiBruins.com.

▲ Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the brothers who have entered the Adytum in recent years:
Dwight Gick - 1950 #320 (Newport Beach).
Malcolm Lincoln - 1947 #276 (Whittier).
Robert Hillen - 1943 #216 (3/16/03, Culver City).
Arthur Williamson - 1952 #436 (2005, San Marino).
Theron Demetre - 1938 #218 (2004, Laguna Niguel).
Scot Irwin - 1974 #722 (2005, Stockbridge, Ga).
Col. William Bennett - 1941 #254 (2005, Reva, Va.).
A. Joseph Spielman #265 (3/15/06, Kamuela, HI).
Julien D'Avanzo (4/27/06, Oceanside).
Robert Howe - 1952 #416 (9/10/06, Northridge).
Paul Hastings - 1970 #712 (12/7/06, Boulder, Colo.).
James Ross - 1949 #342 (3/5/07, Fullerton).
Wesley Terry - 1950 #311 (Ukiah)

Adytum: Remembrances of our brothers



James Randal Ross (July 6, 1926-Mar. 5, 2007): Retired Orange County Superior Court Judge James Ross, the great-grandson of Western outlaw Jesse James, died at age 80.

Ross was a long-time favorite alumnus of young and old, regaling with tales of his great-grandfather Jesse James and his days as a footballer on campus.

Ross was a regular at Founders Day from the 1950s through the 1990s; he had football season tickets for 57 years and traveled to the Notre Dame game last fall; and he helped to found Southern California chapters at Fullerton St. and Long Beach St.

In later years, the national chapter honored him and Bill Meyer at a Convocation in Los Angeles.

Ross served in the Coast Guard during World War II, and he was stationed in California to patrol against Japanese landings. He often met the movie stars who lived along the Malibu beachfront as he was on patrol.

In 1946, Ross pledged the house because of a good friend, Tom Ham, and was friends with Malcolm Lincoln and Bob Challacomb, who became his best man at his wedding. Ross met his future wife, Rosemary, on a pledge "ditch day" with the Alpha Xi Deltas in 1946. He pinned her as a senior, and they married in 1950.

Ray Lahr recalls this story that has legendary status at Upsilon, when he returned to UCLA after his release from active Navy duty in 1946: "The first person I met was another Navy buddy, Dick Kater, who persuaded me to try out for the freshman football team. On my first day out, there was a knot of players standing in the center of the field. Jim Ross had laid a tackle on Dick Kater and broke Dick's ankle. Now that led to a tough sell. Nevertheless, Jim Ross successfully recruited Dick and me into Sigma Pi. A year later my brother Verne returned from the service and joined us. How is that for turning a loss into a gain!"

Jim also was on the track and field team and ran sprints and relays with brothers like Jeff Lawson, who were coached by Elvin "Ducky" Drake, an Upsilon alumnus from the early days (see photo above).

Skip Keyzers recalls that Ross was Chapter Advisor and Province Archon during the 1950s: "Jim and his wife used to attend many of the house's big parties to keep them from getting too wild. He was a very dedicated brother of Upsilon and all of Sigma Pi."

Grand Sage Larry Rovira, a CSU Fullerton graduate who lived in Orange County near Ross, recalls that Ross played volleyball and waterskied into his 70s. Ross also attended Rovira's wedding, and the two stayed in touch over the years. "He was a great brother and friend."

Ross was a fine family man, and he was active in the YMCA in Reseda, coaching his two sons in whichever sport was in season - track, swimming, basketball. Their backyard at their Woodland Hills home had a full-size volleyball court and long-standing Wednesday night games.

Ross, who spent 29 years as a trial attorney in Los Angeles, served as an Orange County Superior Court judge from 1983 (appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown) until his retirement in 1995. He gained notice for his 1984 ruling that Disneyland had violated the civil rights of two gay teenagers when security guards removed them from the park for dancing together, a decision that rankled many in conservative Orange County. In the next year, Disneyland ended its longtime policy prohibiting partners of the same sex from dancing together, and gay advocacy groups still remember the magnitude of that decision.

Ross was born July 6, 1926, in Independence, Mo., and moved with his family to Long Beach when he was 10 months old. He went to Wilson High School and graduated from UCLA in 1949 and from what is now Southwestern Law School in 1953.

Ross' grandfather - Jesse James' son, Jesse E. James - accompanied the family to California, and as a boy Ross listened to his grandfather tell stories about the outlaw, who, along with his brother



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Planned Giving

Your gift to the Upsilon Alumni Association will make the difference in the lives of many of our fellow Bruin Sigma Pi brothers through scholarships, leadership training and values-based education.

As you create your personal estate plans, please remember the value of your membership and pass along the belief to others.

Sample text for a will:
"I give and bequeath to the Upsilon Alumni Association, the sum of \$_____ to be used in fulfillment of educational purposes as the Upsilon Alumni Association shall determine." ΣΠ



Paul Hastings (1946-2006)

Hastings (continued)→
and ocean diver. The family had a dive boat and scubaed in Guaymas and Mazatlan, Mexico, and off Catalina Island.

Two celebrations of life were held on Dec. 10 in Boulder and on Dec. 17 in Lake San Marcos in southern California. His wife Carol can be reached in Colorado. Contact Jay Ross for her phone at (310) 979-9255 or Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com. ΣΠ

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Ross (continued)→ Frank, fought with Confederate guerrillas during the Civil War and then launched the string of robberies that made them famous.

Ross tapped those stories in writing "I, Jesse James," his 1988 book published by Dragon Publishing Corp. "He did a lot of research of facts, and then he filled in the facts with what his grandfather had told him, a lot of family history," Ross' daughter said.

In a 1995 interview with the Los Angeles Times, Ross said the experience of writing the book, which is narrated in the first-person voice of Jesse James, strengthened his bond with his family heritage. "I don't know what he actually said or thought, of course, but I feel I know so much about him that I can capture the way it might have been," Ross said.

In writing the book, his daughter said, "he wanted the accurate story of Jesse James told, both the good and the bad, and let people decide for themselves."

The book and Ross' relationship to Jesse James gave the judge a degree of courtroom celebrity.

During the Commission on Judicial Performance hearings, Ross said he "never instigated or announced the book from the bench." People, he said, had approached him to ask where they could buy the book and request his autograph. And to avoid disruptions, he said, he told the bailiff that he would have copies available in his office.

Ross-Suwczynsky said her father, who once appeared on a History Channel segment on his ancestor, had a collection of Jesse James memorabilia, including a gun and holster, a rifle, boots and other family heirlooms, which he donated to the Jesse James Farm & Museum in Kearney, Mo., about 15 years ago.

Besides his daughter, Ross is survived by his wife, Rosemary; another daughter, Bonnie Jo Barnes; two sons, Randal and David; and five grandchildren. Rosemary can be reached at (714) 256-5704. ΣΠ



Paul Hastings (Dec. 11, 1946 - Dec. 7, 2006): Paul Hastings found a new home in Colorado after a growing up in California, bringing along his same active life from our Golden State. Hastings and his wife Carol owned a machine shop in Colorado, and his vacations often brought him back to California and Mexico to the south for skiing and diving adventure.

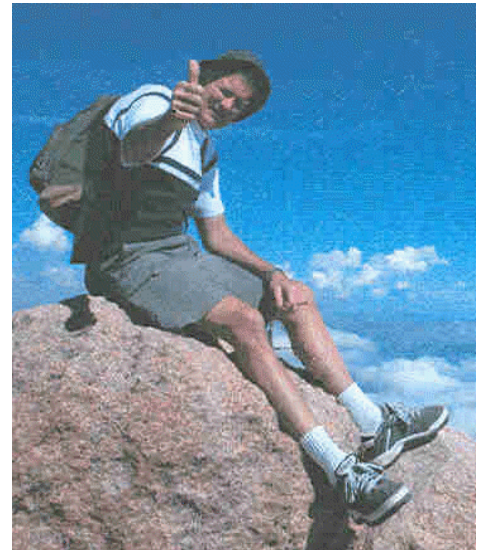
Hastings died on Dec. 7, 2006, and entered the Adytum after a year-long struggle with cancer, days before his 60th birthday. He is survived by his wife Carol of 36 years, son Scot, mother Muriel, brother Carl and sister Myna. He had lived in Boulder, Colo., since the early 1980s.

Hastings' best friend from the chapter was Scott Irwin, who also sadly died in 2005.

Hastings and his wife Carol were high school sweethearts and graduated from Wilson H.S. in Long Beach in 1965. He attended UCLA and joined the Upsilon chapter, graduating with a degree in Chemistry. The two married in 1970 shortly after his graduation.

Hastings worked for several large companies in Los Angeles but decided he would rather open his own business. He and Carol researched locations, chose Colorado, and did the marketing. Their company, Colorado Roller and Wheel, manufactures and repairs industrial rollers for everything from conveyor belts to computers.

Hastings began playing pick-up beach volleyball games in the 1970s, and he continued that in Colorado along with his son Scot, who is now 26 and work at Qualcomm. He founded the Colorado High School Boys Volleyball Association, a non-profit organization that fields 40 teams of high school age student-athletes. (Colorado does not have interscholastic volleyball.) Hastings loved the water and the outdoors, and he was an avid hiker, skier Continued →





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Alumni updates

▲ The Houston Astros baseball team hired Allen Rowin as Baseball Operations Coordinator. He traveled to Spring Training as an intern in February in Kissimmee, Fla., and learned about Spring Training operations and minor league and foreign operations.

Rowin earned an MBA in Sports Management from San Diego St. and studied abroad at the University of Granada in Spain while studying political science and Spanish at UCLA.

He also was an intern for the San Diego Padres where he arranged a tryout for S.D. Nads all-star Jim Ballard. ΣΠ



▲ Former Sage Jeff Brown married the delightful and beautiful former Miss Kristi Hutchinson on March 17 in Palm Desert.

Phil Farias and Jared Frandle were groomsmen.

Alumni who attended: Dave Canty, Bruce Macdonald, Mark Goldsmith, Mark Schroeckenstein, Scott Cwiertny, A.J. Espinoza, Dustin Beckley, Matt Bradley, Dwain Jefferson, Brad Layous, Tony Leadholm, Scott Mosier, Jake Loughridge and Mike McKenzie. ΣΠ

Seniors Dinner

WESTWOOD - The UAA hosted a great "Seniors Dinner" on May 22, with eight alumni and dozen graduating actives at the Westwood Brewing Co. This was the third year we have done this, and all of the seniors were very impressed and thankful for the effort we made.

Remember, the fraternity doesn't end at graduation, it's a lifetime commitment!

The following alumni attended:

Scot Kawano, who works at the dental school on campus.

Erik Johnson, who roadtripped from Fullerton and expects his 4-year-old to be the next Kevin Love.

David Finkel, fresh off a March roadtrip to the hoops regionals in San Jose.

Neal Narahara, Pablo Rivas and Mike McKenzie from UBS, who showed up looking sharp in suits.

Liron Nelik, who is considering business school next year to expand his real estate skills.

The seniors are smart as ever and will likely end up more successful than we previous Upsilon's:

Brian Adams graduates in molecular biology and is a two-time board fishing champion.

Armonde Baghdanian plans on medical school.

Arthur Baghdanian graduates in pre-medicine and plans on medical school.

Eric Bonnett will work in tax accounting.

Andrew Cussen will pursue an MS in structural engineering at UC Berkeley.

Chris Konzen will work in investment banking for Wachovia in San Francisco.

Harry Simonian will study abroad in Spain for a year and apply for law school.

Cale Steiner will work in pharmaceutical sales.

Andrew Prodromas will work in juvenile court in Washington, D.C., and apply for law school. ΣΠ



World Cup travelers

BERLIN – Tim Howell (Denver), Kasper (Szuba) Teichman (Corona), and Nick North (Fallbrook) traveled to Germany in the summer of 2006 for the World Cup soccer tournament.

Kasper joined them from Ukraine, where he served as a Peace Corps volunteer until 2006.

Nick works for The Racers Edge Performance, an after-market auto parts company for rice-burners- Info:www.TREPerformance.com.

Richard Marcus (Pasadena) also traveled to La Copa.

Maiten on patrol

Barry Maiten (Bel Air) has a 26-car car collection that includes restored American muscle cars - including 1940s Royce Royce limos, 2 1960 Hurst/Olds and Cutlass 442- and 8 old-time police cars, including a 1947 LAPD squad car and new Beverly Hills PD SUV.

Barry drives them in Southland parades, including the Hollywood Christmas parade, while not working on his real estate investments, and he is an "honorary officer" of four Southland police departments.

Barry's son Shawn (the redhead) recently attended Ben Howlund's summer hoops camp on campus.





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* Donations to all of these funds can be made via PayPal at Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com.

* UAA can accommodate "Memorial Donations." If you wish to donate to the fraternity in memory of a specific brother, please contact me, and I will include the designation in the next Pioneer -- Fraternally, Jay

1. **National Education Fund:** National's education endowment -- tax-deductible donations can be designated for our chapter to scholarships for active brothers. Issue checks to "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation." Your company's matching donations can be directed to this entity, which is a non-profit.

Mail to: Joe Marsalek, 240 Vaquero Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007 - (626) 447-0238 - JoeAndBarbM@MSN.com

2. **Upsilon Alumni Association:** The general fund that collects annual dues, donations for the Hixon and Vestey scholarships for active brothers, communications (website hosting, mailings, Founders Day invitations), and events (charcoal, food, banners for football tailgaters).

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

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