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# THE DRAGON'S TALE

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

## NEW INITIATES JOIN ALPHA TAU

On Saturday January 14th, a semester full of memories and hard work paid off as Alpha Tau welcomed 21 new members to its roll. The initiation ritual took place at noon on Saturday and was followed by the traditional visit to Valentino's Buffet on East Campus by actives members and new initiates.

This year's pledge class worked very hard to achieve success socially, academically, and in the community. The 2011 pledge class achieved an average GPA of 3.18, higher than the Greek all male average. Additionally, this pledge class averaged over 28 community service hours per person this past semester.

The initiation banquet was held the following day, Sunday the 15th, and was attended by actives, new initiates, and their parents. The banquet was held at the Wick Alumni center where the sophomore fellow was announced and where this year's Alumni speaker presented while lunch was served to all in attendance.

This year's Alumni Speaker was Pete Allman (AT 1482). Brother Allman is a member of the Alpha Tau class of 1979 and is the President and founder of Lighthouse, a Lincoln based after school program for under privileged youth. During his speech, brother Allman praised Beta's recent success and remarked on the importance of keeping the Beta spirit high. Brother Allman also talked about how staying involved in Beta has helped him cultivate lifelong friendships and experiences that he still values today.

After Pete Allman gave his speech, this year's honor pledge, Michael Nordell (AT 2288) and sophomore fellow, Tyler Carpenter (AT2274) spoke. Both Betas talked of their journey thus far in college, the positive impact that Beta has had on their lives, and their continued commitment to maintaining Beta's success.

The Banquet concluded with the loving cup ceremony. Michael Nordell said "It was an awesome way to end a semester filled with lots of hard work and lots of fun."

Everyone is excited and proud to see 21 more outstanding men join the lifelong brotherhood of Beta Theta Pi.





### Special thanks to this season's Alumni Formal Dinner Guests:

Greg Walklin  
Mark Antonson  
Jeff Beavers

We appreciate you taking the time to share a meal and visit with us.

### Congratulations!

Michael Mumaugh (AT 2229) on being selected as a member of the Innocents Society.

Landon Stahmer (AT 2232) for winning the prestigious ADDI Award.

Mike Wortman on the birth of his new granddaughter, Lucy, born Monday February 20th, 2012

### Connect With Alpha Tau

"Like" us on Facebook (Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Chapter) and follow us on twitter (@AlphaTauChapter).

Also, we highly recommend you join our LinkedIn group (Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Chapter), where you can network with other chapter alumni!

## FALL ACADEMIC STANDINGS

Beta Theta Pi ranked significantly higher than the All Greek and Greek Male average GPA, earning the second highest fraternity GPA on campus.

### Top Fraternity Academic Ranks by GPA:

- 1.) Sigma Phi Epsilon - GPA: 3.465
- 2.) Beta Theta Pi - GPA: 3.459
- 3.) Phi Delta Theta - GPA: 3.268

All Greek Average GPA: 3.223

Greek Male Average GPA: 3.081

## NEW EXEC MEMBERS ELECTED

**President** – Michael Mumaugh  
**Vice President** – Jake Hedgecock  
**Treasurer** – Cheney Neesen  
**Secretary** – Landon Stahmer  
**Scholarship** – Rahul Batra  
**Risk Manager** – Jason Barker

**Philanthropy** – Nolan Johnson  
**Social** – Jeff Rosno  
**Alumni Relations** – Tyler Carpenter  
**Recruitment** – Grant Fehr  
**Pledge Educator** – Kurt Siebert

## NEW CABINET POSITIONS

**Rush**- Kevan Reardon, Jeff Rosno  
**Historian**- Kevin Broderson  
**Chaplain**- Aaron Matzke  
**Chorister**- Josh Burks  
**Alumni Relations**- Zach Foster  
**Social**- Kevan Reardon, Kevin Creal  
**Facilities**- Cody Elmore  
**House and Grounds**- Adam Salistean  
**Social Media**- Quentin Orr

**Head Hasher**- Dayton Stange  
**IFC Representative**- Grant Fehr  
**Public Relations**- Grant Garrison  
**Intramural Chairs**- John Haslam, Ryan Newsham  
**Sergeant at Arms**- Nate Dederman  
**Involvement**- Matt Hedrick  
**Technology**- Devin Larsen, Matt Ober  
**Ritual**- Michael Nordell, Matt Moore

Congratulations to all new officers and thank you for serving Beta!

# ALPHA TAU GIVES BACK AT UNL'S DANCE MARATHON

Nebraska Betas continue to show their character and commitment to the community through their heavy involvement in Dance Marathon this February. Dance Marathon is an annual student run event that benefits the Omaha Children's Hospital. The event features musical guests, entertainment, and activities for all participants.

This year's event began on February 17th at 7 pm and lasted until 7 am the next day. The success had at this year's event was as great as any in the past as nearly \$50,000 was raised.

It is hard to deny Beta's part in Dance Marathon's success this year as 31 Betas attended and raised over \$4500 for the event.

Dance Marathon's leadership team featured five Alpha Tau members. Jordan Brokehuis, Nolan Johnson, Grant Fehr, Kurt Siebert, and Joel Vrana made up half of Dance Marathon's dedicated leadership team and were an integral part of the success of Dance Marathon.

If you want to learn more about dance marathon, donate, or volunteer you can visit their website <http://dm.unl.edu/> for more information.



(Freshman Kevan Reardon enjoying Dance Marathon with one of the children who benefit from the event)

## AN INVITATION FOR ALUMNI: SPRING GAME KICKOFF

The men of Alpha Tau would like to welcome any and all Beta Alums to the first annual Alpha Tau Spring Game Kickoff Event. The event will take place before the Red-White Spring game on April 14th. Come by and meet the current Betas and see the house. Lunch will be served buffet style in Beta's dining room and will be available 11:30 am until kickoff at 1 pm.

A block of Tickets has been reserved in South Stadium for Alumni and their families. Tickets are \$10 dollars each and can also be reserved in advance. There will be parking spots reserved in Beta's back lot for Alumni who call in advance.

Have any questions? Want to reserve a parking spot or ticket? Call Tyler Carpenter at 269-491-1829 or e-mail at [alumni@beta.unl.edu](mailto:alumni@beta.unl.edu)

Hope to see you all there!

Yours in \_ kai \_  
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