



# Robert S. Svob '41

*Has been elected to membership in the*

## *Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2002*

---

Brother Svob, one of the most important figures in the history of the University of Arizona and the Beta Phi Chapter, came to the University on a football scholarship in 1937. For four years, he earned a Varsity letter as both a running back and a fullback. He also ingratiated himself into both the Beta Phi Chapter and the University as a whole, so much so that when he graduated with his degree in Physical Education, he stayed on with the University as Coach of the freshman football team.

From there, Brother Svob moved up to the position of Director of Intramural Sports, a position he held for 17 years. During that time, he also taught physical education at the University of Arizona.

While at the University he also served, Brother Svob additionally served as Commissioner of Interscholastic High School Athletics for Southern Arizona. He was appointed Assistant Athletic Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for the U of A in 1958. In 1966, he was appointed the Dean of Men at the U of A, later taking one of the top spots at the University, Dean of Students, in 1972.

Throughout Brother Svob's professional career, his attachment to community service remained strong, especially with the YMCA. He was Chairman of the YMCA Ranch Camp for five years, a member of the Metropolitan YMCA Board of Directors, where he was Chairman for 2 years. Additionally, he was Chairman of the Tucson Youth Foundation Board for the YMCA.

His dedication extended into other organizations as well. He was a charter member and Vice President of Big Brothers in Tucson, a member and Chairman of the Board of the Arizona Boys Ranch, and a former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Arizona. Furthermore, Brother Svob is still a member and elder of St. Marks Presbyterian Church.

Brother Svob is a member of the Wildcat Club and a charter member of the Arizona Alumni Endowment Club. In recognition of his tireless efforts for the institution, he has received numerous awards from the U of A, including enshrinement in both the Bobcat's Honorary Hall of Fame and the U of A Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985. He has received the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Alumni Distinguished Citizen Award. He is also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

With this induction into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor, we recognize Brother Svob's numerous contributions to the University of Arizona, the Tucson Community and the Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He has brought honor and distinction to this Chapter.

