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Football schedule

Aug. 30 @ Rice
Sept. 8 NEBRASKA
Sept. 15 HOUSTON
Sept. 22 OREGON ST.
Sept. 29 @ Colorado
Oct. 6 @ California
Oct. 13 UTAH
Oct. 27 @ Arizona St.
Nov. 3 ARIZONA
Nov. 10 @ Washington St.
Nov. 17 USC
Nov. 24 STANFORD

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About four years ago, a small and unassuming volume made its appearance within the halls of Upsilon. It aroused interest within the Chapter. It awakened and bound even more tightly the bonds between active members and alumni. It quickened the life blood of the fraternity, and brought still closer the men of Sigma Pi. It began a dream of a greater fraternity at Westwood, and today, when its footprints are nearly lost in the sands of time, its effect is still felt... it was a Pioneer.

Since that time, other volumes have made their bow, each one finer and more pretentious than the last, and each one a Pioneer, bringing with it its measurement of accomplishment. If this volume can, with pride, take its place by the side of its predecessors, then we may consider that it has achieved its goal.

To one who has served his fraternity faithfully and well, to one who exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism which is the heritage of Sigma Pi, this book is respectfully dedicated.

-- Forward and dedication,
Upsilon Pioneer, June 1928

89th Founders Day UAA Annual Meeting Feb. 25, 2012



Young alumni from the 2000s: Jason Kelly, Austin Jennings, Jacob Benz (visiting from San Francisco), Rob Mack, & Matt Nazareth (visiting from New York Univ. law school).

Charles Osterlund, along with Adm. James Seely and Thomas Dempsey, donated funds in recent years for UCLA banners, which are hung proudly in the kitchen and foyer.



Jay Ross with Ron Jamison, who accepted his Golden Cross and his late brother Frank's cross.
Jay Ross with Silver Cross recipients Paul Glowienke and Shelden Simons from the 1970-80s.



WESTWOOD – Brothers from far and near, young and old gathered in camaraderie at the 89th Founders Day on Feb. 25 at Sigma Pi Manor.

Gold Crosses were awarded to Ron Jamison, who journeyed from Colorado, and he also accepted on behalf of his brother, Frank Jamison, who had passed to the Adytum on High. "My brother and I were young, naive boys from Ohio when we came out to UCLA and found Sigma Pi," Jamison said. "The fraternity was a great home for us and gave us more than we could have asked for. It meant a lot to us."

Silver Crosses were awarded for the second year to brothers from the late 1970s and early 1980s. The National office began this tradition, which honors brothers on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation, at the request of our own Upsilon Chapter. Shelden Simons, a U.S. Navy veteran and international businessman who traveled from San Diego, and Paul Glowienke, a personal finance advisor from Palos Verdes, were honored.



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Sigma Pi hosted its annual Career Night on May 21st. Our honored guests included renowned real-estate developer Russell Schaadt, Scott Mosier (finance), Adam Hunt (law), Phillippe Gerretsen (engineering), Ed Kwak (film/television), Pablo Rivas (investment/wealth management), and Jay Ross (affordable housing development). The active brothers gathered in the chapter room and listened intently as the alumni gave valuable advice on entering the professional world after college.

Keynote speaker Russell Schaadt touched upon all of the fundamentals of success, stressing the importance of a good handshake, following up interviews with a phone-call, and networking. Several days after the event, the brothers could not help but express how helpful they found the alumnus' shared knowledge. The event stands as a noteworthy example of the ways in which our fraternity can put young, ambitious men on the fast track to success!

Memories were shared and toasts made as our graduating seniors celebrated the end of their undergraduate careers and the beginning of their professional careers at the annual Senior Dinner on May 29. UAA President Jay

Richard Pena journeyed from San Diego for the second year with a truck full of drinks, and kindly donated to the good cheer. Scott Scheffler and Gabor Fabian graciously worked the door. Ralph Rea, Charles Osterlund and Doug Keppler represented the grand gentlemen of the 1950s.

Sam Allen did not attend but joined the brothers later on a O'Hara's. He was busy at the L.A. Times finishing a front-page story on political corruption in small Los Angeles County cities. Mike Smith made it back to the fraternity house (though we're not sure if he made it back to San Francisco the next day with Doug Glantz).

Chef Ruben Zuniga continues to roll on, and he prepared a great meal of salmon, sole and chicken cordon bleu.

▲ **Awards:** Upsilon honored 9 active brothers for achievement, which is the highest number of scholarships. Generous donations from alumni like you made this possible.

Julien D'Avanzo Award (Spirit of Sigma Pi): Brandon Rokos.

William Meyer Award (Most Contributions): Past Sage Spencer Van Ruiten.

Academic Award: Andrew Munoz.

Community/Campus Service Award: Dylan Robin.

Perpetual 1st (in honor of Joe Marsalek, who was Mr. Upsilon as Chapter Advisor from 1983 to 2007): Joey Donaldson.

Perpetual 2nd (in honor of Ray Carlisle, who donated \$50,000 in his estate): Miles Pember.

Perpetual 3rd (in honor of Carl Moroney, our most generous living donor): Andrew Sanders.

Pledge - Fall: Prateek Puri.

Pledge - Spring: Michael Gill.

The Memorial Ritual was led by Sage Andrew Chung and 1st Councilor Joey Donaldson, and honored those brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High: Past Sage Fred Thornley, who served as USAC President in 1951; John Goodlad, a longtime donor and Alumni Guest Speaker; Gary Gross, who worked in public service for two decades with Los Angeles County; Dale Champion, an award-winning environmental journalist in San Francisco; James Cochran, Past Sage in 1961; Robert Lashbrook, a long-time "Bench Warmer" donor to the UCLA Athletic Dept.; Glenn Smith, a long-time donor to Upsilon Chapter; and Ralph Scott, a long-time Los Angeles school teacher and excellent dancer.

▲ **UAA Annual Meeting:** Executive Director Herman Quispe and Secretary Art Martinez chaired the Annual Meeting on Feb. 25 at Sigma Pi Manor at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

The current officers on the Board of Directors were re-elected: Executive Director Herman Quispe, Pres. Jay Ross, Sec. Art Martinez, Treasurer Scott Scheffler.

All actions of the Board during the past year were ratified by the members.

Sigma Pi World Series

Manager Dan Romero led the brave Upsilon Bruins at the Sigma Pi World Series on May 4. Upsilon fell to the steroid-fueled Fullerton and Long Beach teams, but would have beat them in Thumper.

Team included many of the all-stars of the 2000s: Abel Somillea, Sebastian Perkinson, Drew Mercado, Tony Lopez, Chris Davis, Marc Goldsmith, Andrew Fischer, Scott Scheffler, Omar Vallejo and Kevin Rodriguez.





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Ross, Sam Cortina, Dave Finkel, Josh Levy, and Pablo Rivas treated the graduating brothers to dinner and shared stories of their best times at UCLA.

Our graduating seniors include Mark Stamper, Ryan Gelios, Brian Warren, Jonathan Joseph Caine, Samuel Caine, Andrew Munoz, Julian Feldbein, Milton Strausberg, Joey Deaven, Spencer Van Ruiten, Dominick Ferro, Daniel Antrim, Spencer Sacks, Andrew Sanders, Michael Gill, Paul Martinez, Daniel Marvezi, Dan Nguyen, and Paul Romano. The rest of the active chapter wishes them the best in all of their future endeavors. They will be sorely missed!

This spring, the chapter worked diligently to complete the Standards of Excellence binder as per the annual requirements of the Inter-Fraternity Council. Throughout the academic year, the brothers attended several academic and career workshops, volunteer events, charities, and beach clean-ups to fulfill these requirements and prove to the university that fraternities continue to be a source for chivalry and positive change. The Standards of Excellence binder functions as a presentation of all of the great things the chapter has done throughout the year. Special thanks goes

Career Night: A shot of Schaadt

Russell Schaadt advised the active chapter to use their time in college as a networking opportunity to begin their professional careers. Schaadt, a successful real estate mogul and investment fund manager in Palos Verdes, returned to the house for the first time in two decades as the Alumni Guest Speaker for the Upsilon Career Night on May 21.

Other alumni included Pablo Rivas (wealth management), Scott Mosier (finance), Adam Hunt (law/internet), Ed Kwak (entertainment), and Philippe Gerretsen (engineering/business).

Past Guest Speakers include Fred Thornley, Claude "Skip" Keyzers, John Goodlad, Dr. Chris Koutures, Paul Goto, Jared Frandle, Matt Sandler, Hon. Franz Miller, and Nate Murphy.



Career Night (May 21, 2012): Pablo Rivas, Adam Hunt, Russell Schaadt, Philippe Gerretsen, Jay Ross, Ed Kwak.

When Schaadt graduated in 1983, the economy was in a poor condition with few jobs for young graduates with no experience. One of his first jobs was through a friend's father, using networking skills, which took him to the oil fields of Fresno and Bakersfield and many hot, sweaty days. Because oil companies had land, Schaadt learned about real estate. His next job was building apartments for a large homebuilder, which took him back to northern California. A subsequent job resulted from cold-calling the president of an equity fund, and he was hired the next day. Schaadt recommends the telephone because powerful moguls like to talk about themselves and give advice, and they are too busy to respond to a passive email that asks for a call back.

Schaadt recommends that students seek internships right from the start of their college life, instead of waiting for senior year and then graduating with no experience except at Jamba Juice. Along the way, work on your public speaking skills, so you can have a beer and still converse intelligently. In addition, learn to write a clear, concise letter. Businesses provide less training these days, and the ability to hit the ground running is a leg up on other job candidates.

Schaadt earned an MBA from Pepperdine later in his career, and he advises that graduate degrees and certifications are helpful, but don't guarantee a job.

Nowadays, Schaadt works in Palos Verdes as President and CEO of The Gardner Co., which has a portfolio of \$500 million in real estate, and he also manages a \$250-million investment fund. He didn't know anything about investments, but says that it's a skill that can be learned if you have strong education fundamentals and business experience. He had some bumps along the way, including a big loss at an investment fund during the 2008 real estate meltdown that cost his company's client CalPers \$200 million.

Schaadt's experience as a Snowballer pledge lives on, and he remains an avid skier and stays in touch with the three Smith brothers from Redlands who also pledged Upsilon: Stanford, Scott and Shane.

Other advice from alumni:

Scott Mosier recommends an MBA only after several years of work experience. The degree is



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out to 4th Councilor Evangelous Tsuperkas and Sage Andrew Chung for dedicating countless hours of their time to the completion of the binder.

In late May, the chapter celebrated the induction of our newest pledges. After working very hard this past quarter, the pledges were incredibly vocal of how rewarding it felt to finally be an official member of Sigma Pi. With the wealth of knowledge and guidance provided by pledge educators Jonathan Caine, Spencer Pratt, and Gabe Grossman, it is no wonder why all of our newest junior actives are noticeably more confident and determined than they were before the pledge process.

▲ Senior Brian Warren attend the National Black Engineers conference in Pittsburgh in March.

Alumni Michael Alvarez and Chris Daughters, who work as engineers, donated generous funds to help fund Brian's trip.

Mike designs and launches satellites. He recently married the former Miss Monique Topp and lives in the San Fernando Valley, near his hometown stomping grounds of St. Francis H.S. where he was a prep soccer star. Thanks Mike and Chris!

▲ Senior Joey Deaven was awarded a scholarship for his future career in law enforcement and public

most valuable when you have a defined career path and seek specific educational goals.

Philippe Gerretsen recommends joining industry groups to network. Even technical ones have members who are creative types (marketing) and have business skills (managers). Read the Wall Street Journal and be informed and know your industry.

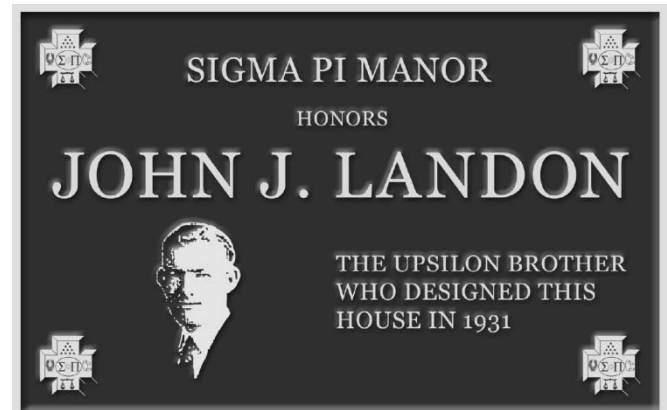
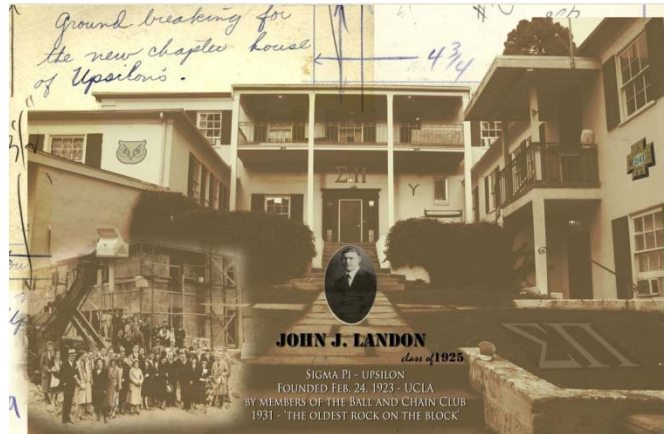
Upsilon heritage

A new brass plaque was installed in the foyer to honor the architect of Sigma Pi Manor. John Landon from the Class of 1926 is an Upsilon alumnus, and he went on to design other facilities on campus and in Los Angeles.

Also installed is an photo-art plaque by Randall Bass, an alumnus from the 2000s, and a cornerstone plaque that commemorates the groundbreaking prior to the house opening in 1931.

A 1938 house photo also was installed in the Chapter Room, which was provided by the family of an Old Mens Club brother.

Thank you to the many alumni who donated money for the plaques and photos: Claude "Skip" Keyzers, Mike McKenzie, Steve Schechter, Arturo Martinez, Kent Lewis and Charles Osterlund.



John J. Landon
Class of 1926

The Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi is UCLA's first fraternity, and the brotherhood was founded on Feb. 24, 1923, by members of the Ball and Chain Club at the University of California Southern Branch.

Sigma Pi Manor

When the Univ. of California Southern Branch moved from its first campus on Vermont Avenue to Westwood in 1929, alumni of the Upsilon Chapter purchased the parcel at 612 Landfair Avenue for the construction of the fraternity's new home. Alumnus John J. Landon designed the house in the style of a Southern plantation manor with its distinctive porch and balcony and columns, and construction was completed in 1931. The house has stood proudly on Landfair Avenue, watching over the campus for decades, and it has welcomed home brothers from all over the state, country and world.



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service.

Alumni Arturo Ramos, a Dept. of Homeland Security official, and Joe Cruz, a GAO employee, provided very generous donations to this scholarship.



Brian Warren in Pittsburgh.

Order of the Golden Bruin

The Order of the Golden Bruin is one of the highest honors bestowed upon UCLA students and alumni.

Five Upsilon brothers have been elected to its illustrious ranks, which includes early Bruins like Ernest Dickson, Robert Sproul, J.D. Morgan, and Walt Hazzard.

Three of these Upsilon brothers have passed to the Adytum on High: Don Hesse (killed in World War II), Robert Thomas (Bruin westling coach in the 1940s), and Fred Thornley (student body president in 1951).

The two other Upsilon brothers are still alive, but their names will remain esoteric in respect to the Order.

Alumni updates

Steve Kaplan has produced a documentary on the culture and music of Los Angeles' famed Sunset Blvd., which runs through Hollywood. A synopsis follows:

Website: www.YouTube.com/user/RainstormEnt/featured

Birthed as a dusty trading route at the turn of last century, Sunset Strip became the world's center of gravity for music, glamour, fashion, sex, and decadence. This curvy, mile-and-a-half strip of road falls just outside LA city limits, beyond the reach of LAPD, where it grew into a place like no other on the planet. A place where dreams are started, chased, loved, hated, displayed, ignored, ended, or all of the above. You make your last stand in Eden, and this is Eden.



Paul Dinh, a 1980s alumnus, and his nephew Dan Nguyen, a brand new 2012 Upsilon graduate, are avid bikers and recently rolled through Cook's Corner in Orange County.

Dan graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, and may pursue a medical career. Before that, he is backpacking through Europe and will watch the Tour du France. Paul is an all-around good-looking nice guy who works in technology in the O.C. and attends Bruin football games at Rose Bowl.



Sean Bloch completed the "Ride to End AIDS," a 500-mile bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles in June. He raised \$3,500, and also trained a group of beginning cyclists (all of them finished, too).

Sean completed the ride for the second year in a row, and reports that it was much easier this year, thanks to an 8-month training program.

The riders camped in tents along the way and ended at the West L.A. Veterans Administration campus



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Housing Board

The Housing Board has completed several projects to keep the Upsilon manor house as "home-y" as possible:

- Bathroom renovation.
- New roof.
- New flat-screen TV.
- New sinks and plumbing.
- New couches.

Future improvements include new carpeting, renovation of the dungeon into a library, large-scale renovation of upstairs bathroom, and renovations of all bedrooms.

These projects will require lots of money, and you can help by donating to our new account with the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation. These funds are now tax-deductible, and they can be used only for our Chapter's exclusive use (not for other chapters or for National).

The Foundation provides grants for education-related projects (library renovation, internet) and loans for other projects (general repairs).

The Housing Board has a \$25,000 loan outstanding for the current crop of repairs. The Board also paid off a large private loan in 2010.

▲ Current members:

Matt Sumrow (President),
Tom Miller (Emeritus),
Art Martinez (Secretary),
David Finkel (Treasurer),
Mike Flory, Stu Johnson,
Liron Nelik, Mike Liskey,
Jay Ross (UAA President),
Taek Chang (Chapter Advisor).

Alumni updates: Rowin with Astros

Even though it has been years since graduation, Allen Rowin still works with pledges of sort. Only this time, his view is from the Houston Astros baseball stadium.

As the Coordinator of Player Development for the Astros, many of his job tasks require him to act almost as a pledge father to many young neophytes trying to break into the bigtime world of Major League Baseball.

▲ **Photo:** Allen Rowin (tall guy in the center) with Astros' GM Ed Wade and star 2B Jose Altuve.

These young players, many of which come from Latin America unable to speak English and without travel experience, essentially start a new life when they enter the minor league baseball system. Rowin helps these players navigate the choppy waters of the minor leagues until they attain their dream of joining the big league club – like the Golden Quest and Initiation.

Rowin is a native of San Diego, and he double-majored in Political Science and Spanish at UCLA. After graduation, he earned an MBA specializing in Sports Business Management from San Diego St. As part of his program, he was an intern in community relations with the San Diego Padres, and he parlayed that into an internship in baseball operations for the Astros.

Today, Rowin proudly serves as Coordinator of Player Development and loves every minute of it. His job gives him a hand in all areas of baseball operations, and his favorite project is overseeing the building of the Astros' complex in the Dominican Republic, which opened in 2010.

Rowin supervises numerous aspects of the Astros' international and domestic minor league operations, which includes eight minor league teams and a baseball academy in the Dominican Republic. He supervises the scouts who sign the players, supervises the independent owners of minor league teams, assigns players to various levels of the minor leagues when they are promoted or on injury rehabilitation assignments, release players who did not pan out, and helps the individual players with contracts, insurance, housing and healthcare. Rowin also helps players on a personal level adjust to their new lives in the U.S. He has not helped in voodoo ceremonies on bats when players are in slumps, but sometimes he has to explain candle burns from Santeria on carpets to hotel owners and landlords. One critical issue is helping players learn English, where his year studying abroad in Spain still helps.

Rowin is thankful to have an advanced position at the young age of 33, only six years after joining the Astros. Career advancement required the right mix of timing and hard work. He brought the right skills – he was older than most lower-level staff with a mix of business skills from his MBA, the ability to work with a team, and knowledge of baseball.

Rowin has worked with almost all of the Astros young players who have been promoted from the minor leagues, including up-and-coming stars 2B Jose Altuve and OF J.D. Martinez. He also has good rapport with legends Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Jose Cruz and Enos Cabell. More importantly, he gets paid to do what he loves – watch baseball.

Making it in baseball requires long hours, including six weeks without a day off during Spring Training and late game nights in Houston. Rowin also travels frequently to check on the Dominican facility and minor league teams, including the Lancaster JetHawks, who play in northern L.A. County. "As good as it sounds, it's a lot of work. Your life is baseball 24-7. You give up a lot, but the benefits are great," Rowin said.





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Rowin (continued) →

helped me when I moved out here. The survival element of the fraternity – to make sure you have enough food, a balanced budget and accounting, no one steals your beer. It's all the same."

Sigma Pi helped in unexpected ways after graduation. Rowin's housing arrangement fell through the day before he began his trip to Texas from California. In a bind, he called the Univ. of Houston chapter, and the brothers found him space in some brothers' apartment. It wasn't a full bedroom, but an unused living room landing between two floors. But Rowin was a minimum-wage intern and thankful for anything, and he lived in that space for 6 months with the house dog.

Cochran family

UAA received a letter from the family of Past Sage James Cochran, who passed to Adytum on High in 2011.

"Thank you so much for sending the Pioneer to me. You did a beautiful job of remembering Jim. He would be very pleased with it. He often reflected on the good times he had at UCLA, especially the Sigma Pi parties. His motto was "to study hard and play hard, but not at the same time."

"It means a lot to me to know that Jim was thought of so highly at Sigma Pi, as well as other areas of his life. Thank you for all you have done to keep Jim's memory alive."

- Mrs. Sharon Cochran

Rowin's biggest project was building the Astros' baseball academy in the Dominican Republic where the team can train promising young players. Rowin, who earned an MBA with a concentration in Sports Management at San Diego St., structured a deal in which a local developer built the facility in just 10 months and assumed upfront financial risk. The Astros then leased it, and Rowin was able to explain to his boss that the team would spend no cash in advance and only make payment when they began to use the facility – a good MBA lesson!

Rowin has used his MBA skills in more baseball-related tasks such as analyzing player prospects and submitting bids. Usually the highest bidder wins, but other factors in the offer include whether the contract is for the major leagues or minor leagues, and the city where the team plays (Latin players prefer Los Angeles and Florida). Although, Rowin is not a formal scout, but he has learned some tricks of the trade to assess talent, although projecting 16-18-year olds as future professionals is a difficult task. He knows to look at throwing motion and mechanics for pitchers and a quick twitch for hitters.

▲ Other Upsilon alumni who work in sports are Seth Bluman, a senior ticket manager with the Dodgers; Dr. Chris Koutures, a physician for the U.S. volleyball team at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics; Kurt Kretschmar, who works for Fox Sports Radio in Phoenix. Rudy Feldman, the captain of the Bruins' 1953 Rose Bowl team worked for the San Diego Chargers of the NFL.

Upsilon helped Rowin develop the survival and decision-making skills essential in the dog-eat-dog world of professional sports. Baseball requires high stakes decisions every day, and you need confidence and nerve based in skill and knowledge, rather than ego. The house taught that.

"The life at Sigma Pi and in Los Angeles really makes you grow up," Rowin said. "I knew nobody out here in Houston when I came to work for the Astros. The concept of fending for yourself

Rowin (cont'd) →

Alumni updates: Upsilon in space

John Douglass is just five years graduated from Upsilon, but he's already in NASA's Mission Control, riding high in America's space future. He works at the Marshall Spaceflight Center in Alabama, where he plans and operates experiments on the International Space Station.

Douglass earned a Masters degree in Aerospace Engineering in 2009, but one of the best resume selling points was his "work" as a UCLA cheerleader. His future boss' daughter was an Alabama cheerleader, so he knew that Douglass was a special case if he could balance that time commitment with the rigors of an engineering program. In addition, Douglass was part of the Bruin athletic team, and that same cooperation is needed in spaceflight, where one small error can have disastrous results.

The Space Station is an amazing machine. Douglass used to watch it being built through the astronaut's helmet camera during spacewalks, and high-tech systems purify all water and de-scrub carbon dioxide from the air. Solar panels

provide all the energy. The cost is \$5 billion to operate per year with 55% funded by the U.S./Europe/Japan and 45% by Russia. Overall, NASA has a miniscule part of the U.S. federal budget, 0.5% of Congress' discretionary spending.

The fraternity provided unexpected skills for his spacework, where lives are on the line and million-dollar investments are constantly at risk. But with a strong NASA training program, which includes work in flight simulators, experience is gained and the right decisions become automatic.

"The relationships that you build and by living in such close quarters, you're interacting with the same people. That can be trying, but you are learning to understand others. That's key when you're trying to get the best out of a team, when you're working at midnight in the Mission Control Center in a 24-7 environment. It's just like in the fraternity," Douglass said.

Douglass remains friends with a successful group of brothers from the mid-2000s: Abner Shao,



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Adytum on High

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

Joseph F. Marsalek - 1954 #428 (11/21/07, Arcadia)
Ray Carlisle - 1939 #199 (11/25/07, Rancho Mirage)
John Selby - 1954 #281 (8/1/07, Lakewood)
Jay Van Holt - 1947 #369 (4/6/08, Santa Rosa)
William Holmes - 1948 #381 (7/14/08, Woodland Hills-L.A.).
Dale Champion - 1947 #330 (7/24/08, San Francisco).
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)
James Payton - 1949 #408 (6/13/2009, Rancho Mirage)
Raymond DeCamp - 1936 #157 (10/30/09, North Hills-L.A.)
Merle Swanson - 1954 #339 (2/26/09, Carlsbad-San Diego)
Dr. Elliott Brainard - 1948 #331 (2/26/09, Pahrump, Nev.)
James Payton - 1950 #408 (6/13/2009), Rancho Palos Verdes.
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).
Glenn Smith - 1949 #335 (7/17/2011, Murfreesboro, Tenn.)
John Goodlad - 1953 #423 (9/4/2011, Corona del Mar).
Gary Gross - 1989 #1062 (10/19/2011, Huntington Beach).
Fred Thornley - 1949 #368 (10/2011, Fullerton)
James Cochran - 1964 #620 (11/23/2011, Valencia).
Robert Lashbrook - 1954 #464 (10/2011, Palm Springs).

who is in Business School at Georgetown and interning in marketing in New York; Kaspec Teichmann, a UCLA Business School graduate; Case Colaw, who is in law school at Hastings (where Matt Sumrow graduated); Eric Troedssen, who is working in advertising; and Andrew Fleming, who helps to run his family's agricultural operations in Brawley.

Douglass' times as a Bruin cheerleader left endearing memories. On a basketball trip to New York, the regular Joe Bruin could not travel, so Douglass filled in and donned the bear costume. He played some one-on-one with Dick Vitale, and in a moment of future YouTube glory, he sunk a half-court shot on video, bringing glory to Joe Bruin and campus.

Some of Douglass' work includes research on typical human responses to space environment and weightlessness (running on the treadmill and monitoring heartrate) and melting and re-constituting materials in the absence of gravity (which can be used in manufacturing). Another experiment is trying to answer one of the most complex questions in physics: Where the "missing" matter is in the universe. Physicists suspect that dark matter and anti-matter make up the matter that is required to sustain the universe's expansion, and a magnet attached to the Space Station seeks to capture particles that can be analyzed.

Mission Control in Houston was involved in the original stage of construction, but much of the emphasis has shifted to the Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., for the long-term work and experiments. The flight director at the Marshall Center in Alabama is T.J. Creamer, who is a former astronaut with a military background.

The Huntsville area provides a mix of rural Alabama and a close-knit company town with highly-educated space and military workers. He plays rugby and has gone shooting with the locals.

Douglass wanted to be an engineer since his youth in the high-technology Bay Area, and his future work may include building and operating telecommunication satellites.



Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



James Payton #408 (1930-6/13/2009): Brother Payton, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High in 2009 at age 79 in Rancho Mirage.

Payton was a Los Angeles native, who attended Los Angeles H.S. before matriculating to UCLA, where he earned BS and MS Engineering degrees.

Payton served in the Air Force stateside for four years in Illinois, where he met his future wife Annabelle. They lived in the San Fernando Valley and South Bay areas of Los Angeles, and Payton was always proud of his UCLA roots. He was generally outgoing and liked to socialize with friends and family, and tell stories.

"He's a good guy, we'll miss him. We do miss him," his son, David Payton said.

Payton worked as an electrical engineer for Litton and Scientific Data Systems, an early computer company. He later moved into management and manufacturing when the company was bought by Xerox. After that, he became president of Century Data, which manufactured disk drives.

As an engineer, Payton was good with numbers and achieved high masters ratings in bridge, a favorite card game of generations of Upsilon brothers. He lived in the South Bay and was an avid tennis player and later played golf when old high school football injuries began to take their toll. ▲ Payton's son, David: (310) 317-5000 or David@Paytons.com. ΣΠ





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