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ALPHA TAU FINDS GREAT SUCCESS AT 168TH CONVENTION

Alpha Tau continued its tradition of being one of the nation's top chapters of Beta Theta Pi at this summer's General Convention. The 168th General Convention took place at the beautiful Fairmont Scotsdale Princess in Orlando, Florida from August 8th-12th, and Alpha Tau received many prestigious awards. More than 1,000 Betas from the U.S. and Canada gathered to celebrate the success of our fraternity.

Our chapter reached new heights of success this year by taking home it's seventh Knox Award. This award is the highest honor given to any chapter within Beta Theta Pi on an international level. With the Alpha Chapter, from Miami, Ohio, not receiving the award, that puts Alpha Tau at the chapter with more Knox awards received than any other chapter.

Alpha Tau also took home awards for an outstanding Pledge Education Program, the Virginia Tech Award for excellence in Academics, and an award for Outstanding Recruitment. Our chapter also received awards for Excellence in Risk Management and Campus involvement.

Chapter President Scott Hackman attended convention as the chapter's voting delegate. They were joined by Andy Sevcik, Andrew Hover, Billy Olsen, and Ross Wieting, who all attended the Peter F. Greiner Leadership College. Chapter Counselor Mike Wortman and the notable Alpha Tau Burt Folsom were also in attendance to celebrate our chapter's success. We look forward to challenging ourselves to achieve a success of even greater heights in the future.



From Left to right: Andrew Hover (AT 2168), Ross Wieting (2179), Alpha Tau Chapter President, Scott Hackman (AT 2116), Andy Sevcik (AT 2178), and Billy Olsen (AT 2176)

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every year, numerous men of Alpha Tau attend many of the leadership opportunities offered by the North American Interfraternity Council and the General Fraternity. These workshop-based conferences aid members through leadership and character development. Undeniably, Alpha Tau can attribute a lot of its recent success to these opportunities. However, this would not have been made possible without your help. Almost all of the men who take advantage of these programs have been sponsored through the Beta Theta Pi Foundation. Though registration costs are covered under this sponsorship, many of our members are still unable to attend due to expensive travel costs. Therefore, we are asking that any alumnus who wants to make a contribution to the chapter to consider subsidizing the travel costs associated with these leadership opportunities. If you chose to do so, you may either send your contribution directly to the Alpha Tau house or directly to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation in Oxford. We are very grateful for your continued support of Alpha Tau.

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Corey Clifford, AT 2119

**CONGRATULATIONS NEW
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:**

President- Kenton Moore
Vice President- Pat Fullmer
Secretary- Tom Salistean
Risk Manager- Andrew Spitsnogle
Treasurer- John Palmtag
Pledge Educator- Scott Barker
Recruitment Chairman- Alex Stewart
Scholarship Chairman- Corey Gorgeson
Social Chairman- Andy Sevcik
Philanthropy- Rishi Batra

**THANK YOU TO ALUMNI
FORMAL DINNER GUESTS**

Thank you to Jeff Beavers, Todd Mattox, and Mike Wortman for visiting the chapter house this past semester for a formal dinner. Each of these distinguished alumni came back to share stories of their collegiate experiences and to see how the house has progressed since they were active members. Alpha Tau is always honored to have guests for formal dinner and chapter meetings. If you are interested in coming back to visit the house, please contact Alex Stewart at wastewart4_6@hotmail.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND BEST OF LUCK!**

Ross Bahensky (AT 2152) on his engagement to Minnie Benson, his high school sweetheart

Jon Mclymont (AT 2149) on his engagement to Andrea Van Etten, a Delta Gamma at the University of Nebraska

**ALPHA TAU RECRUITS PLEDGE
CLASS OF 25 YOUNG MEN**

The following young men were recruited to Alpha Tau by rush chairmen Patrick Fullmer, Marshall Martens, and Taylor Schnack. This year the chapter focused on bringing in a larger pledge class of outstanding members who are well-balanced and possess strong character. Alpha Tau is confident that each of these individuals will make great Betas. The chapter is sincerely grateful to all those who helped out with the rush process. A special thank you is due to Alpha Tau Alumni Carl Sjulín and Jim Krieger for opening their homes for a summer rush event. Thank you for making a contribution to the future success of the house.

**BETAS TEE-OFF IN THE 9TH
ANNUAL BETA GOLF CLASSIC**

On September 25th, Alpha Tau hosted the 7th annual Beta Golf Classic at Quarry Oaks Golf Club in Ashton, Nebraska. The tournament was held in the format of a four man scramble and consisted of 9 alumni and 4 active members.

The championship team consisted of Roger Anderson, Denny Bloom, Van Brownson, and Duane Sullivan and they posted a score three under par at 68. Their names are displayed as the 2005 Beta Golf Classic Champions on a placard in the chapter house.

Thank you to Hal Johnson, Jon Hinrichs, Thomas Foley, and John Lahiff for sponsoring holes in the tournament. Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

The golf tournament was a great success and it gave alumni a chance to interact with the active members of Alpha Tau. We look forward to hosting future events that bring together both active and alumni Alpha Taus.

Connor Dana
Gaelon Cornell
Mike Turman
Ben Heinke
Josh Heinke
Dave Frayser
Curt Iossi
Kraig Steckler
Matt Bergh
Nate Peterson
Taylor Zlomke
Seth Thacker-Lynn
Ted Stuckey

Mike MacDonald
Justin Carter
Brett Slaby
Mike Sullivan
Nick Doberpuhl
Ryan Jacobson
Jack-John Spray
Ben Stokke
Justin Lane
Rob Carlson
Mike Bossert
Greg Asplund



2007 Beta Golf Classic Championship Team (l-r) Roger Anderson, Denny Bloom, Van Brownson, Duane Sullivan

—BROTHERHOOD AT ITS BEST—**ALPHA TAU WELCOMES
ALUMNI BURT FOLSOM**

Alpha Tau had an excellent opportunity to celebrate lifelong fraternal brotherhood through the "Final trip to Alpha Tau" for Alumni Burt Folsom. On October 19, former General Fraternity President Burt Folsom, Nebraska '49, checked in with the Alpha Tau chapter to share stories of his volunteer days with the Fraternity. Among the vivid recollections included a story of attending a Nebraska football game with the legendary Seth R. Brooks, St. Lawrence '22.

The chapter exec members gave Folsom — a longtime Beta volunteer who served in all three major officer positions on the Fraternity's Board of Trustees — a tour of the house

Burt was a truly amazing man and I am thrilled to have met him. Meeting such a man drove home the life-long meaning of Beta for me, as I wrap up my undergraduate time. You could hear in Burt's voice, and see in his eyes just how much Beta has meant to him.

-John Parizek (AT 2127)

followed by a memorable lunch. Folsom shared how he helped found a chapter the University of Tennessee

Folsom became Misty eyed as he shared stories of his time in Alpha Tau. He was impressed by the chapter's progress and all the awards that Alpha Tau had won since the last time he visited was right before the 1994 reorganization of the Alpha Tau Chapter.

PHILANTHROPY IS A SUCCESS

This year our annual fall philanthropy, the Beta Burrito Bash went to an extra special cause; Our house cook, Faith Jensen's terminally ill daughter, Mandy. Faith and her husband Bob could no longer pay for care at the hospital and decided to move Mandy home. The over six thousand dollars raised helped to buy special equipment for Mandy including a hospital bed for thier home as well as a wheel chair ramp.

This philanthropy raised more money than any other philanthropy that Alpha Tau has had in recent memory, and quite possibly ever. Students from across the campus and parents of the men in Alpha Tau made generous donations to a lady who is a very special part of the Alpha Tau chapter.



Alpha Tau celebrating the return of Burton Folsom. From left to right: Chapter President, Scott Hackman, Risk Manager, John Parizek, Burt Folsom, Mark Antonson, Assistant District Chief, Greg Waklin.



Andrew Hover, Adam Petersen, Blaze Oakerland, and Bryce Wergin working at the Burrito Bash