



George Gregson '24, '26

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2003

Brother Gregson was born in Cochise County, Arizona Territory on March 2, 1904. After graduating from Bisbee High School he entered the University of Arizona in September of 1920. He majored in chemistry and graduated “with distinction” from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science Degree on May 28, 1924. He was admitted to the Graduate College at the U of A in September of 1925 and pursued a Masters Degree in Metallurgy. He was Awarded a Master of Science Degree on June 2, 1926.

Brother Gregson was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholastic society. He was named an Honorary Bobcat in 1974. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by the U of A in 1971 and received the University of Arizona Alumni Service Award in 1976. He also received the Centennial Medallion Award during Commencement in 1989.

After graduation in 1926 from the U of A, Brother Gregson relocated to California where he soon became interested in real estate. He joined the firm of Janss Investment Corporation; one of the early real estate subdividers in California. Brother Gregson helped developed Westwood Village and much of what has become western Los Angeles during those years. He was active in the development of commercial properties in the following years in California and even in Alaska.

Brother Gregson established a generous scholarship program at the U of A in 1967. This fund provides over 20 scholarships annually to U of A scholars in either Brother Gregson’s name or in honor of his professors in chemistry, physics and metallurgy while studying at the U of A. Brother Gregson generously supported the Fine Arts program at the U of A including the establishment of an endowment fund that ultimately allowed the construction of the University of Arizona Museum of Art and Fine Arts complex.

Brother Gregson pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity in 1922 and served as Consul of the Beta Phi Chapter during 1923-1924. He was instrumental in having a new Chapter House built on North Park Avenue while still an undergraduate. He served as Co-Chairman of the Fundraising Committee raising funds for the construction of the Chapter Facility at 1616 East First Street in 1984. Brother Gregson is a Significant Sig.

Brother Gregson always made it a point to support the Beta Phi Chapter during his adult life and took the time to interact with the Chapter while visiting in Tucson. He always made the effort to point out to younger Brothers how the ideals and ritual of Sigma Chi had benefited his life and he was proud to support the Chapter in any way he could. He exemplified the “Spirit of Youth”.

Brother Gregson entered the Chapter Eternal in October of 1997.