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Active Chapter

The Upsilon Chapter is once again enjoying another year of success as a whole and among individual brothers. Sigma Pi remains a top chapter on the UCLA campus and in the Greek community.

Within the brotherhood, there have been numerous instances of achievement.

Sam Cortina, a recent graduate in 2009, remains abroad in the Virgin Islands serving as an English instructor for young children. He has been accepted to Harvard Law.

A senior, **David Park**, was afforded the opportunity to work out for the UCLA men's basketball team after being recruited by assistant coaches while playing in the John Wooden Center.

Senior **Kevin Monte**, has started at two premier internships, with the Los Angeles Clippers and with financial investment company Northwestern Mutual. The Northwestern internship has been rated as a top 10 internship in the entire nation over the last 5 years.

Harrison Flanagan, a 2009 graduate, is beginning his law career at UC Hastings along with alumnus **Case Colaw**.

Evan Hou, a 2009 graduate, was hired for a prominent actuarial position in a high profile insurance company.

The Chapter remains competitive in Intramural Sports and on-campus activities. The football and soccer teams in the Fall made a substantial run into playoffs. Following Fall finals, the chapter still maintains a high overall GPA.

Founders Day: Sat., Feb. 20
UAA Annual Meeting: Sat., Feb. 20

Dr. Mahnke returns from Iraq

Dr. Beckett Mahnke, a 1991 Upsilon graduate, recently completed a 7-month tour of duty as a medical doctor in Iraq in support of U.S. military and the nation's civilians.

Mahnke, who is an officer and trained as a pediatric cardiologist, was stationed at a military hospital in the Green Zone in Baghdad. His tasks were more in line with general medicine and all non-surgical needs for Americans, Iraqi government officials and their civilian families.

Beckett is back in Hawaii at a military hospital, where he treats congenital heart defects in soldiers, pregnant women and their young children throughout the Pacific Region, which includes trips to military bases in Guam and Japan. He trained in Seoul and Pittsburgh. Doctors serve less than one year in Iraq, so they can return to their home hospital and keep their specific skills up to date.

Beckett wasn't sure what to expect of his deployment, but after returning, he would sign up immediately for another trip to Iraq: "I was pretty excited to go, and it was much more enjoyable than I expected. It was a very unique experience. Five years ago, I was dreading going there. But, if they

tapped me on the shoulder, I'd go immediately."

In Iraq, Iraqi government ministers and American VIPs are treated at the hospitals in the Green Zone, which is safe for the most part. The Green Zone is relatively small at 5 square miles, and it is an inviting target for insurgents to lob in shells. Loudspeakers will everyone to take cover when a shell is detected, and all the workers will scramble to protection.

Beckett was generally safe, but like all military officers, he has friends who were killed. He met a soldier named John Pryor while in Kuwait prior to deployment, and later learned that Pryor had been killed by a bomb in Mosul, after attending church with friends.

Some of Beckett's most important work is treating Iraqi children who are burned and wounded by bombs. The goodwill generated by treating the most innocent and vulnerable in Iraq helps generate support from the nationals, and makes the service of the soldiers easier.

Beckett has gone on patrols with combat soldiers, wearing 35 pounds of body armor. With very high temperatures, soldiers carry 100 pounds of gear and weaponry and face shooting and bombs. They're genuine athletes, but they don't get paid for it.

"Our deployment was cush compared to them," Beckett said. "It's an honor to take care of those guys, for everything they do for us and the Iraqis."

Beckett also started a pet therapy program at his base, which aided soldiers suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. A British contractor next to the base had friendly Springer Spaniels as bomb-sniffing dogs, and Beckett asked about using them for therapy. The dogs helped soldiers to open up, reminding them of their dogs back home. Soldiers that are wounded and returning to the U.S. are usually depressed, because they want to stay and fight with their buddies. So, the dogs help those





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The Chapter has varied and enjoyable social interactions with many top sororities. These exchanges, numerous brotherhood events, and socials involving the UCLA campus population have brought much excitement to the chapter.

The brothers have committed to many philanthropic events by continuing the organization of marathon runners for a substantial donation to the UCLA Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center.

Recently, the Chapter organized a creek cleanup of trash and debris at Stone Canyon Creek on campus.

We still remain a relevant and successful chapter in and around the UCLA community. Thank you again to all the alumni who have afforded us this opportunity to carry on the traditions of the Sigma Pi brotherhood at UCLA.

- Kevin Monte, 1st Councilor.

Upsilon website

We have a new website! Thank you to the Upsilon Chapter Building Assn. and President **Matt Sumrow**, who funded a portion of the re-design.

Please register and update your profile on the Alumni Association website www.SigmaPiBruins.com.

The login is your email address. Be sure to include your email address in your profile when you register.

This enables us to contact you via email and reduce mailing costs, which saves money for house renovation, scholarships, events, etc.

Problems? Contact Herman at Herman@Quispe.com.

soldiers, too. One day, a VIP was visiting the hospital and saw one of the dogs, and asked "What's this?" Beckett thought he was busted, for having dogs in the hospital. Instead, he said, "This is awesome, I have a pet therapy dog at Walter Reed (the Army hospital in Maryland)."

Beckett's observations about the Iraq War include the large number of civilian contractors (including the British company that provides bomb-sniffing and guard dogs). He said that most of the Iraqis are thankful for the work and sacrifices of the Americans, and simply want to work and improve their families' lives. The country was developed and had a highly-educated workforce prior to the 1980 Iran-Iraq War. But the country now suffers from a huge brain drain, because all of the smart professionals want to move to America to get away from the violence.

Part of Beckett's work included a semi-exchange program with Iraqi doctors. Although, the Iraqis are so well-trained, that the Americans could offer very little new information. The Iraqi medical system has the knowledge, but its problem is its shortages in resources.

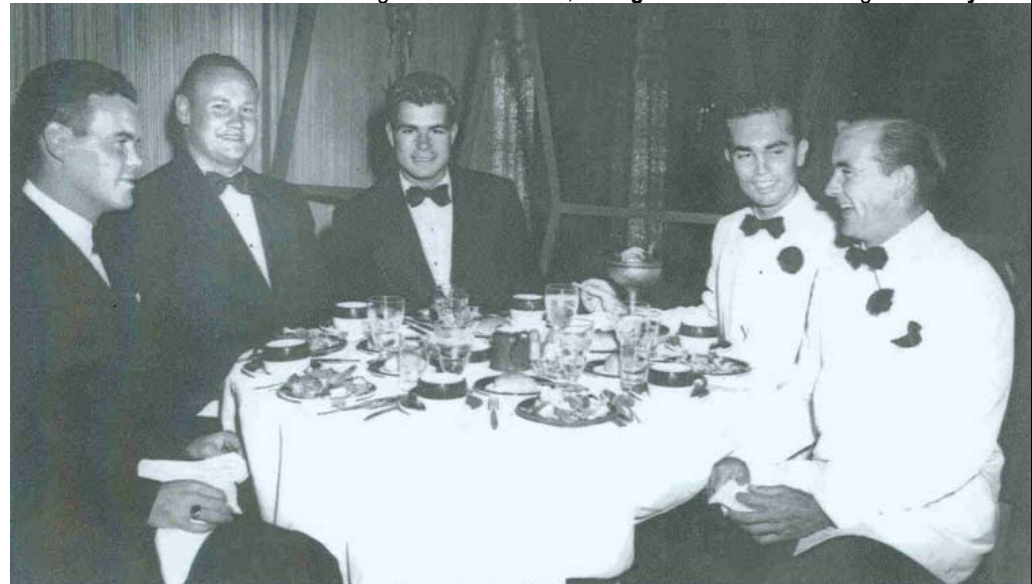
While visiting with those doctors, Newsweek snapped a photo that ended up on its website, which Beckett did not realize until his friends started emailing him. Beckett learned about the cultural differences in medical treatment. He prescribed a medicine for a child with asthma, but Iraqi doctors usually subscribed it for a cancer treatment. They thought the family would ignore his advice, but Beckett later received a letter of thanks from the child's family.

Beckett was considering marine biology or medicine after graduating from UCLA. He selected medicine because a friend's fiancé died, and he wanted to have a larger impact (kind of like our Creed – in the service of God and man). He entered the Uniformed Services University a U.S. Army an officer and then selected pediatric cardiology, because the improving the lives of children produces a lifetime of returns, up to 70 years of a healthy life.

Beckett returns stateside to California semi-frequently, and he meets up with **Brian Gorman** and **Andrew Dearborn** in northern California for hiking and rock-climbing, and he also stays in contact with **Steve Schechter**.

Upsilon Heritage: 1950s Stag Banquet

Donald Ess, who lives in Mallorca, Spain at age 86, sent a photo of a "Stag Banquet" held at the famous **Ciro's Restaurant**. Although only a Pledge President, Ess is honored to be seated at the head table with UAA President and Past Sage **Merle Swanson**, **George Barlow** and Past Sage **Gene Dye**.



ALUMNI PRES. MERLE SWANSON (NEW PRES) GEORGE BARLOW (PLEDGE PRES.) MYSELF (EX-PRES.) GENE DYE



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M. Swanson Family

"I too am a UCLA grad. Merle loved UCLA and all of his memories there. We talked about UCLA every time we were together and especially towards the end of his life.

He loved wearing his UCLA slippers. We always said "once a Bruin always a Bruin".

It would mean so much to him that you are taking the time to dedicate a tribute to him. It means so much to the family.

Thank you for doing this very kind gesture.

- Karen Swanson, daughter.

"It's very nice to hear that you will reserve a seat and have a moment of silence in his memory at your annual "Founders Day" alumni reunion/awards dinner."

- Doug Swanson, son.



D. Hindrey baby

Derrick Hindrey and his wife Vania welcomed son Sebastian Hindrey-Glasinovic on May 29 to go with daughter, Mara. "He's happy, healthy, and nursing like crazy at 9.2 pounds, 21 inches. If you have any suggestions on a (short) middle name we're still working on it."

Founders Day 2010

"World War II Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient Merle Swanson, Entertainment Industry Director Ray DeCamp, and Bruin Wrestling coach Robert Thomas Memorial Founders Day" on Feb. 20

Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting on Feb. 20 in Los Angeles

WESTWOOD - The 87th Founders Day will be Feb. 20, 2010, at Sigma Pi Manor in Westwood, and we reserve seats for and honor the memory of three of our finest brothers, Merle Swanson, Ray DeCamp and Robert Thomas.

Merle Swanson truly lived all aspects of our Creed. He was a strong but gentle Midwesterner who was wounded in WWII, as a medic in combat in the south Pacific. At age 22, with a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, he returned to campus and immersed himself in the fraternity and many activities. He was a varsity letterman for the Rugby Team, and a member of the rambunctious Kelps spirit club. During "Men's Week" in 1949, he was carried around campus as the Rugby King like an Egyptian Pharaoh. He served the fraternity as Sage and later as president of the Upsilon Alumni Assn.

Swanson died in Jan. 2009, and Jack Bryan, **Robert Doumakes** attended his services at Riverside National Cemetery, where he was buried with military honors and a bugler played "Taps." His family of six children was presented with a properly folded American flag.



Robert Thomas died on Jan. 28, 2009. He was a Bruin wrestler and coach in the early 1940s, after fellow

Upsilon alumnus **Briggs Hunt** was drafted into World War II. **Ray DeCamp** died on Oct. 30 at age 96 as the oldest living



Upsilon brother after a long career in television and movies. His son, **David DeCamp**, who also works in the entertainment industry and graciously has provided many Ritual items to the chapter, will attend.

John Kulli (Pasadena), **Wallace Reed** (Phoenix, Ariz.), **Clement "Jake" Jacomini** (Signal Hill), who may attend at age 90, now are believed to be the oldest living Upsilon brothers.

▲ **Scholarships:** Active brothers will be honored with the **William Meyer** (Most Contributions to the Chapter) and **Julien D'Avanzo** (Spirit of Sigma Pi) Scholarships, and the Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships, which will honor three very generous donors: **Ray Carlisle**, **Carl Moroney** and **Joseph Marsalek**.

▲ **Chef Jerry:** Jerry Hughen, chef from 1985-1990, who died on Oct. 14 in Idaho, will be honored.

▲ **Golden Crosses:** Alumni on the 50th anniversary of their initiation in 1960 will be honored. **Thomas Dempsey**, **J.R. Gaydowski** and **Dr. Rainer Beck** will attend. Other eligible brothers: **Walter Maxwell**, **Delbert Parker**, **Richard Rowberg**, **Hans Bagge**, **Joseph Failla**.

Deaths: **Jay Roebuck** (1993).

Lost: **Douglas Dowell**, **Randall Adams**, **Douglas Kruschke**, **Raymond Hoehn**.

▲ **UAA annual meeting:** Sec. **Arturo Martinez** and Exec. Dir. **Herman Quispe** will chair the Annual Meeting on Feb. 20, 2010, at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles. All members are welcome to attend.

87th Founders Day

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010.

Where: Sigma Pi Manor
612 Landfair Ave.
Westwood Village

Cost: \$40 (\$35 for post-2005 and pre-1960 graduates)

Issue checks to:

"Upsilon Alumni Assn."

Mail to Jay Ross

1721 S. Granville Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Event: 6:00 pm Reception

6:45 pm Ritual

7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Awards program

9:00 pm Westwood tour

Info: Jay Ross (310) 979-9255
Ross_Jay@hotmail.com



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Upsilon Rose Bowl

UAA had good tailgating year.

David Shiokari brings his children to most games, **Taek Chang** gave barbecue advice and lamented the employees of Toyota, **Bill Kealey** made it until Bill Jr. arrived via his wife Maureen, **Rich Marcus** brought a non-USC girl, and Judge **Franz Miller** made his debut.

Shiokari regaled us with stories of the post-recolonization in the late 1970s. "All-U." parties with kegs were still allowed at the house, and so many students would attend that the house would be completely full of people standing around from the front sidewalk on Landfair Avenue to the back of the basketball court.

A house tradition was to throw pink paint on the Phi Kappa Sigma black brick on the corner of Landfair and Strathmore. Once they cleaned it up, another pink coat would appear.

The house may have seemed like "Animal House," but scary to say, Sigma Pi did play a role in the greatest college party movie of all time. The producers came by Sigma Pi Manor before filming began and asked to borrow some photographs to hang up in the Delta House. So, the Upsilon brothers spent the movie trying to recognize photos on the walls.

Also, the producers needed kegs. Back then, a deposit on a keg was \$15, and the producers offered \$50 to "rent" the kegs. Then, when the kegs were returned to Upsilon, the house could still get its \$15 deposit back!

Tailgating: Herman gets friendly with his man, Mr. BUTT (Roll Tide Roll!)



PASADENA - **Herman Quispe** tailgated for the Alabama-Texas national championship game at the Rose Bowl. Even though our Bruins weren't there, and even though the rest of us working stiffs were in the office, Herman and his brother Dorian wore their blue and gold and met some crazy Crimson Tiders.

Herman and Dorian arrived at 5:00 am, before most were even awake for Thursday's work day, to get one of the first parking spaces. They set up their grill, made some soup, and waited for the SEC and Big 12 challengers to arrive.

Herman quickly made friends with B.U.T.T., that is the 'Bama Ultimate Tailgating Team, and gained keen insight

into throwing our Upsilon Tailgaters. The BUTT president was told he couldn't bring a trailer and his grill to the game after towing it over 900 miles, so he was big-time hungry in the morning. Herman provided a heapin' helpin' of Bruin hospitality and filled the president up with some UCLA soup.

Randy, the BUTT president (photo above) and his entourage initially wore Bear Bryant houndstooth boots, and later changed into crimson and white-striped overalls. He drank his beer (hopefully it was beer) from a hospital-grade urine collection bottle.

At the Alabama games, tailgated spaces are rented for the full year, and they come equipped with electrical and cable TV hookups. So much for the old days of transistor radios and charcoal grills!

Louisiana State games are considered some of the best tailgating parties in the country, with loads of jambalaya and gumbo. The jambalaya is made in huge pots, and when it is ready, they put up a big sign that says, "Come and get it." When it's all gone, they put up another sign that says, "All gone."



Herman built up good credit with our SEC compadres, so if the Bruins play Alabama again, we are all welcome to come between the holidays and share some ribs with the BUTT tailgaters in Tuscaloosa.

Herman also completed another successful year as a member of the Tournament of Roses. For this year's parade, he was assigned to the Orange Grove Patrol, which entailed escorting floats to their parking spot in the formation area of the parade on New Years Eve. There were 42 floats total this year so this took most of the night. And then on New Year's Day, he helped keep parade time, which basically means ensuring there are no large gaps between entries before they get to Television Corner and are seen live around the world. Most entries were cooperative except the Ohio State Marching Band, which resulted in a

stare down between Herman and the bandleader. And then there was the Kansai Honor Green Band, which decided to stop the parade and perform the Thriller video by Michael Jackson.

▲ **Photo: Tennessee game - Steve Lantz, Rob Ward and Jim Ballard** cheer the Bruins onto victory! Other Upsilon brothers who traveled: **Rich Marcus, Jay Ross, Tony Leadholm, Rick Leadholm** (Tony's dad), **Mike McKenzie, Matt Bradley**. Surprisingly few mullets - "Tennessee Top Hats."



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Robert Lashbrook in Palm Springs

Robert Lashbrook, a very generous donor to the UAA and other worthy causes, is enjoying retirement at age 76 in Palm Springs.

He worked as a Vice President of Finance and Controller for 30 years for Rockwell International, an aerospace firm that was later acquired by Boeing. During his tenure, Rockwell work on the space program. In 1979, Lashbrook attended a 10-year reunion/ commemoration of the Apollo moon landing in Houston.

Lashbrook retired to Colorado for a decade, before moving to Palm Springs in 1999, where he doesn't mind the weather as long as it stays below 110 degrees.

Lashbrook recently traveled on a 30-day cruise "around" the world, sailing on the "Silver Seas" from Singapore to Thailand, India, Egypt and Greece, including the pirate-infested seas near Somalia.

In the fraternity, he graduated in 1957 and was friends with **David Randels** and **Carl Moroney**.

In past years, he saw **Fred Nesbitt** and **Kent Cummings** at football games at the Coliseum and outside Tunnel 5 at the Rose Bowl.



Alumni Update: 1960-1970s Reunion

The late 1960s-early 1970s Upsilon Alumni held a reunion this past summer at the home of **Dr. Kent Shoji** in Rancho Palos Verdes. **Rich Frank**, **George Farina** and **David DeCamp** organized the event, which brought together 30 alumni from around the world.

The farthest traveled was **Ron Moore**, who works with various international food organizations from his office in Rome. He has worked in Africa and abroad in his 40 years since graduation.

Chris Cochran, who works as a statistics whiz for the state Employment Development Dept. in Sacramento and still wears his polo shirts buttoned up, remembered running out of money while traveling in Greece after graduation. He paid his way back by digging ditches in Greece and earning some drachmas. A plane ticket cost \$300 in those days.

John Latimer, who is busy recruiting future Bruin footballers in Houston, recalls when a sign from campus with directions to various world landmarks ended up on the front lawn of Sigma Pi Manor one morning. The Daily Bruin reported that Sage Latimer "would get to the bottom of this."

That story pales compared to **David DeCamp's** story of how the large photo of footballers Jackie Robinson and Kenny Washington ended up hanging in Upsilon's stairwell for three decades. The brothers were talking one night, thinking how cool it would be to have the big photo for the house. David suggested (allegedly) that some brothers dress as repairman, and walk into the Cooperage during the middle of the day, and say they were removing it temporarily for cleaning. The brothers dressed as carpenters, got lunchboxes, and even created a fake invoice, so they wouldn't draw attention.

In recent years, DeCamp visited with **Dean Nebergall**, who is an organic farmer in Oregon.

Al Nichols recalled that he painted the wooden crest that above the mantle in the Chapter Room.

Joel Becker recently retired from venture capital in Silicon Valley, but this year didn't take the stage to jam with the band. **Evan Snider** journeyed from Kentucky, and **Larry Nash**, an attorney, journeyed from closer to home in the Valley.

Franz Miller worked his way up to his position as a Superior Court judge in Orange County. He knows **Andrew Guilford**, Upsilon's 1970 Sage who is now a federal judge, and took his advice to join professional associations and create your own luck. Miller was able to parlay membership in various state bar committees into connections with other lawyers and judges. When they saw the good work that he did, they recommended him for higher positions and then judgeships. Miller's advice on sentencing guidelines is to return more discretion to the judges. He said they can tell which defendants are redeemable and may deserve a break or lesser sentence.

Rich Frank, who is an "E"-level licensed coach for his daughter Eryn's futbol team and is training to replace Drew Gordon at center, showed up late. Eryn's team was losing, 1-0, when Coach Franko left early to come to the reunion, but by the time he arrived, the girls had rallied for a 3-0 lead. "I actually think I'm doing okay despite our failure to win any games". Rich then set out a tip jar for his brilliant organizing efforts, and, like the Moses of Upsilon, had a poignant speech to thank all the brothers.

Some brothers have died in recent years, **Scot Irwin** and **Paul Hastings**, and it was moving to see photos of them in the house photo albums that Dr. Shoji still keeps. There was a photo of Hastings and his future wife, on the couch, and there was even a photo of **Pearl Winter**, the strict but beloved cook.





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Alumni Update

LOS ANGELES - **Barry Maiten** and son **Shawn Max** (wearing LAPD SWAT vest) receive a City Resolution from Los Angeles Councilman **Tom LaBonge**.

Barry's good friend Gary Goltz is originator and founder of the annual "10-4" motorcade and event, which honors all law enforcement agencies.

In the background are some of Barry's classic police cars.

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." ΣΠ

UAA Update

The UAA has been very active in programming events for the chapter, and we have funded many items for the chapter this year. We have 70 dues-paying members in 2009, one of our best years. I fully expect us to win our 2nd "Alumni Club of the Biennium" at the Convocation this summer in Boston.

Your donations make it possible – thank you!

\$50 for Golden Crosses for alumni from 1959.

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

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

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

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

\$200 for D'Avanzo and Meyer scholarships.

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

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

\$300 for annual dues to National.

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

\$700 for new robes for Executive Council (see above photo).

Future purchases: Full electrical upgrade (new panel), laser printer for house operations, heavy-duty benches and tables for the patio to create gathering places, treewells and planters for back.

▲ **Photo:** 2009-10 Executive Council: 3rd Coun. Stephen Tye, 4th Coun. Mitch Howard, Sage Manuel Gouveia, 2nd Coun. Kanishk Tulsyan, Herald Martin Vigodnier, 1st Coun. Kevin Monte.



Alumni Update: Poker Night Fundraiser

Congratulations to the winners of the 1st Upsilon "Poker Night Fundraiser", held at Sigma Pi Manor.

1st Place - **Peter Fugedi**

2nd Place - **Chris Norrie** (active)

3rd Place - **Ed Rhee** (some things never change!)

The fraternity raised \$225 for our charities: Sam Spady Foundation (alcohol awareness - Executive Director Mark Briscoe is on the Board of Directors), UCLA Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center, and Gov. Mike Beebe Veterans Fund (families of wounded veterans - Arkansas governor is a Sigma Pi alumnus).

It was a very fun night, and a great chance for alumni and actives to meet each other. Players included **Bruce Macdonald**, **Gabor Fabian** (first re-buy), **Sebastian Perkinson**, **Evan Hou**, **Larry Furst**, **Brian Goldman**, **Mario Zapata**, **A.J. Espinoza**, **James Probst**, **Dan Nguyen**, and **Mark Stamper**.

Thanks to **Sean Topp** for providing free beverages. Thanks to **Won Park** for serving as treasurer and game organizer. Thanks to **Rich Frank**, **Chris Hoag**, and **Erik Johnson** for chips. Thanks to new 1st Councilor **Mark Stamper** for setting up the tables.





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Chef Jerry with his mother, Lela Hughen, at a 1988 Luau in the backyard at Sigma Pi Manor.

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He grew up in Grand Junction, Colo., and graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a military policeman in North Africa and Southeast Asia from 1966 until 1972.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Rachel; his three sons, George, age 10; Jesse Hughen of Denver, Colo.; and John Audin of Clifton, Colo.; his grandson, Devyn, age 14; two stepdaughters, Sarah Warren of Rupert and Nadine Vlrarmontes, of Concord, Calif.; two sisters, Nancy Koch of Twin Falls and Janet Vulk of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to Compassion International (compassion.com) in Jerry's honor. His family can be contacted at 103 1st St. East, Declo, ID 83323 or (208) 654-4078.

Upsilon Heritage: Chef Jerry Hughen

DECLO, Id. - **Jerry Hughen**, Upsilon's chef from 1985 to 1990, died on Oct. 14 from pancreatic cancer, peacefully and surrounded by his family.

Jerry moved to Idaho with his new wife, Rachel Hernandez, whom he met while living in Santa Barbara in the early 1990s. They had a new son, Jesse, to accompany Jerry's two children, Matt and John, from his previous marriage. Rachel was divorced when they met, and Jerry was a light of inspiration.

"One of the reasons I married him was because he made me laugh. I was recovering from a divorce, and didn't have a lot to laugh about."

Rachel brought her two daughters to the new Brady Bunch-style marriage, and Jerry was happy to have an instant family with Rachel. "They were his princesses," Rachel said.

After leaving Upsilon, Jerry worked for various restaurants and for the school district in Santa Barbara. They decided to move to Idaho in 1996 because of the expense of living in Santa Barbara, and things like the Los Angeles riots. After a vacation to Idaho, they liked the slower, closer "Beaver Cleaver" lifestyle of the small town. Jerry's outgoing and upbeat personality helped them to acclimate to the new community, and he got a new job "within hours" cooking at a restaurant in Twin Falls.

In Declo, Jerry was active with his church and played in a Christian contemporary / country gospel band at county and state fairs in BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ). Jerry had learned the guitar and played in a trio in Denver during his youth, and he revived his music skills. His friends and family best remember his love of music, which started in high school and continued to grow into the music ministry that he loved so much and shared with his wife, Rachel. From playing for the local assisted living and long-term care patients, to his band, he reached people at fairs and events throughout southern Idaho, including Declo Days.

With his new life with a focus on his church, Jerry remained fond of his days at UCLA and told his family stories of luaus and the brotherhood and a bit of "Animal House". "He told us stories about the fraternity parties, and freezing vegetables for ammo to shoot at other houses in slingshots," Rachel said.

Jerry was born May 4, 1948, in Dyess, Ark., to George and Lela Hughen. (*<-- continued to left*)

Upsilon Heritage: Wedding bells for Lilly

David Lilly's wedding day at St. Alban's Church on Hilgard Ave. near the UCLA campus. Several brothers in picture: **Mike Peterson**, **Chuck Bader**, **Dorsey Brady** (Lilly's "little brother"), father-in-law, **David Lilly**, Lilly's father, **Kent Lewis**, **Fred Jones**, **George Wagner** (brother-in-law), and **Alan Fitzgibbon** (brother-in-law).





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Donations

1. **Upsilon Alumni Association:** The general fund that collects annual dues, donations for the Bill Meyer and Julien D'Avanzo scholarships for active brothers, communications (website, mailings, Founders Day invitations), and events. Not tax-deductible. Annual dues: \$35-100. Issue checks to "Upsilon Alumni Association" or <http://SigmaPiBruins.com/subscription.htm>.

Mail to: Scott Scheffler, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6201, Buena Park, CA 90622 - Chef@UCLA.edu.

Paypal: Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com. (*checks preferred -- Paypal charges a 3% fee.)

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

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

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

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

Thank you to the following brothers who contributed to Upsilon from 2009 to 2010.

Joe Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation(2007-09)

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Remembering those brothers who served our country in the pursuit of peace and freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice:
Robert "Ace" Calkins (#193), Donald Hesse (#195), Liston Comer (#214), Lane Donovan (#234)

Adytum

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

Arthur Williamson - 1952 #436 (2005, San Marino)
Col. William Bennett - 1941 #254 (2005, Reva, Va.)
A. Joseph Spielman - 1942 #265 (3/15/06, Kamuela, Haw.)
Albert "Kennie" Gifford - 1935 #128 (12/6/06, Camarillo)
Julian D'Avanzo 2007 (4/27/06, Oceanside)
Robert Howe - 1952 #416 (9/10/06, Northridge)
Paul Hastings - 1970 #712 (12/7/06, Boulder, Colo.)
Wesley Terry - 1950 #311 (Ukiah)
Leonard Eilers - 1953 #421 (6/29/06, Fair Oaks-Sacramento)
Alex West - 1949 #386.
William Sewell - 1950 #399 (1/2/07, Danville-S.F. Bay)
James Ross - 1949 #342 (3/5/07, Fullerton)
George Barlow - 1951 #390 (7/14/07, Monterey)
Doug Bergen - 1950 #354 (6/2/07, La Jolla)
Oscar "Terry" Heselius - 1955 #476 (9/5/07)
Claude Blakemore - 1932 #125 (11/24/06, San Diego)
Joseph Marsalek - 1954 #428 (11/21/07, Arcadia)
Richard Benner - 1940 #245 (11/07, Rancho Palos Verdes)
Ray Carlisle - 1939 #199 (11/25/07, Rancho Mirage)
Thomas Reddy - 1958 #564 (12/11/07, Santa Rosa)
John Selby - 1954 #281 (8/1/07, Lakewood)
Jay Van Holt - 1947 #369 (4/6/08, Santa Rosa)
William Holmes - 1948 #381 (7/14/08, Woodland Hills-L.A.)
William Barnett - 1927 #41 (2009, Cardiff by the Sea)
Merle Swanson - 1954 #339 (1/09, Carlsbad).
Roger Denney - 1954 #468 (1/12/09, Irvine).
Eugene Lica - 1940 #247 (1/20/09, Tarzana).
Robert Thomas - 1940 #244 (1/28/09, San Marcos-S.Diego)
Raymond DeCamp - 1936 #468 (10/30/09, Los Angeles)

Adytum: Remembrances of our brothers



Robert Thomas #244 (6/6/1918 - 1/28/2009): Thomas, a WWII veteran, Bruin wrestler / coach, and Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Jan. 28, in San Marcos (San Diego Co.) at age 90. Thomas served in the U.S.

Navy during World War II, and afterward embarked on an illustrious career as administrator of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, a pre-eminent hospital for the disabled, and L.A. County/USC Medical Center.

Thomas also was Vice President of Blue Cross of California, where he was able to touch so many lives. He was president of the California Hospital Assn. and a fellow with the American College of Hospital Administrators.

"He was a great guy. He was a real go-getter. He was smart and someone who was always looking for a tough job," his daughter Terri McFarren said.

After retirement, Thomas traveled the world with his beloved wife Barbara, who preceded him in death in 1999, to Indonesia, Soviet Russia, and Communist China. He was an avid golfer at Lake San Marcos Country Club.

Thomas moved to California at age 6, driving with his parents from Carthage, Missouri. The road through the desert was wood planks and railroad ties, and travelers camped along the way. Thomas attended Fremont H.S. in Los Angeles. During WWII, Thomas succeeded Upsilon alumnus **Briggs Hunt**, who was drafted, as the Bruin "bonebenders" coach. During the summers, he hitchhiked to Yellowstone Park. Thomas was later drafted and saw combat in North Africa, drove landing troop boats on D-Day in France and later in the Pacific. He was on the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay when Japan surrendered to Gen. MacArthur. [Alumnus **Fred Thornley** was deployed in the bay on another ship.] After the war, Thomas received a Masters in Hospital Administration from Northwestern. Thomas is survived by his two daughters, son, and four grandchildren. His daughter Terri McFarren can be contacted at (858) 565-2025. ΣΠ



Ltc. Raymond DeCamp #468 (9/13/1913 - 10/30/2009): DeCamp, the oldest living Upsilon alumnus, a WWII veteran, and Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Oct. 30, 2009, in Los Angeles at age 96.

He was a second-generation Californian and spent his entire life in the state. He was cremated and his remains scattered over the Pacific Ocean. One of his last friends in the fraternity

was **Kennie Gifford**. His son, **David DeCamp**, graduated from Upsilon in 1968 and followed him into the entertainment industry and now works at Sony.

DeCamp was a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Europe during WWII. He repaired bombing damage from German attacks on airfields in England and three days after D-Day, he was deployed in France. After discharge, he served in the Army Reserves for 20 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

DeCamp was raised during the Depression, and he dropped out of UCLA for a year to work, so he needed an extra year to graduate. He worked as a laborer at Warner Brothers Studio in 1936, and after he graduated, he began in the "still department" at Universal Studios. In 1955, he was promoted to the Directors Guild, and he worked as an Assistant Director in movies and television on Operation Petticoat, How the West Was Won, Twilight Zone, Peter Gunn and Mr. Lucky.

DeCamp loved the action of the set, and when the studio wanted to promote him to Unit Manager, he turned them down. "He didn't want to sit in an office for a couple hundred of bucks a week," his son David said.

DeCamp stayed active into his 80s, riding bicycles and walking every day. On Saturdays, he and his son watched UCLA football together. He continued to have weekly lunches with his industry friends. DeCamp was a product of the Depression, so he was thrifty and very organized.

DeCamp's son David DeCamp can be contacted: (818) 347-6883. ΣΠ



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Lakers' Pau Gasol with Upsilon in Spain

Nick North, Princeton Kim, Pablo Rivas and Tim Howell ran into Pau Gasol at a bar in Barcelona on the "Pablo Rivas 30th Birthday World Tour.