



# The Shrine

Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Denison University • Granville, Ohio • March 2001

## FRIENDSHIP

By Bob Dold '60, President LCSMA

Now that the holidays are over and we are looking forward to spring, I find myself reflecting on those things in life that are most important to me. I know that health, family and friendship are definitely at the top of the list of blessings for me and for those about whom I care. I would like to take this opportunity to chat with you about *friendship*. Certainly as the years go by, I am impacted daily with how important my friends are to me and the many ways in which they enrich my life. Among those most special are Beta friends. Some of these brothers have been a part of my life for years and others are what I consider new friends. Working with the alumni board has certainly widened my Beta circle to include faithful Beta brothers from classes well before me to recent alumni. It is my privilege to work with them and know them.

I am continually impressed with the bonds of friendship between Alpha Eta Betas. In whatever group I find myself, I am always impressed with their sincere concern and interest in other Betas. I hear them talk about getting *The Shrine* and reading immediately to learn about friends and classmates. Receiving *The Shrine* is a highlight for many.

With so many brothers delighted to hear about fellow alumni, we need to make a concerted effort to make use of every available communication tool. In this day and age, so many of us have e-mail. We are compiling e-mail addresses into a directory. Please send yours to Bill Edwards '41 at [bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu](mailto:bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu).

While there is the Denison alumni magazine and the Beta magazine, *The Shrine* is a grand way to learn of others. Let's make this an Alpha Eta project that really takes off. We have taken years to build Beta friendships and we need to actively keep those bonds alive and well. Pass along information to *The Shrine* that you think all would like to know. As Betas complete their undergrad experience and move on to pursue new paths, I encourage those who would like to continue to contribute by volunteering time and talents. There are many ways to be active that are not an imposition and can be worked out with almost any kind of schedule. If you are interested, please contact me at my home at 71 Warwick Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093 or via e-mail at [robertdold@aol.com](mailto:robertdold@aol.com).

Continue to nurture Alpha Eta bonds and make it a pledge to communicate in every way you can.

## DENISON REUNION WEEKEND: MAY 31-JUNE 3, 2001

The various reunion committee members are busy preparing a weekend packed with activities that include a golf tournament, alumni convocation, delicious meals, alumni college seminars, informal receptions, class pictures and much more.

To accommodate those with special needs, Denison will gladly provide golf carts for campus shuttling, porter assistance with your baggage, ground level accommodations and free transportation from Columbus International Airport. They hope to eliminate any obstacle that would prevent you from having a great Reunion Weekend.

For activities for specific classes check the brochures and flyers mailed out by the Denison alumni office. Alpha Eta alumni returning for a graduating class reunion are encouraged and are invited to visit the Beta House, sign the guest book and visit with other Betas. Saturday, June 2, from 2-4 p.m. is a designated period for all fraternity and sorority members to meet at their respective chapter houses.

## SOMETHING NEW



The premier issue of Denison's online newsletter, @denison, is now up! The Denison Alumni Service invites you to visit [www.denison.edu/@denison](http://www.denison.edu/@denison) located on Denison's Web site for a broad selection of current news stories about Denison and Denisonians.

## THE ALPHA ETA CHAPTER SUSPENDED

The Alpha Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been suspended and disbanded by the board of trustees of the General Fraternity. All undergraduate members will be moved to alumni status and will, upon graduation, be entitled to all the benefits granted to Beta Theta Pi alumni. Numerous incidents involving misuse of alcohol and hazing culminated in formal charges being filed by the university on February 21, 2001. The university will consider a request for recolonization at a future time to be determined.

A letter sent on March 8, 2001 to all Alpha Eta alumni explains recent actions.

## PLEDGE CLASS SEPTEMBER 1942 REUNION

By Howard Shaw '48

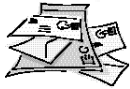
The eight brothers who planted the trees at the Beta House last spring are getting together in mid-May. The program includes two events for all Denison Betas:

May 15 — Dinner in San Francisco

May 16 — Barbecue at Ted Tight's Home in Woodside, Calif.

Ladies are included in these gatherings. For more information, contact one of these brothers: Ed Rupp '46, 650-344-8414; or Howard Shaw '48, 415-453-1521, [hshaw777777@webtv.net](mailto:hshaw777777@webtv.net); or Ted Tight '48, 650-366-9072, [ted\\_tight@gap.com](mailto:ted_tight@gap.com).

Let's have a big crowd!



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## NAME CHANGE

Stewart Howe Alumni Service of Pennsylvania has been meeting many of our alumni communication and contribution needs for a number of years and have always been helpful, cooperative and performed a most useful service for the LSCMA. Like many companies and corporations, Stewart Howe Alumni Service of Pennsylvania has been acquired by another company. Affinity Connection combines the services that have always been available with some exciting new options if we choose to take advantage of them, like e-letters, an interactive Web site, event planning and more. For more about Affinity Connection and for a virtual tour, go to [www.2stayconnected.com](http://www.2stayconnected.com). Stay tuned!



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LSCMA NEEDED!

When the trustees received the treasurer's report of Alpha Eta alumni participation in making an annual or periodic contributions to the association, the overall feeling was surprise and some disappointment. The report showed that for the first half of this year, from July 1 - December 31, only 76 members contributed a total of \$5,090.

This number of contributors represents less than 10% of our living Alpha Eta alumni. The relatively small amount of dollars contributed certainly restricts the amount of planned

and actual maintenance and repair work that can be accomplished on our beloved Beta house.

Since the university has been leasing a portion of the Beta house, the interior maintenance and care has been outstanding. The freshman students who have been assigned to the Beta house have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to reside in our jewel and they have been loving caretaking tenants.

The trustees are carefully reviewing all expenditures and ideas of where or how we can

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## LSCMA BOARD MEETING CHANGES

The LSCMA Board of Trustees authorized a change of location for the next two board meetings. The next LSCMA Board of Trustees is scheduled for 10 a.m., Sunday, June 3, in the lower level of the Beta House.

This is during Denison's Alumni Reunion Weekend and all Alpha Eta Beta alumni attending their class reunions are urged to attend the board meeting, visit the Beta house, sign the guest book and visit with other Betas and guests. We look forward to seeing you on campus and at the Beta house. Read the Reunion Weekend material mailed by the Denison Alumni Office for more info.

The second LSCMA Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled at the Beta Theta Pi Foundation and Administration Office, 5134 Bonham Road, Oxford, Ohio, at 9 a.m. on Thursday July 26, 2001. The 162nd General Convention of Beta Theta Pi convenes the same day at 3 p.m. on the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The registration and convention details will be well addressed in future *Beta Theta Pi* Magazines. The exact room location and directions to the board meeting will be available at the convention registration table.

All Alpha Eta Betas who plan to attend the board meeting and the convention, or any part of the convention, are encouraged to attend the keynote banquet scheduled for Thursday evening. This meeting may well be the highlight of the convention. Howard Shaw '48 is making a personal effort to attend his first General Convention of Beta Theta Pi and will contact and encourage other brothers to join the LSCMA trustees, chapter delegate, sophomore fellow and other alumni in Oxford for a great and rewarding experience.

## A NEW BEGINNING

The word is out. The invitation is out. A few specific tasks have been very clearly identified as to what we, the Alpha Eta alumni, will have to accomplish before the Alpha Eta chapter can be re-established on the Denison campus as a Men of Principle chapter. Bob Dold, our LSCMA president, has indicated that a recolonization committee will soon be formed that will start the process that the general fraternity has found most effective in the recolonization of closed chapters.

The initial task is for interested and willing alumni to complete the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Questionnaire that was enclosed with Bob's letter dated March 8, 2001. A Men of Principle chapter requires a number of advisers who help the chapter and individual members become maturely self directed through planning and implementing goals, advisers who guide and counsel the chapter and the individual members. Advisers who can conveniently and frequently meet with the individual members and attend occasional chapter meetings can become very beneficial and effective in the development and operation of a Beta Chapter.

Recruiting through scholarships can be very effective. The Beta Theta Pi Foundation currently awards twenty \$500 grants

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# Alumni News

**Norm Hall '31** writes from his home at 1264 Wedgewood Manor Way, Reston, VA 20194-1325. He says, "No news. The only brother I hear from my time is Don Blackburn '32. But I enjoy reading familiar names — sons and grandsons. The last time I was in Granville was for my 50th class reunion in 1982." Norm sent in his contribution and asked for the book, *The History of Beta Theta Pi at Denison* so he could read up on the great traditions of Alpha Eta.

**Don Blackburn '32** and **Bob Blackburn '40** have called in from their new home on Lake Travis, a distant neighbor of Austin, Texas, and announced that they will be in attendance for all the activities in Oxford in July and look forward to meeting a great many Alpha Eta alumni.

**Richard R. Price '52** (P.O. Box 4125, Newark, OH 43058) expresses his thanks for the *Shrine*, as he greatly enjoys it. He included a contribution along with his comment. Thanks Richard!

**John Billingsley '53** (8135 Graystone Circle, Richmond, VA 23229) reports that his Beta roommate, **Chuck Inman '53** is now retired and lives at 4836 Marquerita Lane, La Mesa, CA 91941-4423. John additionally reports that he consults with individuals who are looking for ways to increase their privacy, asset protection and asset diversification. "I have been assisting a Mechanicsville, Va., company in promoting some new health related products called Coral Calcium which assists the body to become more alkaline rather than acidic. In the process it enables the body to reduce or eliminate over 150 degenerate diseases such as cancer, diabetes, arthritis, and heart disease. For more information you can contact me at 804-282-4434 or carolhb@mindspring.com."

**Barry Porter '59** (385 Oliver Rd., Wyoming, OH 45215; porterberasi@aol.com) writes, "I retired from Ohio Casualty this past March. I am now working with a close friend on a new venture — a new company called Insure Point. The focus will be on small commercial insurance. I am active in a number of charitable groups and serve as a council member and vice mayor of my hometown of Wyoming, Ohio. I will continue to support Alpha Eta and provide council when able."

**Daniel C. Pancake '61** (1435 Walnut, Western Springs, IL 60558; pantap@aol.com) is a senior vice president at USI Midwest, an insurance and financial services and planning firm. He notes that **Jay Kerley '00** called him for networking opportunities and is now working with him. "Cakes" enjoys playing tennis and watching his children progress. He and his wife are grandparents.

Retired lawyer **Gerald W. Wischmeyer '63** (6704 S. Detroit Cir., Littleton, CO 80122; gwisch@webtv.net) is busy with

volunteer work, travel, golf, biking and running. He ran the San Diego Marathon in June 2000. "Wisch" has three sons and three granddaughters. He and Sandy see **John Ragatz '62**, **Jeff Nicholls '63** and **Charlie Marston '63** frequently and **Tom Siegenthaler '63** and **Bob Dold '60** at least once a year. The Wischmeyers are hoping to attend Homecoming 2001. They miss seeing Jane and **Stan Ackley '63** and Corry and **Art Morrow '66**.

**G. Scott Smith '65** (126 Piqua Cir., Berwyn, PA 19312) checked in with the comment that he is now "retired." He is a director of the Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America, the American Cancer Society in Philadelphia and is a Beta adviser to the Beta Colony at West Chester University.

**Mort Cook '66** checked in with a contribution and added, "I had a nice visit with **Norm Wolfe '64** and his wife, Tiiu Kera, Major General, USAF. Norm is a retired Air Force JAG attorney and keeps busy around their home and building a sail boat that is scheduled for completion and sailing this spring." Mort's address is 1085 Ravoli Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272; mort@mrcook.com.

"I would be delighted to hear from anyone who remembers me!" writes **John M. Steele '67**. Brothers can drop him a line at his new address at 9700 Osborne Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23231 or give him a call at 804-795-2601. John is now president of Neighborhood Convenience Inc.

**R. Mark Lundquist '77** sent in this comment: "I have read and reread the recent *Shrine* and fully intended to write you and ask for a copy of the Alpha Eta e-mail directory. Now that I have a moment to breathe (post-Christmas), I am thus getting around to this request. I presume you'll e-mail one, but if you need an address, it is One Blacksmith Road, Oley, PA 19547."

**Dave Tight '79** writes that he and his family are now living in Lucas Valley, CA (30 minutes north of San Francisco), with two girls and one girl in the oven, expecting on June 1. No Betas coming from this Tight family! Dave recently joined KPMG Consulting, selling eBusiness solutions to the industry he used to work in — oil. He is staying in touch with **Herman Mettens '79** and get a bizarre e-mail from **Buz Ecker '79** once in awhile. He would love to hear from some of the old gang!

**Jonathan "Tadley" Heyman '80** reports that he recently completed his 16th year as a business partner with **Mark Smith '80**. "I can only imagine how his wife of twenty years must feel." Mark and Tadley are in the environmental products business. Tadley's address is 659 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233.

**Brian A. O'Callaghan '90** reports that **David Smethurst '90** was involved in a most unfortunate accident on Saturday January 13, 2001, while visiting in San Francisco, Calif. "He sustained very serious head injuries and remains in critical condition in the San Francisco General Hospital. Dave is an Alpha Eta Beta in the class of 1990. He was in my pledge class

and is a dear friend." Brian's address is 1065 Ave. of the Americas, Suite 408, New York, NY 10018; phone 212.354.3933; brian@careerpartersinc.

**Jay G. Stephenson Jr. '92** reported in as an Executive Manager with IBM with a message: "I had dinner this summer with **Preston Travers '92**. He stills loves to dance."

## In Memoriam

**Thomas B. Maxwell Alpha Eta 530** died May 21, 2000, in Bakersfield, Calif., where he had lived for many years. Graduating from Denison in 1941 where he majored in biology, Tom earned his M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1944. He practiced dermatology for 50 years and was a member of the Pacific Dermatologic Association, the North American Clinical Dermatologic Society, the Masters Dermatologic Association and the American Academy of Dermatology. He was also active in community theater in Bakersfield, appearing in many plays and musicals.

Tom is survived by his wife, Kate, two sons, three daughters, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

**Gregory R. Baker AH 1043** died February 11, 2000, in Chicago, Ill. A 1969 Denison graduate, Greg majored in English and earned a master's degree from DePaul University. He was an all-American swimmer, but after his junior year, while traveling in Greece, he was severely injured in an accident and was a quadriplegic for the rest of his life. His will and determination prevailed and Greg returned to Denison to graduate with his class. With the help of his Beta brothers and many friends on the Denison staff, he completed his undergraduate work and graduated in 1969.

After graduate school, Greg became an English teacher at the Latin School of Chicago. In addition to a brilliant career as a teacher, he coached the varsity swimming team to 11 conference championships in 20 years. His life and attitude were an inspiration to his students, family and friends.

Greg is survived by his wife, Gail, his mother, sister and brother-in-law, **David Spruance AH 1042**.

We regret to inform you of the death of **Kenneth S. Borland '40** (9/27/00) and **Richard C. Scourfield '53** (6/25/00). Beta Theta Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## CONTRIBUTIONS , CONT.

increase the return on our assets. To those ever faithful contributing alumni members, we want to express the board of trustees' appreciation to you again and again and hope you will continue your generosity. To those alumni members who are not part of the 10% contributing members we would greatly appreciate your financial assistance. With your help and generosity we would like to see the contributors and the contributions in the second half of 2001 equal or exceed the numbers and the amount of the first half of 2001.

## MEET BILL ROGERS '58, SECRETARY OF THE LSCMA

*The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association elected Bill Rogers '58 to the Board of Trustees, and elected him as secretary at the January 2001 meeting. We are extremely pleased to have Bill on the board.*

My wife, Bobbi (formerly Roberta Stoddard, Denison '64), and I moved to New Market, Virginia, from the Washington, D.C., suburbs to enjoy semi-retirement. Over the past 15 years I have been writing and editing on a free-lance basis and have edited several newsletters and trade papers in Washington, D.C., including *Government Computer News* and *Advanced Military Computing*. I have been editor of a suburban Washington newspaper and editor of the *Daily Press* in Newport News, Va. I had been editor and vice president of *The Advocate* in Newark, Ohio, taught journalism at Ohio State, and worked for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. I am a retired infantry and intelligence officer in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and remain actively involved in military affairs.

I am vice president of a reform group called Soldiers for the Truth and write for several military newsletters. In the past few weeks I have taken part in a military symposium at the National Press Club, talked about readiness with the secretary of defense, participated in a conference at Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C., and met with a group of reformers at Ft. Myer, Va. For 14 years I have been active in search and rescue missions of the Civil Air Patrol, though I am no longer current as a pilot.

Sailing is a passion and I have a boat on the Chesapeake Bay, but don't get to use it as often as I would like. Bobbi and I are enjoying the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley and a quieter life-style than a daily commute into Washington permitted. Our four boys are scattered all over, but we stay in close touch. One son flies Apache gunships, one is a Pricewaterhouse consultant, one an airline manager and the fourth a golf pro.

I look forward to participating as a LSCMA Trustee and as its secretary.

## A NEW BEGINNING, CONT.

annually as individual scholarships to incoming first-year male students. By increasing both the number and the value of the LSCMA grants, considerable boost could be generated to assist the chapter's recruiting for quality members in the future. For those alumni members who are unable to make a generous contribution of time, a generous annual donation could be grown to become an attractive scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Dold, 71 Warwick Rd., Winnetka, IL 60092; (P) 847-441-8445 or Bill Edwards, P.O. Box 1272 Litchfield Park, 85340; bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu.

