



THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | FALL 2016

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS WILL MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE

We Need You to be Part of the Solution

We are growing the membership at UNL and making improvements throughout the Shelter. Although we have successfully increased the total number of undergraduate members in Beta Tau, we are challenged to maintain and increase the number of men living in the Shelter. Improvements in the facility include new furniture in the parlor and freshmen hall, repainting the dining room and kitchen, repainting and patching the freshmen hall, as well as adding new couches for studying, lounging, and relaxing. We have a very impressive group of executives in the undergraduate chapter. We also witnessed a very successful recruitment during the summer and added some new members to the House Corporation and alumni advisory team.



New furniture in the living room of the Shelter provided by the Beta Tau House Corporation.

Our alumni involvement provides leadership for the Beta Tau Chapter. If you have any time to spare, perhaps there is an opportunity to up your contribution and involvement in Beta Tau. For example, **Mike Hart, Delta Tau '83**, found after his children left for college he could reach out to his alma mater's chapter. You too can pitch in and make a difference. There are regular day-to-day activities, decisions to be made about current and future financial obligations, and resolving a variety of simple to complex questions. There are also the after-work socials, House Corporation meetings, meetings with the chapter officers and committees, and opportunities to stop by the Shelter and introduce yourself. House Corporation communications range from meetings and calls with vendors, contractors, local officials, the chapter consultant, and the International Office.

Consider how you might become involved this year. It does take time to get in rhythm with the House Corporation board and personal activities in which we are all involved. However, if you join us and contribute your perspective, you will find opportunities to contribute in significant ways.

More than 400 Beta Tau alumni reside in the Lincoln-Omaha metropolitan area. Will you be one of our brothers to join us and increase actively participating alumni by 20 men?

If we were to increase alumni involvement to 2.5 percent in these two metropolitan areas, it would add an additional 10 men and strengthen the current group drastically. Watch your e-mail for invitations to chapter events such as freshmen initiation, and join us at the next after-work social, in either Omaha or Lincoln. One is already in the works for November, and we already had a great alumni tailgate.

Stay in touch by following your chapter on Facebook and at www.nebraskadelts.com.

Join the alumni advisory team for an opportunity of involvement and personal engagement. One area where we

need your help is in mentorship of both the chapter officers and membership as a whole. Positions available on the team are recruitment advisor, membership education advisor, risk management advisor, and road advisor.

This is your opportunity to rejoin the fraternal experience and work with members of the board and with the young undergraduates. You can become involved and make a difference. I know that you will find giving your time in support of the fraternity an exciting and rewarding experience. To learn more and get involved, you can contact **Ryan Caldwell '98** or **Jim Emanuel '79**.

I thank each of you who continue to contribute and provide support to the chapter by fulfilling your financial pledges, which reduce the debt on our remodeled and updated Shelter. We sincerely appreciate your support. Please stop by the Shelter and meet the 2016 executive team. They have remained committed throughout their collegiate years and demonstrated their leadership since pledging. They are an exciting group of young men who demonstrate strong leadership today and are growing as leaders for tomorrow.

Consider how you may honor one of the chapter's past or recent leaders. The gifts received to date are moving us toward funding more scholarships along with those already fully funded. Although I am encouraged by the support for Beta Tau leadership scholarships thus far, it is important that we fully fund all the scholarships in the next year and a half.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
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BETA TAU WELL
REPRESENTED AT
KARNEA IN ORLANDO
*Mental Health Awareness and
Academic Standards Main Focus*



Evan Weise '14, outgoing International President Jody Danneman, Blake Woodruff '13, Henry Dobson '14, International President Jim Garboden, Chapter Advisor Ryan Caldwell '98, and Justin Hicklin '15 celebrate at the biennial Karnea in Orlando, Florida.

Beta Tau was represented by four undergraduates and two alumni volunteers at the recent Karnea, our biennial international conference, held in August in Orlando, Florida. External Vice President **Henry Dobson '14**, Philanthropy and Brotherhood Chairman **Justin Hicklin '15**, Secretary **Blake Woodruff '13**, and **Evan Weise '14** all attended. Chapter Advisor **Ryan Caldwell '98** and **Jim Emanuel '79** supported the undergraduates.

Each of our men attended different educational sessions in order to bring back a complete understanding of new programming ideas. We elected Jim Garboden as our new international president. During his remarks, he made a strong commitment to champion a fraternity-wide initiative to educate our membership regarding mental health issues. Beta Tau is already responding by organizing a presentation about these issues for later in the semester. It was resolved that the fraternity consider adding "affinity" alumni chapters, not by geographic location, but common interest groups.

The most debated issue was the proposal by some chapters to increase the required GPA for initiation to 2.7, as encouraged by the National Interfraternity Council. No action was taken at this Karnea, but it is certain to be discussed at the 2018 Karnea scheduled for St. Louis. Beta Tau will again send a large contingent to that Karnea and plans on bringing along a couple summer pledges.

Investing in the Legacy of Beta Tau

*Your Contributions Are Needed to Fund
Endowed Leader Scholarships*

In 2014, we launched the Beta Tau Leaders Memorial Scholarship to honor the proud legacy of brothers who have served Beta Tau Chapter throughout the years. This awards a scholarship to a current undergraduate who exhibits some of the leadership traits essential for the continued success of Beta Tau. It also serves as a memorial to various "Endowed Leaders," who are specifically identified Deltas who have had at least \$5,000 contributed to the fund in their honor. Traits exhibited by the Endowed Leaders will be utilized to help select the recipient of this scholarship each year.

Fred Allen III '52 was identified as the initial target to achieve Endowed Leader status due to his zeal for Delta Tau Delta and ability to keep Delt brothers connected for more than 50 years. More than \$5,000 has already been raised in Fred's honor, meaning he is the first honoree to achieve "endowed" status. Additional donations in honor of Fred are welcome to help achieve the overall funds necessary to begin making distributions.

Following the tragic loss of undergraduate member **Keaton Klein '11** in 2014, he was identified as the second target for Endowed Leader status due to his strong ambition, generosity of time, and focus on friends and family.

Bobby Foehlinger '01 has also been identified as a third target for Endowed Leader status. Bobby was an amazing young man who excelled at everything he did. He served in leadership positions at Beta Tau, on campus, as a national DECA officer, and he was a world champion baton twirler for the Cornhusker marching band. Bobby also believed in inspiring others, serving as a motivational speaker, and sharing his motto of "Live, Love, Learn, Leave a Legacy." Bobby's life was tragically cut short at the age of 21 when he was hit by a drunk driver. We believe Bobby is an excellent candidate for Endowed Leader status.

We need your help in completing the fundraising for this scholarship. Our goal is to raise an additional \$17,000 over the next year and a half to ensure that this scholarship will be fully endowed in time for the first award in 2017. Please consider supporting Fred, Keaton, Bobby, and/or any other Delt by sending your tax-deductible gift payable to the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation. Also, please write the name of the designated leader you wish to honor on the memo line. If you would like more information on this scholarship or to honor any other Delt, please write us at the address listed below or e-mail us at nebraskadelts@gmail.com.

Contributions can be mailed to:
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Brothers gather before the annual undergraduate brotherhood golf tournament at Holmes Lake Golf Course to celebrate the end of the summer.



Members from Iowa Omicron Chapter and Theta Omicron Chapter joined members of Beta Tau for a weekend that ended with the JDRF One Walk.

RECOGNIZING DEDICATED EFFORTS OF OUR BROTHERS

Beta Tau Recruits 34 Men and a New Housemother

Thanks to the hard work of many of Beta Tau's most dedicated members, our chapter has made significant strides in improving programming, strengthening our foundation, and inspiring future leadership.

Our three exemplary summer recruitment chairmen, **Reece Barnes '13**, **Eliot Applegat '13**, and **Rob Dohn '14**, executed a well-planned recruitment strategy this summer and brought 34 outstanding men into our new member program. With guidance from New Member Educator **Tucker Krantz '13**, we hope to initiate these men into our brotherhood and raise our undergraduate total to 133 members!

During the summer, four brothers, **Henry Dobson '14**, **Justin Hicklin '15**, **Blake Woodruff '13**, and **Evan Weise '14**, represented our chapter at Karnea in Orlando, Florida. They also joined our chapter advisors, **Ryan Caldwell '98** and **Jim Emanuel '79**. Through understanding and applying strategies learned during this unique experience, we hope to build on Beta Tau's programming and inspire others to take full advantage of the outstanding opportunities offered by the national fraternity.



Henry Dobson '14, Blake Woodruff '13, Evan Weise '14, and Justin Hicklin '15 visit Disney World for a day during the 2016 Karnea in Orlando, Florida.

Efforts to maintain and improve our Shelter are in the works thanks to the generous donations from many alumni. Beta Tau proves to be one of the nicest Shelters and most efficiently operated fraternities in Nebraska. Internal Vice President **Jacob Pfeifer '14**, along with our

house and grounds committee, **Tim Russell '15**, **Noah Goodman '15**, and **Bryce Brockman '15**, routinely demonstrate unselfish work as they address the inevitable issues that arise when working on a Shelter. Their contributions toward sustaining the Shelter will undoubtedly allow it to serve as a valuable recruitment tool for many years to come.

With great pleasure, we welcome **Connie Wilson** to the Beta Tau Chapter as our new housemother. We are excited for the energy and unique perspectives she will bring to our fraternity. It is certainly no easy task to live in a facility with 70 men, but Connie has shown enthusiasm toward inspiring maturity in our members.

I greatly appreciate your continued interest in the happenings of our chapter. I invite you to get involved and make a difference within the many lives of men committed to excellence through service to Delta Tau Delta.



Fraternally,
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Alumni from the '82 and '83 pledge classes reconnected for a weekend that included breakfast at the Shelter before a Husker home game against Wyoming.

Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni involvement is key to a successful recruitment, and we value your input. Please send your recommendations to our recruitment chairmen listed below. You can also fill out a recruitment recommendation form on our website, www.nebraskadelts.com, under the "recommendation form" page on the "recruitment" tab.

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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 Shelter. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

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