

G-O Lite

CORPORATION BOARD REPORT | Summer '07

The spring meeting of the Corporation Board was held on April 28th in conjunction with the Dad's Day golf outing and barbecue dinner. Several board members joined in both the golf and the evening festivities.

The Board received very affirming reports on the condition and operation of the active Chapter from the grand master and concerning rush for next fall. The prediction is that 45 - 50 actives will be returning to the chapter house, and a pledge class of 25 is easily within current reach. This will ensure a "full" house and continued financial stability for both the active Chapter and the House Corporation. Alumni Annual Fund giving appears to be on the rebound with most donations being marked for the Educational Foundation as suggested.

This is a gratifying response to the Chapter's turnaround following the sanctions episode. Please keep it coming.

Chapter rent paid to the Corporation was continued at the current rate. Nevertheless, the annual house bill was raised to \$7,000. This was necessitated by constantly rising operational costs. Our fees remain competitive with both University housing rates and comparable fraternity housing at KU.

The Board reviewed nominations and selected three alumni (**Chase '55**, **Wolfe '61**, and **Mackenzie '66**) for induction into

the Chapter Hall of Fame at Homecoming this November. Immediate Past Grand Master Cory Sims '04 was selected as Chapter Man-of-the-Year for 2006 - 2007 and will receive his MOY award plaque at Homecoming.



Brother Alan Mulally '64 with Undergraduate Brothers

Brother Alan Mulally '64, CEO of Ford Motor Co., will be nominated for the national Kappa Sigma Man-of-the-Year award for 2007 by the undergraduate Chapter. The Board unanimously approved this ambitious undertaking and agreed to participate in organizing and sponsoring the national award banquet when Brother Mulally is selected. We are anticipating a great winter event.

As promised, your current board president will step down at the conclusion of the pres-

ent term in November. Accordingly, a nominating committee consisting of Brothers Jim Wright '57, Tom Robinett '69, and Andrew Klein '95 have been tasked with presenting a new slate of officers for election. It is my view that this is a good time to change the Board chair as the active Chapter is in very strong hands, Alumnus Advisor Billy Brandtonies '02 is staying on, there is an active Parents' Club again, and both the cook and housemother have signed on for another year. We have had a good first year with the property maintenance management contractor and the prospects for a full house this fall are very good indeed. Absent an unexpected disaster between now and November,

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UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

Grand Master

Brian Harrison '04

Grand Procurator

John Attebury '05

Grand Master of Ceremonies

Jim Kay '04

Grand Treasurer

Bobby Lutz '04

Grand Scribe

Mitch Plummer '06

HOUSE CORPORATION

President and Chairman:

Fred K. Green '61

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Jim Wright '57

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Secretary:

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Bill Buck '53

Dan Chase '55

Jerry Pullins '61

Walter Thompson '68

Curtis Baum '76

Cecil Witt, Jr. '77

Brian McDaniel '89

Matt Textor '90

Pat Ferguson '96

Alumnus Advisor:

Billy Brandtonies '02

From the Grand Master

The rebuilding project of Gamma-Omicron is reaching its final stages and the active Chapter has redefined our goals in moving forward. The trying times of our probation and trustee program are now behind us and we are moving forward in our quest to become the best chapter at the University of Kansas.

We fully realize the base of any good chapter is scholarship and member quality. The active Chapter has made great strides in scholarship in the last year. During the Fall semester of this past academic year, the Chapter moved into the top 10 on the hill in grades with a 2.91 G.P.A. and more proudly, our 25 new members ranked fifth on the hill among new members with a 3.1 G.P.A. The future is clearly bright and I strongly feel that our best days are still ahead of us.

Our members are giving more hours of their time, registering nearly 750 community service hours this year, and are becoming more active on campus both in Greek and campus organizations. Cory Sims '04, former grand master, currently holds a place on the IFC Judicial Board. Rhett Buckley '04 has recently been named a student Senator at the University.

The Chapter's participation in campus events is far more reaching than in years past. We competed in Rock Chalk Revue with Alpha Chi Omega this past year and are in the beginning stages of applying for next year's show

with Kappa Delta. The Chapter competed in all intramural sports this spring and also participated in multiple philanthropy events.

The active Chapter has spent countless hours over the last semester applying for various awards and we feel that our hard work will be noticed. Recently at the Greek Awards Night, the Chapter was awarded Best Public Relations Program. We have applied for multiple Kappa Sigma national awards and will be submitting an application for recently named CEO of Ford, Brother Alan Mulally '64, for Kappa Sigma Man-of-the-Year. Seven brothers will be attending Kappa Sigma's Grand Conclave this summer in Miami, Florida and will hope to bring home some hardware!

With a very young active chapter that will return over 90% of its members for next year, the future could not be more promising. For the first time in several years we will have six seniors living in the chapter house. Our goals for next year are quite simple: instead of merely competing in activities and events, we plan on winning them. We hope to continue restoring the pride that all brothers of Gamma-Omicron have in being the best fraternity around.

A.E.K.A.B.,

**Brian Harrison '05
Grand Master**

Corporation Board Report continued...

I feel confident that we can hand the Corporation Board over to a new chair in solid shape. Are you interested in serving the Chapter as a Corporation Board member or officer? If so, please contact Jim Wright '57 (jimwrightlaw@hotmail.com), Tom Robinett '69 (trobnet@aafp.org), or Andy Klein '95 (andrew.m.klein@pmusa.com).

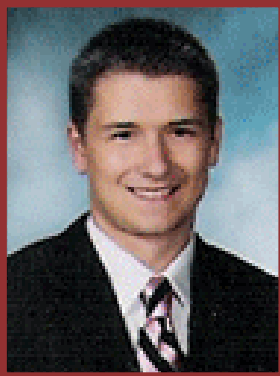
A.E.K.A.B.,

**Fred K. Green '61
President and Chairman**

MAN-OF-THE-YEAR:

2006-2007

CORY SIMS '04



It is my honor to announce the 2006 - 2007 Gamma-Omicron Man-of-the-Year as Cory Sims '04. Cory is an active member in the Gamma-Omicron Chapter, a leader in the community, and a respected student at the University of Kansas. He is an exemplary leader.

Academically, Brother Sims has excelled at the University of Kansas. As a junior in the KU William Allen White School of Journalism, he has repeatedly demonstrated his ability to obtain high marks in upper-level courses while striving to obtain a degree in strategic communications. In addition to exemplifying the attributes of a dedicated student, Cory has repeatedly assisted in helping his fellow students and brothers with their coursework. As grand master of Gamma-Omicron, Cory frequently emphasized the importance of scholarship and good study skills, and was responsible for many improvements in Gamma-Omicron's scholarship program. His efforts are evident in Gamma-Omicron's overall progress in the grade standings measured against fellow fraternities at KU.

Brother Sims answered the call when Gamma-Omicron needed him to step up and assume the mantle of a chapter leader. His fortitude in this capacity is not equaled by any other member of this fraternity. As a member of this house, Cory has officially served as grand master, grand procurator, rush chair, pledge educator, philanthropy chair, and pledge class treasurer. His list of positions is not only impressive in its emphasis on management, but considering his work in unofficial positions, his accomplishments are even more praiseworthy. As grand master of Gamma-Omicron and to this day, Cory has assisted in almost every position that exists and managed to create new positions where leadership was lacking. He is responsible for facilitating Gamma-Omicron's first annual Halloween philanthropy with Alpha Chi Omega, establishing new rules and guidelines for scholarship, instituting a revolutionized pledge program, recruiting the majority of recent formal and informal pledges, creating and fulfilling the duties for a public relations chair, prepar-

ing Gamma-Omicron for contention to participate in Rock Chalk Revue, and nominating Gamma-Omicron Alumnus Alan Mulally '64 for Kappa Sigma Man-of-the-Year. As a competitor he is involved in many intramural activities.

These accomplishments are not merely activities that he passively worked on; rather, these are activities that he took an active leadership role in.

Cory's leadership does not rest solely within the confines of Gamma-Omicron. He has maintained several jobs and supports himself financially at KU. He has been heavily involved in the Interfraternity Council and has served repeatedly as a justice of the IFC Judicial Board. He regularly returns to his hometown high school and volunteers as a judge in debate.

Finally, in choosing a Man-of-the-Year, it is most important to consider the events that transpired in that year. Our chapter faced its greatest challenge in years and was at risk of removal as an accepted chapter of Kappa Sigma. These events called for leadership in the face of extreme adversity. Cory Sims stepped up to that challenge. He worked tirelessly in getting Gamma-Omicron removed from trusteeship and getting it reinstated as a chapter in good standing. A few words in this article can never fully convey the countless hours that he spent in assuring our removal from trusteeship.

In addition, his efforts and leadership motivated the Chapter and inspired all of its members to become better individuals and better leaders themselves in a communal effort to regain Gamma-Omicron's good name. Cory chose to make tough decisions and enforce new standards and paid unfortunate costs for doing the right thing. He lost friends and burned bridges with many people by maintaining resolve in fulfilling all of the tenets of the trusteeship process. While the Chapter as a whole won out, I know that Cory experienced many troubles in attaining that end.

There is no question that Cory Sims is a leader in this house, and he has repeatedly embodied the qualities that we all should strive for as members of this chapter.

A.E.K.A.B.,

Gregory Trum, Jr. '04

RUSH REPORT

Rush has been going very well this year. We rushed six spring pledges, the largest class since Gamma-Omicron began a spring pledgship. For the fall, we plan on continuing the norm of 25 pledges but will not limit it to this number and will take as many quality men as we can. This year will be different as we started rush much earlier, beginning in the fall when we had high school seniors up for football games. During the Spring semester, we had rushees up nearly every weekend in smaller groups so as to get to know them better. Rush will continue over the summer until our goals are met. We have also not rushed college freshmen, and will only have three in the fall class as opposed to many more than that in years past. One other difference will be our shift from a dependence on formal rush. We hope to only use formal rush as a supplement to our informal rush and only want to take a few quality men from the summer event. Please contact us if you are aware of any outstanding young men matriculating to KU this fall. E-mail KappaSigma@Gamma-O.org with your rush recommendation, or contact one of us. Thank you for supporting the Chapter!

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Co-Rush Chair

Spencer King '06
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Co-Rush Chair

FALL SEMESTER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



Academic standing has substantially improved in the past year - currently the Chapter's standing is 10th among the fraternities and our fall pledge class turned in an impressive 3.1 cumulative G.P.A. for 5th place among fraternities.

Fall 2006 Kappa Sigma Scholars named by the national fraternity included Brian P. Harrison '04, Jonathon P. Holmes '04, and Gregory J. Trum, Jr. '04. Chapter awards include stipends from the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund paid from earnings on alumni donations as Jackson's Men.

Gamma-Omicron's Educational Foundation made Academic Achievement Awards of \$150 each too.

Highest Active G.P.A. (4.0)
T. J. TRUM '04

Highest Pledge G.P.A. (4.0)
KYLE COMBES '06
MITCH PLUMMER '06

Highest Father/Son Combined G.P.A.
BRIAN HARRISON '04
KYLE COMBES '06

Most Improved G.P.A.
JONATHAN HOLMES '04

Chapter Celestial

Jacob B. Young '38
Col. Joseph N. Hearin (Ret) '42
Jack Parker '47

J. Richard Smith '52
Jason K. Schrowe '98

Parents' Club Active Again

After many years in abeyance the Chapter Parents' Club was reactivated this past fall under the leadership of Anne Harrison and Debbie King. Parents and guardians are automatically added to the membership lists when their son pledges. Organization is essentially informal and conducted primarily by e-mail, but the results have been great and much appreciated by the membership. In addition to spurring attendance at the fall Parents' Day and Auction and the spring Mom's Day and Dad's Day, the parents organized a house decorating project for the Christmas holiday period and provided an extensive array of treats and goodies during semester examinations. Thanks folks!



Spring 2007 Initiates

James Kritenbrink	Omaha, NE
Taylor Mallon	Kansas City, MO
John Sutherlin	Kansas City, MO
Devin Tenney	Olathe, KS
Eric Washburn	Kansas City, MO
Bryant Williams	Douglasville, GA

*“It takes a secure man
to sport Polo Pink!”*



Gamma-Omicron | Alumni Updates

Eddie Green '45

Eddie graduated in 1950. He has retired from Westinghouse and lives with his wife Margaret in Bonita Springs, Florida. He has four children: Allen (52), Kevin (49), Barbara (46), and Robert (45).

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Harry Hutchens '45

Harry graduated in 1947. He has retired as senior vice president at Brown & Root, Inc. and lives with his wife Helen in Houston, Texas.

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John graduated in 1959. He lives in Cypress, Texas where he spends his days retired with his wife Sandra.

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Joseph Glatz '55

Joseph graduated in 1957. Currently, he is living in Ozawkie, Kansas with his wife, Janet M. Hilger Glatz. He has two grown daughters, Paula (44) and Sara Houston (42). He was a production planning manager at Owens Corning Fiberglass but has since retired.

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Robert Eaton '59

Bob graduated in 1963. He lives with his wife Connie in Naples, Florida. He has retired as chairman emeritus of Chrysler Corporation. He has two children: Scott (35) and Matthew (33).

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Edward Cheramy '63

Ed is living in Jackson, Wyoming with his wife Shirley. He has three grown children, 2 sons and 1 daughter: Mark (42), Matthew (35), and Holly (33).

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Robert Funk '64

Robert graduated in 1968. He is self-employed in consulting work. He lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma with his wife, Jeanne. He has 2 grown children: Jim (34) and Julie (30).

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Walter Thompson '68

Walter graduated in 1970. He lives in Overland Park, Kansas where he is the owner of Thompson's Clock Manor. He has a wife, Kaye, and 3 children - Olivia, Brett, Doug, and 2 grandchildren.

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Michael Tamburini '74

Michael graduated in 1977. He now lives in Winfield, Kansas with his wife, Joan, and his two children, Isabella (8) and Mario (6). He works for Winfield Medical Arts, P.A. as an administrator and general counsel.

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William Kiper '77

William graduated in 1981. He is a senior vice president for Innovative Marketing Associates in The Woodlands, Texas. He lives with his wife, Emma, and his two children, Emily (5) and Peter (8 months).

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Michael Feller '79

Michael graduated in 1982. He lives with his wife, Carla, and two children, Kate (17) and Erin (12) in Lenexa, Kansas. He is the president of Feller Financial Solutions, Inc.

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Patrick Gabagan '81

Patrick graduated in 1984. He lives in Overland, Kansas where he works for Hallmark Cards as their regional vice president. He is married to his wife, Karen, and has two children: Erin (15) and Aubrey (11).

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Joseph graduated in 1993. He is an ordained pastor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Joseph lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with his wife, Melanie, and daughter, Kendall.

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Brett Dawson '96

Brett graduated in 1999. He lives in Lee's Summit, Missouri with his wife, Christa, and his 19-month-old son, Caleb. He works at Discover Vision Centers as an optometrist.

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Ryan Craig '01

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John Domoney '01

John graduated in 2004. He is married to his wife, Courtney, and lives in Louisburg, Kansas. He is working as an attorney at Winkler, Domoney and Schultz.

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Brian graduated in 2004. He lives in Leawood, Kansas and works for the Cerner Corporation that is based out of London. His title is design analyst.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 3rd

FALL HOMECOMING & Hall of Fame Induction

CORNHUSKERS vs. JAYHAWKS



Gamma-Omicron, Inc. annual Corporation Board meeting and elections. Expect your invitation soon!



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