

# The Campanilla

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## Purple Legionnaire Report

I am very pleased to report that the Upsilon Alpha Chapter is healthy and is moving in a positive direction. The chapter is fortunate in that we continue to be led by an outstanding group of undergraduate brothers who are dedicated to the success and prosperity of the chapter. While there is still work that needs to be done, the brothers are committed to making the chapter the best it can be. The chapter has made great strides in improving chapter administration and institutional accountability. The brothers are also in the process of instituting a year round recruitment program that I believe will serve the chapter well.

In addition, the chapter is working diligently to improve its academic performance by introducing consistency and personal responsibility into our academic programming. In order to realize measureable and consistent academic performance, the chapter will focus on improving the academic programming that is part of the pledge education program. Instilling good academic habits in our pledges will serve the chapter well from year to year, while at the same time improving the overall academic performance of our pledge classes. The overall approach will be to tighten up the academic program by introducing more structure and a repeatable process to the pledge education program. The Board of Chapter Advisors and Purple Legionnaire will continue to work with the undergraduate brothers, the International Fraternity, and the University to improve our chapter's academic programming. Some

of our efforts include enrolling the fall pledge class in the Aristotle Program, an academic program offered by the University that targets freshmen and focuses on instilling good academic habits; and the continuation of the chapter's participation in the Faculty Fellow program.



**FORE! Each summer, a group of Fijis block off their calendar and gather in Pinetop to hit the links.**

(L to R): Monte Clausen, Dewey Paul, Glenn Cutter, Cliff Smith, Jim Sakrison, Mel Jenks, Nelson Butler, Rob Dicus, Don Kersey, Scott McCartney, and Dick Cannon.

While there is work to be done, I believe that the undergraduate brothers are on the right track and are intent on improving the chapter from top to bottom. In addition to the areas listed above, the brothers are committed to working with me, the Board of Chapter Advisors and the International Fraternity to address the areas for improvement that have been identified by our Field Secretary. If we can address those shortcomings in an effective and measurable way, I believe the Upsilon Alpha Chapter will be a Cheney Cup contender.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express the Chapter's profound sadness at the loss of Brother Wilson "Willy" Forrester. Wilson will be greatly missed by both his Upsilon Alpha Brothers and his friends on campus. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wilson's family and we hope that they can take comfort in knowing that Wilson was well liked by all who knew him. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Mike Johnson (Arizona '83)

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## President's Report

There's no doubt that this past semester has been the most eventful since I have been a FIJI starting in the Fall of 2008. From just about every aspect of daily life all the way to the unexpected, all of the brothers came out closer and stronger than ever. The semester started out with an extremely spring pledge class of 14 guys. This is the biggest spring class we have had in many years which is a direct reflection of the success of our year round recruiting process. We look to carry this momentum into the fall class as we already have a head start on the whole recruitment process. The rush chairman will be contacting all recommendations and meeting a majority of the guys before the process even begins.

From an academic standpoint our GPA is slightly below a 3.0, with our new member GPA hovering near a 2.5. This is something that I have taken a personal responsibility to correct because there is no reason the best house on campus should have a GPA this low. I have administered punishments and rewards for grades, and I will begin implementing this in the fall.

We will begin a philanthropy in the fall "Hunters Runners" which will be in the honor of a fallen brother years ago. The philanthropy has historically been in Phoenix but we will be bringing in to Tucson this Fall.

Our intramural participation is very strong and FIJI won softball, football, soccer, and basketball this past year. There are always numerous teams FIJI has for every intramural sport as there is normally a varsity, JV, and pledge team.

Overall, the house is stronger than I have ever seen it and the 2011-2012 school year is shaping up to be the best the house has seen in years.

Fraternally,  
Connor Riley



# Spring Pledge Class of 2011

Jeff Hurley – Palm Desert, CA  
Trent Luchinger- Dallas, TX  
Will Walker- El Paso, TX  
JB Emert- Phoenix, AZ  
Max VanBenschoten- Phoenix, AZ  
Drew Finsterwald- Phoenix, AZ  
Kevin Brost- Scottsdale, AZ

Spencer Shugrue- Sedona, AZ  
Connor McClain- Phoenix, AZ  
Chris Roth- Long Beach, CA  
Kyle Miranda- Providence, RI  
Cole Malham- Phoenix, AZ  
Mayer Krigel- Scottsdale, AZ

## Reminders & Announcements

- To all graduate brothers, we are still trying to get the Tucson Graduate Chapter going, but we really need a volunteer or a few volunteers to help. Contact Vinson San Angelo, [vsan@comcast.net](mailto:vsan@comcast.net).
- If you have not done so already, please visit the new [arizonafiji.org](http://arizonafiji.org) website and update your personal profile.
- Thanks to the generous donations of Dave Engelman '60, Al Baber '58, Vern Ellis '62, and Gary Munk '63, the Mary McCarty Parent's Club and the House Corporation, we bought 60 new chairs for the dining room that match the older ones, now making the seating capacity 105.
- Now that we have been in the new chapter house for about 8 years, we will begin a program of re-painting. This summer the bedrooms on the 1st Floor will be repainted. As funds permit, we will continue this process through the rest of the house.

## Thank you 2011 Annual Fund Donors

**The following graduates, parents, and undergraduates below have made a contribution to the Educational Foundation or Annual Fund in 2011. Their support makes a difference! Thank you!**

Schuy Lininger '44  
James Grantman '48  
Vince Ciruzzi '50  
Roman DeSanctis '51  
Bruce Thoeny '51  
John Mueller '52  
Jim Stellar '54  
George Drach '57  
Bob Moore '57  
Dave Henrich '58  
Ben Ward '58  
Ron Harper '59  
Dan Mariscal '60  
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Roger Garrett '64  
Dave Areghini '65  
Eugene Hildreth '65  
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Chris Creith '66  
Kin Walters '67

Jim Webb '67  
Dave Davenport '68  
Paul Gissel '68  
Tom Sundeen '68  
Tom Harvey '72  
Steve Smith '72  
John Jennings '75  
Mark Holohan '77  
Fred Sutter '80  
Alan Hall '84  
Daniel Kates '88  
Nick Papanikolas '97  
John Seroy '10

We sure could use the help and support of the graduate brothers of the 1980's, 1990's, and 2000's.



# FIJI: Friends for Life

Each August the Graduate Brothers in the San Diego area host an annual gathering in San Diego or Balboa Island for the 1956 through 1964 classes in the area. Sites and hosts are rotated amongst the locals. Hosts have included full-time locals; Al Baber, Dave Engelman, Ron Harper, Ed Muns, Danny Mariscal, Dick Cannon, and the late Dick Dicus as well as part-time San Diegans, Karl Eller, John Marietti, Ham McRae, Tom Cole, and the late Lowell Berry. Other regular attendees include Milt Laflen, Jerry Carlson, Chuck "Boots" Bergstrom, Ralph Miller, Bill Polson, Lloyd Wiborg, and Dick Nixon.



The gatherings include a brief report on the welfare of other Fijis they all know, as well as a boisterous round of Fiji songs.

This year's gathering will be held in August at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club.

In addition to the annual summer meeting, about 22 years ago when the Class of '61 began turning 50, Lloyd Wiborg suggested a cruise together. That one cruise has turned into a series of travels including Caribbean cruises, destination spots in California, renting a castle in Ireland, a Baltic Cruise, and a tour of Tuscany. These travels occur every 3 to 4 four years.

As Ed Muns succinctly put it, "We all subscribe to the truism that the fraternity is not for college days alone."



# Graduate News

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## ***Dr. Robert Lock '80***

A doctor at Hualapai Mountain Medical Center is drawing both nationwide and worldwide attention. Orthopedist Dr. Robert Lock '80 is one of a very small group of doctors that uses a computer and an alternative hip replacement procedure that shortens recovery times.

He is so well known for the procedures that Orthopedist Dr. Samguk Park from South Korea visited the hospital Tuesday to observe Lock perform several hip and knee replacement surgeries.

The ability to flex at the hip is very important in the Korean culture, Park said. Koreans frequently sit on the floor rather than in chairs. The closer a surgeon can get to the natural movement of the hip and the amount of time it takes to recover from hip surgery can make a big difference in Korea, he said.

Which is why Park, who has practiced orthopedic surgery in Korea for seven years, came to see Lock perform the anterior hip procedure and use the Zimmer NexGen computer.

## ***Vince San Angelo '62***

Vince continues with his avid handball playing. Adding to his World Championship (Edmonton, Canada) in his age group in doubles in 2006, he has won a number of tournaments in both singles and doubles. Most recently, he won the U.S. Handball Assn. Master's Doubles (70+) in 2010 and in 2011 and The U.S. Handball Association Nationals at the University of Texas in 2010 in the same division. After winning the 22nd Annual Semper Fi Handball Tournament in San Diego in May, he and his partner are competing in the 2011 Nationals in Minneapolis in June.

## ***George Heidler '65***

George is undergoing treatment for brain cancer. George is under the care of top specialist, Dr. Bota at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center. On September 9th George went into the emergency room and was put through a series of tests and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Although we were shocked and concerned, the doctors advised doing the surgery

immediately.

As is George's nature, he said, "If it needs to be done, let's do it". On September 11th surgery was performed and the tumor was successfully removed without harming the surrounding tissue. The tumor was cancerous and they are now doing tests to determine what kind of follow up treatment will be needed. Being able to remove the tumor was very positive and we are looking forward to good results from the prescribed treatment. George is doing well and feeling stronger every day.

If you are interested, you can track his progress at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/georgeheidler>

## ***Lee Henley '64***

"Nancy Hanley sends--Dear Friends, You may have heard the recent news of Lee's diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. I wish I could call each of you personally, but I am sure you understand it is not possible at this time. We are so grateful for your friendship and support, and truly appreciate your prayers.

We have set up this website <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/leehanley> as a convenient and simple way to communicate with everyone. Feel free to share this link. You can visit CaringBridge anytime to read updates about Lee's treatment, and also post a note for him to read.

Lee has been very fortunate to assemble one of the finest teams of Physicians, Oncologists, Specialists, and Surgeons for his fight. He is scheduled for surgery in Phoenix on Wednesday, June 22 at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center. Dr. Larry Koep, a renowned expert in this field will perform the surgery. We feel very fortunate that Lee's tumor is operable. This is good news for Lee's long-term prognosis.

Following surgery, Lee will have 6 weeks of recuperation before beginning chemo and radiation. Dr. Daniel Von Hoff, Physician in Chief of TGen, will be instrumental in choosing the exact course of treatment for Lee.

Above all, we know the Lord is holding and giving strength to Lee and our family.



# Ad Astra



## ***MGen John Renner USA (Ret.)***

John Renner was a brother in the Upsilon Alpha Class of 1962. He attended the U of A on a football scholarship as a tight end letterman where he met his wife Mary Lou Renner. John passed away January 6th, 2011, may he rest in peace.

## ***Lowell Meredith Berry***

Lowell Meredith Berry was an Upsilon Alpha brother with many accomplishments. He was the president of the chapter in 1956 and graduated the U of A with a B.A. in Marketing. He was also the senior class president of 1956. Lowell was a letterman in University of Arizona football and passed away on March 2, 2011. May he rest in peace.

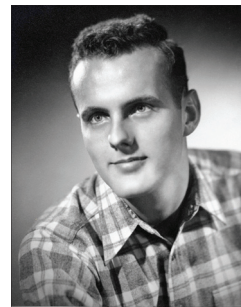
## ***Douglas Unruh***

Doug was a '61 graduate of Upsilon Alpha and served as the Chapter Historian in 1961, the year the chapter

won the Cheney Cup as the most efficient chapter in the U.S. and Canada. He was the President of Grupe Development Company. Unruh resided in Nantucket, MA. May he rest in peace.

## ***Wilson Forrester***

Wilson Forrester was a brother in the Upsilon Alpha pledge class of 2009. He passed away peacefully on April 2nd, 2011. May he rest in peace.



## ***John Ekblad***

John Ekblad '56. John was born May 13, 1934. After graduating from the University of Arizona, he served in the United States Army. He passed away May 14th of this year. His son, Erik, encourages graduate brothers to "hoist a glass in his honor, I know he'd appreciate it." May he rest in peace.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion 1959 Class

*Although, belated, this is the first opportunity to publicize this event.*

During Homecoming Weekend, 2009, the 1959 Fiji Pledge Class held a 50th Anniversary reunion. A reunion dinner was held at the Tucson Country Club. Attendees included 24 of 33 the pledge class members, as well as wives, guests, and members of other Upsilon Alpha pledge classes. All had a good time.



(L to R): Louis Sands, Monte Clausen, Rob Dicus, Cliff Smith, Dick Nixon, Doug Stanley, George Thompson, Jim Sakrison, Nelson Butler, Dick Cannon, Tom Finke, Eddie Wilson, Dewey Paul, Russell Ewing, Bevan Olyphant, Mel Jenks, Tom Moore, Scott McCartney, Don Kersey, and Boots Bergstrom.

# Graduate Updates

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## **Tom Kennedy Jr.**

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1956-1959

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Children: Catherine-45 Caren-43

## **Bill Wheeler**

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1957-1961

Indianapolis, IN

(317) 696-1893

Married to Patty Wheeler

Children: Bill Jr. and Tim (in their 40's)

## **Wayne Battenfield**

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1965-1967

6025 Oak Hills Drive Omaha, NE 68137

(402) 895-3324

Married to Julie Bradford Battenfield

Children: Jill Battenfield

President and CEO of BWB Enterprises

## **Lindsay Lane**

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1964-1968

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## **Dr. Pat Anderson**

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1968-1970

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Married to Carol Anderson

Children: Jason, 30 Jared, 28

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1969-1972

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Married to Nancy Harvey

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Residential Real Estate Agent at Lyon Real Estate

## **Scott Nation**

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1972-1976

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Operations Manager at Waste Management Healthcare Solutions

## **Kip Vander Hyde**

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1977-1980

3050 Oak Industrial Drive Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

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Married to Catherine Vander Hyde

Children: Taylor-18, Tripp-15, Isabel-13, Olivia-10

Vice President of Montage, Inc.

## **Bob Lundeen**

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1977-1981

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Married to Amy Lundeen

Technical Systems Analyst at State Farm Insurance

## **Dr. Steve Kurtin**

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1989-1992

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Married to Traci Kurtin

Children: Lindsay, Mackenzie, Maya, Brendan

Orthopedic Surgeon at Blount Orthopedic Clinic

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1987-1992

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Married to Wendy Lewis

Children: Lauren-3.5 Olivia-1

Director of Sales at SonoSite, Inc.

## **Mike Frey**

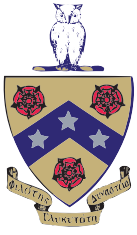
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**Cheney Cup Reunion  
Details will be coming!**

**Don't miss this great opportunity to catch up and  
celebrate with fellow graduate brothers. Full event  
details and RSVP will be available at:  
[ArizonaFiji.org](http://ArizonaFiji.org).**