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Epsilon Omicron Ranks Second Best in the Nation Alumni Support Needed for Continued Success

Welcome to the fall 2016 Epsilon Omicron newsletter! We received an overwhelmingly positive response to our spring newsletter and, as we had hoped, it appears to have increased the involvement of our alumni base and awareness of the great things that are happening with the Chapter. Here are just a few highlights of the activities and accomplishments of the Chapter and the House Corporation since the last newsletter.

Second-Best Chapter in the Nation

This year, Epsilon Omicron was named runner-up for the National Chapter of the Year award! This means that in the last three years, the Chapter either won (2014) or was runner-up (2015 and 2016) for the National Chapter of the Year. The house and annex are again at capacity thanks to another successful summer recruitment and the signing of 33 pledges. The Chapter is teamed with Alpha Omicron Pi for Homecoming this year and members look to be competitive in all university activities. All of this while maintaining a Chapter GPA in the top five fraternities on campus.

Chapter House Update

As most of you know by now, the Housing Corporation, with the help of a group of alumni, purchased the Chapter House in October 2015. Our first priority was to address any health and safety concerns and then tackle some of the deferred maintenance items left unattended by the previous owner

and landlord. Based on inspections we had done by our insurance provider, the city Fire Marshal, and the property management company, we made several important updates. We improved the safety of the stairways by adding handrails, increased the stability of the fire escapes, upgraded all fire protections systems, and added emergency lighting. We successfully abated the water and drainage issues in the basement and have caught up on deferred maintenance on the HVAC system and plumbing and electrical repairs.

Summer Improvements at the Chapter House

We also tackled some summer improvement projects to help with property preservation and cosmetic issues and to improve the quality of life of members. These projects included:

- Replaced or repaired all interior doors and frames.
- Replaced the carpet on second and third floor hallways and all stairways.
- Painted the second and third floor hallway walls and woodwork.
- Painted the exterior windows and trim.
- Repaired and restained the front door.
- Installed a duct-less air conditioning unit in the dining room. That means no more sweaty formal dinners!

We are still in the process of exploring long-range options for further improving the Chapter House. In the meantime, we hope to be able to fund additional improvement projects each year and continue to provide a safe and structurally sound house for our members.

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*Above: ATΩ
Foundation CEO
Terry Turman '84,
Zach Kensinger '15,
Dillon Mitchell '13,
Nathan Turvaville '14,
and ATΩ National
CEO Wynn Smiley,
Purdue '99, at the 82nd
Biennial Congress this
August.*



Epsilon Omicron Excited about Fall Semester

Fall is always an exciting time at Epsilon Omicron. With our newest class of 33 pledges, this marks the first year that each of the four active pledge classes had at least 30 members when they entered the house. This leaves us with around 108 combined members and pledges this fall and plenty of manpower to continue reaching our goals.

Zach Kensinger '15, was selected as a Top 20 Freshman at Oklahoma State.

Visit the Chapter House

After being named runner-up for Chapter of the Year, the men of Epsilon Omicron are more motivated than ever to take our Chapter to new heights. However, we wouldn't have experienced our recent success without our supportive alumni network. If any of you are coming through Stillwater this fall, we would love for you to stop by the Chapter House.

Homecoming with Alpha Omicron Pi

One of the central events we participate in each fall is Homecoming. This year, we are paired with the wonderful women of Alpha Omicron Pi. With both of our Homecoming directors returning from last year, Sam McAnelly '13 and Ryan Craig '14, we are certain to have another outstanding decoration in our yard for Walkarounds.



Fraternally,
Dillon Mitchell '17
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Albert Meza '14, Mitch Reed '14, and Cameron Austin '14 at our Gatorfest philanthropy event.



Zach Johnston '15, Nathan Major '14, Nate Turvaville '14, Nick Carpenter '14, Collin Potter '14, Cameron Austin '14, Jared Fimple '14, Braden Duffel '14, and Albert Meza '14 played an intramural basketball game against members Josh Yocham '13, Jon Chuning '13, Collin Campbell '13, Justin Rangel '13, Corey Hembree '13, Evan Rochat '13, Sam Long '13, John Carstens '13, and Ryan Shoemaker '13.

Serving the Community

In addition to all of the activities we have going on internally, we have also been working hard to engage ourselves the community and on campus. There are around 20 members who coach youth soccer teams at the local YMCA or serve as reading buddies to children at Highland Park Elementary School. We also have members who are a part of the leadership team for Into the Streets, the largest philanthropy event at Oklahoma State. We are also happy to announce one of our members,



Brothers Alec Stites '15, Jon Chuning '13, Nick Carpenter '14, Zach Kensinger '15, Will Lewis '14, and Dom Richert '14 attending a bible study led by Chaplain Zac Tunin '14.

2016 FALL PLEDGE CLASS



Zach Johnston '15 and Sajan Patel '15 competing in the tug-of-war at Gatorfest.

- Braden Boyd '16 • Flower Mound, Texas
- Caleb Parker '16 • Jenks, Okla.
- Henry Cannon '16 • Olathe, Kan.
- Sam Peaden '16 • Plano, Texas
- Hayden Cashion '16 • Overland Park, Kan.
- Karsten Perkins '16 • Edmond, Okla.
- Don Chasteen '16 • Inola, Okla.
- Austin Puckett '16 • Oklahoma City, Okla.
- *Nick Chiconas '16 • Edmond, Okla.
- Jax Silva '16 • Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Jarod Davis '16 • Prosper, Texas
- *Leighton Steph '16 • Edmond, Okla.
- Kenneth Elliott '16 • Mansfield, Texas
- Garrett Stevens '16 • Houston, Texas
- Sam Gray '16 • Edmond, Okla.
- Evan Tom '16 • Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Jarod Grubbs '16 • Frisco, Texas
- Andrew Tran '16 • Tulsa, Okla.
- Austin Hand '16 • Mansfield, Texas
- Ryan Trummel '16 • Owasso, Okla.
- Carson Hogstad '16 • Duncan, Okla.
- Matt Tucker '16 • Keller, Texas
- Robbie Hotson '16 • Jenks, Okla.
- Zach Tullier '16 • Houston, Texas
- Micah Ihrig '16 • Jenks, Okla.
- Eduardo Vargas '16 • Broken Arrow, Okla.
- Landon Kersgieter '16 • Sand Springs, Okla.
- Tyler Walker '16 • Prosper, Texas
- Kazi Maheen '16 • Jenks, Okla.
- Marcus Watts '16 • Olathe, Kan.
- Cade Meyerdirk '16 • Gunter, Texas
- Stuart Moser '16 • Fort Smith, Ark.

*Legacy



BROTHERHOOD IN THE BLOOD

Father and Son Share Their Epsilon Omicron Experiences

In January 2014, **John Campbell '86** got to take part in an event that not many fathers experience. John had the chance to participate in initiation and give his son, **Collin Campbell '14**, his pin to join the Epsilon Omicron brotherhood. Both John and Collin were drawn to Epsilon Omicron for the same reason—they liked the men living in the house and appreciated the Christian principles the fraternity was founded on.

John earned a Bachelor of Science in business management from Oklahoma State. After college, John served in the United States Marine Corps from 1990-94. He then went to law school and is a partner at Aston, Mathis, Jacobson, Campbell & Tiger in Tulsa, Okla. In 2005, John joined the Army Reserves and was mobilized in Iraq from 2007-08. John said ATΩ helped prepare him for the military. "I learned how to get along and co-exist in a big group with diverse people and it helped me be patient. I can thrive in a diverse and chaotic environment," John said.

Collin shares those same sentiments toward ATΩ and how it helped shape him into who he is today. "You're most affected by the people around you, and the people I'm around share the same values our brotherhood is built on. Being surrounded by Epsilon Omicron brothers has kept me on a good path," Collin said. Collin is working toward a degree in industrial engineering with a minor in marketing with plans to graduate in May 2018.



Although John and Collin lived in the Chapter House nearly 30 years apart, their favorite part of living in the house is the same. "It was just great to always have a friend around that I could spend time with. There was never a time I felt like I didn't have anyone to talk to, and I really appreciated the brotherhood surrounding me," John said. Collin shares the same idea, "I always enjoyed being able to walk down the hall and find someone to hang out with," he said.

John has the chance to see the Chapter House whenever he is near campus or visiting Collin. He says though the physical structure hasn't changed much since he joined 30 years ago, the brothers living in it have grown in positive ways. He's proud to see the active members' balance their lives between academics, community service, and fun.

John and his wife, Sharon, who is a member of Alpha Delta Pi at OSU, live in Tulsa, Okla., with their youngest daughter. They have twin daughters in their freshmen year of college at Auburn University and Oklahoma State. The father and son duo enjoy tailgating at many Cowboy football games and seeing each other at various ATΩ events. John also enjoys biking, traveling, exercising, and cooking. Collin spends his spare time playing guitar, reading, spending time outside, and playing intramurals. You can reach John at john.a.l.campbell@gmail.com and Collin at cwc1994@gmail.com.

Alumni Update

Dale Jewett '47 retired from working for more than 50 years in the oil industry. He spent the last 15 years as a consulting petroleum engineer. He is a licensed professional engineer in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Dale and his wife, Avril, live in Hutchinson, Kan. E-mail: dalepj@sbcglobal.net

Marshall Saye '49 reports he is "living the good life" at 86 years old. He serves as his church's treasurer and song leader. He attends monthly ATΩ luncheons at the Greenbrier Country Club, where he is the only EO in attendee. He hopes to visit the house this fall if he has the chance to watch some Cowboy football. Marshall and his wife, Jeannine, live in Chesterfield, Mo. E-mail: jmsaye@sbcglobal.net

Philip Redwine '63 founded Redwine and Cubberley, a law firm, in 1973. He graduated from Northeastern State in 1965 and serves in the United States Army. Philip and his wife, Sara, recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary with their three sons and their families. The couple live in Norman, Okla.

Wiley Cook '65 has spent the past 46 years

pursuing a career in civil engineering. He has been blessed to be involved in many major civil engineering works, including dams, roads, bridges, treatment plants, and military works. The word "retirement" is not in Wiley's vocabulary as he enjoys the personal and professional satisfaction he receives from his work. Wiley had the chance to pin the ATΩ badge on his son, **Daniel**, at the chartering of the Texas Theta Nu Chapter of ATΩ at Baylor University. Wiley and his wife, Kay, live in Edmond, Okla. E-mail: w_cook@cox.net

Harry Harlan '68 was called to be a preacher in 1993 after receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in March of 1992. He was ordained in 2006. He graduated from MIT in 1968 with a degree in life sciences and worked as a civil engineer after graduating from Tulane in 1986. He retired in 2012, and lives in New Orleans, La., with his wife, Gloriadean, where they enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren. E-mail: harryharlan@bellsouth.net

Daniel Kemp '81 had the honor and privilege of being with **Scott Gilpin '79** at the initiation ceremony for Scott's brother into the Lamar

University Chapter of ATΩ. Daniel and his wife, Karen, live in League City, Texas. E-mail: thekemps@sbcglobal.net

Jim Phillips '81 retired from the United States Air Force in 1993 and from the City of St. Charles, Mo., in 2011. He has since enjoyed settling into a life of travel and relaxation. His recent trips include New York City, Boston, and Maine. Jim and his wife, Deborah, live in Saint Charles, Mo. E-mail: phillips692@sbcglobal.net

Steve Walton '99 was recently promoted to manager of finance and physician compensation at Baylor Scott and White Health. Steve lives in Allen, Texas. E-mail: spwmicrobio@hotmail.com

Steven Johnson '66 retired in 2005 after a rewarding 31 years with IBM software development. Since then, he has spent his time restoring vintage triumph sports cars. Steven and his wife, Candy, enjoy drives through the Texas hill country, showing the cars at various events, and seeing their sports car friends. They also enjoy two grandchildren that live close in Early, Texas. Steven and Candy are blessed to

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Alumni Involvement Needed

While we are experiencing a tremendously successful run, we still need your help. Therefore, I renew my brotherly challenge to you, our alumni, to get involved. Reconnect with your pledge brothers, reach out to lost alumni and bring them back to the fold, and stop by the house and get to know the current members. There are many ways that you can contribute to the continued success of Epsilon Omicron. To find out more about how you can help, please feel free to contact me or any of the other members of the House Corporation. We welcome your questions, input, and involvement as we build on the current momentum for a bigger and better future. Stay "loyal and true" my friends, my brothers.

Fraternally,

Dan Oliver '78

House Corporation President

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be part of the Austin Baptist Church, which they helped establish in 2008, where Steven is vice president of the deacons. They live in Austin, Texas. E-mail: stevenjohnson7@sbcglobal.net

Michael Cox '02 taught Spanish for a year at Perry High School in Oklahoma and math for six years in Broken Arrow. He volunteers for the Boy Scouts in shooting sports and teaches pistol, rifle, and carry classes under his business, Cox Caliber Firearms Training. Michael and his wife, Chelsea, live in Bixby, Okla., and attend Bixby First Baptist Church, where they occasionally lead Financial Peace University classes. E-mail: michael_cox_ato@yahoo.com

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