

# Frank Anderson Shrontz

*Idaho '53*

## Oxford Cup Roll No. 037

A modest and effective leader, Frank Shrontz quietly rose to the heights of the corporate world after graduating with an L.L.B. from the University of Idaho in 1954. During his lifelong career with The Boeing Company, however, he has always found time for Fraternity and community, spurring support for Gamma Gamma chapter and pursuing nationwide efforts to improve K-12 education.

Born in 1931 and raised in Boise, Idaho, he is the son of the late Thurlyn H. Shrontz, *Idaho '21*. Frank was commissioned in the Army in 1953 and served two years on active duty, 1954-56. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Graduate School in 1958 and was a Sloan Fellow at Stanford Graduate School of Business, 1969-70.

Married to the former Harriet Houghton, a Delta Gamma and also a graduate of the University of Idaho, the couple lives on Mercer Island, Wash. They have three sons, all Betas: Craig H., *Idaho '78*; Richard W. (Rick), *Idaho '81*, and David A., *Idaho '83*. Frank's uncle was Orville L. Shrontz, *Idaho '27*.

Frank joined Boeing in 1958. In 1973, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations and logistics, and in 1976 he became Assistant Secretary of Defense. He rejoined Boeing in 1977 as corporate vice president, contract administration and planning.

He was vice president-general manager of the 707/727/737 Division of Boeing Commercial Airplane Company, 1978-82; he was vice president of sales for the Commercial Airplane Company, 1982-84. and president of the Commercial Airplane Company before becoming president of Boeing in February 1985.

Currently chairman emeritus of The Boeing Company, Frank retired as chairman in 1997. He was chairman from April 1988 and CEO from April 1986 until April 1996. He retired as a Boeing board member on August 1, 1997.

Frank serves on the board of directors of Boise Cascade Corporation, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M) Company, Chevron Corporation and the Seattle Mariners baseball club. He also is a citizen regent on the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents and is a member of The Business Council.

He is vice chairman of the New American Schools Development Corp., a private, nonprofit corporation formed to develop and support new, high-quality, "break-the-mold" school designs. He is also chairman emeritus of the Partnership for Learning, a non-profit organization supported by Washington business and community leaders to increase public awareness about Washington state's efforts to raise academic standards in public schools.

At Gamma Gamma, Frank was chapter president 1953-54, attended the 112th General Convention (1951) at Old Point Comfort, Va., and was a delegate to the 114th General Convention (1953) in Pasadena, Calif.

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