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From
Alpha Tau Omega Club
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Petition to Alpha Tau Omega

We, the undersigned members of the Alpha Tau Omega Club, formerly Barons Club, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, do hereby respectfully submit this petition for the establishment of a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

Having acquainted ourselves with the principals and objectives of the national organization, we believe that those ideals and standards are synonymous with those of the Alpha Tau Omega Club. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to uphold the ideals and objectives of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

OFFICERS.......Left to right -
D. Wayne Cooke, Recording Secretary; Larry S. Heishman, Vice-President; H. Bradfield Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Dean W. Dixon, President; Dennis E. Ivy, Historian; James L. Simpson, Treasurer; Dr. A. W. Laird, Faculty Advisor

PLEDGE CLASS.......Left to right -
Rick Ebert, Allen Gearhart, Carl Duke, Gordon Crawford, Harri Foreman, David Carlisle, Steve Sharpes, Buddy Roberts, Flem Gordon, Tom Wynn, Rick Miller, Rex Martin, Dale Ross, David Valentine.....Not pictured: Rex Dugan, Ray Hill, Tom Travis
History and Objectives of Western Kentucky University

The Kentucky Legislature gave birth to Western Kentucky University by an act in 1906 which created the Western Kentucky Normal School from Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry's Southern Normal School. The property of Potter College for Young Ladies was then purchased in 1909 and added to the domain of the Normal School. In 1922, the name was changed to Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College, and the right to confer baccalaureate degrees was granted to the institution. The year 1928 saw the addition of the Ogden College Campus. In 1930, the name was changed to Western Kentucky State Teachers College. The name was further changed to Western Kentucky State College in 1948, and in February of 1966, it became Western Kentucky University.

At present, Western Kentucky University is composed of four colleges, a graduate school, twenty-eight instructional departments and nine offices administering special academic programs. Majors in thirty-four fields, minors in forty-two fields and thirteen areas of concentration are offered. The University also offers a masters degree in four fields and approximately thirty hours of study beyond the masters degree level for teachers and school leaders. Orderly expansion of the curriculum will provide educational opportunities to meet the needs of youth and to enhance the economic development of the state of Kentucky and surrounding region.

The present enrollment is 8703, and it is increasing at the approximate rate of fifteen percent each year. Western employs almost four hundred faculty members with about thirty-five percent of them having a doctorate degree. This figure is also an ever increasing one, and the ratio of doctorate degrees is constantly rising.

The one hundred twenty-eight acre campus contains forty-four major buildings and facilities with two others presently under construction, and it is valued at approximately forty million dollars. The institution is presently acquiring additional property adjacent to the campus, and the Board of Regents recently adopted a master plan which projects over thirty new buildings and facilities to be added in the future.

Within the master plan structure is the foundation for a strong Greek System and a greatly expanded program for student participation in extra-curricular activities. An active student government was formed during the previous school year, and the administration is rapidly placing more campus responsibilities in the hands of the student body.
The Greek System at Western

There are eleven social fraternities and seven social sororities on the Western Kentucky University Campus. All fraternities belong to the Inter-Fraternity Council which is a member of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference, and all sororities belong to the Panhellenic Council which is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference. Each body has regulatory and disciplinary control over its member organizations.

The IFC is composed of one senior delegate and one junior delegate from each fraternity and the Dean of Men who acts in an advisory capacity. The actions of the IFC are reviewed by the office of the Dean of Students, and without exception, have been ratified since the inception of the body in 1961.

The entire Greek System at Western is highly respected by both the faculty and administration and by the townspeople of Bowling Green, and it has enjoyed the full support and encouragement of University faculty and officials since its birth.

SOCIAL FRATERNITIES AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma Rho
Alpha Tau Omega Colony
Delta Tau Delta Colony
Lambda Chi Alpha
Phi Delta Theta
Pi Kappa Alpha
Kappa Sigma
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Nu
Sigma Chi
Sigma Phi Epsilon Colony

SOCIAL SORORITIES AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Xi Delta Colony
Chi Omega
Kappa Delta
Phi Mu
Sigma Kappa
The Club's participation in all activities on campus requires it to devote much time to practicing. Thus to make a successful appearance, the Club practices for the "Phi Delta Theta Spring Sing".

"Smokers" play an important role during rush. The smoker attempts to acquaint rushees with actives and the principles of the Club. These rushees are enjoying the Club's display.

The Club also participates in civic projects, although a few are not very pleasant. During a blood drive in Bowling Green, the actives, pledges, and little sisters contributed more than forty pints of blood. Miss Baron, the Club's recently acquired mascot, is becoming quite well known around campus. At Western's homecoming game, Miss Baron achieved stardom in the eyes of the entire crowd.

The Baron Story

The Alpha Tau Omega Club at Western Kentucky University began on January 28, 1934 with the formation of the Barons Club. The purposes of the Barons Club were those of honesty, integrity and fellowship. It was the first and only fraternity at Western for five years. The Barons owned property, known as Baron Camp, which was located approximately six miles from Bowling Green. In October of 1962, the Barons were forced by the school to sell the camp in order to become recognized as a local fraternity, Beta Alpha Rho. Later during the same year, Beta Alpha Rho proudly became a colony of Alpha Tau Omega.

Presently, the Alpha Tau Omega Club is engaged in many activities. The active participation in all intramural sports is one of the Club's favorite activities which has achieved much success. A little sisters organization has recently been initiated by the Club. There are twenty-two young ladies now pledging, including three from each of the established sororities on campus and four independents. Since "Help Week" has replaced "hell week", the Club is working on the formation of an All-Campus Help Week Contest. The contest, which will begin during the spring semester of 1967, will award a traveling trophy to the fraternity which has the most constructive "Help Week" program. The trophy will be sponsored by Julian Goodman, an alumnus of the Barons Club and President of the National Broadcasting Company.

In the area of housing, the Club is presently attempting to secure a house with the aid of a housing fund which began in 1962 with the money obtained from the selling of Baron Camp. The Club plans to move into a house by the spring semester of 1967.

Although the Club is engaged in many activities, it has not forgotten its founding principles of scholarship, fellowship and character.
December 14, 1966

Mr. Norm Ritchie
10/7, Green St.
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Norm:

It gives me great pleasure to report that every Chapter in Province VIII has unanimously approved the Western Kentucky Colony as being worthy to receive a charter from the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

I have personally visited the Western campus and conferred with the university officials regarding the status of the colony. I must say that I received nothing but the utmost praise for the organization concerning its principles and members.

In my opinion the colony has been doing an outstanding job on campus while being a local fraternity, and I believe that they will prove to be a valuable asset to ATO nationally.

Fraternally,

Larry Ogle

LO/hb
Western Kentucky University
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
November 19, 1966

Mr. Bernard S. Daniels
Worthy Grand Chief of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
107 East Green Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Daniels:

It is a genuine pleasure for me to endorse the petition of the Alpha Tau Omega Club of Western Kentucky University for national affiliation.

These young men, many of whom I have personally, have the potential for leadership which I know that Alpha Tau Omega desires. They have contributed to the welfare of our university and to this University through many exceedingly worthwhile endeavors, reflecting great credit upon our institution.

I wholeheartedly recommend to you the Alpha Tau Omega Club of Western Kentucky University as being worthy and deserving of the recognition and advance to status which national affiliation would provide.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Robert L. Thompson
President

Western Kentucky University
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
November 21, 1966

Mr. Bernard S. Daniels
Worthy Grand Chief of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
107 East Green Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I am happy to endorse the Alpha Tau Omega Club of Western Kentucky University as a chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

This group has demonstrated that the high ideals by which they are sustained are demonstrated in their interest for the advancement to full chapter status with the national fraternity. We look forward to having Alpha Tau Omega on the Western campus and feel confident that they will do all that is expected of them. The opportunity for them to share the high ideals that they hold by Alpha Tau Omega and Western.

Sincerely yours,

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