



# THE DRAGON'S TALE

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

## STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH BETA THETA PI

**C**ommunications in today's environment are faster and faster. Note the tools Alpha Tau employs in our "Visit Us Online" section on page 7 of this issue. We've asked before, but it is imperative that we have current contact information if you want various communications sent to your address(es). If you have changed any of your contact information (moved to a new house or apartment, changed your email address or any phone numbers, etc.) let us know. Use the My-Beta login in the [beta.org](http://beta.org) website. This will ensure you receive periodic emails from the General Fraternity, including E-News sent on a monthly basis to all Betas with a valid email address.

Changes should also be sent to [updates@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:updates@nebraskabeta.com) to ensure our chapter can better communicate with you.

If you have alumni news to share for *The Dragon's Tale*, information can be emailed to [updates@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:updates@nebraskabeta.com). We reserve the right to make edits if needed and publication will be dependent on space, but we will try hard to include your information. News should be sent by March 1 and September 15 of each year for consideration.

## CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**I** am honored and excited to have been elected chapter president. I am from Olathe, KS, and look forward to leading a chapter that is in a great position due to the hard work and efforts of past chapter leaders, and our Alumni Advisory Board, including Chapter Advisor **Mike Wortman '67** and District Chief **Mark Antonson '04**. The executive team is eager to improve our chapter through our emphasis on scholarship, service, and leadership.

Several members of our chapter have been recognized for their tremendous accomplishments regarding our emphasized values. **Connor Eksi '17**, **Phil Holubeck '17**, and **Lukas Hall '17** were all selected to the Mortar Board senior honors society for their devotion to service, extraordinary academic success, and practiced leadership. **Luke Jarecke '18** and I will be serving as new student enrollment orientation leaders this summer, welcoming new students to the university. **Michael Kardell '16**, **Alex Ober '16**, and **Nathan Goltz '16** served on the executive team for Dance Marathon, a fundraiser that generated more than \$203,000 toward the Children's Miracle Network Hospital in Omaha. You can read more about the Dance Marathon on page 3. These are just a few highlighted members that make an impact on campus and the Lincoln community. All our members make a daily impact on others while experiencing personal growth.

We were proud to have had 31 new members join the active chapter in January. They have been taking the next steps in becoming Men of Principle. I am looking forward to seeing their accomplishments during their college careers. Serving as the scholarship chairman the past year, I have had the pleasure of getting to know all of them personally and know each of them will be successful in his endeavors.

We have three returning executive team members and eight new sophomores who have begun their terms for the next year. Working with these men has reassured me that this chapter always strives for greatness and will not accept complacency. We aim to continue our leadership on campus and throughout the international Greek community in proving that a fraternity develops high school boys into respectful, philanthropic, and driven men who look to positively impact those around them. We seek to separate ourselves even further from society's stereotype of fraternities through our promotion of our core values and putting them into action.

Yours in \_\_\_\_kai\_\_\_\_,  
**Kevin Woolworth '17**  
[president@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:president@nebraskabeta.com)

## Chapter Counselor Report

**A**s the second semester has progressed, it has been fun to watch this year's executive team begin their term. We held a transition meeting on January 13 with the new officers and the advisory team. Serving on the executive team is an amazing leadership experience for these 11 undergraduates. Because of weather conditions, they were not able to attend Keystone, a General Fraternity training program, with the officers from 20 other south-central chapters in Tulsa, OK. The officers met with District Chief **Mark Antonson '04** and me the following week to hold a mini-session of seven hours. This group of leaders demonstrates the importance of leadership for a successful chapter to sustain our status as a top chapter.

The Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity is surveying all undergraduates with the Beta Brotherhood Assessment this year. Our officers were able

to use the feedback on how the Nebraska chapter compares to other Beta chapters and other fraternities in the areas of brotherhood, personal growth, and home. While this is the first year for this survey, it will be helpful in future years as our men will be able to look for long-term trends. All of this is a combined effort of local chapters and the General Fraternity to better understand the undergraduate experience and help produce a healthy Beta culture. If any alums or parents have any questions about the Beta Brotherhood Assessment, please feel free to contact me. I'm glad I'm a Beta!

Yours in \_\_\_\_kai\_\_\_\_,  
**Mike Wortman '67**  
[mwortman66@gmail.com](mailto:mwortman66@gmail.com)



## THE EXPERIENCE COMPANY REPORT

The Experience Company (TEC) welcomed 34 new Beta mentor pairings in August 2018, further building upon the determination to strengthen the network and connectivity among alumni of the Nebraska chapter. Appreciation to **Bill Dana '76** and **Bruce McKeag '65** in their dedicated work to recruit and pair Beta alumni as mentors with the undergraduate chapter.

Future growth is on the horizon in TEC, as the spring of 2019 has brought an increase in the number of intern positions from three to four. Following a recruitment and interview process, four great young members were selected to the undergraduate leadership team for the year ahead. The new team will be comprised of **Shaun Edgcombe '19**, **Erik Goodwin '18**, **Matt Langan '19**, and **Drew Spadaro '17**. Drew will be returning for a second year with TEC, providing both consistency of operations as well as general leadership of the team. In addition to the professional experiences gained through TEC, each member of the undergraduate team also receives a scholarship incentive.

With consistent efforts to place members in summer internships and full-time positions, TEC serves as the benefactor of remarkable volunteers who aid in the identification of such professional opportunities, including former U.S. Senator **Dave Karnes '68**; Beta parents Alexi Wellman (mother of **Cole Wellman '17**) and Amy Brower (mother of **Sam Brower '15**); and a friend of our Beta chapter, Mark Winn.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28, when TEC will host the annual meeting in conjunction with the Nebraska vs. Ohio State football game in Lincoln. At the event, leadership of TEC will share recent accomplishments, further visions, and highlight opportunities where alumni may volunteer and contribute to advancing programs and purpose. More specifics will be available on the calendar on the chapter website, [www.nebraskabeta.com](http://www.nebraskabeta.com), once game time has been determined. We will also send an email to those alumni having a valid email address.

Should you have questions or wish to discuss involvement with TEC programs, I may be reached at [tmattox1@yahoo.com](mailto:tmattox1@yahoo.com) or (402) 990-7207.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Todd Mattox '99**

The Experience Company President

## RECRUITMENT REPORT

I am honored and excited to serve as the recruitment chairman for the Alpha Tau Chapter during this upcoming recruitment season. I am a junior, majoring in business marketing, from Dell Rapids, SD, which is about 20 miles north of Sioux Falls.

Our chapter has built a reputation of recruiting the top young men attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This year will be no different. Acknowledging how significant this role is, we have recently elected two additional members to the recruitment team, **Max Van Arsdall '18**, a studio art major from Lincoln, and **William Spethman '19**, a finance and accounting major also from Lincoln. Your input is important, so please reach out to us at [recruitment@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:recruitment@nebraskabeta.com).

We will seek individuals with a passion for success, involvement, and higher education. With the help of the active chapter and our dedicated alumni, we intend to conduct our recruitment affairs in a professional and efficient manner. We would like to receive as many alumni recommendations as possible. In order for the recruitment team to have sufficient time to engage with a potential new member (PNM), please have your **recommendations submitted no later than June 15**. Although no bid cards are guaranteed, every

recommended PNM will have a guaranteed recruitment dinner. Alpha Tau members are eager to begin the recruitment season and very much want to hear from interested alumni. A recruitment form is located on page 8 of this newsletter. Please complete and return it with your recommendation(s).

We expect most of our recruitment will be completed by mid-July. We will host recruitment barbecue events every Thursday evening during the month of June at the chapter house or at a private pool or lake house in the Lincoln or Omaha areas. We will also host recruitment lake events every Saturday in the month of June at various locations around the Lincoln and Omaha areas. As we refine our schedules, please look at the chapter calendar at [www.nebraskabeta.com/recruitment](http://www.nebraskabeta.com/recruitment) for specific times and locations. During these events we will be engaging and building relationships with the best prospects for Beta Theta Pi. We will continue relationships and offer bids to the recruits whom we are confident will uphold the legacy and principles of Beta Theta Pi.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Ross Wiebenga '18**  
[recruitment@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:recruitment@nebraskabeta.com)

## Alumni Relations Report

The Alpha Tau Chapter is very fortunate to have involved alumni within our ranks, as we consistently see many generations of Betas support our active members in achieving success throughout their college years and after. Our alumni involvement raises the bar at UNL, especially by serving as mentors for our active members and linking them with internship opportunities to help expand upon their professional experience. We are very grateful for the time and effort expended by our alumni to ensure the continued success of our Alpha Tau Chapter.

We have formal dinners at 5:30 p.m. every Monday night with our chapter meetings following soon after at 6:15 p.m. Alumni are always welcome to join us. Visitors will enjoy a complimentary meal, the chance to have great conversations with our active members and pledges, and an opportunity to share your experiences as an alumnus to the bright eyes of

our chapter. If you are interested in attending a formal dinner and chapter meeting, please let me know about a week in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements for your visit. If you are not from the Lincoln area and want to visit the chapter house, email me and I will also make those arrangements.

Other than formal dinners, we will be posting information about other events on our website, [www.nebraskabeta.com/alumni](http://www.nebraskabeta.com/alumni). The support of our alumni serves as the backbone of our chapter's success, and I am very excited to serve at the alumni relations chairman alongside the rest of the 2019 executive team. We are ready for another great year of connecting alumni and actives for mutual benefit.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Erik Goodwin '18**  
[alumni@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:alumni@nebraskabeta.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The freshmen and sophomore classes showed their commitment to academic excellence by leading the chapter in GPAs for fall 2019.

### Class GPAs

Freshmen:	Sophomores:	Juniors:	Seniors:
3.543	3.535	3.257	3.390

A chapter GPA of 3.426 ranked Beta Theta Pi third among all UNL fraternities and second on city campus. There were 16 members of Beta Theta Pi who earned a 4.0 GPA. We also had 18 members below our chapter standard of a 2.9 GPA.

Our academic goal is to boost the overall house GPA primarily by reducing the number of members who are at or below our academic standard of 2.9. We are addressing this by creating new policies and developing new forms of assistance that better motivate and support our members who have fallen below the chapter standard. Moving forward, we aim to achieve a 3.5 GPA as a chapter and become the top-ranked fraternity on campus.

Yours in \_\_\_\_ kai \_\_\_\_,  
**Tanner Ourada '18**

## PHILANTHROPY REPORT

Beta Theta Pi is establishing a thriving philanthropy scene in Lincoln by organizing and being involved in numerous fundraising events in spring 2019.

Backpack in Black raises money for the Lincoln Food Bank. For this event we team up with Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta to put on a three-band concert at Das Haus. It will be a very entertaining event that is expected to host about 500 people from the community and showcase musically talented individuals from each fraternity while raising money for a great cause.

We pair up with Delta Delta Delta sorority to host Festa Italiana, a pasta feed philanthropic event at their chapter house, raising money for St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital. A lot of hungry parents and students fill their bellies for the good of St. Jude.

I am super excited to continue our momentum into the fall with the new pledges. I could not be happier with my role on the executive team and all the efforts Alpha Tau is making for the community. The entire executive team is confident that the house is excelling in every way and showing no signs of stopping.

Yours in \_\_\_\_ kai \_\_\_\_,  
**Trevor Mumford '18**

## DANCE MARATHON AT UNL

The Alpha Tau Chapter played a big helping hand in Dance Marathon, a student organization that raises money each year for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Dance Marathon includes a 12- to 36-hour event where university students stay on their feet through dancing, games, and entertainment to celebrate the total amount raised for the year and "dance for those who can't."

**Alex Ober '16**, **Nathan Goltz '16**, and **Michael Kardell '16** served on the executive leadership team for Dance Marathon to help raise a record-breaking amount of more than \$203,000. These donations went toward

four new emergency suites for the Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha.

This was the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 18th year participating in Dance Marathon and every year Alpha Tau Chapter helps raise money for this wonderful cause. The impact of this national effort has reached more than 138,500 unique patients. We are happy to say that Beta Theta Pi on the UNL campus has had a significant influence in reaching this milestone. If you want to donate to Dance Marathon, visit [dancemarathon.unl.edu](http://dancemarathon.unl.edu) and click "Donate" under the "Get Involved" tab.

## Social Report

Not only has Beta been busy with academics and involvements, we have had full weekends with social events as well. We have held two of our three spring formals so far this semester, and we also had a chapter sneak to the University of Kansas. Our sneak was held on the second weekend of February, and we had over 50 Betas travel to Lawrence. Many of us spent time with our Beta brothers from KU and even got to tour their beautiful chapter house. Our second annual Cabin Formal took place from February 22-24 at Mahoney State Park. Although the weather did not cooperate with temperatures in the low 30s, the formal was a great success.

We had our Fratalina semi-formal on March 9 with Phi Delta Theta. Although we have not had Fratalina for the past few years, we made some

constructive changes and are bringing it back. Our River Boat formal will be on April 19 in Omaha. River Boat is a classic send-off formal that the whole chapter cannot wait for and ends our successful school year with a bang.

Two freshmen were recently nominated and elected into positions on the social cabinet. **Trevor Kaslon '19** and **Nick Billion '19** will help with the social planning to expand our social scene and look for opportunities to keep the chapter socially engaged.

Yours in \_\_\_\_ kai \_\_\_\_,  
**Luke Jarecke '18**



## NEW MEMBER EDUCATION REPORT

**A**lpha Tau Chapter welcomed 31 new brothers with open arms at our January initiation and banquet. The young men in this class are bright, passionate, and involved, which gives me a great sense of joy as they work their way through the ranks of Beta. We also have a second-semester pledge diligently working toward his initiation requirements for next fall.

In last fall's issue of *The Dragon's Tale*, former pledge educator **Connor Eksi '17** noted that our pledge program has met the accreditation guidelines established by the General Fraternity. We would like to build on our successful program by placing even more of an emphasis on the building of passion in everyday life. We will encourage and give incentives to pledges to challenge them to get out of their comfort zones and try new experiences related to college and our chapter. We are also planning for future Betas to have opportunities to demonstrate their growth in brotherhood by participating in group philanthropic activities at the beginning and end of their pledge semester.

While we have not yet selected the pledge class for next fall, I know the whole chapter will be extremely excited to work with the group of fine, young men we will be recruiting this summer. The fall 2019 semester will be here soon, and I am really looking forward to guiding our new pledges in the next school year.

Yours in \_\_\_\_ kai \_\_\_\_,  
**Keegan Schuchart '18**

### Chapter Officer List

President  
**Kevin Woolworth '17**  
*Olathe, KS*

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**Tanner Ourada '18**  
*Geneva, NE*

Vice President  
**Phil Holubeck '17**  
*Omaha, NE*

Philanthropy Chairman  
**Trevor Mumford '18**  
*Omaha, NE*

Secretary  
**Tyler Gill '17**  
*Lincoln, NE*

Social Chairman  
**Luke Jarecke '18**  
*Columbus, NE*

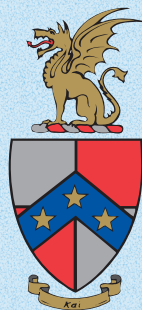
Treasurer  
**Cameron Claborn '18**  
*Omaha, NE*

Alumni Relations Chairman  
**Erik Goodwin '18**  
*Kansas City, MO*

Pledge Educator  
**Keegan Schuchart '18**  
*Lincoln, NE*

Risk Manager  
**John Ellis '18**  
*Omaha, NE*

Recruitment Chairman  
**Ross Wiebenga '18**  
*Dell Rapids, SD*



*The 2019 Alpha Tau executive team. From left: Luke Jarecke '18, John Ellis '18, Phil Holubeck '17, Kevin Woolworth '17, Erik Goodwin '18, Trevor Mumford '18, Keegan Schuchart '18, Ross Wiebenga '18, Tanner Ourada '18, Tyler Gill '17, and Cameron Claborn '18.*

## EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBERS SHINE AS LEADERS

**T**his year's executive team is unlike most leadership we have seen in recent years. This team, led by chapter president **Kevin Woolworth '17**, is comprised of eight young men who started their executive terms as sophomores and are a part of the initiated class of 2018. The Alpha Tau Chapter prides itself on developing young leaders for a lifetime of achievement. Their leadership contributes greatly to the positive development of the University of Nebraska and the Lincoln community. Leadership skills such as goal-setting, problem-solving, and sound decision-making are learned through holding such executive positions. These skills are not only necessary for leaders, but are required for success in today's competitive world. Beta Theta Pi is developing the young leaders of tomorrow, and this successful executive team is a prime example of Men of Principle who will be lifelong leaders.

## ALPHA TAU INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

### *Championship Wins in Soccer, Basketball*

**W**hile the Alpha Tau Chapter prides itself on academic achievement, university involvement, and brotherhood, the men of Beta Theta Pi have also maintained a presence in the intramural scene at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Intramurals are a fun way to stay active and take part in the healthy competition, and it seems as though every pledge class includes athletes in every sport. Recently, we have won three championships in soccer—two in 2018 and one so far in 2019. Alpha Tau also won basketball championships in 2016 and 2018. From these feats of athletic success, the brothers of the Alpha Tau Chapter gain lessons of sportsmanship, dedication, teamwork, and optimism—just to name a few. They strive for achievement in and out of the classroom, and intramural sports are just another outlet to find success.



*The Alpha Tau Chapter won three intramural soccer championships in the past year and a half. Front row, from left: Nico Orti '16, Tanner Haas '16, Sam Buechler '18, and Alex Ober '16. Back row: Brian Smith '16, Luke Jarecke '18, Nathan Pettid '16, Erik Goodwin '18, and Connor Cloyd '17.*



# CONGRATULATIONS, NEW INITIATES



*Top row, from left: Nick Callahan, Joey Stanley, Brett Schrock, Vasili Sgourakis, Trevor Kaslon, Peter Haas, Connor Remar, Liam Stanley, Zach Masters\*, Jake Thompson, and Cole Lyons. Middle row: Bryce Becker, Will Spethman, Noah McCashland, Jack Schulenberg, Nick Billion, Michael Parrish, Ryan Schmidt, Seth Krull, Brooks Douglas, Justin Mikolajczewski, Jake Samuelson, and Jared Murray. Bottom row: Rylan Chaney, Josh Harris, Shawn Edgecombe, Davis Sibbernson (Honor Pledge), Jack Russell, Matt Langan, Jared Vitha, Peter Dunbar, and Bobby Lawton.*

*\*Zach Masters is a second-semester pledge who will be eligible for initiation in the fall of 2019 subject to completing requirements.*

**Davis Sibbernson, AT 2493**

**William Spethman, AT 2494**

**Robert Lawton, AT 2495**

**Joshua Harris, AT 2496**

**Brooks Douglas, AT 2497**

**Jack Russell, AT 2498**

**Cole Lyons, AT 2499**

**Shaun Edgecombe, AT 2500**

**Jacob Samuelson, AT 2501**

**Justin Mikolajczewski, AT 2502**

**Nicholas Billion, AT 2503**

**Trevor Kaslon, AT 2504**

**Brett Schrock, AT 2505**

**Joseph Stanley, AT 2506**

**Peter Dunbar, AT 2507**

**Peter Haas, AT 2508**

**Jarod Vitha, AT 2509**

**Seth Krull, AT 2510**

**Nick Callahan, AT 2511**

**Jacob Schulenburg, AT 2512**

**Jared Murray, AT 2513**

**Connor Remar, AT 2514**

**Vasili Sgourikas, AT 2515**

**Matthew Langan, AT 2516**

**Noah McCashland, AT 2517**

**Liam Stanley, AT 2518**

**Ryan Schmidt, AT 2519**

**Bryce Becker, AT 2520**

**Jake Thompson, AT 2521**

**William Parrish, AT 2522**

**Rylan Chaney, AT 2523**



From left: Michael Nikunen '76, Bob Nikunen '85, and Dave Nikunen '80.



From left: Cameron Claborn '17 (mentee of Dave), Dave Nikunen '80, and Erik Goodwin '18 (mentee of Michael).

## BROTHERS WITH BETA VALUES

### Nikunens Cherish Alpha Tau Chapter Experience

During their respective childhoods, **Michael Nikunen '76**, **David Nikunen '80**, and **Robert Nikunen '85** lived all over the world with their father serving as an Air Force officer. However, when their dad was stationed at Strategic Air Command (SAC) at Offutt Air Force Base, the Nikunen brothers found a place nearby that they could always call home.

Michael, Dave, and Bob all attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where they all went on to pledge Beta Theta Pi. Their legacy at the Alpha Tau Chapter started when Michael joined as a second-semester pledge.

"Beta recruited several friends from my high school that I thought very highly of and they encouraged me to join, so I was impressed with that and felt I might fit in and meet their criteria. The first year as a freshman was pretty difficult, but as I got to know my pledge brothers better, I saw something special developing in those relationships," Michael said. "The commitment to each other and the chapter was engaging and inspiring. We all realized there was something there bigger than us that we believed in and wanted to grow."

While the Nikunen brothers never lived in the chapter house at the same time, Dave and Bob were able to experience the Beta house while in high school when they would come to visit. Dave knew that he was going to be a part of something special when he pledged Beta, but he didn't fully realize it until after the fact.

"I always liked being part of a team, and Beta took it up to the next level," Dave said. "Through



From left: David Nikunen '80; Michael Nikunen '76; David's nephew, Jonathan Mueller '14; and David's son, Izak Nikunen.

taking an active role in the chapter, I saw there were a lot of moving parts to keeping a fraternity running, organized, and successful. I had the honor of serving as president for a year and Beta was a daily laboratory for running something and team building. I would counsel incoming pledges to volunteer every chance you get, and run for offices; it's an extraordinary learning experience. With Beta, the more you give, the more you get."

Dave has put what he learned from his undergraduate years to use as the vice president

of sales for Principal Financial Group in Omaha. Bob also still resides in Nebraska as a high school teacher at Bellevue West. Dave said that Bob has probably made the greatest impact out of the Nikunen brothers.

"He is beloved by his students," Dave said of Bob. "I was at a Beta function and one of the actives walked up and asked if I was related to Mr. Nikunen at Bellevue West and said, 'He was my favorite teacher.'"

Michael has moved out west to Bainbridge, Washington, and is a Vice President at Collective Health. Even though Michael misses not being able to attend as many Beta alumni events as he would like, he is still connected with the chapter through The Experience Company.

"I've enjoyed being part of the mentoring program with **Erik Goodwin '18**, who is a wonderful young Beta with a great future!" Michael said.

The Nikunen brothers also enjoyed watching the impact that the Alpha Tau Chapter had on their nephew, **Jonathan Mueller '14**, who is an engineer at Kiewit in Denver.

You can connect with Michael ([michael.nikunen@collectivehealth.com](mailto:michael.nikunen@collectivehealth.com)), Dave ([nikunen.dave@principal.com](mailto:nikunen.dave@principal.com)), and Bob ([nikunenb@gmail.com](mailto:nikunenb@gmail.com)) at their respective email addresses.



# Retired Navy SEAL, UNL Alumnus Jack Riggins, Gives Guidance to Betas

**F**ormer Nebraska governor and U. S. Senator Bob Kerrey remains well-known in our state. Before his political career, Kerrey was a U.S. Navy SEAL and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Navy SEALs have been in the news the past few years due to their involvement in the capture of Osama bin Laden in 2011, the 2013 movie *Captain Phillips* that starred Tom Hanks and was based on a 2009 merchant ship hijacking, and the current CBS television series *SEAL Team*. The U.S. Navy's SEAL acronym stands for Sea, Air, and Land teams. The SEALs are the Navy's primary special operations force to operate in all environments.

On March 12, our chapter welcomed retired Navy SEAL and UNL alumnus Jack Riggins to speak at the chapter house. Commander Riggins has a background in SEAL team training and military leadership, and currently works for a consulting business that helps rebuild teams and

leadership styles. He gave a great presentation with topics such as mental toughness, his Navy SEAL leadership background, and what really matters in life. He provided examples of SEAL team fraternal bonding, gave advice for our upcoming graduates, and explained the values of the Navy SEAL team. With active members and alumni in attendance, he delivered a powerful speech. This presentation was recorded live on The Experience Company's Facebook page and can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaBeta.TEC/videos/617038868757491/>

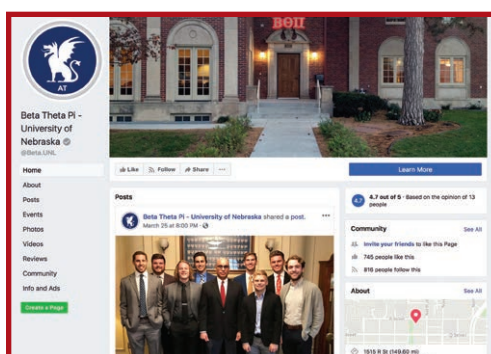
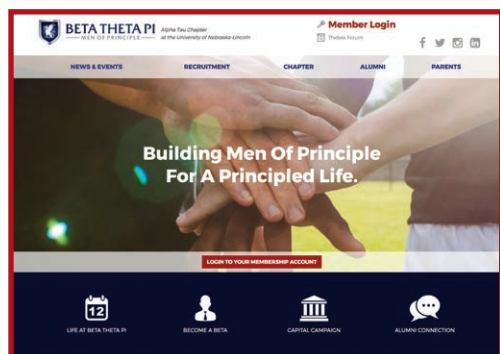
A huge thanks to **Bill Dana '76** for connecting with Commander Riggins to help to set up this program. If other alumni have any connections to guest speakers that can bring value to the Alpha Tau Chapter, email [alumni@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:alumni@nebraskabeta.com) with their contact information and more details.

## IN OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

**Gene V. Christensen '54**, of Helendale, CA, entered Our Mystic Shrine on January 18, 2018. He was associated with the Electric Motor Company of America in Helendale, but we were not able to obtain additional information. He was AT 921 and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1957.

**Rodger O. Lindwall '52**, of Omaha, NE, entered Our Mystic Shrine on December 2, 2018. He was a Beta Tau member of our fraternity from the University of Colorado. After graduation he served with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and also was a reservist during the Korean conflict. He owned real estate and construction companies in Omaha. In 1973, he was president of the Omaha Area Board of Realtors. Several Alpha Tau Betas said they knew him, but were not aware he was a Beta. We are publishing this notice as a service to those Alpha Tau Betas who may have known him. Included as a survivor is son **Rodger E. Lindwall, University of Colorado '82**.

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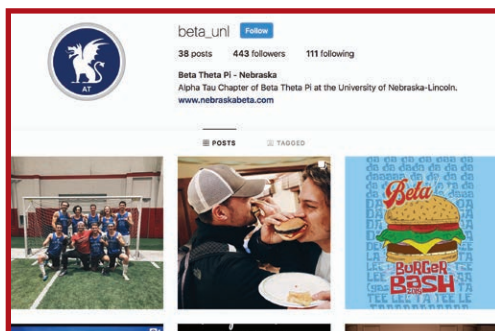
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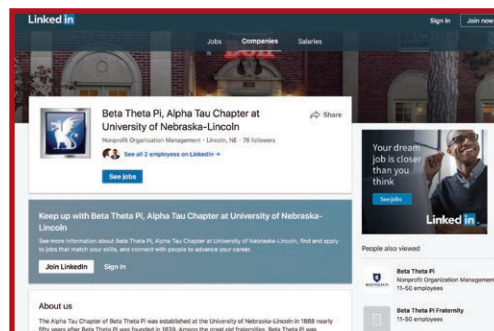
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**Attention:** This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to [updates@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:updates@nebraskabeta.com). Thank you.

## RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED!

**A**lumni, we value your input on membership selection. If you know someone who would be an asset to the chapter, please send the information below to Recruitment Chairman **Ross Wiebenga '18** at [recruitment@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:recruitment@nebraskabeta.com). **Recommendations needed by June 15.**

Prospect's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prospect's cell phone, if available: \_\_\_\_\_

Prospect's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is prospect a Beta legacy? If yes, provide full details: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_