

The Shrine



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FROM MY PERSPECTIVE ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Robert J. Dold '60, President LSCMA

The Alpha Eta alumni strength and loyalty were displayed at the Beta Convention in Oxford, Ohio, from July 26-29.

The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association Board of Trustees held their summer meeting prior to the opening of the convention. Thirty-five Betas, wives and guests attended various sessions and activities over the four days. It was a great reunion; a special thanks to Howard Shaw and a great group of his peers from Ohio, Florida and California.

The opening of the LSCMA meeting was focused on Misty Shoop '36. We had two surprises in store. The first was the passing of a resolution that established the Misty Shoop Leadership Recognition Fund. The award will be made annually to the outstanding Alpha Eta active or pledge who best meets the established criteria for the award. The second surprise came when Ralph Scarritt '41, who assisted in the preparation and presentation of the award,

presented Misty with the Beta Theta Pi Distinguished Service Award. This is a General Fraternity award that authorizes chapters and alumni associations to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding service to Beta Theta Pi. With a most surprised expression, Misty humbly accepted both awards. He then turned and gave his wife Sally a big hug, and thanked the entire association for its help and assistance through the years. Contributions have already been received from some true supporters, To make things easy and quick, make your checks payable to LSCMA, indicate the Fund, mail them to Beta Theta Pi, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 361303, Columbus, OH 43236.

A number of our LSCMA brothers took the opportunity to join the delegation of undergraduates to hear Brother Dick Lugar '54 express his impressions of the value of a Men of Principle Chapter. He cited recorded benefits these chapters have

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2001 ALUMNI CITATION RECIPIENT

The Denison Alumni Citation is awarded in reunion years to Denisonians who have achieved recognized leadership among their peers through outstanding contributions and services to the professional, civic, business, or religious life of the nation or to the advancement of the university.

William Edward Deeds
Class of 1941

Ed Deeds is retired from a distinguished 44-year career as a physics professor. Despite retirement from teaching, he continues his work as an active scientist and scholar.

A member of one of Denison's most prominent families, Ed grew up in Granville. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Denison in 1941 with majors in mathematics and physics. After his undergraduate years, Ed earned an M.S. in physics at the California Institute of Technology, where he also served as a

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L to R – Con Blackburn '32, Bob Dold '60, Dick Lugar '54, Bill Edwards '41, Don Blackburn '40, Chuck Hall '46, Jack Allan '42, Tim Roudebush '52.
Kneeling – George Brown '60

LSCMA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on October 21, 2001. It will be held on the lower level of the Beta house. The trustees will be receiving more detailed information. However, all Betas planning to attend may also receive additional meeting information by contacting president Bob Dold '60 or Bill Edwards '41 after October 1. As this weekend is Denison's homecoming, all Betas are welcome to participate. We look forward to having you join us. The alumni office will be mailing brochures with more weekend information.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Chapters and alumni associations may recognize with a newly created Distinguished Service Award those individuals who have provided outstanding service to Beta Theta Pi.

Col. Richard R. Shoop, USAF (Ret.)
Denison 1940
Alpha Eta #517

The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association, an organization of Alpha Eta alumni, acting through its board of trustees, does hereby confer with its grateful appreciation and admiration the Distinguished Service Award on Col. Richard R. Shoop, USAF (retired), Denison '40, Alpha Eta #517, for his many years of unstinting support to and leadership of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Though his participation in the active chapter was cut short by his volunteering for military service, "Misty" Shoop learned thoroughly and, in his personal life, has thereafter practiced the highest virtues and principles upon which the foundations of Beta Theta Pi are laid.

Since his career in the U.S. Air Force, Col. Shoop has given generously of his time and talents in the service of the general fraternity. From 1969 to 1971 he served as a district chief. From 1971 to 1974 he was general secretary. A member of the board of trustees, he served from 1974 to 1977 as vice president of the fraternity. In 1980 he joined the prestigious Beta Advisory Council, on which he still serves.

Over the years since he became an alumnus of Alpha Eta, Misty has been a recognized leader among the Alpha Eta alumni and a vital, contributing member of the LSCMA Board of Trustees. A "Shepardson Beta, through and through," Misty has knowledge of and reverence for the history and lore of Beta Theta Pi, which has equipped him to be an alumni examiner par excellence of those seeking admission to the ranks of Alpha Eta. He has attended 38 consecutive Beta conventions and has been a contributing member to the Beta Leadership Fund since its inception.

In summary, Col. Richard R. "Misty" Shoop personifies Alpha Eta's historical support of our fraternity. Hail to thee, Misty Shoop, distinguished leader in Beta Theta Pi!

THE 163RD GENERAL CONVENTION

The Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City is the destination for the 2002 Beta General Convention. The dates for this great event are August 8-11, 2002.

The Crown Center complex includes shops, restaurants, theaters and a 10,000-square-foot outdoor pavilion, all connected by elevated walkways. The 42-story, 731-room convention hotel is only 20 miles from the Kansas City International Airport. The hotel features an all-weather swimming pool, tennis courts and a fully equipped health club offering a whirlpool and sauna. It also offers easy access to the Royals and Chiefs sports complex.

Now is the time to note this date and destination, and plan who will attend with you. If you have not yet attended a Beta convention, make Kansas City and the Hyatt Regency Crown Center the place to start. The Beta magazine is where you can get all the additional information you may need.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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made in almost every area of chapter activity over the even better than average chapters. He encouraged all chapters that are not yet Men of Principle Chapters to work toward becoming one as soon as possible. In closing, he made the prediction that the leaders of today's Men of Principle Chapters will be the leaders of our country in the near future.

Eight or ten Alpha Eta alumni were privileged to visit with Brother Lugar in a question-and-answer session on Saturday afternoon. The majority of the questions centered on the recolonization of the Alpha Eta Chapter. It was very easy to conclude that with a great deal of hard work, lots of support from all the alumni — particularly from those living in Ohio and nearby — we can be successful in returning Alpha Eta to its rightful position at Denison.

During the closing session Saturday evening, another great Alpha Eta Beta was recognized. The retiring General Secretary Jerry Blesch announced that the board of trustees of Beta Theta Pi had established an award honoring Dr. Francis W. "Shep" Shepardson. The inaugural award was presented to three dedicated Betas. The three members honored were Meid Compton, Indiana '49, Colonel Misty Shoop, Denison '40 and H.H. Stephenson Jr., Miami '39. Jerry mentioned as he made the presentations that Mead Compton had attended 46 conventions and Misty had 39 conventions to his credit. He was quick to note that Sally was not far behind Misty. This award was especially meaningful to Misty as "Shep" was present and helped initiate him in 1937.

The spirit of Alpha Eta is alive and well. We all should be looking forward to the fall of 2004 to recolonize the chapter at Denison under the Men of Principle initiative. In working toward this end, we are seeking seven alumni advisors who would be willing to work with the chapter in different areas. To be successful, a great deal of help and assistance in a number of different areas will be required. This is a great opportunity to offer your assistance. Your help will make the difference. There is a great opportunity to volunteer to be a working member of the LSCMA Board of trustees, please contact Secretary Bill Rogers at billrogers@acnine.net



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GATHERING OF PLEDGE CLASS OF '42

Eight members of the Alpha Eta pledge class of September 1942 gathered for a reunion in the San Francisco area in mid-May. Ten brothers from other classes joined them. Events included two dinners in San Francisco, a luncheon in Belvedere, and a barbecue at Ted and Betty Tight's home in Woodside.

L to R (seated) – Ed Rupp '46, Ted Tight '48, L to R (standing) – Dave Eckert, Bill Johnson '48, Dick Gravett '46, Howard Shaw '48, Pete Weidemaier '49, Ross Morgan '49, Si Hunt '46, Sam Robinson '50, Dave Richards '45, Joe Craig '43.

2001 ALUMNI CITATION

RECIPIENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

graduate assistant and teaching fellow. During WWII, he served as a junior physicist with the National Defense Research Council.

Following the war, Ed served as assistant professor of physics for two years at Denison and earned his Ph.D in physics from The Ohio State University. In 1952 he accepted a position at the University of Tennessee, where he became a full professor of physics by 1959. During his career at the University of Tennessee, he directed 24 Ph.D dissertations and 36 M.S. theses in fields as diverse as cosmic rays, rocket ballistics, molecular spectroscopy, general relativity, electromagnetism, optics and quantum mechanics.

For 27 years, Ed served as a consultant at Oak Ridge National Laboratory; he also consulted with other governmental agencies and corporations. He has to his credit seven patents and two IR100 awards, given annually by *Industrial Research* magazine for the 100 best research developments of the year. Perhaps he is best known for his work on eddy current theory, on which he has taught and published extensively. During the 1970s and 1980s, both the German and Japanese governments sent scientists to study with him in the areas of eddy currents and nondestructive testing. He is now doing research for a project funded by NASA to measure Newton's gravitational constant 100 times more accurately than it is now known.

Ed and his late wife, Alice, had four children, two of whom have become physicists, one an archaeologist and one a journalist. In June 2000, he was inducted into the Granville High School Ace Hall of Achievement. Ed lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he makes time to work on building a 39-foot sloop for long-distance cruising.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES NEW FUND

A resolution was presented at the LSCMA board of trustees meeting held in the Samuel Taylor Marshall conference room in the Beta Theta Pi Administration and Foundation Building, in Oxford, Ohio, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

The resolution: In recognition and respect for the contributions of his time, talents and treasure for over 64 years to Beta Theta Pi fraternity by Colonel Richard R. "Misty" Shoop, USAF (retired), the board of trustees of the Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association, chartered in the state of Ohio and comprised of the alumni of the Alpha Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi on the campus of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, does hereby declare its intention and resolve to establish a living recognition in the form of a fund to promote scholarship, good citizenship and student leadership among the pledges and members of the Alpha Eta chapter, to be known as **The "Misty" Shoop Leadership Recognition Fund**.

It is the intention of the trustees that the fund will support a stipend or a scholarship annually or at such other intervals as may be determined by the trustees, to be awarded to a pledge or member of the active chapter whose conduct, scholarship and leadership in the Denison student body best reflects the goals and objectives of Beta's Men of Principles Program for the applicable academic year.

This resolution was duly adopted by the Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association at its regular meeting held in Oxford, Ohio, on July 26, 2001, and a copy thereof was incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.



Misty Shoop '40 and Bob Dold '60, President of LSCMA

MISTY SHOOP '40 HONORED WITH FRANCIS WEYLAND SHEPARDSON AWARD

Three outstanding members of Beta Theta Pi International Fraternity were presented with the first annual Francis W. Shepardson Award at the 162nd Beta General Convention in Oxford, Ohio. Honored members were Meid Compton, Indiana '49; Colonel Richard R. "Misty" Shoop, Denison '40; and H. Hiram Stephenson, Jr., Miami '39.

The award, created to recognize exemplary devotion and dedication to the fraternity, its objects and obligations, is named in memory of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison 1882 and Brown 1883, distinguished president and general secretary of the fraternity.

More than a century ago, in the first edition of *The Beta Theta Pi*, Charles D. Walker, VMI 1869, remarked on the developing role of Beta alumni. He wrote: "We take pride in their success in life, and look to them as our examples. They are bound to us and have the noble responsibility of setting such examples as may be worthy of our imitation."

Francis Wayland Shepardson exemplified the principles and obligations of the fraternity. Brother Shepardson's commitment to service, fidelity and friendship, coupled with a devotion to the cultivation of the intellect, earned him a special place in the hearts and minds of Betas all across the continent and the enduring title "Mr. Beta Theta Pi."

He served as general secretary 1907-17, editor of *The Beta Theta Pi* 1917-31, and president from 1918 until his death in 1937.

In his 1929 book, *Beta Life*, Shepardson added to brother Walker's sentiments when he



Misty Shoop '40

wrote: "This Fraternity has come down to us as a precious legacy. We have a distinct and definite obligation to cherish it, to add to it, and to transmit it to those who are to follow after us in Beta Theta Pi. It is an inspiring thought that idealism persists through the ages. An even finer conception is that of adding to such a treasure to make it more valuable, more potent, to another generation."

The board of trustees developed the Francis W. Shepardson Award in May 2001 to recognize brothers who embody the spirit and dedication of brother Shepardson, and who epitomize the concept of lifelong service to the fraternity. Each honoree will be presented with a handsome full-lead crystal cup, featuring the coat of arms and the recipient's name, chapter and class year.

Among the recipients this year, Col. Richard R. "Misty" Shoop, Denison '40, is a shining example to the fraternity. Although volunteering for military service cut short his undergraduate days, it was at Alpha Eta that Misty acquired his love for Beta Theta Pi. That love inspired him to continue to serve the fraternity as alumni association president. In 1969, general secretary Burt Folsom, Nebraska '49, appointed Misty as a district chief. Brother Shoop then served as general secretary (1971-74) and as vice president (1974-77).

Col. Shoop's career was spent with the U.S. Air Force. He became a group commander and director of flying in Texas; development test pilot, director of operations in Alaska; intelligence officer at the Pentagon; fighter pilot with the 146th Fighter Group; assistant director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.; and chief of staff of the Air Force Foreign Technology Center.

During his term as general secretary, Misty was known to fly his plane to visit Beta chapters throughout the East and Midwest. Colonel Shoop, who has attended 38 Beta conventions, composed several songs, including "Beta Day."

Misty Shoop was honored with the Francis W. Shepardson Award on behalf of all Betas.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THOSE SUFFERING



During this time of unfathomable loss and uncertainty, we are reminded once again of the brevity of life and the importance of fostering the relationships with the friends and family we hold most dear.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost friends or family as a result of the September 11 tragic terrorist attacks. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and with our beloved country.

Homecoming Football

*Saturday
October 20*

*Denison vs.
Earlham College*

1:00 p.m.

HANDY BITS OF INFO

If you do not have a copy of *The History of Alpha Eta at Denison* by F.W. Shepardson, one is available to you by making a contribution of \$100 or more. Make checks payable to LSCMA and a book will be mailed to you.



L to R –
Bill Edwards '41, Rick
Brown (Ohio University),
Bob Dold '60,
and Jack Johnson '50 at
Beta Convention

L to R – Norm Hall '36
and Bill Edwards '41
at Beta Convention



Alumni News

William E. Deeds '41 (3601 Montlake Dr., Knoxville, TN 37920) I'm looking forward to seeing as many classmates as possible at the Denison reunion in June. I'm scheduled to receive an alumni citation then (June 1) and plan to visit the chapter house on Saturday afternoon (June 2).

Bill Edwards '41 (P. O. Box 1272, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340; bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu) It was great to get acquainted with **Norm Hall '32**. Norm was on campus in June for Reunion Weekend. Norm had been close to "Shep" during his undergraduate years. Norm, will you plan to be at the Beta convention in 2002 at Kansas City?

John T. Allan '42 (940 Weyman Ct. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30327) See you all in Kansas City, MO 8/8/02!

Howard G. Shaw '48 (90 Montecito Rd., San Rafael, CA 94901) Am still active at Shaw-Clayton Corp. Have almost completed development of two golf products, the ClearTrack Putting Stroke Trainer and the Perfect Putting Practice Platform. I enjoy boating on San Francisco Bay and flying out of Gness Field. I also have the pleasure of staying in touch with quite a few of the brothers and am looking forward to seeing many of them this summer at the convention in Oxford.

H. Richard Wood '56 (348 Carlton Pl., Naples, FL 34108) Recently had the

delightful pleasure of lunching with Brother **Rhodes Hundley '55** and his wife at the beach in Pelican Bay and attending the Naples Beta Alumni lunch with Brothers **Bill Wagner '57** and **Pete Halliday '59**. Last year, Brothers **Dick Lugar '54** and **Dick Briggs '55** and their wives stopped by to see us in Naples for memorable visits. Adventure loving brothers may be interested in my daughter and son-in-law's website: shieldsaroundtheworld.com. It describes their year-long, round-the-world (seven continents) honeymoon.

Peter H. Armacost '57 (6320 Bahama Shores Dr. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705; hayden@tampabay.rr.com) In 2000, I retired after 23 years as president of Eckerd College and a total of 33 years as a college and university president.

David B. Jones '57 (7789 Calle Facil, Sarasota, FL 34238; djwesota@aol.com) Looking forward to meeting with '57 brothers in Charleston, S.C., in October for our reunion. More than 20 Alpha Eta brothers are coming.

Peter B. Halliday '59 (331 S. Parkview Ave., Columbus, OH 43209) Became a Florida resident this year. Living on Sanibel Island, Fla. Janet and I started Bexley Heritage Foundation to help support our local community. I have been involved in venture capital consulting since retiring in 1997 from the investment business. We have a farm in Pataska, OH, where we

spend weekends. Son Scott is being married at the farm in July. Daughter Heidi Ackley has two children — twins Peter and Halliday. Loving life. Glad I am a Beta.

George M. Brown Jr. '60 (6383 Brynwood Dr., Medina, OH 44256; geombrown@aol.com) President of Geo. M. Brown & Associates Inc. **Don Brown '58** and Richard Brown (Ohio '65) are practicing law in Chagrin Falls, Ohio (440-247-9100). Blood and Beta brothers. A great fraternity.

Robert R. Wiley '60 (10540 Crescendo Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45242; rwiley7631@aol.com) I retired early from teaching and coaching at Cincinnati Princeton Public School in 1986 to start a business with my brother. We represent familyowned manufacturers of motor homes. Our travel has allowed us to visit with many Beta classmates over the years.

Stephen W. Mehalic '63 (8 Harding Ln., West Yarmouth, MA 02673; skmehalic@aol.com) Retired from General Motors. Living the "good life" on Cape Cod!

John J. McConnell '68 (725 Northridge Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906; mcconnell@mgmt.purdue.edu) Karen and I spent the spring of 1999 in London where I was on sabbatical leave from my position as distinguished university professor of finance at Purdue University. We are avid fans of the

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More Alumni News

Purdue Boilermakers and followed their team to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Thomas M. Peterson '68 (654 Shard Cir., Prescott, AZ 86303; thomas.m.peterson@worldnet.att.net) Ayurvedic practitioner with Ayurveda Diet Herbs. Finished new 500-square-foot office for my practice.

Jeffrey A. Kane '77 (4524 S. 162nd Ave., Omaha, NE 68135; jkane@msiinet.com) I have recently retired from IBM and started working with an IBM business partner, MSI Inc.

Bruce L. Smith '81 (9646 S. Hamlin Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805; bsmith@lf.com) National sales manager at Lebhar-Friedman Inc. The Class of 1981 will gather for a reunion the weekend of May 31-June 3 at my cabin in Michigan. Many brothers are expected.

Ernest L. Sims '85 (324 Orchard Way, Wayne, PA 19087; fnpl01@msn.com) The Class of 1985 Beta reunion is being held at Sky Top, Pa., April 27-29. Eleven brothers with spouses are attending.

In Memoriam

We regret to inform you of the death of **Francis E. McKenzie '51** (4/2/01).

Kenneth S. Borland AH 527 died September 27, 2000, in Hemet, Calif. A native of New York, Kenneth was a member of the Class of 1940 at Denison. He also attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He was a credit and finance manager at Abbey Medical in Los Angeles for 20 years and lived in Hemet for 14 years after his retirement.

Kenneth was a radioman in the submarine service of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge Scottish Rite and served as vice president of the California Shuffleboard Association. He also enjoyed stamp collecting and building model ships.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Phyllis, two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.

Cyrus D. Roberts AH 544 died February 6, 2001, at his home on Bainbridge Island, Wash. A 1942 graduate of Denison, Jeff served as a U.S. Army counter-intelligence agent in the Philippines during World War II. He earned a master's degree in education from Syracuse University and taught high school. He was especially interested in working with special education students. He operated several small businesses in the Cape Cod area and then moved to Wenatchee, Wash., until 2000.

Jeff is best remembered by his Beta brothers for his association with the Roberts family's Spring Valley Pool outside of Granville which was started by his father in the 1930s. He spent many hours there in work and play and hosting many Beta gatherings.

Jeff is survived by his former wife, Martha, two daughters, one son and four grandchildren and his sister, **Edwin C. Roberts AH 134**, and brothers **Edwin R. Roberts AH 424** and **Richard M. Roberts AH 404** are also deceased.

James B. Holmans AH 623 died March 29, 1996, in Austin, Texas. Jim was a member of the U.S. Navy V-12 program at Denison for one year before he graduated in 1944.

George H. Strickland Jr. AH 654 died February 26, 2001, at his home in Hilton Head Island, S.C. George was a member of the Class of 1949 at Denison following service in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. At Denison, he served as freshman football coach under Woody Hayes and starred on the golf team. He earned a doctorate of law from The Ohio State University in 1951 and practiced in Dayton, Ohio, with the law firm of Young, Pryor, Lynn, Strickland and Falke until his retirement in 1970. Moving to Hilton Head, George created the trust department at the Bank of

Beaufort. He was chairman of the South Island Public Service District at the time of his death and had served as a commissioner for 11 years. He served on the boards of the Hilton Head Rotary Club, Hilton Head Rescue Squad, Coastal Museum of Hilton Head, Chamber of Commerce, Hilton Head Hospital Advisory Board, Sea Pines Academy and Islands Youth Center. He was a member of the Sea Pines Country Club and Dayton Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Margery, a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.

James D. Nice AH 700 died January 20, 2001, in Toledo, Ohio. Jim was a member of the Class of 1951 at Denison where he played football under Woody Hayes. After service in the U.S. Army in the Korean War, he earned a degree in sports medicine from Bowling Green State University. He also trained as a physical therapist at Brooks Army Medical Center in Texas. After serving as assistant sports trainer at Northwestern University and head trainer at the University of Maine, he became head trainer at Toledo University in Ohio. During his 23-year career there, he developed a national reputation for his professionalism and dedication to the care and physical training of athletes.

Jim is survived by his wife, Patricia, a sister, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Richard C. Scourfield AH 738 died June 25, 2000, in Portland, Ore. A member of the Class of 1953 at Denison, Dick served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Korean War. After leaving Denison, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton and his medical degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dick retired in 1994 after 33 years in private practice as an osteopathic physician.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, a son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, David, who was a Kenyon Beta.