



# G-O LITE

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the Gamma-Omicron Chapter  
of Kappa Sigma  
at The University of Kansas  
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## 2005 Homecoming and Hall of Fame

Homecoming was a spectacular day in all respects. The day was warm and bright, shirtsleeve weather. The Chapter constructed an ambitious parade float entry with assistance of partner sorority Chi Omega. Following the parade the float returned to grace the west entry area. A catered pre-game brunch was served following the Class of 1980's "rededication" of the massive KΣ Letters on the east lawn that date to their pledge year and the installation of a beautiful new monumental road marker on the southwest corner presented as a reunion gift. We also note that the Jayhawks twisted the Mizzou Tiger's tail by the score of 13-3. Three years in a row is great stuff.



Hall of Fame inductees, l-r: Cliff Rovelto, Tony Witt, Larry Walter

Following the football game activities, alumni and guests gathered in the Crest Room for a reception honoring this year's inductees into our Chapter Hall of Fame. The honoree's achievements in their respective profession, in service to their community and to the fraternity were extolled and they, in turn, regaled the gathering with recollections of their days as undergraduates in our Order. Regrettably, brother Rick Sarmiento '65 was forced to miss the ceremony due to extensive damage to his Florida residence and several of his business properties that were in hurricane Wilma's path. Biographies of the four honored brothers follow on pages four and five.



Witt-Wilson-Grass Family Gamma-O's gather at brother Tony's induction

### Man of the Year 2004-2005

Brother Daniel C. Klein '02 was recognized as the undergraduate Man of the Year for 2004-2005. Daniel was recognized and received his plaque from Alumni Advisor Billy Brandtonies at Homecoming. Chapter Man of the Year is selected by the Alumni Board from among nominations submitted by the active Chapter. A cash award of \$500 was presented shortly after Daniel's selection last spring. Of special note is the fact that Daniel's biological brother Andrew Klein '95 was a previous Man of the Year. Nothing beats a healthy sibling rivalry!

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# GM Report

The active chapter at Gamma-Omicron has gone to many lengths to remain at the "Top of the Hill" at the University of Kansas. We have outlined and implemented a new scholarship program, had a great fall rush, improved relations with our Chapter alumni, worked on ritual proficiency and formed a comprehensive outline for Chapter management.



Our new scholarship program includes the election of two Scholarship Chairmen and a diverse training in scholastic education.

As mandated by the KU IFC, the pledges must complete 15 hours of study time per week. We have augmented this time with seminars on increasing studying efficiency, time management and school requirements.

We have also added Pledge Fathers into the mix by having them counsel and guide our new pledges. We also have integrated Bononia Docet study time into their schedule so that the pledges receive a thorough and meaningful education into the history and goals of Kappa Sigma.

This summer, we also tied for the most number of signed pledges through formal rush: 9. We added this to our already solid 15 and have officially pledged 24 men. We have started on our spring effort and have concentrated our efforts on the dorms and off-campus men. We hope to have 15 for the spring 2006 term and are well on our way.

Last spring, we hosted our first annual Alumni Poker Tournament. We had a great turnout from alumni, actives and pledges alike and made great strides to forge a greater bond between the active Chapter and alumni.

Another great achievement in the past year has been getting 20 actives ritually proficient. By setting up an incentive program with comprehensive study sessions, Gamma-Omicron has set the standard for our Chapter's ritual proficiency.

Chapter management has been something that has plagued us for many years—this year, the EC wrote out expressed guidelines for each position, their responsibilities and their expectations each term. Every position has a notebook with all the materials from the previous term and a rubric for their term. We have also added a one-week turnover period for the EC, so that the transition is smooth from one administration to the next.

Our goals for the next two years include fall pledge classes of 30 or more, spring pledge classes of 10 or more, 100% ritual proficiency, top 10 grades at KU and a new yearly Philanthropy event.

Nicholas A. Lombardi  
Grand Master, 2004-2005

# Chapter News

## Class of 1980 Reunion

The Pledge Class of 1980 gathered for a 25th reunion at Homecoming. The organizing impetus came from brother Bill Beck who oversaw the



fabrication and installation of a dazzling stone marker bearing the name and street address of our Chapter house. The Class of '80 had installed the giant concrete letters on the east Lawn when they were pledges. The letters still stand and were "rededicated" with some celebratory remarks and fanfare. Thereafter the pledge brothers removed to the site of the new marker for inauguration photos and admiration of Beck's engineering prowess. Thence back to tailgating. The group moved so fast that we were unable to obtain an accurate headcount, but they were clearly enjoying the reunion experience.

## Class of '55 Reunion

Organization Man Bob Hay '55 and about 15 members of the pledge Class of 1955 recently held their 50th Reunion on the Plaza in Kansas City. They first gathered for dinner on Friday, October 14. Shaking off the effects of that evening, they assembled early (relatively speaking) and convoyed to Lawrence to check out the Chapter House. The chapter was on fall break, but GM Nick Lombardi welcomed the visitors and plied them with cof-

fee and pastry. Lunch at Free State Brewery was followed by a visit to brother Bob Dole's Institute for Politics on the KU campus. Several Kappa Sigma items are prominently featured in the exhibits, including brother Dole's initiation certificate. Dinner Saturday night was held at the Grand Street Café. Following dinner House Corp president Fred Green '61 reported on the State of the Corporation, offered observations on the changes in college life over the past half century and then responded to questions from amazed, amused, appalled and perhaps envious alumni. All in all a great weekend with returnees from both coasts joining the heartland contingent in revelry and fond recollections.

## Marion L. Carter '15

The name of Marion L. Carter '15 has been added to the Gamma Omicron Servicemen's Memorial honoring his death while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Brother Carter succumbed to the avian flu epidemic of 1918 while serving in the US Army as an officer candidate.

## Gift from Godding'40 Estate

The Gamma-Omicron Education Foundation recently received a generous remembrance of \$5,000 from the estate of brother Frank E. Godding '41 of Topeka. Brother Godding was an architect by profession and was a great supporter of the House Corporation, serving on the Board of Directors for many years and donating untold value in professional services over several decades. Frank was inducted into the Chapter Hall of Fame in 1996 and Chapter Celestial in 2004. Frank is survived by our brother Major General George Godding '39.

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## G-O Hall of Fame Inductee joins Chapter Celestial

John Redmond '31 lived an extensive, explorative, and adventurous 93 years. John criss-crossed North America for jobs, family, and adventure.

John Redmond was born in Chicago in 1912. He mostly grew up in the Midwest. Before John was finished with high school, he became an Eagle Scout, was a Ham Radio Operator, and a champion in model airplane contests. Most famously in John's young age, however, was his and his cousin's joint adventure from Illinois to the Rocky Mountains in a Model-T Ford in the summer of 1929. John finished up high school in Salina, KS.

After finishing high school, John went on to the University of Kansas and Gamma-Omicron. He received his degree in Chemical Engineering. While at Gamma-O, John was the Grand Master. He was also elected to honorary fraternities, Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Tau. John went on to later earn his Masters in Petroleum Engineering from Tulsa University.

John worked extensively in the oil field for years after college. He most extensively worked for Shell Oil Company. He joined

Shell in 1936, and worked for that company until 1974. He held several positions, and worked in several areas, including California, New York City, Texas, Calgary and Toronto. John retired as Executive Vice President and Director of Shell Oil Company.

John had three sons, Richard, John C., and Daniel from his first wife, a KU graduate, Jean Cowie. Later in life John married Helen Elizabeth (Betty) Nelson, while living in Calgary. They had a son, Gregory.

Outside of work, and in retirement, John enjoyed sailing and scuba diving, taking up the latter largely with Sea Space Symposium. John was an active member of his retirement community of Bainbridge, WA, involved in several, local clubs as well as his church.

John passed, peacefully on September 17, 2005 after only a few months of illness, surrounded by friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Betty, three of his sons, eleven grandchildren, and seen great-grandchildren.

# 2005 Hall of Fame Inductees

## Tony Witt '50

Anthony H. Witt, Jr., was an incredibly involved student during his undergraduate days at the University of Kansas. He pledged Kappa Sigma and was initiated in the spring of 1950. With the fraternity, he participated in their football, basketball, and volleyball programs. During his freshman year he was also recruited to tryout for the KU basketball team. He was recognized as Distinguished Military Student in ROTC in 1952, and Distinguished Military Graduate in 1953. When he graduated with his BS in Business Administration in 1953, Tony served in the US Army as a Commissary Officer in Washington D.C. After serving his two years, he went to work for the family farm. He is currently retired, but has spent his entire professional life managing the Witt Farm Company in Russell, Kansas, with his brother, Cecil E. Witt.

During his many years in Russell, he has been prominent within the community. Tony was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and in the Church where he spent 4 years on church council. Perhaps due to the fact that he and his wife had four children within 5 years, he also found himself a member of the school board for eight years, two of which he was the President.

Tony says his days as an active in the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of

Kappa Sigma were "a great experience to prepare a young man for life." He still sees some of his fraternity brothers on a regular basis, and has stopped by the house on numerous occasions while attending KU football games. His continued involvement with the fraternity does not stop there. Tony was intent on sharing the Gamma-Omicron experience with the men in his family and can be credited with recruiting and getting pledged one brother, six nephews and one son.

## Rick Sarmiento '65

Richard D. Sarmiento praises the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma for offering him a sense of belonging and security during his college years at the University of Kansas. He says the fraternity "taught him much including - social skills, brotherhood, and achieving goals." Since receiving his BA from KU in 1967, he has lead an extremely successful and nontraditional existence, dipping

into various endeavors and certainly achieving many goals along the way.

Initially Rick began in the military. He was a pilot for the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. Once finishing his tour he returned to the US and worked with Hyatt Hotels. During his employment with Hyatt he was recognized as Manager of the Year, but Rick was not content working for someone else and decided to branch out into his own ventures.

In 1985, he opened a small boutique called White House, selling all white women's clothing and accessories. This proved to be a bold, but lucrative business concept. Ten years later, he opened another shop, this time carrying apparel in shades of black, called Black Market. With both stores operating successfully, Richard decided to combine the two under one roof in 1997, as White House/Black Market. There are now 178 of these stores which were acquired by Chico's Inc. in September of 2000.

After the acquisition, Richard remained CEO of White House/Black Market for a while, but his entrepreneurial spirit kicked in again and he was soon onto his next venture. This time he dipped into film and is currently the Founder, President, and CEO of Sarco Films Inc. Aside from manning the executive aspects of the company, he is also credited as film producer for the company.

Despite his busy professional life, Richard has made it a priority to remain active in community affairs. He is a member of the local Rotary Club in Stevensville, Maryland, where he currently resides. In addition, he is a member of the CEO Club of Baltimore and has been on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. His time has been donated to KU and Kappa Sigma as well. He was on the KU Chancellor's Fundraising Committee, and was pleased to donate to Campaign Gamma-O House Reconstruction Fund.

Because of his successes, Richard has been a guest speaker at the University of Maryland's School of Business, as well as the University of Delaware, offering insight to undergrads on retail management and entrepreneurship

## Larry Walter '69

The Honorable Judge Lawrence Steven Walter began his

education at the University of Kansas in 1968. During his time at KU he was initiated into the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma, for which he would become Vice-President in 1971. Larry was also on the KU Fencing Team and represented the University at the NCAA National Fencing Championships in 1970. In 1972, Larry received his Bachelor of Arts Degree, graduating with honors in English.

The education did not end there. Larry continued on to the University of Michigan to pursue his M.A. which he completed in 1973. His next academic step was attendance at the University of Cincinnati where he would go on to attain his Law Degree.

Since 1986, he has fully immersed himself in law. He held positions with the well known publishers, Harper and Row, as Publishers Representative in New York City. Later he would become partner at Sebal, Shillito & Dyer, L.P.A. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio Bar Association, and the Dayton Bar Association. In Dayton he has given his time and expertise to the Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project. He has also served as Chair for the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Committee and found himself involved with the Real Estate Law Committee.

His immersion in both bankruptcy and real estate led him down various paths. In the realm of real estate, Larry found himself working with Union Township on the Board of Zoning Appeals in Butler County, Ohio. He served as Chair and Vice-President from 1989-1996. The Union Township Board of Trustees would later award him a certificate for outstanding service in establishing the first Board of Zoning Appeals for the Township.

Though working with real estate and being recognized for his service was an honor, it seems Larry favored working in bankruptcy law. He is certified by the American Board of Certification as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist, and has been a Bankruptcy Judge since 2003. He is currently serving as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

In addition the aforementioned volunteer work with Union Township, Larry was a Board Member of the Rotary Club of Union Township from 1994-1995. Interestingly, he worked with the Sierra Club too, and was the founder and lead instructor for their sea kayak instructional program.

He lives Dayton, Ohio with his wife Christena, with whom he has three sons, Drew, Brent, and Christopher.

## Cliff Rovelto '75

As a freshman at the University of Kansas, Cliff Rovelto pledged the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma. He was initiated in 1975. As an active he served as Rush Chairman for two years, and as Grand Master of the fraternity. Kappa Sigma honored him with their Kappa Sigma Undergraduate Scholarship as he pursued his Bachelor's Degree in Education, and the Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society recognized him for his academic achievements as well.

Upon graduation from KU in 1978, Cliff took the lessons he learned from the fraternity about organization, work ethic, loyalty and perseverance to his new job at McLouth High School as the Head Coach of Cross Country and Track and Field. This is where he began his soon to be highly regarded career in sports.

After three years at McLouth, Cliff found himself back at the University of Kansas, this time as an alumnus working as Graduate Assistant Coach. He remained in this position for two years until becoming Assistant Women's Coach for track and field, and eventually the Interim Head Women's Track and Field Coach from 1987 - 1988. During his time in these positions he was honored with the United States Women's Track Coach Association Service Award.

The awards did not stop there. In 1988, when Cliff moved on to Kansas State University from KU, taking a position as Women's Head Track and Field Coach, his career exploded. He has been awarded NCAA Midwest Regional Coach of the Year five times, Big 12 Coach of the Year two times, not to mention NCAA National Coach of the Year.

Cliff is accredited as a USA Track and Field Level II Instructor. He has been a four time Team USA Coach in International Competition, which includes the 2003 and 2004 World Championships. He also gives his time to the Special Olympics and the Boy Scouts of America. He says, "the values that Kappa Sigma stands for have helped shape his life and continue to serve him well."

Cliff currently resides in Manhattan, Kansas, with his wife Karol, and continues to serve as the Head Track and Field Coach at Kansas State University.





## 2005 Kappa Sigma Grand Conclave

2005 marked the 65th Biennial Grand Conclave of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Gamma-Omicron was represented by GM Nick Lombardi '03, GT Troy Gayer '04, GST.J. Trum '04, Pledge-master Cory Sims '04 and Rush Chairman Kevin Grass '04 in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada.

The State of the National Fraternity was given by WGM Kevin Kaplan (Theta-Zeta) as he declared that the past biennium marked Kappa Sigma as the most preferred fraternity in the collegiate fraternal world. Kappa Sigma has replaced Sigma Alpha Epsilon with the most pledges initiated and now has the most chapters of any fraternity nationwide.

Newly elected WGM Donal "Pops" McClamroch (Eta) added to the excitement by unveiling the new Brothers in Action program to promote community service and philanthropy at every Kappa Sigma Chapter. Gamma-O alum Tom Gee was also honored as DGM of the year for his District.



## Parent's Day 2005

The 2005 Parent's Day kicked off a great year of fundraising for the undergrads at Gamma-O. With stellar attendance and a large pool of donated items, Gamma-O parents made a great contribution to our Chapter.

Matt Evers '03 organized the bar-b-que banquet and, with the help of Dan Klein '03 and Brady Pyle '03, auctioned off the donated KU, Kappa Sigma and college necessities. After the banquet and auction, the parents and their sons

attended the Kansas v. Appalachian State and cheered our beloved Jayhawks to their second victory.

Our fundraising efforts yielded \$5,000 in gracious donations and another \$600 by selling photos of the Gamma-O Chapter House (also available in this GO-Lite).

We would like to thank all the parents who attended and donated to the undergraduate chapter this year. We would also like to thank Corporation Board President Fred Green and House Mother Helen Lierz for their gracious presence.





# Corporation Board Report

The Annual Meeting of the House Corporation was conducted on October 29 at the Chapter House. The sole order of business was election of board members. The Nominating Committee (of one) Andy Klein '95 presented a slate of four current Board members who had previously agreed to stand for re-election. Accordingly, brothers Jim Wright, Jerry Pullins, Bill Buck and Bill McEachen were returned to their Board chairs for a three-year term by acclamation.

Following elections, the Board of Directors convened and once again found that Klein's silver tongue had prevailed upon the currently sitting officers to stand for re-election. Predictably the corporate officers were retained for another year.

Grand Master Nick Lombardi '03 reported on the state of the chapter and the activities thus far. Pledge Yell –In was held on a road trip to Grand Lake and following the nationally mandated 60-day Pledge Education Program the fall pledge class was initiated on Sunday, October 23. Nick's full report is elsewhere in this issue.

Spring semester grades rebounded from the previous Fall, but not sufficiently to satisfy the Chapter or the Board and great emphasis has been placed on academic achievement this Fall. The Corporation Board, seeking to provide incentives approved a grant to the Chapter activity account of \$2,500 if the fall pledge class GPA exceeds 2.5. This is intended to encourage monitoring and mentoring of pledges by the upperclassmen as well as diligent study by the pledges. Additionally, an award of \$5,000 will be made to the Chapter activity account if the House GPA for the full year exceeds 3.0. The Board was willing to take the financial risk of the latter challenge knowing that the 3.0 mark has rarely been attained by any but the top sororities at KU, and of course, the Beta's.

The Board also approved, subject to a reasonable cost, the installation of landscaping boulders on the east perimeter of the property. The proliferation of 4-wheel drive vehicles has lately produced an Autobahn Effect between Emery Road and the hilltop. The course is apparently even more challenging when wet and slippery and the ensuing ruts will soon approximate the swales left by Conestoga wagons on the Santa Fe Trail. We are hopeful that landscape boulders will discourage off road frolics and assist in lawn preservation.

As a closing note, your corporation remains fiscally solid and continues aggressive pay-down of the remaining mortgage. My thanks to Brothers Tom Robinett and Ed Grass for their sharp pencils and financial acumen.

Fred Green '61  
Chairman of the Board

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## Kappa Sigma Jayhawk!

This year, the undergraduate chapter is selling photos of the Kappa Sigma letters painted in the likeness of the beloved Jayhawk for our yearly fundraiser. The design was conceived and painted by Chris Clark '03 and Nick Lombardi '03 and the photo rendering was done by Tim Layton '03. This is an opportunity to have a priceless piece of Kappa Sigma matted and sent to your home. Christmas season is also around the corner, so these make great gifts for your Kappa Sigma alum or undergrad.

The photo comes in three sizes:

3 X 5	(matted to 5 X 7):	\$30
5 X 7	(matted to 8 X 10):	\$50
8 X 10	(matted to 11 X 14):	\$80

All photos come matted in black and white, but NOT framed.  
Please send your name, address and desired size to:

Kappa Sigma c/o Nick Lombardi  
1045 Emery Rd. Lawrence, KS 66044



## Fall '05 Initiates to Gamma-O

Chad Ackors	Mission Hills, KS	Andrew Edelman	Chicago, IL
John Attebury	Amarillo, TX	Tyler Essman	Olathe, KS
Blake Brock	Overland Park, KS	Mitch Hall	Overland Park, KS
Mike Burns	Olathe, KS	Brian Harrison	Overland Park, KS
Will Clausen	Fredonia, KS	Jonathan Holmes	Knoxville, TN
Phil Cline	Lenexa, KS	Justin Hughes	Overland Park, KS
Kevin Coggins	Lenexa, KS	Jimmy Jordan	Leawood, KS
Nick Cole	Lenexa, KS	Bobby Lutz	Overland Park, KS
Shannon Costales	Chicago, IL	Jared McIntire	Winfield, KS
Paul DeSandro	Colorado Springs, CO	Sean Moorman	Leawood, KS
		Kamil Slomka	Ellsworth, KS
		Jake Spinka	Lenexa, KS

## Thanks do all our donors from November 2004 - November 2005

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<i>Joseph P. Cox '52</i>	<i>David G. Mackenzie '61</i>	<i>Mark F. Lierz '81</i>
<i>William H. Mc Eachen MD '52</i>	<i>Jerald L. Pullins '61</i>	<i>Andrew E. Overton '82</i>
<i>Cecil E. Witt '52</i>	<i>Rodney L. Thompson '61</i>	<i>Thomas N. Brigdon '87</i>
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Some people decide to include charities in their plans because they don't have heirs who need to inherit their assets - or at least not all their assets. Some understand they can improve their tax situation by bequeathing a portion of their estate to a charity. Some decide that they want at least a portion of their accumulated wealth to support organizations they value the most - and in some cases that is Kappa Sigma.

You can help support the educational and housing needs of the chapter by making an estate gift of any size. The foundation asks that you discuss your chari-

table intentions with the potential executors of your estate to ensure that your final wishes are honored. We also would appreciate notification of your wishes so that we can recognize you as a member of the Heritage Society (we can keep confidential if you wish) and we can make appropriate plans for the future.

For more information, please write:

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# Alumni Updates

## Steve O'Brien '50

Steve and his wife, Kathy (KU School of Education, class of '53) have lived in Potomac, MD, just outside Washington, D.C., since 1973, except for the years 1991-1996 when they lived in Nairobi, Kenya. He worked as an economist for the World Bank in Washington from 1973 until retirement in 1997, almost all that time on Sub-Saharan Africa, working his way up the ladder to Chief Economist for Africa, before taking the field assignment in Kenya. Now, over eight years in retirement, Steve finds that he is still working as a consultant for the World Bank on a part-time basis and doing some teaching of economics and on African development problems at local universities: George Washington and Johns Hopkins. Steve and Kathy have three married children and six grandchildren ages 2-11. Steve would be very happy to hear from any G-O brothers from the 1950-54 era.

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## Roy M. Knapp '59

Roy would like to report that he is the 2005-2006 Chair of the University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate. He has been on the OU faculty for 26 years, and he is also the Curtis W. Mewbourne Professor of Petroleum & Geological Engineering.

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## Jim Mackenzie '64

Jim currently lives in San Antonio, TX, and is an Airbus captain based in Detroit with Northwest Airlines. After graduating KU in 1968, Jim spent 5 years on active duty with the US Navy, flying A-4 Skyhawks in the Western Pacific. Jim then flew as an adversary pilot with Navy Reserves at Miramar, California. He is currently Chairman of the NWA Retirement & Insurance Committee for the pilots at Northwest. Jim is married to, former KU student, Sheryl Schroder; they have four boys. Jim has two brothers, Dave and Bob, whom are both Kappa Sigmas. Along with Jim's sister, Judy, they are all KU graduates.

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## Larry K. Mellinger '64

Larry is a financial advisor and consultant to private sector investors and bankers doing business in the United States and emerging markets. Prior to his current financial advisory work, Larry had served for five years as Senior Managing Director and Global Head of AIG's Alternative Investments area. Before joining AIG in September 2000, he was a founding partner of Integra Partners, LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based financial advisory and infrastructure project development firm specializing in emerging markets. Mr. Mellinger has over 30 years of experience in emerging markets banking and finance, including the seven years he served as the U.S. Executive Director for Presidents Reagan and Bush on the board of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, from 1986 to 1993. After earning his B.A. in International Relations from the KU, he received his M.S. in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management.

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## David Andreas '74

David continues to practice law in Winfield, KS. David is proud to say that his son, Jeff, is a third-generation Kappa Sig at Gamma-O.

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### Chapter Celestial:

**John Redmond '31 · September 17, 2005**

**J. Fred Harris '34**

**John Burton '38 · May 22, 2005**

**Kenneth Carder '44 · April 11, 2005**

**John S. Nichols '45 · January 13, 2005**

### Let Your Brother's Know What You've Been Up To!

If you would like to be featured in the "Alumni Updates" section of the next G-O Light, please send your update to Cody Gacek at 2660 N. First Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719, or [cody@fmgtucson.com](mailto:cody@fmgtucson.com). Whether you have an interesting story, or want to update your brothers on your family, career, or hobbies, your submission would be greatly appreciated.



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Board Meeting**

**Saturday, April 8, 2006  
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