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Football schedule

Sept. 5 SAN DIEGO ST. *
Sept. 12 @ Tennessee
(road trip weekend)
Sept. 19 KANSAS ST. *
Oct. 3 @ STANFORD
Oct. 10 OREGON *
Oct. 17 CALIFORNIA
Oct. 24 @ Arizona
Oct. 31 @ Oregon St.
Nov. 7 WASHINGTON *
Nov. 14 @ Washington St.
Nov. 21 ARIZONA ST. *
Nov. 28 @ USC

* Tailgater in Lot H (south-east corner of Rose Bowl, look for the Purple ΣΠ flag).

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.



William Meyer Award: Former Sage **Drew Londerholm** and UCPD Detective **Scott Scheffler** (UAA Treasurer).



Gold Cross recipients: Bob Hillerman, Doug Frank, Chuck Osterlund, Kurt Kenworth, Gary Stafford, Jack Burghardt and Ron Mathis.

1990s alumni: Ben Ikuda, Bruce Macdonald, Princeton Kim, and Peter Fugedi.

Founders Day 2009

Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting on Feb. 28 in Los Angeles

WESTWOOD - The 86th Founders Day welcomed Bruin philosophers, veterans and judges from around the country on Feb. 28, at Sigma Pi Manor in Westwood.

Sage **Manuel Gouveia** and 1st Counselor **Alec Jossens** led the Memorial Ritual, which honored brothers passed to the Adytum on High this past year after long and fruitful lives: **Jay Van Holt, William Bennett, Homer Oliver and John Selby**.

Gold Crosses were awarded to alumni on the 50th anniversary of their initiation: **Bob Hillerman**, who traveled from Florida to meet his friend **David Randels**; **Jack Burghardt** of Alhambra; **Ron Mathis**, who journeyed from Tulare in the Central Valley; **Doug Frank**, who returned from Sacramento for the second time in four years; **Kurt Kenworth**, a long-time Founders Day attendee from Covina, and **Gary Stafford**, a long-time dedicated Housing Board member from Hacienda Heights. (See the photo of the 1958 Pledge Class for some of the honorees.)

Mathis told a funny story about surprising fellow Upsilon alumnus **Pete Van Der Poel**, elected in 2008 to the Board of Supervisors in Tulare County, with the fraternity's handshake "grip" when he met him recently in the Central Valley.

David Lilly, a former Sage, IFC President and Bruin Crew team rower attended. **Andrew Guilford**, a former Sage and now a federal judge with the U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, and **Franz Miller**, an Orange County Superior Court judge, attended for the first time in many years.

Many brothers returned for the first time since graduation: **Adrian Edwards** from Houston, **Tom Soto**, **Art Escandon**, and **David Hudson**. (Hudson was recently featured on Money.com for his successful "how to" job search strategy in information technology). **Alfred Hernandez** returned for the second year in a row after a long absence. **Rob Ward** and **Steve Lantz** journeyed from San Diego for the second year in a row, and **Doug Keppler** came from Truckee area for the second year, after a 50-year absence to meet up with UCLA Hall of Fame inductee and former track star **Bob Seaman** and other friends. **Dr. Rainer Beck**, Ph.D. Philosophy, continued his annual presence. **Darrell Luzzo** flew down for the day from Denver, just for the event. **Doug Glantz** flew down from San Francisco and attended for the fifth time in six years.

The night was festive with 90 alumni, the highest number in 20 years, and many remained in the courtyard late into the evening, just like parties from days as actives, before going to Westwood.

Many alumni contributed to the success: **Sean Topp** donated the beer, **Won Park** delivered the beer, **Taek Chang** brought the drinks, **Steve Yu** and **Ivan Quiroga** took photos. ΣΠ



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Senior Dinner

The UAA honored graduates of the Upsilon Class of 2009 at the 4th "Senior Dinner" in Westwood on June 1.

The following alumni attended / provided donations:

Dan Romero
Josh Brooks
Steve Kaplan
Ed Kwak
Pablo Rivas
Kasper Teichman
Fletcher Riehl
David Finkel
Ken Stout
Nate Murphy
Vern Joens
Fred Thornley
Steve Schechter
Charles Osterlund
David Shiokari
Won Park
Rear Adm. James Seely

Graduates and future plans:

Sam Allen
Garni Arakelian
Jacob Benz
David Bresler, graduate school for neuropsychology.
Sam Cortina, teach English in Marshall Islands.
Noah Embry: Medieval literature graduate school.
Dylan Faerstein, financial analyst in NorCal, "misses the house already."
Jordan Fisher
Harrison Flanagan
Andrew Fleming: Family farm in Brawley.
Ryan Formanek: Financial advisor in Anaheim.
Philippe Gerretsen: Intern for Royal Dutch Shell in Houston, USC Fellowship for Masters in Mechanical Engineering.
Rojen Gharagedaghi
Manuel Gouveia, law school
Dan Heriman, financial analyst.
Evan Hou, studying for

▲ Award winners: Congratulations to the actives who carry on the fine tradition of Upsilon:

Pledge Scholarships: **Matt Quigley**, **Brian Warren**. Presented by David Finkel, Treasurer, Upsilon Chapter Building Assn.

Julien D'Avanzo Award ("Spirit of Sigma Pi"): Awarded to **Chase Hay**, 2-time Rush Chairman.

Presented by **Scott Scheffler**, UC Police Dept. detective, UAA Treasurer, winner of William Cutbirth Scholarship at Convocation (2000).

William Meyer Award ("Most Contributions to the Chapter"): Awarded to **Drew Londerholm**, former Sage, House Manager, "most house points in history". Presented by **Scott Scheffler**.

Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Education Foundation Perpetual Scholarships: Presented by **Stu Johnson**, Upsilon Chapter Building Assn., who led a moment of silence for namesake former Chapter Advisor **Joe Marsalek** during the presentation.

1st Place: **David Bresler**, former Sage.

2nd Place: **Misha Silin**, former Treasurer, co-founder Bruins for Traffic Relief, helped to organize on-campus City Council District #5 debate.

3rd Place: **Sam Cortina**, former Social Chairman.

Ties with the fraternity's colors were presented to three former Sages who are still actives for their years of dedication and devotion to the chapter: **David Bresler**, **David Lusby** and **Drew Londerholm**.

▲ Upsilon Alumni Association Secretary **Art Martinez** chaired the UAA annual meeting on Feb. 28, 2009. All decisions of the Board of Directors during the past year were ratified unanimously. **Herman Quispe** is the sole Board Member. The **Jay Ross** was re-elected as President. **Art Martinez** was re-elected as Secretary. **Scott Scheffler** was re-elected as Treasurer. ΣΠ



Former Sages: David Bresler, David Lusby and Drew Londerholm with Chapter Advisor Jay Ross.

Late 1980s/early 1990s: Quispe, Alvarez, Hernandez, Jason Won, Art Martinez, Jeff Bara, Gabor Fabian, Art Escandon, Ed Rhee, Taek Chang, Steve Schechter.



1950s alumni on a "50th Anniversary" river cruise in Europe on Peter Deilmann's M.S. Mozart: **Bob Hillerman**, **Pat Dear Hillerman** (AOΠ), **Dean Cameron**, **Sheila Kelly Cameron** (AΔΠ), **Barbi Fowler Eggert** (AOΠ), and **Robert Eggert**. Pat was Panhellenic President in 1957. Sheila was a UCLA Alumni Assn. Vice President. Hillerman lives in Florida, Cameron in Northridge, Eggert in Fullerton. The group reunites regularly for Bruin football games at home and on the road. ΣΠ



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Actuarial Exam 2/FM,
traveling to Taiwan.

Paul Hovanesian

Johnny Hunter: Peace Corps
volunteer, graduate school in
psychology.

Blayne Kercher

Dan Kleinkopf: Sports
marketing and representation.

Rommel Lavarias

David Lusby: UCLA law
school.

Robbie Mack

Robert McShane: Public
policy graduate school.

Zach Polin

Chris Sacks

Matt Sandler: Programming
Dept. at KROQ 106 FM "K-
Rock" radio. Stanford MBA
(emphasis in entertainment/
media).

Matt Sandretti: UCLA dental
school.

Misha Silin, accounting with
PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Josh Skifstrom: Music
production.

Josh Speidel

Eric Troedsen: Political
science, education.

Matt Vogel: George
Washington law school.

David Wooten

Alumni updates



Ivan Quiroga married Miss
Sharon Baccus in June in Las
Vegas. Ivan is completing a
graduate degree in library /
information science at UCLA.
He lives in San Diego and
thinks the Padres shouldn't
have traded Trevor Hoffman.



Fall 1958 Pledge Class (photo courtesy of Doug Frank)

Front: Gary Stafford, Thurman Carrigan, Timothy Lyerla, Charles "Chuck" Bader, Unknown, Robert Jordan.

Second: Dennis Regan, Mike Peterson, Unknown, Alex Riddell, Errol Murphy, Burt Kumerow, Unknown.

Third: Jim Loomis, Kim Casteel, Jack Putnam, John "Teddy Bear" Howell, John "Jack" Burghardt, Guy Lundberg.

Back: Robert Nader, Ronald "Wasco" Mathis, Milford Dahl, Unknown, Douglas Frank, Unknown, William Ruck.



Washington. ▲ Photo: Lilly (far left) and the 1959 Bruin varsity crew team. ΣΠ

Lilly: UCLA Crew

David Lilly was Sage in 1959 and
IFC president, and returned to the
house for Founders Day and
Career Night in April 2009.

The West Virginia native was a
letterman on the 8-man crew team
in the "varsity stroke" position. He
remembers classmates **Fred
Jones, Charles Bader** and **Bob
Schrader**, and a house that was
very active on campus in sports
and events like Spring Sing.

The team had limited support from
the Athletic Dept. and trained in
Marina del Rey in an old boathouse
with cold 6:00 am showers, or
fighting off freighters and their
massive wakes in the Long Beach
Harbor, while competing against
West Coast powers Cal and



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Career Night

The following alumni attended Career Night in April to discuss their professions with the active chapter:

David Lilly, law.

Josh Brooks, education

Jay Ross, real estate.

Erik Johnson, information technology.

Dr. Chris Koutures, sports medicine, pediatrics.

▲ Dr. Koutures was the Alumni Guest Speaker discuss his work in medicine and trip to the Beijing Olympics as the assistant team physician for the U.S. Volleyball team, which won a gold medal in men's indoor.

Koutures explained that no beer was allowed in the Olympic Village, which prompted a trip with a colleague to Tiananmen Square. But, the Birds Nest stadium sold beer for 50 cents, so they quickly became track and field fans during the nightly events. Sadly, he reports that few Chinese are knowledgeable about the 1989 democracy movement and massacre of students and demonstrators in Beijing.

Koutures was a sports reporter for the Daily Bruin and wrote the obituary for Bruin track coach **Elvin "Ducky" Drake** when he died in 1991. ΣΠ

Active Chapter update: 1st Counselor

As the school year begins to draw to a close at UCLA, we recognize yet another successful year at the Upsilon chapter. Our brothers have made great strides in all aspects of the brotherhood. Our chapter standing with university is at an all-time high even as numerous fraternities are being reprimanded by Greek relations. We installed our first faculty advisor, **Keith Fink**, who is a lecturer in the Communications Studies Dept., and a notable attorney in the field. We welcomed Mr. Fink into the brotherhood with a formal dinner followed by a post-meeting discussion about law school for interested brothers. He also encouraged students to explore beneficial international business opportunities, including China where he does work.

The chapter gives back to the community in a tremendous way. Philanthropy chair, **Michael Spiker**, organized and executed yet another successful ACE project ("Altruistic Campus Experience"). The philanthropy was a half-marathon in San Pedro where 25 brothers, sorority ladies, and friends finished the race and raised \$3,600 for the UCLA Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center.

Our brotherhood this year lost a strong group of seniors to graduation. This Class of 2009 left its mark on Sigma Pi in a resounding fashion, and are already transforming themselves into successful alumni. **Sam**

Cortina, formal social chair, will teach English abroad in the Marshall Islands before returning home to attend law school. **Dave Lusby**, former sage, will attend UCLA Law School. **Philippe Gerretsen**, who graduates with a 4.0 in mechanical engineering, will be attending USC graduate school in the fall for more engineering under a fellowship scholarship.

Our chapter continues to positively progress socially. All of our open parties, with one each quarter, were a tremendous success. We continue to have exchanges with all the top

sororities and have been fortunate with a large graduating class to enjoy an array of pinnings from various sororities. On campus, we also continue to participate in almost every intramural activity. We competed in numerous playoff games, came within inches of the volleyball championship, and were able to lay claim to the inaugural wheelchair basketball title.

Upsilon completed yet another productive and fruitful year. Thanks to all our brothers and alumni, Sigma Pi at UCLA is a thriving component to the national organization. We shall continue success in the coming years as the chapter prepares for a new decade of fraternal achievement. – **Kevin Monte**, 1st Counselor. ΣΠ

▲ **UCLA club baseball**: **Jake Supowit**, **Rob Mack**, **Matt Quigley**, **Dan Kleinkopf**, **Blayne Kercher**.



▲ **Faculty advisor**: **Keith Fink**, a Los Angeles attorney, served during the 2009 school year as the chapter's first Faculty Advisor. He graduated UCLA in 1985 and was a member of the successful debate team. He earned a J.D. from Southwestern in 1989.

Fink is a lecturer and has designed the curriculum for classes in the UCLA Communication Studies Dept. on free speech in the workplace and on campus, and he is popular with Greeks, including Upsilon students. He also is an adjunct professor at Southwestern Law School.

Fink has taken controversial cases, including the sexual harassment case against American Apparel's president.

Website: www.FinkLawFirm.com. ΣΠ



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SP World Series

FULLERTON – Upsilon lost to a very skilled Long Beach St. active team, 11-9, in the second round of the playoffs at the 31st Sigma Pi Western World Series in May.

LB jumped to a good early lead. Once it was determined that the Dirtbags alternated between composite and aluminum bats, the outfield adjusted. UCLA held them to 0 runs in the last 4 innings, and nearly came back to steal a big win.

LB went on to advance to the finals to play OCAA #3 (CSU Fullerton alumni), which recaptured the title they held for many years.

UCLA had defeated USC alumni in the first round to face LB St. "We Bruins have never lost to USC, but the games have been getting closer each year. Not so much because they are getting better," manager **Dan "Pudge" Romero** said. "I think you get the picture."

After a tight few innings, the Bruins were returned to past glory and walked away with a convincing "W". Young Jedi **Abel Somillea**, who is busy breeding these days, was quoted, "Why that's no bigger than a womp rat?"

In the pool play opener against Arizona, Upsilon had a 9-run rally in the 6th inning highlighted by **Rex Roberts'** 3-run triple. The team batted around, and **Eric Tscheu**, a World Series rookie and the 6-time McCoy champion and 2-time Papa McCoy, had a 2-run double.

Romero went 3-for-3 with a triple and scored 2 runs. **Andrew Fisher** and **Drew -->**

UAA update

The UAA has been very active in programming events for the chapter, and we have funded many items for the chapter this year. We have 70 dues-paying members with total dues of \$ in 2009.

Your donations make it possible – thank you!

\$50 for Golden Crosses for alumni from 1959.

\$100 for travel scholarship for Sigma Pi University in June at National Headquarters in Nashville.

\$100 for new heraldry equipment (Sigma Pi banners, tablecloth for E.C. table, American flag).

Thank you to movie mogul **David DeCamp** for raiding the Sony prop warehouses and providing a parchment role, stylus, and fireplace andirons.

\$200 for donation to actives' half-marathon philanthropy fundraiser, UCLA Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center.

\$200 for D'Avanzo and Meyer scholarships.

\$225 for framing of old photographs (including a donated Varsity Crew photo from **David Lilly**).

\$250 for Brooks Brother ties for former Sages upon end of term.

\$300 for annual dues to National.

\$300 for travel scholarship for Mid-Year Conference in February in St. Louis.

\$400 for photos, furniture, landscaping (trees, roses).

Future purchases: Laser printer for house operations, heavy-duty benches and tables for the patio to create gathering places, treewells and planters for back yard to add greenery.

Balance Sheet (6/25/2009)

ASSETS	
Current	
Cash – Checking/savings	\$ 11,608
Receivables	(190)
Undeposited funds	415
Total	\$ 11,833
LIABILITIES	
Current-Housing Board loan	\$ 3,000
EQUITY	
Retained earnings	\$ 5,707
Net income	3,126
Sub-total	8,833
Total	\$ 11,833

Income Statement (6/25/08-6/25/09)

INCOME	Dues	\$ 905
Donations		3,645
Founders Day		3,390
Interest		92
Scholarship funds		60
Senior Dinner		140
		\$ 8,232
EXPENSES		
National dues	\$ 300	
Founders Day	1,887	
Gifts	701	
Leadership support	500	
Pioneer	860	
Scholarships	650	
Senior Dinner	190	
Tailgater	(20)	
		\$ 5,148
		\$ 3,083



-> **Mercado** each had 1 RBI.

Roberts secured the last out to secure the win with a fierce infield throw to beat the batter at first base.

UCLA somehow lost the second game to CSU Dominguez Hills, despite its 10 errors, in extra innings. ΣΠ

Join next year team: DRomLLC@Gmail.com

2009 Western World Series "Upsilon Bruins"

Eric Tscheu, Drew Mercado, Rex Roberts, Dan "Pudge" Romero (mgr.), Andrew Fisher, Abel Somillea, Kevin Rodriguez, and Jay Ross.



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Housing Board

The Upsilon Chapter Building Association has completed some major repairs -- a revamped internet system (courtesy of **David Zeichick** and his company, DZ Network Support), plumbing repairs, and an upgraded electrical system.

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

Other additions include furniture for the foyer, a set of Norman Rockwell photographs, framed photo enlargements of alumni, framed art prints to brighten various areas of the house, rose bushes for the front planters, and lawn furniture and picnic table, which are popular eating and "hang out" places for the brothers.

Rosemary Ross, the widow of Judge **James Ross**, kindly donated his "Founders Award" plaque to Upsilon, which is now hanging in the Chapter Room next to the "Founders Award" of **William Meyer**. Both were honored at the 1991 Convocation in Irvine.

▲ (Photo of Ross at right.)

Current members: **Matt Sumrow** (President), **Tom Miller** (former President), **Art Martinez** (Secretary), **David Finkel** (Treasurer), **Stu Johnson**, **Liron Nelik** and **Jay Ross** (Chapter Advisor). ΣΠ

Alumni update: Jim Junio world tour

Jim Junio is firmly back in Southern California after many adventures around the world. Last year, the "free spirit" returned from teaching for several months in the Philippines, after a life of traveling, and he now lives in semi-rural Riverside County.

Junio, with a biochemistry degree from UCLA and an MBA, taught 12 classes for a semester as a visiting professor at St. Paul University, American education is highly regarded, and Junio was a bit of a celebrity, earning visits from the governor of the province and the archbishop. One difference is that students are very deferential to teachers and rarely question them. His attempts to teach using the case method were unfeasible.

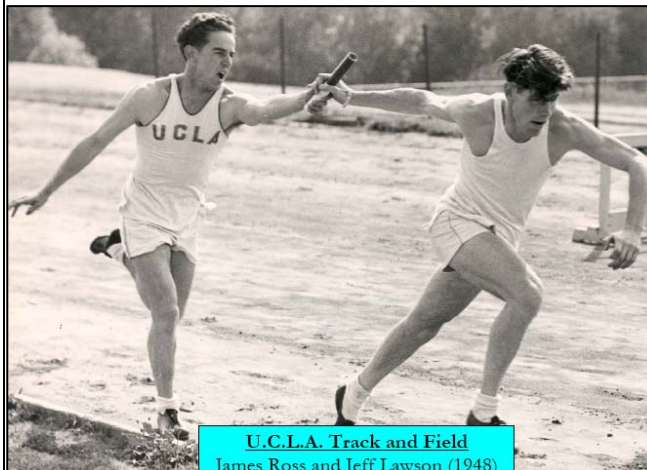
He also weathered a typhoon and saw the poverty in detail in the out-of-the-way province, far from tourist venues, as the storm destroyed the ramshackle shanties and vendor stalls and flooded fields.

Upon return to the U.S., Junio re-connected with **Jim Lipow**, an Upsilon brother who played on the UCLA volleyball team in the mid-1970s, for the first time in 35 years. He was friends with **Mike Dykstra**, a high school teacher and whose grandfather is the namesake of Dykstra Hall, and **Bill Fernside**, a defense attorney in Fresno.

Junio attended Mira Costa H.S. in Manhattan Beach, and at UCLA, he had a varied experience. He wanted to be like the muck-raking journalist Upton Sinclair and work on an assembly line to learn the experience of blue-collar common man. But, his jobs at UCAL and CSU-Los Angeles were in the lab. He worked in the pediatric ward at the UCLA health center and in the Nano-Psychiatric Institute. His work included inventing coatings, designing and building molecules, and testing for cancer.

In recent years, Junio organized a grass-roots jazz festival near his home of Cherry Valley in rural Riverside, which he thought would fail in an area that is less dedicated to fine arts and cultural events. He found a vacant lot and persuaded colleagues to donate a sound system, police and fire officials to volunteer. The event unexpectedly attracted 2,000 people and was supposed to end at 9:00 pm, but the enthusiasm caused the event to last until midnight. Dave Garfield headlined, and the hilltop event could be heard across the valley.

Also in Cherry Valley, he organized a poetry society, and procured a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant. He is also active in hiking on trails and mountain biking.



U.C.L.A. Track and Field
James Ross and Jeff Lawson (1948)

Junio learned his stagehand craft by starting as a volunteer usher for a chamber orchestra in Orange County. He wanted an excuse to attend concerts for free, and then moved into a position as assistant stage manager. Again, Junio took advantage of opportunity to forge new paths. When the conductor asked for help with his score, Junio assisted. Then, when the Executive Director retired, Junio



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Alumni updates

Donald Ess has been lived on the island of Mallorca in Spain for the last 35 years, retired at age 86 after decades of world travel.

In 1979, Ess was one of the first westerners permitted to visit China, the then-closed Communist society (photo to right). He was hosted at the chairman's head table at a banquet at a commune in the countryside, which was a great honor, with Joe and Mildred Loss, the English versions of big band leader Glenn Miller. The commune residents built their own brick huts by hand, and were very proud of their homes.

He has made three trips around the world, including two on the Queen Elizabeth II cruise ship.

At UCLA, Ess remembers fondly the fraternity's "stag" dinners at Ciro's night club with friends **Fred Thornley**, **George Barlow** and **Gene Dye**. Other campus friends were Billy Barnes, a Broadway playwright; Dorothy White (whose father produced Alan Ladd movies), and Beverly Dixon, a Broadway and movie actress, whom he brought to Upsilon costume parties.

The Upsilon male chorus also sang a Sweetheart Song (composed by Bill Campbell) for Margaret Whiting, a popular singer of the 1950s who was named the fraternity's "sweetheart".

Ess may return to the U.S. and live in Minnesota. ΣΠ

asked if he could take the position. He thought it was a figurehead position, but he found himself negotiating with theater owners and musicians unions. He started music-wine-food tasting events to attract a younger audience, and he also started a class at Golden West College to get high school students interested in classical music.

Junio mixes arts with athletics and recently began competing in triathlons, training for the Long Beach Triathlon on 6 weeks notice with a diverse team with competitors aged 28 to 68. He was a couch potato at UCLA, but began training for the endurance event in 2000 and became a USA Triathlon race official. He also coached a team as part of a non-profit organization that promotes the sport. "I'm not big on outcomes, but the process and goals. I worked hard and train every day, that's the best philosophy. Eventually, I'll get the urge to win," he said.

Junio has had a plethora of interesting jobs and experiences, disliking being tied down and always looking for adventure. He worked as a real estate consultant, had his own advertising firm, and also worked for ARCO, McDonnell Douglas and American Express. In marketing at IBM, he got bored and began hang-gliding lessons, which led to a memorable trip to the Soviet Union in the late 1980s with an American hang-gliding team for the "Peace Cup" competition. Junio was on the support team, and he ended up meeting Russian team members and hung out with them in Moscow. He made house calls as a fake doctor's assistant to prolong his vacation, until the KGB figured out that his visa had expired and graciously deported him. "I considered living there, it was so much fun, like a fraternity all over again," he said. "They were such great people and would be offended if you tried to re-pay them for their generosity." ΣΠ

Alumni update: Dr. Mahnke in Iraq

Dr. Becket Mahnke recently returned to the U.S. after serving in Iraq for the U.S. Army Medical Task Force 10 as a pediatric cardiologist and was part of a joint U.S.-Iraqi physician program at Ibn Sina Hospital.

Mahnke started a pet therapy program, using the explosive/drug search Springer Spaniels at the base to do double-duty help recuperation. The dogs help to melt cultural and language barriers among traumatized children from Iraq, whom he treats for burns and fractures, and the program has been very successful in reducing stress. [Mahnke will send a full report and more photos in the Jan. 2010 edition.]ΣΠ

▲ A photo of Mahnke is posted on Newsweek's website: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/200509>



Don Ess in China in 1979



Lt. Col. Mahnke with Capt. al-Barazanje, a surgeon in Iraq



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Donations

1. **Upsilon Alumni Association:** The general fund that collects annual dues, donations for the Bill Meyer and Julien D'Avanzo scholarships for active brothers, communications (website, mailings, Founders Day invitations), and events. Not tax-deductible. 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.

Via Paypal at Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com. (* we prefer checks instead of Paypal because Paypal now charges a 3% fee.)

* **UAA can accommodate "Memorial Donations."** If you wish to donate to the fraternity in memory of a specific brother, please contact me, and it will be included the designation in the next Pioneer.

2. **Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation:** The chapter's own, separate tax-deductible foundation, established in 2007. It is managed by the national fraternity's foundation, but the funds are separate and under our discretion to be used for scholarships and loans for house renovations.

Issue checks to "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation - Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation."

Mail to: David Finkel, Treasurer, 1627 S. Camden Ave., Apt. #206, Los Angeles, CA 90025 - DavidFinkel@Juno.com (310)478-4293

Thank you to the following brothers who contributed to Upsilon from 2008 to 2009.

Joseph F. Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation (2007-08)

Δ – Friend of Sigma Pi & Joseph Marsalek

Grandest Orchid Level (\$5,000)

Estate of Joseph F. Marsalek
c/o Ms. Julie (Marsalek) Wage

Grander Orchid Level (\$1,000)

Carl Moroney

Grand Orchid Level (\$250)

Δ Ernest Gall, Dirk Gall

Jared Frandle

Scott Scheffler

David Shiokari

Robert Webster

Orchid Level (\$100-250)

James Ballard

John Goodlad

Claude "Skip" Keyzers

Scot Kawano

Bob Schrader

Ralph Scott

Robert Webster

Emerald Level (\$100)

Bill Altman

Δ Douglas & Sally Calderon

Robert Doumakes

Arthur Jones

Δ Sharon Kelley

Barry Maiten

Tom Miller

Δ Donna Ornell

Chuck Osterlund

Dan Romero

Δ Susan Rubel

Δ Robert & Judith Spare

Fred Thornley

Gold Level (\$50+)

Oleg Albert

Paul Dinh

Δ Patricia Dyer

Brian Gross

Joe Henriksen

Δ John & Sally Jess

Δ Ted & Mary Pagel

Ben Perkins

Michael Perl

Δ Kevin & Dana Peters

Δ Daniel & Gay Place

David Randel

Δ Donald Vokal

Rob Ward

Lavender Level (\$30)

Δ Martha Martell

2009 (dues paid through)

Orchid Level (\$100+)

William Altman

Steve Baker

David Finkel

John Goodlad

Douglas Keppler

Kurt Kenworth

Claude "Skip" Keyzers

Ed Kwak

Robert Lashbrook

Carl Moroney

Scott Mosier

Charles Osterlund

Richard "Craig" Owens

Richard Peters

Brad Reichard (2018)

Eugene Roche

Rick Savage

Steve Schechter

Admiral James Seely (ret.)

Sean Topp

Al Venton

Gold Level (\$50)

Rudy Feldman

Evan Fong

Ken Ingman

Kurt Kenworth

David Randel

Everett Rea

Karl Schuttenhelm

Glenn Smith

Bruce Thompson (2011)

Nick Zorotovich

Lavender Level (\$35)

Michael Alvarez

Jeff Bara

Dr. Rainer Beck

Josh Brooks

Taek Chang (2013)

Joe Cruz

Ian Doresh

Gabor Fabian

Andrew Fisher

Bill Flores (2010)

Gary Gross

Ryan Henneberg (2010)

Alfred Hernandez

Robert Hillerman (2010)

Richard Hofman

Erik Johnson (2015)

Kaveh Kamfar

Princeton Kim (2015)

Dr. Chris Koutures

Steve Lantz

Darrell Luzzo (2013)

Bruce Macdonald

Arturo Martinez (2011)

Ron Mathis

Franz Miller

Raj Mistry

Nate Murphy

Liron Nelik

Won Park

Fletcher Riehl

Ed Rhee

Dan Romero (2014)

Arturo Ramos (2013)

Jay Ross (2011)

Scott Scheffler (2010)

Jim Seely (2010)

David Shiokari (2010)

Keith Shoji (2015)

Matt Sumrow

Adam Treiger

Rob Ward (2010)

Robert Webster (2010)

Jason Won

2008 (dues paid through)

Orchid Level (\$100+)

David Finkel

Mike Flory

Barry Maiten

Carl Moroney

Emerald Level (\$100)

Robert Doumakes

Fred Jones

Kurt Kenworth

Douglas Keppler

Robert Lashbrook

Phillip Lyons

Anthony Orfila

Eugene Roche

Ron Rule

David Shiokari



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Remembering those brothers who served our country in the pursuit of peace and freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice:

Robert "Ace" Calkins (#193), Donald Hesse (#195), Liston Comer (#214), Lane Donovan (#234)

Adytum

▲ Please remember the brothers who have entered the Adytum in recent years:

Jan Humble - 1959 #519

(2/29/04, Ridgecrest)

Arthur Williamson - 1952 #436

(2005, San Marino)

Col. William Bennett - 1941

#254 (2005, Reva, Va.)

A. Joseph Spielman - 1942 #265

(3/15/06, Kamuela, Haw.)

Albert "Kennie" Gifford - 1935

#128 (12/6/06, Camarillo)

Julian 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)

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 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 Barnett - 1927 #41

(2009, Cardiff by the Sea)

Merle Swanson - 1954 #339

(1/09, Carlsbad).

Roger Denney - 1954 #468

(1/12/09, Irvine).

Eugene Lica - 1940 #247

(1/20/09, Tarzana).

Adytum: Remembrances of our brothers



Merle Swanson #339 (2/18/1923 - 2/1/2009): Swanson, a Gold Cross recipient and charter member of the Old Men's Club, passed to the Adytum on High on Feb. , 2009, at age 86.

He was a WWII veteran and was buried with honors at the Riverside National Cemetery. Upsilon brothers **Jack Bryan**, **Bob Doumakes** and **John Goodlad** attended the burial. The military funeral included a bugler sounding "Taps" and an honor guard with a 3-round salute. A properly folded flag was presented to his children. Swanson was in the 381st Infantry in the South Philippines as a medic with action in Leyte and Okinawa. He was awarded the Purple Heart for being shot in the calf while tending to wounded soldiers, a Bronze Star for valor in the line of duty, a Good Conduct Medal, and two Bronze Battle Stars, all before age 22 when he was honorably discharged.

Merle "The Pearl" Swanson, was a midwesterner from Nebraska who lived life with Swedish gusto and fortitude. He moved to California with his mother after the early death of his father, entered UCLA after WWII, and was loved by all in Upsilon, where he was elected as Sage. On campus, he was elected King of "Men's Week," paraded around like an Egyptian pharaoh. He was a member of the Kelps booster club for Bruin athletics and helped to recruit Rafer Johnson, the 1960 Olympic decathlon gold medalist, to UCLA. Swanson was a strong athlete and led Upsilon in intramural football and basketball, and he was captain and 3-year letterman of the rugby team, earning a lifetime pass to Bruin sporting events. He graduated in 1951 with a B.S. in Business.

In 1951, Swanson married his "honey," Miss Dolores Colligan, in Sierra Madre who became the love of his life. Swanson was known as fun-loving and a big fan of the horse races, attending opening day frequently at Del Mar and Santa Anita (as a member of the Santa Anita Turf Club) and always winning his bets. "He was somebody you liked to see," **Robert Doumakes** said.

Although Swanson was large in stature, he was a gentle giant. He moved his family to Orange, played golf with his sons and grandchildren, and had season tickets to the Rams, Ducks and Angels. He did not smoke or drink much, but he loved to eat (especially ice cream and peanut M&Ms), and always knew the best restaurants. Extremely smart, Swanson was a brilliant mathematician and wordsmith, loved crossword puzzles and cards, and could easily spell words backwards.

Swanson's children have fond memories of their house in Orange with its pool, hot tub and game room. A loving father, he was always the last to wave them off when they went out at night, and stayed up late to ensure they returned home safely. The large family had memorable vacations at the beach and RV trips to Canada. He gave his children the freedom to roam for hours and explore, preparing them to be independent and strong in their own lives.

Swanson was retired from the construction business, in which his company sold building supplies, and he lived in Carlsbad. At his retirement party 10 years ago (which included Judge **James Ross** as a guest), Doumakes said he had never seen so many people: "He had friends all over."

Swanson's wife Dolores ("Lola") preceded him in death in 2008. They had 6 children: Tom, Rick, Sandy, Pam, Doug and Becky. Swanson's son Doug can be contacted at (909) 579-5583 or DSwanson@Prog-Fast.com. ΣΠ



Roger King Denney #468 (1932 - 1/12/2009): Denney, a Gold Cross recipient, passed to the High on Jan. 12, 2009, at age 76, from complications from a stroke. He lived in Orange County with wife Vira, and had been retired after working as a trial attorney for many years. He was buried at sea "He was a people person, he loved people," Vira Denney said. "He was very outgoing."

Denney was born in Indiana, and he had five children with his first wife. He was married to Vira for 33 years, who helped to raise their children.

Denney was involved in mock trial and debating as an undergraduate and played on the Bruin tennis team during his early years. After college, he served in the U.S. Navy during peacetime of the late 1950s and was stationed in San Diego and Pt. Hueneme in Ventura County. He served as a communications officer, and he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

After discharge in 1956, Denney graduated UCLA Law School in 1964. He was a solo practitioner and practiced in criminal law, family law and real estate until retirement in 2002. He also was a cancer survivor of 25 years, and he stayed active in work until age 70 and hobbies until his health deteriorated in recent years.

Denney loved sailing and fishing off the coast and off Catalina Island, and he also helped to found the O.C. Wheelman, a bicycle club. He rode in 100-mile "century" races and rode into his 60s, with a favorite ride from Newport Beach to Laguna.

Denney was a loyal Bruin through the years, a big admirer of Bruin coach John Wooden, and rarely missed watching a football or basketball game. His wife, Vira, can be contacted: (949) 733-1933. ΣΠ

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