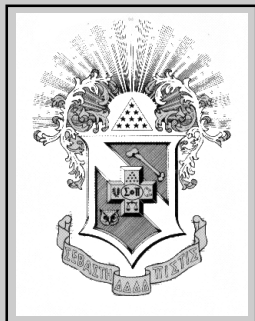


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UPSILON ALUM RUNS FOR U.S. CONGRESS

Redondo Beach, CA - Brother **Stuart Johnson** (Upsilon 1993) is running for the United States Congress for the 36th Congressional District of California (comprising a number of coastal communities in Los Angeles County from Palms down to San Pedro). Stu will run in the Republican primary on March 5th and his prospects of winning the primary look very strong.

Stu credits his time as an active member of Sigma Pi at UCLA with improving his leadership abilities and increasing his interest in public service. He said "my years as an active, particularly my time as Sage, taught me valuable lessons in how to motivate diverse groups of people to work for common goals and how to solve complex problems while addressing competing interests." Stu also values Sigma Pi for the large and loyal group of friends it helped him make, both inside and outside the fraternity, during his time at UCLA. Many of these friends are now donating time and money to Stu's campaign and introducing him to other people who will support his campaign. Brothers **Rich Henrich, Brian Goldman, Herman Quispe, Bill Keally, Sean Topp, Jeff Bara**, and many others, as well as myself, are among the Upsilon alumni helping Stu with his campaign. A number of other brothers, far too numerous to list here, have made substantial financial contributions to Stu's campaign as well.



Stuart Johnson '93

Stu also remains a devoted Brother. He currently serves on the Upsilon Housing Board and during UCLA football season he organizes Sigma Pi tailgate parties at the Rose Bowl.

Stu's main goals as a Congressman will be to strengthen national defense and homeland security, reform education and simplify taxes. He is also dedicated to eliminating wasteful federal spending and cutting through needlessly complex bureaucracy. **Matt Sumrow** (Upsilon 1991) said, "I have known Stu ever since he pledged Sigma Pi and can assure you that he is a very intelligent, hard working and honest person well worthy of your support."

With these qualities and objectives, Stu would make a positive and valuable difference in Congress.



Stu has already received a promise of support from former Manhattan Beach Mayor Walt Dougher and expects many other elected officials to offer their support in the coming weeks. More details about Stu and his campaign are available at www.StuJohnson.org.

Donations to Stu's campaign can be sent to "Stuart Johnson for Congress" at *P.O. Box 3118, Manhattan Beach, California 90266-1118*. Stu could also use your support as a volunteer for the campaign. Please contact

the campaign at 310-720-4788 or volunteer@stujohnson.org to volunteer. Of course, if you live in California's 36th Congressional District, also remember Brother Stu Johnson when voting in the primary on March 5th and the general election on November 5th, and encourage others to do the same.

SIGMA PI WORLD SERIES 2002

Fullerton, CA - The Sigma Pi World Series returns this May for its 25th anniversary. For the past three years, the Upsilon Alumni Association has sent a delegation out to the Cal State Fullerton campus to partake in the event. This year looks to be no different as '98 Alum **Dan Romero** will make a second attempt at organizing TWO teams for this year's series.

"I had decent interest last year at forming a second softball team, but I fell a bit short of assembling the 2nd team. We're gonna give it another go at putting the World Series 'C' team out on the field! Yup, just like IM's, the Cocktail team returns!!" says Romero.



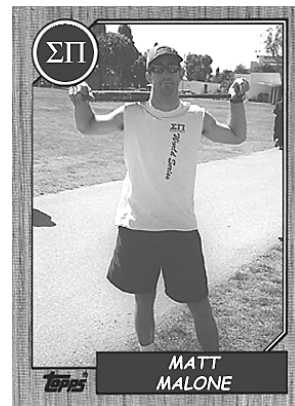
Alumni President Herman Quispe is rolling out the Pup tent & "Q" for the 2002 World Series

Last year the alumni association had the rare opportunity of playing the active chapter. The actives got the most in this meeting walking off with a 12-11

win. The alumni association is hoping to meet the actives again, this time, settling the score. "We hope to meet the actives again, allowing us to settle the score." said first baseman **David W. Canty**.

Alumni President **Herman Quispe** is hoping more than just softball players will head out to this year's World Series. He plans on hauling out the trailer, busting out the pup tent, tuning in the Direct TV Satellite Dish, and firing up the BBQ so alumnus from the greater metropolitan Orange County area can partake in a day of fun in the sun. "The football tailgaters have been a blast. What could be better than watching a softball game too boot??!!" said Quispe.

For those interested in playing in this year's World Series, please e-mail Romero at DRomero@DRom.net. If e-mail is not your bag, give him a call at his office (714) 547-8787 x 107. Lastly, if you just want to come and hang out, please RSVP so Herman has a better idea of how much food and "Beverage" to gather up. Contributions of \$5 would be greatly appreciated. The cost to play in the World Series is usually \$20 a person based on a 11-12 person turnout. The event is scheduled to take place either April 20th or 27th.



STUART JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS FUND RAISING SOCIAL

THE SKINNY

WHEN: FEBRUARY 9th

TIME: 12:00 NOON

**WHERE: UCLA
UPSILON MANOR
612 Landfair
Westwood, CA**

**RSVP:
Rich@StuJohnson.org**

Please join us in our efforts to elect Stuart Johnson (Upsilon '93) as our next United States Congressman for the 36th District. Chef Rueben will prepare the BBQ while we enjoy the fellowship of our fraternity alumni and actives (and significant others) from all the Southern California Sigma Pi Chapters and meet the next U.S. Congressman for the 36th Congressional District of California, Stuart Johnson.

We ask for a **\$20 donation** to be made out to Stuart Johnson for Congress. For more information on Brother Johnson, please go to Stuart's web page listed below.

STUART JOHNSON
for Congress



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www.StuJohnson.org

*Admission must be paid by check, as federal election laws do not allow cash contributions to campaigns for federal office. No corporate contributions. Contributions are not deductible for income tax purposes. This event is hosted by the Stuart Johnson For Congress Committee (FEC ID No. C00371419).

NO SPIN ZONE: THE MARSALEK FACTOR



I can hardly believe I've been a Chapter Director 19 years and a Sigma Pi going on 52 years. But you don't want to know about me. You probably want to know what's going on at Upsilon Chapter. The following questions and answers should give you a fair idea.

Q. Is the chapter in good shape?

A. Yes! There are currently 81 actives. There are no pledges during the winter quarter.

Q. How does the chapter rank academically among fraternities?

A. The chapter GPA is usually about 3rd or 4th and above the all men's average.

Q. Do they still do dumb things that gets them in trouble?

A. Yes, but only about once or twice a year which is down from years past.

Q. Do they pay their house bills on time?

A. Mmmm, mostly but with a large membership there's more wiggle room on payables. With an outside billing and accounting firm many members are billed directly to their parents.

Q. Do they still do events with sororities?

A. Not as many as they should but there are three exchanges scheduled during the winter quarter and two date parties.

ACTIVE REPORT

By Jared Frandle

Westwood, CA - The year so far has been a good year for the actives of Upsilon Chapter. Once again we excelled in all areas of fraternity life. We had a successful year in intramural sports and the house GPA is continuing to rise. We are most proud of Fall Rush this year. Our main goal was to continue to get quality pledges, and we can not be more pleased with this fall's pledge class. This year's pledge class included 15 men from varying backgrounds, continuing the tradition of diversity here at Sigma Pi.

This year has also been a changing year for the house itself. The Building Association has begun renovations on the house which include new hard wood floors, new carpet, a remodeled kitchen, new paint, and various other improvements. The active chapter is very grateful for the support and contributions that the Building Association is making. These contributions do not only improve the well being of the active chapter, but they will help in future recruitment. The Upsilon Manor continues to be one of the best maintained fraternity houses on the row.

The future of the house is promising. The active chapter recently elected a new Sage, Jake Loughridge, for the coming year. We are counting on him to help Upsilon Chapter continue to thrive, and we are confident that he will lead our house in the right direction. We are currently preparing for Spring Rush to ensure that we continue to pledge only the best new recruits. We realize the future of this house lies in the hands of the youth of the fraternity and we expect the best from them.

Q. Do they keep the house clean?

A. Not as clean as we want. Yours truly keeps nagging.

Q. Is the physical structure in good shape?

A. Most assuredly! Due to the constant efforts of Tom Miller we have the finest kitchen on the row. New carpeting is being installed soon and other improvements are being made.

Q. Are house services and utilities up to date?

A. Yes! The house is wired for phones, cable TV and there's a DSL line in every room.

Q. Joe, are you going to retire as Chapter Director?

A. Hey, time and tide wait for no man. Gravity and other forces are hard at work.

Q. My daughter asked me if I had thought about getting married again since I'm a widower.

A. I told her I didn't think so but I wouldn't mind a torrid affair. Does anyone know a good looking widow? (Grass widows are OK) I'd like one that drives a car that's better than mine. (MBZ C 230)

BRO RECENT NEWS

Wallace A. Reed, M.D., was selected to receive the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia's Distinguished Service Award for 2000. He resides in Phoenix: (602) 258-1521; somrus4@home.com.

Nathaniel Murphy ('00) is working at Track Record, a recording studio in North Hollywood, with his father. They financed and installed an 80-channel SSL 9000J console as a father-son project (beats building a treehouse, huh?!). He resides in North Hollywood: (818) 623-6518; Nate1897@MSN.com.

Former Sage **Scot Kawano** and his wife Helen are the proud parents of their first daughter, Alyssa, born in September.

Former Treasurer **Matt Sumrow** and his wife Ivana hosted several brothers, including **Derrick Hindery** and **Jay Ross**, for dinner at Czech Point restaurant in Redondo Beach in August. Ivana, a native of the Czech Republic, recommended the saurkraut and juluske (dumplings) and Czechwar pivo (beer).

Richard Marcus is a sports writer for the San Diego Union-Tribune and lives in La Jolla. He attended the UCLA-Ohio State game. In recent years, he has interned for a Minister of Parliament in England and worked in New York City for a commuter rail system.

Former Sage **Sean Topp** graduated from Univ. of San Diego Law School and passed the California Bar during the summer and is a full-fledged lawyer. He lives in Hermosa Beach.

Upsilon was represented well at UCLA's big victory at Alabama game. **Jim Ballard**, **Rob Ward**, **Steve Lantz** and **Alfred Hernandez** attended the game at Bryant-Denney Stadium and defended the Bruins' honor against the Redneck Tide. Ward, his wife Mirja and dog Brutus hosted a baby party on Jan. 13 at their home in San Diego. Jim Ballard is newly engaged to the delightful, Leslie, whom he met in San Diego.

Mike Liskey is the assistant varsity basketball coach at Villa Park, alma mater of former Spartan cheerleaders and Little Sister alumnae **Shawn McKinney** and **Robin Loss**. He is engaged to the wonderful Robin, a grad of El Toro H.S.

Former DJ extraordinaire **Erik Johnson** and his wife Tina are the proud parents of twin daughters born on Sept. 25: Annika Cheryl and Leah Marie. Congrats!

John Ivsan set out on his own, starting up a tax law firm in Charlotte with four partners.

Gary Gross is the father of a new daughter, Talia Marie Timtiman Gross, born on June 22.

Dr. Lance Fuchs is the father of a new son, Ryan, born in January. He lives in San Diego and hosted a baby party, complete with keg, in December. Sean Bloch, Adam Treiger and Jay Ross attended. His father still talks about the great graduation party and sloshball game in 1992.

A NOTE FROM NED ASH

Ned Ash, 75, is retired and lives in Citronelle, Ala. He writes:

I have two Sigma Pi brothers in Citronelle. My main service is to the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency and church activities. When an emergency arises, I go into Mobile and man a telephone, monitor the five big-screen televisions and keep our mayor and police chief informed. My wife is at home alone during these occasions. I also attend national hurricane conferences annually. I serve on the advisory board for the agency. We attend 3 or 4 retired officers' association dinner meetings annually (in Mobile). It takes about 45 minutes on a good clear night to go from home to Mobile. My wife drives. I have problems seeing at night.

Sorry if I'm too jumbled in my thoughts. On Oct. 2, I had my first serious accident – it totaled my 1997 Honda Odyssey, and I am in real pain in the left shoulder, chest and body. I was flat lucky to be alive. My face is banged up, only six stitches, rest is taped up. Lots of little glass bits were removed from my face and forehead. I can't cough because I double up in pain if I try. I will see the doctor again on Oct. 5, so I will know more then.

Anyway, this is my regular schedule. I am also a life member of the American Legion, VFW and the Retired Officers Association.

I am at the age where I will have to cut back on military reunions: Navy WWII, Army Korea (1950 to early 1952), retired from the Army in 1969.

I helped my three children to attend universities and earn degrees. Now, five of our 16 grandchildren are in university attendance, all needing financial help. That is when grandpa gets letters and email messages.

We did attend the 50th and 56th reunions of Hollywood High School. I seriously doubt if I will ever make that trip again. My children are in Washington, Arizona and Utah, and stepchildren are in Texas and Huntsville, Ala. Needless to say, we are a tight-knit family.

I attended UCLA (A.A. degree), UC Berkeley (B.A. degree), Michigan State (M.A.) and Arizona (Ed.D.). Each one keeps track of me. I started cutting back on universities when those my family attended or had attended began a soft-sell program for \$\$\$.

That is the picture. I am sure if we lived in southern California, I would be an active alum, but under the circumstances, it is not in the cards.

I am the last of my family generation. The family has a good chance of keeping the family name alive: five males and seven females plus the following step-children and four great-grandchildren so far. My wife was the middle child of 13 (nine of them are still alive). So her roots are here in southwest Alabama. One of her sisters lives just north of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; otherwise, they all live in southern Alabama.

My thoughts, good wishes and splendid memories of Sigma Pi and 612 Landfair remain strong.

God bless you one and all, and God bless the fraternity.
Sincerely,
Bro. Ned Ash

A GOOD MOVE

Westwood, CA - He went abroad for school in London, and came home with a roommate. That roommate eventually became permanent as **Chris Good** was wed to **Camilla Page** this past October in Westwood, California. The two were wed in the same church as Chris' parents making a special day even more so.



The reception was held at the Marina California Yacht club. Brothers from across the years were in attendance celebrating this festive occasion. "I had a grand time. As a recent member of the newlywed crew, I want to give my best to Camila and Chris. They make a wonderful couple." said Alum **Scott Cwiernty**.

As you may be aware, Cwiernty wed his long-time girlfriend Elizabeth earlier in the year in Huntington Beach. Rumormill has it that another recent alum, **Kevin Rodriguez**, has proposed to his fiancée Carri and is looking to tie said knot sometime in 2003.



Chris Good, Dave Canty, Dan Romero, Rohit Nand & Anthony Craig Leadholm

***Don't know where to
eat tonight?***



**ORANGE COUNTY'S
ONLINE DINING GUIDE**

ALUMNI RIDE THE LA MARATHON 2002

By Art Martinez

Come one, come all, and join me in participating in this years LA Bike Tour VIII which occurs right before the LA Marathon. It is laid back and lots of fun. It takes about an hour and a half to ride the whole course which takes you through a variety of neighborhoods in the city of LA. This is my eighth year doing it and other alumni have joined me in this adventure in past years.

The ride begins and ends at USC/Exposition Park south of downtown.

The plan is to meet in the South East corner of the paid (\$10) and secured parking lot of the LA Sports Arena located off of the corner of Figueroa St. and Martin Luther King Bl. at 5:00am. We will get our bikes and gear together and ride up to the starting line.



After the ride we will leave south downtown and meet at a local restaurant for breakfast and refreshments of choice. Details to the right.

THE DETAILS

Event: **LA Bike Tour VIII**

Date: **March 3, 2002**

Time: **6:00am**

Registration: **Forms are available from LA Marathon Inc., your local bike store, your local sporting goods store or on line (see below)**

Cost: **\$25 before February 10, 2002**
\$30 after February 10, 2002

*includes participation, t-shirt, water bottle, goodie bag, etc

Mail and make checks payable to:

Los Angeles Marathon, Inc.
11110 W. Ohio Avenue, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90025-3329

Need more info? Call: 310-444-5544

www.acuralabiketour.com

FOUNDATION OF BROTHERHOOD

By Rich Henrich



As I grow older the days of the fraternity continue to enrich my daily life. Although the beers with brothers don't flow as often, the friendships grow from a brotherhood created by the high ideals of Sigma Pi.

Over the past year, I embarked on a mission to write a screenplay for a friend. Soon, I was asked to produce the project. Not really having much of an idea outside the general practice of business and watching a lot of movies, I thought why not. I had neither an idea what a challenge I volunteered for nor where to begin. Then I recalled a profile of Sigma Pi alumni **Steve Kaplan**- an attorney (surprise) and a producer.

I never met Brother Kaplan and didn't have any information other than what he provided for the alumni web site. I figured we were at least fraternal brothers and perhaps he could provide me with a little direction. So, I sent out an e-mail. I'm not sure why but I was surprised by a prompt reply and an invitation to discuss the business of film making over lunch. The bonds of brotherhood broke through the awkwardness, recognizing the common ground of fraternal ideals and experience.

Our discussion proved to be an invaluable lesson in producing, and a great source of encouragement. Having recently produced a movie (Terror Tract) with John Ritter and Will Estes,

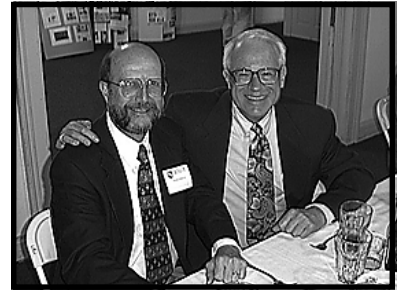
Steve knew the challenge I was approaching. His insight and experience were a tremendous resource as well as an inspiration. I reached out for a brother's hand and was greeted with a grip. The ideals of brotherhood were realized for me that day.

When I was a freshman contemplating "rushing" a fraternity, I often thought how great it would be if the old tradition of the literary societies with high ideals still existed. In a world that is often shrouded in chaos and the self-centered mentality of so many, I am a glad I found a fraternity that upholds its ideals. Although Sigma Pi has had moments which seemed devoid of chivalry, of character, and even at times brotherhood, the core of the ideals have remained strong enough to continue building character, chivalry and brotherhood in the lives of those whom have embraced Sigma Pi in their own daily lives.

Today, the same brothers I shared my college experiences with are the friends I hold closest to my soul. The brothers I continue to meet remind me of how vast brotherhood is. They are the brothers that continue to advance truth, encourage chivalry and diffuse culture. They are the brothers that are there to help out the younger and older brothers alike. They are the products of a fraternity I cherish and continue to learn and grow from. They are my brothers and I, theirs. This is the greatness of Sigma Pi.



FOUNDERS DAY 2002



The Upsilon Alumni Association
of Sigma Pi Fraternity International
Presents: **The 79th Founder's Day Celebration**

Cocktails Commence at 6pm, Dinner to Follow. Cost is \$60 per brother, or \$35 if you have paid your 2002 Alumni Dues. To be held at 612 Landfair Ave.

Please e-mail Herman Quispe at Herman@sigmpiucla.com or call (626) 791-2312

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