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Our MOTTO is "He who does not go forward must necessarily go backward." I don't think any of us have forgotten that. What we may have forgotten is that forward means progress, and it is this progress that we must now keep pace with.

The College is in the process of recognizing fraternities and sororities on campus, and we must not lose ours!

The quote was from the speech of Baron Charles J. Holmes made at the 1963 Baron Formal.
"I think each Baron and Associate Baron must do all that he can in the years to come to help perpetuate our organization, so that it may continue being helpful and beneficial to future Barons."

The above is an excerpt of a letter from Sam Milner to Charles Holmes at the time of the 1963 Baron Formal. We were being pressured to sell Baron Camp in order to be recognized by the school at that time, and the Club seemed to be divided on the issue of whether to sell or not to sell. The decision was, of course, to sell. This decision was a fulfillment of the central theme of the Baron motto, progress and perpetuation, as stated so well above by a Founder and Charter Member, Sam Milner.

Once again a time for decision has come which is a direct result of the decision to sell Camp, the decision which paved the way for National colonization. This decision, analogous to the previous one which was made so wisely, will be one of whether to stand behind progress and perpetuation or to fall be the wayside. Will the Alumni of our fine Fraternity join with us in our efforts to perpetuate those ideals so close to all of us, or will they back away from the opportunity to unite with Alpha Tau Omega in the effort to pass those principals which have prevailed for over thirty years on to future generations?

Baron George Woodcock made the following statement in a letter to the National President of Alpha Tau Omega, Stewart D. Daniels, in recommending the granting of a Charter to the present Club:

"I was extremely proud of the Barons Club because it exemplified the high ideals of honesty, integrity and good fellowship that I know are prevalent in Alpha Tau Omega."

It was the belief of the Fraternity in choosing to colonize with Alpha Tau Omega that its principals were synonymous with those of Baronism, and now we have the opportunity to join with over 90,000 initiates in a brotherhood like unto that of the Barons Club. As an initiate, one receives a badge and lifetime subscription to the "Palm", the National Fraternity magazine which is published quarterly and contains news of alumni activity throughout the Nation, news of the activities of all 127 Chapters and spotlights on Taus making worthy achievements in all fields. The opportunity to associate with one of the more than 125 ATO Alumni Associations throughout the Nation and enjoyment of all other priviledges of full membership also become available. Accurate, up-to-date address lists and records are kept at the General Headquarters, and at any time, upon request, information about fellow Brothers which the local Chapter may not be able to supply at all times can be obtained. These are a few of the extra benefits of National affiliation.

As a result of the unanimous approval of our petition, announced on February 1, our installation has been scheduled for the week-end of February 25. This date will be the best time to join us in National affiliation and to learn the details of our petitioning process, which lasted about three months, directly from the Officers of the National Fraternity and from us. The requirements for initiation are graduation from an accredited institution, a cumulative point standing of 2.00 for those who are presently enrolled in school, and the payment of an initiation fee of $80.00 which covers all dues for life. These requirements must be met prior to initiation.
The initiation and installation ceremonies will begin at about 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 25 and last throughout the day. That evening there will be a banquet and dance in the Ballroom of the Paul L. Garrett Student Center. Formal attire will be appropriate for the entire day. Those who plan to attend should plan to arrive in Bowling Green on Friday and return the enclosed questionnaire, thereby informing us of your plans and of any desire for lodging.

The installation of Kentucky Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega on February 25, 1967 will be a date never to be forgotten in the annals of our Fraternity and in the hearts of those who attend and are initiated as Charter Members. We look forward and expect a big Alumni turnout as over twenty have already voiced their desire to attend prior to publication of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from all who have not previously corresponded with us!

**A.T.O. ON THE GO**

January 5, 1967 brought about the end of pledgeship for the fall pledge class. Needless to say, all of the fourteen Goats were ached when Pledgemaster Duncan Curtis announced the curtailment of pledgeship activities except for the requirement of achieving a grade standing of 2.20. Pledgeship had not ended without a host of goals having been tackled and a majority of them achieved.

Pledgeship was appropriately begun with the procurement and naming of a young goat, "Miss Baron", which served as the pledge class mascot. As pledgeship trudged on, the goats found time in excess of that demanded by the active chapter for several time consuming community and class projects. Potter Orphan Home was selected as the site of the major class project. Some 390 casual reading books for the formation of a library, two bicycles, numerous games and an unmeasurable amount of time with the children were presented to the Home, the "thank you" from the children being the most treasured part of pledgeship. But don't think that is the only "worth-while" thing they did. They co-sponsored a blood drive which brought in an ample 479 pints of blood needed to give Bowling Green blanket coverage, 10% of the total coming from actives, pledges and little sisters alone. Of course, the Goats still had to satisfy the actives with those "vital necessities" of pledgeship.

During this same period of time, the Active Chapter was hard at work on a few projects also. The principal of these being housing and petitioning. At present, the Club along with the untiring aid of Baron John Perkins has selected about three prospective purchases, the final steps to be taken after installation and consultation with other Alumni and ATO Officials. As is evidenced by the included petitioning brochure, much work went into the petitioning process. The Club was visited by Officers of the National and adjacent Chapters who all gave unanimous approval. A lengthy questionnaire was then answered and the booklet published, all of this information being sent to each Chapter in the Nation to be voted upon. Approval having been received, our installation is now at hand.

We may now report that the Baron Party held in Louisville during the OVC Tournament was a complete success. It was attended by some 40 Actives and Alumni, and WHAT A PARTY! It was a forerunner to the date 25 February 1967 in true Baron - ATO style!

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ALUMNI NEWS

We wish to make a correction of Alumni News as reported in the previous edition of "Baronism". The position of Senior Assistant Attorney General of the State of Kentucky is held by Brother Walter Herdman instead of by Brother Branch Henard as reported. Brother Herdman received his LLB from the University of Louisville after leaving Western and now lives with his wife Sammie at 305 Paul Sawyer Drive in Frankfort. Brother Henard received his LLB from the University of Kentucky, has two children, ages 17 and 23, and practices law in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. His address is Hopkinsville Federal Building, Hopkinsville, Ky.

We were pleased to receive some 30 returns from the previous questionnaire, however in order to keep our files up to date and to gain information about Alumni who for some reason failed to return the previous questionnaire, we are enclosing another with this edition of "Baronism". Please fill it out and drop it in the mail in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

We have also received several address change cards which have been very helpful in maintaining prompt delivery of each edition of "Baronism". It is our hope that other Alumni will follow suite and drop us a card when they have an address change. We would also appreciate hearing about any special awards or advancements received by Alumni. Let us hear from you. Your fellow Alumni will enjoy knowing where you are and what you are doing through "Baronism".

"Make new friends but keep the old,
Those are silver, these are gold.
New-made friendships, like new wine
Age will mellow and refine.
Friendships that have stood the test
Time and change are surely best,
Brow may wrinkle, hair turn grey,
Friendship never knows decay.
For 'mid old friends tried and true
Once more we our youth renew.
But old friends alas may die
New friends must their place supply.
Cherish friendship in your breast
New is good, but old is best.
Make new friends but keep the old
Those are silver -- these are gold."

(TEXT: 1963 Baron Formal Speech)