
GAMMA-OMICRON
2007
HALL OF FAME



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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CREST ROOM, CHAPTER HOUSE



Welcome.....

TO THE 16TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 16th Annual Gamma-Omicron Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Kansas. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements and service, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-O.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. Since its beginning on May 18, 1912, the Gamma-Omicron Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence.

Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

This year's Hall of Fame inductees are:

**David A. N. (Dan) Chase '55, Michael D. Wolfe '61,
& James D. (Jim) Mackenzie '64**



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David A. N. (Dan) Chase '55

David Alan Newton Chase – forevermore known as D.A.N. Chase, was a Kappa Sigma legacy. His father, Dewayne A. N. Chase was a Kappa Sigma at Gamma-Nu Chapter (Washburn), so when he enrolled at KU in the fall of 1954, the choice of which fraternity to rush was clear. He pledged that fall and was initiated into Gamma-Omicron in the spring of 1955.

Brother Chase was involved as an undergraduate, serving as grand master of ceremonies and grand master. He also won the Scholarship - Leadership Award.

He graduated with a BSEE in 1958 and was commissioned into the U.S. Army where he spent six months on active duty in the ordinance corp. After being put on reserve status he started work on his law degree which he received from Washburn in 1961.

Dan was admitted to the Kansas Bar in 1961 and the Missouri Bar in 1963. He has been in private practice in the Kansas City area since 1962 in patent, trade secret, trademark, and copyright law and litigation. Additionally, Brother Chase is a mediator in intellectual property disputes. He has practiced before various trial and appellate courts including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C., which hears all patent cases from the federal district courts. He has been named in the *Best Lawyers in America*, 1991 - 1992 and subsequent editions.

For a long time during his career as a patent attorney Brother Chase was involved with the patent on the compound archery bow.

“I obtained the patent for the inventor, H.W. Allen, and then represented the Allen interests for 15 years of litigation. We had to bring a number of suits against companies who did not want to pay their royalties for the biggest improvement in archery since the English long bow 1,000 years ago. We were very successful and I can tell you that a courtroom scene involving archery bows is quite an experience for the court and counsel alike. I believe this bow caught the imagination of every judge we were before. We had some tough battles, but we always won. Any of you that are bowhunters should take your hat off to Mr. Allen.”

Brother Chase has also been active in the community and the fraternity, serving on the Gamma-O House Corporation for many years, as well as the Rotary Club of Overland Park, and the Leawood Board of Zoning Appeals. He was also named the 1991 Man of the Year by the Kappa Sigma Alumni Association of Kansas



City.

When asked what the fraternity meant to him, he offered, “Kappa Sigma enriched my college experience and my life thereafter.”

Dan has been married to Kay Eplee for 45 years and they have two daughters, Ginie and Dana, as well as three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Michael D. Wolfe '61

A lot of incoming freshmen struggle in trying to find the fraternity that is right for them. With Brother Michael D. Wolfe '61, there was no such confusion. He knew exactly which fraternity was for him when he made the decision to attend KU.

“Growing up in Russell, Kansas I got to know a number of Kappa Sigs when I was a young boy. Gordon “Fat” Shaffer '32, Harold Dumler '39, Bob Dole '42, Larry Ochs '42, Harlan Ochs '47, Ken Ochs '49, Jerry Armstrong '49, Don Ochs '49, Tony Witt '50, Rich Mai '50, and Cecil Witt '52 are all men with many admirable qualities. All of them presented to me character traits worthy of emulation. Consequently, when I decided to enroll at the University of Kansas I concluded that I also wanted to be a Kappa Sigma who would be entitled to rightfully embrace each of the aforementioned men as a brother.”

It wasn't long before his decision to pledge the Gamma-Omicron Chapter was reaffirmed.

“My first semester at KU turned out to be what can best be described as an academic disaster. As a valedictorian of my high school graduating class, I found it unfathomable to receive a grade of an “F” in calculus. Throughout the semester I sought help and guidance from University officials – the teacher, my advisor, the dean. I was largely met with indifference. At the fraternity house, the response was extremely different. A genuine concern for my well-being and success was repeatedly expressed by both pledges and actives. With their continued encouragement and support, I eventually repeated that calculus course, earned an “A,” declared mathematics as my major, and received my degree with distinction.

In spite of a disinterested university, I reached my objective. The difference maker for me were the brothers of Gamma-O.”

Brother Wolfe was also very involved with Gamma-O rush and was an active participant in intramural sports – particularly basketball where he acted as a player and coach. He served the fraternity as grand procurator his senior year.



After graduation, Mike began his career as a math teacher and basketball coach for School District 11, working there for two years before taking a position with the Colorado Interstate Gas Company as a senior programmer/systems analyst in 1967. He left in 1973 for a position as a senior programmer/systems analyst for Kaman Sciences Corporation. A few short months thereafter, in the fall of 1973, Brother Wolfe began his career with Acorn Petroleum, Inc. where he still works nearly 35 years later as an officer and operations manager.

Michael has been very involved with the community, having served long term in support of the Russell Regional Hospital, Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Pikes Peak United Way, where he is recognized as a "Leader in Giving."

In the 1990's when the Gamma-Omicron Board was looking to provide the Chapter with top quality living arrangements, Brother Wolfe looked back to his past as an undergraduate and stepped up in a big way, making a considerable gift and assisting with the fundraising.

"When the building project was initiated over 15 years ago, I enthusiastically embraced it as an opportunity to insure Gamma-O's continuity for years to come so that others could realize the same benefits that were available to me."

James (Jim) D. Mackenzie '64

Brother Jim Mackenzie was initiated into Gamma-O in 1964, leaving Lawrence with his degree in 1968. Before leaving Lawrence, however, he left his mark. He was a member of Spider and the Crabs, a local band that did some touring around the country and were inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame in 2006. Brother Mackenzie mainly played trumpet but also helped out on the saxophone and the organ.

Jim Mackenzie is currently with Blue Skies, LLC with over 40 years of aviation experience. His expertise is in the retirement and insurance field and restructuring. He served as an insurance underwriter for a large U.S. insurance company (U.S.A.I.G.) and as a risk manager of a major U.S. international airline (Peoplexpress). As chairman of the Retirement and Insurance Committee for the airline pilots of Northwest Airlines, he was responsible for preserving the defined benefit pension plan through lobbying Congress for the new Pension Protection Act (PPA 2006) and saved over \$1.7 billion in pension benefits for the pilots.

His restructuring experience includes his experience as was one of nine members of the Committee of Unsecured Creditors (UCC) for the 2005 Northwest Airlines bankruptcy. A \$12 billion corporation, NWA emerged in 2007 as a success-



fully restructured corporation. He also served on the UCC sub-committee for fuel hedging, saving the airline millions of dollars in fuel costs, plan reorganization, and selection of new members for the board of directors.

In addition, he has flown both domestically and internationally, while serving as a captain instructor in the Training Department for Northwest Airlines. Brother Mackenzie served as president of the Board of Directors from 1995 - 2002 for the Air Line Pilots Mutual Aid Association (MAA). It was his responsibility to administer a trust for the benefit of disabled pilots throughout North America. He was involved in the restructuring of the Association, working with insurance companies to merge MAA into the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) in 2002. Jim served as a Pilot Merger Committee chairman and was responsible for combining two major airline pilots groups (Peoplexpress and Continental) into one seniority list. He has testified in front of the U.S. Department of Transportation in airline fitness hearings.

Jim's experience as a captain check pilot for Northwest Airlines brings to Blue Skies his expertise in flight safety, including pilot training in state-of-the-art simulators. As a captain using fly-by-wire technology, he is well versed in the new technology used in the industry. In addition to his regular duties in the Training Department, Brother Mackenzie was also responsible for performing safety audits of large fixed based operators, which the airline used in its special VIP charter large jet operations. In addition, he worked with the FAA to ensure compliance for special airline operations, including inflight and ground security. Jim, a business graduate from the University of Kansas, began his aviation career as an A-4 attack/fighter pilot with the U.S. Navy serving in the Far East in the early 1970's and adversary pilot with the U.S. Navy Reserves in the 1980's. He is married with four sons, residing in San Antonio, Texas.

When thinking about his fraternity and what it meant to him, Jim answered, "It was at the Kappa Sig house in Lawrence I first learned of team work in the college environment. Whether it was the pledge trainer or studying with my pledge brothers, the concept of working as a team was emphasized at an early age. This paid off in big dividends after graduation in the real world."



**“Diligence should be your watchword.
Whatever you do, do well, and may success
attend your efforts.”**



The Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity was founded at the University of Kansas on May 18, 1912. We have over 1,000 living alumni and have an undergraduate membership that normally averages about 100 on the Lawrence campus. The stately English Tudor Chapter House at 1045 Emery Road in beautiful “West Hills” was originally built in the 1920’s and came into our possession in 1934. Fully renovated, modernized, and refurnished in 1998 at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000, our home comfortably accommodates 76 men and easily ranks among the top living facilities on campus.



“The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it. He must be a gentleman...a man of honor and courage...a man of zeal, yet humble...an intelligent man...a man of truth... one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God.”



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Chapter Man of the Year:

Cory Sims '04

2006

Tom Gee '56
Don Foster '59
Fred Frailey '63

2005

Tony Witt '50
Rick Sarmiento '65
Larry Walter '69
Cliff Rovelto '75

2004

Robert Guthrie '55
Kenneth Payne '55
John Davis '62
Charles Squire '62

2003

Richard Guthrie '59
Roy Knapp '59
William Textor '59

2002

Walter Cole '50
Richard Mai '50
Bill McEachen '52
C. E. Witt '52
Edgar B. Grass, III '77

2001

U.S. Armed Forces Memorial

Fred C. Campbell '12
Marion L. Carter '15
Don B. Fullmer '32
Charles F. Pierson '36
John D. Keeling '39
Earl G. Lowe, Jr. '40
William H. McCrum '40
Francis B. Smith, Jr. '41
Herbert S. Finney '42
William H. Fountain '42
John E. Strand '42
John E. Sorem '48



Samuel W. Simpson '57
Larry E. Martin '58
Lloyd M. Willson '59
Jack C. Connell '62

2000

Richard Nelson '44
Jay Markley '51
Jerry Palmer '59
Richard Davis '60
David Mackenzie '61

1999

Reed Hoffman '41
Harry Callahan '42
Frank Darden '45
Warren Andreas '49
Noel Rooney '53

1998

Robert Gould '63
David Evans '64

1997

Raymond Calene '20
Thomas Bertelsen '59
Danforth Austin '65

1996

Frank Godding '40
Harry Hutchens '45
Jerald Pullins '61
Alan Mulally '64

1995

Lawrence Ochs '42
Harlan Ochs '47
Kenneth Ochs '49
Donald Ochs '50
Lloyd Hanahan '56

1994

Kenneth Rankin '28
Elis Cave '29
Harry West '29
Rich Lyon '34
John Heisler '41
Roger James '42
Wallace Foster '46
Henry Buck '53
Fred Green '61

1993

Robert Ferris '34
George Godding '39
Paul Bartsch '55

1992

Col. August E. Schanze '18
John F. Redmond '31
James Hitt '32
C. H. Cowell '34
Albert Speath '34
Howard Engleman '38
Frederick Murfin '38
Louis Ward '38
Robert J. Dole '42
J. Richard Smith '52
Robert J. Eaton '59



*Not for an hour ... a day ...
or college term only ... but for life.*

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