



THE DRAGON'S TALE

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ALPHA TAU WELCOMES NEW MEMBER ERVIN WILLIAMS

One more initiation took place in 2008, Ervin Williams, Alpha Tau's dedicated house father of 5 years, received the honor on April 26th, 2008. Ervin has demonstrated his service to the house by attending formal dinner every Monday night and lecturing the men on responsibilities, service, and what it means to be a gentlemen. While being the chapter's house father Ervin also finds time to hold up a full time job at the University of Nebraska Athletic Department as an Event Management Specialist. Ervin, who originally hails from the Winston-Salem area of North Carolina, came to the University of Nebraska in July of 1997 to serve as Director of Operations for the Nebraska Women's Basketball team. During the summer of 2003 he applied for the job of Beta Theta Pi's house director. He was surprised to learn that he had been offered the job, and accepted quickly. Over the years Ervin has come to be known as more than just a simple house parent, he has truly become a brother and friend to all the members of the chapter, by offering his wisdom while being there in our times of need.



BETA'S PROUD HOUSE FATHER,
ERVIN WILLIAMS (AT 2194)

When asked what the initiation meant to him Ervin responded with, "It is an honor and privilege to be inducted into such a strong brotherhood. It warms my heart that these men, who I have come to know so well, would accept me as their brother." Ervin has been named the 2,194th Beta on the roles of the Alpha Tau chapter, a position he will cherish for a lifetime.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEW CABINET OFFICERS:**

Alumni Relations- Justin Carter
Rush- Bryce Wergin, Dave Frayser
Historian- Marshall Martens
Chaplin- Dave Frayser
Chorister- Dave Frayser
Social- Billy Olson, Kraig Steckler
Facilities- Phil Walters
House and Grounds- Phil Walters
Head Hasher- Justin Carter
IFC Representative- Adam Petersen
Public Relations- Gregg Asplund
Intramurals- Robert Carlson
Sergeant at Arms- Miles Hunke
Involvement- Kraig Steckler
Technology- Thomas Wanek, James Haynes
Ritual- Taylor Schnack

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS**

Mr. Beta Theta Pi- Scott Hackman
Chapter Contribution- Kenton Moore
Alumni Contribution- Carl Sjulín
Scholastic Achievement- Kevin Dopp
Campus Involvement- Carson Vaughan
Athlete of the Year- Tom Knudson
Community Service- Rishi Batra

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THIS YEARS
GRADUATING
SENIORS**

Nathan Weiting- 2114
Scott Hackman- 2116
Taylor Brown- 2125
Randy Ambroz- 2122
Kevin Dopp- 2124
Cody Kluver- 2108
Ross Bahensky- 2151
Andy Moellering- 2126
Corey Clifford- 2117
Dillion Small- 2130
Cuyler Gembol- 2106
Alex Steckler- 2123
Mark Antonson- 2103

Thanks For All Your Hard Work

SUMMER RUSH PREVIEW

As the spring 2008 Finals ended, the 2008 Rush Season was kicked off. We are excited about the good start we already have with the extensive list of exceptional recommendations that we received from Alumni and Active members. If you have a recommendation you would like to make, just submit it on the Recruitment website at: <http://beta.unl.edu/recruitment>.

This year's Rush Season should be fairly exciting as we are adding another Rush Event to our calendar as well as adding two Friday night BBQs in Omaha. We added these events so Rushes can have more of a chance to meet more of the guys in the house. We feel that the more the men going through Rush are exposed to the men currently in the house, the better chance we have at getting them to accept our bids.

As always, alumni are welcome at any Thursday night BBQ or rush event and we would love to see anyone that can make it. Alumni participation at these events is a great way to show potential brothers just how important lifelong fraternal brotherhood is to our fraternity. This year's alumni event will be held at Carl Sjulín's farm (AT 1580) from 1:30-5:30 p.m. on June 28th. Directions will be posted on the Recruitment website mentioned above. There should also be plenty of signs along the way there to help guide anyone headed to the event.

Thank you for continued support that you show us not only as a Rush team, but also as an entire chapter of your Alpha Tau brothers. Alumni play such an important role in every aspect of our chapter and it would be great if potential brothers could see that first hand over the summer. If you have any questions regarding directions or events please call Rush Chairman, Alex Stewart at (308) 325-4832. GO BETA!

Yours in __kai__,

Alex Stewart (AT 2160)
Rush Chairman

Bryce Wergin (AT 2177)
Rush Chairman

Dave Frayser (AT 2183)
Rush Chairman

BROTHERS PARTICIPATE IN BIG EVENT

On the morning Sunday April 12, 2008 the Alpha Tau chapter continued the tradition of the Men of Principle goal Commitment to Community. Nearly the entire chapter left the house to participate in the University wide philanthropy, the Big Event. Alpha was sent to the Lincoln care center, where they painted the lobby area. They also performed other jobs such as moving stoves and other large appliances. Overall it was a very successful philanthropy and the employees of the center were grateful for their service. The chapter will most likely continue to participate in the Big Event for many years to come.



BEING A BETA FOR LIFE

BY JUSTIN CARTER
ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

As Alpha Tau's new Alumni Relations Chairman, it will be my job to continue the tradition of a strong relationship between the Alumni and the Active members of the Chapter. My goal for this year is to improve our traditional annual alumni events as well as create new events. I also look forward to improving the communications between all Alpha Tau's and working to get everyone involved in this house which we love so dearly.

This September we will see the establishment of Alumni weekend, which will include Alumni/Dad's day on Saturday the 6th, and the annual Beta Golf Classic on Sunday the 7th. Alumni/Dad's day will be a great day to come out and celebrate the heritage of all Alpha Tau brothers, it will take place at the chapter house after the football game with San Jose State. Be watching for invitations for both Alumni/Dad's day and the Beta Golf Classic.

In addition to these traditional events we will always continue to allow alumni to get a personal look at the progress our chapter has

ALPHA TAU HOLDS ANNUAL MOM'S DAY

The Active members of Alpha Tau held their annual Mom's Day celebration on Sunday April 27th, 2008. It was a beautiful spring day in Lincoln, nearly 40 moms attended with a total of around 90 people present.

Faith Jensen, the chapters exceptional cook, once again put in many hours preparing the luncheon. It was a lovely meal which consisted of sandwiches, many varieties of salad, fresh fruit and vegetables, deserts, and a numerous amount of other entrees.

Each of Alpha Tau's brothers recognized their mother by standing up and telling everyone what they appreciated most about them, this was followed by a traditional serenade. Overall, the day was a great success.

We are always looking for alumni who would like to join us for our Monday night formal dinners and chapter meetings. Having alumni over to the chapter house is always a great experience for the active members and alumni alike. We will also be looking for alumni to join us next fall for some of our pledge education meetings. We're looking for qualified men who would like to help us explain our 9 men of principle goals to our new pledges, something which we always take to extreme importance during our member education program.

If you have any questions on how to get involved or you just have some additional comments please feel to contact me at (402)679-3006 or alumni@beta.unl.edu. I look forward to serving you in the future and keeping the tradition of a great relationship between the alumni and the active members of the Alpha Tau chapter.

Yours in __kai__
Justin Carter (AT 2184), Alumni Relations Chairman

