



THE DRAGON'S TALE

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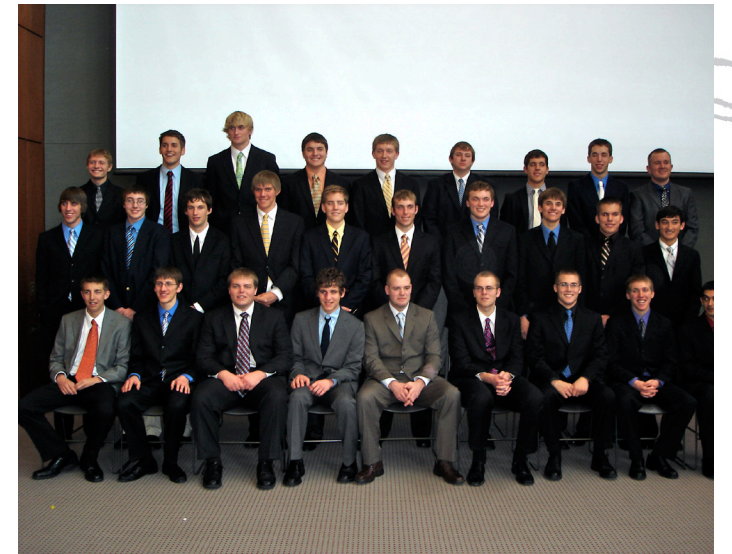
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER, THE ALPHA TAU OF BETA THETA PI

ALPHA TAU INITIATES TWENTY - NINE NEW MEMBERS

Twenty-nine men have recently become initiated into the Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. On January 17, 2010, these twenty nine new initiates and their parents joined the men of Beta Theta Pi at a banquet in the Wick Alumni Center, celebrating their becoming a part of a lifelong fraternal brotherhood. The keynote speaker at the event was Brother Denny Bloom (AT 1204) who provided wonderful words of wisdom for the new initiates, as well as the active chapter as a whole. Brother Alex Stewart (AT 2160), the outgoing vice president, set up the event. He spoke on behalf of the chapter, congratulating the new initiates as well as their parents on their dedication to the principles of Beta Theta Pi. Former honor pledge, Parker Smith (AT 2203) recognized this years honor pledge Mike Mumaugh (AT 2229) and Kraig Steckler (AT 2191) recognized Jake Kaufman (AT 2213) as this years sophomore fellow. Both honor pledge and sophomore fellow are considered great honors. They are generally given to those men who truly exemplify beta qualities. They are viewed as leaders both within their pledge class, as well as within the university. Both the honor pledge and sophomore fellow are given badges recognizing them, that they are encouraged to wear during formal dinner. The "Loving Cup" ceremony was also performed by the chapter as well as the alumni. It's a very bonding experience that is enjoyed by all. All together, initiation and the week leading up to it, "I-week", were a great success. I believe the new initiates truly feel honored to be a part of such a historic and traditional institution like Beta Theta Pi.



AT 2229 Michael Mumaugh	AT 2248 Jacob Schumacher
AT 2230 Cheney Neesen	AT 2249 Nick Teets
AT 2231 Rahul Batra	AT 2250 Ben Stewart
AT 2232 Landon Stahmer	AT 2251 Taylor Ott
AT 2233 Robert Severson	AT 2252 Jake Danielson
AT 2234 Nick Phillips	AT 2253 Chris Enke
AT 2235 Matt Blankenau	AT 2254 Chris Gice
AT 2236 Jordan Brockhuis	AT 2255 K.C. Hyland
AT 2237 Brian Cary	AT 2256 Jim Lergen
AT 2238 Peter Slawinski	AT 2257 Jake Hedgecock
AT 2239 Zack Skokan	
AT 2240 Blak Fredrickson	
AT 2241 Jack Christie	
AT 2242 Pat Schneider	
AT 2243 Kyle King	
AT 2244 Blake Wewel	
AT 2245 Jacob Zlomke	
AT 2246 Trevor White	
AT 2247 Nate Jones	

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President - Dave Frayser
Vice President - Parker Smith
Secretary - Bryce Pfalzgraf
Risk Manager - Chris Rokahr
Treasurer - Giacomo Pannizolo
Pledge Educator - Andrew Dowd
Recruitment Chairmen - Ben Theye
Scholarship - Miles Tommeraasen
Social Chariman - Alex Perez
Philanthropy - Kraig Steckler

CONGRATULATIONS

*Pat Fullmer (AT 2143) to his recent
engagement to Evan Edwards.*

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THIS YEARS
GRADUATING
SENIORS

Miles Hunke - 2140
Marshall Martens - 2149
Pat Fullmer - 2143
Andrew Norton - 2157
Jordan Stange - 2152
Tyler Seibolt - 2159
Kenton Moore - 2136

Thanks For All Your Hard Work

HONOR PLEDGE 2010

The first semester of my college career was the best time of my life up to this point. When I chose to pledge Beta Theta Pi I had no idea what was in store for me. Early in the fall I met a wide-variety of individuals in my pledge class including: talented musicians, computer gurus, sports fanatics, a handyman, and a football player. Despite our differences, as a Pledge class we were able to mesh and become closer than I ever would have thought possible! Much of the bonding occurred during our weekly Sunday and Monday night meetings. During these meetings we learned the many songs of Beta Theta Pi and the rich tradition and lore that also accompany our great fraternity. I especially remember one night when we were being tested over "Gamma Nostra"- a song entirely in Latin. The vast majority of the active chapter expected us to have a considerable amount of difficulty with the song. However, when it came time to sing it as a pledge class on Sunday night, we were flawless! It has been bonding moments like these that have made me so enthused to be part of my pledge class and a member of Beta Theta Pi. The week of January 11th all the songs, the lore, and the principles taught to us throughout pledge semester came to an accumulation with initiation week and our entrance into the brotherhood of Beta Theta Pi. Joining Beta was something I didn't understand before college but now I realize it has been one of the best decisions of my life!



QUEENS OF THE COURT

Once again this year, Alpha Tau partnered with Farmhouse fraternity to host their annual Queens of the Court basketball tournament. Queens of the Court is a five on five girls basketball tournament that is coached by members of Beta Theta Pi and Farmhouse Fraternities. The event was held on November 8, 2009 at Mable Lee Courts. This years winners were Pi Beta Phi, who were coached by brothers Andrew Hover (AT 2168) and Andy Sevcik (AT 2178). All together, Alpha Tau raised over \$250 that went to the Food Bank of Lincoln.

HOMECOMING 2009

BY PARKER SMITH
ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

Homecoming week took place between September 21st and 27th this year, in celebration of the record setting 300th sell-out at memorial stadium. The event was held almost a month earlier this year than in previous years, but it did a fantastic job of boosting morale around campus. The week began on Monday with Monday Night Live. This event consisted of skits performed by fraternities, sororities, and residence halls. This year, Alpha Tau was paired with Alpha Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon. There were two divisions in the skits and Beta, A Phi, and TKE took home first in their division! The event also consisted of a blood drive, a float competition, and a pepper eating competition, which was won by freshman Jacob Schumacher. The theme for homecoming this year was Game On! Groups were asked to somehow incorporate the theme in to their floats. Alpha Tau's float

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this year was the game Hungry Hungry Hippos. It consisted of three hippos eating beach balls with the Louisiana-Lafayette, the team we played in football, logo on them. Alpha Tau was not able to win this year, but it was a great bonding experience for all the brothers and we look forward to competing again next year and winning homecoming all together.



ALPHA TAU EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

On November 15th, 2009, Alpha Tau held executive elections to decide the new officers for 2010. All offices had great candidates and the elections couldn't have gone any smoother. Alpha Tau is excited to announce their new exec team, which consists of eight new members. Returning members are President Dave Frayser (AT 2183), former social chair, and Philanthropy chair Kraig Steckler (AT 2191), former pledge educator. Alpha Tau looks forward to transitioning these men into their respected positions and is excited to begin the new year with them..

