
Skull and Dagger



DATES SET FOR 2000 EVENTS

Pasadena's Athenaeum to Again Host Dinner-Dance

The Athenaeum in Pasadena will host the annual Initiation Dinner Dance for the third 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, April 29, 2000.

The dinner will follow by two weeks the Society's initiation breakfast, to be held on Saturday morning, April 15, 2000 at the Faculty Center on the USC campus.

The breakfast will also host a reunion of 50 year class (1950). The highlight of the event for the 1950 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 1949 or before. In addition to including members from 1950, 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 2000 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 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.

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, 21 students have been assisted by the Foundation in completing their education at USC.

In 1999, 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

Nominate Members On-Line

The Skull and Dagger website is working and being regularly updated. The site was developed to allow Society members to get information on the Society in the most technologically advanced ways possible. The website is set up this year to allow members to nominate potential members online.

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.

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.

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. Members can also send in information on-line to update records or for the newsletter,

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

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 2000 Class

The Executive Committee of the Skull and Dagger Society is pleased to solicit nominations for membership for the 2000 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 Wednesday, March 1, 2000. 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

Dann V. Angeloff (1957) was appointed to the Board of Directors of Top Jobs on the Net, an international web service (topjobs.net) for job seekers.

Joseph Cerrell (1957) met with Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, president of Italy, in his role as president of the National Italian American Foundation.

Carl Terzian (1957) is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his public relations agency. He also is the inaugural recipient of the "Carl R. Terzian Spirit of Giving Award" being given by *Los Angeles Business Journal*.

Steven J. Harris (1967) has become the vice president of communications at General Motors Corporation in Detroit.

Ken Ude (1974) has been named CEO of Jim Russell Racing Driving School in Sonoma, CA and president of Bell Racing. Russell Racing conducts a variety of race car driving courses as well as highway safety programs and Bell is a leading manufacturer of auto racing helmets.

Donald E. LaPlante (1976 and Scribe) was elected to his sixth term as a member of the Board of Education of the Downey Unified School District.

Gerald S. Papazian (1977 and Worthy Grand Master) was among 20 Henry Crown Fellows for 1999 selected by the Aspen Institute, an organization that honors executives under the age of 45 who have already amassed a record of professional success, leadership ability and community involvement. Papazian is president and COO of Aura Systems Inc., a high technology company in El Segundo.

Bill Dauster (1978) has accepted the positions of deputy director of the National Economic Council and deputy assistant to President Clinton for economic policy. He is working primarily on budget and Social Security matters.

William Chandler (1986) has become the director of Fannie Mae's Bay Area Partnership office.

Fred Dear (1994) was elected vice president for four-year institutions of the Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

David F. Brubaker (1995), president and chief executive officer of the Feeling Fine Co., a marketer of nutritional supplements, has been elected to the USC Board of Trustees. He is also the president-elect of the USC Alumni Association. He will assume the presidency in June 2000.

Jennifer Hamm (1998) has joined the *Los Angeles Daily News* where she will be covering the cities of Glendale and Burbank.

Lenny Kryzelburg (1998) set three world records at the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Sydney, Australia in August. He set new records in the 50-meter backstroke (in a special time trial), the 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter backstroke. He won gold medals in the last two races.

Kyle Barisich (1999) is attending the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Lindsay Benko (1999) won five medals in the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Sydney, Australia in August.

The following Skull and Dagger members joined the USC Athletic Hall of Fame this spring as part of the class of 1999: **Jim Hardy (1944)**, **Harry Smith (1939)**, **Craig Stadler (1975)**, **Vern Wolfe (1964)**, **Cynthia Woodhead-Kantzer (1987)**. Posthumous inductees included **Bob Chandler (1971)**.

Marriages

Brandon Mercer (1997) to Adrienne Ahnstedt, August 7, 1999 at Town and Gown.

Steven Orchard (1998) to Karrie Kuebler.

Births

Stacey Gilbert Sharp (1992) and Todd Sharp, a son, Jarrett Ian.

Jason Morgan Perkins (1993) and Marianne Brombach Perkins, a son, Connor Morgan.

In Memoriam

Francis Conley (1930), September 5, 1999. Dr. Conley, 99, was a former faculty member of the School of Dentistry, president of the USC Alumni Association and member of the University's Board of Trustees. Dr. Conley attended the Otis Art Institute, Loyola Law School and worked in the pharmaceutical business before attending the USC College of Dentistry, where he graduated in 1931 as class president. He was president of the Southern California State Dental Association in 1943. While in the Naval Dental Corps, he attained the rank of Captain. In 1950, he was elected president of the USC Alumni Association and was awarded an Alumni Service Award in 1963. He was also president of the USC Dental Alumni Association. He was on the faculty of the dental school from 1946 to 1970, serving both as director of clinics and director of postgraduate education. He is survived by his wife, Esther; two sons, **Dr. Jack Conley (1969)**, and Dennis Conley; and two grandchildren.

Ralph O. "Dutch" Wilcox (1931), November 1999. Mr. Wilcox, 90, was in the insurance business. As an undergraduate, he received his B.S. in business administration, was an outstanding football player and a three-year letterman in baseball. He was selected the most valuable player on the 1930 football team. During his senior year he was President of the USC chapter of Kappa Sigma and later served the chapter as an alumni advisor. After graduation, he was employed by USC for several years as a Field Secretary. Before the war, he was associated with the Travelers Insurance Company and after World War II started the Ralph O. Wilcox Company, a general insurance agency, from which he retired in 1974. He then became active in USC alumni activities, serving as President of the USC Alumni Association in 1974-1975 and also serving as a member of the University's Board of Trustees. He was a member of the American Legion, Rotary, Cardinal and Gold, Trojan Club, a Mason and the Jonathan Club. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Penelope Jackson Wilcox, a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert McNeish (1938), February 27, 1999. Mr. McNeish, 86, was a halfback on two of USC's national championship football teams, in 1931 and 1932. He was then a Trojan assistant coach. He began his coaching career at the junior college level and returned to USC as backfield coach in 1937, helping the team to three Rose Bowl appearances, and two wins. He was later an assistant coach at Navy (1946) and Virginia Tech (1947-1950). He then came back to USC as the secretary of the General Alumni

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Member News

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Association and the Trojan Club. In 1956, he became the executive vice president of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, a position he held until he retired in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a son, two grandchildren and a brother.

Benjamin H. Cook (1939), October 26, 1999. Mr. Cook, 81, was a graduate of the School of Journalism. He worked for a number of newspapers, including the *Bakersfield Californian*, before joining the Los Angeles bureau of United Press. In 1953 he went to work for the Lockheed Corporation as editor of the Star, the Lockheed newspaper. In 1961, he became Director of Public Relations and in 1970 he moved to corporate headquarters in charge of stockholder and employee publications including major communication connected with the 1971 loan guarantee campaign and subsequent financial crisis. He retired in 1982 and was involved in the Lockheed Star Dusters retiree organization, and served on its board of directors. He is survived by his wife, Sue; two sons, Benjamin Jr. and Joel; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His first wife, Elizabeth, preceded him in death in 1993.

Max Ramey (1940).

Richard F. Latimer, D.D.S. (1944), March 28, 1999. Dr. Latimer, 77, was a Pomona dentist. He also had been a member of the Claremont City Council. He practiced dentistry for over 40 years and also taught part time at the USC School of Dentistry. He was a past president of the Rotary Club in Claremont. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was a past president of the Tri-County Dental Society, a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry, and a board member of the Galileo Society of Harvey Mudd College, the LeRoy Boys' Home and the University Club of Claremont. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, sons, Richard Jr. and Mark, daughters, Jan Burch and Joan West, a sister and eight grandchildren.

Wallace J. Manley (1947), August 13, 1999.

J. Howard Edgerton (1949), October 21, 1999. Mr. Edgerton, 91, was former president and chief executive officer of California Federal Savings and Loan. He had joined what was then the Railway Mutual Building and Loan Association in 1931 as an attorney and was asked to take over management of the company in 1936, with the name being changed to Cal Fed in 1937. He retired from the Cal Fed Board in 1980. He served on a variety of community boards, including the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, St. John's Hospital and Health Center Foundation and many organizations involved with Exposition Park. He was on the board of the 6th Agricultural District Assn, which governs Exposition Park, was chairman of the boards of the California Museum of Science and Industry and the California Museum Foundation (now the California Science Center Foundation) and was a member of the Coliseum Commission. He received both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University. In 1946, he served as president of the California Savings and Loan League and in 1954, was president of the United States Savings and Loan League. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Catherine; daughter, Beverly Adair; son, Russell Howard Edgerton; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Wendell Miller (1950), November 9, 1999. Dr. Miller, 97, was a noted clergyman, lecturer, tour director and political activist in the Los Angeles area. He received his bachelors degree in 1928. He also held a Masters of Theology and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1944 for his outstanding Christian service. He became minister at the United University Church on the USC

campus in 1936. He established a co-op in the church kitchen to help feed hungry students. He was in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the West*, *Who's Who in Methodism* and the *Dictionary of International Biography*. At the time of his death, he was the oldest member of the Southern California Pacific Methodist Conference and was the custodian of the Bishop's cane in recognition of this position. He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Thelma, and is survived by two daughters, Sharon Gobel and Marlene Iverson, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Paul Saltman (1959), August 27, 1999. Dr. Saltman, 71, was a professor of biochemistry at UC San Diego. He spent 14 years on the USC faculty before joining the new UC San Diego campus in 1967. He had a bachelor's degree in chemistry and doctorate in biochemistry from Caltech. He was provost of Revelle College from 1967 to 1972 and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UC San Diego from 1972 to 1980. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara; two sons, David and Joshua; and five grandchildren.

Stanley Wood (1960), May 3, 1999. Mr. Wood, 79, was the men's head golf coach for 25 years and one of the founders of modern collegiate golf. When he died he was on the 16th hole of the Los Robles Golf Course in Thousand Oaks, playing his first round of golf in more than a year. Wood played golf at USC as a student and was a golf writer for the Los Angeles Mirror. From 1955 to 1970, his teams played in 22 NCAA championships, won 14 conference championships and had a dual meet record of 462-37. He coached 57 All-Americans. Wood was a two-time president of the Golf Coaches Association of America, an organization he helped create. He is survived by his wife, Marianne, and two stepsons.

William D. Armistead (1971).

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, Richard Van Vorst and Herbert G. Klein.

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 its final selection for the 2000 award.

For consideration in 2000, nominations must be received by Wednesday, March 1, 2000 and should be directed to Lorna Y. Reed, Committee Chair, Skull and Dagger Society, P.O. Box 18344, Los Angeles CA 90018.