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Football schedule

Sept. 3 @ Houston
-road trip to see Handbone!
 Sept. 10 SAN JOSE ST.
 Sept. 17 TEXAS
 Sept. 24 @ Oregon St.
 Oct. 1 @ Stanford
 Oct. 8 WASHINGTN ST.
 Oct. 20 @ Arizona
 Oct. 29 CALIFORNIA
 Nov. 5 ARIZONA ST.
 Nov. 12 @ Utah
 Nov. 19 COLORADO
 Nov. 26 @ U\$C

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.

Lost Brothers

Mailings or emails of were returned from these Brothers. If you have infor, email me at: Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com:

Arthur Baghdanian
 Doug Brown Mike Calligan
 Andy Capps James Carlisle
 William Fine Jordan Fischer
 Harrison Flannagan
 Andrw Fleming Brent Farnum
 George Francis Charles Kirk
 Robert George Kyle Heckman
 Mark Hazelwood Ben Ikuta
 Ronald JamisonTom Knepper
 Allen Kamrava Josh Kamzan
 Steve Laine Darrell Luzzo
 Ed Martin Ron Mathis
 James Payton Nick Sidjakov
 Scott Swanson David Wooten



Founders Day 2011

"Dr. Elliott Brainard, Judge John Crickard and Dr. Ronald Baskin Memorial Founders Day" - Chef Miss Pearl Winter Honored Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting on Feb. 26 in Los Angeles

WESTWOOD - The 88th Founders Day honored the first-ever Silver Cross recipients, Upsilon brothers who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their Initiation.

A large group of 1970s graduates gathered from afar, several for the first time since graduation: **Stephen "Jay" Riggs, Jim Lipow, Hon. Andrew Guilford, Jim Junio, Barry Maiten, Paul Goto (Hawaii), Richard Hofman, David Shiokari, Rev. Mark Nakagawa, Michael Rauch, Mike McFarlin (San Francisco), Dan Pence (Texas), John Tsukahira, and Rich Leserman.**

Joe Henriksen, the Chapter Advisor in the 1970s, re-connected with his group of former actives. **Bob Baker**, a long-time Housing Board member, also attended.

Richard Pena, a restaurateur / bar owner in San Diego, attended for the first time since graduation and sponsored the full bar – as generous as you can get! **Taek Chang** helped to pick up mixers.

Doug Keppler attended for the 5th consecutive year.

Chef **Ruben Zuniga**, who was honored last year for 20 years of meritorious service, feted the Brothers with a roast pig and Hawaiian Luau.

Seats were reserved to honor the memory of several of our finest brothers who passed to the Adytum on High: **Dr. Elliott Brainard, Judge John Crickard, Dr. Ronald Baskin, Charles Norman Reed, John Kulli and Greg Scott.** **Dr. Elliott Brainard**, a Navy veteran, was the youngest officer on the USS LaPorte during WWII, and he served on national and state optometry boards. **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. **Charles Norman Reed** developed in new technology at Xerox. **John Kulli** was a social activist for many years in Los Angeles and a long-time UCLA Alumni Scholarship donor. **Greg Scott** was a high school teacher and administrator.

Several brothers shared messages:

Admiral James Seely, U.S. Navy (retired), Founders Award: I have very fond memories of living in the house – washing dishes for our beloved cook Pearl, playing intramurals, learning how to study from the old guys (it took me 2 semesters to make a "C" average), parties, Spring Sing, and – of course – "Hell



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Oldest Brothers

Dr. Wallace Reed, age 94, (Phoenix, Az.); **William Crickard**, age 92 (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.

Carlisle donation

Ray Carlisle's estate donated the largest single amount to the "Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation" earlier this year, following his passage to the Adytum on High in 2008. Carlisle had graduated in 1939.

The donation of \$57,000 nearly doubled the endowment to a total of \$120,000. The interest from the endowment is used to provide scholarships to worthy active brothers.

Carlisle had no immediate family at time of death, and he remained friends with **Clement "Jake" Jacomini**, who at age 91 administered his estate through probate – a final gesture of generosity to a lost friend.

Carlisle had no contact with the UAA, but he was generous to remember his brothers 60 years later.

Matt Sumrow, **Mike Flory** and **David Finkel** played key roles in establishing the endowment, which was recently approved by the national Sigma Pi Educational Foundation. These donations are targeted to Upsilon and are tax-deductible.

Founders Day

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Week."

Most importantly, I met Gail, an ΑΔΠ and married her in 1957 (with a handshake extension each year). Not many wives would last that long, considering the career I chose. She basically raised our two children from ages 1-12 while I was making 9

deployments to the western Pacific, including the Vietnam War. Had I not been accepted to UCLA and to Sigma Pi, I would not have met her, and I can't imagine my life without her.

Looking back on those years, I certainly appreciate the education at UCLA, but my education in the lessons of life, and my experiences and bonding with my Brothers in Sigma Pi have meant more to me throughout the years. Being a recipient of Sigma Pi's "Founders Award" [given at each Convocation to the most distinguished national alumni] a few years ago meant more to me than any of the medals I received in the Navy. I wish I could donate more to Upsilon, but I wish even more that I could spend time with the actives and alumni – unfortunately Virginia is a long way from SoCal.

John Cellar (Class of 1954): My wife and four children all went to UCLA, and we're intense and loyal Bruin fans. We live in Saratoga (NorCal) now, but when we lived in Thousand Oaks in the 1970s, we tried to attend all the games at Pauley Pavilion – what special memories! There will never be another like our "Coach!" I want to thank all the Brothers who provided thoughts and stories about our beloved John Wooden. We'll be watching the UCLA-Arizona game tomorrow, and I'll be with all my Brothers in spirit!"

Past Grand Herald Bruce Peterson (Class of 1977):

It's been almost 36 years since a beautiful late spring

day in Westwood when Upsilon resumed its rightful and appropriate place upon the rolls of Sigma Pi's active chapters. It was the day that my fellow colony members and I became initiated fraternity brothers to a long line of honor UCLA alumni, dating back to 1923. It seems like only yesterday.

I saw a lot of chapters when I went to work for the fraternity in Vincennes, and later when I was on the Educational Foundation and Grand Council. One commonality of the good chapters was concerned and involved alumni. Looking back, I see how extraordinarily fortunate we were to have a strong and loyal alumni body – one of the benefits of re-starting a "single-letter" chapter. Though some of the alumni have moved on to the Adytum on High, they are with us in spirit, as they remain an integral part of what





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Peers (con't)

Vietnam, including the 1st Cavalry Div., 101st Airborne Div., and the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Peers also coordinated the operations of four South Vietnamese and two elite South Korean Divisions. Under his leadership, the allied troops decisively defeated Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese Army troops in the battles of Dak To in 1967 and Duc Lap in 1968.

In 1969, Peers was ordered by Gen. William Westmoreland to investigate the My Lai massacre, being selected because of his reputation for fairness and objectivity. His commission issued a thorough and critical report. Hugh Thompson, a soldier who attempted to stop the massacre, said, "Congress did not like his investigation at all, because he pulled no punches, and he recommended court martial for I think 34 people, not necessarily for murder but for the cover-up." Peers was in a difficult position, but stuck to the tenant of the Creed, "to advance truth and justice".

Peers retired from the military in 1973, and died in 1984 at age 69 in San Francisco.

▲ **Photo:** Oliver Stone is producing the movie, "Pinkville," about the My Lai massacre, to be released in 2013. Bruce Willis is slated to play Lt. Gen. Peers, an Upsilon alumnus of 1937.

Founders Day (continued)

makes up the distinctiveness of the Upsilon Chapter today. And to all of the Upsilon alumni that gave so much time and effort in the re-chartering effort, I want to say thank you for entrusting us with your Chapter and helping us to make it our Chapter.

Joe Henriksen, Dick Kruger and Milt Freeman, as well as Past Grand Sage **Bill Cutbirth** and our initial Chapter Director, Past Grand Herald **Dan Lilley** of BO (Long Beach St.) helped greatly. We could not have done it without their guidance.

To the young and not-so-young alumni, take a moment to reflect on the meaning of our Founders Day gathering and the bonds and obligations we assumed during the Golden Quest, and become a part of the long Upsilon tradition of alumni involvement. Though I now live in the cold and snowy Midwest, a part of 612 Landfair Ave. will always be a part of me. For that, I will always be grateful.

▲ **Scholarships:**

William Meyer (Most Contributions to the Chapter) Award: **Mitch Howard**.

Julien D'Avanzo (Spirit of Sigma Pi) Award: **Kanishk Tulsyan** (winner of 2009 Meyer Award).

Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships (honor three very generous donors - **Ray Carlisle, Carl Moroney** and **Joseph Marsalek**): 1st Pl. - **Brian Warren**. 2nd Pl. - **Roger Lau**. 3rd Pl. - **Kanishk Tulsyan**.

▲ **UAA annual meeting:** Secretary **Arturo Martinez** and Executive Director **Herman Quispe** chaired the Annual Meeting on Feb. 26, 2011, at Sigma Pi Manor. All decisions of the Board during the previous year were ratified by the membership. All officers were re-elected: Herman Quispe, Executive Director; Jay Ross, President; Arturo Martinez, Secretary; Scott Scheffler, Treasurer.

▲ **Photo:** Housing Board Treasurer **David Finkel** honors **Mitch Howard** with the "William Meyer Award".



Upsilon heritage: Lt. Gen Peers

Lt. Gen. **William "Ray" Peers**, an Upsilon graduate of 1937, is most notable for presiding over the Peers Commission that investigated the My Lai massacre and war crimes during the Vietnam War.

Peers, who was born in Iowa, was commissioned in 1938 and recruited into the Office of Strategic Services after graduation. He joined Detachment 101, which carried out guerrilla operations against the Japanese Army in the China-Burma war theatre. In 1945, he became commander of all OSS operations in China south of the Yangtze River.

He led a nationalist Chinese parachute-commando unit into Nanking, securing the former Chinese capital from Japanese Army and Communist Chinese soldiers before the armistice.

After WWII, Peers joined the CIA and established the agency's first training program. During the Korean War, he directed covert operations by nationalist Chinese troops into southern China from secret bases in Burma.

Upon his return, Peers attended the prestigious Army War College. With his Asian insurgency warfare expertise, his career advanced during the Vietnam War. He was the asst. deputy chief of staff for special operations, and became special assistant for counterinsurgency for Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1967, as a major general, he was named the 32nd commanding officer of the 4th Infantry Division. He was promoted to lieutenant general with 50,000 soldiers of the corps-level I Field Force in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. The I Field Force comprised some of the most aggressive American formations in (continued →)





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Goto (continued):

and the code of honor of winning trials. His good work there resulted in an unsolicited offer to start a fraud unit at Blue Cross.

Goto said to enjoy the present day as carefree youths, because in later years, your wife, children and aging parents will eat up your time. He enjoyed the diverse brotherhood of Upsilon.

"Friendships are fleeting, you can't always sit around on Monday night like this. It's not just 4-5 years here and leave it. Each one of you will remember the others for better or worse. Over time, you will remember the good things."

Pledge Talk

Ed Kwak and **Josh Mandel** spoke with the Spring Pledge Class as Upsilon alumni. Past speakers included **David Finkel** and **Art Martinez**.

The two work in the entertainment/ film industry and regaled with stories of the creative process, teamwork and the importance of loyalty.

Kwak has worked on television shows like "Survivor," though living on a south Pacific Island is not as glamorous as it may sound.

Character is built at the fraternity level, Kwak learned, and getting yelled at by the head hasher taught him to pay attention to details and complete the job when the team depends on him.



The "Go-to" guys: Asst. Coach **Paul Goto** (far left) and his Punahou H.S. team played in the featured game of the "Emerald City Football Classic" at the Seattle Seahawks' NFL stadium in 2010. They defeated Westlake H.S. (Seattle), 23-16. Bruin safety **Dalton Hilliard** is on the right with the orange lima flower lei. Hilliard will be competing for a starting position this fall for UCLA.

Alumni Guest Speaker: Aloha Paul Goto!

Paul Goto, family man, law expert and coach, urged the active chapter to follow their hearts and use their time to help uplift others. He returned to Sigma Pi Manor for the first time since graduation in February as the Alumni Guest Speaker. He joined a fine line of gentlemen who have given of their time to speak to the chapter, including **Rob Webster**, **Fred Thornley**, **Skip Keyzers**, **Dr. Chris Koutures**, **Nate Murphy**, **Ed Kwak**, **Jared Frandle**, and **John Goodlad**.

Goto and several initiates from the late 1970s journeyed from close and afar to meet up at Upsilon Manor, many for the first time since graduation.

Goto works as a lawyer for a healthcare company in Hawaii, but his true passion is as a high school football coach – living the Creed by promoting scholarship. In that field, he's watching out for the Bruin future.

Goto met Hilliard as 7th grader at Punahou H.S. and figured he would be a good match for UCLA. "At that time I knew that he was a good student and a great person. But athletically, what was noteworthy about him was that -- at 5' 6" -- he was already able to dunk a basketball. He has certainly grown a lot since then."

Steve Lakalaka is another talented Punahou defensive player who has committed to UCLA – a Troy Palumalu-type.

Goto told the students that a UCLA degree is "golden." When employees see it, they consider it extra closely because of a presumption of quality. "With USC, the presumption is not the same. Don't take it for granted that you're going to UCLA," he said.

Goto advised the engineering and social science students to take business classes, and math competence is important, because careers and industries change over our lifetimes. When Goto interviews job applicants, he also looks for candidates who played sports. "It forces you to go through things that you wouldn't normally do – attitude, teamwork, discipline and responsibility, and putting up with B.S." That's advice that will help in the future workplace.

Goto grew up in Hawaii of Japanese descent, where his father grew coffee. He says that kids today are more irreverent, but then again, his parents had survived the Depression and thought his generation was irreverent, too.

Today, Goto balances his life by coaching, which life as a trial lawyer did not allow. "A job or career will never get you what you want in here – your soul. What is important is family, friends and relatives."

Goto's original goal was to be a partner at a big law firm, with a big salary. But, he said to be careful of what you wish for, because you may get it. The grind of the private sector is tough, and clients can be jerks. Goto had also worked for the District Attorney in some high-profile corruption / white-collar crime cases, and he enjoyed enforcing the Creed of promoting truth and justice

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Active Chapter

Congratulations to the Upsilon Class of 2011!

The UAA honored them for their Senior Dinner in Westwood in June:

Anthony Bahde
Geoff Elsmore
Cameron Howard
Mitchell Howard
Bobby Keo
Alec Jossens
Kanishk Tulsyan
Dmitri Voulelikas
Austin Willis

Alumni attendees included **David Finkel**, **Taek Chang**, **Pablo Rivas**, **Nate Murphy**, and **Jay Ross**.

Murphy, an asst. director in television production, regaled with Jack Bauer stories from his work on the show "24".

Murphy explained an unwritten part of the job description is that you don't want to get caught as the last person out with Keifer Sutherland -- because then you're the one who has to drive him home. Sutherland is the franchise, so every cast and crew member has to ensure that he arrives safely on the set the following day, even after late nights.

Donations were received from **Charles Osterlund** and **David Shiokari**.

▲ In other news, **Dan Nguyen** (nephew of Upsilon alumnus **Paul Dinh**) ran a half-marathon to raise funds for charity.

▲ **Joey Devean** and **Joey Donaldson** serve as IFC Officers.

UAA and Housing Board update

UAA: The UAA has been very active in programming events for the chapter. We have 40 dues-paying members thusfar in 2011 (but need more!).

\$600 for Silver Crosses for alumni from 1975-1979.

\$500 for D'Avanzo and Meyer scholarships.

\$100 for Senior Dinner.

\$100 for Kindred Minds Scholarship.

Housing Board:

David Finkel and **Scott Scheffler** helped the Chapter file its complicated Form 990 with the IRS.

Mike Flory and **Art Martinez** managed repairs of a new roof and plumbing work.

David Zeichick upgraded the wireless internet system.

Career Night: Taek Chang

Taek Chang, a 1992 alumnus who works at Toyota Financial, advised the active chapter that life and work is about selling yourself and good ideas. Only if you convince others that your good ideas will benefit them, will you succeed. Conveniently, those skills are honed every day in fraternity and academic life at UCLA and the Upsilon chapter.

Chang, an all-CIF Water Polo selection at Sunny Hills, began his career by "pushing cars over the curb" as a salesman. By doing that ground-level work, he built credibility with his supervisors and he worked his way up the corporate level.

"In corporate America, you can't grab and demand anything. You have to schmooze them. It's easy money, if you're good at it. If you don't ask, you don't get."

Chang said there is opportunity for every field or major in corporate business, including engineers and poets -- lots of boxes to fit into. "If you can talk and reason, you'll be seen as a genius," he said.

Other alumni included **Jon Roper**, who explained his longer path to attending medical school (using either the "pay now-play later", or "play now-pay later" methods); **Matt Sumrow**, who opened his own law office, and **Jay Ross**, who works in real estate development.

Sigma Pi "Western World Series"

FULLERTON - Upsilon fell in the bottom of the 5th inning to CSU Dominguez Hills in the first round of the Sigma Pi World Series playoffs, in a close 15-14 thriller in May.

Drew Mercado and **Rob Sammons** both hit home runs in the Bruin slugfest, and **Fletcher Riehl** went 3-for-4, scoring three runs. Mercado was 3-for-3 with 4 RBI and 3 runs scored.

Adding to the Upsilon totals were big games from **Kevin Rodriguez** (2-for-3) and **Rex Ray Roberts** (3-for-3).

Upsilon started strong with a tough dismantling of USC in the opening game, 17-5. The Bruins scored 6 runs in the 4th inning and batted around the order. **Mark Goldsmith** went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI, including a triple. **Drew Mercado** went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI and 3 runs.

Manager **Dan "Pudge" Romero** gave a UFC-inspired performance in the dugout, batting 3-for-3 with 3 RBI. **Fletcher Riehl** added a 2-run triple, and **Manny Alamillo** was 2-for-3 with a triple and run scored.

The second game was a disheartening 24-4 blowout loss to Long Beach St., which went on to win the championship. A Fullerton St. alumni team did not win the tournament for the first time in 15 years (so be nice to **Larry Rovira** when you see him).





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Pearl Winter (cont'd →)

many jocks thought they were special (not in Pearl's eyes). Once a year, a group of formerly lazy pledges (now lazy actives) and jocks (or jock wanna-be's) would stage a mini-uprising with the intent of ousting Pearl.

Fortunately, the saner minds in the house prevailed, and she was never seriously threatened. More of the guys knew which side of their bread had the butter on it, than those who didn't.

Pearl also connived to help the chapter "win" the annual Mardi Gras carnival by raising the most money at the house's hotdog booth. She would beat down suppliers for donations of hot dogs or cider, and then credit those savings toward the house's Mardi Gras committee.

Then, Pearl persuaded suppliers to donate other food items for that week's meals, and credit that amount to the house to buy more supplies to sell during Mardi Gras.

The class-conscious sororities lined up to team with Sigma Pi for the event, knowing that Pearl's business acumen would help them raise the most money.

▲ **Photo:** Upsilon chef extraordinaire **Pearl Winter** in the kitchen with "Milk and Cookies Club" President **Rich Frank** (circa 1968).

Upsilon heritage: Miss Pearl Winter

Upsilon honored Miss **Pearl Winter**, the long-time chef who fed armies of brothers for three decades, at the 88th Founders Day in February. From 1948 until her retirement in 1975, Miss Winter ran a strict kitchen with everyone seated for dinner at 5:00 pm sharp but with the toughlove the many alumni cherish decades later. She would arrive before dawn and not leave until night.

Long-time Chapter Advisor **Joe Henriksen** and other alumni stayed in touch with her after her retirement and attended her funeral in the mid-1980s. She had no immediate family in Los Angeles. "She had a great soul, she sure had a good heart," **Clark Wingert** said. "Her cooking was superb."

A photo has been hung in the kitchen as part of the Upsilon Chef's "Hall of Fame," which includes Jerry Hughen and Ruben Zuniga.

The Brothers remember:

***John Cellar:** "I can't make Founders Day, but I want to show my gratitude and appreciation for honoring Pearl. I graduated in Class of 1954, and Pearl was a great cook and greatly appreciated by all Sigma Pi's."

***John Brott:** "What a memorable character Pearl was. I have never forgotten her! Pearl was strict and stern, but had a truly big heart and cared greatly for the brothers."

***Claude "Skip" Keyzers:** "Pearl was a fantastic cook, maintained an immaculate kitchen, and acted somewhat of a housemother for those of us who stayed close to her. She was an institution for us, and made an indelible impression on most of us. Some, but few, of the brothers disliked her, but most of us loved her!"

***Dr. Jeff Carlson:** "Pearl was an institution."

Being on the UCLA crew team for 2½ years with some other brothers, we came back late from our workouts to eat a late dinner. Pearl would save a mound of leftovers. This was literally 10,000 calories of food piled 6 inches high. Steve Jurist and I would down this fuel in less than 10 minutes. I am thankful to this day for Pearl's thoughtfulness, and will remember her forever with fondness."

***Pete Royer:** "Pearl was a tough task-master, as any of the Brothers will tell you. When it came to the kitchen and dining room, it was "her way or the highway." But, she was known as the best cook on the row, and she put her heart and soul into her work and the welfare of the Brothers. Any Brother who enjoyed her food will fondly remember her, even if he occasionally suffered her wrath for arguing or whining when showing up 1 minute late – "You're late, no breakfast!" She will never be forgotten."

***Doug Frank:** "I would predict that if we actives of 1959-63 were in a room today talking about the good old days, Pearl would be the subject of much discussion. After 50 years, I would bet that even her detractors would have more good than bad to say about her. I worked as a semi-paid scullery maid for 3 semesters. I didn't always see eye-to-eye with her – no one did – but I enjoyed her wit, tenacity and friendship. She was an asset to the house and the fraternity (she always wore an Actives' pin). Most of the Brothers didn't know or realize how much she cared for the institution of Sigma Pi and how hard she worked to help it make ends meet."

One of the biggest problems was that she didn't cotton to lazy pledges or most jocks. The first group made it difficult for her to do her job (pledges were kitchen slaves back then) and (continued →)





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Clark Wingert (cont'd →)



visited by Bruin athletes / coaches **Jerry Norman** and **Eddie Sheldrake** and Upsilon alumnus **Rudy Feldman**, the captain of the 1953 Bruin Rose Bowl team. He has a 50-ft. sailboat to sail among the many islands, and he fishes for salmon and halibut and hunts deer.

After college, Wingert worked for two years in the merchant marine on heavy oilers and fuel ships on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Replacements were needed for the mariners who had been killed in WWII. The cargo would be 50,000 tons, and the helmsmen would have to steer precisely through thin channels.

He traveled the world and visited Alaska for the first time, and he also saw the poverty that existed in South America and the south Pacific, which made him appreciate America's bounty. The ships would dock with fuel, and they would be treated like heroes. Doctors would beg for medicine, because they had little of it after WWII.

"We're an island, and we were clueless about the rest of the world. We have this grandiose idea that we're the smartest people and have a duty to tell others what to do," he said.

Alumni update: Clark Wingert in Alaska

Clark Wingert had a front-row seat of many Bruin athletic feats, and now he spends his days happily, far from the action in Alaska at age 83. He matriculated to UCLA from Anaheim H.S. as a swimmer and met Upsilon alumnus **Elvin "Ducky" Drake**, the Bruins track and field coach whom he called, "One of those grand gentlemen of academics and sports."

In the fraternity, Wingert's experience growing up on a ranch helped him to become a meat carver and slicer in the kitchen, under the tough rule of chef Pearl Winters.

UCLA was a growing campus during the 1940-50s with a stellar athletics program. In those days, ASUCLA managed the Athletic Dept., so the students ended up paying the coaches and had a major stake in the results. "It created a great spirit among the people of that era, UCLA was on its ascendancy," Wingert remembers.

The returning war veterans wanted to make up for lost time. They were overachievers who aimed make UCLA among the top universities in the country. A law school was quickly established, as was a medical school, which sought students who were well-rounded and involved in the community. The campus also had one of the first computers in the West, a punchcard system that took up an entire floor in the administration building.

When discussion about building the Pauley Pavilion began in the 1950s, UC Berkeley opposed it because it wanted to maintain the other UCs as satellite campuses. (The future site was an orange grove in those days.) The UC Regents did not believe that enough older UCLA alumni existed to provide donations, but Edwin Pauley, one of the Regents, would not listen. He donated the first \$1,000,000 in a fundraising drive that produced enough money to build the arena with no debt.

UCLA was a tough grind for Wingert. He studied horticulture, which meant trips to Riverside where they had labs. So, little time was left for social activities and sports, but he still found time to contribute.

"Everyone was pitching in in that era. A large segment of the student body was involved in Spring Sing and Mardi Gras," Wingert said.

In the beginning, UCLA basketball did not get the top recruits. John Wooden always liked to talk about academics, whereas prep athletes may have been looking toward the NFL and NBA. He also would ask what else had they done beside basketball, seeking renaissance men on the court. At first, Wooden would have to take the #3 or #4 recruits, but he would mold their skills, and use his genius and love of the sport to start winning championships.

Back then, the recruiting budgets were small, so coaches would send students and alumni on trips to scout high school athletes or represent the Athletic Dept., serving as an unofficial coach / trainer. Wingert attended the NCAA Track and Field Championships with C.K. Yang, who would compete in the decathlon in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics. The javelin was not his best event, but Drake was needling him because he knew that getting him mad was the best way to produce results. Wingert thought he was standing far enough away from the competition, but Yang unleashed a monster throw that missed Wingert by only 5 feet, flying by him at shoulder height.

Wingert also helped to recruit fellow Upsilon alumnus **Marty Donahoe**, who was a fine distance runner and became a decorated veteran who led a famous secret helicopter raid into North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The two also worked together in an infrared camera technology company in later years.

In the late 1960s as an alumnus, Wingert was told to scout O.J. Simpson in San Francisco, and the high school coach said Simpson could qualify academically for USC – but not UCLA.

Wingert also traveled to away games to represent the university. On a trip to the East with basketball All-American Lew Alcindor was asked hostile questions about abandoning New York and his choice of UCLA, which they considered a "white" school. So, Wingert encouraged Alcindor to stand up and walk out, which he did.

Wingert moved to Sitka, in southeast Alaska, 14 years ago, and he has been (continued →)





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Adytum on High

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

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)

Lynn Diamant - 1962 #619 (1/2008, N.J.)

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)

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, Pahump, Nev.)

Charles Norman Reed - 1960 #570 (2/22/10, Pittsford, N.Y.)

Hon. John (Jack) Crickard - 1942 #240 (6/22/2010, Glendale)

John Kulli - 1940 #217 (7/26/10, Pasadena)

Robert Smart - 1948 #233 (5/14/10, San Clemente)

Dr. Ronald J. Baskin - 1954 #500 (7/25/10, Davis)

Greg Scott - 1968 #708 (10/17/10, Chino Hills)

Ralph Scott - 1948 #327 (4/20/2011, Redondo Beach)

John Goodlad - 1953 #423 (9/4/2011, Corona del Mar)

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Lynn Diamant #619 (1940-1/2008): Brother Diamant, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High in New Jersey in 2008 at age 68.

Diamant was a dichotomy who lived his life with the brain of a rocket scientist and the soul of a rake and raconteur. After graduation from UCLA in 1963, he earned a Ph.D. in Engineering, and worked in Texas on the Apollo moon-landing project for TRW. He married a daughter of Gov. Edwards' family from Mississippi. He worked on rocket projects around the world, and he eventually obtained a top munitions security clearance. Women were impressed by its unique limitation, "no nukes." He later became a consultant involved in the recycling of Soviet missiles into French satellite launch rockets.

"He was really a great guy, real fun," said Walt Maxwell, who was recruited to Upsilon along with NCAA hurdler Jim Johnson by Bruin track coach Elvin "Ducky" Drake. "Most engineers are pretty straight guys."

At UCLA, Diamant was popular with the ladies and brothers, cruising around in a Ferrari that was built as a race car and used in Fox movies.

"Two blocks away from the house, you could hear the rocket engine," said Lloyd Robinson, Diamant's cousin and a USC Law School classmate of Maxwell.

Diamant was an accomplished Golden Gloves boxer, Dr. Rainer Beck remembers, but he was not allowed to compete in the brothers' in-house boxing matches that were held in the upstairs hallway. He was simply too good.

▲ Diamant had one son and one adopted child. His cousin, Lloyd Robinson, can be contacted at (310) 278-0801 or Suite-A@Earthlink.net. ΣΠ



Ralph Scott #327 (12/10/1923 - 4/20/2011): Brother Scott, a Golden Cross recipient and a long-time member of the "Old Men's Club" and veteran of the Korean War, passed to the Adytum on High on Apr. 20 in Redondo Beach, at age 87.

Scott never missed the OMC's holiday parties, and was always interested about the active chapter. He was a devoted teacher in Los Angeles for decades after serving in the Korean War, primarily at the 61st St. Elementary School. One of his favorite events was a "yacht"-building competition in which he taught his 5th graders how to build toy boats and sail them. At a competition at the Rancho Park Lake, 1,000 students participated.

At UCLA, Scott was president of the Golden Key service club. The yearbook remembers how he lived the Creed of service to God and man: "Working the combination of participation and cooperation in campus crusades was master key Ralph Scott. His combination... one Campus Chest drive to the right, back past Dad's Day to five All-U Sings, and finally clicking open with university assistance in general."

Scott married the former Miss Grace Donlou later in life in 1988, although both had been on campus during the same years. Scott graduated in 1949. The two were teachers and met in a Spanish class during their 60s, beginning a delightful marriage of 22 years.

Scott was active in his later years, playing tennis weekly, and he and Grace enjoyed dancing. The two had different personalities but connected well. Scott knew that Grace did not like him to fuss over her, so naturally, he planned surprise birthday parties for her and bought her lots of jewelry. "He was that way with everybody, what a fine man. He was very generous, celebrating birthdays for everybody. He got me so many rings. He was already planning his 90th birthday."

▲ Scott's wife, Grace, can be contacted at (310) 376-3086 or Hopah123@Verizon.net. ΣΠ





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Remembrances

Gregory Scott

"Thank you for sending me a copy of The Pioneer. I enjoyed reading the article on Greg. He and I actually met at the Sigma Pi fraternity house at UCLA. Fond memories.

- Mrs. Margaret Scott, widow of Upsilon's Gregory Scott.



Alumnus **Rich Frank** organized a group of brothers and friends to attend Scott's funeral, bringing a bouquet of flowers and old photos of the brothers. Frank also collected donations from the alumni for the American Cancer Society in Scott's name. Scott also had been a supportive of the championship "Ajax" youth soccer team that Frank coaches.

Mrs. Scott told Rich, "I was so touched to see so many old Sigma Pi brothers at Greg's funeral. I wish I had more time to visit with each of you. The flowers bouquet that was sent from you was beautiful. I remember it was composed of bright Fall colors, and Fall is my favorite time of the year. Thanks for your thoughtfulness."

"Everyone was so supportive, and I enjoyed hearing so many wonderful comments about my darling Greg," she said.

Rich Frank said, "Greg will be missed by many, and very much so by me, but will be remembered by all."

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Robert Smart #233 (1926 - 5/14/2010): Brother Smart, a Golden Cross recipient and WWII veteran, passed to the Adytum on High on May 14, 2010, in San Clemente at age 84. As Initiate #233, he was one of the oldest and sagest Upsilon Brothers.

Smart met his wife in 1940, and the two were married before he was deployed in Europe. Smart was drafted in 1941 after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was stationed in Washington and entered officer's training. He was attached to an engineer's unit that built bridges in Germany for Allied offensives from 1943-45.

Smart returned to UCLA and earned a degree in geology, and he was hired by General Petroleum, working in the western U.S. in oil exploration.

The Smarts lived in San Gabriel and had Bruin football season tickets for 26 years

▲ Smart is survived by his wife, Anita, and two children. Anita can be reached at (714) 493-4371. ΣΠ



John Goodlad #423 (1931-9/4/2011): Brother Goodlad, the beloved President of the "Old Men's Club" and a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Sept. 4 in Corona del Mar at age 80.

For years, Goodlad organized OMC holiday parties, and he was notorious for his involvement in a group that clandestinely infiltrated the USC campus and painted the Tommy Trojan statue blue prior to the USC game in 1950. A full obituary will be published in the Summer Pioneer.

▲ Goodlad's wife, Nancy, can be reached at (949) 673-7377. ΣΠ



Scott Bourquin #801 (d. 5/23/1990): Brother Bourquin, a beloved brother from the 1970s and posthumous Silver Cross recipient, is remembered many years after his early passage to the Adytum on High in 1990.

"I still think of the day when another Brother called me to say that Scott had died.

Perfectly healthy, he went to bed one night and never woke up, leaving three sons and a beautiful wife, Ruth (sister of Brother George Knisley)," Thomas Concannon said. "Scott was the best and the brightest of all of us. Any of the athletic trophies that were won from that era would not have happened without him."

Bourquin graduated from UCLA in three years and was scooped up by IBM immediately for what was one of the most promising and brilliant young careers.

"Losing him is something that none of us has really ever gotten over, except to say, 'Life happens,' and there is no predicting the future," Concannon said.

"Scott was one of the best and the brightest of the house during those years, and I had always imagined that he would have made a fortune in the computer industry and retired early. It saddens me greatly to know that he died so young," said Steve Schaffer, now a swimming coach at Grand Canyon Univ. in Phoenix, where he was named NCAA Div. II Coach of the Year. ΣΠ



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