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Alumni Involvement Encouraged House Corporation Board Introduces New Alumni Newsletter

As the school year comes to a close for Epsilon Omicron, the House Corporation is happy to announce the revived alumni newsletter. We will be sending the newsletter twice a year to better keep you up-to-date on alumni and Chapter news. It is our hope that this newsletter will be the first step toward bringing alumni together and to increase awareness and involvement of our Epsilon Omicron alumni.

State of the Chapter

The state of the Chapter has never been better. The Chapter House and the annex have been at capacity for the last five years as a result of successful summer recruitments, each bringing a class of 30 or more into our brotherhood. We now have 94 undergraduate members, which is on par with other fraternities on campus. The Chapter actively competes in university activities, including Homecoming, intramural sports, Freshman Follies, Varsity Revue, and Spring Sing, as well as several philanthropic and community events.

The Chapter has no shortage of accomplishments and awards in recent years. Epsilon Omicron won the True Merit Award five years in a row (2011-2015); won the National Top Chapter Award in 2014 and was the runner-up in 2015; won the Exemplary Chapter Quality Achievement Award in 2015; won the NIC "Chapter of Distinction" award in 2015; and has maintained a top five GPA for several years.

Chapter House Plans

Fueled by the recent success of the Chapter and by the desire to ensure ATΩ has a permanent presence on campus, the House

Corporation, with the help of a group of alumni, purchased the Chapter House in October 2015. To hear more about the purchase of the Chapter House, see the full article on page 2. Since the purchase of the Chapter House, we have hired a property management company and made much-needed repairs and improvements.

We have created a new and better website, www.atookstate.com, to further keep alumni informed. The House Corporation is also in the process of exploring long-range options to continue improving the Chapter House to help us provide a safe and structurally sound home for our collegians, while keeping EO competitive with the other fraternities on campus. We are excited to share plans with you as they become available.

Reconnect with Epsilon Omicron

My brotherly challenge to you, our alumni, is to get involved. Reconnect with brothers, reach out to lost alumni and bring them back to the fold, stop by the Chapter House and meet **Shelby Clanahan**, the greatest House Director on campus, and get to know the current members. Next year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of EO and the 40th anniversary of the recolonization in our current location. Let's celebrate these two historic dates with a renewed commitment to our brotherhood and the Chapter that has given us each so much. We welcome your questions, input, and involvement as we embark on the next 70 years of Epsilon Omicron!

Fraternally,
Dan Oliver '78

House Corporation President
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Congratulations, Graduates!

Zac Baker '12
Edmond, Okla.
Major: Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering
Minor: Mathematics

Conner Bentz '14
Colleyville, Texas
Major: Management & Entrepreneurship

Tucker Chaney '12
Perkins, Okla.
Major: MSIS

Scott Davey '14
Edmond, Okla.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Andrew Davis '13
Drumright, Okla.
Major: Psychology

Austin Dick '13
Broken Arrow, Okla.
Major: Management

Joshua Hall '14
Booker, Texas
Major: Physics and Chemistry

Hunter Heinrich '12
Gunter, Texas
Major: Architecture

Cameron Hudgins '13
Jenks, Okla.
Major: Economics

McGregor Jones '14
Kansas City, Kan.
Major: Marketing

Trenton Neal '13
Caldwell, Kan.
Major: Political Science

Beau Potter '12
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Major: Chemical Engineering

Karis Reavis '13
Bixby, Okla.
Major: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Nathan Rogers '13
Coppell, Texas
Major: Microbiology

Josiah Rossdeutscher '13
Chandler, ST
Major: Entrepreneurship-

Houston Snow '13
Elgin, Okla.
Major: Mechanical Design Engineering Technology

Robert Soult '13
Oklahoma City
Biochemistry

Spencer Stubblefield '13
Caldwell, Kan.
Major: Political Science

Josh White '14
Piedmont, Okla.
Major: Entrepreneurship

Justin Wolzen '13
San Diego, Calif.
Major: MSIS



Taking Charge of ATΩ's Future

For more than 20 years the Epsilon Omicron House Corporation has consisted of President **Dan Oliver '78**, Vice President **Dan Peters '78**, and Treasurer **Kurt Atterberry '84**. These alumni were essential in keeping Alpha Tau Omega on campus, especially during trying times in the mid-to-late-90s when a membership review was conducted. Since then, the chapter has grown from just four members to almost 100 members that call Epsilon Omicron home today.

Several years ago the Epsilon Omicron House Corporation decided to broaden its reach to a younger generation of alumni and added **Scott Robin '05**, **Jonathan Morris '98** and **Matt Tilly '02** to its board. This group meets consistently for several years about how to propel Epsilon Omicron as a top fraternity on campus. It was through this process that **Todd Herndon '80** was asked to join the board and help in purchasing our current chapter house. It was through Todd's relationship with **Jerry Roberts '79** that ended up being the golden ticket.

We hope you enjoy reading the history of how the chapter house was purchased by a group of loyal Epsilon Omicron alumni, as told through the eyes of **Tom Jordan '63**, **Todd Herndon '80**, **David Ratcliff '83**, **David Reser '83**, **Patrick Markey '83**, **Kenneth Goodman '78**, and **Bill Kilmer '81**.

Q: What was the process of obtaining the House?

Todd: **Tom Jordan '63** had expressed to me, on several occasions, his concerns for not owning the Chapter House in a brisk real estate environment. It had become possible that some other entity could buy the house we occupied, which was dangerous.

Tom: In the summer of 2014, I realized that Epsilon Omicron had a very good chance to be named as ATΩ's top Chapter. With that in mind, I joined the Chapter in Orlando, Florida, where they received the True Merit award. During the Orlando trip, I became aware of the ATΩ Management Company, Richmond Property Group, and that they may be in a position to help us purchase the Chapter House. I spoke with **Todd Herndon '80** about both the university and the management company, and several weeks later Todd came to me with a plan to purchase the Chapter House and asked if I would support the effort.

Kenneth: **Todd Herndon '80** called me last summer and said he was looking for a few alumni to give \$5,000-\$10,000 gifts so the collective funds could be used as a down payment, allowing the House Corporation to purchase the Chapter House from the previous landlord. **John Meinders '83** and **Bart Boatright '82** took the reins as managers of the LLC to finance the Chapter House.

Q: Why did you decide to help purchase the Chapter House from its original owners?

David Reser: It will help ensure the long-term presence of ATΩ at OSU by removing a huge unknown caused by not owning our own Chapter House.

David Ratcliff: I wanted to make sure Epsilon Omicron controlled its future. Being subject to the landlord's terms and potential sale to someone else always bothered me. We had previously purchased the house in the 1980s, but lost ownership some years later during a downturn. Our EO Chapter of ATΩ is so much more stable now and I wanted to help make sure our stability was assured.

Q: What were your hopes in helping purchase the House?

Patrick: My hope was that the Chapter would finally own the property and be in an independent situation to chart its own course for the future, while providing some security for our members knowing that ATΩ owned the property.

Bill: Although alumni have demonstrated a lot of support for the Chapter prior to the purchase, I think it shows that the alumni are committed to the long-term viability of the Chapter.

Tom: The loan company has done a lot more than make it possible to buy the property. For the first time in my 30 years as Chapter advisor, I see alumni stepping up and coming together to support the undergraduates. This is true fraternalism at its best and I can't express how blessed I feel to have been a part of it.

Q: What does Epsilon Omicron mean to you?

David Reser: My experience at EO was transformational, and my strongest friendships developed while in the Chapter. I can honestly say I would not be in the position I am today without Epsilon Omicron.

Patrick: Epsilon Omicron has a special place in my heart as I completed my full undergraduate degree as an ATΩ at this Chapter. It means a lifetime of friendships and bonds with brothers



Thank You, Epsilon Omicron Alumni

Thank you to the following Epsilon Omicron alumni for coming together and purchasing our Chapter House. Epsilon Omicron wouldn't be where it is today without you!

Bart Boatright '82
Brad Dunbar '94
Kenny Goodman '78
Todd Herndon '80
Thomas Jordan '63
Bill Kilmer '81
Mark Lane '78
Patrick Malone '87
Patrick Markey '83
Bill Maupin '84
John Meinders '83
Harris Phillips '85
David Ratcliff '83
David Reser '83
Jerry Roberts '79
Mike Roberts '80
Jim Willis '84
Joe Wang '86

that you can count on in any situation, including buying the Chapter's house.

Q: Where do see the Chapter in the next few years?

Patrick: I see Epsilon Omicron as a vibrant Chapter that will continue to grow and prosper, while developing young men into well-rounded, service-oriented leaders in their communities and the workforce.

Todd: I hope the Chapter House will always give the membership a feeling of pride and brotherhood. Being a part of one of the oldest structures on campus allows for that, but it also requires commitment.



More than Four Years

Robert Soult '13 Prepares for Life after Graduation

In the 69 years Alpha Tau Omega has been a facet of the Oklahoma State University campus, its brotherhood has remained strong. Epsilon Omicron's legacy of love and respect has continuously drawn men into a true sense of brotherhood, including **Robert Soult '13**. "ATΩ was one of the only Chapters that I met with that I felt had a strong sense of brotherhood. I felt like this was the Chapter to be a part of because I knew I would enjoy my years as an active member, spending time with the new friends and brothers I would make here," he said.



College, like any other part of life, is made up of both joyous and trying times. Robert's brothers have always been a source of support, and when his father passed away in November 2014, they were at his side. "It was a difficult time for me and they helped me out in any way they could," he said. "It was nice to have people to just come talk to when I needed to. Having a chaplain that lived in house was nice because I always had someone to go talk to when times got hard."

This spring, Robert will graduate with his degree in biochemistry and molecular biology and will attend medical school at OSU in the fall. He recently proposed to his girlfriend, Carissa Ann Davis, and the two are planning to wed in the summer of 2017. Though his college career is ending, Robert is prepared for his bright future. "Being an ATΩ has helped me grow through my college years by teaching me and helping me through tough times, with a brotherhood that will last a lifetime," he said. You can contact Robert at rsoult@okstate.edu.

In his undergraduate years, Robert developed great pride for his Chapter. "I am very proud of my membership in ATΩ and actively wear our letters when I am out to exemplify the men of ATΩ," he said. "It makes me happy when members of other ATΩ Chapters see me and call me out for a conversation in different parts of the country or world."

Epsilon Omicron Ends Spring Strong

Chapter Raises More than \$15,000 for Charity

I'm excited to tell you about the great semester we've had at Epsilon Omicron. After the spring initiation ceremony, we currently have 94 active undergraduate members—a record for our Chapter in recent years. With this many hands on deck, we have been able to reach incredible new heights as a Chapter.

Gatorfest Raises \$15,500 for Charity

One of the improvements we saw this year was our signature event, Gatorfest, which raises funds for the Stillwater YMCA. We raised more than \$15,000 this year, which is \$3,000 more than last year. In addition, we recently won the coveted Phi Tau Madness basketball tournament, winning \$500 toward our philanthropy budget.

Active on Campus

In addition to our commitment to philanthropy, ATΩ has a strong presence on campus. We currently have seven men who are serving in the ROTC program, while fulfilling their academic and ATΩ responsibilities. Brother **Grant**



Kappa Delta and Alpha Tau Omega partner at this year's Varsity Revue.

McClendon '13 is serving as the executive director of Varsity Revue, the largest of the three Greek philanthropic variety shows. As a Chapter, we have approximately 17% of our eligible members initiated into Order of Omega, which is an honor society for the top 3% of members in the Greek community. At this year's IFC Greek Awards banquet, we took home second place in intramurals and our Chapter advisor, **Thomas Jordan '63**, won Advisor of the Year.



Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Delta Pi display their designs as a team at Homecoming last fall.

Thankful for Alumni

One of the most treasured events we have taken part in this year was our brotherhood campout at Lake Carl Blackwell. Both alumni and undergraduates spent the night eating great barbecue and trading tales about the fraternity. Alumni involvement with the Chapter is pivotal to our success, and we hope to continue a strong relationship. If you are ever traveling through Stillwater, we would love for you to stop by the Chapter House.

Love and Respect,
Dillon Mitchell '13, Chapter President
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THIRTEEN YEARS ON CAMPUS

Meet Epsilon Omicron's
House Director,
Shelby Lane-Clanahan

Originally from Oklahoma City, Epsilon Omicron's House Director, **Shelby Lane-Clanahan**, has been a part of the Oklahoma State University campus for 13 years.

While working as the executive administrative assistant in the dean's office, Shelby was approached with the unique opportunity to become the House Director for ATΩ.



"One day while at work, **Thomas Jordan '63**, who happened to be a retired professor and the advisor for the ATΩ Chapter since the '70s, approached me and told me that someone had given him my name and that they thought I would be a good fit for ATΩ," she said. "I met with the Housing Corporation, and after a couple of subsequent meetings I was the new ATΩ house director." Shelby works full-time for both the Chapter and the University.

As the house director, Shelby has loved the opportunity to watch the men of Epsilon Omicron grow and develop in their fraternity experience. "When you live with 100 young men, there is never a dull moment. You are dealing with many different personalities, but overall it's nice to see the diversity come together as they mesh as one big, happy family," she said. Shelby enjoys being able to share meals, attend performances, and provide assistance in decision-making with men, but most of all, "I have loved being their mom away from home and being able to help them flourish into young respectable men."

Along with her two full-time positions, Shelby dedicates her time to volunteer work. She is very active in: Coaches vs. Cancer, raising money for cancer research; Pete's Pet Posse, which she and one of her dogs had to go through extensive training and are qualified as a therapy dog team for the OSU campus; and disaster relief mission trips in and out of the country.

Shelby enjoys traveling—taking students on study abroad trips to Spain, Australia, and Ireland this year alone—ballroom dancing, photography, swimming, and decorating. You can contact her at shelby.clanahan@okstate.edu.

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Back row: Mitchell Reed '15, Aaron Dittmer '13, Evan Rochat '13, Brian Schrull 'XX, Sean Pogue '13, Justin Smith '13, Tanner Kennon '15, and Cameron Austin '14.
Front row: Justin Wolzen '12, Albert Meza '14, Will Neely '13, and Joey Culver '15 enjoy a game of softball

Welcome, New Initiates

Grant Allen / Fort Worth, Texas
Louis Baresh / Dallas, Texas
Parker Broadbent / Elk City, Okla.
Tony Conetta / Tulsa Okla.
Joey Culver / Tulsa, Okla.
Aaron Dittmer / Owasso, Okla.
Bobby Dorrel / Yukon, Okla.
Drake Dollar / Tomball, Texas
Devin Garcia / Houston, Texas
Will Gibson / Chandler, Okla.
Jacob Hicks / Bixby, Okla.
Tanner Kennon / Coweta, Okla.
Zach Kensinger / Enid, Okla.
Kyle Lambdin / Bixby, Okla.
Kevin Lanier / Fort Worth, Texas
Kyle Lewis / St. Louis, Mo.
Zach Miller / Plano, Texas
Evan Murlette / Bixby, Okla.
Lane Nash / Tulsa, Okla.
Sajan Patel / Tulsa, Okla.
Josh Payne / Broken Arrow, Okla.
Forest Rice / Keller, Texas
Chase Riggins / Coppell, Texas
Dominic Seabolt / Skiatook, Okla.
Alec Stites / Van Buren, Ark.
Joseph Tucker / Tahlequah, Okla.
Trevor Vazquez / Broken Arrow, Okla.
Patrick Vinson / Claremore, Okla.
Jake Willis / Saint Louis, Mo.

Welcome, New Members

Cody Goyer / Prosper, Texas
Chris Kotch / Keller, Texas
Nick Poulos / Verdigris, Okla.



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