



THE *University of Nebraska*
ALPHA TAU *Alumni Publication*
OF *1968-1969*
BETA THETA PI



It has been a year of frustrations, yet productive and rewarding. We have accomplished in some areas and fallen in others; interest has waned at some levels and been revived in others. With our past accomplishments behind us, it is hard to look forward to those same goals. New ones, as good or better than those of before, are continually being sought. But our interest and enthusiasm, I am confident, will insure that "our future will copy fair our past." If hard work and determination are measures of success, then we will succeed. We must all work together in a concerted effort to achieve the goals we set for ourselves in pledge-ship, intramurals, social, etc.--whatever we choose to work for. The key to success, as I see it, is the development of interest. We must stimulate members; we must get them involved; we must encourage leadership from the upperclassmen, in particular, the seniors. We must be unified and solidified, while maintaining the integrity of the individual.

—Bruce Christensen, Treasurer

As a senior, I wonder why I don't have the type of fervent devotion to the house that I had as a freshman and a sophomore. The friendships remain and continue to grow with time, but identification with "the group" begins to wane. In analyzing this feeling, I cannot find it unhealthy, for it shows that Beta has fulfilled its purpose in the



best of ways. It gave me help and encouragement, values and goals when I was unsure of my own. A high compliment to a fraternity is that it develops independent men who no longer need its support. This was a year of innovation in pledge training and membership selection. The pledge program was less authoritarian; it assumed greater maturity on the part of freshmen and greater individual responsibility on the part of the upperclassmen. We have succeeded when we have lived up to these responsibilities and failed when we have not. As long as we accept these challenges of individual responsibility, Alpha Tau will continue to be a leading fraternity.

—Bill Origer,
Corresponding Secretary

To evaluate Beta Theta Pi while an undergraduate will prove incomplete, for I believe that in coming years I will fully realize what Beta has meant in my life. At this point Beta has been my most important learning experience outside the University classroom. It has challenged me and every member in a course in human existence. In this University of 18,000 students, I have always felt that there was someplace where I belonged and was accepted. This year was extremely productive with definite progress made on many fronts. Significant strides were made in the direction of relevant pledge education--strides which serve to build the future. For Alpha Tau to remain outstanding, it must move forward to meet the challenge of the fraternity's evolving role in the University community. Greek houses must assume an educational as well as a social role in the student's life. The members of this chapter cannot be content to remain "on top"--this implies doing well only those things which we already do. Alpha Tau must strive to be "in front"---an experimenter and innovator, a leader among fraternities.



Alpha Tau will continue to be outstanding only to the degree in which its members seek and explore new methods of making Beta more meaningful and productive.

—Phil Bowen, Recording Secretary

The past four years Alpha Tau has been for me a collection of individuals of many interests and backgrounds, based on the mutual bond of appreciation and respect---Beta brotherhood. Merely listing Beta accomplishments is nothing unless we can see and realize the spirit behind them. Anyone can enumerate awards and trophies. If Alpha Tau



has one thing in common among brothers and pledges, it's self-excellence. Out of the attitude of striving to develop ourselves comes a group that works and plays hard. This is the only way men can survive in college today. With this attitude prevailing, we will stay on top. Listing accomplishments and trophies, or telling others of the great times we experience is not letting others feel Beta spirit first-hand. It's something I wish everyone could experience. I feel extremely fortunate they made me a Beta.

—Bob Bonahoom, Vice President



It is not easy to describe one's fraternity experience, to speak of such intangibles as friendship and understanding... As I reflect on my Beta years, I think not of events, but rather of people. I think of brothers with whom I shall share a lifelong friendship, brothers whom I have respected and who--I hope--have respected me... The brothers of Alpha Tau are men with whom I have shared common goals, men who have encouraged me to pursue my individual interests, men whom--I hope--I have encouraged to pursue their individual interests... This past year has most certainly been a success in the traditional sense of the word. Alpha Tau has maintained its scholastic excellence, has maintained its excellence in campus activities, etc... This past year has been a true success only to the extent that each individual has done his "...full part toward the building up of a fraternity which recognizes mutual assistance... Devotion to the cultivation of the intellect, unsullied friendship and unflinching fidelity as objects worthy of the highest aim and purpose of associated effort." The Brothers of Alpha Tau, without question, are capable of building the chapter's strength... The chapter must continue to remind itself that diversity and unity must coexist if the fraternity is to be strong. There must be a united pursuit of the goals of Beta Theta Pi and yet each brother must pursue his individual interests. Finally, mutual respect must continue to grow if Alpha Tau is to grow. To the extent that the chapter, as individuals, are willing to meet these challenges, Alpha Tau of Beta Theta Pi will succeed.

—Tom Morgan, President

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Nebraska Betas managed to work a liberal amount of studying into their over-crowded schedules--right between pitch and the late movie. Though trailing FarmHouse rivals, Beta ranked second among NU fraternities in **ACADEMIC** performance (and first on city campus) for the sixth consecutive year, maintaining a 2.92 grade point average.

Seniors John Simmons and Bill Riley became the sixth and seventh Betas to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa in the last four years. Other brothers qualified for membership in a host of scholastic honoraries. The



top scholar in the pledge class with a 4.1 average, Kerry Winterer, succeeded sophomore Andy Cunningham as president of Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman scholastic honorary.

The Beta Quiz Bowl team capped a four-year assault on the All-University championship, winning the title in a one-sided victory over Beta Sigma Psi. Such efforts reflect the words of Pater Knox, "Next to the cultivation of the friendly feelings, the advancement of science and literature is the mainspring of our exertions".



The 1968-69 academic year saw Beta Theta Pi remain a leader in extra-curricular **ACTIVITIES**. The time and effort devoted by the brothers brought not only recognition for Beta Theta Pi and themselves, but also the rewards of association with other members of the college community, and an added perspective on their university.

The past year three Betas served as members of the Innocents Society, including Tom Margan as President. Three junior men, Dave Buntain, Jim Evinger and Tom Wiese were selected as members for 1969-70, and again a Beta, Dave Buntain, was chosen as President of the Senior Men's Honorary. Betas were represented in over 45 activities and honoraries, with officers in over 20 organizations. This participation was not limited to traditional campus organizations, but extended from national councils to the NU Flying Club and Symphonic Band.

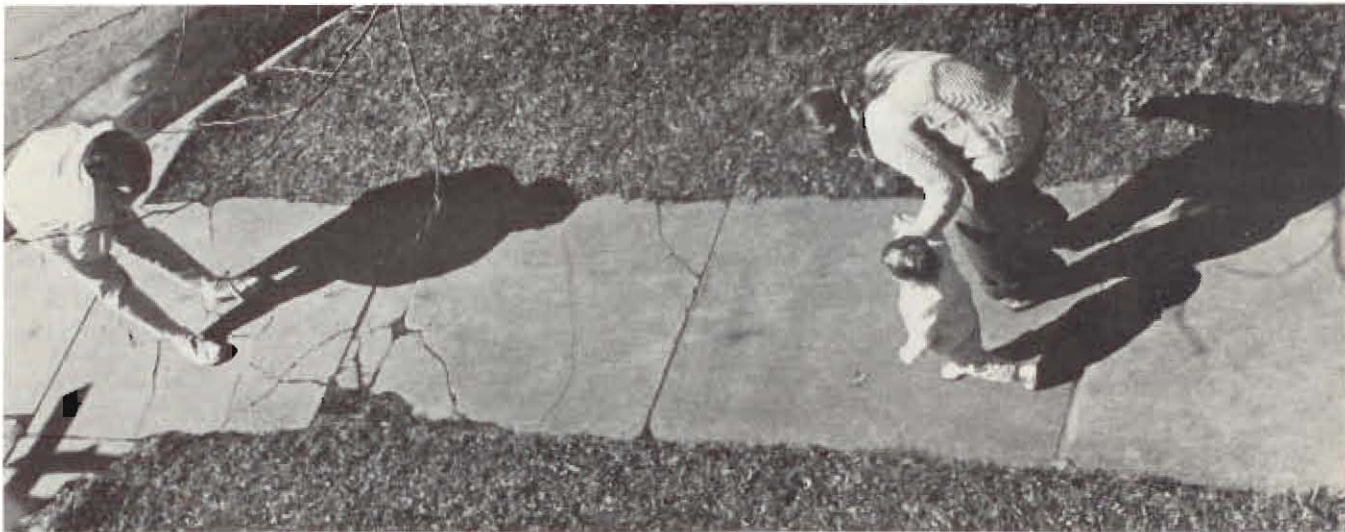
Individual endeavors were not the only exposure Alpha Tau had to non-academic interests. The entire chapter participated in the Kosmet Klub Review, various speaker series, and won second place in the Innocents' Scholarship and Activities Trophy competition. A highlight of the spring was a presentation by three black people from Omaha concerning their experiences with the white suburban community. This dialogue stimulated both black-white and white-white interaction and discussion between participating members of Phi Gamma Delta and Betas.



(Top) The Lincoln Action Program---John Calloway discusses its university relevance. (Middle) Ivy Day Sing Director Don Colburn leads "Sweet Lorraine Lee." (Bottom) A lazy no-good's startling reformation thrills Sleepy Hollow cohorts in "The Legend of Link Van Clinker."



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



(Top left) Tom Wiese -- Innocents Society (Right) Those who the Hose knows, suppose his artful repose, o Picosso's talent disclose -- a masterpiece composed. (Bottom left) Dan Looker, Human Rights Committee Chairmon, " . . . finally able to move a lethargic campus . . ." (Right) Dave Buntain, Outstanding Collegiate Man escorts Ideal Nebraska Coed finalist, Susie Deitemeyer.





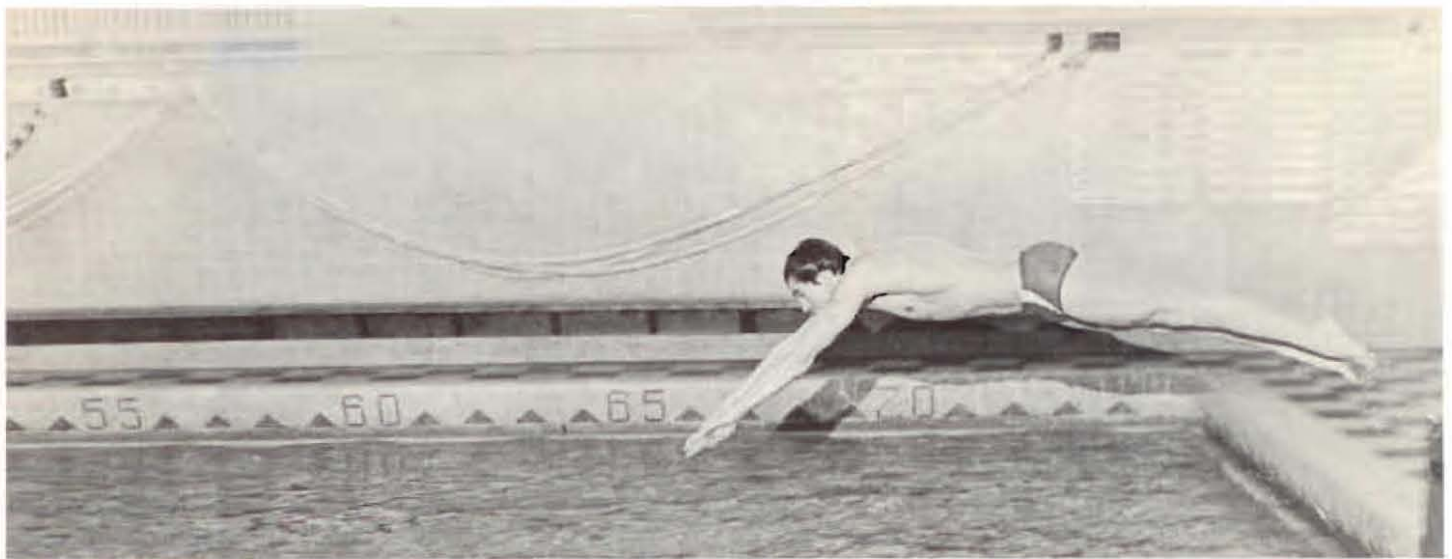
Where does it begin? Organized parties, and Beta seating blocks at popular concerts, football games and plays might head the list. Serenades, pinning ceremonies and pledge class "functions" complete the structured aspect of Beta **SOCIAL** life, but they are only a fraction of the whole picture.



One of the most valuable advantages of true fraternal living lies in the potential it offers for casual and impromptu gatherings. Whether it be doubling with another Beta to a house party, joining in an FAC with some pledge brothers, or simply making the acquaintance of another Beta's girl, the possibilities are both diverse and within easy reach (only a conversation away...).



The philosophy is simple to grasp: as an extension of brotherhood, social contacts and outlets provide opportunities for amusement and relaxation. At the core of the chapter's organized social program are those legendary gatherings, the house-sponsored parties with their theme decorations. Then there are the cabin parties at the Rod and Gun, Isaac Walton, the Stables, or Old Cheney Road, equipped with sawdust dance floor and blazing fireplace. The bonfires and singing at "woodsies" also attract fun-seekers during the warmer months, and once again drinkers and teetotalers alike share in a common fest. Thus approached, "having a good time" demands no effort save the expression of one's own personality and the appreciation of the personalities of other individuals.



Dave Schmidt



Duane Sullivan

Beta athletes were well represented in Cornhusker. **ATHLETICS** this year, with fifteen brothers landing berths on varsity and freshman teams.

In football, quarterback Van Brownson, full-back Lanny Graves, and defensive end John Hyland were all starters throughout the undefeated frosh season. Brownson, in breaking numerous freshman records, was recognized as one of the top first-year players in the nation.

Led by sophomore co-captain Dave Schmidt and senior diver Dan Duven, along with freestylers King Little, Dave Karnes and Phil Lind, varsity swimming continued as a Beta stronghold.

Husker basketball fans saw brothers Sam Martin and Tom Scantlebury play in starting guard positions with Scantlebury gaining All-Big Eight recognition. Freshman Mike McCarthy also saw action, playing as both a forward and guard.

Senior hurdler John Simmons capped a fine collegiate career, athletically and academically,



Sam Martin

by earning the University award for the athlete with the highest grade point average. Sophomore letterman Duane Sullivan set a new Cornhusker indoor pole vault standard with a record leap of 15-2.

Tom Wiese rated as one of the tennis team's top performers in both singles and doubles competition. A list of Alpha Tau achievement in varsity athletics goes incomplete without mention of Verle Miller, a member of the Big Eight champion bowling squad as a freshman.



EIGHTY YEARS OF ALPHA TAU IN BETA THETA PI

ALPHA TAU

3

1920

THE ALPHA TAU

Editors: Ward M. Randol
Roy H. Whitham

900 So. 17th St., Lincoln, Nebr.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President.....	Norville E. Diehl
Treasurer.....	Wm. H. Lamed, Jr.
Secretary.....	Richard Triplett
Steward.....	Richard Triplett
Recorder.....	Walton B. Roberts
Alumni Secretary.....	Cecil Bowers

FOREWORD

Alpha Tau has faced a situation during the past three years which has been unparalleled in her history, a period of dark days which at times made her survival look most dubious but she has emerged most successfully without diverging in any way from the cherished traditions so long a part of her very existence. At the first outbreak of the war the chapter responded to the call for service almost to a man, leaving only a nominal few to care for the activities of the fraternity. These men assumed their responsibility and built the chapter up to almost a normal membership when a second call again badly depleted her membership. The war over, a few members returned and after a year and a half of earnest effort the chapter has very nearly regained its normal strength.

The war is a thing of the past, our interests are again being directed toward the affairs of the campus. With a large number of freshmen, and very few upperclassmen, we do not expect great accomplishments immediately. It takes several years of earnest, consistent effort for a man to gain any great recognition on the campus; no one is given a position of responsibility there who has not proven his worth, and so we are well aware that it will take the chapter two or three years to regain that position which is rightfully hers. Every effort is being made, however, to place every man in a position for which he is individually suited. These men after a few years will be able to reach the top and raise the chapter with them. Herein lies our hopes for the future of Alpha Tau, and we can only trust that they will be fulfilled.



DRINKING AMONG EASTERN MEN IS MOST APPARENT

This Is Opinion of Francis
Shepardson, Noted
Authority.

HABIT IS ON DECLINE

Believes College Students
Consume Less Than
Ever Before.

Dr. Francis W. Shepardson, well known authority on college fraternities, believes that drinking is more prevalent in eastern colleges and universities than in any other section of the country. This expression of opinion was related in an interview published recently.

"Eastern college men have always been heavier drinkers than college men in any other part of the country," asserted the fraternity authority. Dr. Shepardson is national president of Beta Theta Pi, an organizer and past president of the national interfraternity council and editor of Baird's "American College Fraternities."

Drinking On Decline.

Dr. Shepardson is of the opinion that drinking is on the decline as far as college men are concerned. He attributes the additional drinking in the east to the fact that an eastern fraternity man has long been regarded as a "judge of good liquor."

The advent of prohibition, in Dr. Shepardson's opinion, has discouraged excessive drinking among college men. In addition, increased specialization and recognition of physical necessities has helped liquor's popularity to decline. Deans of colleges and universities throughout the country are reported as in agreement with Dr. Shepardson's views.

"A man in engineering or medi-



Marshall Badge
1839



Reverse of
Marshall Badge



Paddack Badge
1841



Reverse of
Paddack Badge



Ransom Badge
1847



Kirby Badge
1855



Beta Theta Pi

Fifty-sixth Annual Convention

Banquet,

Chicago Beach Hotel,

July 26, 1895.

Hon. John S. Miller, Beta Zeta, '70.
Master of the Feast.

Hon. John Reily Knox, Alpha, '40.
"1839."

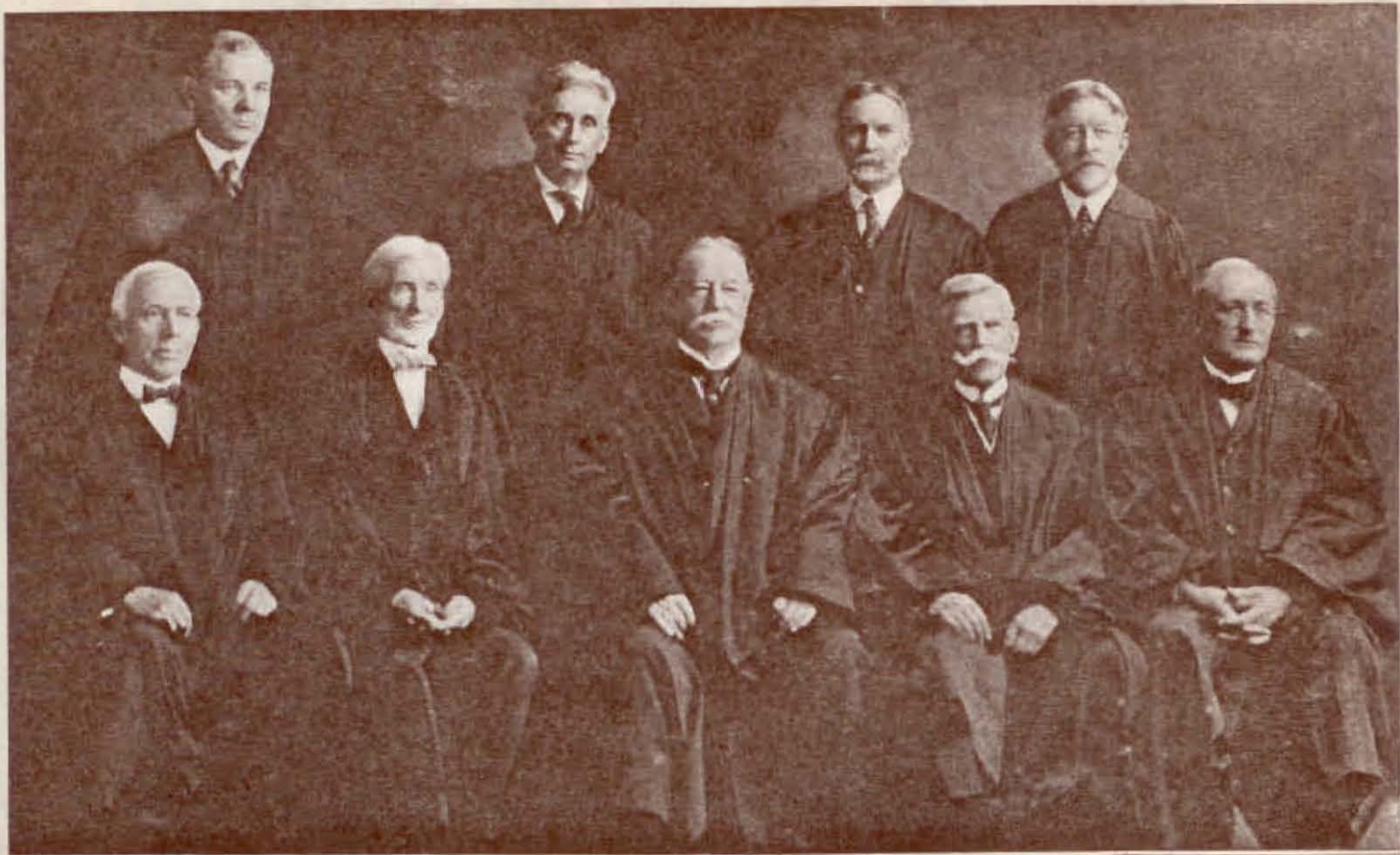
Mr. Frank O. Lowden, Alpha Beta, '85.
"Woodgum, The God of the Real."

Mr. George W. Riley, Phi, '95.
"1895."

Mr. William L. Graves, Beta, '95.
"All in a Chapter Lifetime."

Dr. Thaddeus A. Reamy, Theta, '70.
"The Man."

Major Wyllys C. Ransom, Lambda, '48.
"The Unity of Beta Theta Pi."



FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF U. S. SUPREME COURT as it is composed at present. Seated are Justices Willis Van Devanter, Joseph McKenna, Chief Justice William Howard Taft and Justices Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Clark McReynolds. Standing are Justices Pierce Butler, Louis D. Brandeis, George Sutherland, and Edward Terry Sanford. Justice Sanford was appointed last January. His home is in Knoxville, Tenn.

(Photograph copyright by Harris & Fearing)

DEAR BROTHER IN BETA THETA PI:

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI WILL HOLD ITS 1930 ANNUAL BANQUET SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 25TH, 1930. AS A MEMBER OF THE FRATERNITY YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

PLEASE REPLY:

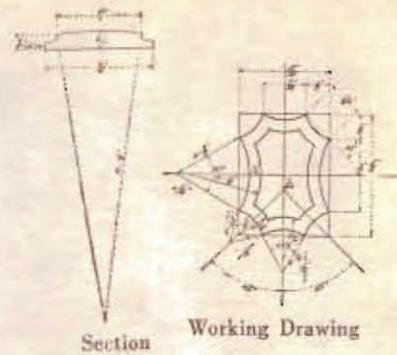
LINCOLN HOTEL
 1000 D. M.
 PLATON, W. V.

G. W. HOLMES
 S. G. MUNSER
 G. W. WEST
 COMMITTEE

Debates Darrow



Lloyd Dort, '08, Lincoln lawyer, who debates Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer, March 4, at the Liberty theater, on the subject "Should Capital Punishment Be Abolished?"



Chandler Badge
1909

Famous Lawyer Comes
Here to Debate Dort



—Courtesy of The Lincoln Journal.
Clarence Darrow, one of the outstanding criminal lawyers of the nation, appears in Lincoln next week to debate Lloyd Dort on "Should Capital Punishment Be Abolished."



VARYING BADGE TYPES



Alpha Tau
 &
 Beta Theta Pi
 cordially invites you to attend their
 Raring Twenties Party
 in Costume
 the evening of October 16, 1932
 Ballroom
 Lincoln Hotel
 Lincoln, Nebraska

Plans printed at door

9:00-12:00 P.M.





ALUMNI



(Top, left) Francis Cunningham, AT-460, and Ed Wescott, AT-435. (Right) Arnett Folsom, '23, recipient of the Sertomo Club's Service to Monkind Award. (Middle) Alpha Tau's Initiation Banquet. (Left) General Secretary Burt Folsom, flanked by Paul Hyland and new District XIX Chief Jack Wesenberg. (Above) Gary Aksomit steps down after two progressive years as chapter advisor.



Frosh quarterback Van Brownson

"Not long ago we came to college, fresh out of high school, not knowing what lay before us. Soon we found ourselves in Rush Week, trying to make a decision that would have such a great effect on the rest of our lives. For some the choice was easy, for others not so easy, but in the end each of us for his own reasons took the three stars and pledged himself to 'Beta's band'. At that moment we entered upon a new way of life.

What were we expecting when we became pledges? Few of us can say now. Some had visions of parties and good times, others expected a place dedicated to serious study, while others wanted simply a place to belong. And there was all of this.

But there was something else too. There was **PLEDGESHIP** - Beta pledgship -- a unique combination of fun and hard work, of team effort and individual responsibility, a period of readjustment and adaptation; a time of bull sessions, water fights, 'Quiet Hours', and 'Unity!' And most important, it was a period of learning--learning what it is to live with other people, to be a friend, to be a Beta.



Then, the beginning of the end: Help Week. (How can we ever forget it?) The word was togetherness. Thirty bodies----eating, sleeping, working, living together. (Unity!) Almost before it had begun, it was over; Help Week was over, pledge-ship was over. We donned the diamond of Beta Theta Pi.

Looking back, what have we gained from our first year in Beta? Nothing tangible, something very personal; we share a feeling: a feeling of pride in our fraternity and the men who are its members, a feeling of accomplishment in ourselves, the pledge class of '68, a feeling of wonder at how right our choice of fraternity was, a feeling of friendship and brotherhood, fellowship-- it has made each one of us something more than he was when he entered Beta Theta Pi."



BACK ROW: Kupper, Moosdam, Henderson, Hoehne, Graves, Deitemeyer, Hyland, Brownson, Haymon, McCarthy, Hubbard, Conger, Lynn, S. Lacey
 MIDDLE ROW: Roth, Miller, Holland, Jorgensen, Pledge Trainer Piester, Mam Daly, Kruse, Sides, Eakes
 FRONT ROW: Winterer, Thompson, Heacock, Erickson, S. Lacey, Brockmeier, Lewis



INTRAMURALS again provided an opportunity for Alpha Tau to display both athletic prowess and Beta spirit. Enroute to a third place finish in the race for the Intramural trophy, Betas captured All-University championships in golf, swimming, wrestling, deep water basketball, and All-Fraternity titles in both A and C basketball.

Outstanding individual performances were turned in by wrestlers Lanny Graves and John McVay, winners of their respective weight classes. Jim Dietemeyer was recognized for his all-around spirit and ability in receiving the Beta intramural athlete of the year award.

But to all the brothers the highlight of the intramural year was the winning of the All-University basketball title and the fine team support by the house.



Del Snoberger drives for two A team points.

Beta cheerleaders erupt in rousing chorus during tense action.





Serving her second year as Beta housemother, **MRS. MARION DALY** proved again that Alpha Tau is a special place to her and that she is special to us. Having married an Alpha Tau president and raised another Beta, son Fritz Jr., she is well equipped to fulfill her role. Her door is always open to spontaneous gatherings with brothers, their dates, parents, and alums. Mom set an example for all of us as her warmth and charm made the Beta house a home. She also worked closely with the Beta Alliance, to the benefit of brothers and their mothers, alike. She is a true Beta sweetheart and Rose, and she continues to charm us all.



COLLEGIATE DIRECTORY



Steve Afdahl	Dodgeville, Wisc.	Rager Leitner	Omaha
Roger Anderson	Omaha	Victor Lewis	Omaha
Steve Bailey	Lincoln	Phil Lind	Lincoln
Craig Bassett	Hastings	King Little	Lincoln
Bruce Beecher	Creston, Ia.	Tom Lonquist	Mexico City
Denny Bloom	Red Oak, Ia.	Dan Looker	Lincoln
Bob Bonahoom	Hastings	Dan Lynn	Kearney
Phil Bowen	Red Cloud	John Mohoffey	North Platte
Don Bradford	Fairfax, Ia.	Sam Martin	Pawnee City
Jock Brickson	Lincoln	Chris Maosdem	North Hollywood, Calif.
Jerry Brockmeier	Lincoln	Mike McCarthy	North Platte
Bob Brown	Brookfield, Mo.	John McCollister	Omaha
Jahn Brownlee	Orlando, Fla.	Steve McCollister	Omaha
Van Brownson	Shenandoah, Ia.	John McHenry	Sidney
Dove Buntain	Lincoln	Bruce McKeag	Grand Island
Mike Burdic	Omaha	John McVay	North Platte
Bruce Christenson	Oskaloosa, Ia.	Verle Miller	Nebraska City
Bennie Cohen	Omaha	Don Mohlman	Lincoln
Don Colburn	Seward	Tom Morgan	David City
Al Conger	Superior	George Nelson	Millord
Andrew Cunningham	Lincoln	Randy Nogel	Omaha
Jim Dietemeyer	Lincoln	Steve Offner	Red Cloud
Kip Dietemeyer	Lincoln	Bill Origer	Lincoln
Tom Dietemeyer	Lincoln	Charlie Pockord	Omaha
Bart Dennis	Omaha	Jody Parker	Tulsa, Okla.
Dan Duven	Hastings	Dick Peters	Omaha
Dan Eakes	Grand Island	Dave Piester	Minden
Dove Erickson	York	Bill Roberts	Nebraska City
Jim Evinger	Colorado Springs	Dave Rodgers	Lincoln
Luther Frerichs	Bloomfield	Milt Romjue	Nebraska City
Lance Gloe	Lincoln	Bob Roth	Omaha
Denny Gray	Shenandoah, Ia.	Tom Scantlebury	Ookland, Calif.
Lanny Groves	Grand Island	Jim Schaffer	Lincoln
John Honcock	Bellevue	Dave Schmidt	Lincoln
Mike Honich	Holdrege	Ron Sides	Omaha
Ray Harr	McCook	Gary Sieck	Seward
Mark Hayman	Lincoln	Jerry Sieck	Seward
Brian Heacock	Lincoln	John Simmons	Scottsbluff
Geof Heiden	Lincoln	Del Snoberger	Hastings
Scott Henderson	Omaha	Don Snoberger	Hastings
John Hoehne	North Platte	Tom Spoonhour	Fremont
Jon Hoffmaster	York	Bill Strain	Lincoln
John Holland	Lincoln	Duane Sullivan	Shenandoah, Ia.
Ron Hubbard	Omaha	Bob Thacker	Lincoln
John Hyland	Lincoln	Jim Thalke	Ogallala
Jim Jansen	Omaha	Dan Thompson	Blair
Jan Jansen	Omaha	Jim Towler	Sioux City, Ia.
Terry Johnson	Omaha	Jim VanHousen	Syracuse
Don Jargensen	Lincoln	Bob Whitmore	York
Dave Karnes	Omaha	Tom Wiese	Omaha
Jim Kehr	Lincoln	Bill Wiley	Lincoln
Larry Knebel	Hastings	Tom Williams	Lincoln
Steve Kruse	Seward	Kerry Winterer	Gering
Bob Kupper	Ogallala	Brent Worms	Lincoln
Steff Lacey	Millard	Mike Wortman	Lexington
Stu Lacey	Millard		

BROTHERS AND PLEDGES OF ALPHA TAU



T. PECK T. POLK B. LANE A. RUPPEL B. HARRIS A. PEYER G. BAKER B. JAMES J. GOSWAMI T. MCLENDON T. LUTTSCHYER E. GILBY



V. LEWIS J. POLK A. RUSSEL J. HERRICK T. COLLAPPE J. THOMAS J. JONES L. STANLEY J. HANCOCK T. WISE J. THURMAN J. BEECH



J. SMITH G. PHELPS L. BRIDGEMAN S. HAYES L. HANSEN G. THOMPSON A. SOLES P. TAYLOR B. SMITH J. COLLIER K. LITTLE J. LINDGREN



D. GILSON W. HERRICK A. HERRICK

Beta Theta Pi



B. HERRICK T. JONES J. HERRICK



J. HERRICK V. POLK A. HERRICK



W. HERRICK G. HERRICK T. HERRICK B. HERRICK P. HERRICK



S. HERRICK B. THAYER D. HERRICK



G. HERRICK J. HERRICK B. HERRICK



B. HERRICK T. HERRICK J. HERRICK



W. HERRICK P. HERRICK A. HERRICK

19  69



B. HERRICK S. HERRICK D. HERRICK A. HERRICK



J. HERRICK G. HERRICK A. HERRICK B. HERRICK G. HERRICK W. HERRICK B. HERRICK J. HERRICK G. HERRICK S. HERRICK J. HERRICK



J. HERRICK S. HERRICK B. HERRICK A. HERRICK J. HERRICK S. HERRICK G. HERRICK A. HERRICK G. HERRICK J. HERRICK P. HERRICK S. HERRICK



K. HERRICK J. HERRICK G. HERRICK P. HERRICK J. HERRICK S. HERRICK G. HERRICK E. HERRICK G. HERRICK T. HERRICK B. HERRICK S. HERRICK



J. HERRICK L. HERRICK B. HERRICK A. HERRICK J. HERRICK W. HERRICK S. HERRICK G. HERRICK B. HERRICK J. HERRICK W. HERRICK B. HERRICK

