

B. Hume Morris **Centre '68** **Oxford Cup Roll No. 41**

From the dawn of his Beta life on May 11, 1965, B. Hume Morris, *Centre '68*, has maintained a major involvement in the Fraternity — a practice continuing today as the General Fraternity Historian.

A resident of Louisville, Kentucky, Hume attended Centre College, 1964-66, majoring in history and drama. He served Epsilon chapter as corresponding secretary, recording secretary and ritual chairman. He also was a member of Phi Beta Chi honorary.

In 1966, Hume transferred to the University of Louisville, where he founded Beta's Delta Pi chapter.

He was the founder and first president of Nu Xi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta history honorary society, editor of the campus newspaper, *Collegiate Assessor*, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary.

He attended the University's Law School, where he was managing editor of the *Journal of Family Law*, vice dean of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, chairman of the Honor Council, president of Omicron Delta Kappa and recipient of The Outstanding Graduating Senior Award, School of Law, 1971.

In private practice, he specializes in trial work and civil litigation. He is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Hume and Betty (Williams) were married in 1966. Betty is recently retired from a teaching career. They have three children. Son Benjamin H. Morris, *Auburn '88*, is a senior banking officer with Republic Bank, Louisville. He and his wife Wendy have a son Blake, 4. Son Hunter W. Morris, *Auburn '00*, will graduate in information systems management in fall 2000. Daughter Creighton Hopmann is with the Kentucky Family Literacy Center, while husband Steve is with a Louisville advertising agency.

Other Beta relatives are nephews David C. Williams, *Kentucky '91*, and Kirk Williams III, *Vanderbilt '89*.

Hume served Beta Theta Pi as chapter counselor of Delta Pi, 1976-78; chief of District XXXIII, 1977-83; secretary of the 141st and 142nd General Conventions; president of the 143rd General Convention; General Secretary for two terms, 1983-89, and General Fraternity President, 1993-96. He was named Fraternity Historian Dec. 15, 1999.

Hume edited the 13th Edition of *Son of the Stars* as well as the 150th Anniversary History of the Fraternity, *The Faithful Home of the Three Stars*, written by Dr. Peter J. Floriani, *Lehigh '77*. He also designed the Oxford Cup, authored its award ritual and designed the Fraternity's "dragon" ring.

— *Erv Johnson, APR, Idaho '53, Editor, The Beta Theta Pi*