



THE DRAGON'S TALE

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

ALPHA TAU MAINTAINS OUTSTANDING CHAPTER REPUTATION

Phil Holubeck '17 and I were honored to represent the undergraduate chapter at the 180th General Convention in Oxford, Ohio, alongside **Mike Wortman '67** and **Mark Antonson '04**. Along with voting on fraternity business, our chapter was presented with five awards. Notably, we earned our 16th Knox Award, the highest honor a chapter can win. This is the most Knox Awards of any Beta chapter. We also brought home our 22nd Sisson Award, the second-highest honor; the Academic Excellence Award; Outstanding Campus Involvement Award; and Outstanding Alumni Relations Program Award. I am extremely proud of our men and their efforts in the community, on campus, and their personal development, which led to these recognitions.

The week before school started, we had the pleasure of initiating **Zach Masters '19, AT 2524**, into the active chapter. Zach joined his brothers in the sacred ritual of our fraternity, and we couldn't be prouder of him. His hard work and positive attitude led him to this accomplishment.

I am also excited for the 31 young men who pledged our fraternity this fall. I look forward to developing them into Men of Principle so they can contribute to and further our success as a chapter. I had the pleasure of meeting with each of them personally the first few weeks of school and believe they are going to leave positive legacies on Alpha Tau. I trust that these young men and all the members of the active chapter will continue to be tremendous leaders and role models on our campus.

It was an absolute pleasure leading these 111 men, many of whom are my best friends, this past year. Our fraternity is more than a four-year experience; it's a lifelong one. I owe most of my success, development, and memories throughout my college experience to this great fraternity.

Yours in __kai__,
Kevin Woolworth '17
president@nebraskabeta.com



Thank you to our 2018-19 chapter officers. Front row: Kevin Woolworth '17. Second row: Erik Goodwin '18 and Ross Wiebenga '18. Third row: Luke Jarecke '18, Cameron Claborn '18, Phil Holubeck '17, and Keegan Schuchart '18. Fourth row: Tyler Gill '17, Trevor Mumford '18, Tanner Ourada '18, and Karl Schenk '18.

CHAPTER EMBRACES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

This summer and fall have been great for the Alpha Tau Chapter with the recruitment of 31 young men, receiving multiple awards at the Beta Convention, and the work underway by the men of the chapter as they begin another school year.

Beta Theta Pi at Nebraska has a great opportunity and a great responsibility as it faces the future. We have an excellent reputation on campus with university leaders and other members of the Greek system. We're also seen across the Beta world as an outstanding chapter. This is reflected in the work done by men in the house for the past 20 years in earning 16 Knox Awards. With this reputation comes a great responsibility.

The men of Alpha Tau are dedicated to improving the image of the Greek community at Nebraska and making a difference in the world. With the

help and support of an amazing alumni base, as demonstrated by the mentors and internships generated by The Experience Company, the future for the Alpha Tau Chapter at 1515 R Street is bright.

One of my personal goals for the chapter this year is to bring back the emotional high of singing our serenade song, "Honey." With the help of several alumni, we recently made a recording that can be used to teach generations of Betas. As many of us remember, there was a special bond for those Betas who were singing together in harmony, and our audiences always greatly appreciated this signature song of the Nebraska Beta chapter. I'm proud to be a Beta.

Yours in __kai__,
Mike Wortman '67
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Dome Lake attendees (from left): Drew Spadaro '17, Todd Mattox '99, Kevin Woolworth '17, Grant Gregory '60, Phil Holubeck '17, Trevor Mumford '18, Cole Wellman '17, Mike Wortman '67, and Kaleb Duncan '15.



Cole Wellman '17 and Grant Gregory '60 with their catch of the day.



A trek through the beautiful Wyoming wilderness.



Brothers kick off their fishing trip.

THE EXPERIENCE COMPANY GROWS IN NUMBERS AND LASTING IMPACT

Since its establishment in 2015, The Experience Company (TEC) has demonstrated success in the advancement of young Alpha Tau men.

Organized in the context of a leadership development accelerator, TEC builds upon the principles of Beta Theta Pi through an influx of resources, including completion of the CliftonStrengths assessment and personalized coaching from a Gallup-Certified Strengths Coach, mentorship pairing with established Beta alumni, targeted placement in desired internship opportunities and full-time career positions, as well as meaningful professional and personal development opportunities.

Several key accomplishments occurred in the past year, highlighting continued growth and a positive trajectory. Most notably:

- More than 150 members have completed the CliftonStrengths assessment and received personal strengths coaching. By year-end, this number will reach a new milestone as the 31 young men in the fall 2019 new member class complete the assessment and receive coaching.
- Eighty undergraduate members are actively paired with Beta alumni in mentor/mentee relationships, with 20 new pairs in the fifth mentoring group beginning in the fall 2019.

- Fifty-one young men, including 22 members during summer 2019, have been aided by TEC in selection and placement of an internship; such experiences have spanned a variety of career fields, such as health care, finance, accounting, and engineering.

In August, **Grant Gregory '60** invited several Betas to his cabin in Dome Lake, Wyoming, located in the Big Horn National Forest. Recruitment was completed, and our goals for this school year served as a springboard for discussions about the chapter and how to improve our results. Great pictures are included with this article and capture the beauty of Wyoming. We also had nightly learning sessions and formed a better bond between undergraduates and alumni.

With the start of a new academic year, leadership of TEC is poised to expand upon primary programs, delivering additional resources and facilitating new opportunities to develop and advance the young men of the chapter.

Yours in __kai__,
Todd J. Mattox '99
The Experience Company President

ALPHA TAU CELEBRATES ACTIVE MEMBERS, ALUMNI AND PARENTS' SUPPORT

On September 28, we held our annual Alpha Tau Celebration at the Wick Alumni Center across from our chapter house. Previously known as the Parent's Event, we recently rebranded to better recognize all parties contributing to the success of the Alpha Tau Chapter.

The three main parties recognized were active members, alumni members, and parents. Active members are contributing to the success of the chapter in a very direct way, as would be expected. Our alumni are contributing through their involvement with The Experience Company mentor and internship programs; the publication of *The Dragons Tale* and its cost split between the chapter and TEC; and their time, talents, and financial backing. These alumni are so generous and are drastically impacting the lives of the undergraduates. Being a Beta is a lifelong brotherhood

where we all want to see continuous growth in our successes. When we work together across generations, exceptional value is created. Furthermore, the parents of Alpha Tau members are highly valuable contributors. They bring to the table an expansive network of diverse professional connections. These can be utilized for the betterment of the chapter; we would not be able to perform at a high level if we did not have the support of these three groups. Thank you to everyone.

We heard from six speakers: Chapter President **Kevin Woolworth '17**; **Andy Mattox '99**; **Grant Gregory '60**, founder and vice-chairman of the board; **Todd Mattox '99**; Amy Brower, Ph.D., a parent and board member of TEC; and **Sam Brower '15**, chapter president two years ago and a second-year law student at the University of Minnesota.

Each speaker shared great value as we communicated chapter successes, alumni successes, the purpose of The Experience Company, and the involvement of parents. Andy's speech was especially poignant as he described in detail the efforts it took to rebuild the chapter into what it is today. He described the culture change the chapter had in the mid-'90s, the catalyst of the Men of Principle Initiative, and the collective efforts to position the chapter for the success and achievements of today.

If you were unable to attend, we will be posting footage from the event on our social media platforms. Thank you to all who attended, and we hope to see you next fall.

Yours in __kai__,
Drew Spadaro '17

CHAPTER RECRUITS DIVERSE MEN OF PRINCIPLE

After a successful summer recruitment, I would like to thank our generous alumni and the active chapter for their assistance. It has been an honor to give back to the Alpha Tau Chapter and serve as the recruitment chairman alongside recruitment cabinet members **Max Van Arsdall '18** and **William Spethman '19**.

We are happy to lead the class of 2019-20 into the Alpha Tau Chapter. The class is a group of 31 outstanding individuals and will surely carry on the respected legacy of our chapter. Brothers in the group had high ACT and GPA scores in high school and are from all different backgrounds and involvements. We are very excited to see this new member class excel through the ranks of Alpha Tau. Find a list of new members on page 6.

Serving in this position has granted me some of the greatest experiences of my life. Again, the recruitment of such an impressive class would not be possible without the hard work and dedication from our chapter and alumni. The support and guidance of those involved were tremendous and gave us the opportunity to build our amazing chapter.

Yours in __kai__,
Ross Wiebenga '18, Recruitment Chairman
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ALPHA TAU NARROWING GAP TO TOP FRATERNITY GPA

The Alpha Tau Chapter achieved a 3.463 GPA during the spring 2019 semester. This placed our chapter first among all city campus fraternities, and second among UNL fraternities—by just a 0.003 margin. To be initiated, new members are required to have a 2.9 GPA. We are also striving to have each member obtain a minimum 2.9 GPA. Active members not meeting this goal will have discussions about opportunities to bring them up to the all-chapter standard.

This semester our chapter will continue the tradition of having a Professor Appreciation Dinner. Professors and other teachers can have a tremendous effect on their students' success inside and outside the classroom. We like to honor this relationship by inviting professors who do an outstanding job to a formal Monday night dinner at the house. Betas who nominate a professor will speak about the positive impact the professors have had on their academic experience.

Several new systems have been put into place over the past semester to ensure our academic success, including a new program that allows actives access to professional tutors. Overall, the chapter is at a very high academic standing, and we are committed to our goals this school year and beyond.

Yours in __kai__,
Tanner Ourada '18
Scholarship Chairman

NEW MEMBERS SET THEIR SIGHTS HIGH

The 2019 Alpha Tau member class is off to a solid start. The young men have been adjusting well and are getting into the swing of things following the start of school. This class is an extremely motivated group, and I look forward to helping them direct their passions into organizations around campus to make an impact.

A handful have already set their sights on student government, and I am working to help them achieve their goals. A personal goal of mine for this class is to emphasize giving back. Philanthropy work will be a focus going forward to help mold these freshmen into stand-up young men.

Yours in __kai__,

Keegan Schuchart '18
Pledge Educator

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS NEW SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

We have had a busy fall semester socially. We held our first formal in early September with Alpha Chi Omega. The Rock 'n' Roll theme was a hit, and everything went extremely well. We had our new Luau Formal with Alpha Xi Delta at a popular new establishment in the Haymarket area of Lincoln on September 27. On the weekend of October 11-13, we held Alpha Tau's very first Ozarks Formal. We took a weekend trip to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, and there was a lot of chapter excitement about this new event.

To cap off our semester, we will be holding our annual Winter Formal on December 13. Every year a large portion of this event is graciously put on by our wonderful Parents' Alliance. With many parent volunteers, the alliance puts so much time and effort into decorating our beautiful house for the holiday season and serving us a delicious dinner. Betas are always excited about the social aspects of this semester to go along with the amount of hard work and dedication put forth in our academics.

Yours in __kai__,

Luke Jarecke '18
Social Chairman

ALPHA TAU'S UNPRECEDENTED ALUMNI SUPPORT

The alumni support for Alpha Tau Chapter is unlike any other. We consistently have the best in the country; it's a part of what makes Alpha Tau so great. Our alumni work hard to stay updated on chapter and alumni events and graciously give back.

We hosted the annual Alpha Tau Celebration on September 28, and it went off without a hitch. We had over 100 in attendance (alumni, parents, actives, and new members) and we were able to share a lot of valuable content with parents and alumni. This event was a group effort, and I am very appreciative of all who volunteered to make it a success. We also had an Alumni Trap Shoot on November 10 at Lincoln Trap and Skeet. A big thanks to **Steve Andersen '60** for helping set up the shoot.

Our alumni involvement stems beyond just attending events. We have a considerable number of alumni who help with the growth and development of our active members as well. Over 50 alumni serve as mentors, and almost 100 alumni have acted as mentors since the inception of the program. We have another handful of alumni who help by offering experience and internship opportunities to our undergraduate members. The time and effort expended by our alumni to give back to our chapter is the best, bar none, and I am so grateful to work with such a great alumni network. As **Kevin Woolworth '17** noted in his report, our chapter was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Relations Program Award at the 180th General Convention in August. This award recognizes the involvement and commitment of many.

As always, 1515 R St. is open on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. for formal dinners for any alumni who would like to see the house and its happenings, meet the actives, be served a free meal, and attend a chapter meeting. If you're interested in visiting the chapter on any given Monday night in the fall or spring, please email alumni@nebraskabeta.com so the chapter is informed of your visit and can make necessary arrangements.

As my term comes to an end next month, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the alumni for all their hard work in making this year a success. I am honored to have served as the liaison between our amazing alumni and the active chapter and will forever uphold the Alpha Tau Chapter as the best chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Yours in __kai__,

Erik Goodwin '18
Alumni Relations Chairman
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CHAPTER PHILANTHROPY DEDICATED TO LIGHTHOUSE

We have participated in many great philanthropic events for Beta Theta Pi and the University and Lincoln this fall. New members are required to have 20 service hours as part of initiation requirements, and most of them spend time at Lighthouse. Beta alumnus **Pete Allman '76** founded Lighthouse, which provides a safe and fun after-school environment for at-risk youth in the Lincoln area. (See *Alumni News* for more information on Pete.) Members go to Lighthouse to help students with their studies and interact by playing sports and other recreational games.

For our fall philanthropies, Burger Bash was held at our chapter house on November 13. All funds from this event were donated to

Lighthouse. Other items on the agenda are park cleanups and other opportunities with participation from the entire chapter. This semester will be a full one, and I'm glad Beta Theta Pi is investing our efforts into giving back to the beautiful community of Lincoln. Early next semester we will be involved in Dance Marathon. Chapter President **Kevin Woolworth '17** is the fundraising chairman for Dance Marathon, and **Josh Harris '19** will also be heavily involved.

Yours in __kai__,
Trevor Mumford '18
Philanthropy Chairman



HOMECOMING 2019

The almost year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's founding came to an end on Homecoming Weekend, October 5. A great time was had by all! One of the homecoming king candidates was Beta **Lukas Hall '17**. Lukas is from Elkhorn, NE, and is a senior majoring in biochemistry.

GLAD TO BE A BETA Q&A WITH MICHAEL MCGILLICK '79

Q: Why did you join Beta and what made you stay a part of the brotherhood?

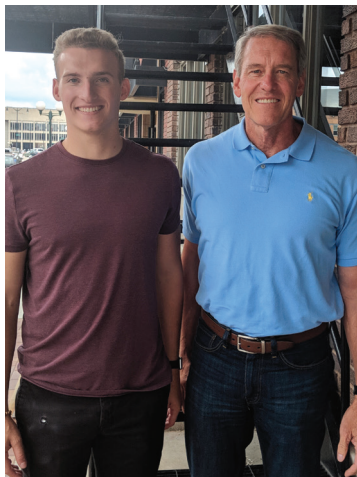
I joined in August 1978. There were already a few active members in the house from Fremont, Nebraska, where I was from. I was introduced to active members and other recruits during several gatherings the summer before classes started my freshman year. I was immediately impressed by the quality of these soon-to-be brothers. I also liked the way they promoted academics, brotherhood, and participation in the house and campus activities.

Q: How did being in Beta impact your career path?

The biggest thing for me was to never quit. The support and encouragement I received while in the Beta house and afterward in my career from my brothers have been instrumental in what I do now. Honesty, integrity, and a man of principle were reinforced on me and my brothers as Beta members. I have always tried to use those ideals as a guide in my career and personal life.

Q: What are your favorite memories from your time in the chapter house?

Football game days were particularly memorable. Nebraska used to win more then, and the game day events usually started early. There would be a possible breakfast with one of the sororities, pre-game parties, the game itself with a block of seating with our brothers, and maybe one of our scheduled Beta parties after the game. My favorite Beta party was known as The Beta Dynamo party, which we had once a year.



Austin Johnson '17 and his mentor, Michael McGillick '79.

Q: Tell us about the mentoring program from The Experience Company. What do you enjoy most about giving back to Nebraska Chapter undergraduates?

I have really enjoyed participating in the mentoring program. It's been very rewarding getting to know my mentee, **Austin Johnson '17**, and watching him achieve the goals he has set. I'm very proud of him! I can't wait to see him get to grad school and then beyond.

I think the best part of the program is that the mentees know they have an experienced adult who they can lean on and ask questions when they have concerns. College is that last step they have before going into the real world. There are and should be a lot of questions asked by these young men. Mentors are there to help without judgment.

Q: What would you say to alumni who may have lost touch with Beta over the years?

Get back in touch! Those memories of living in the Beta house are deeply embedded. I'm sure that when you look back on those days there is a smile on your face. Some of my best friends now were guys I met in the house. Stop by the house on game day, track the website, etc. Keep in touch. You will not regret it.

Michael has worked in the construction industry his entire career. Today he is president and partner of Essex Communities, a development company that specializes in independent senior living throughout the Midwest. He and his wife, Susan, have four daughters. In his free time, he enjoys flying his float plane, fishing, and spending time at their family cabin in Canada. You can connect with Michael at mwm1577@cox.net.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Drew Aldana*
Nebraska City, NE

Jarod Fox
Grand Island, NE

Lane Longval
Sioux City, IA

Michael Smilko
Bellevue, NE

Cole Baeder
Aurora, CO

Zaine Gallagher
Norfolk, NE

Jack Marsden
Norfolk, NE

Gavin Struve
Omaha, NE

Jacob Buckner
Lincoln, NE

Nick Gay
Papillion, NE

Parker Miller
Leawood, KS

Jack Sullivan
Omaha, NE

Colin Campin
Omaha, NE

Jampe Gergen
Lincoln, NE

Jack Patener
Papillion, NE

Walter Turner
Lincoln, NE

Carter Crayne
Minneapolis, MN

Sam Gibson
Sioux Falls, SD

Dominic Pfeifer*
Grand Island, NE

Danny Vierregger*
Omaha, NE

Will Dempsey
Omaha, NE

Drew Jackson
Mendota Heights, MN

Sam Pickering
Omaha, NE

Joshua White
Omaha, NE

Robert Doran
Omaha, NE

Robert Khorram
Omaha, NE

Sam Rice*
Lincoln, NE

Mclean Witte
Hastings, NE

Joe Dworak
Lincoln, NE

Kole Ligouri
Auburn, NE

Max Seibolt
Kansas City, KS

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NEW MEMBERS FAST FACTS



31 MEMBERS



4 LEGACIES



6 STATES
REPRESENTED
IN THE CLASS

IN OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

Lawrence J. "Larry" Romjue '57 entered Our Mystic Shrine on April 16. Larry was born in Iowa and grew up in Nebraska City. He always had a deep interest in golf and lettered three years as a golfer for UNL. He was president of Alpha Tau Chapter, an Innocent (senior men's honorary), and continued his association with the university as men's golf coach from 1970 to 2001 and women's golf coach from 1975 to 1979. Larry was a lifetime member of the Professional Golf Association of America and was a Lincoln resident at the time of his death. **Lance Gloe, AT 1261**, a golfer on the UNL team the first year Larry was head coach, said Larry had "an immediate, powerful, and positive effect" on the golf team. Larry is survived by wife, Carolyn; son, Chip; and two Alpha Tau brothers, **Ed Romjue '62** and **Milt Romjue '66**.

Michael J. Plant '67 entered Our Mystic Shrine on May 5. Mike was raised in Stamford, CT, and came to UNL on a diving scholarship. Upon graduation he served in Vietnam with the U.S. military, and after his honorable discharge he settled in California where he owned a manufacturing plant. His pledge brothers said, "Mike had an amazing sense of humor" and was "one of the most gifted athletes I've ever

observed and would walk around the Beta house on his hands, including going up and down the stairs." In Mike's later life he was instrumental in organizing Ironman triathlons and involved in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis programs to further awareness of these digestive diseases. Mike was a resident of Escondido, CA, at the time of his death and is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cathy, and two daughters.

Douglas C. Beckwith '70 entered Our Mystic Shrine on August 21. Doug was an Albion, NE, native. Following his graduation from the University of Nebraska Law School, Doug moved to California and obtained his Ph.D. He was described by one of his pledge brothers as a "bright, joyful, easy-going and sensitive guy who also liked dance. Not many men on Fraternity Row doing modern and classical dance." Doug spread his enjoyment of the arts by being a comedy writer and enjoyed seeing his name in the credits of a movie. One of his lines, uttered by comedian Lily Tomlin, was, "If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?" *Time* magazine named this one of the best movie quotes of the year. At the time of his death in Scottsdale, AZ, Doug was a part-time professor at Arizona State University

in Tempe. He remained involved in Alpha Tau and was a Beta mentor for two members—including the current fifth group. In Doug's mentor application, he stated his reasons for wanting to be a mentor: "Being an Alpha Tau Beta provided me with a valuable launchpad to develop my social skills, my talents, and new interests. Moreover, it gave me the foundation to learn how to make the most of my potential. I would like to play a role in helping other Betas to make these important discoveries for themselves." He is survived by his brother, David, and was preceded in death by his father, **Ralph Beckwith '47**.

We would also like to inform Alpha Tau Betas of the death of **Charles E. Mumby, Colorado '56**, who entered Our Mystic Shrine on August 15 in Omaha, NE. He ran Mumby Insurance in Harrison, NE, for many years prior to his retirement and move to Bellevue, NE. He served as president of the UNL Touchdown Club. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and two children, including **Max '80** (Alpha Tau 1597). Chuck was preceded in death by his brother **Keith '50** (Alpha Tau 825). Keith was Chapter President during his time at the University of Nebraska.

ALUMNI NEWS

If you have alumni news that you want shared with other Alpha Tau alumni, please send an email to updates@nebraskabeta.com. Generally, *The Dragon's Tale* is published twice a year, and submitting your news by the first of March (for the spring issue) or the first of October (fall issue) should meet our publication deadlines. We strongly encourage you to browse through the chapter website, www.nebraskabeta.com, to see what is happening in our chapter.

Doug Olson '59 and his two sons visited the chapter house during Homecoming on October 5. This trip was Doug's first visit to Lincoln since 1963; welcome back, Doug! Doug is from Philadelphia, PA. He was involved in the financial services industry and taught for 20 years at the Wharton School, the prestigious business school of the University of Pennsylvania and the oldest collegiate school of business in the United States. He may be contacted at olsonassociates@yahoo.com.

Randolph A. "Bud" Walling Jr. '59 submitted information to updates@nebraskabeta.com, and has now renewed contacts with several of his contemporaries. After leaving the University of Nebraska, Bud was drafted and spent two years working for "Uncle Sam's military." He returned to the university, obtained his degree in chemistry, and took a position selling chemicals. He eventually founded an industrial chemical manufacturing company in 1969 in Sioux Falls, SD. Bud sold the company in 2012 and maintains friendships with his salesmen, employees, and customers. Bud is from South Dakota but spends time in Florida. He may be reached at rawalling@deadwooddeals.net.

James N. Shreck, M.D. '65 retired from his ophthalmology practice in North Platte, NE, in 2014. He and his wife, Annette, have relocated to Omaha ("the big city life") from June through September. The balance of their time will be spent in Key West, FL, where their daughter and her husband live, to "escape the cold winters in Nebraska." Jim may be reached at jshreck@mac.com.

John S. McCollister '67, a Nebraska state senator, was in the national spotlight in early August with criticism of his Republican party. *The Dragon's Tale* is not taking a position on

the comments of Sen. McCollister but believes that it is important to report his views and the national exposure received. Following is a link to an interview he had on MSNBC: <https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/state-senator-says-risk-is-minimal-for-calling-out-racist-activity-65487941816>. John is active in Alpha Tau's mentoring program, and his email address is mccollister.john@gmail.com.

Robert G. Thacker '67 and his wife are residents of Northfield, MN. Bob is a retired vice president of Target Corporation, headquartered in Minneapolis. The Thacker's built a "Forever House" designed to serve people of all ages. Their home was featured in the October issue of *Elle Decor* magazine. A link to their story gives much more insight into the house and the entire design process: <https://www.elledecor.com/design-decorate/house-interiors/a29506056/forever-house-michael-graves>

Andrew F. Cunningham '68 retired after 42 years in Nebraska state government, including 21 years at the Nebraska Department of Transportation in Government Affairs. Lincolmites Andy and his wife, Sherri, look forward to visiting their out-of-town children and grandkids regularly, as well as some overseas travel and in-depth reading and study. Andy's email address is afcchezlui@gmail.com.

Duane Sullivan '68, after being with CBSHome Real Estate in Omaha for 43 years, is now a broker associate with NP Dodge Real Estate in Omaha. CBSHome Real Estate, formerly one of Omaha's largest property firms, was sold. Sully remains very active in Alpha Tau's mentoring program, and his email address is dsullivan@npdodge.com.

Bruce A. Swihart '71 retired from his position as chief executive officer of Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE. Fonner Park is the hub for many of the activities taking place in central Nebraska, including live thoroughbred horse races. It's also the location for the Nebraska State Fair. Bruce has been part of Fonner Park since his graduation from UNL and may be reached at bruceswihart@aol.com.

Pete Allman '76 was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Lincoln (NE) Center Kiwanis Club on September 20. The award recognizes "people who have made significant contributions to improve conditions and lives of many." Pete and his wife, Maureen, are co-founders of Lighthouse, an after-school program that has helped over 10,000 Lincoln teens since 1990. The mission of Lighthouse is "to promote the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of adolescents." The active chapter is heavily involved in supporting Lighthouse as part of our philanthropic efforts. Pete remains very active in Alpha Tau's mentoring program. The Lighthouse website is www.lincolnlighthouse.org and Pete may be reached at peter.allman@doane.edu.

'60s Reunion

September 12 was a great day for golf and dinner in Lincoln for a group of Betas from the mid- to late '60s. Celebrating our brotherhood of 50-plus years were **Roger Anderson '67**, **Craig Bassett '67**, **Denny Bloom '67**, **Van Brownson '69**, **Al Campbell '69**, **Ken Clark '65**, **Tom Martin '70**, **John McCollister '67**, **Bruce McKeag '65**, **Bill Roberts '67**, **Bill Strain '68**, **Duane Sullivan '68**, and **Mike Wortman '67**. After golf, the group had dinner at Misty's in Havelock and heard updates from Chapter President **Kevin Woolworth '17** and Alumni Relations Chairman **Erik Goodwin '18**.

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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@nebraskabeta.com. Thank you.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The capital campaign has officially been declared a success, and the renovations to the chapter house, completed in August 2013, continue to make an impact on new recruits. One of this year's pledges was scheduled to live in university housing, but upon seeing our chapter house, a parent suggested he move into 1515 R St. He did.

For those who have campaign pledges that are past due, you will be contacted to bring your status to a current state. If you're making your pledges as agreed, but have a balance due, paying off your pledge in full reduces our interest expenses. Remember that money paid to the University of Nebraska Foundation, Beta Theta Pi Charitable Fund may be tax deductible. If you have questions, please reach out to one of us. All donations should be mailed to Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association of Nebraska, P.O. Box 22251, Lincoln, NE 68542.

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