

SHELBY L. MOLTER ***MIAMI '54***

Scottsdale, Arizona, August 4, 2005 — Former Beta Theta Pi Song Leader Shelby L. Molter, *Miami '54*, was presented with the Francis Wayland Shepardson award at the 166th General Convention of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity in Scottsdale, Arizona, on August 4.

Molter undertook the task of returning Beta Theta Pi to its historic reputation as “The Singing Fraternity” as General Fraternity song leader, 1992-2000. With Administrative Secretary Steve Becker, *Florida '69* and others, Brother Molter developed a totally new Beta Song Book, featuring new arrangements for four-part harmony, and helped to produce the Beta CD, *The Singing Fraternity*. He also served as an advisor in the recolonization of the William & Mary chapter.

Shelby’s musical background includes training for eight years with the saxophone and seven years with the piano. He was a booking agent while an undergraduate, as well as being song director for the Alpha chapter and singing with the Beta Quartet.

A lifetime singer and lover of barbershop harmony, Shelby has sung with the Hudson Heritage quartet, Your Father’s Mustache quartet, the Richmond Virginians, the Dukes of Gloucester and the Poughkeepsie New Yorkers.

The Richmond, Virginia, chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. gave him its highest award, Barbershopper of the Year, in 1997. Molter began his professional career with the U.S. Army as a special investigator with the Counter Intelligence Corps. He later began an extensive career with IBM, holding many significant leadership positions such as national education manager for manufacturing industry, designer of the customer executive education center, manager of education for Southeast Asia and education manager for China Operations. He retired in 1998.