

**MEID COMPTON, *INDIANA* '49**  
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*Oxford, Ohio, July 32, 2001* — Three outstanding members of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity were presented with the inaugural Francis Wayland Shepardson Award at the 162<sup>nd</sup> General Convention in Oxford, Ohio: Meid Compton, *Indiana* '49; Richard R. (Misty) Shoop, *Denison* '40, and H.H. Stephenson Jr., *Miami* '39.

Compton concludes six years as a member of the Beta Theta Pi Foundation Board this year. Most recently, he was chairman of the nomination committee, and has devoted much of his time to loan and grant committee work. He is a former chapter counselor and district chief as well. Considered the Fraternity's most loyal Convention attendee, this Carmel, Ind., native has been present at 47 Conventions. Compton was a longtime friend of the late Dr. Seth R. Brooks, *St. Lawrence* '22, distinguished president and general secretary of the Fraternity. It was often said at Conventions, "If you look for Meid, you'll find Seth." A realtor by trade, Compton served as medical-surgical assistant with a MASH unit in New Guinea during World War II. In 1990, he volunteered to transport ambulances to Guatemala, and three years later boarded a plane as a point man for medical teams bound for Somalia as part of the Somalia Relief and Rehabilitation organization.

Shoop has been a recognized leader of the Denison chapter and the General Fraternity. Though his participation in the active chapter was cut short by his volunteering for military service, Shoop generously gave his time as district chief (1969-71), general secretary (1971-74) and vice president (1974-77.) The retired Army Air Corps pilot was known to fly his private plane to visit Beta chapters throughout the east and Midwest. Shoop, who has attended 40 Conventions, is also composer of several Beta songs. He resides in Fairborn, Ohio.

Stephenson is in his 25<sup>th</sup> year as General Fraternity archivist, and is the first volunteer to maintain daily office hours at the Administrative Office. The position requires him to be the custodian of the Fraternity's memorial museum as well as curator of its collections of documents and treasures, and coordinator of Beta's John Reily Knox Memorial Library. He serves on the committee for improvements to the archives and assists in consultation with a Cincinnati firm specializing in the design and construction of exhibits. His most recent project is completion of the annex for sports and publications displays. Stephenson had completed military service (1943-46) as a lieutenant in the Supply Corps of the Naval Reserve, all sea duty in the Pacific. A long-time resident of Oxford, Stephenson retired from Miami University as assistant dean of student life for housing assignments and administrative services in 1977. He was faculty advisor and counselor for Alpha chapter and for several years was secretary and member of the Board of Trustees of the Alpha Chapter House Company. For 17 years, he was faculty secretary of the Miami circle of Omicron Delta Kappa.