

# Skull and Dagger

## Society Event Dates Established for 1993

The \$25 voluntary dues of the Skull and Dagger Society have been retained at the same level for 1993. The dates for the 1993 Skull and Dagger Initiation events have also been established.

The Initiation Breakfast will again be held at the Faculty Center on the USC campus. The breakfast will be held on Saturday morning, April 17, 1993.

The Initiation Dinner Dance will be held the following week returning for a second year to the Sunset Room atop the Trans-america Tower in downtown Los Angeles near the campus. The dinner will be held on Saturday evening, April 24, 1993.

All Society members will receive formal invitations and reply cards for the events during March.

The Executive Committee has kept the dues at the same level as in recent years. A pre-addressed dues reply envelope is enclosed for the convenience of members.

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

were asked to pay just the costs of the events, pin and certificate, as before the voluntary dues in 1978, the cost would exceed \$200. The dues also fund the cost of Society mailings and publications.

The dues reply envelope also contains special lines to allow members to participate in the scholarship program of the Skull and Dagger Foundation. During 1989, the 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 Oowler Smith Memorial Scholarship, which was established to honor the memory of Dr. Smith, who was Permanent Master of the Society from 1981 to 1988.

During 1992, due to the generosity of our members, the Foundation was able to provide two scholarships while continuing to increase endowment funds. (The Foundation's 1992 report to the members is on page 5.) In 1992, the Foundation received several thousand dollars in donations from Society members who added \$10 or more to their normal dues payment.

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.

## Gwynn Wilson Dies at 95

Gwynn Wilson, a 1920 initiate of the Society, died in November at the age of 95. Wilson served the University in numerous capacities, including many years on the Board of Trustees. The Gwynn Wilson Student Union building on campus is named in his honor.

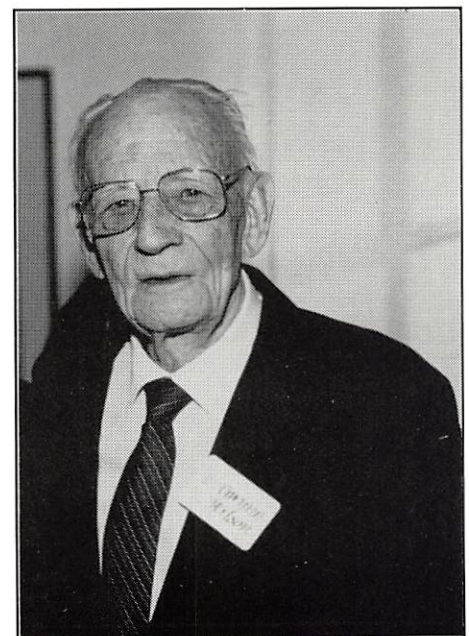
Mr. Wilson was responsible for arranging the most celebrated football rivalry, the USC-Notre Dame series, which started in 1926. He was serving the University as graduate manager, a forerunner to the modern athletic director, when he and his wife, Marion, persuaded Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne, and his wife Bonnie, on the virtues of Southern California.

He worked for USC for nine years

before becoming general manager of the 1932 Olympics. Following that he served as general manager of the Santa Anita race track until his retirement in 1960.

Mr. Wilson was a regular attendee at Society events, and in 1990 was a featured speaker at the Initiation Breakfast. On that day, Mr. Wilson spent over an hour after the initiation ceremony talking with the new initiates and telling them about the history of the University.

He is survived by two children, Joyce Wilson Nelson and James DeVoin; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



# Qualifications for Society Membership

The following are the qualifications for consideration for election to membership in the Skull and Dagger Society. *Generally, a nominee, through his or her own individual efforts, must have improved or excelled in the organization, activity, or position in which he or she has served.*

The selection committee evaluates the qualifications and accomplishments of the nominees, in comparison with not only other nominees but with those selected to the Society in recent years. There is no quota, either minimum or maximum, for the number of persons selected for membership in any of the categories. Those selected for membership must attend either the initiation breakfast or dinner-dance, each held in the late spring.

Persons are selected for membership in the Society in one of three classes: students (undergraduate and graduate); faculty, staff and administration; and alumni or honorary members.

On the nomination form, it is very important for the nominator to provide sufficient information on the nominee and to insure that all questions are answered fully so that the committee is able to have a full picture of the work and accomplishments of the nominee. *If available without directly notifying the nominee of your intent to nominate him or her, a copy of their resume is often very helpful to the committee.*

## Students

Student members are awarded the honor of membership because they have attained distinction either because of personal prowess, ability or accomplishments. This includes students who have attained distinction or provided exceptional service to the University in areas such as, but not limited to, intercollegiate athletics, student publications, student or University organizations, service to the community or special achievements bringing honor to the individual or University.

Academic accomplishments, while considered in concert with other activities, are not a sole qualification for membership. While the Society Constitution requires only a minimum 2.0 grade point average for selection, *academic excellence is expected.*

Students, both graduate and undergraduate, have generally been selected at the end of their final year of matriculation following several years of service and achievement at the University in a number of different areas. Any time students have been initiated earlier in their career at the University, they have always shown both evidence of exceptional service or achievement and the promise for continuing contributions. The fact that a student has been nominated before his or her final year and is not selected in no way reduces a student's chance for selection later.

The students who have been selected for Skull and Dagger have either excelled in one area of student activities, such as winning All-American honors, or served as team captains,

publications editors or president (or the equivalent) of major campus-wide organizations **OR** have shown a significant record of accomplishment in a large variety of different organizations and groups. However, simply having been the president of a campus organization is not sufficient for selection. *It must be shown on the nomination form how the nominee improved or excelled in the organization, activity or position in which he or she served.*

## Faculty / Staff / Administration

Members of the faculty, staff or administration are honored because of their outstanding service to the students of the University or the University itself. Those honored have always gone above and beyond the call of duty to help either students, the University or both over the course of many years with the University. Rarely has anyone with under five years of service at the University been elected in this category.

## Alumni and Honorary

Alumni and Honorary members are elected to the Society for a variety of reasons: a continuing and long-term commitment to and effort on behalf of the University by working with student groups or University volunteer or support organizations; outstanding service to the community by accomplishments in the business sector or public service and bringing fame and honor to the University.

Most persons elected in this category are alumni of the University. When persons who are not alumni of the University have been selected, they have shown evidence of substantial commitment and loyalty to the University.

# March 1 Nomination Deadline for 1993 Class

The Executive Committee of the Skull and Dagger Society is pleased to solicit nominations for membership for the 1993 Skull and Dagger class.

On this page is a brief statement as to the qualifications for membership into the Society. Pages three and four are the nomination form. If you need additional nomination forms, please feel free to simply photocopy the sheets and submit as many nominations in the three categories of membership as you deem appropriate. All nominations **MUST** be submitted on a nomination form.

To insure that your nomination is able to receive full consideration by the Tapping Committee, please make sure that the form is returned to the mailing address listed on the form not later than Monday, March 1, 1993. Please make sure that all of the questions on the form are completely answered to allow the committee to provide appropriate consideration of the nominee.

# 1992 REPORT OF THE SKULL AND DAGGER FOUNDATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SKULL AND DAGGER SOCIETY

Pursuant to Section 2 of Article VII of the Bylaws of the University of Southern California Skull and Dagger Foundation, the following is the report of the Foundation to the members of the Skull and Dagger Society.

During the period of January 1 to December 31, 1992, the Foundation received \$6,473 in donations from 330 individual contributors. This includes \$2,450 in contributions from 245 members who added \$10 to their Skull and Dagger Society membership dues. The Foundation was able to award two scholarships during the year due to the generosity of the members.

Detailed below is a report on the revenue and expenses of the fourth fiscal year of the Foundation.

Foundation Assets, January 1, 1992                   \$ 11,394.72

## INCOME

Donations from Members of the Society	\$ 6,473.00
Earned Interest Income	\$ 689.89
	<u>\$ 7,162.89</u>

## EXPENSES

Dr. Kenneth O. Smith Scholarships	\$ 3,000.00
Scholarship Related (Publicity, Interviews, etc.)	\$ 210.00
Printing, Solicitations	
Postage Costs	<u>\$ 342.06</u>
	<u>\$ 3,552.06</u>

Foundation Assets, December 31, 1992           \$15,005.55

## Member News

Skull and Dagger depends on you to help provide the information for our "Member News" column. Please let us know information either about yourself or other members of the Society. Material about career changes, accomplishments, marriages, births and information for "In Memoriam" may be sent to the Society at P.O. Box 18344, Los Angeles, CA 90018.

## Newsletter Features

The 1993 Skull and Dagger Society newsletters will have a number of special features designed to inform and interest our members.

The spring newsletter will feature updates on the members of the 1992 student class, while our summer newsletter will present biographies on our 1993 initiation class. Our fall newsletter will continue our silver anniversary feature, this year honoring the class of 1968.

During the 1993 fiscal year, it is anticipated that the Foundation will again be able to award two scholarships. The printing and solicitation costs will remain low as previously purchased supplies are used.

The continuing goal of the Board of Directors of the Foundation is to deposit all net income into an endowment account that can fund scholarships from the interest on an annual basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors  
University of Southern California  
Skull and Dagger Foundation

## 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.

## Skull and Dagger

### OFFICERS

Founded at the University of Southern California in 1913

1993

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*

Oscar Mendoza, Skull and Dagger, 1975

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

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# Skull and Dagger Member News

## In Memoriam

**Virgil M. Pinkley (1929)**, December 25, 1992. Mr. Pinkley was a 1929 graduate and former editor of the *USC Trojan*. He was the founding publisher of the *Los Angeles Mirror* and served until 1957. He later served as publisher for several newspapers, including a chain in the Coachella Valley and the *Glendale News Press* in 1980. During World War II, he covered action in Europe, Asia and Africa for the United Press traveling 175,000 miles in three years. Mr. Pinkley also authored a book, "Eisenhower Declassified," based on his long association with President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He died at age 86 in Las Vegas.

**William H. Remsen (1938)**, October 18, 1992.

**Richard L. Kirtland (1957)**, December 5, 1992. Mr. Kirtland was a graduate of the USC School of Business and

School of Law. He was a founder and president of Legion Lex, the Law School support group. In 1969, he was a recipient of a USC Service Award. He died at age 85 in Los Angeles. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Antoinette Schamoi Kirtland, two sons, Richard L. Kirtland III (1956) and Robert Kirtland and one grandson.

**Alden H. Miller, M.D. (1968)**, November 22, 1992. Dr. Miller was a professor emeritus in the Department of Otolaryngology in the USC School of Medicine. A retired Navy commander, he was a past chief of service at Queen of Angels Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital, Childrens Hospital and LA County/USC Medical Center. He died at age 87. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; a daughter, Bonnie Anderson; a son, Rev. Scott Miller, and three grandchildren.

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