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ALPHA TAU INITATES 22 YOUNG MEN



Back Row (l-r): Tom Knudson (2150), Jordan Stange (2152), Kenton Moore (2136), Ross Bahensky (2151), John Palmtag (2146). Middle Row(l-r): Chad Stahlecker (AT 2153), Taylor Schnack (2155), Tom Salistean (2137), Jon Brockhoff (2141), Andrew Hibbert (2145), Andrew Spitsnogle (2144), Miles Hunke (2140). Front Row (l-r): Marshall Martens (2149), Andrew Norton (2157), Patrick Fulmer (2143), Brad Jacox (2142), Ross Pacowski (2154), Drake Doolittle (2156), Matt Rosno (2138), Drew Dietle (2139), Jon McClymont (2148).

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

Twenty-two new brothers have now signed their names into the rolls of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

On Jan. 16, the twenty-two new initiates, their parents and the chapter celebrated with a banquet at the Wick Alumni Center. Bryan Tuma (AT 1442) was the keynote speaker for the event. Brother Tuma, a past president of the Alpha Tau Chapter in 1976-1977, currently serves as the Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. His keynote address focused on his past experiences in Beta Theta Pi and how they have formed him into a better person. He also shared numerous heartfelt memories of the house to which all brothers could relate.

The schedule for the initiation week and the culminating celebration banquet was organized by Jason Renner (AT 2075), outgoing vice president. Brother Renner detailed initiation week to the new initiates' parents, and Russell Swan, the former pledge educator, explained the hard work and dedication that these new brothers put forth during first semester.

Scott Hackman (AT 2116) former honor pledge recognized Kenton Moore (AT 2136) as this year's honor pledge, and Russell Swan (AT 2096) recognized Andy Moellering (AT 2126) as this year's sophomore fellow.

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

Brothers James O'Hanlon (AT 923) and Randolph M. Clark (AT 926) were recognized as fraternal fifties. They both received pins and were given the opportunity to share about their experiences in the house.

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 twenty-two young men have proved themselves to be most worthy of bearing the badge of Beta Theta Pi, and the active chapter is honored to call them brothers. We all look forward to the future accomplishments of the 2005 pledge class.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CABINET OFFICERS:

Alumni Relations- Kenton Moore
Rush- Scott Hackman, Dillon Small
Historian- Kevin Hmelyar
Chaplin- 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- Ryan Duell
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 and Matt Breck for the pinning of Lisa Wanek and Rachel Weise respectively.

-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

Rush season is coming fast! The recruitment season is starting in just a few days and will last the entire summer, filled with excitement, fun, and suspense. As usual, the Alpha Tau rush team will be striving for the best pledge class possible. This year's rush team consists of Logan Hart, Scott Hackman, and Dillon Small. They are setting a goal of putting together a superb class of 20-25 pledges.

Focusing on getting large attendances at rush events and barbeques, namely by active brothers, alumni, the rush team will be pushing to build upon this last year's excellent pledge class. Any alumni are encouraged to assist with rush by attending rush events, referring incoming rushees, or hosting a rush event. The active chapter is extremely proud of our alumni and all of their accomplishments. As such, we welcome them to all of our events so we can truly show the rushees what Beta can do for a young man. We have had fantastic and increasing alumni support in the past few years, and we are excited



2006 Rush Team (l-r): Logan Hart, Dillon Small, Scott Hackman

with what the future brings.

This year's alumni rush event will be held at on June 17th, at Carl Sjulín's Bluestem Farms. Prior to this event, you will be receiving a letter from the rush team containing more information. If you have any other questions regarding rush, from referrals to directions to general information, please call the Rush Chairman, Logan Hart, at 308-325-5804. We look forward to seeing you at the rush events and barbeques this summer.

ALPHA TAU'S FRATERAL FIFITIES 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 e-mail updates to keep alumni better informed about the chapter's progress. As in the past there will be an alumni rush event held during the summer and the Beta Golf Classic will be held in the fall. I am excited for all of the events this year, and I hope to see all of you at an event.

The eighth annual Beta Golf Classic will be held in Lincoln this year. This four-man scramble tournament is an excellent opportunity for interaction (and competition) with other members of the Alpha Tau chapter. Letters containing pertinent information will be mailed out this July.

For the third year in a row, the chapter will host three separate reunions on home football game days. One reunion will be held for members of pledge classes from the 1960's and before, one for the 1970's, and one for the 1980's and after. More information about the decade reunions will be included in the next edition of the Dragon's Tale.

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 newslet-

ters are sent during the first week of every month and will contain the title "Alpha Tau Flash" in the subject line. E-mail newsletters have been sent out for the months of April and May. If you have not been receiving the newsletters but wish to, please contact me by telephone or e-mail using the contact information listed in the above paragraph.

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.

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 the me once a month, and therefore would reside somewhere close to the Lincoln area. I would like to emphasize that this position is a relatively minimal commitment, but will 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.

Yours in ____kai____,

Kenton Moore
Alumni Relations Chairman

ALPHA TAU ALUMN SPEAKS ON ALCOHOL AWARENESS

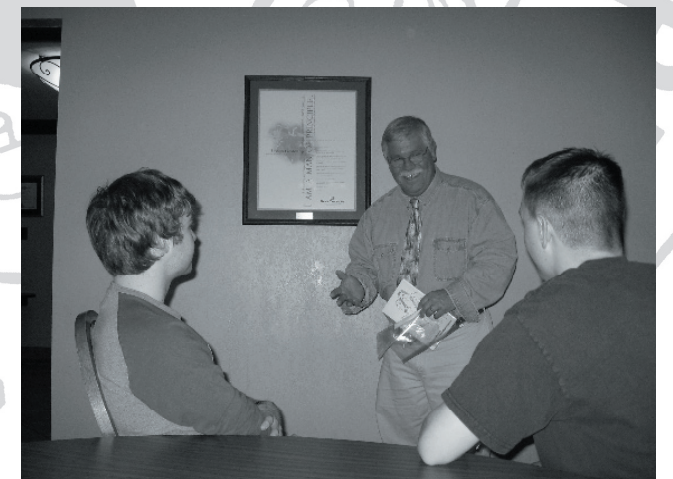
BY MARK ANTONSON
RISK MANAGER

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.