



THE DRAGON'S TALE

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ALPHA TAU INITIATES 13 YOUNG MEN



Back Row(l-r): Logan Hart (AT 2119), Kyle Murphy (AT 2120), Randy Amboz (AT 2122), Alex Steckler (AT 2119). Middle Row: Corey Clifford (AT 2117), John Parizek (AT 2127), Scott Hackman (AT 2116), Jason Duffy (AT 2121), Kevin Dopp (AT 2124), Taylor Brown (AT 2125). Front Row: Davy Chen (AT 2128), Andy Moellering (AT 2126), Bill Laun (AT 2118).

Thirteen more young men have now signed their names into the rolls of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

On Jan. 16, the thirteen new initiates, their parents and the chapter celebrated with a banquet at the Wick Alumni Center. Jim O'Hanlon (AT 923) was the keynote speaker. Brother O'Hanlon, former dean of the Teachers College here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, spoke of his life experiences and how they have shaped him into a better leader. Throughout the semester the pledges had studied his readings from "Musings About Leadership."

Will Norton (AT 2056), outgoing vice president, organized the event. He detailed initiation week to the new initiates' parents, and Greg Walklin, the former pledge educator, detailed the hard work and dedication that these new brothers put forth during first semester.

Matt Engler (AT 2095) former honor pledge recognized Scott Hackman (AT 2116) as this year's honor pledge, and Neil Wood (AT 2093) recognized Russell Swan (AT 2096) as this year's sophomore fellow.

The honor pledge is typically selected for best exemplifying the Beta Spirit during his pledgship; and the sophomore fellow is a similar award given to a sophomore. Both received unique badges to wear for the next year in recognition of their contributions to the chapter.

The traditional "Loving Cup" ceremony was also performed, commemorating the brotherhood of the chapter as well as recognizing John Reily Knox.

I believe it is safe to say that the pledges were relieved to get through "I-Week". However, they were also relieved that the chapter has taken steps to ensure a week of constructive activities, free of hazing and other destructive habits which have plagued fraternities over the years.

These thirteen young men have proved themselves worthy of bearing the badge of Beta Theta Pi, and the active chapter is pleased now consider them brothers.



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ALPHA TAU RECEIVES NEW SNOOKER TABLE

Alpha Tau would like to extend its sincere appreciation to brother Steve McCollister, AT 1247, for his generous donation of a beautiful snooker table to the house. The table will replace the old one in the third floor recreation room. Mr. McCollister was moving out of his home in Omaha and felt compelled to give back to the chapter. The brothers of Alpha Tau look forward to many hours of fun with the new addition to the house.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEW CABINET OFFICERS:**

Alumni Relations- Andy Moellering
Rush- Jimmy Sevcik, Jon Brunott
Historian- Adam Goosen
Chaplin- Dan Kerr
Chorister- Randy Ambroz
Social- Dan Huter, Brett Wergin
Facilities- Randy Ambroz
House and Grounds- Bill Laun
Head Hasher- Mark Schmitz
IFC Representative- Scott Hackman
Public Relations- Corey Clifford
Intramurals- Nate Wieting, Kevin Dopp
Sergeant at Arms- Preston Mesick
Involvement- Logan Hart
Technology- Mark Antonson
Ritual- Adam Barney

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS**

Mr. Beta Theta Pi- Josh Paula
Chapter Contribution- Greg Walklin
Alumni Contribution- Bruce McKeag & Bob Keim
Scholastic Achievement- Brad Slaughter
Campus Involvement- Geoff Mickells
Athlete of the Year- Pete Sveen
Community Service- Russell Swan

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

In keeping with the Men of Principle goal of "Commitment to Community," the members of Alpha Tau choose to take on another service project. On Saturday, April 23, the chapter house participated in the Adopt a Highway program.

Alpha Tau chose to adopt a two mile section of highway outside of Lincoln, which we will be responsible for in the coming years. Not only does this project provide an excellent opportunity for the members to give back to the community, but it also provides members a different environment in which to build brotherhood.

A big thanks must go out to Matt Breck, the philanthropy chair, and Barton Sattler for setting up this event and making it such a success.

**ALPHA TAU'S FRATERAL FIFTIES
FOR 2005**

Jerry H. Brownfield (AT 929)
Randolph M. Clark (AT 926)
Clark E. Gibbs (AT 922)
John W. Hummel (AT 932)
Gerald A. Lempka (AT 927)
William C. Marten (AT 924)
Lyle H. Marin (AT 928)
Robert H. Murray (AT 930)
James P. O'Hanlon (AT 923)
Jack A. Rhoden (AT 931)
Frank P. Tirro (AT 925)

The following Alpha Tau's are all celebrating their fiftieth anniversary into this great fraternity. All of the brothers listed were initiated on March 20, 1955, except for John W. Hummel who was initiated on September 24, 1955. The brothers of Alpha Tau would like to both congratulate and thank you for the guidance and support you have provided over the past half-century. We hope that you are able to continue to support Alpha Tau throughout the rest of your life.

Anyone wishing to contact these brothers to congratulate them personally can email Andy Moellering at andymoellering@gmail.com to receive their address or phone numbers.

FOLSOM CREATES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

"Once a Beta, Always a Beta" is an appropriate quote to use when talking about Burt Folsom, Nebraska '49. He is a much decorated member of Alpha Tau who has held almost every position in the fraternity after being initiated AT 671. Few men have given of their time and resources to Beta Theta Pi as constantly and consistently as Burt Folsom.

A Beta for more than 50 years, he was chapter counselor to Alpha Tau, Nebraska chapter, 1958-62; district chief for Iowa and Nebraska, 1962-64; General Treasurer, 1964-67; General Secretary, 1967-71; Alumni Affairs Commissioner, 1975-77; Fund Trustee, 1984-87, and President of the Fraternity, 1987-90.

He is still remembering his local chapter with a scholarship he has made available to members of Alpha Tau. He has established the "Burt and Dell Folsom

Scholarship Fund" to support the efforts of the chapter. Burt's goal is to assist his fraternity brothers through scholarships or travel grants annually. The plan will be to assist members of the chapter who attend Men of Principle Institutes, Convention, or other General Fraternity conferences. This will help many men from the chapter for many years in the future as they attend leadership events that are available to the members.

Brother Folsom knows that the future of the chapter is tied to the leadership and he wants to be able to support those men who go the extra mile and assume important leadership roles in the chapter. Thank you Brother Folsom for your thoughtful gift to Alpha Tau!

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Mike Wortman

—HOW TO GET INVOLVED—

**BY ANDY MOELLERING
ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN**

As the new Alumni Relations Chairman for this year, it is my job to establish connections between the active chapter and alumni. My goal for this year is to expand upon the annual events that have become rich Beta traditions and to improve communication between all Alpha Tau. It is my hope that we will be able to have an improved turnout at these events in order to provide more interaction between alumni and active Betas.

In keeping with past years, we will continue the tradition of the Beta Golf Classic in the fall. This four-man scramble tournament has proved to be a great experience for those who have attended. This year will be particularly unique as we are planning a special initiation event for Gary Frasier to coincide with the weekend of the golf tournament. Mr. Frasier

was a member of the Alpha Tau pledge class of '64. We will also be holding the alumni rush event in the summer as well. We are hoping to have a great turnout for both alumni and actives at these events, so look forward to more information in upcoming issues of *The Dragon's Tale*.

In addition to these events, we will be continuing the tradition of giving alumni a personal look at the progress the chapter has made. We are always looking for alumni who would like to come and join us for

ALPHA TAU HOLDS ANNUAL MOM'S DAY

In keeping with tradition, the active members of Alpha Tau held their annual Mom's Day on April 17, 2005. On a beautiful spring day in Lincoln nearly 40 mom's attended and over 90 total people were present.

Faith Jensen, Alpha Tau's phenomenal cook, again put in many hours of work in creating a wonderful meal which included sandwich wraps, chicken salad, fresh fruit, vegetables, desserts, and numerous other entrees.

The brothers of Alpha Tau recognized their mothers by presenting them with roses and singing them Honey and Beta Rose. All in all it was a great success, thanks in large part to Faith's hard work and dedication.

our Monday night dinner and chapter meeting. Having alumni over to the chapter house has been a great experience for both actives and alumni alike. It is an excellent opportunity to share stories with other Betas and to visit the house if you haven't done so recently. If you are interested in attending a formal dinner or have any questions about upcoming events or how you can get involved, please contact me at (402) 730-2227 or at andymoellering@gmail.com.

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In order to improve communication between the active chapter and the alumni, I have worked with the Beta Technology Committee to create an alumni listserv for Beta-related information. Essentially, this is a tool that will allow me to communicate a message to a large group of participating alumni. If you

have any questions about the alumni listserv or want to be added to the list, please contact our technology chairman, Mark Antonson, at mantanso@unnotes.edu. I will plan on using this listserv in addition to the *Dragon's Tale* to inform everyone of the chapter's summer activities.

Yours in ____ kai ____,

Andy Moellering
Alumni Relations Chairman



The brothers of Alpha Tau serenade their moms on April 17th.