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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

96th Founders Day and UAA Annual Meeting

WESTWOOD – Brothers from all eras and all over the world converged at Upsilon Manor again for the 96th Founders Day on Feb. 23.

Sage Charles Bickel led the Opening Ritual. Herald Daniel Dobrin and 1st Counselor Cesar Escobedo conducted the Memorial Ritual to honor brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High this year, including Past Sage William Foster, Dr. Wendland Beezhold and Alonzo Minjares, one of the last brothers from the 1940s.

Special guests included Douglas Keppler, who returned for his 12th Founders Day in the past 13 years, and received an Emerald Cross for 60 years of brotherhood. William Heeres from the 1950s returned and received a Gold Cross for 50 years of brotherhood.

Recent alumni included Trae Smith, Alex Li, Alex Janczewski, Sid Naik, Andre Tsivis, and Past Sage Bennett Ladyman, who journeyed from Seattle. Other young alumni included Cameron Howard, Jason Carpenter, Tim Ennem, Jonathan Dolgin, Esq., and Roy Arguello.

UAA Executive Director Pablo Rivas made his dream of King Taco for dinner a reality, and dished out extra lengua to the brothers.

Silver Crosses were awarded to alumni on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation: Dr. Robin Matuk, Bruce Macdonald, Tim Howell, Gabor Fabian, Past Sage Sean Topp, Dr. Chris Koutures, Princeton Kim, Esq., and Michael Alvarez.

A record number of 11 scholarships were awarded, including the first Adrian Edwards Memorial Scholarship, which honors the brother who provides friendship to his fellow brothers.

Scholarship winners:

Upsilon Perpetual: 1st place - 2nd Counselor Nick Rackauckas. 2nd place - Noah Crousore.

3rd place - 3rd Counselor Nick Cantrell, Eren Koc.

Gami Arakelian Memorial: 1st Counselor Luca Abatemarco.

William Meyer Memorial (Most Outstanding Brother): Sage Charles Bickel.

Julian D'Avanzo Memorial (Spirit of Sigma Pi): Josh Ammirato (2nd consecutive year).

Gary Gross Memorial Service: Ryan Glatt (BruinLife Yearbook Editor-In-Chief).

Tim Howell/Robert Webster Academic: Brayden Velk.



Photo: William Heeres, Doug Keppler



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What do your donations mean to the active chapter?

1st Counselor Luca Abatamarco, a rising senior who is studying Chemistry / Material Sciences and Engineering, has been awarded two scholarships on Founders Day.

You generous donations to the Marsalek Chapter Educational Foundation and the UCLA Foundation's Garni Arakelian Scholarship help deserving Upsilon brothers advance in academia and build strong, independent minds and professional lives.

Brother Abatamarco writes:

"Having been awarded with an Upsilon scholarship two years in a row -- the first being Upsilon's perpetual scholarship and the second being the Garni Arakelian award -- I can firmly say that the scholarships Sigma Pi provided me with greatly improved my ability to better myself and the house.

For brothers in the house

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Princeton H. Kim "Service of God and Man" Scholarship

Princeton Kim donated \$5,000 to start Upsilon's 12th scholarship, which is named the Princeton H. Kim "Service of God and Man" Award.

The award will honor the active brother who most exemplifies a strong and ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for those outside the fraternity through community service.

"The purpose of the award is to recognize the brother who embodies the principle of dedicating ourselves to the "Service of God and Man" as stated in the Sigma Pi Creed," Princeton said.

"The Chapter already has several great scholarships recognizing brothers that contribute

to the Fraternity so I wanted to create something that acknowledged brothers who exemplify the Creed and show others outside the Fraternity what it means to be a member of Sigma Pi. UCLA and the fraternity taught us to put others first and lend a hand to support the next generation of Bruins."

Applicants must submit an essay that describes their commitment to community service, the importance of serving the community, and their future plans to continue serving others.

"Princeton's generosity is amazing," said Jay Ross, UAA President. "I hope that his pledge brothers and friends especially will contribute to this scholarship, to honor the great work that he had done. Together, we can leave a lasting legacy to the brotherhood."

Brothers who want their tax deductible contributions to the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation to be used for the "Service of God and Man" Award can submit donations by Dec. 31. [Contact Jay Ross or David Finkel for information at Ross_Jay@hotmail.com or DavidFinkel@Juno.com]

Princeton has been an attorney for nearly 20 years and focuses on employment law. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his lovely wife, Karen, and their son, Connor. He works for Cruise, a subsidiary of General Motors, which is a company focused on developing autonomous vehicle technologies.

Princeton's name can be found on Upsilon's Donor Plaque in the foyer of Upsilon Manor along with 10 other member brothers of the Emerald Society.



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Adrian Edwards Memorial: Shea Dennis.

Charles Osterlund Memorial Athletic: Blake Williams (2nd consecutive year).

Pledge: Noah Crousore, Daniel Kohazad.

▲ **Photo:** Silver Cross recipients Dr. Robin Matuk, Bruce Macdonald, Tim Howell, Gabor Fabian, Past Sage Sean Topp, Dr. Chris Koutures, Princeton Kim, Esq., and Michael Alvarez.





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Abatemarco (continued):

and me, our freedom to engage in extracurricular activities and fraternal responsibilities is impacted by the necessity to work a part-time job after class. The beauty of Upsilon scholarships is that often the generosity afforded to chosen brothers is returned to the chapter and university in the form of dedicated service.

For me personally, I was able to conduct over a year of unpaid research with the nationally prestigious Huang Lab in the Materials Science and Engineering Department and am expecting to be published on at least one paper.

Furthermore, I was elected to the Executive Council as First Counselor and its extra responsibilities to the fraternity this winter. Reducing financial issues means one less thing to distract me from my studies.

I currently work as an intern for the Squellati Group at Oppenheimer and Co., under the Los Angeles Branch's Managing Director of Investments.

To complement my engineering studies, I've committed to delving into the financial world and developing my business acumen so that I could become a leader in the ever-growing technology sector.

▲ **Photo:** Housing Board President Matt Sumrow with 3rd Counselor Nick Cantrell and Eren Koc.

Upsilon Centennial Campaign **(1923-2023)**

Upsilon will celebrate 100 years of brotherhood just four years from now in 2023.

To honor our past and plan for the future, our brotherhood has commenced the "Upsilon Centennial" campaign to increase our scholarship endowment. Our Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation has \$250,000, and generous alumni awarded 11 scholarships at Founders Day in February.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 from you the alumni. We hope that 100 alumni will each donate \$1,000 by 2023, so this notice gives you four years to save that money.

"Education is the great equalizer, yet the cost of a college education has become exorbitant, even at a public institution like UCLA," Past Sage David Finkel said. "Give because older brothers should help their younger brothers. Give because it is right."

In Feb. 2023, the brotherhood will hold its 100th Founders Day, and all \$1,000 donors will be honored.

The "Y100 Campaign" already has four significant donations that total \$12,000. An anonymous donor from Los Angeles contributed \$5,000 at Founders Day, and 1950s alumnus Col. Louis Ravetti donated \$1,000 from his home in Colorado.

James Murphy donated \$1,000 from his home in Florida. Princeton Kim, a 1990s alumnus in San Francisco, just donated \$5,000 for a new 12th scholarship for 2020.

Alumni generosity has been amazing in recent years. Our endowment had only \$60,000 just 10 years ago, and that amount was increased greatly by Ray Carlisle's bequest of \$50,000. Since then, the endowment has increased another \$130,000 because of generous alumni like you.

"If you haven't donated in the past, or have been away from the fraternity, please use this opportunity to re-involve yourself in the lives of our young active brothers," UAA President Jay Ross said. "Our brothers from the 1940s and 1950s built the fraternity for us, and now is our turn to support our current students in the same generous manner. We all have numerous blessings and certainly can give something extra for the great gift of education and open, burnishing minds."

Donations to the Upsilon-Marsalek Fund are tax-deductible, and donors are recognized in the Pioneer and The Emerald. All donations to the Upsilon-Marsalek Fund are held in a segregated account for the exclusive benefit of our chapter.

Our National fraternity honors donors at the following levels of lifetime giving: Tau Phi Delta Society (\$50,000), Old Vincennes Society (\$25,000), Shadowwood Society (\$10,000) and Emerald Society (\$5,000). Ray Carlisle, a 1930s alumnus, is our first Tau Phi Delta Society brother.

Past Sage David Finkel joined William Meyer as our second donor at the Shadowwood Society Level.



Several new Emerald Society members have donated -- Matt Sumrow, Rob Webster, Tim Howell, Claude "Skip" Keyzers, Carl Moroney, Lt. Everett Rea (Adytum on High), Richard "Craig" Owens, Lt. Robert Rule, Joseph Marsalek (Adytum on High), Princeton Kim, Esq., and an anonymous donor.

"Please don't wait to donate later, looking for the 'right time,' and don't expect others to take care of this important task," Housing Board President Matt Sumrow said. "As John Wooden said, 'Poor planning promises poor performance.' The success of this fundraising campaign and the future of our chapter depend on your support."



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1st Counselor (continued):

After completing his master's degree this spring, Brother John Goodlad accepted a job offer as a software engineer at Google, making him a part of the 0.77% of applicants to be hired at the company.

First Counselor, Luca Abatamarco transitioned from researching nanomaterials in a prestigious engineering lab to interning at Oppenheimer & Co. directly under the Los Angeles Branch's Managing Director of Investments.

Musical virtuoso Brother Ryan Glatt has not only spent much of the new year as an intern at an award-winning music production studio, but he has also served as the editor-in-chief for the UCLA yearbook, Bruin Life.

Fourth Counselor Shea Dennis successfully completed the L.A. Marathon, his third one, in record time.

Brothers Riley Johnson and Daniel Kohanzad both participated in study abroad sessions in Paris, with brother Renc Saracaydin headed to Romania in the latter half of the summer for an internship in manufacturing automation.

Lastly, we give a warm yet bittersweet farewell to our graduating seniors who have moved around the country to accept job offers and pursue successful careers. These brothers include Alper Yeksek, Michael Wallace, and Joshua Ammirato.

1st Counselor's Update

By Luca Abatamarco, 1st Counselor

2019 has been an impressive year for Upsilon Chapter. As a whole, the house has increased its academic standing on the row, as well as bolstered our numbers across three Rush quarters. We've expanded on our relationships with other Greek organizations, with Spring Quarter seeing a Pinning with Kappa Delta organized by Brother Ryan Glatt and our House Sweetheart Emma Ward. The kitchen of Sigma Pi has never been better, with brand new appliances and an excellent new chef so talented that other Greek organizations have begun purchasing food from our chapter.

With the guidance of our philanthropy chair, David Kuckuk, the brothers donated over \$600 to the Relay for Life charity.

The executive council members of the 2018-2019 school year left the house even stronger than when they came into office. The dynamic efforts of Sage Charles Bickel and Third Counselor Nicholas Cantrell have left the financial vitality of the house invigorated, and our Second Counselor Nicholas Rackauckas worked with Rush Chairmen Tom White and Adam Griffin to spearhead three successful quarters of rush.

As many alumni were able to experience this Winter, former First Counselor Cesar Escobedo organized an exciting Founder's Day where generations of brothers once again connected and bonded.

2019 has also seen excellence in the brotherhood's career and personal development:

One of our rush chairmen, Adam Griffin, has had an eventful and successful year, achieving in all aspects of his life. During Spring Quarter, Adam won the Alpha Chi "Dream Guy" sorority philanthropy, and capped the year with a summer internship as a software engineer at Amazon.

Brother Abir Hossain, who graduated this spring, was accepted to UCLA's Fielding School of Health as a candidate for a Masters in Public Health on a full scholarship. Additionally, he's accepted a position as Research Coordinator for the university's Academic Advancement Program, which is not only a prestigious role but one that will open academic doors for younger brothers in the house.

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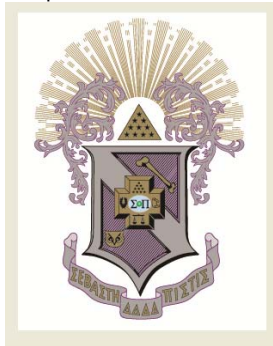
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Upsilon Alumni Assn.: 2019 Annual Meeting

Executive Director Pablo Rivas chaired the UAA annual meeting on Feb. 23, 2019, at 5:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

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



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 and photo 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@Gmail.com

Career Night: The Four Horsemen of Sigma Pi

Four illustrious Sigma Pi brothers regaled the active chapter in May with tales of jobs, life, brotherhood and chapter....

Δ **Adam Treiger, Esq.**, joined the Adytum for his first chapter meeting at Upsilon since his graduation in 1991. In his work as an attorney, he never thought he would be responsible for procuring a Russian submarine. In 1956, a Soviet nuclear submarine sunk in the north Atlantic, which is the basis of the movie "K-19: The Widow Maker."

Treiger represented one of the producers. Director Kathryn Bigelow did not want a computer-generated submarine image, but an actual submarine for the exterior ocean shots. Treiger had experience in procuring property, but had never been tasked to find historic military hardware, which may or may not have been illegal in the U.S.

An old Soviet submarine, without weapons or engine, was located in St. Petersburg, Fla. The sub was towed there after the breakup of the Soviet Union. The owner of the sub drove a hard bargain, but Treiger was able to put a deal together. After procuring the sub for the film, Treiger was the point-man in arranging to transport this formerly foreign-flagged weapon of war from Florida to Canada. He hired Washington, D.C. specialists and helped to negotiate with the U.S. Commerce Dept., the U.S. State Dept. and the U.S. Dept. of Defense to finally get permission to tow the ship to Halifax for filming.

The movie was not a huge box-office success, and there was a lawsuit filed after-the-fact concerning the sub in which Treiger was also involved as an attorney. On the upside, Treiger met actor Liam Neeson, who tried to fit Treiger in for a cameo after Brad Pitt bowed out of a role in the movie.

Treiger is an entrepreneurial lawyer, and works in complex business, corporate and employment law. Treiger puts together large business transactions, advises clients so that they can avoid court when possible, and defends clients in court when they are sued. Avoiding court and settling is a great way to save money for clients. Some of the work can be mundane, but all of it is protective of his clients' welfare, so Treiger even enjoys the process of writing simple contracts and dealing with his clients' problem employees. "Being a lawyer rocks!" he said.

Δ **Blake Nawrocki**, a recent 2016 graduate, was unsure how exactly to use his psychology degree. He could have done clinical work, running experiments and learning about how humans act and react. Behavioral therapy is difficult work, and he talked to his old professors who suggested a Masters in Applied Psychology. This field is similar to marketing, and studies how consumers reach to messages and advertising, which is highly valuable to businesses and organizations.

Nawrocki's first job was in general corporate marketing research for banks and health insurance companies, which he found boring. He then moved to a smaller company, Interet?, which had technology, movie and video game clients for its 30-person staff.

Nawrocki discovered that electronic sports had significant money invested in it, and his work went beyond simply design and graphics. He talked to "gamers" to determine what they liked and disliked about the games, and what features they would add. **See Career Night (p. 6) →**





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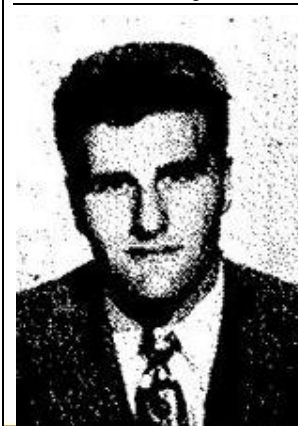
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Gabe Grossman and Jay Ross at Career Night



Frank Davis
#338 (6/27/1925-
3/24/2019):

Davis, Upsilon's oldest brother who attended UCLA in the late 1940s and graduated in 1950, passed to the Adytum on High on Jun. 27 at age 94 in Ranchos Palos Verdes.

At Upsilon, he was friends with Boyce Alpert.

Davis was a senior psychologist for the Long

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Career Night (continued): Sometimes, a character may have weird feet.

Small companies allow its staff to wear many hats, so Nawrocki was involved in surveys and programming, developing macros, and running focus groups for games like NBA 2K and a Lego soccer game for youths. He takes millions of data points and demographics, to draft white papers for new companies with new ideas for games.

Nawrocki's work can impact millions of gamers around the world, and he often sees beta versions of new games in advance of the public. A recent project was to do all of the concept testing for "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare."

"These are passionate people, they're not lame," Nawrocki said. "They're excited to see a new, unseen game. My work is high impact, and I can see forward how it will be applied. I love to go to work and geek out with other nerds, and to get paid to play Mortal Kombat."

△ **Beau Donahoe**, Beau Donahoe, a 2013 UCSB Sigma Pi, moved to the big city of Los Angeles to work in commercial real estate. He met Jay Ross at their office when he saw a Sigma Pi holiday card in his office window. Donahoe worked with Jay on market-rate multifamily, student housing, and affordable housing development projects in California, Texas and Washington, and moved to a local development firm that builds hotels and multifamily projects in Hollywood, Downtown Los Angeles, and other areas.

Donahoe's current role is in commercial real estate capital markets, where he analyzes deals and brings together the financing to develop a project as well as the team of consultants, engineers, and contractors that make it possible. His firm is working on innovative designs to produce affordable housing more quickly and less expensively, to help cure Los Angeles' homeless problem.

"It combines analytics and being a people person," Donahoe said. "I have to sell the story behind a project and get potential investors or lenders on board with the business plan."

Different daily tasks include underwriting new investment opportunities, procuring debt (loans) and equity (cash) for investments and development, strategically selling assets, and refinancing completed projects to return capital to investors and secure a lower cost of capital which increases the ongoing profitability.

"At the end of the day, the job is educating investors about the financial returns and risks associated with any investment opportunity. If that all checks out, my job is to quarterback the team to make a closing possible; every deal involves an extensive due diligence process to verify that the opportunity you are selling is real and there are no surprises when closing comes around," Donahoe said.

△ **Gabe Grossman** studied civil and environmental engineering, but by his junior year knew he didn't want to continue with a technical track after graduation.

Introduced to the idea of consulting by Upsilon alumnus Brian Warren (grad. 2012), his interest was piqued by the opportunity to apply quantitative and qualitative skills to address challenging business problems in a creative manner. He interned at Accenture, a consultancy which recruits smart, multi-faceted young talent and sets them loose to solve problems that entrenched businesses can't solve.

Grossman found himself focused on strategy in the energy sector - an interesting and fast-evolving area given the advancement of rooftop solar, the rise of electric vehicles like Tesla, and rapidly shifting environmental/renewables policy.

"In many cases old-school energy companies find it challenging to adapt to the times," Grossman said. "If you're a young consultant hungry to take on challenges, there's opportunity for you."

In his own case, as a recent UCLA graduate and brand-new analyst, Grossman was thrown into the mix and eagerly took on responsibility for broader, more complex tasks whenever possible - for example when executives went out on paternity leave. After several fruitful but taxing years pushing hard, working long hours, and commuting coast-to-coast in strategy, Grossman made a non-traditional transition to working part-time (20 hours a week). With his remaining time, he now pursues his true passion: producing and DJing electronic music. Grossman collaborates with Upsilon alumnus Josh Brooks to run music collective and label Los Angeles Music Project, through which they release music, produce/DJ events, and work with interested UCLA students wherever possible to immerse them in the music industry.



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Davis (continued):

Beach Unified School District for many years before retiring.

Davis had the difficult job of treating children gently and fairly and managing disputes with parents who wanted excessive care, while gingerly avoiding confrontations.

Davis was a quiet and introspective man, whom his colleagues respected and liked.

Davis had diverse hobbies. He played the oboe in the Palos Verdes Symphony, and he attended classical concerts with his wife Allison.

The two enjoyed the outdoors and hiked together. One of their vacations was to Maine, where they stayed on a converted fishing vessel.

Davis also enjoyed sailing and had his own Hobie.

Davis loved to fix things, and could have worked as an engineer. He loved his workbench and made cabinets and shelves with his own hands for his home.

Davis' father was in the U.S. Navy, and he moved often as youth, living in Coronado in San Diego and Maine.

Davis attended high school in San Francisco before matriculating to UCLA and pledging Upsilon in 1947.

△ Davis is survived by his wife Allison and three children.

Alumni update: Macias in USMC

Capt. Joel Macias, a 2016 Upsilon graduate, is stationed at Ft. Hood in Texas and serves as an artillery officer. He is on the team of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, which has a 25-mm cannon, and he inputs coordinates and aims the gun's laser to hit targets at a far distance of 20 kilometers.

Macias will be deployed in Eastern Europe, but his next stop will be away from the field. He is training to become an intelligence officer. The position is a type of military diplomat includes discussing military policy with allied governments. His goal is to become a Foreign Area Officer, which is similar to the work of the State Department's U.S. Foreign Service.

Macias was born in San Jose and grew up in Merced. Prior to college, Macias' main knowledge of the Middle East came from television news, and his interest was piqued by a class in politics of the Middle East at UCLA. He extended his time at UCLA and used his fifth year to study Arab history, language and culture class. Macias he earned two B.A. degrees in Political Science and Arabic.

"It's a strategic language, and practical for the military and seemed interesting," Macias said. "I studied in Jordan, too, and liked the region."

In the military, Macias continued that education with one year at the Monterey Language Institute. He will follow that with one year of developing contacts and living in a Middle Eastern country, and then a Masters program for two years.

Macias joins a long line of recent Upsilon alumni who have served in the military, including Dr. Robin Matuk, a Gulf War U.S. Army veteran; Dr. Beckett Mahnke, a U.S. Army pediatrician in Hawaii and Guam; Joey Deaven, U.S. Navy deployed at sea; David Ganio, U.S. Navy; Cory Sambol, U.S. Air Force National Guard officer in Fresno; Craig Schallhorn, U.S. Marine pilot in Pensacola, Flor.



After Sigma Pi: A Nepali Village and Academia for Dr. Larry Crawshaw

Graduate school at UC Santa Barbara went well initially for Larry Crawshaw, with a full ride and new, interesting material to comprehend. In the second year, things went very sideways. There had been no summer to unwind like during undergrad times, girlfriend problems, motivational disintegration, his mother's death, and the Vietnam War draft. Now what? Maybe the Peace Corps. An application was mailed in and quickly forgotten.

Then, on a dreary day, a letter arrived from Washington, D.C. Crawshaw was to report to Hawaii for a three-month training period for Peace Corps Nepal. Suddenly everything lit up. He and 25 other volunteers received intense training in Nepali for six hours per day, along with lectures on the Nepali culture. The new job involved teaching village leaders about King Mahendra's new Democratic Monarchy. The King had come to power after jailing Prime Minister Koirala, who was quite popular and had led a successful rebellion to oust despotic rulers who had controlled the country for 100 years.

After training, the volunteers were given five days of R&R in Oahu, where Crawshaw spent days surfing the Waikiki waves and nights watching The Endless Summer movie. Then.....on to Nepal.

The group was trained to work in the mountain villages, but with no warning the King decided to place half of the group in the Terai, the lowest part of Nepal, which had different customs and where no one spoke Nepali. Crawshaw was one of those sent to the Terai, but decided against learning the local language (Maithili), and instead learned Hindi, which the

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Adytum on High



Alonzo Minjares

#333

(1932-2018):

Brother Minjares, a Golden Cross recipient from the Grand Gentlemen's Generation who graduated in 1953, passed to the Adytum on High on in 2018 at age 86 in Tucson, Ariz.

Executive Council

Congratulations to Sage Charlie Bickel and the new Executive Council for 2018-2019, who succeed Past Sage and ROTC Capt. Jisoo "Tyler" Chung, U.S. Army.

The new officers include:

Luca Abatemarco, 1st Counselor.

Nick Rackauckas, 2nd Counselor.

Nicholas Cantrell, 3rd Counselor

Shea Dennis, 4th Counselor.

Derek Hight, Herald.

David Kuckuk, Philanthropy Chair.

Ben Marullo and Noah Crousore, Social Chairs.

Tom White and Adam Griffin, Rush Chairs.

Crawshaw (continued from p. 7): villagers also utilized and was spoken and understood throughout most of India.

Being suddenly in a small Nepali village was like being instantly teleported to the moon. Nothing resembling Western civilization was present. While a little unsettling, existing in a totally different culture was also exhilarating, like a living Anthropology class.

Elephants carrying the upper-class people, an adult water buffalo's head being cut off with a large Gurka knife and the blood then being dripped around the altar and gathered people, holy men wandering about, bullock carts carrying loads of marijuana to the border.

There was no sanitation, and sickness was common. When he got down, on a clear day Crawshaw would look to the north and could see Mt. Everest, about 90 miles away. Then quickly the appreciation of how special the experience was would return.

The job that the Peace Corps had assigned was pretty much hopeless. The village leaders were not at all interested in learning about the King's (pretend) democracy, and Larry's counterpart (a hill Nepali) could

not speak the local language. So, he and the Nepali conducted the training sessions with the audience there because they feared the consequences of not attending, but comprehended little.

However, Crawshaw befriended the local K-12 school's teachers, and the headmaster invited him transfer to the school to teach English and Science. Crawshaw proposed this new job to the Peace Corps, but they were very protective of their bureaucratic decisions and claimed that Crawshaw was deranged by culture shock (total nonsense) and to wait until the end of the year. At the end of the year, Crawshaw submitted the proposal again, and now the Peace Corps said: "Well, you only have a year to go, so just stick it out."

This was completely unreasonable, so Larry obtained a letter from his Nepali supervisor saying he was not really useful (the supervisor was really supportive of Larry and didn't want to write it, but finally agreed), and a letter from the school stating that they definitely wanted him. That did it, and his second year of teaching grades 3, 4, and 5 English, and science to the juniors and seniors was very productive and much more fun.

Sigma Pi proved valuable in dealing with the hot season. Heat in the middle of the day was so intense that school held classes from 6 to 11 am, and the teachers were bored waiting during the middle of the day siesta. In the early 1960s, Sigma Pi had some strong bridge players, including the legendary Phil Dole, and the game was always being played in the chapter room, with intense plays and strikes.

The Peace Corps had provided the volunteers with a book locker, and in it was Hoyle's Book of Games. One chapter gave instructions on Bridge. Larry had never played, but made the suggestion that it would be a fun way to weather the heat. All of the teachers, one at a time, read about Bridge, and learned to play by the seat of their pants with lots of references back to Hoyle. Soon there was always a game or two going on in the middle of the day.

In the village near the school, the bids (in Hindi) or SLAM BAYO! were yelled and could be heard outside the building. The volunteer that followed Larry wrote an article for the Peace Corps magazine, and reported being really annoyed because the headmaster often paid

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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)

Crawshaw (continued):

Soon Briggs' reputation became well known and helped ward off Beta and SAE troublemakers.

Crawshaw returned to civilian life and finished up his PhD at UCSB in 1970. He did a post-doctorate at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography (UC San Diego) and then had appointments at Yale (J.B. Pierce Foundation) and Columbia Medical School, before returning to the west coast.

Crawshaw is now an Emeritus Professor of Biology at Portland State Univ. Along the way, he also taught at Waseda University, in Japan, with his friend and colleague Dr. Kazuyuki Kansosue. His last academic stint in Japan will be this year in October.

Crawshaw has published numerous academic specialty articles and book chapters, and also has articles in Scientific American, Science, Annual Review of Physiology, and American Scientist.

In an odd turn of events, his last article will be on wrestling, where an English description of wrestling terminology and tactics was needed. His Japanese colleague, with whom he has published many scientific articles and who was the academic advisor to the wrestler (first author), laughed and said: "It will be our first and last publication in wrestling."

Briggs would be proud.

Crawshaw (continued from p. 8):

more attention to the bridge games than to visits by parents and their kids. Hmmm...bad boy Mr. Larry.

During the long winter school break, Crawshaw and another teacher Madhav Babu walked out of Nepal and travelled on railroads and busses all the way around India. They traveled north to New Delhi, to the middle area (Madhya Pradesh), down to Cape Kumarin, the southernmost tip, back to Calcutta, and thence a return to Nepal and Sirha (their home village). Cape Kumarin had some nice waves like back in California, and a crowd from the nearby village came out to see Crawshaw body surfing. Apparently they had never witnessed that. Madhav Babu had never seen a wave, but it looked easy, so he headed out, got knocked over teakettle, and Crawshaw had to rescue him.

The Holi festival occurred soon after our return to the village. Everyone drank Bhang, a sort of hashish shake that has been associated with Holi since 1000 B.C. All day long, colored powder was thrown on everyone and everywhere (see the photo of "Mr. Larry" after he got "decorated").

Crawshaw is the second generation in a UCLA family, following both of his parents and his aunt and uncle. His earliest memories of sport on TV were of the family huddled close together watching UCLA basketball games on a TV with a post card sized screen. He distinctly remembers them being excited about the hire of a new coach named John Wooden.

Crawshaw graduated from South Pasadena H.S., which was also attended by Upsilon brothers Jerry Nash, Ron Foland, Morrie Parker, and Paul Johnson. He had many cool pledge brothers, including future Sages Richard "Craig" Owens and Dr. Karl Schuttenhelm Jr. (with a doctorate in Pharmacology). Owens and Crawshaw surfed a number of the good breaks in Southern California, and on several occasions in the winter, Crawshaw and Dennis Casso woke very early and surfed the Malibu point break before getting back in time for 10:00 am classes.

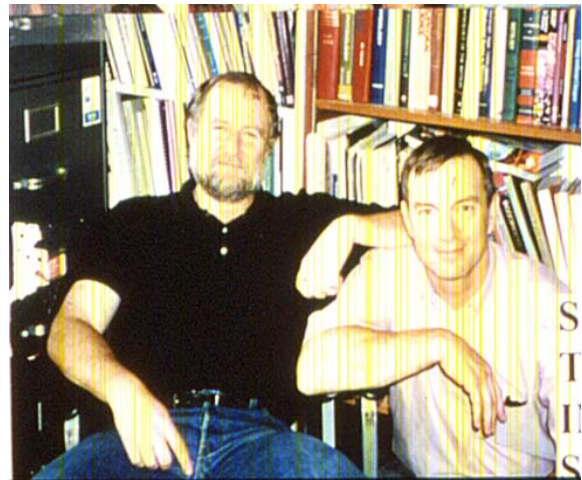
UCLA required a Physical Education

class, so Crawshaw registered for wrestling. It was taught by the legendary Bruins coach Briggs Hunt, an Upsilon brother who won several AAU championships in the 1930s and who coached the U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling Team in 1952. Briggs and "Krayshaw" (Briggs' pronunciation) became friends over their love of hunting and fishing. After he returned from a canoe trip from Vancouver to Alaska, which filled out his upper body, Briggs recruited him for the Bruins wrestling team. Crashaw was focused on his studies, so he declined, but will always remember Briggs for his knowledge, discipline, and inspiration.

One Monday before class, Briggs offhandedly told Crashaw: "Ah hurt mah thumb over the weekend." It was a bit swollen. Crawshaw had read a short article in the Los Angeles Times about two 19-year-olds with sticks who attempted to mug an older man in the San Fernando Valley. The two assailants ended up in the hospital with serious injuries, and the old guy walked away. Crashaw later discovered that the "old guy" was his own coach and Upsilon brother.

Briggs was a walking martial arts arsenal. In addition to wrestling, he also taught boxing and was proficient in karate and judo. Dr. Schuttenhelm's father, Karl Sr., was an Upsilon brother with Hunt and told Karl Jr. that Briggs and the captain of the football team (lineman Cecil Hollingsworth, another Upsilon brother) would bar-hop together. Briggs would often get into it with other patrons, and always prevailed. Cecil would make sure that he didn't get ganged up on.

See Crawshaw (left) →



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