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SUMMER RUSH 2011: CALLING ALL ALUMNI



The actives of the Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Theta Pi. This year's Recruitment chairs are Jake Hedgecock (AT 2257)(*front and center*), Cheney Neesen (AT 2230) (*left from center*), and Kyle King (AT 2243) (*right from center*)

As Spring semester and finals week come to a close, our chapter is looking forward to Summer vacation, and with that Summer Rush, where Beta is looking to recruit another class of principled men. Summer Rush is a very special time of the year, as I am sure any Beta of any age can still vividly remember his rush experience; one where he ultimately made the decision that would change his life for the better.

Our chapter would not be nearly as strong without our formidable efforts during the Summer Rush season, and 2011 will be no exception.

That being said, we also believe that incoming rushees and current active members alike can learn from a strong alumni presence, because alumni show that rushing Beta is not only a collegiate decision, but a lifetime decision.

Acknowledging this to be true, we are holding a Rush event this June with our doors open to Alumni, in hopes that your attendance will strengthen both our recruiting efforts and our Beta Pride this summer. We would like to thank brother Bill Dana for agreeing to host this event.

Any recommendations for recruitment can be sent to Jake Hedgecock at recruitment@beta.unl.edu.

ALUMNI RUSH EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, June 25, 2011
Noon-3 PM

WHERE: Bill Dana's Lakehouse
8 Ginger Cove Rd Valley, NE
68064

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEW CABINET OFFICERS:

Alumni Relations-Adam Salistean
Rush- Cheney Neesen, Kyle King
Historian-Alex Perez
Chaplain-Landon Stahmer
Chorister-Adam Salistean
Social- Bob Borvan, Jeff Rosno
Facilities- Grant Smith
House and Grounds- Tyler Carpenter
Head Hasher-Jason Barker
IFC Representative-Jordan Broekhuis,
Tyler Carpenter
Public Relations-Tate Schad
Intramurals-Kurt Siebert, Grant Fehr
Sergeant at Arms-Nate Dederman
Involvement-Nolan Johnson
Technology-Dan Baylog, Nate Watley
Ritual-Kurt Siebert, Nate Dederman

BETA GRADUATES

FOR SPRING 2011

Thomas Wanek (AT 2166)
Matthew Conway (AT 2171)
Daniel Mickells (AT 2175)
Bryce Wergin (AT 2177)
Andy Sevcik (AT 2178)
David Frayser (AT 2183)
Justin Carter (AT 2184)
Justin Lane (AT 2190)
Kraig Steckler (AT 2191)
Brett Slaby (AT 2193)
Taylor Zlomke (AT 2198)
Nick Dobberpuhl (AT 2199)
Daniel Owen (AT 2214)

ALPHA TAU'S FRATERNAL FIFTIES
FOR 2011

John Meldrum (AT 1035)
Robert Kvaal(AT 1036)
John Lahiff (AT 1037)
David Smith (AT 1038)
Daniel Vogt (AT 1039)
David Cowell (AT 1040)
Robert Boehner (AT 1041)
Ronald Ruff (AT 1042)
Joseph Johnson (AT 1043)
Rich Rademacher (AT 1044)
Gary Sup (AT 1045)
David Zimmer (AT 1046)

Donald Vogt (AT 1047)
Ronald Eakes (AT 1048)
John Glen (AT 1049)
Gary Hruby (AT 1050)
James Trester (AT 1051)
Raymond Hesse (AT 1052)
Rudolph Hamsa (AT 1053)
Bruce Brandt (AT 1054)
Wallace Douglas (AT 1055)
Ward Holdredge (AT 1056)

-Includes all members initiated in calendar year 1961

WE WELCOME A NEW CHAPTER TO THE
CORNHUSKER STATE

In a very sudden yet exciting develop-
ment this Spring, the General Frater-
nity urgently e-mailed all active Alpha
Taus and local Beta alumni with only
a week's notice inviting any and all
to attend their expansion presentation
to Creighton University on April 12.
Beta Theta Pi was in competition for
one spot on Creighton's campus with
Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Nu
fraternities.

Over twenty active members
and alumni attended this event, which
gave Beta a solid representation. The
General Fraternity had an impressive
presentation, highlighting the perfor-
mance of recent colonies, all of which
were given the new Beta colony's strict
GPA standard of a 3.2. They also boast-
ed numbers the other fraternities could
not, including the highest international

GPA of any fraternity with more than
100 chapters, and \$800,000 offered to
its members in grant money for leader-
ship opportunities, which is two times
higher than any other fraternity.

Beyond the GF expansion pre-
sentation, Creighton's sixteen-student
expansion committee was impressed
by our chapter, particularly our GPA
of 3.516 across 96 active members last
semester.

We are very excited about hav-
ing a young Beta chapter so nearby.
We hope to connect with them for
multiple _kai_ events every year, and
Chapter President Andrew Dowd (AT
2225) says that he hopes to initiate
the new chapter's founders just as the
Alpha Nu chapter in Kansas did for our
founders back in 1888.

ALPHA TAU EXCELS IN
PHILANTHROPY

Though our chapter has always done more than its part to serve the community, this past year has been even more exceptional. Beta held its traditional philanthropy events *Beta Burrito Bash* and *Queens of the Court* (each benefitting the American Cancer Society; more information on these can be found at <http://beta.unl.edu/philanthropy/>) in the fall, but this Spring semester our service has been done through strong representation in campus-wide projects, and work in the community center Lighthouse.

Alpha Tau made a major statement this February through a campus-wide philanthropy event called Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon took place at the Student Union on February 18th from 6 P.M. until dawn, and the money went to the Chil-

DID YOU KNOW?

Our chapter reports an average of
32 hours of community service per

Beta Theta
in this event, and
efforts. This Beta
beating the second

member annually.

fraternity by nearly \$3000. Adding to that, the top two individual fundraisers were Beta's own Dave Frayser (AT 2183)) and Kurt Siebert (AT 2259). Frayser, a graduating senior, was on the executive team of Dance Marathon this past year, and Siebert and Grant Fehr (AT 2266) are following in his footsteps by joining the event's executive team for next year. In addition, eight other Betas applied for other roles within Dance Marathon.

Beta's dominant presence at Dance Marathon did not go unnoticed. Said Alyssa DeFrain, director of DM for the Omaha Children's Hosptial:

"Dance Marathon would not happen without Beta Theta Pi. I wish other fraternities understood the impact your house has."

This quote sums up the dedication and incredible impact made by twenty five Beta men for a truly wonderful cause.



*Beta takes the stage at UNL Dance Marathon, being ac-
knowledged for having raised the most money out of any
other student organization by a very wide margin.*

dren's Miracle Net-
awareness programs
or in this grueling
13.1 hour timespan,
all in one night!

Pi had 25 members (the most out of any fraternity) participate those men raised over \$3500 total, in individual fundraising Group raised the most funds out of any other group on campus, place group by over \$1500, and overshadowing the second place

Beta also sent the most representatives to the Greek Week sponsored philanthropy involving smoke detector installation, again showing our campus-wide strength in our Commitment to Community, a *Men of Principle* goal.

Lastly, our relationship with the community center Lighthouse founded by Pete Allman (AT 1482) is in its formative stages. We have spent a few Friday afternoons with the at-risk youth Pete takes care of in hopes that Lighthouse's safe environment will help them to graduate high school. We hope to continue and grow this relationship with them in the future, for what better role models for these at-risk youth, then the true Men of Principle here at the Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Find out more at lincolnighthouse.org.

Any suggestions, questions, or comments regarding our philan-
thropy can be sent to Rahul Batra at philanthropy@beta.unl.edu

Your's in _kai_,
Adam Salistean ~2262~
Alumni Relations