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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

93rd Founders Day

WESTWOOD - Nearly 100 Upsilon alumni gathered from far and near for the Robert Doumakes and Charles Osterlund Memorial 93rd Founders at Upsilon Manor.

Sage Graham Garratt led the Opening Ritual, and 1st Councilor Diego Garcia led the Memorial Ritual, which honored brothers Charles Osterlund, a long-time teacher and Educational Foundation donor, and Robert Doumakes, one of Upsilon's last WWII veterans.

Gold Crosses were awarded to brothers on the 50th anniversary of their Initiation: Karl Schuttenhelm of Placentia, Mike Hutsenpiller of Victorville, and Doug Keppler (traveled from northern California for 9th year in a row).

Schuttenhelm's father, Karl Sr., was an Upsilon brother in the 1930s and the family grew up in the small town of Orinda in northern California. Karl Jr. followed his father to UCLA and to the fraternity, and it was a bit of a culture shock for Karl Jr. He worked as a pharmacist supervisor and now lives in Orange County: "We were respectful but a little bit crazy. Looking back, I'm glad I survived!"

Silver Crosses were awarded to brothers on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation: Rich Marcus, Larry Furst, Sean Bloch, and Jay Ross.

Doug Glantz traveled from Atlanta, and Alfred Hernandez traveled from Houston.



Photo (top): PS Sean Topp, Princeton Kim, Taek Chang, PS Won Park, Steve Yu, Ron Manalastas.

Photo (lower): Jonathan Dolgin, winner of the Garni Award, with Ashleigh of the UCLA Foundation and the Arakelian family.

Award winners:

Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships:

1st Place (Joseph Marsalek Award): Max Sakson.

2nd Place (Ray Carlisle Award): Teddy Ulin.

3rd Place (Carl Moroney Award): Juan Parceo & Anthony Babakhanian.

William Meyer Award (Most Outstanding Brother): Sage Graham Garrat.

Julien D'Avanzo Award (Mr. Sigma Pi): Will Wharton.

Garni Arakelian Award: Jonathan Dolgin.

Gary Gross Award (Community/Campus Service): Nico Shary.

Tim Howell Award (Academics): Nico Shary.

Charles Osterlund Award (Athletics): Alex Li.

Pledge Scholarships: Josh Ravicz, Tanner Kelly & Nico Shary.





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Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting (Feb 20)

Executive Director Pablo Rivas chaired the annual meeting on Feb. 20 at 6:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

All actions of the past year were ratified by the members, and officers were elected: Executive Director Pablo Rivas, President Jay Ross, Treasurer Scott Scheffler, Jake Loughridge and Brad Sharp.

Housing Board

Please consider a tax-deductible donation, so we can begin construction on larger projects in 2017.

These are major renovations and including the cook's room bathrooms, and dungeon library, which will cost \$100,000.

Your donations make it possible to reduce the interest payments on loans, and provide a better house.

I have asked everyone to start saving \$100 per year for the next 10 years, so we all can donate \$1,000 each by 2023.

Phi Kappa Psi built a \$5,000,000 new house on Gayley Ave., so we should provide similar support to our Chapter.

Current members:

Matt Sumrow (President), Tom Miller (Emeritus), Art Martinez (Secretary), David Finkel (Treasurer), Stu Johnson, Liron Nelik, Mike Liskey, Brian Letourneau, Jay Ross (UAA President).



Photo (left): PS Spencer Van Ruiten, Paul Dinh, UAA Executive Director Pablo Rivas, Jay Ross, Tim Howell.

Pablo and Spencer were generous with their disbursement of Cubano Cohibas.

Tim Howell pledged \$5,000 to the Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation, which increases the scholarship endowment to \$150,000.

1st Counselor's Update: Senior Dinner

By Diego Garcia, 1st Counselor

The Class of 2016 gathered for a final night in Westwood to celebrate brotherhood and meatballs. Graduates will pursue careers in law, engineering, technology, politics and the military.

UAA hosts included Executive Director Pablo Rivas, Housing Board Treasurer David Finkel, and Chapter Advisor Brian Letourneau.

Donations were provided by Navy Adm. James Seely and Past Sage Won Park.



Alumni Update: Hon. Andrew Guilford

Upsilon Alumnus Andrew Guilford is a federal judge in Santa Ana and has a side job of getting Dodger speedster Maury Wills inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. An article was printed in the Los Angeles Times: <http://www.latimes.com/sports/dodgers/la-sp-dodgers-maury-wills-20160115-story.html>

Wills and Guilford had forged an improbable friendship: the street-smart shortstop from the East Coast and the erudite legal scholar from the West Coast. Guilford has made it his mission to see Wills inducted into the Hall of Fame.

At Dodger Stadium in 1962. Guilford and his father sat in the top deck, \$1.50 per ticket, his binoculars trained on the shortstop. A decade later, when Guilford was in law school at UCLA, he ran into Wills and got his autograph. They chatted again 16 years ago, when Guilford was an attorney, and have been close since, as Wills works with at-risk youths and Guilford adjudicates to give them second chances.

The judge retrieved an overstuffed file on Wills with statistics and testimonials making his case for Cooperstown. Wills has been rejected for the Hall of Fame 15 times but came painfully close the last time, two years ago. "Three more votes, Maury," he said.





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Alvarez (continued):

building trust and clear communication and education.

Alvarez learned those skills while at Upsilon Chapter, running the internal operations of the house as 2nd Counselor and assisting Scott Good on row walks to convince sorority ladies to come to Moonshiner.

Math skills help with the engineering calculation, but the management and organizational skills are learned in the heat of the battle, and many of his engineering colleagues do not have the needed combination of both analytic and people skills.

"It comes down to thinks you learn here. You must be able to stand up and articulate," he said. "We had all sorts of debates in the chapter meetings where you have to hold your ground, or people will stomp all over you."

Aside from battling NASA bureaucracies on deep space transponders, Alvarez's biggest project is the FireSat, which is a network of 600 satellites with infrared sensors to track forest fires. It scans small 10 x 10 meter parcels from a far orbit of 1,100 kilometers. The satellite bodies must be tough enough to withstand 7 years of high radiation in the Van Allen Belt.

NASA wanted to charge \$2,000,000 for a camera but Alvarez was able to build it for \$60,000 per camera. When the Jet Propulsion

Alumni Guest Speaker: Michael Alvarez

Balkie Alvarez is no stranger to Upsilon.

From showering with Chi Omegas and Barney in Greece to launching satellites into the ionosphere, math major Michael Alvarez has done it all and continues to give back to the Upsilon chapter.

Hot off launching FireSat (a satellite that tracks forest fires in wilderness areas), it was perfect timing for Michael Alvarez to come back to the house as the Alumni Guest

Speaker on Jan. 19. He follows a long line of distinguished alumni that includes Dr. Chris Koutures, Skip Keyzers, Fred Thornley, Dr. Jon Roper, Nate Murphy, Eric Thomassian, Hon. Franz Miller and Ed Kwak.

Alvarez earned his Masters in Mechanical Engineering at UC Santa Barbara, and one of his first jobs was Hughes Technologies' ground control systems division. He traveled to Europe and Asian to set up ground control systems for satellites and avionics. After some time there, he was one of five persons (out of 200 applicants) selected to design satellites for DirecTV.

Alvarez could have continued to work for large companies, and he had interviews with Google or Microsoft during the 1990s tech boom. But he took the path of independence, which fed his spirit of innovation, and eventually was scooped up by smaller, more nimble engineering companies that allowed him to try new things. He saw his next company grow from 30 persons to 180 persons, and it was bought out by L3.

It also enabled Alvarez to learn project management, and create budgets. Then, he would have to design satellites to half that budget, which taught him to innovate on design even more. His next move was to Ecliptic Enterprises, where he started as an engineer and moved up to VP of engineering, VP of business development and now is a principal with an ownership stake.

Other advice is that if you're stuck in a dead-end job, keep making the boss look good, even if you don't like him. Eventually you will jump over him.

"If you're good, you will move up the chain," he said. "There are a lot of average people. Don't be average. Get there first thing in the morning, and leave late. They will notice. And always make the boss look good. They'll fire him and keep you, if he's bad."

Alvarez said to keep pushing to get more work and bigger projects, because 20 other co-workers are doing the same, and you can't ever let down your guard. "Money is nice, but care about your work," he said. "That's what will get you noticed, and will get you the money. It's better to go into what you want to do. Half the time, the easy money disappears, and your corporate leaders may not know what to do."

That scrappiness and vision has helped Alvarez's company. Some of Ecliptic's projects have been large and important for a smaller company, which includes cameras for NASA's space shuttle and moon exploration programs. Winning big contracts like that and persuading a large government bureaucracy to take a chance on a smaller firm requires



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Lab stumbled, Alvarez was able to move his company into that gap.

"Before, I was following procedures, but now I just throw it out and try to solve the problem in a new way," he said. "Even though everyone does it one way, there may be an even better and more attractive way. Be ready to take advantage of opportunities. Always study up and look ahead."

As final advice, Alvarez said that even soft and social majors like English can do well and win interviews. Also, travel the world and talk to strangers on airplanes. You never know when you'll be in Corfu and naked sorority women will invite you to shower next to them, and you'll learn how other people solve problems.

"They want to know, Can you reason, can you solve problems," he said.

Career Night (continued):



Haiti and Nepal to help people with limited medical care and provide what Americans take for granted.

At Loma Linda, he works a

Career Night: Kurtz, Sachs, Roper

Three young and already distinguished Upsilon alumni from the 2000s wasted no time and came right back to speak to the active Chapter at Career Night in May.

Three young and already distinguished Upsilon alumni from the 2000s wasted no time and came right back to speak to the active Chapter at Career Night on May 23.

Ben Kurtz, Esq., a 2008 graduate, now works in litigation, which provides him a nice salary and the prestige of being a lawyer at a large firm at a young age. But it does come with a price. Clients expect him to be on-call 24-7 and demand instant answers in the internet age, which interferes with time with family and friends.

Kurtz was a North Campus major, and much of legal work is like being back on campus – doing homework and researching cases, doing depositions, writing motions and briefs, and arguing in court. Depositions are like interrogating pledges, and court arguments are like chapter meeting, with some similarities in raucousness.



Spencer Sachs, a 2012 graduate, works in sports media, primarily in video broadcasting for networks and studios, including the NFL Network, CBS Sports and Fox Sports.

Sachs may have lucked into his first job, but his skills and drive have kept him moving up. He was interviewing for an internship at AEG at a coffeeshop, but getting nowhere, but Steve Mason of ESPN Radio was sitting nearby and offered him a position.

"I watch sports for 12 hours a day anyways, so I figured I may as well get paid," said Sachs, who started at UCLA Radio.

Nowadays at Fox, Sachs does research on team performance and player statistics and makes television and internet graphics for the NFL pre-game show from Aug. through Feb., and for NASCAR in the Spring. It means many 6-day workweeks and early pre-sunrise hours and then late hours into the early morning until the last overtime game on the West Coast ends.

"There's a lot of stress, but it's something I love," Sachs said.

It also means learning about obscure sports like UFC and synchronized swimming, which all have devoted fan bases, and willingness to travel the country on weekends for 10 months of the NASCAR season, away from friends and family. Sachs enjoys writing, and he has had jobs on daily studio shows, which are difficult because you must be creative and come up with new and intriguing ideas every day, and weekly events shows, which allow more time for ideas to germinate. The weekly shows have caveats, too. Although you have five days to prepare, spontaneous problems happen – one time Terry Bradshaw was casually swearing during a commercial break – at least he thought it was a commercial – when the camera went live.

Sports media is incestuous and everyone knows everyone, so one must be careful to never burn bridges. Los Angeles is a top media market, and many local television and national cable networks have affiliates, at which interns can learn their trade. Sports is also fun, so salaries are low because producers know there are more job applicants than jobs. Sachs also advises newbies to network as much as possible, because sports folk love to talk about themselves.

The expansion of the internet and streaming has created opportunities for computer science and technology experts. Those positions have less contact with the talent and athletes, but better pay and better hours.

Dr. Jon Roper works in the emergency room at Loma Linda Hospital, but uses his medical career to seek adventure and travel the world. He graduated from New York Medical College and moved back to the Los Angeles Area.

Roper, a Past Sage in 2005, has made medical missions to Africa, [See Career Night \(continued\) →](#)



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Career Night (continued):

10-hour shift and will see 20-40 patients. In the trauma unit, he stabilizes the vitals and determines which specialist will treat the patient. He is a giant band-aid and master of everything, unlike a specialist, which gives him flexibility and does not pigeon-hole him into the same routine every day.

During the San Bernardino shootings, he was on duty, and the hospital had six teams and 12 operating rooms ready for victims. Medical staff who were off-duty rushed to the hospital, even without receiving phone calls, because they knew that they were needed. In addition, San Bernardino also has problems with poverty, crime and shootings, often related to meth production. The doctors abide by their policies to treat everyone equally regardless of their patients' histories.

The long hours and constant anguish are difficult, so medical professionals need a strong support network, and they are very close to each other emotionally.

"You learn to compartmentalize your emotions," Roper said. "You can't let it affect you or affect your next treatment. Or, you'll eat yourself alive. Some days you leave and cry, and you've done everything you could but couldn't save them."

Upsilon Heritage: 1960s Reunion



25 brothers from the mid- and late-1960s gathered in August to celebrate 50 years of brotherhood.

Rich Frank hosted the festivities at his home in Simi Valley, with help from David DeCamp and George Farina, who travelled from Illinois.

"A party is only as much fun as the people who attend, so I am very happy

that we had such a great turnout," said Frank, who is busy assessing the Bruins' football and basketball fortunes for the upcoming seasons.

Golden Crosses were presented to brothers on the 50th anniversary of their Initiation, including Hon. Franz Miller, John Lindsay, Jeff Altman, Esq., Steve Rogers, Fred Faeth, Dr. Jeff Carlson, Art Scotten and Robert Moore, who traveled from Maine after living in Rome for decades while working for the United Nations food program.

Louis Frassinelli, a retired attorney, joined the group for the first time in 50 years from Bakersfield, and Steve Jurist, a teacher in the Humboldt area, also met up for the first time since the 1960s. David Mazzeo also was newly found, and journeyed from New York. Past Sage John Latimer traveled from Texas, where he's following UCLA's competition for recruits in SEC country.

Jurist studied political science and now works as a teacher, bring the same practices of his UCLA professors into his classroom. One of his teachers was a Bulgarian resistance fighter during WWII and would regale the class with stories of intrigue and espionage in fighting the Axis.

The reunion was extra special for Jurist who hadn't seen anyone for at least 50 years: "It was so wonderful to reconnect with brothers who were so important to me back then."

"During those immature years, I never thought of any long-term consequences of my actions, and I so appreciate you inviting me. I was completely overwhelmed with the emotion expressed by some of my closest friends from 50 years ago as we remembered such funny and zany times."

"I know now that the bond which we created so long ago with my brothers still endures. I felt the same closeness, after 50 years, that I felt those many nights talking and laughing in the pledge dorm or around the poker table. Thank you to Rich and Renee Frank for opening your home, and to George and Dave for bringing this most memorable event to life. And special thanks to John Scollan and Dave Mazzeo for finding me and making me come."

Chris Cochran, still button-up and riding motorcycles but retired from his state numbers job in Sacramento, remembered a post-graduation trip to Mexico, driving a VW bus with Chris Carver and getting repairs along the way. One scary moment came with the two were jailed, for a false accusation of vandalism. They worked their way out with the help of a local attorney, and were on their way again.

Thank you to Dr. Jeff for \$25 donation that he pledged in 1968. The next reunion is planned for 2018.



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Riding (continued):

Riding likes all types of wine – white, pink and red, and he planted roots for Zinfandel and Malbec grapes, which are native to France and became successful in Argentina, which makes a very good \$20 bottle of wine.

Other grapes of his that thrive in Paso Robles are Grenache, syrah and vigonier.

Riding practices biodynamic, sustainable viticulture, and small premium vintners are attracted to his grapes, which they buy in small lots of 1 to 10 tons. Some even designate specific rows of grapes to harvest. (Riding only sells grapes, rather than producing his own wine in vats).

His La Vista vineyard has 25 acres in production and is located on the west side of the 101 freeway, which receives more rain and has been able to weather the current drought. Winemakers who purchase his grapes include Ranchero Cellars, Ecluse, Irie, Kiamie, Nipomo, Tablas Creek, Tacher, Nicora, Oso Libre, Cinnabar and Brecon.

Upsilon Alumni: Riding on the range

▲ Website for La Vista Vineyards: www.LaVistaVineyards.com.

▲ Article about Brother Riding in the Wine Write magazine:

www.TheWineWrite.com/2013/11/la-vista-vineyards-meet-grape-growers.html



Ken and Marilyn Riding had operated a small wine grape vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountain AVA for about 15 years, when they got the itch to grow grapes on a larger scale to sell to premium wineries. They recognized that the finest wines are made in vineyards that produce quality fruit that express the

uniqueness of the terroir. So they set out to find the perfect site in the wine regions of California.

In 2003, they along with their two children, James and Kendall, purchased 130 acres of land in The Adelaida area west of Paso Robles about 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean. They were taken by the stunning ridges and valleys and the limestone rich soil. The goal: to produce the best premium wine grapes in the AVA!

During the initial land clearing of La Vista, the Ridings were introduced to Alvaro Medrano. Alvaro's extensive knowledge of the grape growing process and experience in producing quality fruit in the past was a great assurance that they had an expert in their midst. Alvaro assisted in all phases of the development starting with vineyard design, varietal, rootstock, clone selection and planting and is now the vineyard manager.

45 acres of the land, which includes the desirable Linne Calodo 154 soil in the Santa Lucia Mountains were cleared in 2005 and 2006, and 22 acres were planted with six varietals in 2007. Additional varietals were planted in 2008 and 2010 for a total of about 25 acres planted today that La Vista sells to various wineries in the Paso Robles area.

Riding grew up in the San Gabriel Valley and La Puente H.S., where Upsilon alumnus and UCLA track and field coach Elvin "Ducky" Drake recruited him and directed him to Sigma Pi. Riding ran cross country and distance races with Upsilon brothers Bob Seaman and John Seaman.

"I loved it," Riding remembers. "At UCLA, running was a highlight of my time there. Ducky was an absolute gentleman in every way."

In the house, Riding worked in the kitchen under long-time chef Pearl Winter, who was gruff but had a big heart, and he was friends with Buckley Martin and Charles Bader and lived in the house for two years before moving into the new Dykstra Hall.

Riding had a diverse career prior to going back to the land and growing grapes. He was an attorney in the San Francisco Bay area (UCLA law school graduate, thanks to a nice recommendation from Coach Drake, along with Upsilon brothers Hon. Andrew Guilford, Hon. Franz Miller, Ben Kurtz, David Lusby and current student Jonathan Dolgin). Riding had good business acumen, which drew him to real estate. He began by buying raw land and entitling it for the subdivision and construction of new homes, which creates the most value in the development process. He sold construction-ready projects to large homebuilders like Kaufman and Broad and Pulte Homes. He later worked for Ponderosa Homes as president of its California and Arizona division until 2009.

Riding was introduced to viticulture because his home in Saratoga had a vineyard, and when he bought a second home in Paso Robles, which produces some of the best wines in California. Naturally, he planted another vineyard there.

See Riding (continued) →



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1970s memories:

as would other press. Naturally, I agreed we would be there before I even asked the brothers/ I figured any press is good for our recently chartered house. That night, it was a hard sell. The thought of meeting Elliot Gould and Diane Keaton finally got the chapter to agree.

A couple of days later, most of the house showed up at 10:00 am at one of the old 1930s movie palaces that used to be prevalent on Hollywood Blvd. The 20th Century Fox PR man was there with photographers, and a king-size mattress was set up on the sidewalk.

The PR man directed us brothers to pile on the mattress in an attempt to fit as many on as possible. After several attempts, we piled over 40 brothers on the mattress. Some photos were taken, and a man allegedly from the Guinness Book of World Records said we had broken the record for the most persons on a mattress at that time. After about an hour, it was all over.

To our disappointment, none of the stars of the film showed. We requested photos, but never received any. I am not even sure the stunt even appeared in the newspaper or if we really broke any record.

Although the brothers got a big laugh out of it, the mattress stunt -- like the movie -- bombed. We talked about this episode for weeks thereafter.

Upsilon Heritage: 1975 brothers

The photo in last issue's Pioneer prompted memories from the re-chartering 1974-75 brothers:

Jonathan "Jonboy" Van Lepp, who lives in Pasadena: What a bunch of dreamers we were. Sigma Pi was the number one fraternity when social upheaval arrived at UCLA, and thus, became a primary target on elitism.

When I came to UCLA on a preliminary visit, I had in my hand letters and cards sent from the various fraternities. Courted by the top fraternities, I decided to go with the Underdog. It was an exciting idea starting up the first fraternity at UCLA. And the people in this fraternity were from all races and walks of life. It was the most diverse fraternity on campus.

Because we were new, the top sororities would not come to our parties. We had to settle for the lessor tiered sororities, which turned out to have some very pretty women, and those of substantial mind. As our reputation grew, we started to get the attention of higher ranked sororities. I think it was because we threw a great party, and the guys were cool with women.

1977 would be the year we played for our first fraternity championship in soccer against the Sigma Nu. The day before this match, our goalie announces he can not play (he is now a doctor). This depresses the team but we move forward. I believe the score was tied when a mis-directed ball by the opposition is in my reach, and just as I kick the ball, this large chested man nails me. I'm outta the game.

Dragged by my shoulders to out of bounds, my shoes are being taken for another player my shoe size. Later in the hospital with three broken ribs and other injuries, I was informed we had lost the game 1-0. We could have won, but for some mis-fortune. If it had come down to a shoot-out, our normal goalie would have shut them down. But fate was not on our side, especially when our beloved cook dies a few days before the match. He was part of the reason we were there.

As I look at the faces of my comrades, I remember pleasantly of that time. We had some characters, and I was one. Who else would butcher two young pigs in the mourning, drive 800 miles south to have them placed in a coal-filled pit with banana leaves for a Hawaiian luau dinner that night? Fresh with no hormones, antibiotics, or anything else harmful to people.

I think this might be the first time we used moonshine in the punch. The following Spring, might have been the first Moonshiner party. This was also a membership drive party known as "Pledge Week."

Past Sage Alan Crivaro, an attorney in Orange County: Jon's recollections in the Pioneer brought back some great memories. The nickname "Jonboy" is from the television series "The Waltons," because he came from a ranching background in northern California.

Here's the story on the mattress stunt. I was the IFC Expansion Chairman and in the IFC office on campus and received a phone call from a PR man at 20th Century Fox. He needed a fraternity to do a promotional stunt for a movie opening in Hollywood. The picture, "I Will, I Will...For Now." starred Elliot Gould, Diane Keaton, Victoria Principal and Paul Sorvino and was a romantic comedy about relationships in the 1970s. In the film there was a scene where all of the characters were in a hot tub together. Instead of a hot tub, the PR man wanted the fraternity to pile on a mattress in front of the theater. Guinness Book of World Records would be there

[See 1970s memories \(continued\) →](#)



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Planned Giving

Your gift to the Upsilon Alumni Association will make the difference in the lives of many of our fellow Bruin Sigma Pi brothers through scholarships, leadership training and values-based education.

As you create your personal estate plans, please remember the value of your membership and pass along the belief to others.

Sample text for a will:

"I give and bequeath to the Upsilon Alumni Association, the sum of \$_____ to be used in fulfillment of educational purposes as the Upsilon Alumni Association shall determine."

Loss of brothers

It is a sad fact of life, but alumni brothers die every year and enter the Adytum.

If you are a family member who has received this copy of the Pioneer, please notify us of the death of the brother.

We would like to notify the rest of the circle of brotherhood and help you celebrate his life by printing information about his life.

Contact: Jay Ross (310) 979-9255 or

Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com

Adytum on High

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

Joseph F. Marsalek - 1954 #428 (11/21/07, Arcadia)

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

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

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Daryl Gustafson #508 (11/21/1935-12/10/2015): Brother Gustafson, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High at age 80 in Pacific Palisades.

Gustafson was raised in Kingsburg (the hometown of Rafer Johnson), and was part of a contingent of 1950s Upsilon brothers from the Central Valley, including Ron "Wasco" Mathis, Bruin track stars John Seaman and Robert Seaman, and long-time high school teacher and coach Buckley Martin.

Gustafson graduated from UCLA in 1957, where he met the former Miss Doris Popovich, and they married in 1960. They were lifelong residents of Pacific Palisades along the Los Angeles coast, and he worked for General Telephone of California, ultimately as the leader of GTE's Office of Government Relations.

Gustafson was a true blue Bruin, and his home was a gathering spot for family and friends during Rose Bowls and Final Fours. His genuine and hearty greeting will be missed deeply, as were his fervent exhortations during the frequent glorious Bruin victories over the decades.

▲ Gustafson is survived by his wife Doris, sister Barbara, and sons Mark and Randy. Doris can be contacted at DanicaGus@AOL.com.



1956 Cocktail Party: Daryl Gustafson, Doris Popovich, Marilyn Merkel, Vladimir Popovich



Douglas Walter Bastyr #374 (2/5/1928-1/29/2016): Brother Bastyr, an Army veteran in Europe during the Cold War, past Province Archon, and Past Housing Board Member, passed to the Adytum on High on Jan. 29 at age 87 in Lawrence, Kan. He was buried back home in Los Angeles's San Fernando Valley at the San Fernando Mission cemetery.

Bastyr was friends with Chuck Ward and John Parker and graduated from UCLA in 1956.

Bastyr was born in Minneapolis to Walter and Sidonia Bastyr. The family moved to Los Angeles and he attended North Hollywood H.S. He served in the U.S. Army in West Germany during the early 1950s, and matriculated to UCLA, where he pledged the fraternity and earned his B.A. He also met his wife, a Kappa Delta on campus, Beverly, marrying one year after graduation in 1957. Beverly died in 1997.

Bastyr served Sigma Pi for a lifetime, serving as Province Archon for five years and on the Upsilon Chapter Building Association. His daughter Linda remembers later visiting chef Pearl Winter at Upsilon Manor as a child. He was a lifelong Bruins, Dodgers, Rams and Bears fan.

Bastyr was a no-nonsense 1950s-style breadwinner for the family, and he worked in sales and metallurgy. His division at Ball Corp. invented various types jars and the 2-piece molded soda can that Coca-Cola used. Boating was a favorite hobby, and one time he piloted his cabin cruiser from Illinois to Louisiana along the Mississippi River. He also enjoyed golf, and described himself as a "duffer."

He retired to Florida and moved to Kansas in recent years



Douglas Bastyr (1953): NATO deployment - West Germany (1950-1953).



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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), Ralph Neis (#348)

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).
Donald Kemp - 1956 #483
(9/11/2011, Cardiff-by-the-Sea)
Robert Lashbrook - 1954 #464
(10/2011, Palm Springs).
Gary Gross - 1989 #1062
(10/19/2011, Huntington Beach)
Fred Thornley - 1949 #368
(10/2011, Fullerton)
James Cochran - 1964 #620
(11/23/2011, Valencia).
Victor Valdes - 1955 # (2012, Santiago, Chile)
Ltc. Ned Ramon Ash - 1950 #353
(4/15/2012, Huntsville, Ala.)
Don Gehring - 1955 #475 (5/2012, Nipomo)
Lt. Donald Bullock - 1953 #419
(11/4/2012, Cornfield, Az.)
Andrew Fleming - 2010 #1393
(11/5/2012, Brawley)
Allen Freeman - 1950 #304
(Medford, Ore.)
Walter Kuns - 1931 #131
(Inglewood)
Buckley Martin - 1960 #551
(2/25/2013, Auberry)
Garni Arakelian - 2009 #1453
(7/11/2013, Glendale)
Dario Sanchez - 1946 #324
(1/2/2013, Redondo)
William Gough - 1947 #360
(11/15/2013, Kihei, Haw.)
Kurt Kenworth - 1949 #495
(11/26/2013, Claremont)
Charles Ward - 1952 #449
(2/4/2014, Sunnyvale)
Dr. Wallace Reed - 1937 #189
(3/7/2014, Phoenix, Az.)
Dorsey Brady, USMC - 1963 #776
(3/15/2014, Atlanta)
Alexander Riddell - 1958 #583
(7/2/2014, Santa Monica)
James Larry Ballard - 1962 #522
(8/4/2014, Fullerton)
Lt. Eugene Roche - 1953 #415
(11/16/2014, N.J.)
Eugene (Dye) Mitchell, USN - 1948 #273 (11/2014, Laguna)
Alan Nichols - 1968 #666
(4/15/2015, Placentia)
Charles Osterlund - 1957 #533
(6/14/2015, Huntington Beach)
Robert Doumakes - 1951 #378
(8/9/2015, Santa Monica)
Daryl Gustafson - 1957 #508
(12/10/2015, Pacific Palisades)

to live near his daughter, Linda Bastyr.

▲ Bastyr is survived by his sister Beverly and daughters Linda Bastyr, Susan Baumgartner and Lisa Morris. Condolences can be sent to Rumsey-Yost.com. Donations in Bastyr's memory can be made to Alzheimer's Association. ΣΠ



Capt. David Van Saun #647 (11/17/1945-11/17/2012): Brother Van Saun, a U.S. Navy Veteran who served in the Vietnam War and Past Sage, passed to the Adytum on High at Van Saun was born in Hackensack, N.J., and raised in Long Beach.

As Sage, Van Saun ran a tough ship during the turbulent 1960s but was respected for his reason and fairness. "He was a nice guy," Richard Frank remembered.

"Not only was he a great guy, he was a great Big Brother," Levan Gopadze said. "He and Al Peters shared a room, and they were always available for plede counseling. He was the reason that I joined NROTC when I almost failed out of school. I had been partying too much, and were it not for Dave's counseling and recommendation to join NROTC, I would have been on my way to Vietnam as a ground pounder. He was a true-blue, a thoughtful human being, not given to big ego as some, and an all-around good guy."

After graduation from UCLA, Van Saun joined the U.S. Navy and served for 30 years until his retirement in 1998. He was a highly decorated Surface Warfare Officer warfare officer while in the Vietnam War theater, and Commanding Officer of the Mayport Naval Station.

After retirement, Van Saun served as Joint Cross-Service Team Leader for the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. He was also a member of the Navy League, serving as President of the Mayport Chapter and National Director.

"I have always thought of him as patriotic, honest, hard-working, and as a strong, calm, yet effective leader," Art Scotten said. "His Sage leadership in Sigma Pi was exemplary, especially in light of the tumultuous culture of the late 1960s, when the Greek culture was under assault. I have a great sadness for our loss. He was a great brother."

Dr. Kent Shoji was Van Saun's roommate as a senior, and he learned much from him, the most memorable being commitment and the value of your word: "This lesson has been an integral part of me and any relationships that I have established. He had a dry sense of humor, always fulfilled his promises, and was always a straight arrow. He was committed to Sigma Pi, family and friends. I was upset to learn of his passing. He will be missed by many."

Chris Cochran remembers that Van Saun offered him the chance to take over his part-time job at PRC in Westwood, which was a great opportunity. Van Saun was willing to take a chance on him, but only if he improved his attitude: "There were conditions. I had to stop screwing up. He was going to train me there, and if I screwed up there, he would recommend someone else. And I had to qualify for a security clearance. Long story short, due to his counseling and support, I made it. Otherwise, I wouldn't have made it."

Another veteran, Pete Royer of Austin, Tex., said, "I remember Dave 'Nails' Van Saun very well and count my blessings for his friendship and the brotherhood we all enjoyed with him. A serious but fun-loving guy and a true Christian. He was always there to help and encourage the rest of us.

▲ Van Saun is survived by his wife of 30 years Doris Carter Pace Van Saun; sons Christopher Pace, Brian Pace and Michael Van Saun; daughter Deborah Van Saun; and brother Walter "Bud" Van Saun. Donations can be made to the ALS Center at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. ΣΠ



Capt. David Van Saun, U.S. Navy (Y1965);
Surface Warfare Officer (1968-1998) - Vietnam War.

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