

# G-O Lite

## 2007 MAN OF THE YEAR



Brother Mulally is a March 22, 1964 initiate of the Gamma-Omicron Chapter at the University of Kansas. Brother Mulally joined the Gamma-Omicron Chapter as a freshman and provided outstanding leadership during his undergraduate years serving as the chapter's Grand Master and as rush chairman. Brother Mulally described his undergraduate experience, "Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Omicron Chapter mean an opportunity to appreciate and learn from a diverse, talented group of people that are committed to lifelong learning and fellowship." He holds both bachelor's and master's of science degrees from the University of Kansas in aeronautical and astronautical engineering, and he earned a master's in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a 1982 Alfred P. Sloan Fellow.

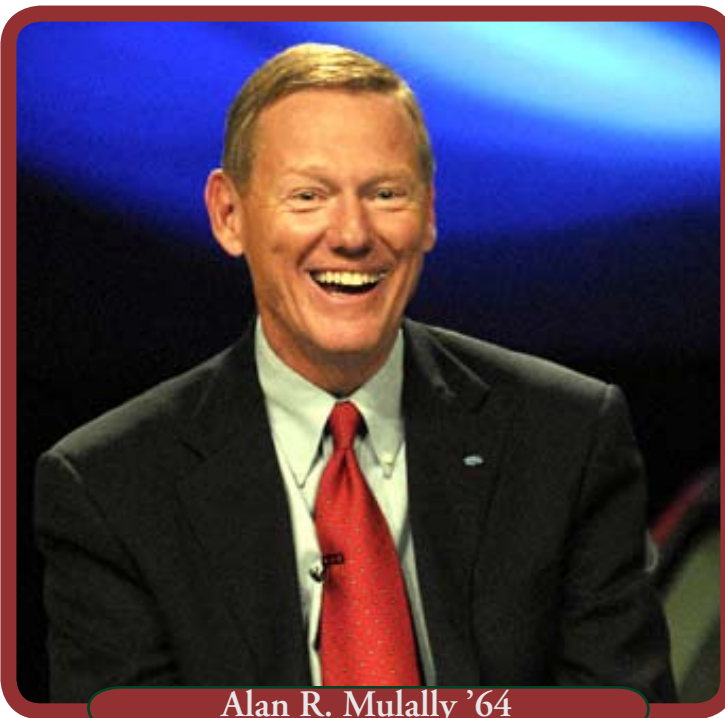
Prior to joining Ford, Brother Mulally served the Boeing Company for 37 years. He served as executive vice president of the Boeing Company, and president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes. In that role, he was responsible for all of the company's commercial airplane programs and related services. Mulally also was a member of the Boeing Executive Council and served as Boeing's senior executive in the Pacific Northwest.

Throughout his career, Brother Mulally has been recognized for his contributions and industry leadership, including being named "Person of the Year" of 2006 by *Aviation Week* magazine and one of "The Best Leaders of 2005" by *Business Week* magazine.

Brother Mulally previously served as co-chair of the Washington Competitiveness Council and sat on the advisory board of NASA, the University of

Washington, the University of Kansas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. He is a member of the United States Academy of Engineering and a Fellow of England's Royal Academy of Engineering.

He is the immediate past president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and current president of its foundation. In addition, Mulally is the immediate past chairman of the Board of Governors of the Aerospace Industries Association. Brother Mulally is a native of Kansas and is a private pilot and enjoys tennis, golf, and reading.



Alan R. Mulally '64

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## UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

### **Grand Master**

*Robert Lutz '05*

### **Grand Procurator**

*Andy Whitehead '06*

### **Grand Master of Ceremonies**

*Corey Carr '06*

### **Grand Treasurer**

*JC Sutherlin '07*

### **Grand Scribe**

*Mitch Plummer '06*

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### **Assistant Treasurer:**

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*Walter Thompson '68*

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*Cecil Witt, Jr. '77*

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*Matt Textor '90*

*Pat Ferguson '96*

*Nick Lombardi '03*

### **Alumnus Advisor:**

*Billy Brandtonies '02*

# From the Grand Master

The Gamma-Omicron Chapter has continued to sustain the progress that it has shown over the last year and half during this past semester. With improved performance in many areas and a greater presence on campus, Gamma-Omicron should only continue to become stronger over the coming semesters.

The sustained grade improvement continued into the spring semester of the last academic year. The chapter compiled a GPA of 2.97 which maintains the house's status among the top-10 chapters on campus in grades. Brothers Mitch Plummer '06 and JC Sutherlin '07, were also able to earn 4.0 GPAs.

One of the chapter's primary goals during the fall semester has been to establish a culture of giving back to the local community. With a full house of 71 guys, that goal has been attainable as the chapter has given 700 hours of community service thus far this year, along with a \$1,500 donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence earned by the chapter working at the local NASCAR event.

The other primary goal that the chapter has taken on is to re-develop our place and reputation which were previously tainted by our probationary period. We have made major strides in this area primarily via increased involvement in intramurals, Rock Chalk Revue, and through the Interfraternity Council.

The chapter has placed several teams in the semi-finals of the Greek Play-offs during the fall intramural period and we hope to bring back a few trophies to 1045 Emery Road during the spring semester.

Another successful effort to increase our role in campus activities is through the aforementioned IFC. Recently, Ryan Jones '06 and I have been elected to the Executive Board of the IFC. Kappa Sigma now constitutes 25% of the council that governs the 19 fraternities on campus.

Through hard work and a cohesive chapter, the things that we have been able to accomplish thus far this academic year have been very encouraging. Another case in point is that we have six seniors living in the house, something unheard of in many prior years, and a source of stability for younger members. Going forward, I look for things to continue to grow and prosper as the Kappa Sigma Chapter regains its place among the elite at the University of Kansas.

## A.E.K.A.B

**Brian Harrison '05**

**Immediate Past Grand Master**



# Signed Pledges for Fall 2007



Todd Witt	Prairie Village, KS	Charlie Mullins	Denver, CO
Daniel Heady	Leawood, KS	Rich Ashley	Wilmette, IL
Austin Emlet	Lenexa, KS	Joe Radzevich	Overland Park, KS
Chris Allen	Overland Park, KS	Shawn Suppes	Overland Park, KS
Mike Giarla	Overland Park, KS	Rob Foree	Overland Park, KS
Andy Franke	Overland Park, KS	Adam Skultety	St. Leawood, KS
Brian Shellenberger	Topeka, KS	Andrew Calver	Lenex, KS
Brad Harrison	Overland Park, KS	Brent Lemieux	Overland Park, KS
Robby House	Salina, KS	Kyle Jesse	Leawood, KS
Kevin Colbert	Overland Park, KS	Tyler Webb	Leawood, KS
Rabin Walters	Superior, CO	Dustin Rheuport	Liberty, MO

## Chapter Celestial

### Brother Frederick Francis Bukaty '59

Frederick Francis Bukaty, 71, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at his home in Kansas City, MO. Mass of Christian burial was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 21, at St. Thomas More Church at 11822 Holmes Rd., KC, MO. Mass of Christian burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 22 also at St. Thomas More Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Upper Room, 5930 Swope Pkwy., KC, MO 64130. Fred was born on February 13, 1936 in KC, KS to Thomas and Helen Bukaty. He graduated from Hogan High School and the University of Kansas with a B.S. in education and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. His football career as a running back is legendary, starting at Hogan, and then playing on the military team while in the Army. However, his greatest football achievements and fondest memories were as a Jayhawk at KU, where he was team captain in 1960. He also went on to play for the Denver Broncos. Fred was a

great humorist and a "one of a kind" joke teller. People to this day say he was the best that they ever heard with his passion and energy he displayed with every joke. Fred loved history, literature, poetry, and could recite Shakespeare or Kipling from memory. He wrote many poems himself, including "Just Passin' Thru" about his beloved Hillcrest Country Club where he played golf for many years (along with a few games of gin rummy). He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Wanda Covington. He is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Rita, his sons Tom and John Bukaty, his daughter Julie (Matt) Muehlebach, and granddaughters Megan and Caroline Muehlebach, and many other Bukaty relatives that shared his proud Polish heritage. "And all this came true because of men with dreams who were "Just Passin' Thru"." We will miss you, Fred.

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## *Brother Dole's Scholarship Donation* **Makes for Great Year-end News**

Alumnus Advisor Billy Brandtonies '02 was surprised to receive a pre-Christmas call from Brother Bob Dole '42, inquiring about the chapter's performance and the address to send a donation to the Gamma-

Omicron Educational Foundation. Billy received a call back from the ex-presidential candidate a couple hours later; apparently Billy had created a positive impression, because Senator Dole told him that he'd originally been thinking of a smaller donation but had decided to up it, to \$100,000!

The Gamma-Omicron Educational Foundation and Corporation Board are very pleased to recognize the unexpected and generous donation from Brother Dole, who was Kappa Sigma's National Man-of-the-Year in 1970 while representing his home state in the U.S. Senate. The Educational Foundation members are John Davis '62, Ed Grass '77, and John Hanahan '87; the Foundation awards scholarships each semester for outstanding academic achievement and improvement, some being individual awards and others for combined pledge father/son achievement.

Brother Dole's donation will serve as the foundation for a more serious and financially significant effort to

reward academic performance and overall leadership. In addition to the Educational Foundation members, Dr. Bill Buck '53, Lloyd Hanahan '56, and Corporation Board members Rob Hagg '98 and Dave Steen '00, have volunteered to contribute to the effort to increase the impact of the Educational Foundation. Some achievements of the men in the chapter that demonstrate significant improvement in academic and leadership focus are:

- **"Latest returns" indicate that five actives and one pledge achieved all A's in the Fall '07 semester, and at least 12 others achieved a GPA > 3.5!**
- **Improved GPA ranking among KU fraternities, from 20th in 2006 to the top 10.**
- **Two actives, Brian Harrison '05 and Ryan Jones '06 were elected to vice-president positions on the Interfraternity Council**
- **The chapter will benefit this spring from six seniors living in the house during the upcoming semester. In addition to the men of the chapter, kudos for this significant improvement should go to Fred Green '61, who recently left the Board following a six-year stint as president and chair.**



## **FRED GREEN SERVICE AWARD**

This past fall, the undergraduate chapter unanimously decided to create the Fred Green Service Award in honor of long-time Corporation Board President Col. Fred K. Green '61. Brother Green showed tireless effort in his time serving the chapter as Corporation Board president, particularly during the trying periods of the past few years. The honor

will go yearly to the undergraduate who displays the traits Fred showed in service comprising both campus and community activities.

The inaugural winner of the award was T. J. Trum '04. T. J. has not only maintained a GPA over 3.9 during his college terms but also has given countless hours to local charitable organizations and been a part

of several service organizations. He currently serves on the Executive Board and has been active for four years in the Natural Ties program, which assists mentally handicapped people in the Lawrence community. The active chapter could think of no one who better exemplifies the efforts of Fred Green than T. J.





Homecoming Float



Pledges and Parents



Halloween



Greg Trum and Daughter





## 2006 - 2007 *Annual Fund Donors*

We would like to recognize and thank those alumni and parents that contributed to last year's campaign. Your support does make a difference!

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Reed Hoffman '41  
John Schlagel '42  
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Richard Laub '45  
Daniel Senkarik '45  
Sam Brick '46  
John Crump '46  
Richard Harris '48  
Donald Ochs '49  
Ken Ochs '49  
Myron Seeley '49  
Walter Cole '50  
Rich Mai '50  
James VanAntwerp '50  
Tony Witt '50  
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Cecil Witt '52  
Jack Abercrombie '53  
Paul Barker '53  
William Tiedtke '54  
Dan Chase '55  
Joe Glatz '55  
Bob Guthrie '55  
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Fred Lutz '56  
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Jim Wright '57  
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David Butts '59  
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Stan Plummer '70  
John Schwartz '70  
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Darcy Domoney '72  
Craig Haberly '72

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Kent Sundgren '72  
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Andy Overton '82  
Thomas Brigdon '87  
Chris Palmer '87  
Brian McDaniel '89  
Matt Textor '90  
Drew Carter '92  
Ryan Bailes '94  
Pat Ferguson '96  
Steve Slaughter '99  
Nate Wedermyer '00  
Ryan Craig '01  
John Domoney '01  
Adam Browne '02  
Justin Gesling '02  
Christopher Pope '02  
Bryan Easley '03  
Dan Klein '03  
Billy and Julie Attebury  
Geoffrey Kay  
Mike and Sue Machen

# ALUMNI-UPDATES

## WALTER I. COLE '50

Walter graduated in 1953. He has retired from Ranson & Co. as their senior vice president and is living in Topeka, Kansas with his wife Nancy. Walter has two grown children, David Cole and Elizabeth Munns.

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## JAMES MACKENZIE '64

Jim graduated in 1968. He is a retired Northwest Airlines captain and is living in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Sheryl. Jim has four grown children, Chris, Scott, Kevin, and Ryan. Jim has recently completed a two-year labor/management project that lobbied Congress for a pension reform bill. The President signed the Bill, saving \$1.7 billion in benefits for the pilots pension plan. With this experience, Jim notes working as a team is the ticket to success, as undergraduates learn in their years living in the house.

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## RONALD ODEGARD '66

Ron graduated in 1969. He is a retired captain of American Airlines living in Jupiter, Florida. Ron has a wife, Beth and two children, Erik (19) and Kris (17). Ron went to the 2008 Orange Bowl game and saw KU defeat Virginia Tech. He also attended the 1970 Orange Bowl game against Penn State. Ron hopes all Jayhawk fans don't have to wait another 38 years to see them in another Orange Bowl.

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## THOMAS A. ROBINETT, JR. '69

Tom graduated in 1971. He is living in Leawood, Kan-

sas with his wife Marnie. They have two grown daughters, Julie and Megan. Tom is a general counsel for the American Academy of Family Physicians. In addition to serving on the Gamma-Omicron Corporation Board as the treasurer, Tom is a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives and remains active in the community serving on the REACH Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors, treasurer; Johnson County Mental Health Center Governing Board; St. Lukes South Hospital Advisory Board; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Kansas State Affairs Committee, chair; Leawood Chamber of Commerce, chair; Johnson County Public Policy Committee, chair; Johnson County Business Leadership Council; and Johnson County Charter Review Committee. He also enjoys following Jayhawks football and basketball, playing golf and pool, and spending time with family and friends at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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## MARK S. SHOCKEY '70

Mark graduated in 1973. He is a physician for Pulmonary Internal Medicine, Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mark is married to his wife Brenda and has two grown children, Erin Lementowski and Derek Shockey.

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## ANDREW E. OVERTON '82

Andy graduated in 1985. He is living in Lakewood, California with his wife, May. Andy is an internal auditor for The Aerospace Corporation.

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MAN OF THE YEAR

BANQUET

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008



Alan Mulally, 2007 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year event.

***Honoring Gamma-Omicron's Own Brother Alan Mulally '64***

Brother Alan Mulally '64, president and CEO of Ford Motor Company, will be introduced by prior honorees Bob Dole '42 and Bob Eaton '59. So let's have a big turnout to make this the premier event in Kappa Sigma history and recognize Alan Mulally's achievements.

**Location: The Dole Institute**, west of Iowa Street (U.S. 59) off of 15<sup>th</sup> street.  
Information on the Institute is at **[www.DoleInstitute.org](http://www.DoleInstitute.org)**



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## HALL OF FAME 2007

### *Inductees*



#### 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."

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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."

## 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 GammaNu 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 ordnance 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, Ginnie and Dana, as well as three grandsons and a granddaughter.

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-James (Jim) D. Mackenzie '64.

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successfully 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."