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ATΩ to Re-Charter on January 16, 2010 All Alumni Invited



On March 5, 1949, the Alpha Theta Pi Colony officially became the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. Here, a group of students look at a photo of the first Epsilon Sigma chapter initiates following the March 6, 1949 church services. Alumni have a chance to be part of this historic Re-Chartering Ceremony on January 15-16, 2010.

Sixty years, ten months and eleven days since the original chartering of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter, ATΩ will re-charter at Florida State University in a weekend-long series of events and celebrations on January 15-16, 2010.

"This is a monumental achievement," said former ATΩ National President and Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge **Cory Ciklin '77**. "ATΩ became an official fraternity on March 5, 1949, and now we're taking our place again as a viable member of the Florida State and ATΩ communities."

The official re-chartering ceremony will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2010, beginning at 12:00 noon at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee on Meridian Road in Tallahassee.

Thanks to fundraising efforts led by the new alumni Board of Trustees and alumni House Corporation, Epsilon Sigma alumni will present a gift of new Ritual equipment for use during the ceremony and in the future.

Following the private, ATΩ-only Initiation Ceremony, Badge Speech and Installation of Officers, the new initiates, their dates, parents, alumni and special guests will gather at the University Center Club for the Re-Chartering Banquet. Tickets to the Chartering Banquet cost \$40 for ATΩ students and their dates and \$60 for everyone else (parents, alumni, guests). To order your ticket and reserve your seat, visit www.atofsu.com.

For a complete listing of the weekend's activities, see page three or visit www.atofsu.com.

To contribute to the Ritual equipment fund or provide other support for this monumental occasion, complete and return the enclosed pledge envelope or make a gift online at www.atofsu.com.



FSU Fraternity Installation	
Friday, March 4—	
All Fraternities	2:30-3:30 p.m.—Meeting of the executive secretaries of all national fraternities—Office of the Dean of Student Welfare
Alpha Tau Omega	4:00-5:00 p.m.—Model Initiation, Baptist Church
Delta Tau Delta	7:00 p.m.—Informal Banquet, Talquin Inn
Kappa Alpha	3:30-5:00 p.m.—Registration of alumni, house
Phi Kappa Tau	6:00 p.m.—Banquet, FSU Dining hall
Pi Kappa Alpha	7:00 p.m.—Banquet, Florida Inn
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	7:30 p.m.—Barbecue, house
Theta Chi	7:00 p.m.—Banquet, Quincey Country Club
Theta Chi	8:00 p.m.—Banquet, Garcia's Restaurant
Saturday, March 5—	
All Fraternities	9:00 a.m.—Breakfast, FSU, Seminole club
Alpha Tau Omega	10:30 a.m.—Smoker, house
Delta Tau Delta	12:00—Lunch
Kappa Alpha	9:30-11:30 a.m.—Open house and tour of Tallahassee
Phi Kappa Tau	10:30 a.m.—Initiation, Episcopal Church
Pi Kappa Alpha	12:00—Luncheon for fraternity officials
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	10:30 a.m.—Initiation, Pi Beta Phi house
Theta Chi	10:00 a.m.—Initiation, Kappa Alpha Theta house
Theta Chi	10:00 a.m.—"Get Together", house
Theta Chi	12:00—Banquet, Cherokee hotel
Theta Chi	10:30 a.m.—Ball game—U of Fla Theta Chi's versus FSU Chi Theta's
Theta Chi	12:00—Buffet luncheon, Governor's mansion
Afternoon—	
Alpha Tau Omega	1:30 p.m.—Initiation, Baptist Church
Delta Tau Delta	12:30-6:00 p.m.—Initiation, Eta club
Kappa Alpha	1:30 p.m.—Initiation, Episcopal Church
Phi Kappa Tau	1:30 p.m.—Initiation, Pi Beta Phi house
Pi Kappa Alpha	1:30 p.m.—Initiation ceremony, Kappa Alpha Theta house
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1:30 p.m.—Initiation, State Senate Chamber
Theta Chi	1:30 p.m.—Initiation, Alpha Gamma Delta house
Night	
Interfraternity Banquet	6:00 p.m.—Dining hall (All Fraternities participating)
Interfraternity Dance	8:00 p.m.—Student Union, West campus tall fraternities participating
Sunday, March 6—	
Alpha Tau Omega	1:00 a.m.—Religious ceremonies, Convad Little Theatre
Delta Tau Delta	11:00 a.m.—Church services, Methodist church
Kappa Alpha	9:00 a.m.—Church services, Presbyterian Church
Phi Kappa Tau	11:00 a.m.—Religious ceremonies, Episcopal Church
Pi Kappa Alpha	11:00 a.m.—Church services, Methodist Church
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	9:00 a.m.—Church services, Presbyterian Church
Theta Chi	11:00 a.m.—Church services, Baptist church
Afternoon	
Tea, Sorority Houses	

In 1949, seven FSU fraternities held chartering ceremonies over the same weekend. Here is the schedule as published in *The Daily Democrat* on March 4, 1949.

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45 New Members Join Fall 2009 New Member Class



Rushing from a vacant lot at Heritage Grove with giant tents, generators, tiki torches and an RV to conduct interviews, Alpha Tau Omega recruited one of the largest new member classes at Florida State University during the Fall 2009

recruitment period. Under the leadership of Colony President **Kevin Miles** the colony met more than 300 men. After a complex advancement and interview process, the colony ultimately extended bids to 45 young men.

Seasons Greetings from ATΩ

As the semester comes to a close, I can't help but highlight the positive experiences we have all shared. As the Brothers grow closer and the group pushes forward, it is refreshing to pause for a moment and reflect on the triumphs of the Colony. Given, it's not tackling healthcare for a nation. Yet the struggles for a new organization can seem just as monstrous while balancing full class loads, part time jobs and other extracurricular activities.

Last Spring, FSU recognized us for the "Highest All Campus Fraternity G.P.A."

At the end of the Fall Rush season, we had 40 new members, doubling the group in size and kicking the chain into high gear.

Homecoming was a major endeavor for the guys, and ATO's 1st place finish in the University's fiercest competition of the semester was very exciting. However, the most rewarding part of it all was to watch as ATO members began to work together as a coherent bunch to form an unstoppable team.

As we near the holiday season, the Fraternity will now experience the first change of Executive members. As my own tenure comes to an end, I find it hard to express the immense satisfaction with the development of the Colony. The group is fully functional and self-sufficient as it walks in competitive stride with any of the other Florida State Fraternities. I am forever proud of the Founding Fathers of this Colony, as well as the unrelenting efforts of the Executive Board which worked with me. Thanks to everyone else who made this work, and may Epsilon Sigma continue to grow and expand beyond expectations.

Best,
Kevin D. Miles
President
FSU ATΩ

New Board of Trustees Advises Colony

When ATΩ began the process of recruiting new members to help re-found Epsilon Sigma at Florida State University, they also implemented a new alumni advising structure for the colony.

The alumni Board of Trustees officially “split” from the House Corporation to provide direct oversight, guidance and mentorship to the members and officers of the new chapter.

“The BOT is really an extension of the national headquarters,” explained Chairman **Rob Clarke '76**. “We have authority to intervene when a problem arises, but our primary goal is to provide a support structure to the officers to help them succeed.”

“Because the housing challenges facing ATΩ are so daunting,” said House Corporation President **Fred Maglione '93**, “we felt it best to divide duties so two organizations could focus their missions on two very distinct areas.”

Most Board of Trustees members are paired with a particular chapter officer or committee chairman. The BOT member advises and serves as a resource to his officer.

Members of the alumni house corporation will continue to manage the main asset of the corporation – the property at Heritage Grove. They will also continue to explore options and develop a plan to solve ATΩ’s need for a long-term housing solution. Part of this responsibility includes conducting fundraising activities, holding alumni social events and overseeing the alumni communication program.

Alumni interested in assisting as an official or supporting member of the BOT or House Corporation should contact **Rob Clarke '76** at rclarke@ausley.com or **Fred Maglione '93** at fredmaglione@yahoo.com.

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Re-Chartering Weekend Schedule of Events

Visit www.atofsu.com and www.ato.org/atocharterings/charterings.aspx for the latest information.

Friday, January 15, 2010

6:00 p.m. Alumni Reception
Café Cabernet
1019 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303-6144
www.cafecabernet.com
Cost: FREE; Cash Bar and limited food items available for purchase.
Dress: Business Casual

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Re-Chartering Cocktail Hour
6:30 – 11:00 p.m. Re-Chartering Banquet
University Center
Club Ballrooms
University Center Building B
at Doak Campbell Stadium
Tallahassee, FL 32306
\$40 for students and dates
\$60 for everyone else
(alumni, parents, friends)
Purchase your ticket online
at www.ato.org/atocharterings/charterings.aspx

Official Re-Chartering Hotel

Doubletree Hotel Tallahassee
101 South Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301-7774
(850) 224-5000
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Advance Purchase Rate Online: \$95.92/night

Also that Weekend . . . FSU vs. Virginia Tech Basketball

The Seminole basketball team takes on the Virginia Tech Hookies at the Tucker Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2010. To purchase tickets, visit www.seminoles.com or call (888) FSU-NOLE.

Saturday, January 16, 2010

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. All-Alumni Meeting
Location TBA
Come hear directly from the alumni leadership about the state of the new colony and our plans for the future ATΩ chapter house.
12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Chartering Ceremony, Badge Speech, Officer Installation and Good of the Order
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee
2810 N Meridian Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32312-2707
(850) 385-5115
www.uutallahassee.org
Dress is coat and tie.
Only initiated brothers permitted.

Support Spring Rush – January 18-22, 2010

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The Founding Fathers will re-charter the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Florida State University on January 16, 2010. See inside for more details about this historic event.

Homecoming Champions



Alpha Tau Omega, paired with Gamma Phi Beta and Kappa Sigma, won Homecoming 2009 at Florida State University.

