

Third Largest Bequest from Charles O. Forge Estate

January 25, 2010, Knoxville, TN – Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society today announced an unrestricted gift of \$460,000 from the estate of Charles O. Forge, CA G '56. The exceptionally generous gift becomes the third largest bequest to be received in Tau Beta Pi's 125-year history.

A Stanford University graduate, Mr. Forge earned a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1956 and a master's degree in 1959. Described by his peers as an "engineer's engineer" Chuck held key positions at Hewlett-Packard, Durrum Instruments, and Boschert, Inc, and eventually became a full-time consultant for companies such as Apple Computer. He held many important patents and collected and raced fine sports cars for most of his adult life, his last race being two weeks before he passed away on August 31, 2009.

Tau Beta Pi is fortunate not only to receive gifts of this magnitude from loyal members, but also to be able to use the funds to support the education of talented and deserving engineering students. Because of Mr. Forge and others who demonstrate their commitment to the future of engineering, Tau Beta Pi will continue to be able to assist more students than any other engineering society.

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