

Alumni News

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OMEGA DEUTERON

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Ernie Judson Receives Annual Founders Award

Brother Ernest Judson '25 was presented the annual Founders' Award for outstanding service to Phi Sig at the Founders' Day banquet March 17. The presentation was made in behalf of the Los Angeles Alumni Association by brother Bob Topping.

Brother Judson was one of the founders and past presidents of the local group which became the Omega Deuteron Chapter in 1928. He served as the first resident adviser of Omega Deuteron (1949-52), chapter adviser (1952-53), and was for many years secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association. He is presently, after a few years deserved rest, serving in that capacity again.

The Founders' Award was first presented to a member of the Los Angeles Alumni Association in 1955 and Paul Jones, '30, was the first to receive the honor. Since that time Scheff Nies, '32, Henry Segretti, '27, and Martin Shakley, '23, have been honored also. The active chapter has presented the Founders' Award to Bob Topping '50 and Frank Gifford '52.

Barnard Elected Alumni President

Congratulations to Larry Barnard (Omega Deuteron), '52, who was elected president of the Los Angeles Phi Sigma Kappa Alumni Association. Elections were held at the Founders' Day Banquet on March 17th. Brother Barnard follows Bob Topping (Omega Deuteron) '50. He previously served the Association as Secretary-Treasurer. Other officers elected were Carl (Skip) Workman (Omega Deuteron) '58, vice-president, and Ernie Judson (Omega Deuteron) '25, secretary-treasurer.

The new officers are planning several events for the summer and fall. It is hoped that the buffet luncheons at the house before the football games can be revived next fall.

Brother Barnard plans to appoint several committees to help in running the activities of the club. If you have any ideas or would like to serve on a committee, please contact brother Barnard (OR. 4-9522), or one of the other officers.



BROTHER BERT BROWN, secretary-treasurer and editor of the Signet of Phi Sigma Kappa, speaks to over 100 brothers at Founders' Day Banquet Mar. 17

Herbert L. Brown Travels to L.A., Addresses Local Phi Sigs

Herbert L. Brown, secretary-treasurer and editor of the SIGNET of Phi Sigma Kappa, traveled to Los Angeles to address the Los Angeles Phi Sig Alumni Association and the Omega Deuteron Chapter at their annual Founder's day celebration on March 17.

Over 100 brothers gathered early at the Mona Lisa Restaurant to meet brother Brown, who was visiting Los Angeles for the first time, and also to renew old friendships.

The affair started promptly at 7 p.m. with the reading of the Founder's Day Proclamation by Denny Kouri '59, present Chapter president. Following dinner, Alumni Association President Bob Topping '50, master of ceremonies, introduced Omega Deuteron Chapter Adviser Al Shonk '54, who gave a report on "Omega Deuteron Today!"

Also introduced were Paul C. Jones, Chancellor of the Court of Honor; Bob Nemeschy, national scholarship director; and Frank Dee Scriven, national alumni director.

Then came the main order of the evening—speech by Brother Brown. The secretary-treasurer held his audience's attention as he talked about the fra-

ternity man's responsibility to his fraternity after graduation. The talk was one which will long be remembered by the alumni and actives alike and was truly an outstanding address by one of the most dedicated fraternity men today.

The evening ended on a less serious note with a raffle conducted by president-elect Larry Barnard. Several bottles of beverage were carried home by three lucky alumni. Everyone agreed that one of the most successful Founder's Day ever held in Los Angeles had just come to a close.

Resident Adviser to Leave After Two Years

Many thanks to Dick Linsley '54 who has served as Resident Adviser for the last two years. Dick plans to be married in June, so will not return to the house in September. Brother Linsley has been of great assistance these past two years and will be missed. We hope that he will continue to be active in Phi Sig Alumni work.

Adviser's Soapbox

By AL SHONK

A recent development at Omega Deuteron is the organization of the Omega Deuteron Past-Presidents' Club. The first meeting was held on November 20 with the sole purpose of helping the active chapter in any way necessary. One of the first projects undertaken by the Club was the planning of the dinner held at the house on January 13th in honor of Frank Gifford. The dinner was a huge success and the "Prexies" should be congratulated.

We had a great deal of difficulty in compiling our list of some of the earlier presidents. If you are a past-president and have not been receiving correspondence on the meetings, please let us know. At the last meeting it was suggested that the Club sponsor an "All-Phi Sig" golf tournament. It sounds like a good idea!

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The active chapter needs the alumni's help in securing the names and addresses of prospective Phi Sigs. If you know of any high school or junior college students planning to attend SC and/or any student already enrolled, but who has not pledged a fraternity, please send their names and full particulars to the Rush Chairman. The chapter will also be glad to rush for the school and Phi Sig any student who has not decided where to continue his education. At the close of rushing, the alumnus will receive a complete report on his recommendations.

Late Alex Cooper Cancer Fund Honors

The late Alex Cooper, Phi Sig and popular LA disc jockey, was recently honored by a benefit show for the City of Hope at the Shrine Auditorium. The show, which started a cancer research fund, was produced by another Phi Sig from Omega Deuteron, Vic Knight.

Some of the stars cast in the show were Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, Bob Hope, The DeCastro Sisters, Gloria Wood, and Peter Ustinov. House President Denny Kouri posed with James Garner and Jack Kelly, TV's Maverick Brothers, in a picture for Daily Trojan publicity.

Thanks surely go to Vic for the privilege of giving us a chance to get some good publicity for the house. He also presented six \$25 tickets for the show and a party afterward at the Palladium to brothers Don Hillman, Ken Evans and Bob Halley. Thanks again, Vick.

National Video, Radio, Press Cover Phi Sig Pledge Relays

Omega Deuteron was the subject of national and local newscasts on April 6, when the 34th running of the Phi Sig relays brought national publicity to the local chapter.

CBS, NBC, KHJ, KTTV, and KCOP, plus every metropolitan newspaper turned out for the races. Also here to take pictures was a representative from

the Globe Photo Syndicate, which represents the New York Daily News and several magazines with headquarters in that city.

Since their beginning in 1941, the semi-annual relays have grown until they are now almost considered a tradition here at Troy. These relays are sponsored by the Phi Sigs each semester and consist of races against time with four-member teams from each of the fraternities and sororities invited to participate.

The men's relay teams run down to Figueroa and back, with the start and finish line at the Phi Sig house. Sorority women roll-hula hoops down to University Ave. and back. The women used to rollerskate the distance, but after two small accidents last year, the skates were banned.

Kappa Alpha broke a four-semester winning streak of Sigma Chi this time by setting a new record for the course of 2:26.0. Gamma Phi Beta won the new hula-hooping sorority race for the second straight time.

'Ever Growing Throng' Takes Eight Brothers

Congratulations go to eight new brothers admitted to the Ever Growing Throng at their initiation on March 7.

Following their initiation at the house and a dinner at which Horace Judson and Paul C. Jones were special guests, the initiates were honored at their initiation formal at the Surf Rider Inn in Santa Monica.

New brothers are Ralph Smith, Howard Burrell, Jim Wein, Dick Coss, Walt Judson, Brent Allen, Duane Edling, and Steve Atkinson.

Congratulations again, men.

President's Message

Greetings, Brothers:

The Omega Deuteron Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa is initiating this newsletter in the attempt to keep our graduated brothers informed of the progress of their chapter.

Perhaps in the past, the important part the alumni play in the developing and success of the chapter has not been realized by the active brothers. We now recognize this and seek your aid.

We greatly appreciate the aid the alumni have given us in the form of information concerning prospective rushees. This semester with the help of the alumni we were able to pledge one of the finest classes on the Row. However, we cannot stop here. In order to repeat this semester's performance, we will need your assistance again. If you know of any man that is presently attending SC or is thinking of enrolling, please let us know.

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Activity-wise, the Phi Sigs have been extremely busy (per usual). Our annual snow party, barn party, pajama party, two-yard party and Moonlight Formal at the Palm Springs Tennis Club last month have all been highlights of the Row social season.

Politically, the Phi Sigs are still strong on campus. This past year, Larry Lichty served as senator-at-large and I was privileged to act as Troy Chest chairman. Byron Beam was IFC secretary and was just elected to the treasurer spot for next year. Larry Young just won a senator place for next year, and Walt Judson was elected LAS vice president. Roy McDiarmid was president of Squires this year.

Fraternally,
DENNY KOURI '59

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Omega Deuteron Takes Second Largest Class

Due to the sincere efforts of Rush Chairman Byron Beam, interest of active alumni, and hard work of the active chapter, Omega Deuteron was able to take in the second largest pledge class on the Row with 12 men.

Those pledged were Chuck Anderson, Ken Coons, John Revera, Pete Apsit, Lee Dietz, Herb Steger, Ron Gabriel, Carl Nuiccitelli, Dave Nicoll, Eric Schou, Gordon Frey, and Emil Shokoohi.

As was proved when we pledged several of these men, the help of the alumni in rushing is extremely instrumental. If you know of any man who is planning to attend SC or attending here now and not affiliated with any house, please let us know about him. This is really necessary if we expect to get a top pledge class again in the fall

Leukemia Takes Life of Phi Sig Dick Van Vliet

A great group of young men were pledged to our fraternity at SC in the fall of 1926. One of those pledges was Dick Van Vliet. He came from Covina where he had played on the Championship CIF Football team the year before under our brother Coach "Chief" Newman.

Dick was always a great competitor in athletics, fraternity and business. His fraternity interest never wavered throughout the years and even a few weeks before his death he was still telephoning in rush prospects for Phi Sig.

He is survived by his wife, Madge; a son, George, now a Sophomore at SC and a fine athlete; and a daughter, Shirley, a Senior at Whittier High School.

The family, community and Phi Sigma Kappa have all suffered a severe loss with Dick's untimely death.



FRANK GIFFORD receives Founders' Award at special athletic banquet from house president Denny Kouri. All-Americans Ernie Smith and Nate Barragar look on.

Athletic Banquet Honors New York 'Giant,' Frank Gifford

New York Giant Frank Gifford, Omega Deuteron '52, fresh from his triumph in the Pro-Bowl game the Sunday before, was honored at an athletic dinner held at the Chapter house on January 13. For his part in leading the East to victory in the Pro-Bowl, Frank was elected as the most valuable player.

Chapter President Denny Kouri presented Brother Gifford the Founders' Award on behalf of the Omega Deuteron Chapter. Over 140 Phi Sig alumni, actives and their guests gathered for the banquet. Many of Omega Deuteron's former athletes were present. Among the most well known were Nate Barragar '30 and Ernie Smith '33, both

All-American Football players and former members of the Green Bay Packers.

Hal McDaniel '49, past-president of the LA Phi Sig Alumni Association, introduced the alumni present. Just a few of the prominent brothers attending were Ralph Smith '28, president-elect of the SC General Alumni Association and member of university Board of Trustees; Vick Knight '52, one of the five men in California just chosen as "Young Men of the Year" by the state JC; Eddie Bernard '27, managing-director of the Biltmore Hotel; Hal Seley '29, part owner of the Los Angeles Rams and owner of a leading racing stable; and Paul C. Jones, Chancellor of the Court of Honor of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Brother Gifford in accepting the award remarked that the associations he had made as an undergraduate Phi Sig, had become his best friends since graduation, and that the award was something which he greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the banquet, movies were shown of the 1951 Cal-SC game, which is considered by most of the experts to be Frank's greatest game for SC. The Bears were leading 14-0 at the end of the half, but Gifford ran wild during the second half and the Trojans finished the game by winning 21-14.

The banquet turned out to be an appropriate and very successful tribute to a great Phi Sig and athlete—Frank Gifford.

RUSHING APPLICATION . . .

Name of Rushee	Telephone Number
Home Address	Year in School
High School or Junior College Activities	
Comments	
Recommended by	
Address and Telephone Number	

* If you know of more than one prospective Phi Sig, please send a reasonable facsimile. Please address these applications to Larry Young, 938 W. 28th St., Los Angeles 7. Thank you.

Alumni News Briefs . . .

Vick Knight '52 was recently named as one of California's five outstanding young men of 1958 by the California Junior Chamber of Commerce. Vick is a past-national director of the U.S. Junior Chamber, past-vice president of the California State Jaycees and past president of the Pico Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Bill Wickett '41, past-president of Omega Deuteron, is now serving as President of the Orange County Medical Association.

Don Byram '46 was recently appointed Manager of the 1st National Bank of New York in Salvador Bahia, Brazil. Don is reported to be one of the bank's youngest managers. He and his family have lived in Brazil for the past eleven years.

Paul C. Jones '30, who relinquished his duties as National President of Phi Sigma Kappa last summer, is still traveling around the country in the interest of Phi Sig. In December, Paul attended the National Interfraternity Conference annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia; Phi Sig National Budget Committee meeting and a meeting of the Phi Sig Foundation in Chicago; and in January visited our Texas chapters. When do you practice law these days, Paul?

Jim Hodges '49 has just been transferred back to Southern California by the Ethyl Corp. Jim is now living in Covina.

Captain Jim Bowen (USMC) '53 has had to leave his "nest" on Coronado Island and is now stationed at Quantico, Virginia. Must have been tough to leave all those beautiful girls.

Ralph Smith '28 is the president-elect of the General Alumni Association of the University of Southern California. He was also recently appointed to the University's Board of Trustees.

Chuck Magnus '51 is the Zone Manager for Proctor and Gamble in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and part of Texas. Chuck lives in Denver with his wife and young daughter.

Frank Dee Scriven (Alpha Deuteron Fac.), past-president of the Los Angeles Phi Sig Alumni Association, was elected Phi Sigma Kappa's National Alumni Director at the convention held in French Lick, Indiana, last summer.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER ALUMNI CHAIRMAN, PHI SIGMA KAPPA, 938 WEST 28th STREET, LOS ANGELES 7, CALIFORNIA.

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Attention All Golfers!

The Trojan Club will hold their annual "Golf Day" on Friday, June 12th, at the Fox Hills Country Club. A Phi Sig party is being organized for this event. All Phi Sig golfers are urged to participate, and the non-golfers are invited to be present for the 19th Hole and dinner afterwards. It is not necessary to be a Trojan Club member to take part in this function.

For additional information and reservations, call "Pro" Paul Jones at MADison 2-6839.

Beam Elected As New House President

Byron Beam, who has just finished serving as our rush chairman this semester, has been elected president of the house for the fall semester.

Beam will be a junior next year and is majoring in business administration. On Campus, he is treasurer of the Inter-Fraternity Council and is a member of Trojan Knights.

Assisting in the house will be Gary Grace, vice president; Jim Wein, secretary; Steve McMorris, house-manager; Duane Edling, inductor; Howard Burrell, sentinel; Ken Ballard, pledgemaster; and Brent Allen, pledge tutor.

Outgoing officers are Denny Kouri, Ellis Reiter, Roy McDiarmid, Dick Weiss, Bud Holm, Larry Lindsey, Larry Young, and Gary Stevens.

Larry Young will serve as rush chairman for the fall.

