



Epsilon Omicron Chapter of ATΩ 1947

The Epsilon Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Oklahoma A&M College became the 100th active chapter on May 24, 1947. Brothers J.A.R. Moseley, JR of Texas Gamma Eta (University of Texas) and Glenn B. Hawkins of Penna Alpha Pi (Washington & Jefferson College) were appointed by Worthy Grand Chief John M. MacGregor to serve as installing officers for the Ceremony of Installation. Three A&M faculty members, Dr. Glenn B. Hawkins, Washington and Jefferson '25, head of the Political Science Department, Dr. Richard B. Eide, Minnesota '21; and J.C. Stratton, Colorado '31 plus six ATΩ's attending the College from Tulsa, Kansas State and the University of Oklahoma; formed the nucleus of the ATΩ club. Professors Eugen Holtman and Edmon Low and local physician Dr. Haskell Smith were honor initiates. The first initiates of Epsilon Omicron were:

- 1.) Arthur Alloway
- 2.) Marvin Arnold
- 3.) Roger Blackwood
- 4.) Lewis Carey Jr.
- 5.) Francis Jabara
- 6.) Eugene Holtman
- 7.) Bill Darwin
- 8.) Francis Ernest
- 9.) Danny Gleason

- 10.) Jack Givin
- 11.) Sam Herrill
- 12.) Leo Hillman
- 13.) Dale Jewett
- 14.) Robert Keegan
- 15.) Thomas Lawson
- 16.) Richard Manuell
- 17.) Olen Morgan
- 18.) Jerauld Moyer
- 19.) Walter Nixon
- 20.) George Outhier
- 21.) Joseph Scales
- 22.) Jeral Ziegler

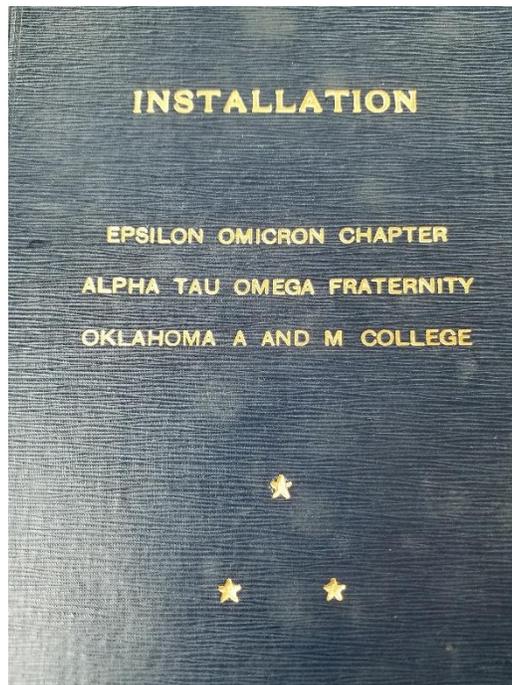
The originals – Epsilon Omicron - ATQ

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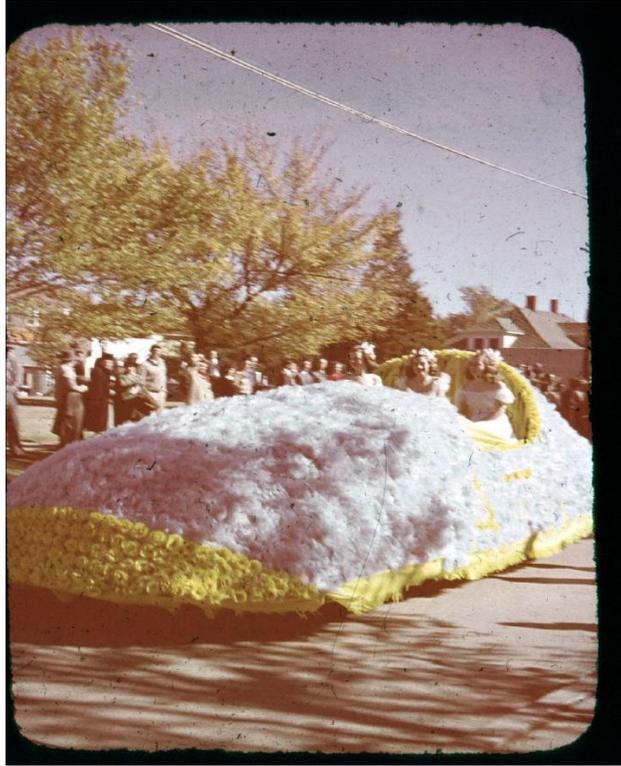
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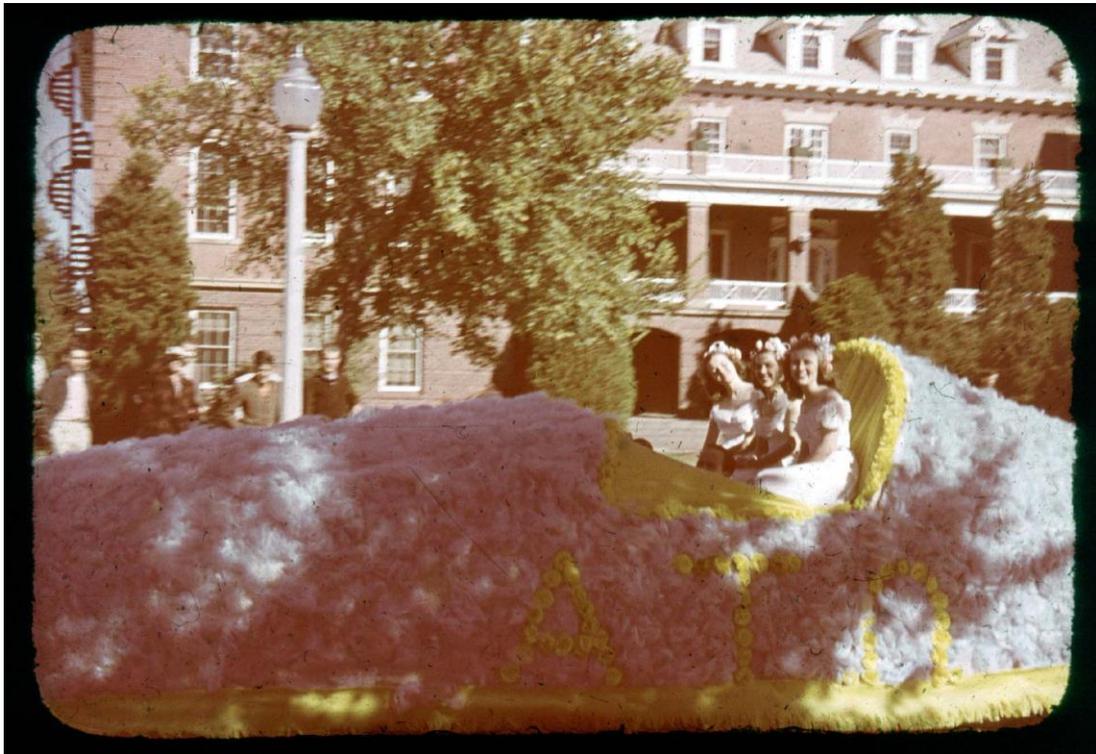




ATΩ Homecoming 1947



Homecoming Float 1947



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The first chapter house was located at 707 South Jefferson Street. It was purchased on 2/28/48 from Franklin and Mabelle Gray for \$9,000. It was sold on 7/22/50. Dr. Hawkins was key in the purchase of the home. Don Krouse was elected the first Worthy Master. The chapter instantly became involved around campus socially and academically. The "Aggie Taus" as they were known to the other ATΩ chapters, were quoted in the A&M yearbook to say: "We take our place among the fraternities of the A&M campus with pride. Our goal is to make the Maltese Cross of Alpha Tau Omega as well-known and liked as it is on 99 other campuses across the nation."

ATO Installs 100th Chapter To Become 17th Frat on Campus

The Oklahoma Epsilon Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, the 100th in the United States, will be installed on the A. and M. campus in a ceremony beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday.

National officers, active members from Texas university, SMU, Oklahoma university and Tulsa university will attend and assist in the ceremonies.

Installing officers will be J. A. R. Moseley, province chief, Dallas, and Dr. Glenn B. Hawkins, head of the department of political science at A. and M. Other officers will be Elmo Thompson, chairman of the ATO foundation fund, Tulsa; Dr. C. L. S. Raby, national ritual counselor, Philadelphia; Stewart D. Daniels, executive secretary, Campaign, Ill.; John W. Vann, chairman of the high council, Dallas, and Colonel John M. MacGregor, worthy grand chief, New York.

Election of officers and the installation banquet will follow the ceremony. Sunday morning the group will attend the Methodist church.

Men becoming charter members of the chapter are Arthur Alloway, Cleveland, Tex.; Marvin Ar-

nold, Stillwater; George Darwin, Laurel, Miss.; Danny Gleason, Tonkawa; Sam Herrill, Forest City, N. C.; Leo Hillman, Olen Morgan and Gerald Moyer, all of Tulsa; Dale Jewett, Bartlesville; Tom Lawson, Blackwell; Wallace Nexon, Woodward.

George Outher, Perry; Joe Scales, San Diego, Calif.; Richard Manuell, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Roger Blackwood, Tulsa; Francis Ernest, Tulsa; Robert Keegan, Lawton; Jack Givin, Tulsa; Francis Jabara, Burden, Kan.; Louis Carey, Cushing and Jeral Z. Uegler, Prague.

Faculty initiates are Dr. Haskell Smith, Edmon Low and Eugene Holtman.

Alpha Tau Omega was founded at the Virginia Institute in 1865.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

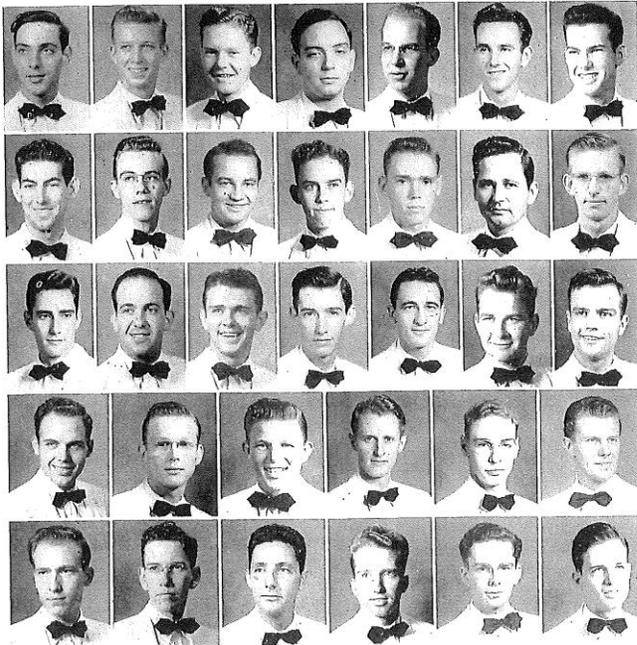
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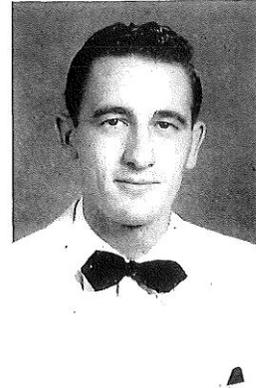
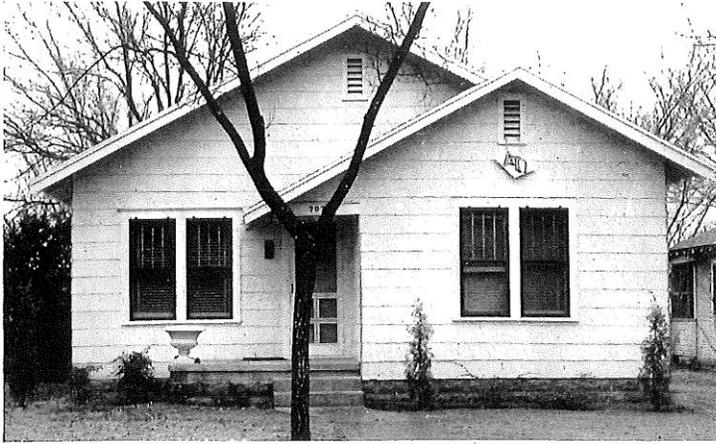
The first chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was founded on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute on Sept. 11, 1865. It was the first fraternity founded after the Civil war and had as its basic aim the binding together of the men of the north and south.

Epsilon Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau Omega became the 100th active chapter on May 24, 1947, the culmination of 82 years of rapid growth. Some 53,000 names now grace the rolls of the organization throughout the nation.



Arnold, Beckwith, Blackwood,
Coroy, Darwin
Dorsett, F. Ernest, M. Ernest,
Gleeson, Gullikson
Gwin, Hambrick, Harrill, Head,
Hillman
Jabara, Jewett, Keegan, Krouse,
Larson, Lawson
Manuell, R. McGee, W. McGee,
Morgan, Moyer, Nixon
Outhier, Owen, Scales, Smith,
Terpening, Wright

This was shared by Brother J. Marshall Saye, he pledged in 1948 and was initiated in 1949. In the top picture from the yearbook he is having coffee poured into his cup. He thinks he might have been visiting or possible this was rush. This is from the 1947 Redskin.

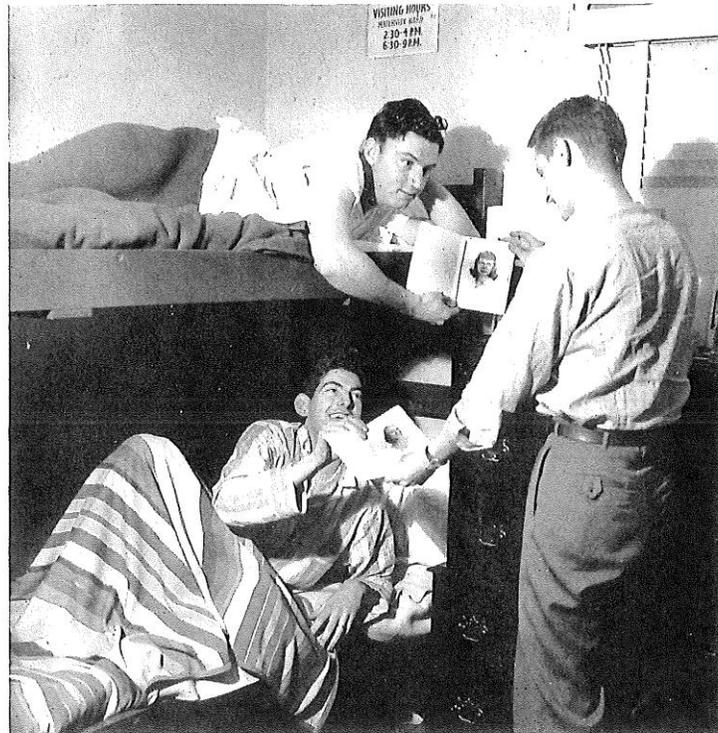


DON KROUSE, President

We take our place among the fraternities of the A. and M. campus with pride. Our goal is to make the Maltese cross of Alpha Tau Omega as well-known and liked as it is on 99 other campuses across the nation.

This school year has seen Alpha Taus as a whole, and as individuals, entering into A. and M. campus affairs, both social and scholastic, for the first time. We believe that we are justified in making the statement that the ATOs played a prominent role indeed considering the relative recent appearance at this school.

Officers for the year were Don Krouse, president; Wallace Nixon, vice-president; Roger Blackwood, secretary, and Richard Manuell, treasurer.





ATΩ House Homecoming 1948 – notice the letters from 1947 have been replaced with the Badge



Dale Jewett, Roger Blackwood, Jerry Moyer, Bill Gullickson, Leo Hillman, unidentified, Gene Arnold



Jerry Moyer, Dale Jewett, Robert Keegan, George Outhier, Roger Blackwood 1st Worthy Scribe of EO



ATQ's at the Drive In - Tulsa



Dale Jewett original initiate 1947 with Chris Cotten Fall pledge class 1987

The fall semesters included the chapter's first big social event. On December 12th, the ATΩ's held a Christmas themed formal dinner dance at Holbrook's. The party was well earned, as the semester had proven itself productive for the chapter. ATΩ's placed second out of the seventeen fraternities in overall GPA that semester.



ATΩ Sweethearts – Homecoming 1948



Homecoming float 1948



ATQ Float in front of the house 1948



1948 ATQ float in the Homecoming Parade



ATQ Sweethearts Homecoming 1949



Leo Hillman, Gene Arnold, Roger Blackwood - ATΩ Picnic in Tulsa 1949



*Brother Richard Stithem going swimming in Theta Pond for his engagement in 1949!
Brother Stithem passed away in 2002. In addition to being an ATΩ, he was also a Master Mason and did tours of duty with the United States Army and the United States Air Force. He was a Master Sergeant.*

The AGGIE Tau

FALL 1950

EPSILON OMICRON OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA

OKLAHOMA A. & M.

New House for Alpha Tau Omegas



New Epsilon Omicron Chapter House

At last the Aggie Taus have a larger, nicer house. During the summer months, the Aggie Taus moved to a new location at 402 West street. This house is much closer to the campus, and campus activities; and now more men can be housed and served meals together in the chapter lodge.

The house is a two story white frame with an apartment in the basement. Although the house is some forty years old, it is still in good condition structurally. On the main floor there is a large combined living room and hall with stairs and closet, which our Mothers' club has just dressed up with very beautiful drapes and lamps. Behind the living room, and stretching the full width of the house is a double dining room, which again has been furnished by our Mothers' club. We plan to redecorate the room in the future with picture paper and draw drapes. In the rear of the house we have a full bath, which we plan to decorate for a Ladies powder room; a fine card and lounging room; a very spacious kitchen; and a large back porch and wash or storage room. The ground floor is well provided with storage and utility space.

Upstairs we have three medium sized bed rooms, two smaller bedrooms, and one very large bedroom, which has been turned into a pledge dormitory. Also there is a very nice, centrally located bathroom,

which will accommodate six men at a time. All the rooms have been painted and decorated in varying color schemes, at the discretion of their occupants.

In the basement is a large two room apartment with bath, which is furnished in knotty pine and serves as quarters for our housemother, Mother Anderson. The only disadvantage to the apartment is that the only entrance is outside, which is rather inconvenient. Our Mothers club has some fine plans for making the apartment even more attractive for "Mom" Anderson.

The house is located on the corner lot with an extra lot at the side, which gives us adequate room for most outdoor activities. There are plenty of shade trees in the front and at the sides. There is also plenty of room in the back for a parking lot, a basketball court, and a planned barbecue pit.

During August, brothers Head, Gullikson, and Corey, who were living in the house at that time, spent much time working on the house to put it in shape for the new school year. One job they are particularly proud of is the upstairs bath which they enlarged. Brother Head did a beautiful job of placing tile and linoleum on the wall and floor, and painting the rest of the room. About a week before rush, several of the brothers came to help put the

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Epsilon Omicron Social Activities

We Aggie Taus began our social activities with a big first in Aggeland history by having the first fraternity formal in the new student union on September 29. This was the annual white tea rose formal at which time Epsilon Omicron's "Sweetheart of ATO" is crowned. Gwen Friman, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and a senior in home economics from Lawton, Oklahoma, was selected as the 1950 sweetheart. Her attendants were Jeanine Amend, Clayton, Oklahoma; Ankie Ernste, the Netherlands; and Alice Laws, Bixby, Oklahoma. The queen's throne was in the shape of a large heart, covered with blue and gold, with a maltese cross in the center. Bouquets of white roses were presented the attendants with the sweetheart

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Alpha Tau Omega Parents Organize

Alpha Tau Omega Parents club was organized October 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sanders, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by a group of parents of members and pledges of Epsilon Omicron chapter, Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Before the meeting a dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Griffey, and Mr. Lovejoy, who served as chairman. After the dinner, officers were elected. Mrs. Griffey was elected president; Mrs. Sanders, vice-president; Mrs. Charles M. Parrish, secretary; and Mrs. H. G. Biederman, treasurer.

The purpose of the club is to assist the ATO's at Oklahoma A. and M. College in furnishing the house which they recently purchased. Attending the first meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Biederman, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Griffey, Mrs. Mayme Hambrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal of Sapulpa, Mrs. Charles M. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. J. Max Reichard, and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

The club will meet for dinner and business the first Tuesday of each month. Alumni of ATO chapter are welcome to join this group and to attend the meeting and dinner at any time.



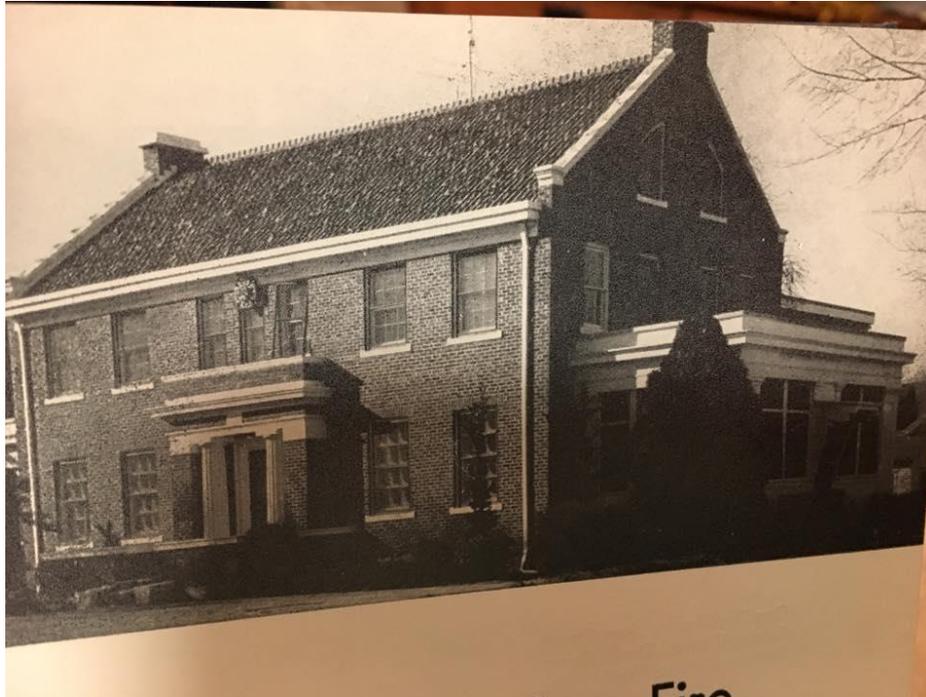
Earl Malherbe back center as identified by Bill Everett, '53 initiate

By the fall of 1948, the chapter built onto its current roster to make a total of 40 members and pledges. Obviously, only a handful of the members could actually live in the quaint little chapter house six blocks south of campus. On July 24, 1950 the chapter moved into its new residence at 402 S. West Street. The house was purchased from W.G. & Vernie McCreary. This house was better suited for a fraternity of the day as it was large, two story, and white framed house with a basement apartment. A new house meant that more members would be able to live in the chapter house, but the expansion of house size was not comparable to membership size. They had a mere 27 members and pledges. That year Epsilon Omicron also hosted its first Sweetheart Formal. It was held in the Student Union. Several years later, the chapter took on another social tradition by hosting a Blackfoot Ball. This house was sold to Glenn and Cleone Hawkins on September 31, 1954 in preparation to move to 240 Hester Street.

240 Hester Street

Purchased from the Gamma Zeta Chapter of the Theta Chi fraternity on 9/13/54. First house ATΩ moved into that was actually built for a fraternity. This house was just one block south of the campus. This house was used by ATΩ from 1954 to 1972.





By 1955 the chapter had expanded to 52 members and pledges. After settling into the Hester house, the chapter moved its concentration towards homecoming and other social activities. ATΩ won first place in its class for homecoming floats for three years straight, 1954-56. More parties were added to the agenda, including the Pajama Game Parties, Halloween Parties, Pledge Parties and the annual Christmas Party with Tulsa orphans. The Pajama Game Party was generally held in the “Nightmare Room” of the chapter house.



Brother Jim Phillips 1966 initiate at the Pajama Party with the house mom and his date

In preparation for the classy Blackfoot Formal, the ATΩ's quickly gained recognition for their tradition by painting black footsteps on the town sidewalks, all leading to the chapter house front door. Over the next decade, the tradition of painting black footsteps earned the chapter much harassment from the Stillwater Police. The ATΩ's at Oklahoma A&M were quickly establishing themselves socially.

Two notable ATΩs around campus at this time were Kim Ellis and Everett Wood. Ellis was a standout track star and varsity basketball player for the school. Wood was a star on the A&M football team.

By the late 1950s and early 1960s, the ATΩs had created a reputation for themselves around campus. The house was very strong socially and was known for its involvement around campus. Grades, however, began to lose priority.



Brother Jim Phillips on the left with his date at the Blackfoot Ball 1968





Epsilon Omicron in the late 1960's

By the late sixties, fraternities were not as popular as they had once been. Almost every chapter of every fraternity saw lower numbers in recruitment. ATΩ signed only 4 men in the summer of 1968. Several more were signed, however, in open rush that fall.

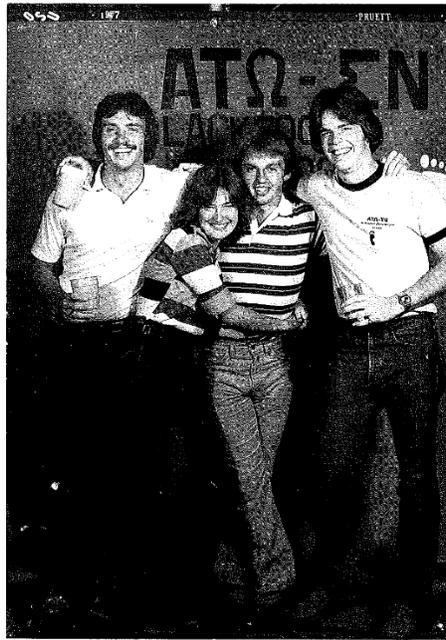
In 1972, the list of problems got longer. The Worthy Keeper of Exchequer, Doug Hebert, managed to embezzle \$670 from the treasury. After an audit was performed by Ralph Franklin '56, Doug was expelled from the Fraternity. Numbers continued to dwindle until 1972, when the 30 man house was filled by only seven men. Thomas M. Keys, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs wrote numerous letters to the National Fraternity suggesting the closing of the chapter. Summer rush for 1972 proved unsuccessful, as did open rush in the fall. The house was sold to L.A. Maciula on October 4, 1972 and the Charter was revoked on December 10, 1972.

Four years, one month and 21 days went by without the spirit of Alpha Tau Omega on the OSU campus. On February 1, 1977 under the influence of several ATΩ alumni and faculty members, David Underhill and several others founded the Oklahoma State University Interest Group of Alpha Tau Omega. Ten men were present at the first meeting. Within the next several meetings, much progress was made. Monthly dues of \$5 were set, and each meeting had a higher number of people attending than the week before. At the fourth meeting Underhill resigned as President to commit his time to rush. Kurt Glassco, the previous secretary was elected into the position. Membership had reached a total of 24 men. Several fundraising projects were completed and a petition to become a colony was in the works.

The petition was completed by March 4th, 31 days after the interest group was formed. In the petition, the group made several goals. These goals were that the group was to obtain a house by July, that the

membership reach a total of 60 men by September, and that chapter status would be granted by mid-fall.

The fall semester of 1977 was just as successful as the spring semester had been. The Tau Colony, after a summer of renovation, moved into its permanent (and current) home in August of 1977. They had functions with Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Alpha Chi Omega. The colony also held a traditional Blackfoot Stomp with the ΣNs. Homecoming was also a success for the ATQs, as they won 3rd place in the House Decoration competition along with the women of Delta Zeta.



Brother Dan Peters, Marianne of KKG, Jack Jezek & Ken Cashion

On October 21, 1977, Glassco submitted the colony's petition to become a fully privileged chapter. The men at the National Headquarters were impressed, and the colony was initiated on January 21, 1978.

At this point the chapter boasted a membership of 48 men.



Alpha Tau Omega

1978  1979

Oklahoma State University

 Wade Escondido Social Chairman	 John Everett Worthy Sentinel	 Rick Rubin Worthy Sentinel	 Nenny Goodman Worthy Knight of the Lodge	 Alan Brown Worthy Knight	 Nancy Warren Worthy Chaplain	 Rocky Higgins Worthy Teacher	 Andy Carriger Worthy Degree of the Lance	 Timothy Smith Worthy Epitaph	 Leo Jackson Worthy Treasurer
 Deyan Alred	 Steven Lawson	 Ken Cashion				 Bill Edfson	 Ralph Jacobson	 Paul Geranodorf	
 Ammar Black	 Randy Mandelstam	 Mark Kufan				 Jack Jozek	 Mark Lane	 Lance Leoster	
 Barrell Mahonite	 Steve Morgan	 Denny Oliver	 Mark Payne	 Dan Peters	 Frank Rollow	 Edwin Thompson	 Jeff Thompson	 David Underhill	 Ray Young
 Guy Bush	 Iroy George	 Bob Reed	 Jerry Roberts	 Mam Hoford	 Neil Rowland	 Clyp Wedge	 Stan Wilson	 Blake Wood	





*Bottom Row: Mark Lane, Bryan Alred, Steve Morgan, Rocky Morgan, Jeff Thompson, Dennis Thompson, Tim Smith
 Middle Row: Rick Paden, Al Brown, Joe Jackson, Frank Rollow, Ray Young, Dan Peters
 Top Row: Wade Exendine, Jack Jezek, Darrell Malicoate, Steve Carson, Ken Cashion*





The first land records on Lot (4), Block Six (6) West College Addition to the City of Stillwater and the property that currently holds the ΑΤΩ house located at 324 S. Monroe can be traced back to S.W. Keiser on April 19, 1900 when he sold the property to L.L. Lewis. L.L. Lewis sold the property to Effie Beeson on April 8, 1919. Effie sold the property to Harry Jones on August 24th 1921.

Harry Jones split the property into the West Seventy Five feet of Lot (4) Block Six (6) and sold that parcel to W.B. Murphy on August 16, 1922. W.B. Murphy sold this same parcel to C.E. Donart for \$1800 on May 1, 1926.

On May 11, 1928 Harry sold the East Seventy five feet of Lot (4) Block Six (6) to The Nenakalawata Corporation and that is where the actual history of our house begins. Clayton Soule and Rex Hendrix are listed as principals for the Corporation. Clayton is listed as a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. Lambda Chi Alpha was the first national Greek letter society to come onto campus on September 15, 1917.



Clayton Soule-LXA





The Lambda Chi Alpha House was designed in 1928 by Austin Welch who worked for David P. Clark Architecture out of Columbia, Missouri. They also designed the Sigma Nu house, Kappa Alpha Theta and I believe Zeta Tau Alpha as well. Final final construction was complete sometime in the 1930's. The Lambda Chi's did not live in the house very long selling it to the Sig Ep's on July 26th 1933. From local ATO History it is recorded that Lambda Chi moved into the old Stillwater Hospital.

On March 4, 1955 C.E. Donhart sold his home to the Sig Eps' for \$28,000 and thereby re-combined the two lots back into one lot. The "Annex" as we call it was now part of the Fraternity House. Sig Ep sold the house to Andrew and Reba Maciula on February 3, 1977. ATO had sold him their home at 240 S. Hester Street roughly 4.5 years earlier.

Epsilon Omicron began renting the house from the Maciula's when we returned to campus in September of 1978. On December 20, 1977 L.A.'s son Bob took partial possession of the home and continued to rent it to ATO.

Once recognized with full status in January 1978, the chapter remained active and involved on campus. In January 1979, the chapter started the Interfraternity Fight Nights program for muscular dystrophy. The ATO-AGR-Phi Delt Fight Nights featured 98 boxers from all 24 fraternities on campus at the time. As one of the largest Greek philanthropies of the year, \$1000 was raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Center in Oklahoma City. Fight Night's continued to be a tradition at OSU for the three fraternities, raising nearly \$15,000 for various charities by 1987.



The ATQs hosted a Yacht Party / Rush Party with Little Sisters and alumni on April 9, 1980 at Yost Lake. This was the first of many Yacht Parties, which soon became Epsilon Omicron's most notable annual party.

By 1981, ATQs were already showing dominance on the OSU campus. The 66 undergraduate members earned the chapter the title “Most Improved Fraternity” on campus. One particular area of supremacy was in Interfraternity Council. ATQ Scott Gilpin served as IFC President (and later as CEO of ATQ Nationals), while ATQ Kevin Shahan served as IFC Vice President. After the end of the 1981 school year, the chapter was awarded an even higher honor, the True Merit Award. The True Merit Award has been the Alpha Tau Omega standard of greatness since it was first introduced in 1967. The award measures chapters in the areas of scholarship, internal structures and operation, campus and community involvement, and an overall balance in chapter programming.



Brother John Hayes and his future wife Bianca Duvall



Brothers Mike Roberts, Tom Jordan (Chapter Advisor) Jerry Roberts, Scott Gilpin & Todd Herndon pose for a group picture as recipients of the 1981 True Merit Cup

This was Epsilon Omicron's first True Merit award, but certainly was not the last. The awards was again won in 1982, 1984, 1985, and 1986. Membership peaked at 80 members. EO was clearly among the top chapters of ATQ. Proving that it was the top chapter on the OSU campus, the chapter won the coveted Dean Troxel Award both in 1984 and 1985. The Troxel Award is given each year to the most active fraternity on campus.

The first attempt of Epsilon Omicron to purchase the house at 324 South Monroe was on December 27, 1984. Ed Everette was Worthy Master of the Chapter. The purchase price was listed as \$225,000 with the original payoff date listed as February 1, 2005. By 1984, The Epsilon Omicron chapter was as strong as ever. Academics were up, the ATQs wer doing well in sports, and the future looked promising with well over 20 eager pledges. Yet, the chapter was one of the few OSU fraternities not to own their own house. After a lot of convincing from Province Chief Tom Jordan, Chapter Advisor Gary Bolstead, and Past Alumni President, L.A. Maciula agreed to sell the house and the adjacent annex for \$225,000.

Twenty five alumni were required to sign the loan, minimizing the risk of any small group of people signing. The chapter was also taking pledges of money to go into a fund to pay for furniture, possible renovations, and eventually to possibly construct a new house on existing property. The agreements to purchase the house were successful, and the chapter ensured that payments would be made, as they increased their monthly house bills.



The Chapter hosted 1989 Homecoming with the Phi Mu's and the project was managed by Brothers Rick Ballard and Danny Vise. It was a walk through house deck and won 1st place among all houses! Brother Alan Bates painted the Spirit Mural and it also won 1st place of all houses.

Just as quickly as Epsilon Omicron rose to greatness, the chapter skidded back down. Membership steadily decreased each year, and behavior problems forced even more men out of the house. Without the house at full capacity, it was very difficult for the chapter to pay the mortgage on the chapter house, purchased just 6 years earlier. Many other bills piled up as well. The first few days of the fall 1991 semester were without electricity and almost the entire semester without a house phone.

The chapter had to act fast or fall hard. In 1991, all chapter funds were made the responsibility of the Housing Corporation, so the chapter could concentrate on recruitment. The chapter was down to 19 members by the end of the year, only 14 of which lived in the house. The chapter owed a great deal of money to the National Fraternity, and was beginning to receive intimidating letters threatening suspension of the chapter, and possibly even revocation of the Epsilon Omicron charter.

This was a poor time for a chapter to owe money to Nationals, as various chapters compiled almost \$700,000 in debt to the National Fraternity, who could barely keep their own creditors at bay. After the first two letters of warning from Nationals were ignored, on February 3, 1992, the Epsilon Omicron chapter was suspended. ATΩ Chairman of the High Council Robert C. Knuepfer made the suspension based on his belief that "a condition now exists within the chapter which poses a substantial threat to the welfare of the chapter and to the Fraternity as a whole." To be taken off suspension, the chapter had to sign a promissory note, draw up a suggested payment plan, and agree to be subject to a collecting agency, Greek Management, Inc.

On April 23rd of that year, the chapter went dry. There would no longer be alcohol in the fraternity house. The Housing Corporation and other concerned alumni began to harness the situation, but simply did not have the resources to diminish the debt. By May the chapter managed to get the debt down to \$15,777.



While all the debt was piling up, the chapterhouse was falling apart. Plans were made to try and raise almost \$20,000 to make capital improvements on the house. Money was raised, but not enough, as donations and loans were offered by a select few alumni, totaling \$2500. On July 8th, James Wincentsen, Worthy Master and other EO Officers agreed to follow the request of Nationals and the chapter was brought off suspension soon after. The promissory notes to Nationals were begun to be paid August 5th 1992.

In an interview conducted with Brother Wincentsen on May 6, 2017 he indicated that before he was elected Worthy Master, he was the Worthy Keeper of the Exchequer and that he inherited a financial mess. "We owed everybody in town money and while it was obvious we were in financial trouble, we had continued to run up bills we couldn't afford to pay. One thing that stands out is running up a \$7,000 charge for Homecoming. As the Treasurer when I started paying businesses back ten and twenty dollars at a time as we could scrape it together, they were grateful that we were making an effort."

After almost a year, on July 12, 1993, the chapter had paid off its promissory notes to Nationals. However, the problem wasn't going away. Other debt remained, and the chapter now had fewer than 15 members. The chapter was suffering from internal problems as well; academics and involvement on campus were not a priority. The perception by the Alumni was that a majority of the members only wanted to party and not help re-build the chapter. Four members were brought up for membership review on September 27, and two were expelled. On December 11, 1993 the EO Alumni Association headed up by Dan Oliver and Dan Peters and the National Fraternity came in and conducted a membership review on all remaining members to determine the future of the chapter. Afterwards, only five men remained to pick up the pieces and resurrect EO. They were Matt DuVall, Jason Allen, Jason Post, Tom Buttress, and Donald Pierce.

In the interim Tom Jordan arranged for a group of students to rent and live in the house to help keep the physical house under the control of EO. "No sooner had we moved the actives still in the house to alumni status and out than my phone was ringing from the Office of Student Affairs indicating there was a group of men that wanted to rent the house." This is how Chapter Advisor Tom Jordon described it at the 2017 annual alumni camp out.

On April 24, 1994, the Epsilon Omicron chapter was reborn with the "Alpha" initiate class being initiated in to the Brotherhood at Bennett Chapel. Another strong class was initiated that fall. Several years of gradual improvement in chapter operations brought the chapter back up to a highly respectable level. While the chapter was slowing rebuilding, on April 12, 1995 the chapter filed a quick claim deed and the property reverted to the Maciula family where the chapter continued to rent it.

In 1998, the chapter set a new standard for academics, averaging over a 3.0 GPA. In 2001-02 and 2002-03, Epsilon Omicron was named an "Exemplary Chapter" by OSU's Interfraternity Council. In the fall of 2001, EO achieved its sixth True Merit Cup, ending a 15 year drought. Other honors of the 2001-02 school year included recognition as the fifth ever ATΩ Roadshow host chapter, and the Celebrate State Award from Oklahoma State University.



In the fall of 2002, the chapter's growth continued with the initiation of the second straight fall class of 20 plus members. In the spring, the chapter, along with the women of Kappa Alpha Theta, swept Spring Sing with 1st place overall, along with seven other awards. With the initiation of the Tau class in the fall of 2003, the chapter stood at close to 70 members, its largest size since the 1980's.



The chapter continued to grow through the fall of 2005, when the chapter competed in homecoming activities with the women of Alpha Delta Pi. This was the first time the chapter had competed in homecoming since the 1980's. The next fall, ATΩ competed in homecoming again, this time with the women of Delta Delta Delta. The ATΩ / ΔΔΔ house decoration placed 5th among all houses.

Also in 2005, the chapter invested significant resources into new kitchen equipment. Prior to 2005, the chapter did not have a kitchen capable of housing a full time cook, so daily meals were cooked in a nearby sorority house and brought to the ATΩ house every day. In the fall of 2004, after nearly \$8,000 in kitchen upgrades, the ATΩ house once again had a full time cook operating out of its kitchen.

The chapter was succeeding both academically and on campus during this time period as well. In the spring of 2005, ATΩ achieved a GPA of 3.16, its highest cumulative GPA since at least the 1980's. Chapter members such as Bob Crume, Tony Dukes and Brad Duvall also served on the Interfraternity council during this time.

Based on the chapter's achievements during this time, the National Fraternity repeatedly recognized the success of the chapter during the 2000's. The chapter won True Merit awards in 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The chapter received True Merit honorable mention awards in 2002, 2003, and 2008. In 2014, EO was named the Top Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in the nation (out of more than 140 active chapters), and in 2015, Epsilon Omicron followed that performance up with a second-place finish.



The future for the chapter is looking bright as the house was finally bought by the ATΩ Holding Corporation on October 15, 2015 for \$650,000. As much as we love 324 S. Monroe the house is in serious need of either a major renovation or replacement. The house was the first house built on campus specifically for a fraternity. It has outlived several other fraternity and sorority houses on campus, including the one we secured from the Theta Chi Fraternity. At the request of Brother Scott Gilpin many proud ATΩ alumni agreed to come together for an important first step in the growth of Epsilon Omicron.

In the second edition of the Alpha Tau Omega manual written by brother Reno in 1929 there is a chapter titled "The Alumni Associations". There is a part of the the chapter I will quote here, word for word, verse for verse as it is important. "But whatever the form of the organization the alumni association seeks to express the loyalty of its members to the Fraternity and their abiding faith in the ideal of enduring freindship. It gives them an oppportunity to advance Alpha Tau Omega; to practcie its principles; to cherish its revered traditions; to engage actively in formulating and promotin its policies; to keep fresh and vital the precious memories of undergraduate years and generally, to make life membership a real and enriching relation with the whole Fraternity."



ATΩ EO Alumni from multiple generations tailgating before Cowboy Football

Over the weekend of March 25th and 26th an ATΩ Epsilon Omicron planning retreat was organized by Brother Scott Gilpin to bring together alumni and actives to begin a plan of attack to address the future housing of the chapter. Alumni in attendance in addition to Scott were Todd Herndon, John Meinders, David Ratcliff, Terry Turman (Head of the ATΩ Foundation), Matt Tilly, Brad Duvall, Dan Oliver, Dan Peters, Jonathan Morris, Kurt Atterberry, Dan Vise, Michael Coghill, Tom Jordan and Chris Cotten. Actives that were involved were Nate Turvaville (Current Worthy Master), Albert Meza (Current Vice-President), Josh Payne, Carson Lile, Zac Tunin, Aaron Dittmer and former House Mom Shelby Clanahan. Also in attendance from ATΩ Nationals was Jaden Brown, Performance Coach.



Front row from left to right: Michael Coghill, David Ratcliff, Dan Peters, Dan Oliver, Albert Meza, ?, Carson Lile, Jaden Brown Top row, Sarah Dittmer, Scott Dittmer, Brad Duvall, John Meinders, Matt Tilly, Scott Gilpin, Chris Cotten, Dan Vise, Tom Jordan, Collin Potter, Mom Clanahan, Todd Herndon

The purpose of the two day meeting was not only to rejoice and remember the great times of being an active in Alpha Tau Omega but to work with the current actives to put a plan together to address the housing situation of the chapter. Out of this meeting came the documents “Definitions and Next Steps” and “The ATΩ EO Strategic Playbook”.



Tom Jordan autographs an ATΩ flag. Once funds are derived for a new or renovated house, this flag will be framed to commemorate this first step in the future for EO ATΩ. In the background with the blue shirt is Jaden Brown from ATΩ Nationals and to his right EO Brother Terry Turman who is currently working for Nationals as the head of the ATΩ foundation. To Jaden's left is Collin Potter.





Scott Gilpin (standing) Dan Oliver seated to right, back row seated Matt Tilly, Todd Herndon, Dan Peters, Josh Payne, current active



Left to right Terry Turman, current active, Albert Meza, David Ratcliff, Michael Coghill, John Meinders



Tom Jordan, Tau Parents Scott & Sarah Dittmer, Matt Tilly, Mom Clanahan, Dan Peters

Epsilon Omicron ATQ Alumni



Alumni are the base of which successful chapters stay successful!

Initiation 1/22/2017 Tim Matheson, Carter Steph, Chris Cotten



Alumni John Campbell, Kevin Corley, Chris Cotten



*Alumni at the 2017 Campout
Chris Cotten, Rick Bridwell, Mike Obermark
Chris Sartorius, Danny Vise, Matt Geary, Steve Obermark, Michael Coghill
John Campbell, John Hayes*



Danny Vise, Chris Otte, Matt Geary, Michael Coghill, Rick Bridwell, Steve Obermark, Tom Jordan, John Hayes, John Campbell



ATΩ Alumni Camp Out 2017

“Membership in the Fraternity does not cease with graduation. It continues throughout the years. “Once an Alpha Tau, always an Alpha Tau”.....Claude T. Reno 1911