



# THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | SPRING 2018

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE EN ROUTE TO OUR FUTURE BETA TAU LEADERSHIP!

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The opportunity we each have today provides that path to a successful record of achievement by the Fraternity and its alumni and ensures a future that is equally as successful in the accomplishments and contributions of our undergraduate members today as they go forward into their lives ahead. I wrote about the article *A New Generation of Explorers*, and reflected on the notable accomplishments of Beta Tau alumni, who have achieved success professionally and personally. I predicted a bright future for the outstanding young men of Beta Tau with continued achievement. Who among them will we be hearing about in the years ahead? Read on with pride as we trace the success of other men of Beta Tau. Our alumni are leading in their careers in agriculture, business, finance, medicine, law, and architecture. Beta Tau has a rich history of notable leadership and accomplishment on campus and as alumni, and I remain confident that we will continue to do so in the future! We are fortunate again to have the dedicated group of executives and brothers in the undergraduate chapter and witnessed a very successful completion of our summer recruitment and a follow-up in the fall, which brings us to 32 young men.

If you are on campus you'll see that our fraternity neighbors are remodeling and reconstructing their houses. When I'm asked about the future of Greeks on campus by University of Nebraska Lincoln alumni or non-Greeks, I use the examples readily at hand: SAE, Sigma Nu and others nearby. Clearly important to the future of those chapters but also a reflection of the strength of the system of fraternities and sororities which have been on the campus at the UNL for well over a century; and I point with pride to Beta Tau's contributions to the return of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Nebraska Kearney. I also point with pride to the Beta Tau Shelter: privately owned, not university property, and our right to "association" is a well-tested constitutionally based principle of freedom.

We will continue to lead as we have in the past!

### PHILANTHROPY

The men of Beta Tau continued to lead through example in their philanthropic activities. In addition to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation fundraising walk, they continue their work with the Veteran's Administration in Lincoln and the Friendship Home and the GoFundMe initiative to support the local Friendship Home and the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event ([www.gofundme.com/support-for-the-friendship-home](http://www.gofundme.com/support-for-the-friendship-home)).

### ALUMNI EVENTS

The after-work socials have been successful and we are again working with the undergraduates to schedule another event at Big Fred's in Omaha (watch for details). Twenty-six

attended last year and took advantage of the opportunity to reconnect with other alumni and to interact with the active brothers in the chapter. We hope to exceed that number, so please plan to attend.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Beta Tau has long recognized the importance of academics and the value of exceptional academic achievement. We are fortunate to have the commitment of the Emanuel family in establishing the **Allen Gene Emanuel '85** Scholarship, and **Ben Neff '54**, for establishing the Ben Neff Endowed Beta Tau Scholarship, and the efforts underway to fully fund the Beta Tau Leaders Memorial Scholarship in honor of **Fred Allen III '52**, **Keaton Klein '11**, and **Bob Foehlinger '01**. Please consider these and assist us in fully funding the Leaders Memorial Scholarship.

### ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

Thanks to the House Corporation alumni board! Our alumni involvement provides leadership for the Beta Tau chapter. Perhaps there's time in your busy schedule to up your contribution to Beta Tau and get more involved. You can pitch in and make a difference. There are routine day-to-day activities and meetings, decisions to be made about current and future financial commitments and obligations, resolving everything from simple questions about how things work to complex financial obligations competing for limited funds. There are the after-work socials, House Corporation meetings, meeting with the chapter executives and committees. Stop by and introduce yourself. House Corporation communications include 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 is involved with 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.

Watch your email for invitations to chapter events (i.e., freshman initiation) and join us at the next after-work social in Omaha or Lincoln. We had a great alumni tailgate prior to the Rutgers football game. Stay in touch, follow your chapter on Facebook and the web.

This is your opportunity to join again in the fraternal experience with members of the board and with the undergraduates. You can become involved and make a difference. I know that you will find involvement with the fraternity an exciting and rewarding experience. Contact **Ryan Caldwell '98** at [caldwelldelt@gmail.com](mailto:caldwelldelt@gmail.com) or **Jim Emanuel '79** at [jemanuel@robseco.com](mailto:jemanuel@robseco.com).

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## THANK YOU, DEDICATED ALUMNI

Your commitment to Beta Tau helps maintain our Shelter, provides a premier facility for our undergraduate brothers, and helps fund our scholarships. The successes of Beta Tau are directly attributed to the generous alumni support. Thank you—your assistance is vital to our success!

Alumni who gave during the spring 2017 appeal are listed by initiation year. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or improperly listed, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator with corrections at (785) 843-1661. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

George W. Regan '52  
 Roger D. Sack '54  
 Parker L. Shipley '55  
 Robert E. Wright '57  
 G. Lynn Schottler '57  
 Ronald C. Moyer '60  
 William E. Kramer '68  
 Dean G. Winchell '69  
 Michael P. Ripp '76

Francis J. Emanuel '78  
 Robert Woodruff '78  
 Robin K. Knowlton '79  
 Ronald A. Rickert '79  
 Timothy J. Engelbert '81  
 David J. Zauha '88  
 Ryan D. Caldwell,  
*Theta Kappa '98*

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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Thanks to each of you who support the chapter as you fulfill financial pledges to reduce the debt on our remodeled and updated Shelter. We sincerely appreciate your support. Stop by and meet the 2017 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 leadership today while developing as leaders for tomorrow.

Again, please 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. Although I am encouraged by the support of Beta Tau leadership scholarships thus far, it is important that we fully fund the scholarships in the next year and a half.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,  
**James Loach, Epsilon Omega '67**  
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*Around 20 Beta Taus (left of flag) made the trip to Kearney to reinstall the UNK Theta Kappa Delt Chapter.*

## Delts Travel West to Grow Nebraska Brotherhood

*The Strong Virtues at  
Beta Tau Bring in 32 New Members*

**T**ruth, Courage, Faith and Power. These four principles of the Delt Fraternity guide our chapter and inspire us to reach further heights in our collective pursuit of excellence. Living lives of excellence demands that we recruit future Delts who have the capacity to do great things and improve our chapter. Our recruitment team consisted of four great Delts, **Jack Otting Crandel '15**, **Rob Dohn '14**, **Tristan Kretsch '14**, and **Cole Mitchell '16**. Thanks to their efforts we welcome a strong 32-member pledge class. We hope that these men will continue our storied history of excellence and bring our fraternity to newfound successes.

In addition to recruiting a strong pledge class, the Beta Tau ritual team was invited to install the new Delt chapter in Kearney, Neb. It was an honor to perform such a ceremony and we are eager to work with our Nebraska Delt brothers with future programming and brotherhood activities. The University of Nebraska-Kearney and Lincoln Delts are hopeful to reignite Nebraska brotherhood once shared between both chapters.

We are proud of our chapter house and its current esteem on campus. We are thankful to have a strong house and grounds committee, led by **Taylor Gannon '15**, who works to maintain our Shelter on a day-to-day basis. The Delt Shelter remains one of the most impressive houses on campus, in part due to generous donations from our Delt alumni, and because of the leadership of Gannon.

Brothers, I would like to thank you for your continued support and appreciation for Beta Tau. With your brotherhood, guidance, and efforts we continue to be leaders on campus and live lives of excellence!



Fraternally,  
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Three of our active members headed to Cusco, Peru, for a medical service trip.



The men of Delt hosted a game day grillout for the first Husker football game.

# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Brendon Barber  
Jacob Bonwell  
Evan Clough  
Trevor Cutsor  
Isaiah Daws  
Shane Denton  
Cameron Fagerland  
Duncan Farrish  
Brock Hedding  
Noah Hillesheim  
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Max Slepicka  
Cody Smith  
Nick Sondag  
Beau Stuckey  
Hunter Taunton  
Ruben Tutlam-Hazen  
Tony Wunderlich



We have high expectations for our pledge class of 2019, which has 32 great young men.

## Welcome, Newly Elected Executive Officers



Congrats to our 2017 executive team on leading Beta Tau through a great year.

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# CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Charles K. Tomsen '53** entered Chapter Eternal on January 4 at his home. Chuck was born on October 5, 1934, in Minden, Neb., to Nels and Luella (Meyer) Tomsen. He attended country school until the third grade and then went to Minden public schools, graduating from Minden High School in 1952. During his high school career, he was all-state in football and co-captain of the 1952 state champion basketball team. He then attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, studying agriculture. As a member of Beta Tau, he made many lifelong friends. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; daughter, Molly, and husband, Steve Anderson; son, Andy Tomsen '78, and his wife, Jana; grandchildren, Caitlyn (Anderson) Hawthorne and husband Zach, Max Anderson, Nicholas Tomsen and wife Michaela, Jessica (Tomsen) Shoff and husband Dustin, Sarah (Tomsen) Rasmussen and husband Adam; four great-grandchildren, Moriah, Charlie, and Daniel Tomsen and Lena Rasmussen; brothers, Willis "Tiny" Tomsen and wife Barbara, and James Tomsen; sister, Betty Kempf and husband Fred; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

**Gordon "Bud" Arneson '57** entered Chapter Eternal on August 16. Bud lived in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past 23 years, where he enjoyed softball and tennis, just like in his younger days. Husker football remained his very favorite pastime. Bud is survived by his wife of 55 years, Peggy, and their two sons, **Scott Arneson '87** and Jeff.

**Dr. Wilfred R. Gartner Jr. '66** entered Chapter Eternal on April 15. Bill attended Central High School and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He attended San Francisco School of Podiatry, following in his family's footsteps—his grandfather was the first podiatrist in the state of Nebraska, and his father and several uncles were also foot doctors. After graduating, Bill practiced as a podiatrist in Omaha and also had offices in Kearney and Lincoln for many years. Bill always had a passion for golf, downhill skiing, biking, and travel. He was spontaneous in his activities and was a frequent visitor to Minnesota, where he spent time and holidays with his sister's family. He attended Dundee Presbyterian Church his entire life and was involved with the Mariners' ministry for many years. Bill is preceded in death by parents, Dr. Wilfred and Juanita Gartner, and sister, Jeanne Haman. He is survived by brother-in-law, Eugene Haman; nephew, Hugh Haman (Ella); and niece, Liz Hetherington (Lee).



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## Alumni, Family, and Friends Return Home to Beta Tau

On September 23, alumni and their families came to the Shelter for a fun-filled afternoon before the Rutgers game. Alumni and active members conversed over a terrific meal of pulled pork, mashed potatoes, and baked beans. The alumni that made the trip told stories of their glory days while the active members listened in amazement. It was a wonderful event followed by a Husker win. We sure are excited to do it again next year.



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