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A Petition to Alpha Tau Omega



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.

Larry T. Alexander
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Chuck Busch
Ken Carson
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John E. Grass
John Hafendorfer
Larry S. Heishman
James E. Higginbotham, Jr.
Michael C. Hyslop
Dennis E. Ivy
Butch Keller

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James E. McCoy
Russell M. Meier
Michael W. Miller
Donell Parish
Gerald Penley
Ray Roberts
Robert B. Seutchfield
Fred Simmons, Jr.
James L. Simpson
David L. Speer
William R. Thomas
Charles E. Wallace
Robert R. Wheeler
H. Bradford Williams



OFFICERS.....Left to right -

D. Wayne Cooke, Recording Secretary; Larry S. Heishman, Vice-President; H. Bradford 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 Dukate, Gordon Crawford, Harl Foreman, David Carlisle, Steve Sharpee, 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

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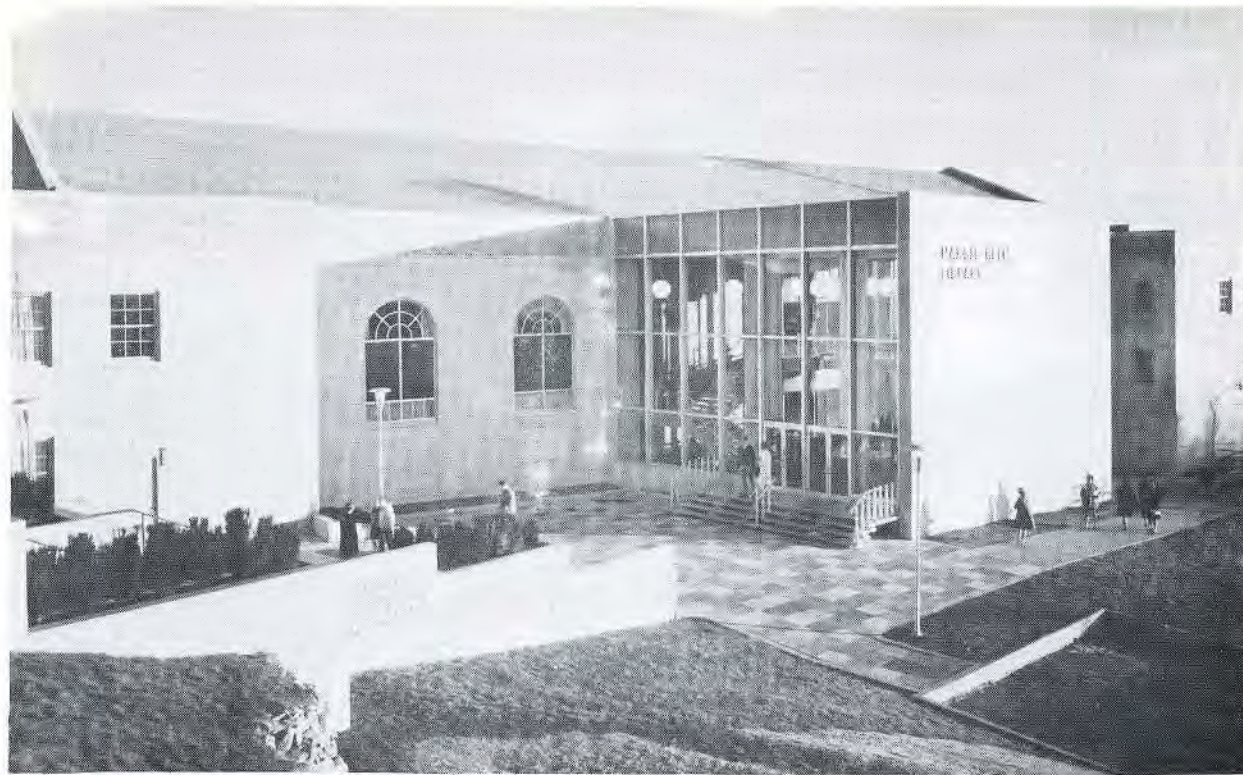
name was further changed to Western Kentucky State College in 1948, and in February of 1966, it became Western Kentucky University.

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.



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

SOCIAL SORORITIES AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta Pi	Chi Omega
Alpha Omicron Pi	Kappa Delta
Alpha Xi Delta Colony	Phi Mu
	Sigma Kappa

The Baron Story



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 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 independants. 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.



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LARRY OGLE, *Chief of Province VIII*

2727 BROWNSBORO ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

December 14, 1966

Mr. Norm Ritchie
107 E. 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
Larry Ogle

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

November 15, 1966

Office of the President

Mr. Stewart D. Daniels
Worthy Grand Chief
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 know personally, have the potential for leadership which I know that Alpha Tau Omega desires. They have contributed to the welfare of our community 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 in status which national affiliation would provide.

Sincerely yours,

Kelly Thompson
President

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

November 21, 1966

Office of the Dean of Students

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

Dear Mr. Daniels:

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

This group by its leadership, service and loyalty to high ideals has demonstrated its worthiness of being endorsed for 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 the future will hold for all a challenge, a place of service, and the opportunity to give expression to the high ideals that are held by Alpha Tau Omega and Western.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Kewin
Dean of Student Affairs

CAK:ec



WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

November 21, 1966

Office of the Dean of Students

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

Dear Mr. Daniels:

There can be little argument about the proposition that the task of the future is the creation of our University and other universities similar to ours. Toward this goal we are developing among our programs a fraternity system at Western Kentucky University and I take great pleasure in recommending with reverence our Alpha Tau Omega Club for a national charter.

Our former local Barons Club which has enjoyed continuous fellowship since 1933 has always had outstanding members who have been active in many campus activities. The members of our Alpha Tau Omega Club (former Barons Club) here at Western are loyal, dedicated and enthusiastic about their fraternity.

I have worked closely with our Alpha Tau Omega Club through the Inter-Fraternity Council and have found them to be most interested in every phase of fraternity activities. In all of the relations we have been fortunate enough to have with the members of this club, we have been impressed by their interest and sincerity in establishing strong Inter-Fraternity relations.

At this time it gives me great pleasure to recommend in the spirit that nothing good and kind will be lost for the future, our fine Alpha Tau Omega Club for national chapter status.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John W. Sagabiel
Dean of Men

JWS:ec



WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

November 22, 1966

Office of Associate Dean
for Undergraduate Instruction

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

Dear Mr. Daniels:

It is a pleasure to endorse the petition of the Alpha Tau Omega Club for affiliation with Alpha Tau Omega. This club is one of the oldest fraternal organizations at the University. A very prominent alumnus with whom you would be familiar is Julian B. Goodman, President of N, B, C.

Within the past year, this organization has made progress which is almost unbelievable. The last two pledge classes reflect a united effort and a very rapid rate of growth for the fraternity. The pledge program is a very sound one and appears to be developing men of sound character with qualities of leadership. I personally feel that these young men will be a credit to your organization.

As you perhaps know, some of the leading national fraternities and sororities have established chapters at our institution. It is my feeling that we have a strong fraternal system here, and I am pleased to know of Alpha Tau Omega's interest in becoming a part of our overall fraternity program.

Sincerely,

William R. Hourigan
Associate Dean

WRH:bsk

