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Carmen Willoughby
Would you believe fourth-seven pledges. This exemplifies the progress we have already made this semester. Twenty-four were men and twenty-three were women. Before you are completely confused let us start at the beginning.

School started on September 17, 1966. We had 36 returning actives. Classes had hardly begun before upperclassmen rush was here. Due to a school ruling we could have only four gathers. We had two dances, a kickoff party for the football team, and ATO-A-GO-GO party to finish rush off. In between we had two smokers. We got 23 of the best men on campus. This was third in quantity and second to none in quality. All twenty-four are looking forward to meeting each of you.

You are no doubt wondering where the twenty-three women came from. This semester, we initiated a Little Sister organization, the first on campus, composed of girls on campus who want to work for us. Better than one hundred girls tried out and we picked twenty-three, eighteen of which are in sororities, of the most beautiful, popular and industrious girls on campus. They are your Little Sisters as well as ours and they also look forward to meeting you.

At the beginning of the semester, two of the national officers of Alpha Tau Omega came to see us. They assured us of a National Charter in the immediate future. Since that time U. of K.'s, and Vanderbilt's Chapters have visited us and given their approval. In answer to several of your requests, we asked the national officers about your position after we affiliate nationally with Alpha Tau Omega. You are as much a part of this Chapter as we are no matter what name we may go under, whether Barons, BAP, or ATO. He went on to say that if any of you wish to join the National Membership and receive a badge of A.T.O. you may do so by merely letting us know and paying an initiation fee. You would in that manner become a member of Alpha Tau Omega along with us.

At the present several projects are being worked on. The pledges of course are being put through the usual........ We have spent much time planning the homecoming. Our Little Sisters are also going through a pledgeship. We have a committee working on an All Campus Help Week trophy for the most constructive pledgeship. Our most important project at present is obtaining a fraternity house on campus. At the beginning of this year, seven fraternities had housing facilities and it is foremost in our minds to do the same. As we were the first fraternity on the hill and had Camp before most of the groups were even formed, it would be a shame to not have a home for you and us to call our own, while others do.

During Homecoming we will further explain all of this. Many have said that Barons is not the same, but we want you to be a part of us; the rest is up to you.

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"ALPHA TAU OMEGA is a way of life."
As we have written you earlier, homecoming is October 28-30. We hope to show all our alumni the best homecoming of their lives. Last year we had a turnout of 30 alums. This year we estimate better than fifty. We realize you are coming to see your old Barons, friends, and are trying to make sure everybody can see their old fraternity brothers. We need your cooperation to do this. We have an entire weekend of fun planned for you and this is the schedule:

Friday October 28: A get together for Alumni at 1501 Cabell Drive, you can even build the float if you wish.

Saturday October 29 at 9:30: Breakfast at Goal Post

Saturday October 29 at 11:00: Pregame warm-up cocktail party at 1501 Cabell Drive, we will furnish Alumni’s dates and wives’ names there.

Saturday, October 29 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM: Dinner at College Street Inn with program.

Saturday, October 29 - 8:00 PM: Dance at College Street Inn Annex.

Sunday, October 30 - 10:00 AM: Breakfast at Western Hills Restaurant. This is for the formation of an Alumni Advisory Committee. All of those who are sincerely interested in the Barons’ past and ATO’s future should attend.

If you want to be positive of getting a reservation, call 842-9818 and ask for Scott Scutchfield, Jim McCoy or Tom Allen. If, when you arrive in Bowling Green, you have trouble finding us, just call that number or 842-3277.

As you can see, we have set up an entire week-end for the enjoyment of all Barons and ATO’s. It is up to you whether or not it is a complete success. We will be looking forward to greeting you!

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SPRING FORMAL - 1966 - A EULOGY

The Spring Formal of last year proved somewhat disappointing for the Active Chapter as only a few Alumni were in attendance. Many of the new members of the Club were looking forward to meeting our predecessors, being aware of the fine heritage which we now enjoy because of their efforts.
Friday night, a cocktail party was held at 1247 High Street, the residence of several Brothers. It melted into a memorable discussion of old times as well as plans for the future.

Breakfast was held in the Goal Post Saturday morning, the main purpose being to acquaint the Alums with our progress and our plans for becoming affiliated with the National Fraternity. Our President and other officers had a program planned in which these plans would be outlined, but as a result of the lack of attendance of Alumni, the meeting was terminated early.

That afternoon we made a trip which all of you would have enjoyed; a trip to Baron Camp. This resulted in a large bull session with many tales out of the past being told by Tony Johnson, Lewie Harmon, Ron Dowdell and others.

We held a cocktail party at Holiday Inn to precede the Banquet held prior to the formal dance. The banquet, also held at Holiday Inn, featured several talks and the presentation of awards to Ken Carson, outstanding senior, John Langston, best pledge, and Mr. Robert Welch, our faculty advisor for his untiring efforts with us. Saturday night saw the Ball come off like a dream. Although only about twenty Alums were present, the affair resulted in a full scale Baron blast. The Celtics from Louisville and guest singer Tony Ryan from the Al Hirt Club in New Orleans kept Detrex Family Center rocking well past the pumpkin hour. It was certainly a worthwhile and enjoyable evening as new acquaintances were made and old friendships renewed. We at Western feel that there will always be Baronism in our Fraternity, if not in structure, then certainly in spirit!

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"ALUMNI NEWS"

With our last newsletter, we sent out a questionnaire; most of which were filled out and returned. We appreciate your cooperation and if you have not yet returned your questionnaire, please do so. Now let us share with you some of the information we received:

* Harold Ezzell Welborn, Charter Member, is now with the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. as an Inspector.
* Branch H. Henard, pledge class of '36, is living in Frankfort, Ky. and is Senior Assistant Attorney General of Kentucky.
* George S. Conkin, class of '39, is now Industrial Relations Manager of the Chrysler Corp., and lives in New Castle, Indiana.
* Millard P. Quillan, pledge class of '36, received his M.D. from Duke University in 1941 and is now practicing in Bradenton, Florida.
* Tom Calvin Venable, pledge class of '41, who held every office in the Fraternity, is now a professor of education and psychology at Indiana University.
* Harry Glen Hughes, pledge class of '46, is now dairy farming in Franklin, Kentucky.
* Thomas Barton Rollis, pledge class of '48, received his doctorate of veterinary medicine and is now practicing in Taylorsville, Ky.

* John Robert Myers, pledge class of '48, is now managing a variety department store in Temple, Texas.

* Wayne Davis Gregory, pledge class of '49, is president of Dixie Mart, Inc., super markets and lives in Henderson, Kentucky.

* Robert Li Koellner, pledge class of '54, is engaged in chemical sales with the Calanese Coatings Co. in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

* Gene Glen Sandefur, pledge class of '56, received his M.S. in computer science from Texas A & M in January, 1966 and is now director of data processing for Science Engineering Associates in Pasadena, California.

* Delbert Spencer, pledge class of '57, is now living in Jeffersonville, Ind. and is a sales representative for Addressograph Multigraph Corp.

* Jerry Shine, pledge class of '58, is living in New Albany, Ind. and is a store manager for the Kroger Co.

* Jim Buren, pledge class of '59, is living in Clarksville, Ind. where he works for General Electric in wage and salary administration.

* Tom Marshall, pledge class of '62, is in Raleigh, Ill. and is working as a territorial representative for the D-X Sunray Oil Co.

This is a portion of the list. As you realize, we must have returns completed frequently in order to keep our files current. If you have an address change, please notify us. Also, we will be mailing out another information sheet within the next month for you to return in order to bring our files up to date and prepare us for the Spring Newsletter which will be coming out prior to Spring Formal time. When you receive this, please fill it out and return it. The address to use in corresponding with your Fraternity is:

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We will see you at Homecoming! If you can not possibly attend the events this week-end, we will expect to see you at Spring Formal. Remember: Once a year, one week-end a year is very little time to put into a fraternity which gave you so much!