



THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | Summer 2012



To prepare for renovations, House Corporation members Tom Wolf '62 and Jim Loach '67 help Treasurer Kyle Hampton '09 load the final items from the Shelter into storage.

CONSTRUCTION MOVES AHEAD ON SCHEDULE

Nearly \$1.3 Million Committed, but Your Support Needed to Reach \$1.5 Million Goal

This spring, we began an exciting new chapter in the proud, 118-year history of Beta Tau. Construction started, bringing fresh energy and activity to the *A Commitment to Beta Tau Excellence: Honoring Our Past ~ Securing Our Future* campaign. With workmen on site since January, we are making extraordinary progress. The renovation project was strategically divided into two phases to work around the active members while school was still in session, and ensure completion by the start of the fall semester.



Michael Zoerb '01, John Salistean '74, and Chapter President Daniel Grossman '09 tour the Shelter during renovations.



The living room is cleared out and ready for renovations.

PHASE 1 NEARLY COMPLETE

Phase 1 of construction was ongoing throughout the spring semester and focused on the new suite-style rooms on the west half of the Shelter. The undergraduates' enthusiasm was palpable as they watched these new rooms take shape, and the suite-style rooms were the first selected during the room sign-ups that took place in April. As you read this, phase 1 of construction is wrapping up, keeping us on schedule for the remaining construction.

Once work is completed, the Shelter will be a much more versatile, efficient, and inviting place. It will meet the needs of the next generation of Delts and ensure that we stay competitive on the UNL campus.

SUMMER PLANS

As classes wrapped up at the end of spring semester, the undergraduates made final preparations before leaving the Shelter. Rooms were cleared and furniture moved into storage so that the second phase of work could begin on the remainder of the Shelter. Construction crews have already completed the majority of the demolition work, preparing the rest of the Shelter for much-needed improvements.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

While construction progresses, we are still in need of your support. Approximately 20% of our brothers have made a contribution to this essential work at Beta Tau. We are deeply grateful for this support, but must ask for an even greater level of involvement in order to meet our \$1.5 million goal and ensure that the chapter is not overly burdened by debt following the completion of the project.



The dining room ceiling is exposed to make room for new plumbing, electrical, and fire-safety systems.

New plumbing and electrical systems are in progress, along with the work for our new fire safety system. Existing spaces are being transformed to create more usable areas on each floor, and the entire house will receive an overall facelift. Even with the unexpected need to abate significant amounts of asbestos and additional mandates from the fire marshal, construction is progressing and we remain on schedule for completion by August 1.

Your gift to Beta Tau can be made today or spread over five years by outlining the schedule that works best for you on the enclosed pledge form. Together, we can extend the tradition and excellence of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Nebraska.

Fraternally,
Paul Engler '47
Honorary Campaign Chairman

Alex Wolf '00
House Corporation President
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THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR CONTRIBUTING \$1,273,376

We are deeply grateful to the brothers who have pledged over \$1.2 million to *A Commitment to Beta Tau Excellence: Honoring Our Past ~ Securing Our Future*. This generosity demonstrates that these alumni and undergraduates recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Beta

Tau Chapter. Commitments are still needed from our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator with corrections at (785) 843-1661.



View from the front foyer looking toward the president's room.



The vending area adjacent to the kitchen will become two public ADA restrooms.



The freshman bathroom has been gutted in preparation for renovations.

Robert Manley Society (\$100,000 and above)

Robinson Family Gift
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Sutter Family Gift
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Andrew J. Grondek '04
Kenny Edwards '11

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of June 1, 2012

GOAL
\$1.5 MILLION

WRITTEN
COMMITMENTS
\$1,273,376

NUMBER OF
CONTRIBUTORS
285

NUMBER OF
ACTIVE ALUMNI
1,248

Royal Purple & Gold Society

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Emerson Family Gift

Larry C. Emerson '73

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Mitch Grady '85

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Leon Thomas '95

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(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

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In honor of

Sam Romohr '06

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Robert C. Middlebrook '38,

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In memory of

James E. O'Halloran III '56

Roger K. Krhounek '56

James D. Murphy '56

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Hal Hoppe '59

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John P. Martin '61

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Randy Draper

William Kramer '68

Chuck Balduff '69

Bob Bergeson, D.D.S. '69

Dean G. Winchell '69

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C. John Guenzel '72

Mike McGinn '72

In memory of

Patrick McGinn '67

James R. Minarick '73

Jon C. Baumann, D.D.S. '76

Mark A. Stadler '77

Robert S. Woodruff '78

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Mark A. Nelson '85

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Bryce G. Johnson '85

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Eric F. Marsh '88

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Travis W. Brandt '94

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Jeffrey A. Knox '94

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Blake Nedrow '95

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Kristopher M. Volker '95

Ryan Stowe '96

Cory J. Ostermeyer '97

Brendan J. Gustafson '98

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Ryan Brown '08

Ryan Clark '08

Brian Elsasser '08

Cole Grams '08

Nick Grams '08

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Derek Jess '08

Alex Spanel '08

Thomas Stadler '08

Zach Weiderspon '08

Nico Bohm '09

Daniel Grossman '09

Kyle Hampton '09

Darr Jenkins '09

Brian Jerina '09

Andrew LaGrone '09

Cale Neverve '09

Collin McWain '09

Jordan Kugler '11

George Lee '11

Tyler Pettit '11



A view of the concrete pad in the laundry room where the old boiler used to sit. In removing the boiler, an underground fuel tank that served as a secondary fuel source was discovered. The tank needs to be drained and removed, adding additional expense to the project.



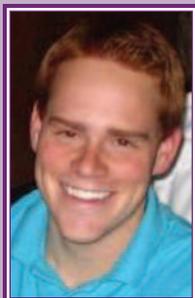
New sink fixtures, flooring, wall finishes, toilet partitions, and showers will be installed in the second-floor bathroom. After uncovering all of the plumbing, we found some pipes that have been leaking for years which will now be repaired.



The stairwells on the west side of the house will receive new rubber stair treads and risers, new handrails, and the walls and ceilings will be repainted.

ALUMNI REMINISCE ON THEIR UNDERGRADUATE YEARS

Brothers Support Beta Tau to Provide Opportunities to Future Members



Q&A with Andrew Sutter '04

Q: What are some of your favorite memories from your undergraduate years?

A: My favorite memories come from the unplanned and spontaneous events that happened while I was living in the house; those memories that can make you just start laughing when no one else is around. I also have some great memories from our Monday night chapter meetings when we would tell stories

from the previous weekend. It always seemed like you found out way more than you ever needed to know.

Q: How long did you live in the Shelter?

A: Three years.

Q: What are your thoughts regarding the ongoing renovations to the Shelter?

A: I am proud and grateful to everyone who was able to contribute to the project, and I am excited to see how the renovations turn out. I think the upgrades will not only affect the current undergraduates, but I think it will also immediately impact the marketability of the Shelter during recruitment.

Q: What motivated you to support Beta Tau?

A: This was my chance to give back to an organization that gave me the leadership experience and confidence I needed to secure my first job out of college and set me up for future success. When you're in the house during school it is easy to take the experience for granted, but as college comes to an end you start to realize how much you miss being able to spend time with your friends and how valuable the time really is. My hope is that the renovations to the Shelter will make it possible for future Deltas to have some of the same experiences I did in college.

Q: Why do you think it's important to support the chapter?

A: I just think it is important to give back in any way you can, whether through time and service or financially. For most of us, Delt was much more than just a place to live. We can't forget what ties us all together. By supporting the chapter now we are providing a foundation for future Deltas, their friendships, and memories.



Q&A with Michael Zoerb '01

Q: What are some of your favorite memories from your undergraduate years?

A: I would say just hanging out with the guys. The social events were definitely fun and I have a lot of good memories from those, but some of my favorite memories come from just hanging out at the Shelter. Room 006 and 210 were the best because they had the space to put a couple of couches and have a group of guys hanging out. That's why I think the renovation is so great; the suite-style rooms will allow a better space for the guys to spend time building those lifelong friendships that we were fortunate to experience.

Q: How long did you live in the Shelter?

A: I lived in the Shelter for four years, although it seemed a lot shorter. It's crazy how fast the time goes. I just hope the current undergraduates live this experience to the fullest because it will be over before they know it.

Q: What are your thoughts regarding the ongoing renovations to the Shelter?

A: I think the upgrades and renovations are awesome! They are definitely needed and will make the Delt experience that much better. I have been able to check out the progress the last couple of months and I am so excited to see the finished product!

Q: What motivated you to support Beta Tau?

A: I support the chapter and specifically this project because I feel very fortunate to have had the Delt experience. Some of my best friends came from the chapter and I wouldn't have ever met them without this opportunity. I want to make sure others are given the same opportunity to build friendships that will last a lifetime. The fraternity experience also taught me a lot of lessons that I have put to use since graduating. I feel the experiences I took from living in the Shelter were just as important as the classes I took and they helped prepare me for the real world.

Q: Why do you think it's important to support the chapter?

A: It's important to support the chapter because it is our responsibility to make sure Delta Tau Delta not only continues, but it also thrives at UNL. We were fortunate to have the Delt experience and now we need to give back to make sure others get the opportunity to experience it as well.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Allen '11*
Nebraska City, Neb.
(Grandfather **Fred**

Allen III '52, Father
Fred Allen IV '80,
Uncle **Charlie Allen**
'84, Brother **John**
Allen '06)

Will Bachmann '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Drew Barnhart '11
Charlotte, N.C.

Taylor Buel '11
Overland Park, Kan.

Nathan Day '11
Lees Summit, Mo.

James Epp '11
Bonner Springs, Kan.

Jason Eversoll '11
Aurora, Colo.

Bryce Ficken '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Matthew Goering '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Mark Hugo '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Hunter Jones '11
Overland Park, Kan.

Keaton Klein '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Jordan Kugler '11
Papillion, Neb.

George Lee '11
Papillion, Neb.

Spencer Lindley '11
Omaha, Neb.

Nick Morrison '11
Ramsey, Minn.

Members Work to Make Chapter Stronger than Ever

Undergraduates Thankful for Alumni Support

Chapter Transformations

It has been an exciting past few months at Beta Tau. The ongoing renovation has served as a constant reminder of the support we've received from our generous contributors. Our newly renovated Shelter will help our summer recruitment tremendously. We've had our fair share of challenges this year, but we have come together to make Beta Tau stronger and better than ever. From academics to alumni support, our members are working tirelessly to make sure the chapter remains competitive on campus.

Improving Academics

We are working extremely hard to increase our academic presence in the Greek community and on UNL's campus. Our overall G.P.A. stands at 3.11, which ranks us 11 out of 24 among fraternities on campus. Executive Scholarship Chairman **Jake Reid '10** is working with National to establish new study programs within the chapter to help keep our G.P.A. on the rise. "Grades are the reason that we are here, and Delt is here to help the cause," Jake said.

M*A*S*H Event Brings in \$3,700

We recently hosted our annual M*A*S*H philanthropy, raising nearly \$3,700 for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The entire undergrad-

uate chapter worked throughout the night to make the event a success.

Chapter Receives Court of Honor

Lincoln was fortunate enough to host the Delta Tau Delta Western Plains Division Conference in February. Our members listened to various speakers and experienced many workshops that focused on chapter and life improvement. Beta Tau was presented with awards that praised our alumni relations, membership retention, and highlighted our outstanding recruitment. We were also presented with the Court of Honor, which is given to the chapters that score in the top 20% of the annual Fraternity Awards/Accreditation Report that each national chapter must complete. This report highlights every aspect of our chapter, both internally and externally. We were extremely excited to get this award and hope that we can get in the top 10% next year.

Greek Week Events

We had the pleasure of participating in Greek Week this year with Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity. Our members, both old and new, participated in many events, such as an outdoor Greek Olympics and a Battle of the Bands competition.

Campus Involvement

Our members are involved with many clubs and organizations on campus, including College Republicans, Scarlet Guard, and Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity. We also have several members involved in intramurals athletics. Our soccer team did a great job this year and made it to the playoffs.

Continued Alumni Support

As always, our alumni continue to show their support with the renovation and by helping our members network for their post-college lives. When the renovation is completed this fall, I

hope to see many alumni at the rededication and look forward to meeting everyone. This is a new beginning for Beta Tau and we are working hard to make sure the future looks as bright as ever.



Fraternally,
Daniel Grossman '09
Chapter President
president.delt@gmail.com



*The men of Beta Tau gather for the M*A*S*H philanthropy house announcements.*



Alex Klein '14, Nate Kosse '14, Austin Gurley '14, Jake Salomons '14, and Connor Tiefenthaler '14 ski at Keystone Resort over winter break.



Jordan Kugler '11 and Lucas Sand '11 after a club baseball game.

Taylor Mortensen '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Lucas Sand '11
Excelsior, Minn.

Matt Ward '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Elliot Nobbman '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Seth Synovec '11
Auburn, Kan.

Troy Willett '11
Mission Viejo, Calif.

Ryan Peters '11
Overland Park, Kan.

Taylor Tvrdy '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Hunter Winkler '11
Omaha, Neb.

Tyler Petitt '11
Lincoln, Neb.

Nick Waldron '11
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Two walls were removed to make an open group study area in the freshman hall study space.

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Annual Alumni Weekend and House Rededication

ALUMNI BANQUET

Friday, September 28

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

More details to come

RSVP to **Michael Zoerb '01**

at mwz10@yahoo.com

ALUMNI TAILGATE/ HOUSE REDEDICATION

Saturday, September 29

Beta Tau Chapter House (715 N. 16th)

Open House (Cash Bar and Food)

from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Rededication Ceremony at 4 p.m.

Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Send your recruitment recommendations to:

Nico Bohm '09

nicobohm@gmail.com / (308) 293-7777

Kenny Edwards '10

kenwards@huskers.unl.edu / (402) 862-5317

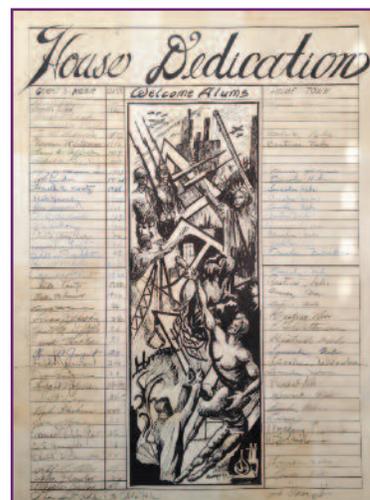
Greyson Ostrander '10

Greyson_o@yahoo.com / (402) 525-2725

PRESERVING A PIECE OF BETA TAU HISTORY

As part of the recent move out of the Shelter during the renovation to organize and preserve Beta Tau's proud history in a secure and temperature-controlled space. This new room will allow our alumni to visit the house and reflect upon some of the great times they had with their brothers within the walls of the Shelter.

LaGrone '09 made an interesting discovery as he packed up materials from the historian closet in Pledge Hall (the historian closet is a broom closet that has served as a make-shift storage space for old pictures, composites, etc.). To his surprise, Andrew found a badly discolored document, entitled House Dedication, that appeared to be from the 1950 Dedication of the newly constructed house at 715 N. 16th Street. It includes the signatures of a number of alumni who attended that dedication, including Beta Tau's first pledge, **Robert Manley 1894**.



Discovering this historical gem covered in dust and poorly preserved was further reminder of how inadequate the current storage space was in the house for historical materials such as this. As many of you are already aware, a new Historian Room will be added

encourage each and every one of you to join us September 28-29 as we celebrate the rededication of the newly renovated Shelter and to sign a house rededication poster much like Robert Manley did in 1950. Once done, the house dedication and house rededication documents will be framed and proudly displayed at the house, as a testament to the history of Beta Tau and the alumni who have so staunchly supported her.