

Skull and Dagger



SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Accomplishments Highlight Class of '67

After twenty-five years, plenty has happened to the class of 1967. These men left school at the height of the Vietnam War and have seen plenty of changes to the world since their graduation. As would be expected of a Skull and Dagger class, this group has also accomplished a great deal. The Society is pleased at the success of our members, and wants to share that with you.

This year marks the second installment of our twenty-five year updates. There were 35 members of the student class of 1967, however, a number of men are lost on the records of the University, and some did not provide information, so we are not able to provide updates on all of them. The update is presented in alphabetical order, and necessarily edited for space and style. Members were asked by questionnaire their academic degrees, professional accomplishments, community service activities, family and invited to share any remembrances about Skull and Dagger.

Scott Allan is the owner of his own sailmaking business in Annapolis, MD., which he started in 1975. He has been in the business since leaving the Navy in 1971. This follows his undergraduate activity in starting the varsity sailing team that was national champion in 1967. He and his wife, Kathryn, have two children.

Stuart Allan Benjamin received his B.S. in finance in 1967 and then got a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1970. He is currently a film producer as president of Stuart Benjamin Productions. He has been the executive producer of *White Nights*, *La Bamba* and *Everybody's All American* among other films. He has also been a practicing lawyer for many years. He married Alise Humple in 1991 and has two children from a previous marriage.

Gary D. Carlsen has been a Board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Huntington Beach for the last 16 years. He received his B.A. in biology and his D.D.S. from USC. He and his wife, Anne, have been married 25 years. They have one child at USC on a volleyball scholarship. He writes, "I appreciated the honor and involvement while at USC. USC was a great experience in my life. The 1968 Olympics were also great!"

After receiving his B.S. in finance, **Larry Forbes** served in the U.S. Navy. He later received his J.D. from Midvalley College of Law in 1976, then went to work for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office and has been a partner in Williams Beck & Forbes since 1985. He and his wife, Sue (USC '67) have two children. His remembrance, "A big day in a young man's life."

Since 1989, **Steven J. Harris** has been Director of Public Relations for the Chrysler Corporation. After graduating with his journalism degree, Harris has been involved in public relations in the automobile industry, working for Chrysler, American Motors and General Motors. He and his wife, Rosalie (Roddie) have one daughter.

Anyone attending USC football games knows **Brian Heimerl**. In addition to his professional accomplishments, he was announcer for the USC Band from 1967 to 1984 and is again this year. From 1981 to 1992 he was with Westwood One Companies as vice president of production and director of operations. Prior to that he was with Watermark Inc. for six years, as director of sales and associate producer of "American Top 40." He has also been involved in many special events and projects in radio, including "Live Aid" and other humanitarian efforts. He is currently a partner in Hillside Productions in Topanga. He is married to Nancy Kindel ("my one and only for 18 years") and they have two children. He wrote, "My most vivid memory of Skull and Dagger is the initiation ceremony. Climbing to the top of Bovard Tower blindfolded. The voices of the Masters and guiding hands of the alumni. The commitment to USC for life. Very magical stuff delivered with lots of emotion. By contrast, my day on campus is now a blur. However, I still have the hat!"

Dr. R. Jeffrey Herten has been in private medical practice in San Luis Obispo since 1977. He received his M.D. from UC Irvine in 1972, where he later did his residency and fellowship. He is also an assistant professor of dermatology at UC Irvine. His wife, Debby Lyon is a dentist (UCLA '69). He has a stepdaughter. He reports, "Can't remember that far back!"

After his graduation in 1968 with a B.S., **Mike Hull** played seven years in the National Football League. He was a first round draft choice by the Chicago Bears in 1968 and played in Super Bowl VII with the Washington Redskins. In 1979, he received his law degree from the Georgetown Law Center. He has worked as an assistant United States Attorney and as Southern California counsel to Coldwell Banker. He and his wife, Connie, have three children. He remembers, "A group of strangely dressed folks wandered the campus looking and acting as if they had mental disorders, but nevertheless having a good time."

Paul C. Jeffers received both his B.S. (1967) and his law degree (1972) from USC. He is the director of communications and public relations with the Contra Costa Council, a non-profit organization

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Dates Set for 1993 Events

The Initiation Dinner Dance will return to the Sunset Room atop the Transamerica Tower in downtown Los Angeles for 1993. The dinner will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1993.

The Initiation Breakfast will be held the preceding week on Saturday morning April 17, 1993 at the Faculty Center on the USC Campus.

Skull and Dagger Member News

Carl Terzian (1957) has been elected President of the Los Angeles City Fire Commission.

Dick Blankenburg (1958), editor and co-publisher of the *Five Cities Times-Press-Recorder* was named Arroyo Grande's Citizen of the Year. He is also immediate past president of the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Phillip Kazanjian (1967) has been elected California President of the Reserve Officers Association for 1992-1993. Kazanjian is a Captain in the Naval Reserve and is a veteran of 21 years of service. Currently, he is a commanding officer of a Navy public affairs unit in San Diego. He is also a senior partner in the law firm of Kazanjian and Martinetti and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Glendale Community College District.

Tom Seaver (1973) was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Alan Friedenthal (1977) recently took office as a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California representing the Young Lawyers Association. He has also assumed the Chairmanship of the Younger Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association, a national association of lawyers and judges in federal practice.

Robert P. Biller (1986) has accepted the post of vice president for undergraduate affairs, a new position that will be responsible for undergraduate recruitment, enrollment, financial aid, retention and graduation. Since 1988, Biller has been vice president for external affairs.

Terry Preuit (1986) has joined Del Taco as director of training.

Alan Kreditor (1988) has been appointed senior vice president for University advancement. Prior to this he had been serving as dean of the School of Urban and Regional Planning.

Weddings

Kellee K. Simpson (1991) and Ensign William A. Hearther, May 29, 1992.

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OFFICERS

Founded at the University of Southern California in 1913

1992

Gerald S. Papazian *Worthy Grand Master*
USC and Skull and Dagger, 1977

Anthony J. Manos *Grand Master*
USC and Skull and Dagger, 1983

Kevin R. Ash *Worthy Master*
USC 1981, Skull and Dagger 1986

Donald E. LaPlante *Scribe*
USC and Skull and Dagger, 1976

Dr. Harrison Kurtz *Permanent Master*
Skull and Dagger, 1987

John V. Morley *Master Emeritus*
USC 1933, Skull and Dagger 1932

At Large Members of the Executive Committee

Roy Artal, USC and Skull and Dagger, 1991

Oscar Mendoza, Skull and Dagger, 1975

Lorna Y. Reed, USC 1958, Skull and Dagger 1985

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In Memoriam

Morton Morehouse (1931), July 29, 1992. Mr. Morehouse was a retired public relations manager for Pacific Telephone. He is survived by his wife, Ardythe, a daughter, Manda White; a son, Michael; and six grandchildren.

Roy J. Brown (1935), June 29, 1992. Mr. Brown was a graduate of the School of Law, and a member of the Order of the Coif. While an undergraduate of the University of Oregon, he was affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega. He was a deputy city attorney for Long Beach, a naval officer, and city attorney for Signal Hill. In 1967, he was appointed to the Superior Court and retired in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, daughters Eleanor and Roianne and four grandchildren.

Alfred J. Luthi (1943), August 19, 1992. Mr. Luthi was president of Luthi Machine and Engineering Company. He is survived by his wife, June; three sons, two grandchildren and a sister.

Ernest C. Wilson, Jr. (1948), August 18, 1992. Mr. Wilson was a founding partner in Langdon Wilson Architecture Planners. His design projects included the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu and the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda. He is credited with designing more office towers in Orange County than any other architect. While at USC he played on two football teams that went to the Rose Bowl. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons, Peter and Ernest III; a daughter, Caroline Grazioli, two brothers and three grandchildren.

Robert E. Jones (1954), May 22, 1992.

Robert C. Davidson (1958), February 27, 1992.

Richard C. Webster (1972), December 15, 1991. Mr. Webster was a 1950 graduate of the University. He served the University for 37 years in many positions including director of contracts and grants, assistant business manager, and on the Health Science Campus was assistant vice president for administration and associate dean for administration. He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law.

Robert A. Jones (1978), January 12, 1992. Mr. Jones became assistant to the director of testing in 1951 and later became director of the Testing Bureau, where he served for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Opal; two sons; a daughter and six grandchildren.

Dr. Grace June Marshall (1987), September 21, 1992. Dr. Marshall was the associate dean of the USC School of Medicine. She is survived by her daughter, Erin Marshall; mother, Ida V. Marshall; and sister, Catherine Perret.

Replacement Pins Available

Replacement pins and lavalieres are now available for members who have lost or misplaced their pins.

The stick pin style may be used either as a tie tack or a pin on the lapel or on a dress. The Society also has a lavalier suitable for women to wear on a chain. A pin may be exchanged for a lavalier on an even trade basis.

Both are available for purchase for the price of \$56.50.

Members wishing to purchase either a pin or lavalier should send a check to the Society at P.O. Box 18344, Los Angeles, CA 90018.

CLASS OF 1967

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representing the business community of Contra Costa County. He also does private consulting work for attorneys and small businesses. He is single. He writes, "I remember getting 'razzed' a lot from everyone I encountered that day including my teachers, friends and fraternity brothers. But it was a lot of fun!"

After his USC B.A. in 1967, **Phillip C. Kazanjian** received a law degree from Lincoln University School of Law in San Francisco. He is a senior partner in the Glendale firm of Kazanjian and Martinetti. He is also a Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve and is California state president of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States for 1992-1993. Since 1981, he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Glendale Community College District, having been elected three times. He has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the California Maritime Academy since 1985, having been appointed twice by the Governor of California to the post. He and his wife, Wendy (USC 1968) have no children. His remembrance, "I remember wearing that silly outfit and funny hat with pride, something I don't normally do, because I knew those wearing these costumes, each in our own way, had contributed, something to the University that had given us so much and that the University was recognizing us in a way we would not soon forget. And to this day I have not forgotten that day."

Paul L. Kerry is a teacher in the social studies department and coach at Santa Monica High School. Since 1983, he has been coaching cross country and track at Santa Monica College. In addition, he coaches during the summer for Sport for Understanding, a student exchange program. He has also done modeling and commercials for Nina Blanchard, Mary Webb David and the Ford Agency.

David G. Kersey received degrees from USC in 1967 and Harvard in 1969. He has served as senior technical advisor for Cort Laboratories and is an international consultant in petroleum geology. He has lectured and consulted in 34 countries and has written over 30 professional papers. He has two children. He writes, "My special memory is visiting Dr. Richard Stone to thank him for supporting my admission into Skull and Dagger."

Following his B.A. in economics in 1967, **Philip Nelson Lee** received his law degree from Harvard in 1970. Since that time, he has worked for Virginia Legal Services, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and been a law firm partner and the senior vice president for an investment banking firm. He has two daughters. A three-time football and two-time track letterman, he remembers that "At USC, I was either playing sports, studying or working."

After receiving his degree in business, **Jim Marsh** played in the NBA with the Portland Trailblazers for two years and then coached at the University of Utah for seven years. For the last twelve years, he has been with the Seattle Supersonics as a broadcaster and the director of community relations. He has two daughters.

Robert G. Rogers, Jr. received his B.S. in 1967 and then an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1969. Since that time he has been with Prudential Securities Inc. and is a regional manager for the mid-Atlantic region. He is married and has three children. He remembers "wearing bermuda shorts and tails to class and having to stand up in each class so the professor could explain why we looked so goofy."

Since receiving his M.D. from USC in 1967, **Stephen A. Sacks** has become clinical chief of urology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and diplomate and an examiner for the American Board of Urology. He has two daughters.

Stephen L. Saylor got his Pharm D. in 1967 and since that time has been the owner of Eagle Rock Pharmacy. He has been involved in the Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Verdugo Hills Pharmaceutical Association. At USC, he is a member of the USC Pharmacy support group and Cardinal and Gold. He is an all American in masters swimming. He and his wife, Janice, have four daughters. He writes, "Wore top hat, tails and shorts. I felt very proud and honored to have been selected to the Skull and Dagger Society."

After graduating with a degree in finance and real estate, **Rod Sherman** played professional football for seven years, and was on four championship teams. He played in 1967 with the Oakland Raiders' first Super Bowl team. In 1972, he was the leading receiver for the Denver Broncos and in 1973, his final season, he was with the division champion Los Angeles Rams. After leaving the NFL, Sherman was an athletic administrator with UC Irvine and later started several sports marketing firms and now oversees The Sherman Group.

Derald L. Sidler retired recently after 24 years with Pacific Bell in a variety of management capacities. He is currently director of Executive Education for the Center for Telecommunications Management at USC. He has been a vice president of the LA Junior Chamber of Commerce and a vice president of the LA Open Golf Tournament. He and his wife, Ann, have a daughter. He remembers "25 years plays with the memory, however, I do recall an extended lunch at McKeever's . . . and the great group the class of '67 was . . ."

After receiving his B.S. in business, **Barry R. Smith** later moved to medicine. He received his M.D. from UC Irvine in 1979. After his residency, he completed a fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He is currently self-employed as an ophthalmologist. He and his wife, Tricia, have a son and a daughter. He wrote, "Too long ago — felt proud of my selection into the Skull and Dagger Society."

Ronald A. Sproles received his D.D.S. in 1967 and was in private practice as both a general dentist and in endodontics from 1967 to 1986, when he retired. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married 30 years.

David M. Todd is currently the managing partner of the Orange County office of Price Waterhouse in Costa Mesa. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Providence Speech & Hearing Center and the Newport Hills Community Association. He and his wife, Carolyn (USC 1967 in dental hygiene), have two children. He remembers that he "tried to explain to NROTC commanding officer why I was wearing madras shorts and a tuxedo instead of my uniform."

After receiving his D.D.S. in 1967, **Roger H. Tubbesing** served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps from 1967 to 1969. Since 1969, he has been in private general dental practice in San Diego. He has been involved with the YMCA and scouting. He and his wife, Barbara, have a son and daughter. He wrote, "A real honor to be selected from a graduate school (USC Dental) and join many undergraduates at the main campus. A proud moment to stand for photo with Tommy Trojan! Fun trying to outdress my other friends just elected."

Voluntary Dues Remain at \$25 for 1992

The \$25 voluntary dues of the Skull and Dagger Society are now payable for 1992. The Executive Committee has kept the dues at the same level as in recent years. A pre-addressed reply envelope is enclosed for the convenience of members. For those members who have paid their 1992 dues, **NO** envelope is provided.

The dues are allocated to the costs of Society mailings and publications, and most particularly to payment of the expenses of our initiation classes, including all initiation events, membership certificates and pins. In 1978, the Society began funding the costs for the initiates to insure that no tappee would be forced to turn down the honor of membership in the Skull and Dagger Society for financial reasons.

During 1988, the Skull and Dagger Foundation was established to promote educational and charitable endeavors to benefit the University of Southern California and its

students. The Foundation administers the Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarship, which was established to honor the memory of Dr. Smith, who was Permanent Master of the Society from 1981 to 1988.

To allow members of the Society to participate in the scholarship program, special lines have been provided on the dues envelope. In 1991, the Foundation received several thousand dollars in donations from Society members who added just \$10 to the normal dues amount. This helped the Foundation increase its endowment funds last year. In addition, a second line is available for those members who wish to designate an additional tax-deductible gift.

To insure the ability of the Society to assist our initiation classes and continue the work of the organization, please join the hundreds of Skull and Dagger members who annually send in their dues.

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