

## **OWEN S. WILLIAMS** ***TORONTO '50***

*Toronto, Ontario, June 28, 2006* — The prestigious Francis Wayland Shepardson award was bestowed upon Owen S. Williams, *Toronto '50*, president of the Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Canada, on the eve of the 167th General Convention of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity in Toronto, Ontario, June 28.

One of Beta Theta Pi's most widely-recognized alumni, Williams has given selflessly of his time and energies to the Fraternity's presence there, particularly in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. While a collegian in the Theta Zeta (Toronto) chapter, Williams was recruitment chairman and treasurer. He became an involved alumnus for Beta soon after earning an honors BA in economics. Entering the real estate field, he became an Accredited Appraiser of the Canadian Institute of Real Estate Appraisal and then earned an MBA from York University, Toronto, in 1968. He joined the new educational system of Community Colleges of Applied Arts & Technology at Seneca College, as assistant chairman of Business, later becoming director of the Real Estate & Insurance, Business Administration and General Business courses.

Williams served on the Beta Theta Pi Foundation Board of Directors from 1995 to 2002. He was chapter counselor for Theta Zeta for more than 25 years, has been president of the chapter house corporation since 1976 and was chief of District IV, 1963-67. Former treasurer and president of Theta Zeta Alumni Association, Williams was vice president of three Beta General Conventions and chaired the 50th, 75th and 90th Theta Zeta anniversary banquets. In 1996, he was awarded the additional chapter roll N<sup>o</sup> 1000 by Theta Zeta.

Williams was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942. He served as a watch keeping officer and in various seagoing wartime assignments and latterly as executive officer of the Canadian Naval Repair Dockyard in Newfoundland. In 2000, Williams was presented the Fraternity's Oxford Cup in recognition of his professional achievements.

Williams was born and resides in Toronto, Ontario, and has four children.