



THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | FALL 2015



The Shelter received a new roof this summer. Thank you, generous alumni, for making this project possible.

INVOLVEMENT IS THE FOUNDATION FOR COMMITMENT

Volunteer Your Time to Strengthen the Beta Tau Brotherhood

Beta Tau continues to make significant progress this year by growing the membership and improving the facility. Improvements were made to the Shelter, an impressive group of executives lead the undergraduates, the chapter saw a successful recruitment over the summer, and additions were made to the House Corporation and Alumni Advisory Team.

Alumni involvement ensures continued leadership for the Beta Tau Chapter. There are routine day-to-day activities and meetings, decisions to be made about current and future financial commitments and obligations, and resolving everything from simple questions about how things work to complex financial obligations competing for limited funds. House Corporation communications range from telephone calls or meetings with vendors, contractors, local officials, the chapter consultant, and the international office. Consider how you might become involved this year. It takes time to get in the rhythm of the board and the activities that each of us are involved in or managing. Join us on the board and contribute your perspective during our regular board meeting time. You will find that there are opportunities to contribute in significant ways.

You are likely one of the 400 Beta Tau alumni in the Lincoln-Omaha metropolitan areas. If we were to increase alumni involvement to 5% in these areas, it would add an additional 20 men and would nearly double the current actively participating alumni. Join us at the fall alumni reunion or the next after work social. Stay in touch by following your chapter on Facebook and at <http://nebraskadelts.com>.

THANK YOU, DEDICATED ALUMNI

Thank you to each of you who continue to support the chapter as you fulfill financial pledges to reduce the debt on our remodeled and updated Shelter. We sincerely

appreciate your support. This summer, we replaced the roof, removing the old insulation in the attic and replacing it with insulation to R50, and added a new freezer in the kitchen. Stop by and meet the 2015 executive team. They are an exciting group of young men developing as leaders today for tomorrow.

I am encouraged by the support of Beta Tau leadership scholarships. This has been an important step to support undergraduates. Consider how you may honor one of the chapter's past or recent leaders. The gifts received to date are moving us toward funding these scholarships and joining those already fully funded.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Saturday, October 24 for the Northwestern game at the Shelter. Enjoy meeting some of the undergraduates, your classmates, and members of the House Corporation and chapter executives. Refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, please contact **Blake Woodruff '13** at blakewoodruff@huskers.unl.edu. Please stay tuned for more information once the game time is announced.

HELP LEAD BETA TAU

The Alumni Advisory Team presents an opportunity for more involvement and your personal engagement. Some of the continued needs are mentors for the chapter officers and mentorship of all chapter members. Positions available are recruitment advisor, membership education advisor, risk management advisor, and road advisor.

This is your opportunity to engage again in the fraternal experience with members of the board and with the undergraduates. It has brought back great memories of my years on campus and the realization of how important

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Your interests can lead to involvement!
Contact Ryan Caldwell '98 at ryancaldwell@hotmail.com or Jim Emanuel '79 at emanueljim60@gmail.com.

Golf Tournament Attracts More Than 45 Brothers

The alumni golf tournament was a huge success. We had 48 participants, and of those, 40 were alumni. Everyone had a great time, and all want to participate next year. A special thanks to **Dean Jenkins '55** and **Blake Woodruff '13** for organizing the event.



Thank you to the 40 alumni who attended the annual golf tournament. We hope to see you there next year.

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the fraternity is today as it was then. You can become involved. I know that you will find involvement with the fraternity will be an exciting and rewarding experience. Contact **Ryan Caldwell '98** at ryandcaldwell@hotmail.com or **Jim Emanuel '79** at emanueljim60@gmail.com and see how your interests can lead to involvement.

LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS

I'm very proud of the achievements of the chapter: academic improvement, an outstanding recruitment program, and greater prominence on campus. Let's celebrate these accomplishments while working toward even greater success!

Please think about volunteering to attend a dinner, join us for a House Corporation meeting, coordinate a luncheon, or pursue a special interest or topic with the undergraduates as a guest speaker.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
James Loach, Epsilon Omega '67
 House Corporation President
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MATT LARSON '01 GIVES BACK TO THE SHELTER AS PROPERTY MANAGER

Matt Larson '01 has made many memories at the Shelter. He remembers football games, parties, and spending time in the place that took care of him during his time at Nebraska. Now, Matt gets to give back to the Shelter as property manager. "I felt like I owed the chapter something," he says. "It helped me so much to get on the right path for life and career."



With more than 10 years of remodeling under his belt, Matt owns his own company, Change House Design & Construction. He is the go-to guy for whenever something goes wrong—taking stress off the House Corporation and the undergraduates. "A good friend of mine on the House Corporation mentioned the position, and I was definitely interested," Matt says. "As far as I know, we've never had something like this before. I'm happy to help and it's cool to go back and see everything again."

He says one of his favorite parts is finding old composite pictures, and it helps him stay in touch with the brothers. "It's fun to find the composite pictures. I'll text the pictures to the guys and it gives us something to talk about," Matt says.

Help is always needed and Matt encourages alumni to lend a hand. "You don't have to take a gigantic leap," he says. "Any little bit helps. Plus, no one is going to tell you no if you want to help out."

Matt's advice to undergraduates or younger alumni is to constantly pursue something that will make them happy. He says if you're not happy with it, then don't do it.

Matt lives in Lincoln with his wife, Brooke, and daughter, Collins. He jokes that he doesn't have much free time since he's always unclogging the Delt toilets. E-mail Matt at matt@changehousedesign.com.

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Tucker Krantz '13, Kyle Webb '13, Ryan Williams '14, Henry Dobson '14, and Adam Froendt '13 at the alumni Husker basketball tailgate.



Dan Lindstrom '79, Paul Kenney '79, Andy Tomsen '78, Blake Woodruff '13, Bob Woodruff '78, and Jim Emanuel '70 at the alumni Husker basketball tailgate.



Members after an intramural basketball game with football coach Mike Riley.

UNDERGRADUATES FURTHER TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE Beta Tau Welcomes 32 New Members, Raises \$11,500 during MASH

As the fall semester starts, Beta Tau strives toward excellence. With the help of a strong new pledge class, the chapter looks constantly to improve our recruitment, academics, and philanthropic efforts. We continue to work toward our chapter goals of becoming a leader on campus, throughout the international fraternity, and in the community. Excelling in all of these areas will help us to further the tradition of excellence in the chapter.

RECRUITMENT

The recruitment team, as well as the chapter, worked hard this summer to bring a new pledge class that displayed leadership in academics, involvement, and commitment. We instituted new recruitment standards that allow us to select the best recruits who fit within the values of our fraternity. We successfully recruited 32 men to join us, 26 of whom are living in the

Shelter. Throughout the academic year, we plan to continue our recruitment strategy to find new qualified men year-round.

ACADEMICS

This spring, we started various initiatives to help improve the chapter GPA. This included academic teams based on major, academic contracts, and tutoring programs with upperclassmen. We finished with a 3.11 GPA, exceeding the Greek all-male average. This was a decline from our previous chapter GPA, but we hope that with the aid of these programs we will be able to continue to improve our GPA this semester and into the future.

PHILANTHROPY

At the end of the spring semester, we had our annual MASH philanthropy, which was a major success. We raised \$11,500 for the Wounded

Warrior Project. This semester, we plan to continue our philanthropic success with a focus on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We hope to do this through participation in the Lincoln JDRF Walk, as well as hosting our own philanthropy event to educate the campus and community on juvenile diabetes.

The undergraduate brothers of Beta Tau are excited for our new pledge class and for the upcoming year. We will continue working toward our goals with the assistance of alumni, the international fraternity, and the community. With this support, we can achieve these goals and strive toward lives of excellence.



Fraternally,
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Chapter President
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Jacob Andrews*
Omaha, Neb.

Justin Clark*
Chanhausen, Minn.

Gavin Gleason
Loveland, Colo.

Nick Hutt
Easton, Pa.

Sam Mitchell
Lincoln, Neb.

Jacob Sattley
Grand Island, Neb.

Jared Andrews*
Omaha, Neb.

Ethan Clark
Papillion, Neb.

Henry Gleason
Kansas City, Mo.

Ryan Kopsa*
York, Neb.

Jake Morgan*
Omaha, Neb.

Ian Stuchlik
Kearney, Neb.

Randy Avila
Northridge, Calif.

Matt Clough
Omaha, Neb.

Noah Goodman*
Hamburg, Iowa

Tyler Krusemark
Pender, Neb.

Grant Nelson*
Omaha, Neb.

Luis Torres
Omaha, Neb.

Bryce Brockman*
Papillion, Neb.

Chase Denton
Omaha, Neb.

Tyler Hattan
Lincoln, Neb.

Trey Mendlik
Omaha, Neb.

Jack Otting-Crandal
Overton, Neb.

Austin Weitzenkamp
Scribner, Neb.

Nolan Bruggeman
Kearney, Neb.

Christopher Fabry
Downingtown, Pa.

Justin Hicklin
Stilwell, Kan.

Josh Meyer
Hastings, Neb.

Keagan Palmer
Grand Island, Neb.

*Legacy

Dalton Busch
Omaha, Neb.

Brad Hurtz*
Gretna, Neb.

Timothy Russell
Sussex, Wis.

Alumni Tailgate

Join your Beta Tau brothers on Saturday, October 24 for the alumni tailgate. The Huskers will take on the Northwestern Wildcats at 11 a.m. The open house will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hamburgers and a build-your-own nacho bar will begin at 9:30. There will be a bar from 10-11 and a program starting at 10:15. RSVP to **Blake Woodruff '13** at blakewoodruff@huskers.unl.edu.



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CHAPTER ETERNAL

Keith Fiene '50 entered Chapter Eternal on February 6, his 84th birthday. He met his wife-to-be, Betty Woods, in fourth grade in Omaha. He was a football standout at Benson High School, winning a football scholarship to Nebraska. After an injury, he enlisted in the Army and saw action in Korea, where he earned several decorations, including the Soldier's Medal for heroism. He returned to Nebraska in 1953, married Betty, and completed his degree. He was first employed by Boeing in Seattle, then by Hanford in the Richland, Wash., area. Keith was an avid salmon fisherman, birdwatcher, bowler, and bicyclist. He also promoted and coached table tennis and wrote haiku poetry.



Undergraduates with housemom Patty Wade before the Homecoming football game.