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Hoops schedule

Jan. 9 @ USC
Jan. 13 @ Oregon St.
Jan. 15 @ Oregon
Jan. 20 CALIFORNIA
Jan. 22 STANFORD
Jan. 27 @ Arizona St.
Jan. 29 @ Arizona
Feb. 2 USC
Feb. 5 ST. JOHN'S
(welcome, Steve Lavin)
Feb. 10 OREGON
Feb. 12 OREGON ST.
Feb. 17 @ Stanford
Feb. 19 @ California
Feb. 24 ARIZONA
Feb. 24 ARIZONA ST.
Mar. 3 @ Washington
Mar. 5 @ Washington St.
Mar. 9-12 PAC-10 Tourney
(Los Angeles)
Mar. 17-20 NCAA Rd 1-2
Mar. 24-27 NCAA Rd 3-4
Apr. 2-4 Final Four

Upsilon website

Please register and update
your profile on the Alumni
Association website:
www.SigmaPiBruins.com.

The login is your email.
Problems? Herman at
Herman@Quispe.com.

Lost Brothers

Several mailings of The
Pioneer were returned. If you
have contact information for
these brothers, please call
Jay Ross at (310) 979-9255
or Ross_Jay@hotmail.com:
George Metzger (Buena
Park-Orange Co.)
Noah Curti (Taft-Kern Co.)
Chris Konzen (San
Francisco)
Ron Claeys (Dublin-NorCal)
Eric Cheng (New York, NY)
Eugene Dye/ Mitchell
(Laguna Woods-O.C.)

Save the date: 88th Founders Day Sat., Feb. 26, 2011

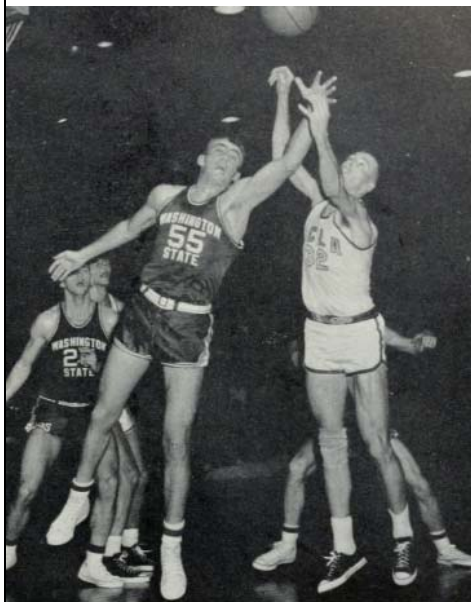
1975-1979 Alumni invited to receive Silver Cross

A new honor, the "Silver Cross", will be bestowed to alumni on the 25th anniversary of their initiation. Because the fraternity just commenced this honor, brothers who were initiated from 1975 to 1979 will be honored while we play catch-up during the next several years.

▲ If you will attend Founders Day to receive your Silver Cross, call Jay Ross at (310) 979-9255.

Upsilon heritage: Ben Rogers

Before there were Kareem and Walton, there was Upsilon's Ben Rogers, the center for the Bruins' basketball team in the late 1950s. He is retired nowadays from 31 years of teaching at Troy H.S. in Anaheim and remembers the lessons that John Wooden, UCLA's forever coach, and his sidekick Elvin Drake (another Upsilon alumnus), taught about athletics and life.



Wooden was the type of coach who would give constructive criticism whenever necessary, but let the player know that he cared about him and knew he could improve. Wooden's practices were quick and focused, organized at the same fast pace of an actual game.

Drake was the track and field coach and trainer for the basketball team and helped with the mental aspect of the game. His talks emphasized teamwork, such as "A few days of hard work and a lifetime to remember" and "Put your hand in a bucket of water and take it out, and see how much you'll be missed." The legends of lessons on the proper way to put on socks and tie shoes are true, and Rogers' son even learned them years later at Wooden's youth camps.

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Oldest Brothers

Dr. Wallace Reed, age 94, (Phoenix, Az.); William Crickard, age 93 (Ventura); Clement "Jake" Jacomini, age 91 (Signal Hill), and Everett Rea, age 89 (Hawaii) are believed to be the wisest and oldest living Upsilon brothers.

▲ William Crickard lives in Ventura at age 93 and remains a big Bruin fan. He follows basketball closely and knows in football that USC is "best that money can buy."

Bill's younger brother Jack Crickard, a 1942 Upsilon graduate, died last year at age 91. He is impressed that younger alumni are carrying on the Upsilon legacy.

"I'm glad that Sigma Pi is still chugging along and putting brothers at the top of their endeavors."

The brothers were raised in Glendale and attended Glendale High and Glendale Community College.

World War II began in 1941, and Bill joined the Navy and served as an ensign. He was on the 5th Fleet staff under Admiral Nimitz and stationed at times on the USS Indianapolis. Fortunately for him, Bill was not at sea when the ship was torpedoed, unknown to Pacific command, and the survivors were forced to float in the ocean for days until help arrived.

During the war, he was involved in plotting and charting combat activity,

Alumni Guest Speaker: Robert Webster

Robert Webster -- family man, entrepreneur and CEO who has done it all -- urged the active chapter to

cherish their short time on campus together and to always push themselves to learn more to become better men.

Webster returned to Sigma Pi Manor for the first time in 15 years on Nov. 8 as the Alumni Guest



Speaker. He joined a fine line of gentlemen who have given of their time to address the chapter, including Fred Thornley, Skip Keyzers, Nate Murphy, Ed Kwak, Jared Frandle, and John Goodlad.

Webster has emerged and done it all in his 25 years since graduation in 1986. The devotion to his friends and brothers showed, as a group of alumni from his era attended (Past Sage David Finkel, David Zeichick, and Scott Smith) and a current employee of his company (Jared Frandle), and they all stayed for an extra hour regaling the actives with tales of their time on Landfair Avenue.

Webster genuinely considers pledging Upsilon one of the most important decisions in his life- It was life-altering. "I joined this because it was an everyman's house, united by fun and sports," he said. "You'll never have this freedom again, this flexibility in your lives. Take advantages of the moments to do the little things."

Today, Webster is a founding partner of a hedge fund, Twin Haven Capital (where he hired Upsilon alumnus Jared Frandle), with the responsibility of many investors' money under management. Webster began as an accountant at KMPG, and he spent many late nights re-constructing bankers' analyses. This self-starting initiative taught him new skills, and since then, he has never missed an opportunity to learn something extra.

Webster helped start a division in KMPG that offered these financial services to troubled companies, and he eventually was hired at several distressed companies as a turn-around specialist. His background in accounting helped him to understand how the financing and business models worked.

Webster's main regret is the Larry Farmer-Walt Hazzard basketball era, which produced an NIT title banner in 1986 that hung in Pauley Pavilion until Ed O'Bannon finally won the Bruins' 11th title in 1995. "If I ever was going to end it, I was going to jump from the rafters and grab and tear down that NIT banner on my way down," Webster said.

▲ **Photo:** Webster's Warriors: Jared Frandle, David Zeichick, Jay Ross, David Finkel, Robert Webster, Scott Smith, and Pablo Rivas.



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including the invasion of Okinawa.

Crickard met his wife in Oahu and has been married for 65 years. They have three daughters. After the war, Crickard worked in the East and returned to California in 1963. He retired in 1987 from Commerce Clearinghouse, where he did reporting for CPAs and lawyers.

Founders Day (con't) →

▲ Chef Pearl Winter: Pearl Winter, the strict but beloved long-time chef from 1948 to 1965 died in the mid-1980s in Los Angeles, but the chapter has never properly honored her. A photograph will be hung in her honor in the kitchen, courtesy of Dr. Kent Shoji's old scrapbooks.

▲ UAA annual meeting: Secretary Arturo Martinez and Executive Director Herman Quispe will chair the Annual Meeting on Feb. 26, 2011, at Sigma Pi Manor. All members are welcome to attend. ΣΠ



Doug Keppler will attend for the 5th consecutive year and hopes that his brothers from the 1950s will attend. Retired U.S. Navy Admiral James Sealy may attend from Virginia, along with long-time UCLA booster and varsity swimmer Clark Wingert from Alaska.



Robert Webster has RSVPed and hopes to rally his brothers from the early 1980s.

Several brothers from the 1970s will attend to receive their Silver Crosses, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their initiation, including Rev. Mark Nakamura, a



Methodist minister in West L.A., and Paul Goto, all the way from Hawaii!



Of our distinguished brothers who passed to the Adytum on High, Dr. Elliott Brainard, a Navy veteran, was the youngest officer on the USS LaPorte in the Pacific theatre during World War II, and he served on national and state optometry boards.



Thomas Tapscott served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

John Kulli was one of the oldest living Upsilon alumni and a prestigious donor to UCLA's Alumni Scholarships..



Judge John "Jack" Crickard administered truth and justice as a County of Los Angeles Superior Court judge for many years.

Dr. Ronald Baskin promoted scholarship and was renowned in academia in the field of molecular biology, and encouraged chivalry by mentoring women Ph.D. candidates at UC Davis.

Greg Scott was a long-time school administrator with a live-long love for learning.

▲ Golden Crosses: Alumni on the 50th anniversary of their initiation in 1961 will be honored: Richard "Craig" Owens, Larry Crawshaw, David Peairs, John Taft, Karl Schuttenhelm.

Adytum on High: Jerry Nash. Lost: Theron Dees, Wolodymyr Starosolsky, Arthur Wright.

▲ Scholarships: Active brothers will be honored with the William Meyer (Most Contributions to the Chapter) and Julien D'Avanzo (Spirit of Sigma Pi) Scholarships, and the Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships, which will honor three very generous donors: Ray Carlisle, Carl Moroney and Joseph Marsalek.

Founders Day (con't) →

Founders Day 2011

"Dr. Elliott Brainard, Judge John Crickard and Dr. Ronald Baskin Memorial Founders Day" on Feb. 26

Long-Time 1940s to 1960s Chef Miss Pearl Winter to be Honored

WESTWOOD - The 88th Founders Day will be Feb. 26 at Sigma Pi Manor, and we will reserve seats and honor the memory of several of our finest brothers, Dr. Elliott Brainard, Judge John Crickard, Dr. Ronald Baskin, Charles Norman Reed, John Kulli, Tom Tapscott and Greg Scott.

Wallace Reed at age 94 (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Clement "Jake" Jacomini at age 91 (Signal Hill), who are now the oldest living Upsilon brothers, may attend.

Chef Ruben Zuniga, who was honored last year for 20 years of meritorious service, will cook a roast pig and Hawaiian Luau, which was very popular in 2006.

88th Founders Day

When: Sat., Feb. 26, 2011

6:00: Cocktails

6:45: Ritual

7:00: Dinner

8:00: Awards

9:00: Cigars & whiskey in front yard (bring your best)

Cost: \$35 (pre-1961 and post-2006 alumni).

\$40 for the rest of us.

Issue checks to:

"Upsilon Alumni Assn."

Add \$35 for dues.

Mail to: Scott Scheffler

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Housing Board

The Upsilon Chapter Building Association has completed some large improvements.

Other additions include new 10 new couches (the set from 1985 is finally on its last legs) with Bruin blue upholstery, a new ice machine, a new electrical upgrade, and a new sewer system in the lower condos.

A future project is the renovation of "The Dungeon" into a library, with new study tables, chairs, bookshelves, lighting, and filing cabinets.

Members: Matt Sumrow (President), Tom Miller (former President), Art Martinez (Secretary), David Finkel (Treasurer), Stu Johnson, Liron Nelik, Mike Liskey, Mike Flory and Jay Ross (Chapter Advisor).

Mike Flory is managing the the Upsilon Chapter's Educational Foundation endowment.

▲ **Help needed:** Alumni with experience in wealth management are sought for an alumni committee to oversee our new fund. The Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation will be a fund held by the National fraternity but segregated as a separate fund for the Upsilon Chapter's uses. The donations will be invested in mutual funds for stocks and bonds.

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UCLA games were in Men's Gym on campus, which would be stuffed with 3,000 fans, or at the Pan Pacific Auditorium, where wooden boards were placed over an ice rink. Rogers was the Bruins' top scorer, rebounder and free-throw shooter as a senior in 1958, and he played alongside stars Willie Naulls and Rafer Johnson during his years. The Bruins were starting to emerge in the late 1950s, and in 1957, a good season was stopped in the NCAA playoffs by Univ. of San Francisco with Bill Russell and K.C. Jones and faced a tough rival in Cal under Pete Newell.

Nowadays, Rogers travels in his free time and enjoys wine-tasting, which has led to vineyard discoveries in places as diverse as France, Illinois, and Kentucky, along with nearby Temecula. Next year, his family will visit Italy after previous trips to eastern, central and western Europe in years past. He is active in the field of education as a part-time supervisor of student teachers at CSU Fullerton.

Old Mens' Club

The gentlemen of Upsilon gathered in December for their annual holiday party, hosted by John Goodlad at the Santa Ana Country Club. The club grew out of the group of older veterans that returned to campus and the fraternity after WWII, and in their mid-20s, they were older than the 18-year-old freshmen.

Attendees included Tom Straeter, Ken Ingman, Paul Hutton (with curly hair), Ralph Scott, Bob Jones (still working but enjoying the beach), Bob Baker, Dick Welsh, Bob Eggert, Joe Henriksen, Dean Cameron and Gene Mitchell. Doug Bastyr sent his regards from Kansas. Chapter Advisor Jay Ross gave an update on the chapter, and noted that the alumni was still very interested in their brethren, even 50 years later.

The OMC noted that UCLA's tuition was free right after the war, and house dues were \$38 per semester.

The gift exchange was popular, highlighted by games of musical bottles of scotch, as brothers sought to end up with the best Glenfiddich. Bob Baker lost three bottles of scotch by virtue of his early selection position. As he later explained, "One year we had a motion that gifts had to be anything but liquor... It was soundly defeated."



Photo: Joe Henriksen and Tom Tapscott



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Connerty in NorCal

Craig Connerty, a CPA in the Sacramento area, helped the active chapter recently on tax matters. Steve Schechter, also in northern California, assisted a team effort.

Connerty came to UCLA in 1975 from a rural home on 10 acres in North Highlands that still had well water. His move to the big city was much different – bad tap water and no more stars in the sky at night.

Connerty's class was one of the first after the re-colonization, and they certainly enjoyed their freedom. His roommate, John Snodgrass, and he partied relentlessly but ended up as the first in their pledge class to graduate. (Connerty went on to earn a Masters in Tax.)

Bruin football games were at the L.A. Coliseum, and in those days, students could bring their own beer. At halftime, the brothers would run back to the bus and fill 5-gallon (empty) jars of mayonnaise with more beer.

Connerty clarified the genesis of Moonshiner, which after 35 years is still UCLA's best party. Snodgrass, who grew up in Georgia, organized it, which included runs to Nevada to buy everclear for the tasty Little Sister Punch. Brothers drank kegs of Lowenbrau. Dan Pence and Ron O'Bara organized bands. (*Con't →*)

50th Biennial Convocation Update

Josh Speidel represented Upsilon at the Biennial Convocation in Boston in June, and helped spearhead improvements in the future operations of the National fraternity.

One controversial topic is policy governance, in which the Executive Director of the national fraternity is given much latitude in implementing the policies of the Grand Council, similar to a corporation in which the CEO serves the will of the board of directors. In the past, the Grand Council has had that authority, but the new policy that was considered would transfer some of it to the Executive Director.

Past Sage Larry Rovira of Fullerton St., who has served on the Grand Council for 12 years, retired but went out fighting, as usual, defending the West coast chapters and demanding accountability from the rest of the Grand Council.

Province Archon Brian Devot of Long Beach St. was elected as Grand 3rd Councilor, upsetting a sitting Grand Council officer by a large margin. Many of the West and South chapters were concerned about Grand Council officers becoming entrenched and having almost automatic promotion to the next highest office at each Convocation. Speidel and active chapters stood strong in selecting their preferred candidates for the Nomination Committee. During that process, a Past Sage tried to strongarm the active chapter committee members into selecting his choices, which led to much animosity and controversy



during the election process.

Devot's ideas are to target funds on existing chapters to increase their memberships, instead of expansion and new colonies. It is easier to build from an existing base, rather than from scratch. Also, dormant chapters will be targeted for re-colonization, which can be helped by using past alumni. The UC Santa Barbara chapter is a fine example of this. Alumnus Gary Grubacich almost single-handedly re-founded the chapter, for which Upsilon serves as a "Big Brother" chapter. Grubacich also is a strong West coast advocate and served as the delegate for the "1897 Alumni Club," which is a group of high-level donors from across the country.

The Sigma Pi Educational Foundation is under improved leadership, and should be more accountable and transparent. In past years, the national fraternity used its funds without sufficient documentation and was generally disorganized. Upsilon and other chapters have pushed it to better reporting standards, and the new COO, Jon Frost, a long-time trustworthy National assistant executive director, is expected to manage it prudently and protect the generous donations from our alumni.

▲ Congratulations to past Sage Andrew Londerholm, who won a prestigious National award, the "Hungerford Scholarship." It honors the brother who contributes the most to his chapter, throughout the entire nation. Londerholm is a student at University of Pacific School of Law in Sacramento. He also served as House Manager, using his summer construction work experience to follow in the legendary footsteps of Chris Daughters and Scot Kawano.





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Connerty (con't) → The brothers still stick together. Several years ago, Connerty and Snodgrass were at the Cal-UCLA game in Berkeley, and they saw an Upsilon brother wearing a Moonshiner t-shirt. They were heartened that their project from decades ago left a "positive impact" among the finest of Upsilon tradition.

Connerty joined with Steve Stewart and Phil Thompson for a Genesis concert in San Jose, and he shared a limousine to this Fall's UCLA game at Cal game with Dave Pulaski, Bruce Thomson and John Snodgrass.

Active Chapter

▲ Congratulations to the new Executive Council of 2011-2012:

Sage: Spencer Van Ruiten
1st(Alum): Joey Donaldson
2nd(VP): Paul Martinez
3rd(Tres): Andrew Munoz
4th(Sec): Andrew Chung
Herald: Andrew Bustamante
Social: Roger Lau
** Moonshiner is Feb. 22. Call Roger to get on the guest list. Moonshiner admission is complementary to Emerald-level donors to the UAA.*

▲ Thank you to the outgoing Executive Council of 2010-2011 for its fine service.

Sage: Martin Vigodnier
1st(Alum): Mark Stamper
2nd(VP): Dan Antrim
3rd(Tres): Spencer Van Ruiten
4th(Sec): Andrew Lopez-Vass
Herald: Roger Lau
Social: Brian Warren

Alumni update: Mack Ott

Mack Ott has traveled all over the globe in his professional post-Upsilon career, but some of the countries aren't resort destinations. His itinerary includes Palestine, Bosnia, Cambodia, Nigeria, and Bangladesh. Ott is a freelance international economic advisor since 2001, based in Maryland near the nation's capital and center of government and world finance.

When the call comes from the U.S. Agency for International Development, United Nations Development Program or World Bank, Ott is on. "It's kind of like a teenage girl waiting for the phone to ring." But, the implications are much more than how to spend allowance for a date.



Ott's work is primarily analytical on the macro-economic level. In Cambodia, he modeled government revenues. In Mongolia, he forecasted future revenue, including copper (which is now booming from Chinese demand, to the benefit of the country). In Vietnam, he helped to design the Central Bank with some open-market reforms. In Bangladesh, he helped to train officers of the Central Bank.

Ott sees the insides of societies that others may not. In Saudi Arabia, a cadre of royalty and their relatives runs the nation the most modern of the 13th century monarchies. After the cadre takes the oil cash that they want, the rest is forwarded to the government, which is then subservient to the king.

Ott was born in Monrovia and attended Baldwin Park H.S. He entered UCLA in 1961 and was in ROTC. He was a physics major, but discovered he wasn't an Einstein. During the Vietnam War, he served on a U.S. Navy destroyer as part of a convoy with aircraft carriers, protecting planes and firing shore bombardments. After the war, he earned an MS and PhD in economics at UCLA and taught at Virginia Tech and Penn State. He worked at the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank for nine years, and then worked in Saudi Arabia. "I got restless when I'm at a desk too long," he said.

During those years, Ott learned about centralized economic planning and saw some failures. His work was more atune with the World Bank and USAID policies that advocated the establishment of economic institutions like central banks to promote development.

Ott is writing a book, "Nation-Building: The World's Unfinished Business," which discusses national building, history and policy: http://www.amazon.com/Nation-Building-Worlds-Unfinished-Business/dp/1597975230/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1296269533&sr=8-1.

Ott enjoyed his years at Upsilon, and he remains friends with Ray Bramhall of Long Beach. Ott almost attended Univ. of Washington, but he attended a fraternity party as a high school senior and decided to stay closer to home at UCLA. He pledged Upsilon right away and considers it a wonderful experience. The house bill was \$95, and tuition was low. His campus job paid \$1.95/hr., for ample pocket money.

Some of the best memories are of Brutus, the house's German Shepherd, who would follow the brothers on campus. Sometimes the dog would follow them to the math lecture hall, and sit in the back of the room, scanning the class for them. Of course the brothers fed him too much beer during their Dixieland parties.

During dinner, long-time chef Miss Pearl Winter did not allow him in the dining room, and he would lie at the entrance, flopping his paw right over the threshold to try to get a few bites. Brutus would also prod unsuspecting pledges with barks when they failed to answer the house phone (in the days before cell phones) by the third ring.





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Adytum on High

▲ Please remember the brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High:

Albert "Kennie" Gifford - 1935 #128 (12/6/06, Camarillo)
Julien D'Avanzo - 2007 (4/27/06, Oceanside)
Robert Howe - 1952 #416 (9/10/06, Northridge)
Paul Hastings - 1970 #712 (12/7/06, Boulder, Colo.)
Wesley Terry - 1950 #311 (Ukiah)
Leonard Eilers - 1953 #421 (6/29/06, Fair Oaks-Sacramento)
Alex West - 1949 #386.
William Sewell - 1950 #399 (1/2/07, Danville-S.F. Bay)
Hon. James Ross - 1949 #342 (3/5/07, Fullerton)
George Barlow - 1951 #390 (7/14/07, Monterey)
Doug Bergen - 1950 #354 (6/2/07, La Jolla)
Oscar "Terry" Heselius - 1955 #476 (9/5/07)
Claude Blakemore - 1932 #125 (11/24/06, San Diego)
Joseph F. Marsalek - 1954 #428 (11/21/07, Arcadia)
Richard Benner - 1940 #245 (11/07, Rancho Palos Verdes)
Ray Carlisle - 1939 #199 (11/25/07, Rancho Mirage)
Thomas Reddy - 1958 #564 (12/11/07, Santa Rosa)
John Selby - 1954 #281 (8/1/07, Lakewood)
Jay Van Holt - 1947 #369 (4/6/08, Santa Rosa)
William Holmes - 1948 #381 (7/14/08, Woodland Hills-L.A.).
William Barnett - 1927 #41 (2009, Cardiff by the Sea)
Roger Denney - 1954 #468 (1/12/09, Irvine).
Eugene Lica - 1940 #247 (1/20/09, Tarzana).

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Lt. William Manning #397 (5/13/1928 - 1/31/2010): Brother Manning, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Jan. 31, 2010, in Apple Valley at age 81. Manning served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a courier in Alaska. He graduated from UCLA in 1954 with a degree in Business Administration, and he later earned an MBA from Pepperdine. In 1955, he married Miss Peggy Joan Holmes, and they remained married until his death.

Manning's first job was in advertising for 20 years, but Manning lived the Creed by promoting scholarship while working as the Director of Public Relations for Pepperdine. He served as a deacon and an elder at his church, and he taught Sunday School, worked with the youth group, and led Bible studies.

Manning's life centered around his family, whom he considered the "lights of his life." He extended his service to mankind throughout his life. He was sensitive to those who were hurting and overlooked, and he was an "encourager" who had a gentle and sweet spirit. Manning loved to learn, in diverse fields such as photography, art, computers and sailing.

Manning was born in Spur, Tex., and moved to California as a baby.

Manning is survived by his wife, Peggy Joan, two daughters, Melinda and Julie, and a son, Steve.



John Kulli #217 (1919 - 2010): Brother Kulli, a Golden Cross recipient and one of the oldest Upsilon brothers, passed to the Adytum on High in August in Pasadena, at age 91.

In 2008, Kulli and his wife Jean were featured in the UCLA Alumni Scholarships winter 2007-08 newsletter as generous donors to the UCLA Alumni Scholarships General Fund. Both attended Franklin H.S. in Los Angeles and arrived on campus in 1937. Kulli was a reporter for the Daily Bruin and served in the ROTC. He also witnessed his Japanese-American friends whom the U.S. government forced to live in internment camps during World War II, and his parents were public protestors on that civil rights issue.

The two were married 67 years and lived in Pasadena for 40 years, before Jean's death in early 2010, and were active in All Saints Episcopal Church, which is known for its political activism and social conscience. He worked for Sears Roebuck for 43 years on its equal opportunity issues, and he raised funds for mental illness advocacy groups.

"He was a giver, he always had time for people who needed help," his daughter Sandra Kulli said. "He never stopped learning. He was a big reader and consumer of news. He was a terrific guy."

Kulli, along with many Upsilon brothers, enlisted in World War II. He was a Lieutenant Commander of a supply ship in the U.S. Navy in the south Pacific. He was also drafted during the Korean War and was stationed in northern California. When Kulli's daughter was going through boxes of mementos after his death, Kulli's old Navy pin seemingly jumped from the box into Sandra's hands, letting her know that he wanted her to keep it.

Kulli also attended law school and served on the Board of Directors for USC's School of Social Work. But, Kulli and his wife were Bruins for life. "They loved it every time UCLA beat 'SC,'" his daughter Sandra Kulli said.

Kulli also assisted the Highland Park Historical Society. He was born in the northeast Los Angeles neighborhood, and his family raised chickens and fruits and vegetables, which led to a lifelong love for gardening. Kulli's father was born in Switzerland, and later in life the family took memorable hiking trips back to Europe.

▲ Kulli's survivors include children Sandra, Jolinda and John. Sandra Kulli can be contacted at (310) 454-5268 or Kulli@MAC.com. ΣΠ





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Robert Thomas - 1940 #244
(1/28/09, San Marcos-S.Diego)

Raymond DeCamp - 1936
#157 (10/30/09, North Hills-L.A.)

Merle Swanson - 1954 #339
(2/26/09, Carlsbad-San Diego)
Dr. Elliott Brainard - 1948
#331 (2/26/09, Pahrump, Nev.)

Lt. William Manning - 1951
#397 (1/31/10, Apple Valley)
Charles Norman Reed - 1960
#570 (2/22/10, Pittsford, N.Y.)
Hon. John (Jack) Crickard -
1942 #240 (6/22/10, Glendale)
John Kulli - 1940 #217 (8/10,
Pasadena)

Dr. Ronald J. Baskin - 1954
#500 (7/25/10, Davis)
Greg Scott - 1968 #708
(10/17/10, Chino Hills).
Thomas Tapscott - 1955
#344 (11/26/10, Laguna
Beach).

Richard Konrady - 1979
#749 (1995, Los Angeles).
From Bruce Thompson...

Rick was a strong athletic individual. One of the reasons he enjoyed fraternity life was intramural sports.

He fell victim to Multiple Sclerosis some years after graduation, and for years, he continued to work at Transamerica as a systems analyst or engineer.

At the time, he was married with two children. His condition worsened, but he continued working, now commuting on public transportation. His disease finally took over, and while I am not sure of the year, it has been perhaps 15-18 years now.

He will be missed. ΣΠ

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Hon. John (Jack) A. Crickard #240 (5/31/1920 - 6/22/2010): Brother Crickard, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Jun. 22 in Glendale at age 90.

His brother, William Crickard, is one of the oldest living Upsilon brothers, residing in Ventura. Both were active brothers in the early 1940s.

Jack Crickard served as a Superior Court Judge for the County of Los Angeles for 17 years from 1970 to 1987, upon appointment by Gov. Ronald Reagan. His "love and passion" for the law drew young attorneys to him well into his late 80s.

"He was very sunny and humorous and warm and witty," his daughter Laurie van Leeuwen said. "Everyone in his firm described him as the consummate gentleman. He was a Bruin true and true."

Crickard, a nearly lifelong Glendale resident, still spent several hours a day, four days a week, at a law office. He offered attorneys mandatory continuing legal education training sessions "He had an open-door policy," said Kevin J. Stack, one of the firm's directors. "He would welcome anyone ... if they had questions. He exhibited such a love and passion for the law," the attorney said. "He spent a lot of time ... providing guidance to other lawyers."

Born in Marion, Ohio, Crickard was 3 when his family moved to Glendale. He received his undergraduate degree in business administration from UCLA and his law degree from USC in 1948. Crickard spent the first 10 years of a general civil practice as a sole practitioner.

During his 17 years on the bench, Crickard developed two programs: one to address the rapidly expanding area of class actions and the second to help new lawyers navigate the unfamiliar waters of civil litigation. He developed the court's manual for dealing with class actions and started the Saturday morning "walk-thru" program for fledgling civil lawyers. One of the most rewarding aspects of his work on the bench was helping settle civil disputes before or during trial.

After his retirement in 1987, Crickard returned to the practice of law and worked as a private judge. "He was such a caring and gentle person," Stack said. As a judge and a lawyer, he exuded "an air of civility," Stack said. "He had a strong intellect, but he made everyone feel comfortable."

▲ Crickard's brother, William, can be contacted at (818) 642-4391. Crickard is survived by his wife, Billie. His daughter, Laurie Van Leeuwen, can be contacted at (818) 406-5783. ΣΠ



Thomas Tapscott #344 (7/8/1928 - 11/26/2010): Brother Tapscott, a U.S. Navy veteran in the Korean War and Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Nov. 26, in Laguna Beach at age 82. His father, Mark Tapscott, was an Upsilon brother in the 1930s.

Tapscott is remembered as a gentleman and an inspiration to friends and family, with high morals and a life of service. But, he could be gruff with a game warden who interrupted his fishing. Tapscott enlisted in the Korean War and was stationed on a fueling ship. Later in life, he was a volunteer fireman in La Habra Heights and involved with the Los Compadres business group. He had studied transportation at UCLA and operated a trucking company during his working career.

Tapscott loved the outdoors and made annual trout fishing trips to the Sierra Nevadas with Joe Henriksen and other Upsilon brothers from 50 years ago. He also lived on a river in Idaho for 12 years. In retirement, Tapscott created silver and metal sculptures of the ocean and turquoise jewelry, and fun artifacts like snails on snowskis.

Tapscott's ashes were spread in the ocean off Laguna Beach after a joyful wake that celebrated his life.

▲ Tapscott's son, Mark Tapscott, can be contacted at (541) 389-6393. He is survived by three children and his girlfriend Barbara Hamilton, with whom he re-united at their 50-year high school reunion. ΣΠ





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Dr. Elliot Brainard

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. $\Sigma\Pi$

Contact: Jay Ross (310) 979-9255 Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com

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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.

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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." $\Sigma\Pi$

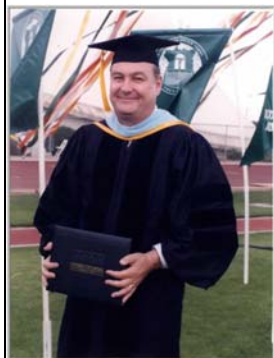


Greg Scott #708 (7/26/1949 - 10/17/2010): Brother Scott passed to the Adytum on High on Oct. 17 in Chino Hills in San Bernardino County at age 61.

Scott had retired as an Associate Superintendent in 2009 and enjoyed spending time in Palm Springs. He began his career with the Baldwin Park Unified School District teaching English, and he was promoted to various positions, including principal of Sierra Vista H.S. and Baldwin Park H.S.

Scott was born in Rochester, N.Y., into a traditional Irish family. The family moved to Santa Paula when he was a youth, and he attended Villanova H.S. in Ojai. At UCLA, he met his future wife Margaret, and he graduated with a B.A. in 1971. Scott possessed a great love for learning, and he earned a Doctorate of Education in 1998.

Rich Frank organized a donation from brothers from the late 1960s to the American Cancer Society, and he attended the funeral with Art Scotten, Hon. Franz Miller, Chris Carver, Don Cox and John Lindsay. Scott had attended the group's reunion of 25 brothers last summer at Dr. Kent Shoji's house in Rancho Palos Verdes. Frank and Scott were basketball pals at Palisades H.S. in west Los Angeles during the 1960s.



"Greg was one of my closer friends in the fraternity, and I miss him already," Frank said. "But I am thankful that I had the opportunity to share my life with Greg and Margaret."

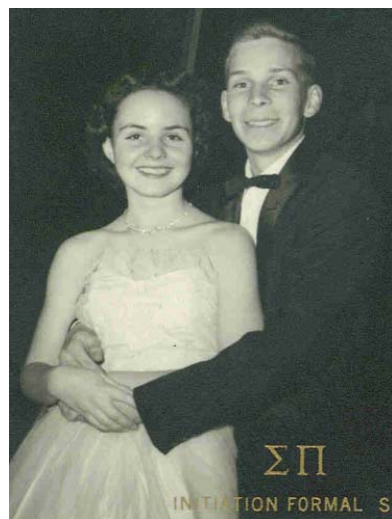
▲ Greg's wife, Margaret Scott, can be contacted at GRScott380@Verizon.net. He is also survived by two daughters, Becky and Kate. $\Sigma\Pi$



Dr. Ronald J. Baskin #500 (11/25/1925 - 7/25/2010): Brother Baskin, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Jul. 25 in Davis, at age 74.

Baskin was an authority on the molecular basis of muscle contraction and the first in his family to attend college. A renowned mentor and teacher, Dr. Baskin chaired UC Davis' zoology department from 1971-79 and the graduate group in zoology from 1971-78. He helped to establish UCD's biophysics department and chaired the graduate group in biophysics from 1983-86. Baskin and his wife, Lydia, created the Baskin Research Award in 2006 to recognize excellence in undergraduate research at UC Davis.

"He was a really kind person," Lydia remembers. "He was thoughtful and caring, and family was important."



Baskin attended Dorsey H.S. in South Los Angeles, along with future baseball manager Sparky Anderson, Upsilon brothers Doug Keppler, David Randel and Bob Howe (Adytum on High), and his future wife Lydia, whom he met on a blind date.

At UCLA, Baskin was awarded the first B.A. degree in biophysics, and he earned a Ph.D. in zoology in three years, while working his way through college.

In later years at UCD, Baskin was known for his loud laugh that would reverberate through the buildings on campus, and many of his former PhD students attended his memorial service. Baskin also carried on the Creed and advocated for the fair treatment of the women students at the university, and urged them to take advantage of their academic talents. He was very respected as an administrator.

▲ Baskin's wife, Lydia, can be contacted at (530) 756-6306 or LOBaskin@Hotmail.com. He is also survived by his two sons, Ronald and Thomas. $\Sigma\Pi$



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UCLA-Tennessee: Mike MacKenzie, Tony Leadholm, Rick Leadholm (Tony's dad), and Matt Bradley at the 2009 Bruin victory over the Vols. This year's road trip was to Texas, where the 'Horns were still bitter about our 66-10 win in 1997 and lost again.