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**ALPHA TAU INITIATES
CLASS OF 2008**

On January 12th through 18th the Alpha Tau chapter held its initiation week for the 2008 pledge class. Throughout the week members were required to participate in events which helped them to realize that Beta Theta Pi is not only a college experience but something they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Some of the activities included eating dinner with and being interviewed by alumni, bowling with seniors, and an all house dodge ball game. The week proves to be a great opportunity for active members of the Alpha Tau chapter to reach out and welcome in new members.

This year's class was nothing short of excellent; 26 of 27 initiated and the class average GPA was a 3.5. New members were initiated on January 18th, to the right are the new members in the order in which they were initiated.



- AT 2203 Parker Smith
- AT 2204 Nathan Neuberger
- AT 2205 Matthew Miller
- AT 2206 Joel Jacox
- AT 2207 Christopher Rokahr
- AT 2208 Joseph Hilger
- AT 2209 Ben Theye
- AT 2210 Duncan Watley
- AT 2211 Giacomo Panizolo
- AT 2212 Cooper Overcash
- AT 2213 Jacob Kaufman
- AT 2214 Daniel Owen
- AT 2215 Jordan Brownfield
- AT 2216 Miles Tommeraaen
- AT 2217 Jim McBride
- AT 2218 Daniel Gillespie
- AT 2219 Brandon Wilson
- AT 2220 Steven Ebers
- AT 2221 Tyler Brown
- AT 2222 Alex Perez
- AT 2223 Bryce Pfalzgraf
- AT 2224 Patrick Sullivan
- AT 2225 Andrew Dowd
- AT 2226 Matthew Fischer
- AT 2227 Grant Sieboldt
- AT 2228 Ben Wilson



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CONGRATULATIONS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President- Scott Barker
Vice President- Alex Stewert
Secretary- Bryce Wergin
Risk Manager- Ted Stuckey
Treasurer- William Olson
Pledge Educator- Kraig Steckler
Recruitment Chairman- Thomas Wanek
Scholarship Chairman- Rishi Batra
Social Chairman- David Frayser
Philanthropy- Justin Carter

CONGRATULATIONS TO INCOMING 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

CONGRATUALIONS DECEMBER 2008 GRADUATES

Logan Hart AT 2119
 Anthony Cimino AT 2129

Thanks for all your hard work and good luck in whatever the future might bring you!

A JOURNEY THROUGH PLEDGE SEMESTER, BY HONOR PLEDGE PARKER SMITH

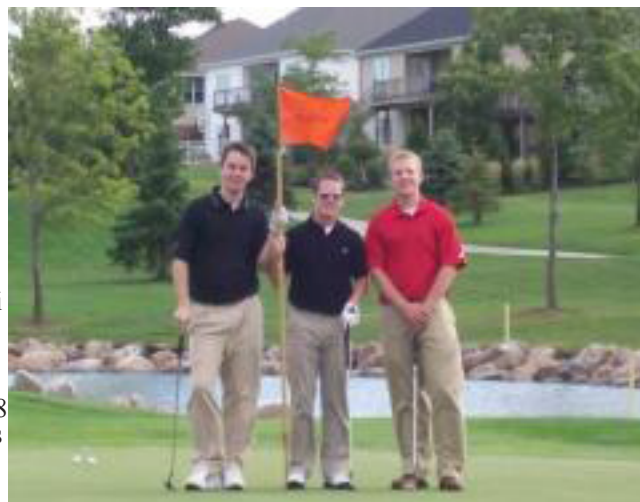
My pledge semester this year was one of the greatest experiences of my life. It was both challenging as well as fun, and I will never forget it. One of my favorite memories is the campout at the beginning of the year. Just getting to know everyone and seeing where they came from and what they were interested in was really fascinating. Another instance that I will never forget is the trip to FuturesQuest. Four of my pledge brothers and myself made the 9-hour trip to Indiana and we had so much fun both in the car ride up there as well as at the camp. We learned about how other chapters functioned and it truly made me appreciate being a member of the Alpha Tau chapter. Finally, my favorite part of pledge semester was Initiation week. It was probably the most demanding week of my life, but I took so much from it. It truly made me feel honored to become a member of Beta Theta Pi and be able to call my housemates brothers.



Parker Smith was the Honor Pledge of the 2008 Pledge Class

BETAS TEE-OFF IN THE ANNUAL BETA GOLF CLASSIC

On September 6th Alpha Tau restarted a great tradition. Alumni and Dad's gathered at the chapter house Saturday afternoon after Nebraska's victory over San Jose State. Everyone enjoyed burgers, bratwursts, and an assortment of other foods prepared by our wonderful cook Faith. Alpha Tau also took this opportunity to apply for an alcohol permit from the University, which allowed us to set up a cash bar on the deck. Alumni and Dads both got a chance to socialize and have fun with the active chapter.



Active Alpha Tau members at the Beta Golf Classic

The following Sunday 38 alumni, dads, and active members of the chapter met at Wilderness Ridge golf course in Lincoln to take part in the Beta Golf Classic. The tournament proved to be to be very enjoyable, as 10 teams competed in the 18 hole scramble. An alumni team made up of Bruce McKeag, Greg Walkin, Roger Douglas, and Max Martin won the tournament with a score of 8 under par. The golf tournament was very successful in part to the number of active members and Dad's who participated. It was a great way to get alumni and the active chapter together.

We will be continuing our tradition of lifelong brotherhood next year by making Alumni/Dad's Weekend an annual event. We have chosen the date of September 12th 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.

—BETA THETA PI EXCELS IN PHILANTHROPY—

ALPHA TAU HOSTS QUEENS OF THE COURT AND BETA BURRITO BASH

Alpha Tau chapter continued their commitment to community this past fall by hosting two philanthropic events on the University campus. On October 12th Beta held the 3rd annual Queens of the Court tournament in partnership with Farmhouse Fraternity. A sorority basketball tournament in which girls compete to raise money for the Lincoln Food Bank. Eleven teams participated in the tournament this year, and Kappa Alpha Theta took the championship and the newly established Queens of the Court travelling trophy. This year's event resulted in 1,052.10 dollars being donated to the Lincoln Food Bank. Overall the event



Kappa Alpha Theta celebrates the tournament victory with their Beta coaches

It is because of the leadership of so many in the Alpha Tau chapter that Beta Theta continues to be an example of fraternity life at its best. On March 4, 2009 Alpha Tau was presented with the C.B. Schultz Philanthropy award for its excellence in community service on campus as well as in the Lincoln community.

was great fun and has become a tradition Beta and Farmhouse will continue in many years to come.

In 2008 the Alpha Tau chapter held the 12th annual Beta Burrito Bash, an all you can eat taco, burrito, and nacho feed which has become Beta's signature philanthropy event. The event was a great success, 4,714.45 dollars was donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Faith Jensen, Alpha Tau's wonderful cook, put in many long hours leading up to event as all the food was prepared by her and other Betas in the house kitchen.

ALPHA TAU MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Two men had the opportunity of participating in Beta Theta Pi summer leadership activities in 2008. Justin Carter (AT 2184) attended Beta Wilderness Challenge in Driggs Idaho, where he learned leadership through the outdoors and Beta Ritual. Kraig Steckler (AT 2192) attended The John and Nelia Wooden Institute in Oxford Ohio, where he practiced leadership and Beta Ritual at Miami University, the birthplace of Beta Theta Pi.

Both men credited the leadership events as experience they will remember for the rest of their lives. Both hope to use what they learned to help the Alpha Tau chapter continue its success at the University of Nebraska.



Justin Carter at Beta Wilderness Challenge