

IN YOUR WORDS

"The Beta house at Denison opened a world to me that I would never have found otherwise. There were many good guys in the classes just ahead of me and just behind me. I'm still reminded of the good times, the songs, the chapter meetings, and the fellowship. Sixty-one years after initiation, there are lots of us still around. Glad I'm a Beta!"

- Ed Weber '53

What does Beta mean to you? Share your story on the message board at www.betadenison.com.

IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the passing of the following Alpha Eta Betas...

John W. Mac III '35
Ralph Scarritt Jr. '41
Harris D. Willis '44
Robert Pumphrey Jr. '55
James F. Hubbard '56
William Prosser Jr. '56

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The Shrine

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

ALUMNI REPORT

Every Year ... We Need You!

By Bob Dold '60, President, The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association

Spring is almost here, meaning it's time it's time once again for *The Shrine* to hit mailboxes. With the first few months of 2012 behind us, I am reminded of the continued legacy that Alpha Eta carries forth each and every year. In order to ensure our continued success for generations to come, we need your participation every year too.

Our Beta experience wasn't just for the four years we spent at Denison. Rather, it is a lifelong experience that continues to grow in our alumni years. Every year, we fulfill our mission to keep you connected with Alpha Eta through *The Shrine*, our web site and our monthly eLetters. And every year, we are counting on you to remain an active participant in our alumni relations program.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Become a registered, active user at www.betadenison.com (see the blurb to the left for details).
- Submit a story, memory, update or photo to share in an upcoming publication.
- Ensure we have your email address on file to communicate more frequently and cost-effectively (send your email address to feedback@affinityconnection.com).
- Call an old Beta friend to reminisce and share old stories.

I look forward to reconnecting with you this year ... and every year.

OLD PHOTO ALBUM

We love coming across great old photos from our chapter's history, including this one. The caption reads "Three of the four Alpha Eta Marquardt brothers pictured as Bill and Dave welcome newly initiated brother, Dick, into the brotherhood of Beta Theta Pi."

Share the best photos from YOUR era in our online archives at www.betadenison.com, or mail them to the return address on this newsletter.



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There are three ways to contribute to the annual fund:

- Log on to www.betadenison.com.
- Call 800-598-4050.
- Return the form from your recent appeal mailing, or mail your check to the return address on this newsletter with #320 in the memo line.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thank you to **J. Richard "Dick" Briggs '55**, MD for sharing a scrapbook he found that highlights the gentlemen of Beta, dating back to the early '50s. He has submitted photos from the scrapbook for www.betadenison.com and then will donate it back to the house corp. Here is a sneak peek of some of the photos and other materials.



Left: The cover of the 1959 edition of *The Shrine*. Below: Pledge formal. Right: A page from the 1959 edition of *The Shrine*.



Find more pictures from the scrapbook in the Archives Album at www.betadenison.com.

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Brother Jones and Wife Have New Son

On August 20, Bob and Peggy Jones were blessed with a 7½ pound baby boy, Michael Dale. Now "Jonesy" is not only the one married man in our active chapter, but he is the only father.

Bob, who received the Shepardson Scholarship this year, has an added responsibility to his activities on campus. Besides working in the Union, he will be playing basketball for the Big Red varsity this winter.

As a member of the D Association and a consistent scholar as evidenced by having his name on the Dean's List, often, Bob does not have the problem of finding something to keep him busy. We of Alpha Eta are very proud of Bob and his family and are constantly awed by the fact that Jonesy still takes a very active part in all chapter functions. We will be looking for Mike in 1970.



BOB JONES, WIFE PEG, SON MIKE

Beta 2nd In Speedball

Because of the new ruling that varsity basketball players are ineligible for fall intermurals, Beta lost several good men in speedball. However, returning from last year's squad were Dick Lyons, Dean Owen, Dick Frasse, Ken Johnson, George Dallas and newcomers Jim Roush and Jim Fergusson. Among the pledges who played were Doug James, Bob Jolie, Buzz Peck, John Adams, and Dick Wood.

The first game of the season against last year's champion Phi Gam team was a real thriller, but with a minute to go the Phi's pushed across a two-pointer to take the game 7-6. In the next game with the Phi Deltas, Beta scored four points in the last few minutes of play to win 14-10 and on the next day scored 5 points in an overtime against the Sigs, to win 14-9.

Meanwhile the Phi Gams lost to the Kappa Sigs and the Kappa Sigs in return lost to the Phi Deltas to throw the race into a four-way tie for first. After a win over the SAE's on D-Day, Beta played its best game of the season to beat the Kappa Sigs, 14-12.

With two breathers over the Lambda Chi's and the D's teams, Beta ended in a first place tie with the Phi Gams, which is a considerable improvement over last year's third place standing.

Bacon Bat Held

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Jim Mason '51

(3421 River Rhone Lane, Columbus, OH 43221; jfmaso@columbus.rr.com) My wife and I came from small towns in northern Ohio, she from Rittman and me from Wadsworth. We've been married 62 years and have four children. Two sons are Alpha Eta Betas, one is an Ohio U Beta and we have one Ohio U Beta grandson.

When I first visited the Beta house I felt like that is where I want to be during my four years at Denison. It reminded me of where I came from. I have never regretted my decision to pledge Alpha Eta!

Joe Ternavan '57

(5511 E. Marilyn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254; joe.ternavan@gmail.com) I'm proud to be a Beta and Denisonian. My best memory of Beta was attending the conference in Dallas, when Alpha Eta was rechartered on the Denison campus. I have attended more than nine reunions with members of the classes of '54, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60 and sweethearts. It is great to visit virtually every section of the country, and have brothers share their homes and communities.

I am planning a dinner at the Beta house prior to the 55th reunion of the class of '57, and as always, will invite any current actives and pledges on campus to join us as guests. The day is Thursday, May 31, 2012 and the time is yet to be scheduled.

'60s

Robert R. Wiley '60

(10540 Crescendo Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45242-4301; rwiley7631@aol.com) At age 73, I am still active in the Recreational Vehicle business as a consultant to manufacturers of Class B motorhomes by Mercedes Benz that achieve 22 MPG. I also play golf, fish, boat, bike, play tennis, and watch Ohio State football.

'80s

Bruce Smith '81

(9646 S. Hamlin Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805; bsmith@lf.com) I was recently promoted from National Sales and Marketing

Director to Associate Publisher of the Retailing Today Group. RT is a digital platform reporting on marketing and merchandising activities for Top 100 retail chains. It is also publisher of a WalMart supplier targeted print magazine, Connecting NW Arkansas and the Target News Now weekly e-newsletter.

'00s

James Rorimer '07

(1000 Park Ave. #8C, New York, NY 10028; jamesrorimer@gmail.com) I've just started my second semester at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where I am studying International Finance and Economic Policy. Anyone need an intern? This past summer I spent time with my family, tended my beehive and hunted wild mushrooms in Ohio. The hive yielded about 40 pounds of pure honey from apple, clover and golden rod. I located some chanterelles late in the season that I dried for soup.

What's new with you? Share your news, updates, stories and photos online at www.betadenison.com.

IN YOUR WORDS

What is Your Fondest Beta Memory?

"Beta songs."

- **William Dennis '63**

"Friendship with members of our class."

- **John Sjostrom '61**

"My great lifelong friendships."

- **David Reese '62**

"Friendships, having a sleeping dorm apart from our 'study' rooms and being a member of a group which at that time was a source of pride."

- **Ben Callaway '50**

"Lifelong relationships with brothers."

- **George Dallas '53**

"Living in the house, great parties and singing with the brothers."

- **G. Tankersley '72**

"Lots of laughter."

- **Scott Halliday '87**

"My classmates and Betas two years ahead of me and two years behind me."

- **Roger Owen '53**

"My great lifelong friendships."

- **David Reese '62**

"Relationships with brothers."

- **Richard Strup '74**

"The fellowship and friendship of classmates."

- **Dale Wolfe '54**

"The process of earning the charter."

- **Christopher Greene '10**

"When I attended our General Convention and witnessed the re-installation of our charter. I had worked so hard for almost four years just to see that culminating moment."

- **Jacob Henkle '09**

"Dining with Col. Deeds and my brothers."

- **JT Williams '89**

What is YOUR fondest Beta memory? Share your story on the message board at www.betadenison.com.

ALUMNI Q&A

Brothers Have Made Lasting Impressions

Thank you to **Don Bower '74** for participating in this Q&A...

Why did you join Beta as an undergraduate?

All the studs were there.

How You Can Keep Lasting Connections to Alpha Eta

- **Reconnect at an upcoming event.** Stay tuned for details of what we have planned.
- **Update your email address** and other contact information so we can communicate with you through both email and print. You can update your info at www.betadenison.com.
- **Volunteer** to be featured in a future Q&A, or submit your alumni news for publication. Contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com for details.

What is the funniest memory from your Beta days?

Most of them are a blur, but The Who, roman candles, Tommie Reed and the Sophomore Lounge were all involved in my funniest memories.

How do you stay connected with your brothers as an alumnus?

I don't stay connected as much as I should, but Facebook and Denison everywhere help.

Have you visited Denison since graduation? Why or why not?

I went back for the first time last summer for the 35th reunion of the class of '74. I've lived out of state since graduation so returning has not been convenient. Seeing **John Cadwallader '74** again was great.

How would your life be different today if you had never joined Beta?

Even though I have not kept in touch as much as I should, brothers like **Mike Yates '74, Peter Robinson '74, Dick Buttermore '74, Steve Johns '74, Pat Cronin '74, Rich Strup '74** and **Tom Davis '74** all made lasting impressions on me.

Where has life taken you since graduation? What's new in your life today?

I went to Arizona for grad school, and I've been in Georgia since 1975 for a career in education. I'm partially retired now, managing some grant projects part-time and volunteering.

Reconnect with Don at dbower@uga.edu.

We came across a lot of great photos and other memories from a 1950s scrapbook! Get a sneak peek on page 2.



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This Year and Every Year!

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