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## ALPHA TAU RUSH ENDS WITH 34 NEW PLEDGES

Alpha Tau rush chairs brought in a total of 34 pledges this semester. Thomas Wanek, Andrew Dowd, and Kraig Steckler brought in a large amount of kids that were able to balance school work as well as activities. All the new pledges are very well-rounded men and will soon make great Betas. The chapter is very grateful to all those who helped out with the rush process. A special thanks to Jim Krieger, who graciously donated his house for a rush event. Rush was a true success this summer and we could not have done it without the assistance of all those who contributed in any way.



Jim Largen	KC Highland
Rahul Batra	Mike Varilek
Brian Cary	Landon Stahmer
Jacob Zlomke	Nick Phillips
Blake Wewel	Zach Skokan
Jake Danielson	Taylor Ott
Nicholas Teets	Jake Hedgecock
Trevor White	Piotr Slowinski
Blake Fredrickson	Jack Christie
Jordan Broekhuis	Kyle King
Cheney Neesen	Ben Stewart
Jake Schumacher	Pat Shneider
Jack Wagoner	Pat Norton
Calvin Pappas	Chris Gice
Nathan Jones	Robert Borvan
Robert Severson	Matt Blankenau
Chris Enke	Mike Mumaugh



## 2009

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

*President-* Scott Barker  
*Vice President-* Alex Stewart  
*Secretary-* Bryce Wergin  
*Risk Manager-* Ted Stuckey  
*Treasurer-* Billy Olson  
*Pledge Educator-* Kraig Steckler  
*Recruitment Chairman-* Tom Wanek  
*Scholarship Chairman-* Rishi Batra  
*Social Chairman-* Dave Frayser  
*Philanthropy-* Justin Carter

## 2009 CABINET POSITIONS

*Alumni Relations-* Parker Smith  
*Public Relations-* Nate Neuberger  
*Intramurals-* Ben Theye and Patrick Sullivan  
*Social Cabinet-* Miles Tommeraasen and Joel Jacox  
*Assistant Treasurer-* Giamcomo Panizolo  
*Historian-* Daniel Gillespie  
*Chorister-* Matthew Miller  
*Chapel-* David Frayser  
*Sargent at Arms-* Andrew Hover  
*Head Hashers-* Bryce Pfalzgraf and Alex Perez  
*Involvement-* Ben Wilson  
*House Manager-* Brandon Wilson  
*Facilities Manager-* Chris Rokahr  
*Technology-* Matthew Fischer

## FORMAL DINNER

Beta is always looking for Alumni to be guests at our Formal Dinners. If you have any interest in attending please contact Parker Smith (AT 2203) at alumni@beta.unl.edu

## BETA EXCELS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Alpha Tau continued on the tradition of being one of the top chapters of Beta Theta Pi at convention this summer. The 170th general election was held in Phoenix, Arizona at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa from July 30th – August 2nd and was attended by more than 600 betas and guests from all across the country. Alpha Tau was once again recognized with many prestigious awards, including our eighth John Reily Knox award. This award is the most prestigious award given to a Beta Chapter. It combines all aspects of the men of principle initiative and sets goals that each chapter strives to achieve each year. Along with the Knox award, Alpha Tau also took many other awards home as well. This included honorable mention for philanthropy event, outstanding recruitment, campus involvement, house dad of the year award, excellence in risk management, the Sisson award, and best new song.



Attendees included Scott Barker, Rishi Batra, Billy Olson, Alex Stewart and Matt Fischer

BETAS PARTICIPATE IN THE  
ANNUAL BETA GOLF CLASSIC

The ninth annual Beta alumni golf tournament teed off this year on September 13th at Highlands Golf Course in Lincoln. The tournament was a four-man scramble format and had a tournament of 14 groups.

The winning group consisted of Bruce McKeag, John McHenry, Max Martin, and Greg Walklin. They shot an astounding 12 under par, to finish with a 58.

Special thanks to Bruce McKeag and John McHenry for sponsoring holes. Your contributions to the tournament were greatly appreciated.

The golf tournament was a great success and provided a fantastic opportunity for alumni to associate with active members of the house as well as the new pledges. We look forward to continuing this great tradition in the future and providing more opportunities for actives and alumni to associate with each other.



Active Alpha Tau member at the Beta Golf Classic

We will be continuing our tradition of lifelong brotherhood next year by making Alumni/Dad's Weekend an annual event. We have chosen mid-September to mark on our calendar. The event should be the same in all aspects; the social at the house will be held on Saturday before or after the football game and the golf tournament will be held on Sunday. We do hope to improve on the planning of the event, from what I understand many were not notified because our e-mail list was not updated at the time, the e-mail list is now ready to go and up to date so I can promise that everyone will be notified and formally invited to the event. I hope to see you all next year for a great weekend of fun.

## —ALPHA TAU WINS HOUSE PARENT OF THE YEAR—

THE ARTICLE BELOW IS THE NOMINATION  
WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT SCOTT BARKER

Ervin Williams has been the house dad at the Alpha Tau chapter for six years. Erv is not your typical father figure because of his stature. He is 6'5" and over three hundred pounds of passion and fire. Mr. Williams is always there watching over us to make sure that we accomplish our task and constantly barking in order to keep our house clean. Erv is the definition of a true gentleman and lectures the Alpha Tau on etiquette meetings throughout the semester. One of the reasons Alpha Tau has such a clean track record is the effort that he puts in educate and hold our members accountable. Ervin is a former firefighter and is always making sure that the house knows the proper procedures



Brother Ervin Williams (AT 2194)

*This Year, Brother Ervin Williams (AT 2194) was named House Parent of the Year at the annual Beta Theta Pi Convention.*

when executing a fire drill. One of the things that sets Erv apart is his cooking. The men of the Alpha Tau chapter love when Erv is behind the grill cooking with his southern BBQ sauce. He is constantly hosting Super Bowl parties in which he gives up watching the game to grill for the men of this house. Alpha Tau had such a deep compassion for this our beloved house dad that we initiated him into our chapter. Brother Williams (AT 2194) was very touched by this moment and can now regularly attend chapter meetings. Erv acts as our foundation just as our alumni

do. He is experienced enough to know when to step in and fill in the gray areas. Brother Williams works for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln athletic department. Erv is always hiring Betas to work parking part-time for various athletic events. Many brothers are grateful for this because gives them a chance to make money without being tied down to twenty hour work weeks like normal jobs. He is also a tremendous resource when numerous brothers were applying for jobs with the University. Erv wrote recommendations for brothers Patrick Sullivan (AT 2224), Giacomo Panizzolo (AT 2211), Ben Wilson (AT 2227) and Tyler Brown (AT 2221). Brother Williams always has his door open and willing to help any brother in need. Whether brothers realize it or not Erv Williams has been one of the cornerstones for the Alpha Tau chapter for almost six years. He is an extremely hard worker, a great friend, and a terrific brother.

## BURRITO BASH 2009

This year, Beta's annual Burrito Bash worked to benefit a very worthy cause, the American Cancer Society. Brothers Tyler Hawkins and Andrew Dowd both serve as executive members of ACS and the group as a whole was very grateful by Alpha Tau's willingness to help out their cause. Beta Burrito Bash welcomed in more than 500 people and ultimately raised around \$4000

It was a great turnout and was enjoyed by all. The ACS offered raffle items such as basketball tickets and hats, and Faith did a fantastic job of preparing the food for the event. The American Cancer Society truly appreciated the donation that was given by Alpha Tau and the event was truly a success.



Brothers Enjoying Beta Burrito Bash