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ALPHA TAU EXCELS AT 167TH GENERAL CONVENTION



Chapter President Russel Swan (AT 2096) receives Knox Award from General Fraternity President Tom Purinton, Kasnas State '63

The Alpha Tau chapter continued its tradition of excellence at this summer's General Convention. The 167th General Convention was held in Toronto, Ontario from June 29th to July 2nd, in recognition of Beta Theta Pi's 100th year in Canada. Alpha Tau received several distinguished awards in front of over 700?? Betas in attendance.

Alpha Tau received its sixth John Reilly Knox Chapter Excellence Award, the highest award a chapter of Beta Theta Pi can receive. In addition, Alpha Tau received the Campus Involvement Award, Excellence in Risk Managing, and the Virginia Tech Award for academic excellence. Alpha Tau excelled in Campus Involvement through its Beta Buddies mentoring program, and extensive involvement throughout campus. The Excellence in Risk Management award was received because of our written judicial procedures, risk management training for nearly all brothers, and our sober driver program.

Chapter President Russel Swan (AT 2096) served as the chapter's voting delegate, and was joined at convention by Alpha Tau members Brad Jacox (AT 2142), Andrew Spitsnogle (AT 2144), and Jason Schnack (AT 2147). Brad, Andrew, and Jason attended the Peter F. Greiner Leadership College, which is held at each convention.

2006 Beta Burrito Bash

Benefitting "Skip Camp" - a summer camp for children with guardians who are incarcerated.

WHEN: Thursday November 9th
9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

WHERE: Alpha Tau Chapter House
1515 R Street
Lincoln, NE

The Alpha Tau Chapter's Annual Philanthropy has undergone a name change from "Taco Feed" to "Burrito Bash." Please stop by on November 9th to enjoy food, fun, and to help support a great cause!

~kai~

Jimmy Sevcik, AT 2109

THANK YOU FOR ALUMNI SUPPORT

Dear Brothers,

Thank you all for your support of Relay for Life. This year the event at the University of Nebraska raised \$36,000 to help fund reaserch for cancer. I am proud to say that over \$2,500 was raised by members in Beta Theta Pi with \$1,340 coming from alumni contributions. Your generosity has been a great inspiration to me and the house as a whole. Thank you again, and thank God I am a Beta.

~kai~

Erik Steckler, AT 2078

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CABINET OFFICERS:

Alumni Relations- Kenton Moore
Rush- Scott Hackman, Dillon Small
Historian- Kevin Hmelyar
Chaplain- Dillon Small
Chorister- Tom Salistean
Social- Tony Cimino, Marshall Martens
Facilities- Tom Salistean
House and Grounds- Chad Stahlecker
Head Hasher- Ross Bahensky
IFC Representative- John Parizek
Public Relations- Jon Brockhoft
Intramurals- Andrew Hibbert. Evan Hoppens
Sergeant at Arms- Miles Hunke
Involvement- Davy Chen
Ritual- Dillon Small
Technology- Mark Antonson

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

Mr. Beta Theta Pi- Greg Walklin
Chapter Contribution- Russell Swan
Alumni Contribution- Drew Stange
Scholastic Achievement- Zach Martens
Campus Involvement- Joe Manasek
Athlete of the Year- Barton Sattler
Community Service- Erik Steckler

ALPHA TAU CONGRATULATES

- Barton Sattler for his engagement to Lisa Wanek
- Matt Breck for his engagement to Rachael Wise
- Russel Swan for his engagement to Monica Smith
- Jason Renner, Dave Thomas, and Richard Thomas for their admittance to Law School.
- Erik Steckler for his score of 37 on the MCAT.
- Jon Brockhoft for his recognition as a Freshman Mortor Board Notable.
- Russell Swan for his recognition as the Outstanding Student Leadership Award.
- Russell Swan and Joe Manasek for being tackled into the Innocents Society.

SUMMER RECRUITMENT 2006

The recruitment chairs of the Alpha Tau chapter wrapped up the 2006 summer recruitment season with a solid pledge class of 24 outstanding, young soon-to-be Betas.

The diverse pledge class of 2006 includes young men from all over the Midwest. Two sophomores will also add their year of experience at the university to this superb pledge class. Six of the new pledges already had Beta influence in their families, with four having brothers active in the house.

The success in this year's recruitment can be attributed to several factors, namely the great alumni support with hosting rush parties and the amazing success that the house has achieved in the past few years. With the wonderful venues provided by alumni Carl Sjulín and Jim Krieger, as well as the rush parties hosted by actives Drake Doolittle and Jason and Taylor Schnack, we were presented with numerous opportunities to participate in activities with the rushees while demonstrating what Beta held in store for them. Many alumni referrals assisted the rush



2006 Rush Team (l-r): Logan Hart, Dillon Small, Scott Hackman
 committee in decision making over the course of the summer, leading us to find men who already demonstrate the core values of a Beta every day.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in helping to continue the success of this house by recruiting another line of Betas. As always, if you would like to assist in Alpha Tau's next recruitment effort, please contact the recruitment committee at recruitment@beta.unl.edu.

Yours in __kai__,

Logan Hart (AT 2119)
 Recruitment Chairman

ALPHA TAU'S FRATERAL FIFTIES FOR 2006

John Anderson (AT 934)
 Richard Anderson (AT 941)
 David Brown (AT 945)
 Gerald Coleman (AT 942)
 Patrick Drake (AT 946)
 John Gilliland (AT 935)
 John Glynn (AT 938)
 Robert Helton (AT 944)
 Robert Holbert (AT 943)

James Hutchins (AT 947)
 Calvin Johnson (AT 940)
 Robert Olmsted (AT 939)
 Robert Soucek (AT 950)
 Ronald Speer (AT 937)
 Walter Switzer (AT 936)
 John Vanderveen (AT 948)
 Peter Vinsant (AT 933)
 John Wright (AT 949)

The following Alpha Tau's are all celebrating their fiftieth anniversary into this great fraternity. 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 Kenton Moore at moore_91@hotmail.com to receive their address or phone numbers.

ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

BY KENTON MOORE

ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

My goal as the Alumni Relations Chairman for Alpha Tau this year is to bring the alumni and the active chapter closer to each other. Over the next year I plan to continue the traditional alumni events, as well as implement monthly email updates to keep alumni better informed about the chapter's progress. As in the past the Beta Golf Classic was held in the fall, and the fraternal fifties reunion will be held at the initiation banquet in the spring. I am excited for the remaining events this year, and hope to see all of you at an event.

In addition to these events, I encourage alumni to join us for Monday night dinner and a chapter meeting. Visiting the chapter house is an excellent opportunity to meet some of the active members of the chapter and see how the chapter house has changed since your last visit. If you are interested in attending a Monday night dinner please contact me at (402) 266-1028 or by email at moore_91@hotmail.com

In an effort to improve communication between the active chapter and alumni, I am using the Alumni Listserv to send out brief newsletters via email. The electronic newsletters are sent during the first week of every month and will contain the title "Alpha Tau Flash" in the subject line. Email newsletters have been sent out for the months of April, May, September, and October. Additionally, I am looking to take steps toward phasing out the paper newsletter. Eventually, the goal is to send all chapter newsletters via email, saving the chapter both time and money. If you have not been receiving the electronic newsletters, but have an email address, please contact me by telephone or email using the information listed in the above paragraph and I will add you to the alumni listserv.

In addition to sending out newsletters, I am hoping to compile an Alpha Tau alumni directory. This is something that the chapter has wanted to do for several years but hasn't had the resources to complete. Please contact me if you have any information about how we could make this possible, or any suggestions to make it useful for you.

As a final note, I am interested in creating an Alumni Advisor Position for the Alpha Tau chapter. Many other Beta chapters use an Alumni Relations advisor to provide them with a better connection with the chapter's alumni. The advisor would serve as a representative of the chapter's alumni and would help organize large events. The advisor would also help provide the Alumni Relations Chairman with ideas to get more alumni involved with the chapter. The advisor would meet with me once a month, and therefore would reside somewhere in the vicinity of Lincoln or Omaha. I would like to emphasize that this position is a relatively minimal time commitment, but would be of great help to the future success of the chapter. If you are interested in the position or know of anyone else who would be qualified, please contact me.

I look forward to working with the alumni of the Alpha Tau chapter. I am always open to new ideas to get alumni involved, and I encourage you to contact with any such ideas as well as any questions, comments, or criticism that you may have. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in __kai__,

Kenton Moore (AT 2136)
 Alumni Relations Chairman

ALPHA TAU ALUM SPEAKS ON ALCOHOL AWARENESS

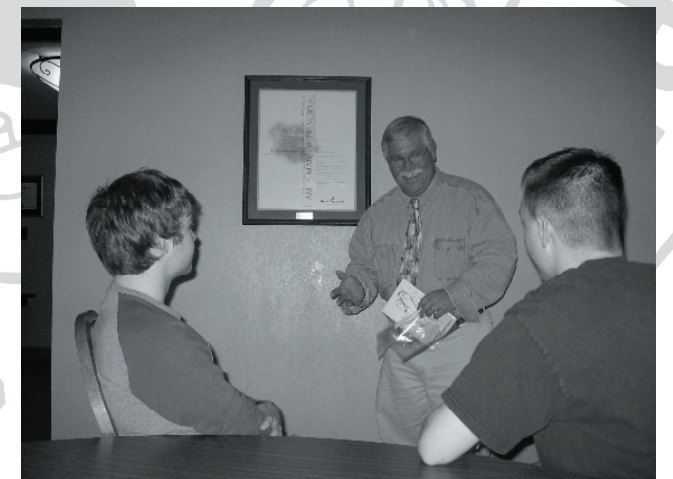
BY MARK ANTONSON
 RISK MANAGER

Drug and alcohol abuse is a pervasive problem to many college campuses across the United States. In an attempt to better inform its members, Alpha Tau organized a presentation on alcohol awareness during the spring semester.

Husker Choices, a student lead organization that seeks to educate the student body regarding alcohol, gave an informative presentation about the adverse effects of high risk drinking.

Alpha Tau alumn John Baldus (AT 1338) complemented the presentation with his own experiences as a recovering alcoholic. Brother Baldus was the honor pledge of his class during his time as an active Beta from 1970-1974. His message stressed the importance of being accountable for oneself as well as fellow brothers. His words held added significance as he spoke to the active members and pledges in attendance.

Brother Baldus now works for the Nebraska Department of Labor in Workforce Development. The Alpha Tau Chapter thanks Brother Baldus for his willingness to share his story and educate fellow brothers. Please contact the editor, Kenton Moore if you feel compelled to speak to the chapter regarding any subjects.



Alpha Tau alumn, John Baldus (AT 1338), speaking at the chapter house on April 20th, 2006.