

Skull and Dagger



DATES SET FOR 1999 EVENTS

Pasadena's Athenaeum to Host Dinner-Dance

The Athenaeum in Pasadena will host the annual Initiation Dinner Dance for the second time. The facility is located in the heart of Pasadena and is a beautiful private facility and provides a unique location for the event on Saturday evening, May 8, 1999.

The dinner will follow by three weeks the Society's initiation breakfast, to be held on Saturday morning, April 17, 1999 at the Faculty Center on the USC campus.

The breakfast will also host a reunion of 50 year class (1949). The highlight of the event for the 1949 class will be the presentation of the John V. Morley Medallion to members of the Society for whom 50 years have passed since their initiation. The first presentations have included all members present who had been initiated in 1948 or before. In addition to including members from 1949, the event will also honor members from prior years who had not been able to attend previously.

The breakfast will also feature the presentation of the Arnold Eddy Service Award and the winners of the Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarships.

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

The voluntary dues of the Skull and Dagger Society, which are now payable, have been held at \$35 for 1999 by the Society's Executive Committee. A pre-addressed 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 tapper, 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.

The dues reply envelope also contains special lines to allow members to participate in the scholarship program of the Skull and Dagger Foundation. During 1988, 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 Owler Smith Memorial Scholarship, which was established to honor the memory of Dr. Smith, who was Permanent Master of the Society from 1983 to 1988. The Foundation also maintains

the recently created Wall of Scholars, located in the Leavey Library.

Since 1990, due to the generosity of our members, the Foundation has been able to provide two scholarships each year while continuing to increase endowment funds. To date, 19 students have been assisted by the Foundation in completing their education at USC.

In 1998, the Foundation received several thousand dollars in donations from Society members who added \$10 or more to their normal dues remittance.

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.

SkullandDagger.org

Society Goes Online

The Skull and Dagger website is now working and online. The site was developed to allow Society members to get information on the Society in the most technologically advanced ways possible.

The website has both public and members only parts. The public part of the site provides information on the Skull and Dagger Foundation, the Arnold Eddy Volunteer Service Award and the Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarships.

Along with Society officers, the new website is being developed by Matt Hunter (1984) and his company, Hunter Communications.

To visit the site, log onto SkullandDagger.org. This accesses the part of the site anyone can visit.

To begin obtaining access to the "Members Only" portion of the site, which requires a password, click on "Members Enter Here."

Click on "Get Password." Follow the instructions and you will get your user name and password e-mailed back, usually within 24 hours.

After that, members may explore and enjoy the site at their convenience.

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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. Please do not discuss this nomination with the nominee.***

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 1999 Class

The Executive Committee of the Skull and Dagger Society is pleased to solicit nominations for membership for the 1999 Skull and Dagger class.

On this page is a brief statement as to the qualifications for membership into the Society. Enclosed is 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, 1999. 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.

Skull and Dagger Member News

Carl R. Terzian (1956), a Los Angeles public relations consultant, was profiled in the August issue of *The Lutheran*, the official publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Terzian has been a member of Hollywood's Hope Lutheran Church for 55 years.

Lyn Hutton (1986) has become Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the John D. and Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation in Chicago.

John Curry (1987) has been appointed Executive Vice President at MIT.

Dr. Kristine Dillon (1987) has been appointed as a consultant at Tufts University in Boston, Mass.

Nancy McKey (1993) has been appointed Director of Community and Public Relations for the Morona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Tina Patel (1998) is working as a researcher/librarian at KCAL-TV, channel 9.

Marriages

Frances Antes (1996) and **Michael A. Hardesty (1993)**, in May 1998.

Births

Michael J. Smith (1985) and Mary Ann Lanchantin Smith, a son, Sean Michael Smith on July 24, 1997. Sean is the grandson of **Thomas E. Smith (1967)**.

In Memoriam

Morris "Red" Badgro (1927), July 13, 1998. Mr. Badgro who was a four-time All-NFL selection who played on offense and defense, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981. He played for USC from 1924 to 1926 and caught the first touchdown pass of the first NFL championship game in 1933. He was 95.

Edward Ablowich, Ph.D. (1934), April 6, 1998. Dr. Ablowich was a member of the gold medal winning U.S. Olympic 1600-meter relay team in the 1932 games. After graduating in 1934, he became manager of his family's furniture company until the mid-1960's. He then continued his education receiving a Ph.D. in management in 1973 from North Texas State University. He had become an associate professor of business in 1970 at the Air Force Institute of Technology for the University of Wyoming. He retired in 1981. He is survived by his sons, Dean and Ronald; a sister, Ann Gravely; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arthur Groman (1936), December 1, 1998. Mr. Groman was a trial lawyer for more than a half century, who represented many prominent Hollywood clients. He had been with the firm of Mitchell, Silberberg & Krupp since 1944. He had been a champion debater at USC and had been honored with the Merit Award from the General Alumni

Association. He is survived by his wife, Miriam; sons, Richard and Steven; a sister, Shirley Kaplan; three stepchildren and several grandchildren.

Ranson Palmer Hall (1939), October 25, 1998. Mr. Hall won the national gymnastic championship on the rings in 1939 and was a member of the Gymnastic Hall of Fame. He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II, serving in the Pacific theater. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. He is survived by his wife, Betty; a son, Bradford Hall; four step-daughters, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gaius "Gus" Shaver (1944), October 11, 1998. Mr. Shaver was a consensus All-American back on USC's 1931 national championship team. He played in two Rose Bowl game victories. He was also a USC assistant coach from 1940-1945. He was 88.

Wallace P. Wolf (1950).

Dr. Russell H. Lowell (1953), June 29, 1998.

Robert Willey, D.D.S. (1953), March 2, 1996.

Kenneth Lewis Grossman (1956), October 21, 1998. Mr. Grossman, 93, was a former executive of MGM and Universal Studios. He was active in numerous organizations including the Shriners and Westwood Rotary. He is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Brannen and Marlene Livingston, eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

E.B. Riley (1961), October 31, 1998.

Paul Bloland, Ph.D. (1965), November 19, 1998. Dr. Bloland was a psychologist, professor emeritus and former vice president for student affairs. He had also headed the counseling psychology department and was Dean of Students. He had prided himself on helping defuse student anti-Vietnam uprisings on the campus. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War. He came to USC in 1964 as Dean of Students and retired in 1989. He had served as president of the American College Personnel Assn. and was the author of two books. He was 75. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons, Eric and Peter, and a brother, Harland.

Richard H. Lawrence (1971), October 4, 1998. Mr. Lawrence was President of the General Alumni Association in 1977-1978 and was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1976 to 1980. He was a retired assistant superintendent for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He began his career as an elementary classroom teacher, later moving to assistant principal, coordinator, superintendent of Area J (an area which held most of the San Fernando Valley), and assistant superintendent. He received the Alumni Service Award in 1974 and Fred B. Olds Support Group Award in 1977. He was 75. He is survived by his wife, Edith and three sons, Rand, Jeff and Nelson.

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Society Goes Online

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Currently, the site has the history of Skull and Dagger, class photos, copies of the past newsletter, an area to update your directory information, a copy of the nomination form that can be downloaded and information on upcoming Society events.

In the planning stages are areas that will let members send in information for the newsletter, pay dues online and nominate potential members.

The Society is creating an e-mail log, so make sure we get your e-mail address. This will allow the Society to notify members about upcoming events, the members of the new class and other information.

Since we are only in the development stage, we are looking for your feedback. There is a place on the site that allows you to provide that to us. Please give us your ideas as to ways to improve the site and additions that you would like to see.

Remember to visit the site:
SkullandDagger.org

Nominations Sought for Arnold Eddy Service Award

The Society is now soliciting nominees for the Arnold Eddy Service Award.

The award was established in 1992 to honor Arnold Eddy, Permanent Master of the Society from 1942 to 1955. The award honors a *Skull and Dagger member* who has given loyal and dedicated service to the University, with specific attention to those who labor behind the scenes without regard to whether they receive public recognition. The first seven awards were made to Lorna Reed, John Argue, Phyllis Cooper, Raymond Arbuthnot and Mary Kay Arbuthnot, Ann Bothwell and Richard Van Vorst.

Members may submit a written nomination, detailing the member's accomplishments and service. Endorsement letters are not expected. The award selection committee will consider and evaluate all nominations, along with prior nominees and members known to the committee, in making a final selection for the 1999 award.

For 1999 consideration, nominations must be received by Monday, March 1, 1999 and should be directed to Lorna Y. Reed, Committee Chair, Skull and Dagger Society, P. O. Box 18344, Los Angeles, CA 90018.

Member News

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Giles Pellerin (1924), November 21, 1998. Mr. Pellerin was USC football's most loyal fan. Pellerin died during the Trojan loss to UCLA at the Rose Bowl. Mr. Pellerin was attending his 797th consecutive Trojan game, when he complained of feeling ill. He died of cardiac arrest just outside the Rose Bowl. Mr. Pellerin had attended every USC football game, home and away, since the start of the 1926 season. He had seen every game of both the USC-UCLA and USC-Notre Dame series. He had also attended every Rose Bowl game in which the Trojans had played. Pellerin was honored before the USC-Notre Dame game on November 28.

1998 Annual Report of the Skull and Dagger Foundation

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

During the period of January 1 to December 31, 1998, the Foundation received \$18,100.00 in 618 separate contributions. This includes \$7,700.00 from 431 members who added at least \$10 to their Skull and Dagger Society membership dues. The Foundation was able to award two scholarships this year due to the generosity of the members. The Foundation also continued its sponsorship of the Wall of Scholars in the Leavey Library.

Below are the revenues and expenses of the 1998 fiscal year of the Foundation.

Foundation Assets, January 1, 1998	\$47,211.07
INCOME	
Donations via Members of the Society	\$18,100.00
Interest Income/Capital Gains	\$ 3,055.10
	<u>\$21,155.10</u>
EXPENSES	
Dr. Kenneth O. Smith Scholarships	\$ 3,000.00
Wall of Scholars	\$ 1,288.57
Scholarship Related	\$ 712.69
Solicitation and General Expenses	\$ 1,919.59
	<u>\$ 6,920.85</u>
Foundation Assets, December 31, 1998	\$61,445.32

During the 1999 fiscal year, it is anticipated that the Foundation will again be able to award two scholarships to deserving students.

The continuing goal of the Board of Directors of the Foundation is to fund scholarships from the interest earned on an annual basis and to fund the maintenance and addition of new names to the Wall of Scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors
Skull and Dagger Foundation