

The Shrine



The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Denison University • Granville, Ohio • May 2002

- **LSCMA Mourns Brother Richard “Misty” Shoop ’40**
- **Looking Forward to Recolonization**

I want to share some sad news and some terrifically good news with all Alpha Eta Beta alumni. First is the very sad news that our beloved and highly respected brother, Richard R. “Misty” Shoop ’40, Colonel USAF (ret.), passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2002. On April 13, many friends, family members and Betas joined together at Yellow Springs, Ohio, for “A Celebration of Misty’s Life.”



Misty was a recognized leader of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Denison and the general fraternity. Although his undergraduate participation in the chapter was cut short by his volunteering for military service in 1939, Misty generously gave of his time as district chief (1969-71), general secretary (1971-74) and vice president (1974-77). He was known to have flown private airplanes to various Beta chapters throughout the East and Midwest. He attended 38 general conventions of Beta Theta Pi.

At the 162nd General Convention last summer, on July 26-29, 2001, Misty received the inaugural Francis Wayland Shepardson Award, for exemplary devotion and dedication to the fraternity. Misty was also presented with the Distinguished Service Award in Oxford by the LSCMA the morning of the opening of the 162nd General Convention.

The morning event culminated with the additional surprise to Misty by the announcement of the creation of the Misty Shoop Fund by his Alpha Eta alumni brothers. Contributions to this fund may be mailed directly to the Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, P.O. Box 361303, Columbus, OH 43236-1303. Contributions to the Misty and Sally Scholarship Fund, which had already been established, should be mailed to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation.

Now for the good news. A letter has been received from Denison University authorizing the general fraternity to initiate the recolonization of the Alpha Eta Chapter on the Denison campus in fall 2004. The general fraternity has agreed to the commitment. The new chapter will be a Men of Principle Chapter. This commitment is a serious one and it involves Denison, the general fraternity and the Alpha Eta alumni.

We are well aware of the stringent requirements that must be met. A number of these requirements must be accomplished well before fall 2004. The financial base must be greatly expanded in order to meet the scholarship requirement to attract the quality young men that we desire. There must be at least five well-qualified, dedicated and trained chapter advisers for designated areas by fall 2004. The general fraternity will provide the necessary training and recruiting personnel, with

their logistical expense while on campus being our responsibility. As the recolonization plans become more definitive and the requirements become clearer, the information will be disseminated to all alumni. Be generous, be prompt, be faithful in your support.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all who have been so supportive with your contributions to the Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association. Thank you.

Remember, “You make a living by what you do; you make a life by what you give.”

Yours in —Kai—
Bob Dold ’60, President, LSCMA

Board Meeting Notice

The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association Board of Directors will meet during Reunion Weekend, **May 31 - June 2, 2002**. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Beta house and will continue until 11:15 a.m. Then it will reconvene at 2:00 p.m. and recess at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday morning, it will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn by noon. All directors are requested to be present for the entire meeting, as the chapter recolonization will be discussed at length.

All Betas on campus are cordially invited and encouraged to visit the Beta house and sit in on the Saturday afternoon session of the meeting.

Yours in —Kai—
Bill Edwards ’41

Colonel Richard 'Misty' Shoop: May 27, 1919 – April 6, 2002

Lifelong Leader Passes Away ~ Fellow Betas Remember:

Misty Shoop's middle name should have been 'Loyal.' He was loyal to his country. He was loyal to his family. He was loyal to his college. He was loyal to Beta Theta Pi.

Our fraternity would not have been the same without Misty. We will miss him. I will miss him.

*John J. Rhodes, Kansas '38,
Past President, Beta Theta Pi*

We have lost a great Beta. Misty was everything that Beta Theta Pi stands for. I am so proud to have been a pledge brother with Misty. We pledged in 1936, and I was a real friend of his these past many years.

Bob Blackburn '40

Our "Mr. Beta" has left our circle but not our hearts. Ever since I heard the sad news, the Beta song, "They Are Passing Away," won't completely leave my mind. Misty was a cherished sire who lit the first fraternal fire in the hearts of more than a few young men and stoked the fire in some of us older Betas. I will miss him greatly. God bless you, Misty!

Ralph Scarritt '41

Misty Shoop will be long remembered for his dedication and devotion to the Alpha Eta Chapter, to Beta Theta Pi, to Denison and to his family.

Bill Edwards '41

Misty was a man who truly lived up to the principles of Beta Theta Pi and was a pillar among alumni. He breathed new hope and new ideas into the minds and hearts of others, the significance of which will not be fully judged for many lives to come. He often spoke to us of leadership, but what was more important was the enthusiastic manner in which he extended it.

Chuck Hall '46

I'm really saddened to learn of Misty leaving us. I was very concerned about his health when we were in Oxford last summer. Misty was a very special man, as kind and caring as anyone could expect to find. I felt a real connection with him.

Bill Rogers '58

Sad news. Misty was a legend and a wonderful Beta.

Barry Porter '59

Misty Shoop was one of the most dedicated Betas whom I have ever known. He always represented Beta in a magnificent, albeit humble, way. The young members of Beta embraced Misty with love and affection. They knew that Misty's heart and soul were in Beta. Having met so many members of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Denison, I knew where that Beta spirit which Misty always displayed had started: in Granville. We all will miss Misty.

Pete Barnhart, Miami '66

My first recollection of Col. Richard R. "Misty" Shoop was as an undergraduate at the Ohio State University. Misty was our district chief, and we always looked forward to spending time with him. He was a very loving and gentle Beta, but not averse to speaking his mind when he thought that our chapter could improve in certain areas.

I lost touch with Misty until I was appointed district chief for the same district. I will never forget how good it was to renew our friendship at the first convention I attended as a district chief in Washington, D.C.

Misty was a Beta through and through, a member of an organization he so dearly loved. I will miss Misty, his warm handshake, and his caring and loving look right into your eyes.

*David W. Wright, Ohio State '67,
General Secretary*

Misty was a devoted volunteer and supporter of Beta Theta Pi throughout his life. Above all, he will be long remembered for his great love and devotion to the fraternity of which he was so proud.

The retired U.S. Air Force/Army Air Corps pilot was known to have flown a private plane to visit Beta chapters throughout the East and Midwest. Misty attended some 38 conventions. He was also the composer of several Beta songs.

Misty Shoop will be missed by all Betas.

*Steve Becker, Florida '69,
Administrative Secretary*

Misty's passing leaves me with an extremely heavy heart today. We have lost not just one of the all-time Alpha Eta Betas, but one of the most extraordinary members of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Rex Elliott '84

Alumni Profile: William Esrey '61

Sprint CEO Remembers Escapade, Treasures Lifelong Friendships

Under cover of darkness, Bill "EZ-ie" Esrey '61 and several unnamed associates once climbed up into the campus bell tower and disabled the chimes. It was widely rumored that "D-Day"—a semiannual celebration that cancelled classes—would be the following day. Traditionally, the event would be announced by the chiming of "Hold that Tiger." After disarming the bells, Bill and friends took the sheet music for the song and hid it under the rug in the chaplain's office.

They returned to the Beta house and carefully bet with several brothers that "Hold that Tiger" would not sound from the bell tower on the following morning. Of course, the brothers thought they were betting that the next day would not be D-Day, and several took the bet. Brother Esrey and his associates won, but the day after D-Day "people's memories were not good, and it was hard to collect on those bets," he said.

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Jack S. Jones '42 (253 Lake Pointe Dr., Akron, OH 44333; PapaGville@aol.com) I had a nice phone conversation with "**Moose**" **Snider '40** and Betty last fall. Moose has a bad back problem, and I know he would be glad to hear from some of his old buddies. Moose and Betty enjoy their 12 grandchildren and still live in Bay Village at 30816 Lake Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140; 216-871-1096.

Hugh E. Irwin '44 (3 High Oaks Dr., Pittsford, NY 14534) In 2002, I look forward to a 50th wedding anniversary with my beloved wife, Margo, an 80th birthday, and another year of what I call our four "Gs": Golf, Gardening, trying to keep up with the activities of 21 Grandchildren, and devotion to God Almighty.



Margo and Hugh Irwin

C. Dean Browne '47 (5274 Coppertree Ln., Columbus, OH 43232; woodchipcharlie@webtv.net) I've been a full-time carver for the last 20 years. The subjects of my carvings (ranging from all types of wading birds to giant whales to small brook trout) are drawn from my many years as a yachtsman and a lifetime of hunting and fishing. I offer a unique kind of trophy for the "catch and release" fishermen. Using measurements, descriptions and photos (if possible), I custom carve and paint a life-size replica of each catch.

John R. Bovington '52 (3720 Greenwood Dr., Pepper Pike, OH 44124; jeanjock@aol.com) I retired from the practice of pathology last year. I had a wonderful career. My earliest friend is now my wife. We began in kindergarten together and continued on through high school. I'm in close contact with pledge brothers **Charles Dold '52**, **Thomas Greene '52** and **Tim Roudebush '52**.



The Bovingtons

George M. Dallas Jr. '53 (29918 Rolling Ridge Dr., Agoura Hills, CA 91301; gmdallas@worldnet.att.net) In October 2001, my wife and I enjoyed an Ohio River cruise on the Mississippi Queen. We passed our home town in Pomeroy, Ohio, and were greeted with shouts from local friends.

H. Richard Wood '56 (348 Carlton Pl., Naples, FL 34108; jgwhrw@aol.com) Semi-retired from National Church Residences. I had a fabulous and very meaningful reunion with Alpha Eta brothers from 1956-57 in Charleston, S.C., in October. Twenty-one out of 31 living brothers attended.

Kenneth S. Rohl '57 (3906 Inlet Isle, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625; kenr@rohlhome.com) CEO of Rohl LLC in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Robert R. Wiley '60 (10540 Crescendo Ct., Cincinnati, OH

45242; rwiley7631@aol.com) President of Robert R. Wiley Co. I would enjoy seeing **Chuck Glasser '61**.

Robert L. Brandenburger '61 (3514 E. Lydia Ct., Spokane, WA 99223; bobandbetty@qwest.net) I retired in July 2001. I married Betty Ann Passons Brandenburger on March 31, 2001.

Thomas A. Lochner '62 (6241 Riverside Dr., Dublin, OH 43017; tomloc@aol.com) Associated with Dublin Capital in Columbus, Ohio.

David E. Reese '62 (7348 Red Ledge Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253; dreese2390@aol.com) General partner in Rhys Limited Partnership in Scottsdale, Ariz.

William C. Dennis '63 (we need a current address; denniswilliamc@aol.com) Self-employed consultant in philanthropy. Was planning to move to the D.C. area in January 2002.

Robert E. Anthony '71 (4808 Pin Oak Rd., Akron, OH 44333) President of REA Inc.

Robert W. Hellyer '81 (490 Thornwyck Trl., Roswell, GA 30076; bhellyer@simmons.com) President of Simmons Co. in Atlanta, Ga.

David K. Renner '82 (8040 Cadiz Ct., Naples, FL 34109; renners2@earthlink.net) Realtor with Arvida Realty Services.

Ridgway H. Powell '86 (537 Barretts Mill Rd., Concord, MA 01742; powell.rp@mellon.com) Portfolio manager and vice president at Mellon Private Asset Management in Boston, Mass.

Paul J. Walsh III '86 (109 Shannon Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238) Senior partner in Summers McDonnell Walsh and Skee. **Dan Greenleaf '87**, "**Wendell**" **Tyler '86**, "**Cannon**" **Kaye '86** and I went to Penn State for its game against Miami. Only Greenleaf was happy with the Miami win. We get together for different college games to stay in touch. Previously, we've met at West Point and numerous times in Pittsburgh and at Notre Dame. All the brothers are doing well.

Douglas M. Newman '87 (15 E. Concord, Kansas City, MO 64112; dneuman@vml.com) Account supervisor at VML.

Andrew H. Sullivan '98 (2517 N.W. 60th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73112; asullivan@bentleyflooring.com) Working in sales and as a partner in Bentley Flooring.

In Memorium

Robert H. Mackeever Jr. AH 595 died January 9, 2002, in Punta Gorda, Fla. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bob was a 1948 graduate of Denison. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He owned and operated swimming pool construction businesses in the Cincinnati and Washington, D.C., areas for many years before retiring in Florida. Bob is survived by his wife, June, and his daughter, son, two stepsons, sister and five grandchildren.

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Francis E. McKenzie AH 701 died April 4, 2001, in Des Moines, Iowa. A member of the class of 1951, Frank served as social chairman of the Denison Campus Government Association and as chapter representative at the 110th General Convention Beta Theta Pi as an undergraduate. He was a retired sales representative with Halm Building Specialties in Des Moines. Frank is survived by his wife, Lucy, five sons and nine grandchildren, as well as **H. William Isaly AH 727**, a cousin.

David G. Branand AH 859 died October 29, 2001, in Annapolis, Md. A member of the class of 1960, Dave majored in geology at Denison. In 1967 he earned a law degree from Case Western Reserve University. He was a coal industry lobbyist and counsel for 20 years, beginning with the American Mining Congress in 1975, and was an industry spokesman during legislative debates over efforts to control acid rain by reducing coal-fired generating-plant emissions. During the Vietnam War, he was an analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency and later worked at the Interior Department. He retired in 1995 as environmental affairs director of the National Coal Association and as a consultant to the National Mining Association. He helped found and served as vice president and director of legal affairs of the National Association for Post-Polio Syndrome and studied to be a drug abuse counselor. Dave is survived by his wife, Claire, and two sons, a step-daughter, grandson and his brother, **Robert Branand AH 832**.

Daniel M. Heekin AH 991 died November 8, 2001, in Evanston, Ill. Dan was a 1967 Denison graduate and majored in English. He earned a master's degree in American literature from Case Western Reserve University in 1970, an MFA in ceramics from the University of Illinois in 1980 and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Chicago in 1997. He worked for 15 years as a studio potter and taught ceramics at Kalamazoo College and Hope College. He was also resident potter at the

Archie Bay Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, in Helena, Mont., in 1981. At the time of his death, he was a licensed clinical psychologist with Heekin and Heekin in Evanston. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn, a son, two daughters, his mother and a sister.

Richard R. Sherman AH 1205 died November 14, 2001, in Columbus, Ohio. Rick was president and chief executive officer of Richard R. Sherman Interior Design. He served as president of the American Society of Interior Designers - Ohio/South Kentucky Chapter in 1991-92. Rick graduated from Denison in 1977, where he majored in art history. During the Beta house renovation in the 1980s, Rick provided design services and helped with furniture selection. He is survived by a number of family members and close friends.

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"How we didn't fall off the tower and kill ourselves, I'll never know," Esrey added. "We didn't have a flashlight because we didn't want to be seen."

Forty years have not diminished the glee in brother Esrey's voice as he describes the caper. Nor has the passage of four decades reduced the strength of the bond he shares with close friends, established as a Beta at Denison.

"It's an experience that I value a lot," Esrey said. "It was part of developing my values about what I wanted to do and who I wanted to be. I was certainly influenced by a lot of the fraternity brothers."

Today, William Esrey serves Sprint Corporation as chairman and CEO. He's also on the board of the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Team and on the policy board of the Senior PGA Tour. He enjoys skiing and golfing and sees membership on those boards as a way to "give back to the sports that have meant so much to me over the years."

As an undergraduate, he was chapter president. He joined Beta at Denison as a transfer student due to the influence of his older brother, Bob '60.

"He and I, growing up, fought like hell constantly. We didn't just fight over opinions. We would come home from a basketball game and fight over what the score was," he said. "It was really funny that after I transferred to Denison, our relationship totally changed. He helped get me in to Beta and he is probably one of my closest friends, if not my closest friend today."

Esrey still stays in touch with Rich Mathias '62 and Sam Armacost '61. "We've gone on vacation with the Armacosts, and our wives have become close. I talked to him last week."

"A lot of the friends from Beta have remained very special and very close," he added. "I think that the fraternity system, at the period I was there, was a very powerful positive influence in a young person's life. If you look at the AH Beta Chapter, it was a very strong chapter. A lot of people feel close to the university because of the fraternity experience."