



THE DRAGON'S TALE

FALL 2013

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

CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$2.6 MILLION IN PLEDGES; ALPHA TAU HOUSE REMODEL COMPLETE

Help Still Needed to Reach Final Goal

Our house remodeling is complete and our undergraduate men are living in a premiere Greek facility at the University of Nebraska. To see pictures of the house, as well as other information about the eight-month-long project, visit www.1515r.org. As of October 1, we have raised \$2,604,961 from 310 of our alumni. This is a great number, but there is still work to be done.

BETA THETA PI PRIDE EVIDENT IN RENOVATIONS

We can be proud of our Alpha Tau house. It is a handsome home inside and out. Many times since the renovation it has been the center of alumni, sorority, and fraternity social gatherings. The actives and your campaign committee hope you will visit and meet our members and learn about the chapter, the community service they have done, and their academic and professional goals.

CAMPAIGN CHAIRMEN ENCOURAGE "ALL-IN" MENTALITY FOR ALPHA TAU ALUMNI

In order to reach our \$3 million goal in the *125 Years of Excellence—Continuing Our Tradition* campaign, we encourage all of you to reflect on your Beta days in college (and maybe since) and think about how Alpha

Tau has made an impact on you. Through the campaign we hope to preserve that experience for future generations. You can still make a gift and stretch it over five years, and we hope you will. We will continue to tell you about paying down the mortgage, but in a different way, hoping you will help. Remember that money pledged to the University of Nebraska Foundation is 100% tax deductible and amounts of \$2,500 or more will be noted on a Board of Recognition to be located as one enters the front door of the chapter house. You can impact tomorrow's leaders by supporting the campaign today.

JOIN US FOR ALPHA TAU'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Be sure to attend Alpha Tau's 125th anniversary and rededication ceremony on November 1-2. It will be a weekend full of reconnecting, reminiscing, and discussing what is in store for the future of the chapter. We hope to see you there!

Yours in _kai_,
Campaign Chairmen
Bruce McKeag '65
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ALPHA TAU CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Alumni Event Scheduled for November 1-2

On September 13, 2013, our chapter reached its 125th anniversary. Since our founding in 1888, Alpha Tau has accomplished many things and built a culture of achievement. We continue to thrive and still have a bright future ahead, guided by the values of Beta Theta Pi and the Men of Principle initiative.

Just as the chapter turns 125, the Beta chapter house at 1515 R Street has been completely revamped, with all renovations made possible by generous donations from our alumni. These exciting events make for a well-deserved celebration, which is why I encourage you to attend the 125th anniversary celebration for the Alpha Tau Chapter on November 1-2.

You should have received a reservation form for this event in the mail, but in case you did not, a copy of the form and more information on the anniversary celebration can be found online at www.1515r.org/reunion.

The active chapter is excited for this celebration and to meet the alumni who have supported us and allowed us to succeed throughout the years. I hope to see you this November!

Yours in _kai_,
Adam Salistean '11
Alumni Relations Executive
alumni@beta.unl.edu

125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE – CONTINUING OUR TRADITION



THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI, FOR CONTRIBUTING \$2,604,961 TO 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE—CONTINUING OUR TRADITION CAMPAIGN

Our loyal brothers and friends have shown their generosity by donating \$2,604,961 to the *125 Years of Excellence—Continuing Our Tradition* campaign. These gifts positively impact the future of Alpha Tau Chapter, and our undergraduate brothers truly appreciate your generous giving. All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated chapter house.

kai Circle
(\$250,000 and above)
The Mammel Foundation
Carl G. Mammel '52
Alpha Tau Undergraduate Chapter

Knox Circle
(\$100,000 to \$249,999)
Robert Kretz '58
W. Grant Gregory '60
William C. Dana '76

Alpha Tau Legacy Society
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)
Anonymous
Stephen D. Andersen '60
Hedgecock Family Gift
Norman R. Hedgecock '70
Jake W. Hedgecock '10
Irv Dana III '72
In memory of his
Parents, Irving R. Dana Jr.
and Mary Jane Dana
David G. Werner '75

1888 Charter Society
(\$25,000 to \$49,999)
Donna Woods
In memory of
Thomas C. Woods,
Phi Chi (Yale),
Thomas C. Woods II '40,
Thomas C. Woods III '72, and
Frank H. Woods 1890
In honor of
Jon J. Hinrichs '62
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Jacob Family Gift
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Thomas A. Jacob '85
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Sam P. Baird '63
Todd A. Baird '88
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In memory of
Phil Bowen '66 and
Geoff Heiden '66
Dennis D. Bloom '67
Bruce "BC" Christenson '67
John M. McHenry '67
The Honorable David K. Karnes '68
In honor of
Dave and Liz Karnes

Donald J. Walla, M.D. '71
Doug E. Deeter '72
Penny and James R. Krieger '72
Craig Pohlman '74 and
Chuck Mangimelli '74, Room 3
Sjulin Family Gift
Carl J. Sjulin '80
David H. Sjulin '82
Kimberly and Thomas Egan Jr. '89

Loving Cup Society
(\$15,000 to \$24,999)
Charles E. Wright '51
Carpenter Family Gift
Terry Carpenter '60
Robert Carpenter '83
Tyler Carpenter '11
J. Roger Myers '60
Larry L. Dlugosh '62
James R. Poggemeyer Fund
Thomas D. Poggemeyer '62
In memory of
James R. Poggemeyer '62
David L. Erickson '69
Kratina Family Gift
Mark D. Kratina '70
Mark D. Kratina Jr. '99
Scott D. Greenwood, M.D. '71
David F. Firestone '72
Lester F. Buckley '74
Mark A. Larsen '76
Russell V. Peterson Jr. '76
Stacy and Bradley Focht '77
Kirk J. Trofholz '78
Nikunen Family Gift
Michael A. Nikunen '76
David P. Nikunen '80
Robert D. Nikunen '84
The Foley Family and
Thomas G. Foley '81
In memory of
James P. Foley '50
Edward E. Miller '81
Mattox Family Gift
Andy Mattox '96
Todd Mattox '99

Dragon Society
(\$10,000 to \$14,999)
J. William Gibson '59
In memory of
Robert J. Gibson '64
Douglas G. Olson '59
Donald B. Stokes '59
Carlton "Lee" Peterson '60
R.C. Mead, DDS '62

If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction. Thank you, loyal alumni!

James E. Rembolt '62
Robert B. Keim '65
John W. Hancock '66
Thomas G. Morgan '66
Michael J. Wortman '67
Craig Christiansen '70
Douglas V. Krenz '70
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Gregory E. Sutton, M.D. '72
Haskins Family Gift
Gregory E. Haskins, M.D. '74
Jeffrey W. Haskins '75
John S. Roley '74
John M. Kilty '76
John F. Dittman '81
Larry J. Lubeck '81
JoAnn and Mark D. Jepson '82
Dan Woodward '82
Rick W. Fuchs '00
Preston M. Mesick '03
Mark Antonson '04
Jon T. McClymont '06

Wooglin Society
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)
Jean S. Jeffrey
In memory of
Michael L. Jeffrey '63
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Dave Kauf '51
Ted Kauf '81
Paul Kauf '83
John "Jack" Stewart '39
In memory of
Donald W. Stewart 1910
Donald W. Stewart Jr. '42
Roger M. Stewart '45
John C. Dean '43
J.P. Cullen '49
In memory of
Bob Kasmarek '49
Calvin R. Johnson '56
Thomas E. Frolik '58
In memory of
T.J. Frolik
Jim McKenney '59
Ralph "James" Goodell '60
David J. Humphry '60
Robert J. Kvaal '61
A. Michael Alesio '62
In memory of
Donna Faye Alesio
Jon J. Hinrichs, M.D. '62
James R. Humphry '62
Daniel Wherry '62

John C. Abel '63
William S. Bullock '63
Lawrence A. Frolik '63
Kile W. Johnson '63
Lee B. Marshall '63
Steven R. Hutchins '64
In memory of
Don Voss '64
Max Martin Jr. '64
James N. Shreck '65
Robert T. Trotter II '65
John C. Hall, M.D. '66
In memory of
John Abrahamson '60 and
Geoff Heiden '66
Charles R. Packard '68
David R. Holst '70
Thomas E. Martin '70
John A. Meese '70
In memory of
Carl J. Meese
Vince Sutton, M.D. '70
Douglas Duven '71
Gayle and Kent Lacey, M.D. '72
Michael J. McGahan, M.D. '72
In memory of
Barney McGahan
Steven M. Williams, M.D. '72
John P. Jacupke '74
Martens Family Gift
Steven J. Martens '75
Stuart B. Martens '01
Marshall W. Martens '06
Peter J. Hohnstein '76
John C. Welch '76
Kenneth D. Rice '77
Tim A. Scott '77
Thomas W. Showers '77
In memory of
Tom Beyer '77
Brian A. Worrall '77
John A. Albright '78
Clark W. Antonson '78
Michael W. McGillick '79
Philip Strevey '79
Brown Family Gift
Tim Brown '80
Taylor Brown '05
Dave Johnson '80
Drew D. Stange '80
Steven V. Hagan '81
Craig L. Nelson '81
Michael S. Kerrigan '82

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of October 1, 2013

\$3 Million Goal

\$2,604,961 Total Pledges

25% Participation

1,249 Mailable Alumni

Wiegert Family Gift
Joel R. Wiegert '97
Robert L. Wiegert GF '00
Aaron J. Wiegert '01
Taylor Faulkner '99
Purdy Family Gift
Bryan M. Purdy, M.D. '00
Keith A. Purdy '02
Justin T. Sheets '01
Jill and Ryan S. Duell '03
Kenton M. Moore '06
Tom Salistean '06
Ervin L. Williams '08

Three Stars Society (*\$2,500 to \$4,999*)

Jane March Brownlee
In memory of
John T. Brownlee Jr. '36
John T. Brownlee III '66
Elizabeth and Robert Griego
In memory of
John T. Brownlee Jr '36
John T. Brownlee III '66
Don and Faith Jensen
Seiboldt Family Gift
William J. Seiboldt '42
Jay W. Seiboldt '78
Tyler J. Seiboldt '06
Grant W. Seiboldt '09
Betty J. Sup
In memory of
Gary L. Sup '61
Meldrum Family Gift
Jackson N. Meldrum '29
John "Gordy" Meldrum '61
John A. Haslam '45
Peter J. Peters '49
Stuart V. Reynolds Sr. '50
Romjue Family Gift
Larry C. Romjue '57
Edwin E. Romjue '62
Milton K. Romjue '66
In memory of
Earl S. Romjue
Harold E. Johnson '58
In memory of
Earl and Evelyn Johnson
Jane and Terry Carpenter '60
Ronald L. Eakes '61
Douglas J. Cotner '62
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James T. Gleason '63
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Gary W. Frazer '65
Terry Hancock '65
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Daniel H. Eakes '69
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Kerry T. Winterer '69
David E. Morrison '71
In honor of
Scott D. Greenwood, M.D. '71
Bryan J. Tuma '74
Dan J. Watson '75
In honor of the
Leadership of the
Pledge Classes of '72 and '73
Brian M. Mumaugh '76
In memory of
William D. Holmes '76
Joseph "Bill" Santoro Jr. '76
J. Mark Dunbar '78
Jon Post '78
Douglas H. Schuring '78
Thomas R. Tritsch, DDS '79
Steve Moody '80
Neil P. Moseman '80
Michael H. Robinson '80
Spray Family Gift
J. L. Spray '80
Jack Spray '08
William C. Buntain '81
Paul A. Magnuson '81
Douglas J. Schark '81
Scott J. Slaggie '81
Drs. Nicole and
David Kaufman '89
In honor of
Elijah, Josiah, and Anaise
Matt S. Boyd '99
Laura and David Ridenour '00
William K. Norton '02
Adam W. Barney '04
Cuyler C. Gembol '04
Barton Sattler '04
Corey C. Clifford '05

1515 R Fund

(*\$1,515 to \$2,499*)
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William R. Pohlman '59
Gary E. Hruby '61
In memory of
James R. Trester '61
Tom Chambers '62
Craig P. Colburn '62
John S. McCollister '67
Peter E. Allman '76
David N. Devoe '76
In honor of
his Beta Brothers
William C. Duven '76
Rockford G. Yapp III '77
In memory of
Rockford G. Yapp Jr. '51
H. Cameron Hinds '79
Russ Rice, DVM '80
Michael A. Minnick '81
Randall Jelinek '82
J. Jessup Wilson III '82
Mike Bydalek '86
Paul M. Schreier '97
John P. Christenson '98
Philip T. Christenson '00

Matthew D. Jansen '00
Eric R. Johnson '00
Anthony M. Hohn '01
Miles M. Hunke '06
Matt Rosno '06
Andrew J. Hover '07

Alpha Tau Pride Fund (*\$500 to \$1,514*)

Brent and Lori Moore
R. Charles Bocken '40
Kenneth Kailey '46
Ernest E. Johnson '49
Clark R. Smaha '51
Harlan "Bud" Wiederspan '51
Frederick T. Daly '54
Richard M. Reische '54
Randolph M. Clark '55
Arliss "Al" Brash '59
William L. Cumberland '59
John H. Gilliland '59
John C. McCabe '59
George L. Otterson Jr. '59
Wilbur "Lee" Bentz '60
In memory of
John Abrahamson '60
Gary M. Matson '60
In memory of
John Abrahamson '60
Ned Nolte '60
In memory of
Craig, Steve, Jay, and Abie
Charles L. Norton '62
Robert H. Purcell '62
Larry D. Johnson '64
Dale I. Parker '64
Dale R. Brockmeier '65
In memory of
Jerry L. Brockmeier '69
T.J. Formanack, DDS '65
Del Snoberger '66
Douglas A. Anderson '67
Craig A. Bassett, M.D. '67
David R. Buntain '67
Jon D. Hoffmaster '67
James S. Jansen '67
In memory of
John T. Brownlee III '66
Robert G. Thacker '67
In memory of
Jerry Korshoj '67
Tom A. Wiese '67
Bennie Cohen '68
Bill V. Strain '68
Duane R. Sullivan '68
In memory of
John T. Brownlee III '66
Kaye and Robert B. Whitmore '68
Luther Frerichs '69
Steven C. Kruse, DDS '69
Doug Beckwith '70
In memory of
Ralph Beckwith '47 and
John T. Brownlee III '66
John H. Baldus '71
In memory of
Margaret and
Burton W. Folsom '43
Martens Family Gift
Bob Martens '71
Ben Martens '01
Zach Martens '03
Bruce Swihart '71
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Rock E. Snowden '73
Thomas W. Allman '74
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Brian K. Bassett '75
Jeffrey L. Gerhart '75
Scott Kugler, DDS '75
Scott A. Darling '77
James F. Jenkins, DDS '77
In honor of
Nellie and Hattie
Michael Walla '78
Kevin Atwater '79
Andy Bock '79
David C. Pauley '79
Greg H. Perry '79
David Peterson '79
John C. Peterson, M.D. '79
Tommeraasen Family Gift
Miles C. Tommeraasen '79
Miles A. Tommeraasen '09
Christopher B. Stokes '89
Jeffrey D. Beavers '00
Daniel D. Mauler '01
Thomas F. Colwell '02
Geoffrey E. Mickells '02
Josh Paula '02
Amberly and Ryan Austad '04
Brett R. Wergin '04
Tony Cimino '05
In honor of
the Pledge Class of 2004
Amanda and Scott Barker '07

Others Donors (*Up to \$499*)

Anonymous
Kent Endacott
Louise V. Howell
In memory of
James G. Howell '35
Lloyd E. Peterson '45
James R. Brownell '48
Richard L. Wakeman '50
In honor of
all Alpha Tau Betas
Michael C. Hadow '52
Robert L. Malster '52
In memory of
Tom Harrington '52
James W. Hewitt '53
Gaylord Brinlee '57
Jerry Marples '57
John A. Stansbury '59
Stephen P. Davis '62
Van E. Vahle '63
Michael C. Carroll '64
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Members
of the
2013 active
chapter of
Beta Theta Pi
at UNL.



UNDERGRADUATES PREPARE FOR SUCCESSFUL FALL SEMESTER

Campaign Success Leads to Chapter Accomplishments

The past few months have been as exciting as they come for the Alpha Tau Chapter. The house is amazing and the actives have been lucky to call such an impressive facility home. "The new house gives the chapter a common goal. We all need to work together to maintain our credibility as a top-tier chapter. We can't slack off just because we have a new house and top grades," said **Nick Preister '13**. The chapter is very thankful to be back and in this incredible new place. We sincerely thank all our alumni for their hard work in making it happen. We are extremely grateful.

Fraternity Leads in UNL Greek Life Academics, Philanthropy Already Started

The Alpha Tau Chapter placed first in grades among fraternities in the spring with a 3.42 GPA. Building off that success, the fraternity is off and running in its philanthropic efforts this fall, volunteering weekly at Lighthouse, an after school program for kids that was started by one of our own, **Pete Allman '76**.

Recruitment a Top Focus for Chapter

Recruitment Chairman **Ryan Newsham '12** and his team were able to recruit 33 new members, the highest we've seen in four years. New

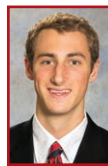
Member Educator **Michael Nordell '12** has been introducing them to our fraternal lore, values, and songs.

Beta Successful in Intramurals

In regards to intramurals, we were able to beat FarmHouse in the UNL yearly rivalry matchup. Alpha Tau also earned first place among the R Street fraternities.

Alpha Tau Thanks You for Your Support

The chapter looks forward to another successful semester and continuing our excellence in all the various aspects of being a fraternity. We thank all of the alumni again for their support and we look forward to seeing many of you at the 125th anniversary celebration. Please feel free to visit 1515 R Street and get a tour whenever you are on campus.



Yours in _kai_,
Kurt Siebert '11
Chapter President
(847) 708-2579
president@beta.unl.edu



Gettin' the first pitch done with
Larry the Cable guy—with JR Bloom '11,
Michael Nordell '12, and Kurt Siebert '11.



The first formal dinner in the renovated house.

Welcome, New Members

Cale Brodersen*
Lincoln, Neb.

Ben Frodyma
Lincoln, Neb.

Stavros Gogos
Lincoln, Neb.

Joe Grobeck
Omaha, Neb.

Justin Isaacson
Elkhorn, Neb.

Jack Jarecke
Grand Island, Neb.

Carson Jones
Boulder, Colo.

Ryan Kirby
Lincoln, Neb.

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Lincoln, Neb.

Kaleb Kougl
Springdale, Ariz.

Dustin Kuzelka
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Oakdale, Minn.

Cole Wurzer
Fargo, N.D.

*Legacy

ALPHA TAU HONORED AT BETA NATIONALS

Is Repeat Winner of Knox Award



Alpha Tau members Eric Nelson, Jared Thomsen, Grant Garrison, Kurt Siebert, and Ryan Furne, with Stu Reynolds at the General Fraternity Convention.

In early August, five Alpha Tau actives traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, for the 174th General Convention. While there, our leadership was able to meet Betas throughout the country in Leadership College, sightsee in downtown Charlotte, and go whitewater rafting.

Alpha Tau received several remarkable awards at the convention. First, the chapter was awarded a plaque signifying outstanding campus involvement as a chapter, one of few chapters to receive this distinction. Later, at the final awards ceremony, the fraternity received our 16th Sisson Award and our 11th Knox Award. **The Knox Award is the highest honor a Beta chapter can receive, and Alpha Tau is proud to have earned the most Knox Awards out of any other Beta chapter.**

Following the awards ceremony, we met **Stu Reynolds '50**, who made the trip to Charlotte from Florida with his wife. Stu was the second-oldest Beta to attend the convention, and he plans on attending again in the future. He expressed a great amount of pride in the accomplishments of the Alpha Tau Chapter and congratulated us on our outstanding achievements.

Yours in _kai_,
Jared Thomsen '13
Ritual Chairman



BETA THETA PI
— MEN OF PRINCIPLE —

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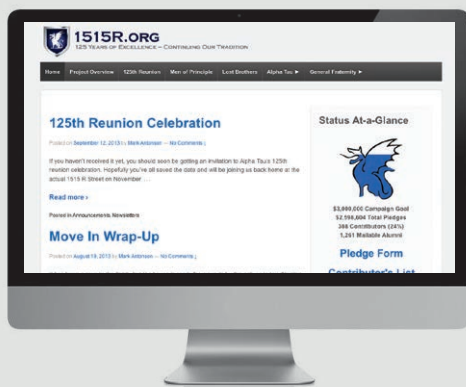
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To see pictures of the house, updates from the chapter, details about the 125th reunion celebration, and information about the capital campaign, visit www.1515r.org.

Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to updates@1515r.org. Thank you.

BETA BIDS FAREWELL TO ERVIN WILLIAMS, WELCOMES HEATHER OCKENFELS



(Above) The chapter was deeply saddened to see Ervin end his era as the Beta housedad. He had an impact that will never be forgotten. Here he spends one last afternoon with the brothers. Ervin accepted a job at Western Kentucky. We wish him the best of luck! (Left) Heather Ockenfels will step in as Beta's housemom this year. She is a Truman State graduate and the director of First Year Experience programs at UNL. She also received a master's degree from Western Illinois University. We are excited to welcome her aboard!