



THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | Spring 2010



Pledge class of 2000 brothers John Marshall, Alex Wolf, Chuck Fraass, Nate Green, and Luke Francis reunite at a Nebraska football game.



Andy Tomsen '78 and Lance Sutter '78 enjoy good company in the Pit on Alumni Day.

ALUMNI BOARD PLANS SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

Long-Term Plans for the Shelter Due This Fall

With the summer months approaching, this is a great opportunity to reflect on where we as a chapter have been and to look at where we are heading. The House Corporation has been diligently working to develop and implement a long-term plan for the Shelter given the increased competition from new University housing, upgraded fraternity facilities on campus, and the looming mandate to install a fire sprinkler system. We expect to have a comprehensive plan to share with you this fall.

Another focus of the House Corporation has been reconnecting with our alumni base so that we have an informed and engaged group. We have seen great success in improving our database, adding good addresses for more than 100 previously lost brothers during the past year alone. There are still 144 alumni that we would like to be in contact with. In an effort to locate these lost brothers and keep our database up-to-date, please contact me or respond to the biographical update this summer.

We have revamped the *Blaster* and are in the process of overhauling our alumni events to be better coordinated and executed. Our hope is that these actions will make it easier for our alumni to stay connected with the chapter and each other.

We have traditionally held two formal alumni functions per year, a golf tournament in the summer and the Alumni Day in the fall. This past October, the Shelter was bustling with alumni and families for Alumni Day as they enjoyed food and libations in the Pit while reminiscing and catching up. We hope to increase attendance at this event in 2010 by hosting an all-era alumni banquet the evening of Friday, September 10, and a tailgate at the Shelter on September 11 for the Idaho game. More details regarding this event, including hotel information, will be forthcoming. Be sure to mark this weekend on your calendar today!

On Saturday, May 15, we will host our annual alumni golf tournament at Tiburon Golf Club in southwest Omaha. The event will include 18 holes with golf carts and pin prizes. Most importantly, the outing will afford Beta Tau brothers the opportunity to catch up with friends, relive memories, and make new ones. Please contact Alumni Chairman **Stuart Hughes '09** at nebraskadelts@gmail.com with any questions and to register for the event.

We hope to see all of you at one or both of the alumni events this year!



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New Initiates/ Philanthropy Highlight Undergraduate Success

- ▲ *Gabe's Gang Philanthropy Raises \$3,500*
- ▲ *Beta Tau Brings 25 New Initiates into the Fold*
- ▲ *Alumni Encouraged to Visit Undergraduate Chapter*

Beta Tau Chapter derives a great deal of pride from the accomplishments and character of our members. This foundation is solidified annually through the addition of new members of high integrity and ambition. The chapter saw another successful year in this regard, adding 25 new initiates in the fall and spring. Pledge Educators **Chris Himes '06** and **Scott Robinson '06** shaped a class that rivals the best on campus. These new initiates are eagerly demonstrating what it means to be a Delt by assuming leadership roles in the chapter and on campus.

We realize that recruitment is an ongoing process and vital to our success. We encourage alumni to contact us at any time with

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recommendations for potential new members. Please provide such recommendations to one of our recruitment chairmen, **Ryan Clark '08** at (816) 582-8969 or ryanb.clark@comcast.net or **Calvin Drey '07** at (402) 926-6826 or Doc_Drey89@yahoo.com.

The men of Beta Tau have been ambitious in many areas this year. While campus involvement and intramural success invoke a great deal of pride within the chapter, one of our greatest accomplishments comes from our philanthropic efforts on behalf of Gabe Miller. Gabe has autism and requires close attention only available at a specialized private school.

In February 2007, Gabe's parents, Ronny and Jenny Miller, reached out to family and friends for help to continue sending Gabe to his school. One of those friends was Beta Tau alumnus and former House Corporation member **Ryan Stowe '96**. Ryan pitched the idea to the Beta Tau undergraduates, and we have since committed ourselves to hosting an annual philanthropy called Gabe's Gang, which raised \$3,500 for the very deserving Miller family last semester.

I would like to thank our alumni for all that you have done and continue to do for the undergraduate chapter. Every day we benefit from the actions of those who came before us and by that we are humbled. To paraphrase Isaac Newton, if we have seen further it is only by standing on the shoulders of giants.

You are always welcome at the house and we hope that you will stop by to share stories about your Delt experience.



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UNDERGRADUATE EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 9
M*A*S*H Philanthropy

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
Spring Red White Game

SATURDAY, MAY 15
Alumni Golf Outing at Tiburon Golf Club

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
Gabe's Gang Philanthropy



Brothers raised \$3,500 for Gabe Miller's education at the Gabe's Gang philanthropy. The idea for the philanthropy began in 2007 when Ryan Stowe '96 presented Gabe's need to Beta Tau undergraduates.



Undergraduates emerge from ice cold water at the Polar Bear Plunge to support the Special Olympics.



Beta Tau brothers will hold the annual M*A*S*H philanthropy on April 9, benefitting Veterans of Foreign Wars.



MAN OF VISION

Spotlight on **Paul Engler '47**

Paul Engler '47 received his introduction to the University of Nebraska and Delta Tau Delta while in his hometown of Rock County, Nebraska. Several men from the town were Deltas, providing Paul an immediate connection.

“My time as an undergraduate was a unique period in the history of the chapter. With men returning from the war, there was a mix of ages among the men living at 1143 Jay Street. This added a whole new dimension to my life and provided the opportunity to learn from others’ experiences. Having grown up without any brothers, I quickly learned the lessons of how to live with a group of men and gleaned the social graces necessary to enter into adulthood.”

Upon entering college, Paul’s desire was to become a veterinarian. Since the University did not offer the program, Paul found experience working at a veterinary office, often going in at five in the morning. He worked

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hard to complete his education in agriculture, waiting tables and washing dishes at the chapter, but was sure to make time for friendships.

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In the 1960s, Paul, a Nebraska cattleman, had the vision to begin large-scale cattle feeding in Texas. His ideas would help turn a fledgling

cattle feeding enterprise into a billion-dollar industry for the state. Several of Paul’s notable achievements include starting the first large-scale commercial feedyard, designing the Iowa Beef Packer’s packing plant in Amarillo, and establishing industry practices for quality beef production. In 1975, Paul founded Cactus Feeders, which today employs more than 500 people and stands as the world’s largest privately owned cattle feeding company. Paul is chairman of the board.

“I built my business as a company focused on people, understanding that what I can accomplish by myself is limited. By surrounding myself with the best people, our potential is unlimited.”

Paul lives in Amarillo and has six children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. When he is away from the work he loves, Paul enjoys hunting, fishing, and boating.



FRATERNAL BONDS BROUGHT MICHAEL “MICK” TOOLEY '56 TO BETA TAU

Fraternal bonds on a number of levels brought **Mick Tooley '56** into the fold of Delta Tau Delta. His older brothers, **Bob '52** and **Dick '53**, were Deltas and their membership provided Mick the opportunity to see the close friendships that the fraternity made possible.

“Beta Tau offered a home base on a large campus. Dick’s pledge class set an example for those of us who followed. They were an outstanding representation of friendship and loyalty. The chapter was the place where I learned discipline and maturity. Mom Hinds was a huge part of my learning experience, teaching us everything from bridge to manners. We could go to her at any time with seemingly any problem.”

The Delt tradition was continued in the Tooley family with younger brothers **Pat '59** and **Bill '65**. While Bob has passed away, the brothers meet every year and enjoy reflecting on their shared experience. Their father used to joke that he paid a house bill for 25 straight years to give them all the Delt experience.



After college, Mick served in the Army then began an 18-year career with Phillips Petroleum. The job took Mick and his family from Colorado to Idaho to California, with a happy landing in Sacramento. When company changes meant another move, Mick saw the transition as an opportunity to venture out on his own. In 1978, Mick started Tooley Oil Co., of which he is still president.

“Over 30 years later, I still employ some of the same people that started with me. We work to bring honesty and respect into every business situation, and I strive to communicate dedication, loyalty, and fairness by working just as hard or harder than anyone else in the company. Starting my own business was a risk that has certainly paid off.”

Mick lives in Sacramento with his wife, Nancy, and enjoys traveling and playing golf. The couple has three children: Beth, Michael, and David, and nine grandchildren. E-mail: mick@tooleyoil.com

ALUMNI NEWS



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CHAPTER ETERNAL

Delno F. Stageman '34 entered Chapter Eternal on September 6, 2009.

ALUMNI NEWS

Rollo V. Clark '37 and his wife, Alyce, have been married 65 years. The Masonic Lodge has been a part of Rollo's life for just as long. He is active in theater organ societies and serves as trustee of his church.

Richard E. Rice '55 is living the good life in Scottsdale, Ariz. E-mail: midi8@aol.com

Harry F. Dingman '55 has been with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, for over 16 years. He has written 1,150 permit actions, more than anyone in the department's history.

George "Tom" Simmons '61 is retired from a career in the semiconductor industry but still consults with a variety of firms interested in establishing Asian (particularly Chinese) business relationships. He serves on three boards and one non-profit charity. E-mail: gtosimmons@aol.com

Bradford C. Bode '76 and his wife, Jana, call Scottsbluff, Neb., home. Brad serves as business development officer for First State Bank. They have two daughters, Kathleen and Konstance. E-mail: bcbode@charter.net

Norberto Flores '81 founded Puente Marketing, a Hispanic marketing company, in 2003. He works with clients in Kansas City and throughout the Midwest. E-mail: rflores@puentemarketing.com

David J. Zauha '87 and his wife, Darcie, have three children: Alecia, Jacob, and Zach. David works for an orthopedic surgeon group in Omaha, Neb. E-mail: davezauha@yahoo.com

Steven J. Payne '91 is on active duty as a major in the Marine Corps. While his normal duties place him as a CH-53E pilot, he will be working on 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing staff in future operations. Steven will get back to a flying squadron after completing a ground tour on a police transition team in Iraq. He has been deployed to Afghanistan once and Iraq three times since joining the Marines. E-mail: spayne1@ec.rr.com

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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 us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 15, 1 p.m.

Tiburon Golf Club in Omaha

Event includes 18 holes, carts, and pin prizes

For registration and questions, please contact

Alumni Chairman **Stuart Hughes '09** at nebraskadelts@gmail.com.

FALL ALUMNI REUNION

Friday and Saturday, September 10-11

FRIDAY

ALL-ERA ALUMNI BANQUET

Formal invitation and further details to follow.

To assist in our planning process, please contact **Stuart Hughes '09** at nebraskadelts@gmail.com with your tentative plans to attend.

SATURDAY

ALUMNI TAILGATE FOR IDAHO GAME

Time to be announced, dependant upon kickoff time.

Food and cash bar at the chapter house.