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Dear Brothers:

At our last Chapter meeting, Monday, April 1, I was appointed the post of Alumni Chairman.

To get us acquainted, my name is Rex Alan Dugan. I am a junior from Indianapolis, Indiana, majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Accounting.

I am hoping to create a better chapter-alumni relationship through better and more periodical issues of "Baronism." With the new Alumni Committee and myself striving towards a closer relationship with you--I ask for your help and interest in your Chapter.

I am looking forward to working with you and the Chapter during the coming year.

Fraternally yours,

Rex A. Dugan
The Charter has decided to hold our first annual Founder's Day celebration in conjunction with our Spring Formal-1968. The idea behind this is to include the celebration of the founding of our Chapter with our biggest social function of the spring semester. May 17 and 18 has been selected as the weekend for both of these events.

Our first annual Founder's Day banquet will be Friday evening, May 17, in the Kentucky Room of the Holiday Inn on the by-pass. The evening includes a cocktail party, a steak dinner, and a program highlighted by talks on the founding and growth of the Barons by Brother John Perkins, the founding of our A.T.O. colony, our installation, as a Chapter, into A.T.O., and our growth and progress over the first year by former Worthy Master, Brother Dean Dixon.

The following day, Saturday, May 18, will include open house for all Alumni from 12 noon till 4 p.m., a cocktail party at Detrex Family Club beginning at 6 p.m. followed by our annual Spring Formal from 8 p.m. till ?? The evening will be highlighted by the crowning of our new sweetheart by the 1967 sweetheart, Miss Nancy Bell.

Following is a schedule of our entire weekend:

**Friday May 17**

5-6:30 p.m.  
Informal Gathering (House)

7 p.m.  
Founder's Day Banquet

**Saturday May 18**

12 noon-4 p.m.  
Open House

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Cocktail Party (Detrex)

8 p.m.-??  
Spring Formal

We would like to cordially invite all Barons and A.T.O.'s to share our Founder's Day and Spring Formal weekend with us. We would be honored by the presence of as many of our Alumni as possible. Our Founder's Day is not only a celebration of the founding of A.T.O., but equally so as a celebration of the founding of our great predecessors, The Barons. If you can possibly make it, please do. We are sure you will find it an enjoyable time. You will also find how well we have established A.T.O. on the Western campus, and are carrying on the ideals and traditions of Western's first fraternity, The Barons.
A YEAR'S PROGRESS

We can now look back and reflect on our first year a Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Our first step forward as a Chapter was a big one, the purchase of our new house. With it's position on campus, property value, relative ease in completing additional housing, and abundant space left for parking, we feel it is a sound investment for the future.

As homecoming came around, the Chapter went to work and won two trophies for our house decorations. These, among others, are on display in our new trophy case.

One outstanding point of pride is that our Chapter, in its first year, showed the most improvement of all fraternities in scholarship. Our grade point average, for the entire Chapter, enabled we "Taus" to move from last to seventh among the fraternities. We have still got a long way to go, but we have a good start.

A.T.O.'s have excelled in intramural sports over the past year also. We won a first place trophy in softball, finished second in basketball, while moving up in all sports generally. We are now in the running for this year's all-sport trophy.

With the completed remodeling of our new house, the near completion of our new addition, and the planned paving of our driveway and parking lot, we feel that for our first year on campus, as an A.T.O. Chapter, has been a year of great accomplishments, great pride, and a good start toward making Alpha Tau Omega the best fraternity on Western's Campus.

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REMODELING OF HOUSE
AND
NEW ADDITION

The remodeling of the original house is near completion. This includes drapes and furniture throughout the house, wall to wall carpeting in the living room, and complete stainless steel kitchen, complete shower room and bathroom upstairs, and a ladies powder room and rest room downstairs. Planned for completion before the end of the school year include painting of the entire outside of the house and possible carpeting of the dining room.

Our new addition on the back of the house is also to be completed by the end of the school year. This includes rooms for 16
more Brothers, Housemother's suite, utility space, and a full basement which will serve as a combination game and party room. The framework, wiring, and plumbing is now complete and the entire structure will be complete within a month.

SPRING RUSH
AND
PLEDGE CLASS

This semester we feel that our efforts in rush have gained, for this Chapter, one of the largest and best group of men we have ever pledged.

We initiated 20 rushees into A.T.O. pledgeship this semester. We wish to thank any Alumni who sent us recommendations for any rushees. Although all of them may not have pledged A.T.O., the recommendations were of valuable help to us in carrying on a very successful rush program.

From Chapter recommendations alone, we have already complied a list of 33 possible rushees for next fall semester. We are including, with this issue of "Baronism," another recommendation sheet for any possible leads to other future rushees. Any help or advice from our Alumni will be of value and greatly appreciated by the Chapter.

CHAPTER INITIATION
FOR
BARONS AND PLEDGES

March 3, 1968 saw the first formal initiation held in the Chapter Room of our new fraternity house. Installed into Alpha Tau Omega were Barons: John Perkins, Blackburn Stevens, Spero Kereiakes, and Maurice Cates. Also initiated were Fall-1967 pledges: Charlie Gore and Hank Moorhouse.

Since our installation as a national fraternity slightly over one year ago, the Chapter has initiated 39 undergraduates and seven Barons into Alpha Tau Omega. We feel that this is a significant growth over a one year period.

We are hoping that, along with our 20 pledges this semester, an increased number of Barons will participate in our Chapter
initiation ceremonies during the first week of October, 1968. There will be further information on initiation at a later date.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

This past February we elected new Chapter officers for the coming year. Below is a list of incoming and outgoing officers:

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"BIG THANKS"
TO OUR
HOUSING CORPORATION

Gentlemen:

As President of the Chapter, and speaking for my Brothers, I want to give a great "big thanks" to our housing corporation. Our Brothers forming the corporation: Dr. Spero Kereiakes, President; Ray B. White, Vice President; Louie Harman, Treasurer; Charles Ray Woosley, Secretary; Dr. Albert Laird, Chapter Faculty Advisor; Dr. Dan McIlvioy, John Perkins, and Dean Dixon, have done a tremendous job. It is a very small group of Alumni who are giving much of themselves in the service of our Chapter. Without their long hours of work, determination, and pull, we would not have our home (the A.T.O. house, 1410 College Street) and the many fine furnishings within. I could not begin to name all the things they have done for us from moral support to the physical building of our new addition. We, the Active Chapter, and you, our Alumni, must give them our support. We salute our housing corporation.

WORTHY MASTER

David Speer