



Linn Wallace '60, '67

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor

Class of 2009

Linn Wallace was born in Baltimore Maryland and moved to Tucson in the early 1950's for family reasons. A member of the largest graduating class in the country in 1956, Linn represented Tucson High on two state championship baseball teams in 1955 and 1956. As the Arizona batting champion in 1956, Linn was first introduced to Sigma Chi through his coach, Sigma Chi alumnus, Lee Carey.

Sigma Chi was part of Linn's life at the University from the start as he joined the baseball team coached by brother Frank Sancet. Due to Linn's accomplishments on the field and in the class room, he was awarded one of the first McKale Scholarships which he held for 4 yrs.

Pledging Sigma Chi in the fall of 1956, Linn was active on campus and with the Fraternity. While lettering in baseball for three years, which included participation in the University's World Series teams of 1957 through 1959, Linn was also a member of Sophos, Chain Gang and Blue Key. Within Beta Phi, he held the offices of Quaestor and Consul, and was the Southwestern Province Balfour winner in 1960. Linn received his BS in Business Economics in 1960 and an MBA in 1967 both from the University of Arizona.

Linn started his career with Mountain Bell an affiliate of AT&T in their advanced management program in Phoenix. His career took him around Arizona, Colorado, New York, and Wyoming, and he held various positions in Regulatory Affairs and Public Relations with Mountain Bell and US West. In 1986, Linn was named Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Public Affairs and Assistant to the President of US West in Denver.

As a loaned executive to the University of Arizona, Linn worked in the U of A Foundation from 1989 until his retirement in 1991. Clearly retiring too early, Linn then worked as the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the U of A Foundation for nine more years.

Linn's outside activities have included the Presidents Club at the U of A, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, the National Board of Advisors of the Eller College, the board of the Tucson Metropolitan YMCA, the board of the Denver Center of Performing Arts, Chairman of United Way of Cheyenne, and volunteer work for many other organizations.

Linn met his bride Karen at Arizona and together they have two children including one fellow Beta Phi (Brian 1988). In his words, "I owe everything to my parents, Sigma Chi, and my family. Sigma Chi was the special place where I developed friendships and experiences that I could not have achieved anywhere else. They allowed me to grow as an individual, to learn about values that guided me throughout my life and to gain the confidence that comes from being given responsibilities for the chapter in various capacities."