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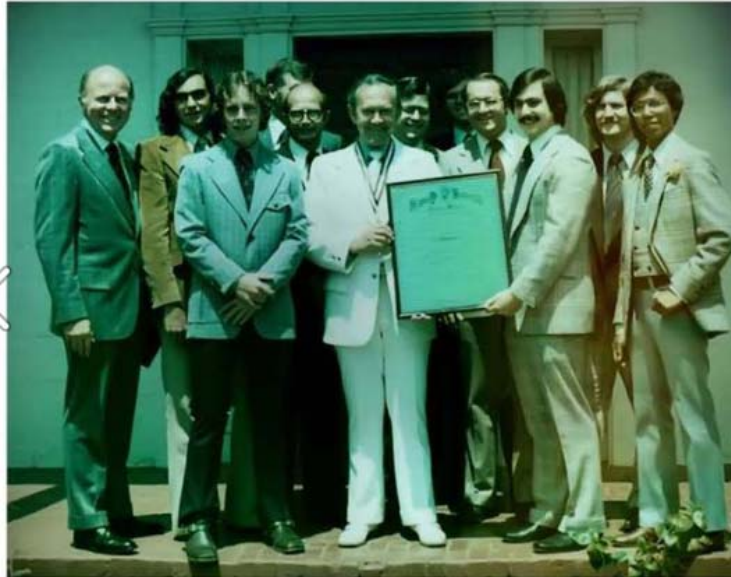
About four years ago, a small and unassuming volume made its appearance within the halls of Upsilon. It aroused interest within the Chapter. It awakened and bound even more tightly the bonds between active members and alumni. It quickened the life blood of the fraternity, and brought still closer the 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

Cheers to 40 years!



**Upsilon Chapter (Y)
U.C.L.A.
Re-Chartering
May 18, 1975**

Joe Henriksen
Grand 1st Counselor
Kurt Rothner, 1st Counselor
Geoffrey Quinn, 3rd Counselor
Richard Kruger
Thomas Miller
William Cutbirth, Grand Sage
Dan Lilley (BO), Chapter Director
Robert Tucker, Herald
Michael Carey (BO)
Grand 2nd Counselor
Sage Alan Crivaro
Bruce Peterson, 4th Counselor
Evan Fong, 2nd Counselor

Upsilon Re-Chartered in 1975

Upsilon Chapter is the Oldest Rock on the Block, thanks to our 1923 chartering at the old Southern Branch of the University of California. The chapter thrived through the decades but went into hiatus during the turmoil of the Vietnam War era, as did many UCLA fraternities.

In the early 1970s, post WWII OMC alumni William Cutbirth, Joe Henriksen, Richard Kruger, Milt Freeman, Tom Miller and Bob Baker rallied to recruit the next generation of Upsilon brothers. Andrew Guilford, Alan Crivaro and Bruce Peterson led colonies that evolved into the revived fraternity.

The inspirational figurehead was Cutbirth, a long-time Chapter Advisor in the 1950s, Past Grand Sage and National Interfraternity Council president, was full of enthusiasm and charisma, known for his bright orange or white suit. He worked as a Greyhound Executive, who got free beer buses to football games, and a bigwig in Democratic Party politics. He was on track for a position in the new administration under President Carter at the time of his death.

Freeman was the finance director and arranged a \$60,000 loan to refurbish Upsilon Manor, and Henriksen drilled the new Executive Council on organizational management and leadership skills. The new Advisor in 1975 was Dan Lilley from Long Beach St. (BO), where Crivaro had high school friends. Other Long Beach friends with National connections provided support, including Michael Carrey and Steve Arnold.

The Spring 1974 colony had 13 eager future brothers, and the students and alumni began weekend work parties to fix windows, replace carpet, light fixtures and pipes, refurbish the wood tables, plant new grass and shrubs, and remove moldering furniture and debris from the strange boarders that had inhabited the manor for the previous five years. The next fall Rush included ROTC students Paul Goto and Will Short, and the house was full.

"It was crazy, we had no idea about running this type of organization," Peterson said. "We had to learn traditions and the idea of living as a group. We pitched it to rushees not as a new group but as the continuation of something noble."

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Founders Day (continued):

2nd Place: Ryan Hendler - 3.2 GPA (mechanical engineering), Pledge Father. Part of California Teach Program (last winter quarter) and taught math and science to elementary students Tutor high school honors geometry. Habitat for Humanity community service trip to Peru, volunteer with the CARES foundation to support children diagnosed with CAH.

3rd Place: Tully Devereux - 3.6 GPA (global studies - public affairs), Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) Internal Vice President's Office Student Group Funding Director, UCLA Special Olympics Athlete Relations Director, Best Buddies Member, Undergraduate Student Research Coalition Member.

3rd Place: Hilart Abrahamian - 2.9 GPA (political science), Herald, Rush Chairman, Marketing Chairman. Campus Events Commission. CFO/Web developer for CodeClimb web development company. Charity - Relay for Life.

Robert Webster Academics Award: Max Sakson.

Gary Gross Campus/Community Service Award: Ryan Hendler. President of Golf Club, tutor for at-risk youths.

Pledge (Fall): Tristan Kemitzis.

Pledge (Spring): Max Sakson.

Dr. Wallace Reed, Lt. Eugene Roche and Eugene (Dye) Mitchell Memorial 92nd Founders Day and 1950s Reunion UAA Annual Meeting - Feb. 21

The Dr. Wallace Reed, Lt. Eugene Roche and Eugene (Dye) Mitchell Memorial 92nd Founders Day was the largest ever with 140 alumni.

1950s alumni received special recognition for the 60th anniversary of their Initiation in the form of Emerald Crosses from our National fraternity, including Past Sage Clifford Wells (traveled from Texas), Past Sage Tom Miller, former USAC Controller Claude "Skip" Keyzers, David Randel, Pete Royer (traveled from Texas), and Doug Keppler.

1960s alumni who receive their Golden Crosses included Rich Frank, Dr. Kent Shoji, Alan Nichols.

1980-90s alumni received their Silver Crosses, including Past Grand Herald Bruce Peterson (who traveled from Chicago), Dr. Becket Mahnke (U.S. Army Captain who traveled from Hawaii), Dieter Letsch (who worked as a petroleum engineer in Nigeria), Marty Fortier (Idaho), Andy Carpenter (Phoenix), Jeff Sargent (Oregon).

The farthest traveler was Josh King, who landed from London in the morning.

Sage Alex Serrano led the Opening Ritual, and 1st Counselor Tully Devereaux led the Memorial Ritual, which honored brothers who passed to the Adytum on High: Dr. Wallace Reed, Upsilon's oldest alumnus and last Initiation number in the 100s; Eugene (Dye) Mitchell, Upsilon's oldest brother and WWII veteran; Lt. Eugene Roche, a Bruin hurdler and Korean War veteran; Past Sage Larry Ballard, a Fullerton Planning Commissioner; Dorsey Brady, U.S. Marine veteran; Charles Ward; Kurt Kenworth; and Alexander Riddell, U.S. Army veteran.



Bob Eggert, Cliff Wells, Bill Altman
with Ralph Rea (in background)



1st Counselor Tully Devereux and
Past Sage Stu Johnson

The Joseph Marsalek Upsilon Chapter Educational Foundation awarded nine scholarships to actives: Upsilon Chapter Perpetual Scholarship:

1st Place: Roy Arguello - 3.3 GPA (cognitive science), Treasurer, Pledge Educator, Chief Justice-Judicial Board. C++ and Java programmer. Graduate school in social psychology or cognitive psychology. (Founders Day continued →)



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Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting

Executive Director Pablo Rivas chaired the annual meeting on Feb. 21 at 6:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

All actions of the past year were ratified by the members, and the following officers were re-elected: Executive Director Pablo Rivas, President Jay Ross, Treasurer Scott Scheffler, Jake Loughridge, Brad Sharp, Ryan Formanek, and Manuel Gouveia

The UAA will hold tailgaters at the Rose Bowl, Career Night, Senior Dinner, and a Family Beach Bago Picnic in September in Orange County.

Re-Chartering

but they eventually came around in the spirit of brotherhood and equality.

"We felt we were onto something grate, and wanted to build something together to last, and accept the brothers as each other," Crivaro said.

Sadly, Cutbirth died soon after re-chartering from a fast-growing cancer, and the National fraternity honored him with a posthumous Founders Award at the 1976 Convocation. Executive Director Dean Crook and Sages Crivaro and Peterson served as pallbearers.

"We idolized him, he was so very generous in every way to the fraternity."



Paul Dinh from Orange County
and Alfred Hernandez from Texas



Dan McKenzie, Chris Hoag and
Josh King (from London!)

40th Anniversary: 1975 Re-Chartering

(continued:) Henriksen drilled the nascent Executive Council on Peter Drucker's "Management by Directives", and Crivaro and Peterson attended the 1974 Convocation in Atlanta, beginning friendship with brothers from across the nation and imbibing the fraternity's traditions -- including Orchid Ball, a revival of the Pajamareno with trashcan vodka punch, and fraternity tomfoolery under the guide of Lucky Lager, which resulted in the liberation of a fire hose nozzle from Boelter Hall one night.

Executive Director Dean Crook and UCLA dean Bruce Barbie were impressed on a chapter visits, and Cutbirth arranged for an early Re-Chartering in May 1975.

"We became tight, it was probably too quick, but it worked," Peterson said. "We had to evolve and understand that we were more than a dorm or a drinking club. People to this day appreciate it."

Another early accomplishment was garnering the sheepskin from the Univ. of Kentucky's EB chapter, which included current Grand Sage Andrew Morris, after UCLA's last basketball title under John Wooden in 1975. A sheepskin from Ohio St., a result of the Bruins' 1976 Rose Bowl victory, also still hangs in the Upsilon foyer.

Crivaro remembers re-writing the IFC By-Laws with Peterson late one night, to help the new, smaller fraternities gain equal treatment. He persuaded IFC to create a new position for him to solicit national fraternities to return to UCLA, and this increased Upsilon's presence on campus.

The chapter built a medieval castle game booth for the 1975 Mardi Gras, winning an award, which gained attention from sororities. Crivaro's mother sewed the triangular purple ΣΠ banners, on two days notice, which were used as part of the Re-chartering ceremony later that Spring. "I wish I could say we had it all planned, but we just made all the right moves," Crivaro said.

A graduate student William Weiss was the onsite manager when Upsilon Manor was a boarding house during the early 1970s. The new colonists remember the old garage as The Humbug House, where Weiss lived and hosted many ladies. The brothers pledged Weiss, and he graduated with a nursing degree and later worked in Saipan in the south Pacific. Years later in the 1990s, alumnus Will Short ran into him in Guam during his service in the U.S. Navy.

Alumni support continued to build a new strong foundation. 1920s alumnus Doc Allison instilled stories of the original Ball & Chain Club from the old UC Southern Campus. Cutbirth invited brothers to lunch at the exclusive downtown Jonathan Club and to the work as bartenders during his lavish parties on Mt. Olympus in the Hollywood Hills, where they served Mayor Sam Yorty. Malcom Lincoln was the house maintenance expert, and showed how the windows worked.

Peterson was the strict traditionalist, and Crivaro was more flexible, but they molded a unique brotherhood open to diversity. The older alumni at first were wary of ethnic and religious minorities, which were becoming more prominent on campus in the 1960s and 1970s, (continued Page 3 →)



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Career Night (continued):

alumni for precisely that reason – the ability to navigate complex relationships and stubborn colleagues, and to persuade supervisors and clients to trust you as a young, new team member.

Academics at UCLA helped immensely, because the problem-solving and math in engineering may instill a better understanding of structured problem solving processes than liberal arts majors. That provides a solid foundation to taking on larger issues and managing a team.

"What sets people apart is their leadership skills," Grossman said. "If you do your job well and have the technical skills, what sets you apart are your communication and people skills."

Ed Kwak graduated from Upsilon's chapter at the Univ. of Kentucky and attended Film School at UCLA.

One of his recent reality show jobs was for "The Big Time," which offered a lot in the NBA's Development League to an overlooked prospect.

Kwak was tabbed for the job because the producer knew he was a basketball fan and a UCLA product.

"The name UCLA gives you a license to ill," Kwak said. "You immediately have something in common, and it gives you an edge in the world of competitive resumes."

Career Night: Chris Grimalda

Chris Grimalda, a friend of Upsilon and UC Irvine alumnus, explained risk and reward of entrepreneurship during the Annual Career Night on May 18. Gabe Grossman and Ed Kwak also spoke regarding their careers in engineering/consulting and television/college basketball analysis.

Grimalda had an internship with a technical marketing firm during college and assumed he would become a Don Draper mad man at a large agency. But he always wanted to for himself, and when he boss started a new company, he offered Grimalda the job of Chief Marketing Officer. He was giving up a steady salary, benefits and healthcare, and from being one member of an established team to... having no team. The company sold after one year, so Grimalda's gamble paid off.

But, the company sold one year later, and instead of jumping into another job hunt, Grimalda and his wife (a UC Irvine sorority girl whom he brought to Upsilon's foam party) started their own marketing company. Their first accounts were meager \$30 per month, sourced from Craig's List, for public relations, websites, graphics and media buying. Eventually, they landed larger accounts to the point that the company now has an Inc. 5000 and Fortune 500 client.



The two also were intrigued by the PureBare fitness trend and considered a franchise for a studio but determined that the cost was too expensive. Undeterred, Grimalda and his wife decided to open their own fitness studio as a second company. Grimalda had done house construction with his father in the Palm Desert summers, so he was able to do much of the drywall and flooring himself for their new studio. His wife is the instructor and sales supervisor.

Grimalda's advice to the actives was to work for someone else at first and make mistakes on someone else's dime. Then, don't repeat them when you're on your own. As your own boss, you have time to schedule golf in the middle of the day, but you are still beholden even more to another boss – your clients. You must respond to their demands in real time, so that may pull you off the golf course at only the 5th hole, if need be. If you lose that client, that means no rent money.

Grimalda also advised to starting saving \$100 per month as early as possible, to build an investment fund. Entrepreneurship becomes more risky with age, when you have a family to support.

Some of his entrepreneurship skills were learned during fraternity operations, especially hustle prospective members during rush, and not being afraid to look stupid to promote your cause. After all, whatever it takes to bring in the dough. Also, as a manager, if you do not understand how to do something complex (technology, etc.), hire someone who can. Finally, join industry associations and network like crazy to find more clients and help that you may need in the future.

Gabe Gross graduated recently in 2013 but has already climbed the corporate ladder. He graduated with a civil and environmental engineering degree, but he does not concentrate on statistical analysis or math formulas. His job is analytic strategy in the utility industry for Southern California Edison. Basically, he uses the data from the company to solve problems and make more money.

Grossman was burnt out on hard-core engineering, and conferred with Upsilon alumnus Brian Warren, another engineering graduate who works in consulting. Grossman started an internship with Accenture and worked with Cisco on the technical side. When he switched to Edison, he applied for technology consulting, which allows him to use his people and management skills.

Like Grimalda, many of those "soft" skills were honed at Upsilon. Many companies seek fraternity



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Career Night (continued):

One participant in The Big Time was UCLA's Billy Knight, a sharpshooter from the 2000s who made game-winning baskets against Arizona and USC.

Kwak connected with Knight, and through him met other Bruins Baron Davis, Zach Lavine and Bryce Alford.

Kwak returns the favor when hiring for his shows. He hired a Trojan Greek, which allowed him to disparate USC's football program the past three years.

As for his future, he and Upsilon alumnus Josh Mandel are starting a production company, and they know they can rely on each other for completing tasks and managing the team.

Kwak advises young industry staffers to network as much as possible. Even if an open position sounds inadequate, go on the interview to meet the company. That may be a contact for a job in the future. Instead of sending resumes blindly with no introduction, build your network starting with Sigma Pi and UCLA, so you have some connection to put your foot in the door.

Kwak got involved with Upsilon when he met Sage Brian Letourneau at Convocation in the late 1990s, and he remains active in the Kentucky chapter, recently assisting the chapter's re-chartering.

By Tully Devereux

The 2015 school year was one for the memory books at the Upsilon Chapter. Some brothers have graduated and are on to life after college, and new ones with bright eyes and big dreams have been added to the fold. On-campus and off-campus involvement has improved dramatically over the course of the year, and the house is in better academic standing than it has been in years. I can personally attest to dramatic improvement in many areas the house was lacking in at the beginning of the year, and I am more proud than ever to be a brother of this fantastic fraternity.

The previous Social Chairs, Antony Protonataros and Laz Coss, have done an excellent job in sustaining and improving sorority relations for our great house. It has not been easy given the constant circus of life at Sigma Pi as I am sure you all remember, but Antony and Laz have worked tirelessly to ensure that our social calendar is packed full of Sorority raids, dinners, and date parties among other things.

Social life was certainly great in the 2015 school year, but the house has not lost sight of its philanthropic roots. Past and current Philanthropy Chairs, Peirce Thue and Teddy Ulin, have done their parts in encouraging active community involvement over the course of the past six months. We have participated in events such as Theta Shootout, GPhi Joe, DG Anchor Splash, and Pi Phi Arrowspike to benefit a plethora of causes and raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Theta Shootout

was a basketball tournament in which proceeds went to Court Appointed Special Advocates to help provide services for neglected children and GPhi Joe was an obstacle course that sends money raised to Camp Laurel, an organization that serves hundreds of families affected by HIV/AIDS in the Los Angeles region. Both are pictured below. The brothers of Sigma Pi represented us well.

Brothers of Sigma Pi have done a great job at representing us on campus this year and getting the Sigma Pi name out there for everyone to see. We have brothers involved in everything from club sports to cultural and scholastic clubs to dance clubs to student government and everything in between. Ishan Rampuria continues to excel as a Daily Bruin A&E Columnist. George Kobakhidze, Antony Protonataros, Teddy Ulin, Patrick Chlopecki and others

1st Counselor's Update



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1st Counselor's (part 3):

of Beverly Hills. Shane Shahrestani, Andy Ton, Jonathan Rodriguez, and Nate Christian founded a nonprofit this year by the name of Discovering Dialysis. This organization fundraises money to buy dialysis machines and send them to underserved hospitals in third world countries with high rates of kidney disease. Discovering Dialysis has been a resounding success thus far.

All of these brothers have showcased what makes Sigma Pi so special. Brothers are staying productive but making sure to balance it out with fun. Extracurriculars, academics, jobs, and sorority relations are all being successfully managed as Sigma Pi works to send well-rounded young men off into the real world. I would like to close by congratulating all of the recent graduates on your successes at UCLA. It has been an honor to get to know each and every one of you and I know you all will be doing big things in the near future. I wish you all luck in your future endeavors, not that you need it, and hope that you remember to visit your brothers when the chance arises. 2015 was a special year. Graduating brothers have left their mark and helped to lay an exciting foundation for years to come. The future is bright. I wish all of you reading this a fantastic summer.

1st Counselor's Update (part 2):

are involved in leadership in Eurobruins, a club focused on promoting cultural diversity and providing a home away from home for European Bruins. David Melara is the President of Funktion, a freestyle dance club and involved in other dance groups on campus along with Anthony Ortiz. Their dance group participated in UCLA's famous Spring Sing and was excellent (see photo).

Blake Nawrocki serves as the president of UCLA's Habitat for Humanity to help oversee the construction of homes for the disadvantaged and for veterans and has done an excellent job at getting other brothers involved in the club as well. Ryan Hendler has continued to serve as President of the Golf Club and Cooper Logan has served UCLA's Club Lacrosse Team with distinction. Current House Treasurer Max Sakson keeps his skills sharp as a Senior Consultant in the distinguished Bruin Consulting Club.

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Antonio Javiniar, however, continues to set the bar high in terms of on-campus involvement as an avid and accomplished member of UCLA's Undergraduate Students' Association Council (USAC), working as the External Affairs Director of the High School Outreach Committee, the Community Engagement Director of the Office of the President, a delegate at the National Grassroots Legislative Conference and general delegate in Washington D.C. among other things. This is merely a small glimpse of the activities the current brothers are occupying themselves with at UCLA.

We also have many brothers working diligently in various research labs and contributing to what makes UCLA such a top-notch research university. Psychology has been one field the brothers of the Upsilon Chapter have been very involved with. For example, Jason Carpenter worked incredibly hard in the Psychology Honors Research Project in the Visual and Multi-Sensory Perception Lab during his time at UCLA and will now take his research to London post-grad in another program. Andy Ton has made active contributions in the Wassum Lab. Jake Smith worked at the Hoffman Lab in the Vestibular Neuroscience Department during his time at UCLA and Aajan Shahid worked under renowned Professor James Dunn in the UCLA Bioengineering and Pediatric Surgery Departments. Both were very active in their time at UCLA. Finally, Vice President Jonathan Rodriguez studies the long-term effects of pharmaceutical drugs on mice in hopes of finding correlation results with humans under Doctor Izquierdo in Department of Behavioral Neuroscience.

Brothers have also continued their work to pay the bills and strengthen their resumes through internships and have done impressive things in the workplace. A number of brothers have on-campus jobs such as Community Service Officers, most notably Chris Scogna. Robert Wayne was an intern at the ever-expanding SBE Entertainment Group and now has a full-time offer there and Antony Protonarios keeps himself busy as an intern for the NOW Startup App, the Carpe Noctis Festival, and the UCLA Blackstone Launch Pad. Robert Smith is doing big things as an engineer at DIRECTV and Jonathan Dolgin has made large strides as a part-time preschool teacher and as the Assistant Director of Beth Jacob Youth Programs

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Alexander Riddell #583
(12/12/1940-7/2/2014):



Brother Riddell,
a U.S. Air
Force veteran
and Golden
Cross

Recipient, passed to the
Adytum on High on Jul. 2 at
age 74 in Santa
Monica. Riddell was born in
Honolulu and moved to
California, where he
graduated from San Diego
H.S. in 1958. He followed his
years at UCLA with four
years in the Air Force.

"Alex was a very special
soul," his family said. "He
was humble, gentle and a
loving person, always
thinking of others first. His
positive attitude gave him all
he needed to get through his
journey on earth. He was an
inspiration to us all."

Riddell has many careers
and interests. He loved cats,
enjoyed music and could
play the piano by ear, sang in
choirs and taught Sunday
school at St. Augustine's
Church in Santa Monica. He
was an avid bowler and won
many trophies.

▲ Riddell is survived by his
brother, Bob Riddell; sisters,
Sandra Humphreys and

Upsilon Heritage: Military Service

Sigma Pi brothers were regularly drafted into service during WWII and the Korean War. Our oldest veterans are Navy veterans Everett Rea and Thomas Straeter.

Ensign Eugene Mitchell, who served on a minesweeper and fought off kamikaze pilots in the Pacific theatre, died in 2014 at age 93 as the oldest Upsilon alumnus. He served as Sage after returning to campus in 1948 and recovering from a bout of tuberculosis.

Mitchell played tennis until age 90 and was always positive. "He was everyone's friend, he was like sunlight," his daughter Claudia Michaels remembers. "He was that guy at a party who made friends with everybody."

Rea served in the Pacific Theatre in WWII and is now retired in New York at age 91, the oldest Upsilon alumnus. His brother is Ralph Rea, who lives in Orange County.

Straeter served in the post-war occupation of Japan and lives in Palm Springs.

In current times, Capt. Will Short retired from the Navy in 2014 after "30 wonderful years." He now works as an information technology consultant in Honolulu.



Ensign Everett Rea (Y 1947): U.S. Navy
World War II - Guadalcanal (1942-45).



Thomas Straeter (Y 1947): U.S. Navy
Post-WWII occupation of Japan (1945-46).



Ensign Eugene (Dye) Mitchell, U.S. Na





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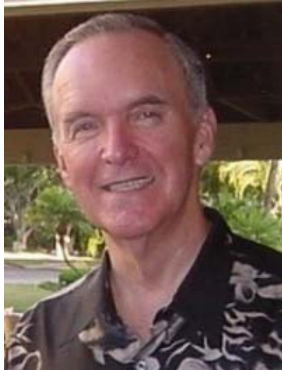
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Ginger Lehmann; son Darrell Riddell; and daughter Bonnie Watters. ΣΠ



Dorsey Brady, USMC #776
(4/20/1942-3/15/2014):



Brother Brady, a retired U.S. Marine and Golden Cross recipient,

passed to the Adytum on High on Mar. 15, 2014, in Atlanta at age 72.

Brady was born in Long Beach and grew up in Seal Beach, adopted by Arnold Ray Brady and Dora Della (Helzer) Brady. He graduated from Huntington Beach Union H.S., and after UCLA, joined the Marine Corps.

Ron Jamison remembers that Brady worked in Ackerman Student Union after his tour with the Marines, and helped Upsilon actives gain employment there, continuing to look out for his fellow brothers.

"He was unflappable, like any Marine," said Ron Jamison of Colorado, who was best man at Brady's wedding. "I never saw him get angry. He was always in control. People liked him. He

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Charles Osterlund #533 (7/1/1934-6/14/2015): Brother Osterlund, a U.S. Navy veteran and Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Jun. 14, in Huntington Beach at age 80. Osterlund was born in North Dakota and his family moved to Venice when it was a rundown neighborhood with an active pier during WWII. His father was alcoholic and provided no parenting support. He began working at age 15, while his mother worked hard at her retail job to provide for her children.

Osterlund had little money and no connections to campus when he arrived at UCLA in 1953, but Carl Jaffe invited him to lunch at Upsilon manor. Soon enough, he found a free bunk in the dungeon, weathering the leaks and mold and laundry odors, under the auspices of house managers Jan Humble and Paul Finwall.

Osterlund later roomed with Al Venton, and the two would listen to Skip Keyzers and David Lilly play classical music across the hall. He also hashed to make rent at the house and worked with other brothers at the YMCA co-operative housing across campus on Hilgard Ave.

"My experience up there was such a great one," Osterlund remembered in May shortly before his death. "The fraternity did so much for me, a poor boy from Venice who had very little."

Osterlund picked up a new hobby when Carl Jaffe asked him to film track and field practice on campus. His first film was recorded upside down, but Osterlund began filming fraternity life. He produced a video that is time capsule of the 1950s and includes intramural softball games, Greek Week chariot races, Spring Formals, road trips and the famous water fight with Phi Kappa Sigma that was photographed for Collier's Magazine (The video is posted on the Upsilon website: www.SigmaPiBruins.com.)

Osterlund originally planned for medical school, but he lacked the money and UCLA's science classes were a big step up from Venice H.S. He switched to physical education, but one good thing came from the difficult studies -- in his anatomy class, Osterlund met the his future wife Connie. She helped him pass, along with his good knowledge of Latin from high school, and they married soon after graduation. The union lasted for 55 years, and she cared for him during the past 14 years as he battled prostate cancer.

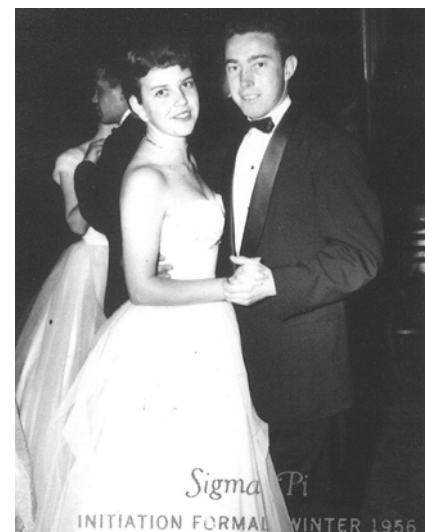
"The fraternity meant everything to him," Connie said.

Osterlund was drafted into a two-year term in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves after graduation, and he signed up for a flight program, which transferred him to the U.S. Navy flight school in Pensacola, Fla. He served 18 months on the U.S.S. Intrepid as an air controller as part of missions to Europe and the Caribbean.

Osterlund worked for the Los Angeles USD as a teacher for 36 years and lived in Huntington Beach. His public service included 12 years on the Huntington Beach Parks Commission and the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees and a member of the UCLA Graduate School of Education Advisory Board. He was a member of American Legion Post 291 and the Newport Beach Yacht Club.

In the 2000s, Osterlund befriended younger Upsilon alumnus Gary Gross, who lived in the area and drove him to Founder Day for several years. (Gross sadly died in 2011 of a brain aneurysm after a career in public service as a counsel for Los Angeles County.)

Several years ago, the Dalai Osterlund -- an avid sailor in Orange County -- penned a meme about the similarities of fraternity men and sailors on the sea:





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Brady (continued):

was the silent type and didn't say much. But when he walked into a room, he had presence."

Brady worked in hospitality while at UCLA, helping Upsilon students with jobs on campus, and he parlayed that initial experience to spend 45 years doing what he loved for hotel companies like Inter-Island Resorts, Del Webb, Tollman Hundley Hotels, and Outrigger Hotels and Resorts, mainly in Hawaii.

David Lilly, his big brother, had a layover in Kona and Dorsey set him up in the Presidential Suite – a huge room built for 20 guests that covered almost an entire floor with a special entrance, very fancy.

"He hosted a great dinner at the hotel restaurant, and it was a lot of fun," said Lilly, who served as his usher at Brady's wedding, which was at the Episcopal Church on Hilgard Ave. "He was a great guy, and we had some good times together. He was very kind and generous."

After 40 years in the hospitality business and 26 years in Hawaii, Brady retired to Georgia, saying "It's a long story." His ashes were returned to Hawaii where they were scattered.

▲ Brady is survived by his wife, Lai Kuen (Helen) Brady; daughters Diana Brady Hindi and Dawn Adams; son Dane Brady; step-daughter Stephanie Anderson; and step-son John Anderson. ΣΠ

"It is fun to be young and not have to deal with ravages of time. But it does happen and old friends become dear friends, and we cherish the time we had together. The few years in the house has provided me with a lot of good memories of good friends. I hate to see them go without mention. The beauty of a fraternity, and especially our house, is that we have a great group of young guys continuing the process of brotherhood, corny but true, through the years.

There is a special affinity that sailors, not power boaters, share for the wind and the sea. Not everyone is so inclined to the rigors of close living and sleeping quarters. Sailors do enjoy a drink, but not at the expense of safety.

Not everyone wants to make a commitment to learn about others. To do so would mean they have to share more than they want. I think those who join social groups are more social and open to the challenges of group living.

We all have sailed the good ship Sigma Pi and very few have regretted it. However, there is a need to give back some measure of word, deed, or treasure upon leaving a fraternity.

▲ Osterlund is survived by his wife, Connie, and sons, Donn and Cayse. She can be contacted at (714) 846-5384 or cocohb60@gmail.com. As part of his estate planning, Osterlund donated seed money for the "Charles Osterlund Memorial Champions Scholarship," to be awarded annually to the brother who contributes most to intramurals and athletics for the fraternity. He also donated \$500 for the renovation of the dungeon library. ΣΠ



Alan Nichols #666 (3/17/1946-4/15/2015): Brother Nichols, a Golden Cross Recipient, passed to the Adytum on High in April at age 69 in Placentia in Orange County.

Nichols graduated in 1968 with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and he earned an MBA from Fullerton in 1977. He was a part-time instructor in woodworking at Fullerton College, which was his long-time passion.

Nichols recently attended Founder Day to receive his Emerald Cross and his 50th high school reunion. He was a cancer survivor after enduring numerous treatments in the 2000s, but he kept a healthy and happy attitude in his later years. Nichols stayed true to his school and always wore Bruin attire, and all the attendees at his memorial service in April wore blue and gold in his honor, along with Angels' baseball shirts.

Nichols was born in Iowa to two teachers as parents, and moved to California at age 11. While in college, he attended a wedding, where he met the former Miss Barbara Schardin. They left without exchanging phone numbers, but Nichols was able to track her down by calling the only "Schardin" in the phonebook.

After UCLA, Nichols worked at Kimberly Clark and earned his MBA in night school, and then was hired as a business manager for Hughes and Raytheon.

Nichols was a loving father and active in his children's activities and booster clubs, including band, chorus, drama Indian Guides and Boy Scouts. He also was an Eagle Scout.

For his woodworking hobby, he was president of the Placentia Wood Carving Club, and he made furniture and shelves, along with figurines of animals and Santa Claus.

▲ Nichols is survived by his sister, Edna; wife, Barbara, and his children, Jeff, Kent and Deborah. Barbara can be contacted at (714) 528-8838 or BarbJNic@AOL.com.

Donations can be made to the Anaheim Outdoor Education Foundation, which sends underprivileged youths to summer camp: P.O. Box 25108, Anaheim, CA 92835. ΣΠ





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Annual dues: \$35. 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.

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* 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 Fund:** 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 Fund."

Mail to: David Finkel, Treasurer, 1830 Kelton Ave., Apt. #9, Los Angeles, CA 90025-4564 - DavidFinkel@Juno.com (818) 633-3898.

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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-Includes Founders Day 2016 and USC/Homecoming Tailgater.

Gold level: \$50.00-Graduates before 2010.

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Nebraska road trip: 1950s alumni Dean Cameron, Bob Hillerman and Bob Eggert celebrate a win over the Huskers, just like when they watched Red Sanders.