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## The Pioneer

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.

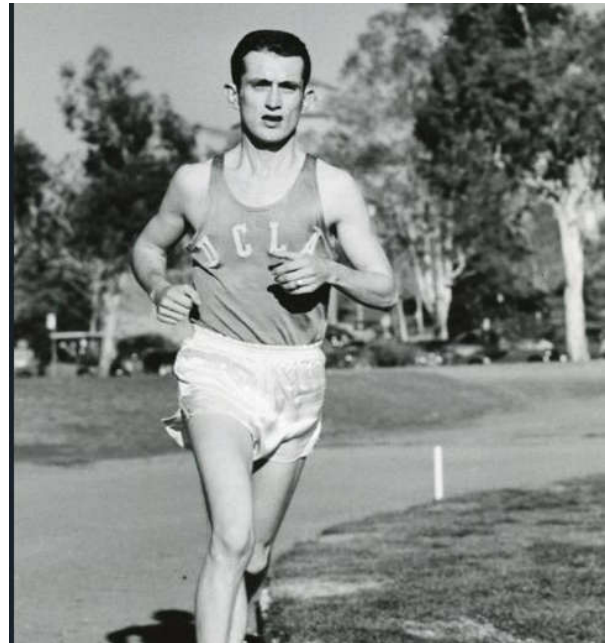
-- Forward and dedication,  
*Upsilon Pioneer, June 1928*

## Adytum on High: Robert Seaman

Former UCLA track and field star and renowned Upsilon brother Robert Seaman died in Wilmington, at age 88 earlier this year in 2023.

Seaman was known as the "Rascal from Reedley" after his birthplace in the San Joaquin Valley, and he helped to recruit future Olympian gold medalist Rafer Johnson to UCLA. His brother, John Seaman (Adytum on High), also ran at UCLA and was an Upsilon brother.

Seaman was a regular at Founders Day in the 1990s and 2000s, and proud of his Central Valley heritage. He met another valley legend, Tom Seaver, who went on to pitch at USC and the N.Y. Mets and Cincinnati Reds.



A former UCLA record-holder and distinguished distance runner, Seaman competed for the Bruins from 1955-57 under longtime distance running coach Elvin "Ducky" Drake (also an Upsilon brother).

In 1955, Seaman was a member of UCLA's victorious Pacific Coast Conference mile relay team, and he finished third in the mile at the NCAA Championship to help lead the Bruins to a second-place national finish.

During the 1956 season, Seaman set a UCLA record by running the mile in 4:01.4, the second fastest mile in U.S. history at the time. He helped lead the Bruins to the conference title, winning the 880-yard event. Later that year at the NCAA Championship, he finished fourth in the 1500 as the Bruins won the NCAA team title.

Seaman served as team captain in 1957. During his UCLA career, in addition to the mile record, Seaman set records in the 880-yard run and relays.

Additionally, Seaman went on to break the four-minute barrier in the mile in 1962 after leaving Westwood (3:58:07).

He ran in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Trials, and he met Vice President Richard Nixon at the 1960 trials.

Seaman was inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008. He also was the manager for USA Track and Field at 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

▲ Seaman is survived by his wife of 37 years, Simie, who can be contacted at [simieseaman368@gmail.com](mailto:simieseaman368@gmail.com)



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## Notice: UAA

### Annual Meeting

**Feb. 24, 2024**

Alumni members are invited to the annual meeting of the Upsilon Alumni Assn., which will be held on Sat., Feb 24, at Sigma Pi Manor at 612 Landfair Ave. in Westwood, at 5:00 pm.

Agenda: All actions of the past year will be on the agenda for consideration by the members.

The following members are nominated for election:

Executive Director and Secretary Pablo Rivas,  
President and Asst. Secretary Jay Ross,  
Treasurer and Asst. Secretary Scott Scheffler.

### Upsilon Chapter Housing Assn.

The Housing Board has 8 members, but we need more involvement to continue to help the house.

Please volunteer – we meet quarterly and discuss repairs, insurance, legal issues, financing, risk management, etc.

We need another brother from the 1970s to join James Lipow. We need

## Upsilon Movers & Shakers

Bill Kealey graced the big video screen during the Bruins' dismantling of Boise State in the L.A. Gronk Bowl on Dec. 16!



Trae Smith was interviewed about the NCAA paying college athletes on Fox Business News in December.



Dylan Faerstein • 2nd  
Senior Vice Preside...  
2d • 📍

I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Senior Vice President, Capital Markets at Redwood Trust!



Andrew Dearborn • 1st  
Principal ASIC Engineer (HPC CAD) at Tokyo Electr...  
2d • 📍

This is a seriously great opportunity to work on the latest TSMC and Samsung technology nodes with a fantastic team! Don't hesitate to message me for details about Tokyo Electron and how our semiconductor team fits in.



Hendrik Broekelsc... (He/Him) • 1st  
Policy & Outreach Advisor  
2w

Congratulate Hendrik for starting a new position as Policy & Outreach Advisor, Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler at [City of Portland](#)



Jake Loughridge • 1st  
Managing Director  
2w • 📍

A BIG thank you to our partner [Birtcher Anderson & Davis](#) as well as the entire brokerage team: [Anthony DeLorenzo](#), [Sammy Cemo](#), [Bryan Johnson](#), [Nick Williams](#), [Austin Reuland](#), [Barbara Perrier](#) and [Eric Cox](#) - for all of their hard work and help in executing on this transaction! We really appreciate it.



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## Housing Board

two brothers from the 2010s (we have none), and one brother from the 2020s to join Nick Rackauckas.

Nick, Past Sage Charles Bickel and Adam Griffin have volunteered to help as Rush Advisors for the active chapter.

Many brothers have served for 20 years and may retire soon, so we need to perpetuate the board with new members from the younger generation.

### ▲ Members:

Matt Sumrow, President; Past Sage David Finkel, Treasurer; James Lipow; Jay Ross, UAA President; Josh Trifunovic, Chapter Advisor; Liron Nelik; Alfred Hernandez; Nick Rackauckas; Past Sage Tom Miller, President Emeritus; Arturo Martinez, Secretary Emeritus.



## 101<sup>st</sup> Founders Day: Feb. 24

The brotherhood will follow up on our 100<sup>th</sup> Founders Day "Gathering of a Lifetime" with our 101<sup>st</sup> Founders Day on Feb. 24, at Upsilon Manor in Westwood.

If you missed last year's event, be sure to attend this year, and invite brothers from your era.

Angry Bull BBQ will cater the event (brother David Zeichick will cook up his great hot links, brisket and pulled pork, which had amazing review in 2022).

Upsilon was the first fraternity at UCLA in 1923, with its roots in the Ball and Chain Club that was founded in 1919 at the UC Southern Branch's original campus on Vermont Ave.

Sage Tyler Triviz will lead the Opening Ritual, and 1<sup>st</sup> Councilor Sebastian Lipstein will lead the Memorial Ritual.

We will remember Brothers who passed to the Adytum on High during the past years include Joseph Henriksen, a long-time, dedicated Housing Board member, Herb Fish, and Past Sage Michael McNutt.

The farthest Traveler is expected to be Evan Tserpkas, who lives in Athens with his family. He will carry a bottle of brackish waters from the Aegean Sea for our Initiation Ritual.



### 101<sup>st</sup> Founders Day

When: Sat., Feb. 24, 2024

Where: Upsilon Manor, 612 Landfair Ave.

4:00 pm Drinks

4:45 pm Ritual

5:00 pm UAA Annual Meeting

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Cigars & scotch in the courtyard

Registration: <https://sigmapiucla.square.site/>

Tickets: \$55

\$45 for young alumni graduated after 2020

Paypal: [Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com](mailto:Alumni@SigmaPiBruins.com)

Venmo:

<https://account.venmo.com/u/SigmaPiAlumniUCLA>

Checks: Issue to Upsilon Alumni Assn.

Mail to: Scott Scheffler,

P.O. Box 6392

Huntington Beach, CA 92615

Attire: Coat and tie.

Scholarships will be presented in honor of numerous dedicated Upsilon brothers, including Garni Arakelian (presented by his sister Astineah and her son), Joseph Marsalek, Gary Gross, Ray Carlisle, William Meyer, Charles Osterlund, and Julien D'Avanzo. Princeton Kim will present his Service Scholarship, too.

Photo: Sage Will O'Halloran, Garni Arakelian scholarship winner Tyler Triviz, sister Astineh Arakelian, nephew Liam Garn Britton, and Upsilon brother and friend Rojen Gharagedaghi.



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## Chapter update

(continued): He has also been hosting some Bruin Group meetings at the house (Bruin Consulting is regarded as a top consulting club on campus).

Brother David Jacob got a job at UBS under Upsilon alumni Pablo Rivas, taking over the job from brother James Joyce, who is now interning at Wasserman Media.

Michael Gallagher started working at the Daily Bruin as a Photographer.

Newly initiated brother Matthew McLeod made the club beach volleyball team and frequently participates in beach volleyball tournaments.

1st Counselor Sebastian Lipstein started volunteering at the UCLA Herbarium and botanical garden when he's not interning at Morgan Stanley in Century City. He helps beautify the sigma pi garden and has planted over 2 dozen seeds and plants!

A Hanukkah dinner was cooked up by newly initiated brother Zac Maeder-Wolland. He made delicious chicken and latkes for some bros and we got to light the menorah together!

## Chapter Update

By Sebastian Lipstein, 1<sup>st</sup> Councilor, and Ishaan Chada, Herald

This quarter was a wonderful quarter, with lots of fun events and parties and brothers doing well outside of the house. We also have newly elected Officers: Sage Tyler Triviz, VP Michael Gallagher, Treasurer Oliver Buc, Herald Ishaan Chada, Social Chair Evan Rome, and Fourth Counselor Josh Saidfar.



Within the house, we hosted our alumni tailgater with over 100 guests at the Rose Bowl against the University of Colorado that was an absolute blast. From there, a USC fraternity reached out to us and we had our most fun tailgate in the last couple years over at the University of South Central. Evan Rome organized a killer tailgate with USC Phi Sigma Kappa

when we had our annual crosstown rivalry game.

During Halloween time, as usual, we hosted a really fun Halloween party (this time the exterior of the house was covered in cobwebs) and on Halloween day a philanthropy concert at the house with Cherry Pop records, a UCLA student-run label company. The concert had a line



out the door and generated a lot of cash for a good cause.

Outside of the house, brothers have been doing well in their personal lives. Here are some quick highlights (this is surely not everything!):

Michael Hermann is the Propulsion Lead for Rocket Project at UCLA, a student-run engineering club.

Our new rush chair Will Burns is on the club track and field team, continuing the chapter's rich tradition of track athletes.



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## We need your help

As part of our Centennial, please volunteer to help the brotherhood.

If you haven't contributed with time or donations in the past, use this as an opportunity to help the next generation of brothers, as the 1940s and 1950s alumni did for us.

We need help with the following tasks:

### 1. Founders Day:

Someone on the ground to help organize the event (Jay lives in Phoenix now, and can't be there to organize it). It entails attending some Monday Night meetings to promote the event, meeting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilor to ensure progress, and being at the house early on the day of the event to monitor the set-up.

2. Website: We need a new website that is more functional and not so outdated. Is there a computer science major or web developer who can help?

### 3. Finance/budget advisor for the active chapter:

Meet quarterly with the Treasurer to monitor cash flow, ensure bills are paid, and project income.

## Upsilon Heritage: 1970s



The vibrant years after the 1975 re-chartering brought a strong brotherhood that persists to this day.

It seems like yesterday....

Top: Steve Stewart, Bret Farnum, J.D. Pulaski, Richard Myrah, Scott Bourguiba, Charlie Kirk, Andy Waxler, Ron O'Bara, Danny Pence, Paul Goto.

Front: Craig Connerty, John Van Lepp, Ken

Raabe, George Knisley, Mark Helmick, Jim Lipow, Phil Thompson, John Snodgrass, Dave DeLuce, J.D. Pulaski, Mark Rothman, Steve Schaffer, Alan Alosio, Joe Garcia.



1977 Orchid Ball: Mike MicNutt with future wife Yvonne Diamond and J.D. Pulaski.



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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.

Many older alumni have included Upsilon in their estates, and younger alumni can to arrange for a bequest to Upsilon.

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

## **Executive Council 2023-24**

Good luck to our new E.C. officers:

Sage: Tyler Triviz

1<sup>st</sup>: Sebastian Lipstein

2<sup>nd</sup>: David Spector

3<sup>rd</sup>: Oliver Buc

4<sup>th</sup>: Josh Saidfar

Herald: Ishaan Chada

Social: Evan Rome



## **Upsilon 100 Centennial Campaign (1923-2023)**

Our Centennial Campaign ends next month, so this is the last chance for brothers to donate.

7% of alumni have donated, and a small amount of alumni, only 10, have donated since our big 100<sup>th</sup> Founders Day last February. We need more of you to donate, to reach our goal of 20% of alumni to donate.

Thank you to our donors in 2023: Dr. Rainier Beck, Past Sage David Finkel, Rojen Gharagedaghi, Mrs. Lani Gross, Thomas Humphrey, Past Sage Scot Kawano, Mrs. Constance Osterlund, Paul Raber, and Steve Schechter.

The campaign has collected \$105,000 so far from 72 brothers (out of 950 living brothers), with an average donation of \$1,400.

33 brothers have donated more than \$1,000.

We aim to collect \$25,000 more as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration, and after this campaign ends, we likely will not have another campaign until our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have never donated before, use this occasion to help our scholarship fund.

The 1940s and 1950s brothers helped us immensely by building our house and funding scholarships, and that helped poor students pull themselves out of poverty. It is our turn to give back to the current generation of actives who quickly become great doctors, engineers, lawyers, military servicemen, law enforcement professionals and civic volunteers.

Look at these great donors -- Joan and Stanley Gross donated \$50,000 in honor of their son and our brother, Gary Gross, who was a prosecutor for Los Angeles County. The Gross family is our second Tau Phi Delta donors, along with the estate of Ray Carlisle (Y1939).

"Joe was an inspiration. It is my pleasure to add my contribution to his scholarship fund," said Robert Schrader, a 1950s brother of Joe.

"Thank you for the update on the Joseph Marsalek scholarship fund, said Joe's daughter, Julie Marsalek Wage. "Dad would be thrilled to be a part of helping with higher educational costs, especially since he needed the help himself. I passed the information on to our sons, his grandsons, so they would know of his legacy."

Our Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation has grown to \$412,000. We have invested your donations prudently to increase the endowment by \$275,000 – those are big returns!

Alumni generosity has been amazing in recent years. Our endowment had only \$60,000 just 13 years ago, and that amount increased greatly with Ray Carlisle's bequest of \$50,000.

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.



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## Thank you to our donors

Thank you to our extra generous brothers who contributed to the Centennial Campaign.

Issue a check to "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation" and write "Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Fund" in the Memo line.

Mail to: David Finkel,  
Upsilon Chapter Housing Assn.  
1830 S. Kelton Ave. #9  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

\$ 12,080

Princeton Kim, Esq.

\$ 7,500

Matthew Sumrow, Esq.

\$ 6,500

Past Sage David Finkel

\$ 5,000

Anonymous

Taek Chang

PS Brian Letourneau

Dan Romero, CFP

Dr. Kent Shoji

\$ 4,000

Liron Nelik

\$ 3,000

Ms. Lani Gross

\* in honor of

Gary Gross, Esq.

Ralph Rea

Steven Schechter, CPA

\$ 2,750

Fred Feldman

\$ 2,000

Nick North

Rudy Feldman, All-PCC

As our beloved friend Joe Marsalek once said, Donate now and stay off the roof!

**Emerald Society:** Dan Romero and Past Chapter Advisor Taek Chang are our 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> members. They join Liron Nelik, Carl Moroney, Dr. Kent Shoji, Mark Helmick, Steven Schechter, Past Sage Brian Letourneau, Rob Webster, Tim Howell, Ralph Rea, Claude "Skip" Keyzers (Adytum on High), Lt. Everett Rea (Adytum on High), Richard "Craig" Owens, Lt. Robert Rule, Joseph Marsalek (Adytum on High), Fred Feldman and an anonymous donor.

**Old Vincennes:** Past Sage David Finkel is our first member. Thank you, Brother Finkel!

**Shadowwood Society:** Princeton Kim, Esq., is our 3rd member. William Meyer (Adytum on High), and Housing Board President Matt Sumrow are also members.

**Tau Phi Delta Society:** Ray Carlisle, a 1930s alumnus, is our first brother, and Gary Gross' parents, Joan and Stanley, made a special donation in memory of him in 2022.



## Donate to the Upsilon Chapter Centennial Campaign

Please donate to help Sigma Pi advance the Creed at UCLA and increase our endowment to \$425,000.

We awarded scholarships to 13 brothers worth \$13,000 at Founders Day.

- Funds Perpetual Scholarships (awarded in honor of Joe Marsalek, Carl Moroney and Ray Carlisle), Gary Gross Memorial Scholarship, Adrian Edwards Memorial Scholarship, Charles Osterlund Memorial Athletic Scholarship and four Pledge Scholarships every year.
- Donate online - Go to [www.SigmaPi.org](http://www.SigmaPi.org) and click on "Donate" at top right, then click on "Make A Donation To The Educational Foundation".
  - In the "Campaign" dropdown box, click on "Chapter Educational Fund: UCLA (Upsilon-Marsalek)".
- Issue a check to "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation" and write "Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Fund" in the Memo line.

More info: Call David Finkel at (818) 633-3898 or [DavidFinkel@Juno.com](mailto:DavidFinkel@Juno.com)



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\$ 1,500

James Lipow  
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\$ 900

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\$ 400

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## Adytum on High: Michael McNutt



**Michael McNutt #766 (3/22/56-8/23/22):** Brother McNutt, a Past Sage, passed to the Adytum on High on Aug. 23, 2022, at age 66 in Danville.

McNutt and his twin brother Chris were native Californians, born in Redwood City in northern California on Mar. 22, 1956.

McNutt was known for his integrity, loyalty, kindness, and generosity. He loved music, sports, nature, and animals. He and Chris were also standout wrestlers. Outdoor activities became a big part of his early life, starting as a camper at the YMCA where he was the youngest camp counselor. He also began a fan-affair with the San Francisco Giants and 49ers.

McNutt graduated from Woodside High in Redwood City in 1974 and earned a B.S. in UCLA's nascent Math/ Computer Science program in 1979. He was elected Sage of the re-chartered Upsilon chapter and a member of the U.C.L.A. Marching and Pep bands, including a trip to the 1975 Liberty Bowl.

McNutt was a computer science whiz, and was recruited for internships during the year and summer. He had a job lined up prior to graduation, which was programming the first ATMs at a bank. At Proprietary Computer Systems, a leading timeshare company, he was promoted quickly over the next 6 years. He worked at General Electric for 5 years, and then Bank of America for 26 years, where he programmed software to allow international transactions to clear within a day.

The McNutt twins were competitive, and Chris remembers a fierce bowling battle at the UCLA Cooperage on a birthday, where Mike, a strong league bowler, mounted a fierce comeback to overcome Chris' early lead. At a daycamp in Calabasas where Chris was a wrestling instructor, he invited Mike to help with a wrestling exhibition. Despite not wrestling for years, Mike beat Chris in front of his own campers.

In 1994, McNutt moved his family to Danville. A loving father, mentor and teacher, McNutt never missed an opportunity to serve others, and coach his children in a variety of sports, including Mustang soccer. He believed youth sports was about more than just winning. His proudest coaching moment was when his Sharks soccer team won the Sportsmanship award.

McNutt also enjoyed camping, fishing, the great outdoors with friends and family. He had a deep love for animals...you could always find him feeding the squirrels in his yard, watching the hummingbirds, or hugging a dog.

McNutt's legacy will live on in the many lives he impacted. He volunteered at the Lindsay Wildlife Experience Museum, Loaves and Fishes, Habitat for Humanity, and the Food Bank. He donated gallons of blood to the Red Cross and his brain to Stanford for Alzheimer's research.

McNutt is preceded in death by his father Curtis McNutt, mother June Walton and sister Sherry Wines.

▲ McNutt survived by his wife of 42 years, Yvonne Diamond (she can be contacted at [ydiamond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ydiamond@sbcglobal.net)), daughters, Kelley Sandoval (Sebastian) and Lauren McNutt, son Ryan McNutt (Eden) and granddaughters Madeline Jane and Emilia Jules McNutt, mother in-law Terry Diamond, and siblings Chris McNutt (Leigh Lyon), Dempsey McNutt (Barbara), Paula Pierce, Linda Schenk, Peter and Harald Scallon, Bruce Walton, brother in-law Henry Diamond





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### Special Donation

Ms. Berniece Dietz  
*In Memory of Fred Jones*

and the close friends he's made along the way.

The family thanks the amazing caregivers at Heatherwood Memory Care facility. Donations can be sent in memory of Mike McNutt to Loaves and Fishes (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E345720&id=1>) or the Stanford Alzheimer's Research Center (<https://med.stanford.edu/adrc/gifts.html>). ΣΠ

## Adytum on High: Herbert Fish



**Herbert Fish #572 (1/17/41-12/24/2022):** Brother Fish, a U.S. Naval Officer veteran, passed to the Adytum on High on Dec. 24, 2022, at age 81 in Napa.

Fish was born in San Mateo, and lived in San Carlos on a hill overlooking the Bay. He loved music, played the standing bass at Carlmont High, and was most jazzed by 1940s Big Bands and 1950s Rock 'n Roll.

Fish received a scholarship to UCLA where he studied chemistry and graduated with a Bachelor of Science.

Fish was friends with Douglas Frank, and roomed for a year with Charles "Norm" Reed. Fish was a calming element in the raucous fraternity world.

Fish served in the Naval ROTC with Jim Benson (Y 550), Bob Schrader (Y563), Ron Coon (Y 567), Gary Stafford (Y 587), and Doug Dowell (Y 591). Frank was the lone Marine ROTC.

Upon graduating, Fish received his Commission as an Officer, and served for 10 years.

Fish met and married his college sweetheart, Valerie Seaver, in 1964. Together they began their adventure as a military family. They lived in San Diego, Monterey, added two beautiful daughters, flew to Kaohsiung Taiwan for two years, and returned to the Bay area to stay.

Settling in Napa, Fish joined First Christian Church's fellowship, serving in many ways. He chose a second career as an insurance agent with AAA. He received several awards for his service during his 20-plus years.

Fish then retired early to discover an other career...volunteering! He loved his volunteer "jobs" because of the people with whom he worked. He volunteered at the Farmers Market, the Welcome Center, and ushered at the Opera House, Lincoln theater, Lucky Penny Theater, and E&M productions.

Fish was a "morning person" and a supporter of the Napa Farmers Market. He and Val (not a morning gal) offered up bakery pastries at Napa's first markets and also in St Helena. Herb was recently still helping the Napa Farmers Market, as a Greeter. His friends there described him well: "a smiling face...cheerful...a joy to talk to...a pleasure to volunteer with...a solid part of the Market community".

Fish is so missed, especially by his family!

**Obituary:** <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/napavalleyregister/name/herbert-fish-obituary?id=32239072>

▲ Fish is survived by his wife Valerie, daughters Kris Dodson (Ray), Jennifer Ball (Steve), brother Martin Fish (Debra), grandchildren Katie (Steven), Joshua, Natalie, Stephanie (Joe), great grand baby Daniella, and cousin Tom Dodd.

Donations in keeping with Fish's joy of service to the Napa community can be sent to the Napa Farmers Market at [www.napafarmersmarket.org/donate](http://www.napafarmersmarket.org/donate) or by check to Napa Farmers Market, PO Box 10822 Napa, CA 94581. ΣΠ



Upsilon Alumni Association  
c/o Jay Ross  
2307 S. Amherst Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064-1103

## *Annual Dues are Due!*

Please help the Alumni Association by paying Annual Dues for 2024. Donations fund scholarships for actives (Meyer and D'Avanzo scholarships) and renovate the house.

Payment is on an 'ability-to-contribute' basis. We do a lot – please support the brotherhood!

Purchases include new robes for the Executive Council, a Brooks Brothers tie for the outgoing Sage, framing photos of WWII veteran brothers, and framing photos of varsity athletes.

**Emerald level:** \$100.00.

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before 2020.

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