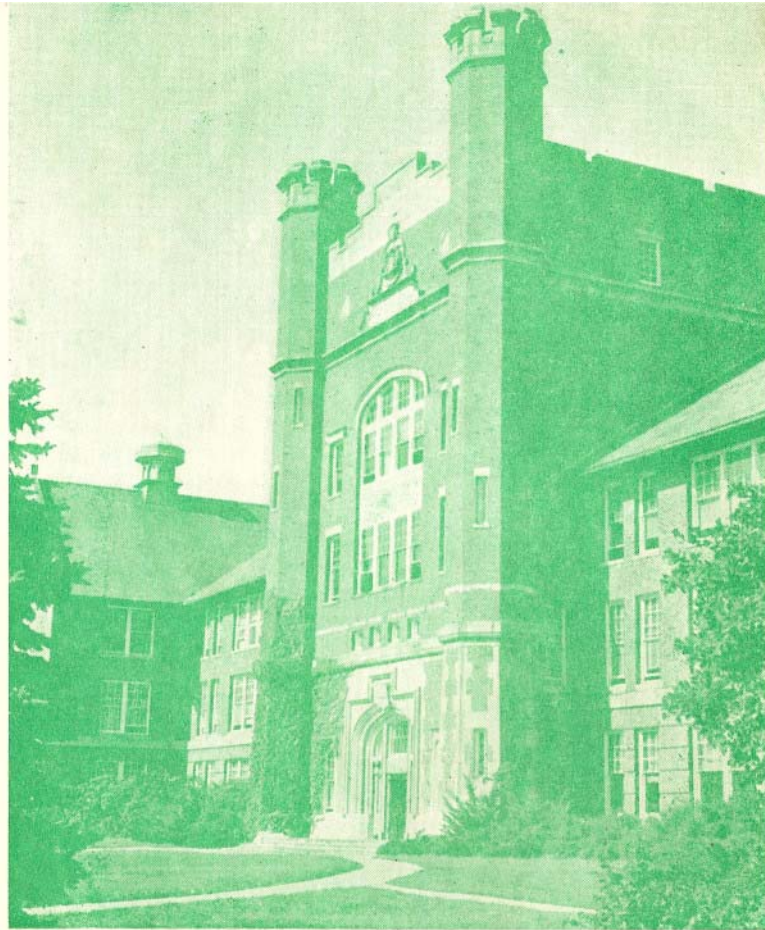


ALPHA  
OMICRON  
COLONY



Petitions

Tau Kappa Epsilon

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE

MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

*a*  
*formal petition*  
*to*  
*tau kappa epsilon*  
*for*  
*a charter*  
*from*  
*alpha omicron colony*



NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE  
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

Nineteen hundred fifty-four

## To the Grand Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon

Gentlemen:

We, the members of the Alpha Omicron Colony of Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, Missouri, do hereby petition Tau Kappa Epsilon for the honor of becoming an active Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Members of Alpha Omicron Colony were selected on the basis of scholarship, personality, high moral character, interest in fraternity life, and participation in campus activities. Our Organization upholds the ideals and purposes of the college, and in the same vein, it may well be stated that Alpha Omicron Colony does not in any way discriminate toward prospective members because of race, color, or creed.

We believe that a fraternity is an important part of college life and that students may profit by membership in such an organization. We firmly believe that Tau Kappa Epsilon offers all of these and more. Therefore, we, the members of Alpha Omicron Colony earnestly present our petition to you to its merits, and ask that we be granted the honor of becoming fraters of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

### MEMBERS

Reid D. Anderson	James R. Gromer	Martin F. Maun
Aldon Addington	William Groom	Leon Plummer
George Brown	Charles E. Graton	Gordon Sickler
Arthur Buckingham	James Hamilton	James Snapp
Allen B. Carr	J. D. Hammond	Thomas Stephens
John R. Davis	Marshal Hatfield	J. W. Stone
Roger Dearmont	Bernard Hatton	Franklin Thackery
Richard Dinkel	Jack Hill	John Lee Thompson
Cyril N. Dougherty	William Hunt	Richard Tilton
Daryl Flint	George Jensen	Maurice Tobin
Donald Francis	Jack Kinder	

## HISTORY OF N. W. M. S. C.

Northwest Missouri State College was established at Maryville, Missouri, in the year 1905 following an act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri creating the Fifth Normal School District, in which nineteen counties comprise this district.

The college functioned as a Normal School until 1919 when, by an act of the Fiftieth General Assembly, it became the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College with the privilege of granting bachelors degrees. On July 21, 1949, the Board of Regents of the College, acting under the authority granted by the 1945 General Assembly, changed the name to Northwest Missouri State College, to become effective September 1, 1949.

The college now employs 79 instructional members on its faculty in addition to members of library staff and office assistants. Numerable jobs are also provided for students requiring work. Enrollment of the college at the present is approximately 800 students, but generally it fluctuates between 700 to 1000 students. The college year is from September 1 through August 31 of the following calendar year. It is divided into the regular session of nine months with First and Second Semester, and a summer session of nine weeks.

### BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUS

The Administration building is the original building of the campus and around it centers many of the activities of the college and much of the history and lore is built around its "Towers." It houses the administrative offices, classrooms, laboratories, fine arts studio, college auditorium, which is equipped with adequate stage facilities and a seating capacity of approximately 1200, and recreation and social halls.

Residence Hall—A three story structure, which provides housing for the women, is an outstanding feature of the campus. Every room is an outside room, properly ventilated and lighted. Rooms are arranged in suites, two rooms with connecting bath. On each floor is a candy kitchen and pressing room, telephone, tub baths and drinking fountain.

The Quadrangle—The Quadrangle consists of six brick residence halls, which provide housing for 190 men students. Quad No. 4 houses the members of the Alpha Omicron Colony.

Gymnasium—Completed in 1925, the Gymnasium provides a complete, efficient physical education plant. On the basement floor are shower rooms and a swimming pool finished in white tile. The third floor contains class rooms for various physical education and coaching classes.

Industrial Arts—The Industrial Arts building occupies 18,000 square feet of floor space in which part of it was constructed in 1931, followed by three additions since 1935. It houses well lighted drafting room, industrial arts for elementary grades, a machine shop, general metal shops, including foundry, welding arts, sheet metal, automotive and aero-nautical work, and completely equipped woodworking shops.

Horace Mann Laboratory School—The college maintains a full time laboratory school, which affords opportunities for student observation, participation, and teaching. Located in a spacious building, which was completed in 1938, the school is one of the best housed and most nearly modernly equipped educational laboratories in the mid-west and is completely staffed with well trained members.

Library—The library functions in a modern, separate building. Its up-to-date and adequate furnishings make the building inviting and comfortable. The library is the literary laboratory of the college which supplements the students' classroom learning. It now contains 45,000 volumes, some of which are government publications. Emphasis is placed on education in both periodical and book acquisition, but the demand for recreational reading materials is fulfilled.

Home Economics House—This house is one in which six home economics majors may live for actual experiences in home management under the supervision of members of the home economics faculty.

The President's Residence—The President's Residence is a stately home located on the campus near the entrance.

The Dean's Residence—The Dean's Residence is a large white house on the campus at the entrance to College Drive.

College Farm—Adjacent to the main campus, the college owns and operates a farm of one hundred eighty acres. The Farm and its buildings provide laboratory facilities for the study of dairying, husbandry, and poultry production. It also provides facilities for studying horticulture and related agricultural subjects.

Union Building—The Union Building was finished and placed in use with the opening of the 1952-1953 school year. Since then it has become the show-spot of the campus. It provides a central dining hall, a ballroom, banquet rooms, a snack bar, meeting rooms for student organizations, lounge, recreational facilities and houses the college stores.

#### OBJECTIVE AND AIM OF THE COLLEGE

The primary objective of the College is the education of men and women for the teaching profession. About seventy per cent of its students are following the various teaching curricula. The college also offers numerous pre-professional programs for the rest of the student body.

The aim of the College is to create a campus environment in which students will find exemplified in the classroom, the laboratory, in social life, in the opportunities for work experiences, in contacts with community affairs, in recreational activities, in choral, orchestral and dramatic activities those conditions which enable students to emerge as educated citizens.

## Sororities and Fraternities

### ON CAMPUS

The sororities and fraternities have existed on the Northwest Missouri State College Campus since 1927. They provide a full well-rounded activity for their members, and regulate themselves through their respective organizations, the Pan-Hellenic and Interfraternity Councils.

Sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Sigma Epsilon, and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

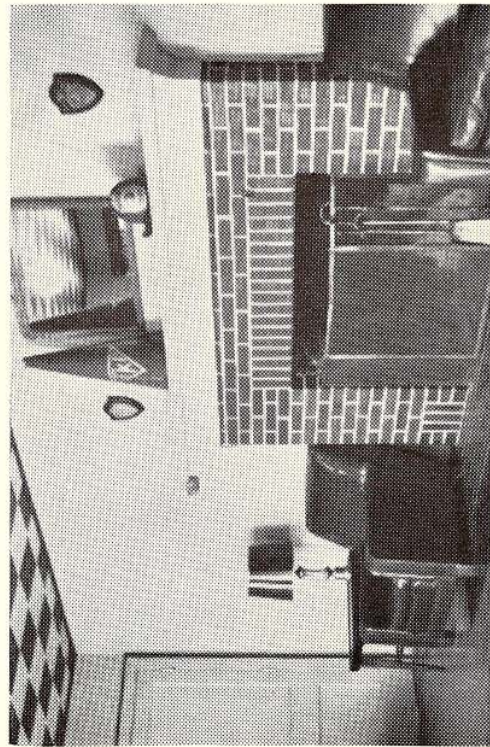
Fraternities: Sigma Tau Gamma and Phi Eigma Epsilon.

### SCHOLASTIC STANDING

The Inter-fraternity council requires that any person desiring to become a pledge of any fraternity must achieve and maintain a "C" average. Alpha Omicron Colony members have met and surpassed this requirement.

### FINANCIAL STANDING

The assets of Alpha Omicron Colony are modest but sufficient. We are in the process of reorganizing our financial structure in keeping with the policy of the national fraternity. We are also preparing a budget for the year 1954-1955. Alpha Omicron Colony is able to meet the financial requirements incurred in becoming an active chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon.



ALPHA OMICRON COLONY CHAPTER ROOM

## History of Alpha Omicron Colony

On January 14, 1953, Mr. Dick Hall, Field Secretary for Tau Kappa Epsilon, came to Northwest Missouri State College to establish a colony. During the next two days, he made contact with a group of students who were interested, and with Professor John Taylor, a member of Alpha Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon and an instructor at the college. With Mr. Taylor acting as Colony Advisor, the group organized as Alpha Omicron Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

At this time, there were two fraternities situated on the campus, but increased enrollment had created a need for a third. Because of this situation, membership increased rapidly.

At the first regular meeting, officers were elected, and the colony moved into the social events of the spring semester. These included: A spring formal, a formal banquet to introduce Tau Kappa Epsilon to the college administration, and the election of student body officers, in which the colony candidate was defeated by a narrow margin of votes.

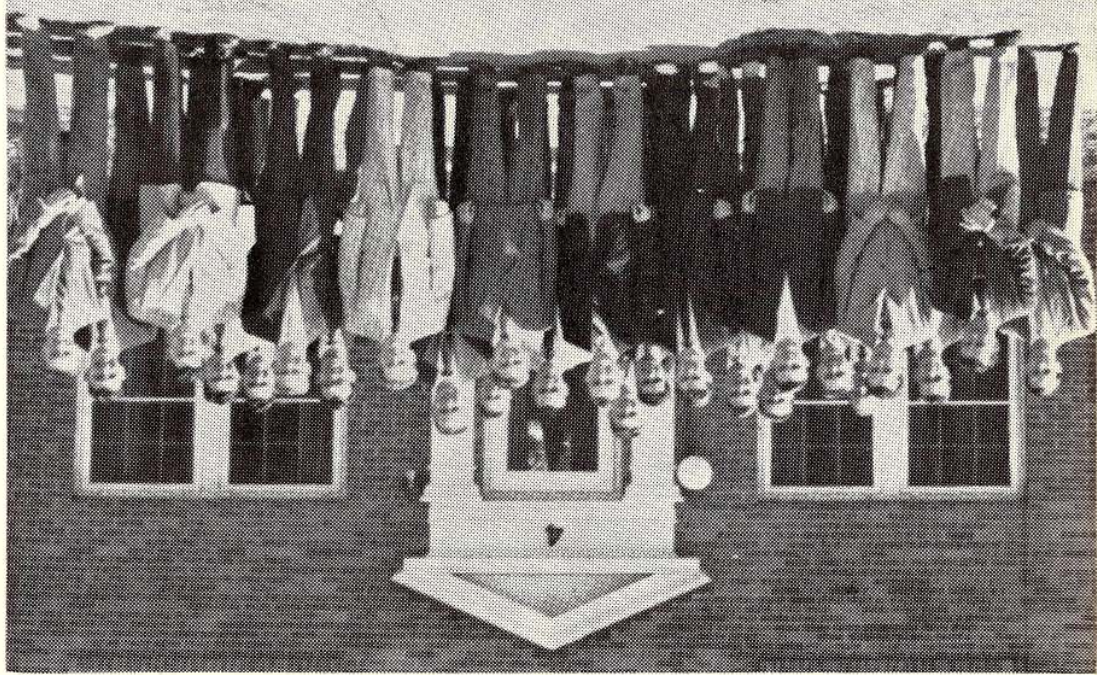
In the fall of 1953, the colony reorganized and new officers were elected. The colony immediately began the work of participating in the annual homecoming celebration. Because of its hard work, the colony received a good deal of recognition in the competition for honors. The colony also had a successful winter formal in November.

During this fall semester a Colony Board of Control was organized. The members are: Dr. Wayne Wilson, a successful dentist in Maryville; Mr. John Mauzey, a jeweler; Mr. Maurice Hamilton, proprietor of a shoe store; and Mr. Everett Brown, Director of Field Service for the College.

Members of the colony have been engaged in many activities. Some of the honors attained by the members have been: Editor of the Year Book; Vice President of the Student Senate, and three senators; Co-captain of all Conference Basketball Team; Co-captains for 1952-1953 and 1953-54 Football Team; Conference Champion Sprinter; State Tennis Champion for 1952-53; Outstanding Athlete of 1952-53; Vice-President and Treasurer of Freshman Class of 1953-54; Vice-President of Junior Class; and Treasurer of Senior Class. Members are also active in depart-

mental Clubs and Organizations, in Band and Choir, and on the College Paper and Year Book Staff.

Activities for the spring semester of 1954 have been limited to acquiring new members at the semester rush party and participating in the annual All-Greek Dance. However, the Colony is looking forward with anticipation to May 1, the tentative date for initiation if this petition for membership is accepted.



Left to right: Robert Davis, Franklin Thackery, Bernard Hatton, Allen Carr, Tom Stephens, Martin Maune, James Gormer, Donald Hatfield, Richard Tilton, George Jensen, Maurice Tobin, Darl Flint, Jack Kinder, William Groom, James Hamilton, Charles F. Gorton, Reid Anderson, Roger Dearmond, James Snapp, Jack Hill, Richard Dinkle, George Brown, Cyril Dougherty, William Hunt, Leon Plummer, Gordon Sickler, J. W. Stone.

## Membership

Anderson, Reid—Senior; Clarinda, Ia.; Education; F.T.A., Alpha Psi Omega, President of Colony.  
Addington, Aldon—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Art; Art Club.  
Brown, George—Sophomore; St. Joseph, Mo.; Business; Vice President of Colony.  
Buckingham, Arthur—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Education; Band, Choir, Vice President Freshman Class.  
Carr, Allen B.—Freshman; Grant City, Mo.; Business.  
Davis, Robert—Junior; St. Joseph, Mo.; General Science; Pledgemaster.  
Dearmont, Roger—Freshman; Mound City, Mo.; Business; Band.  
Dinkel, Richard—Freshman; Greenfield, Ia.; Business; Band, Social Committee Chairman of Colony.  
Dougherty, Cyril N.—Senior; Fairfax, Mo.; Social Science; Vice President Student Senate; Kappa Delta Pi, F.T.A., Editor of Year Book. Selected for Who's Who.  
Flint, Daryl—Freshman; Martinsville, Mo.; Physical Education; Varsity, B. B., "M" Club, All Conference M.I.A.A. Leading Scorer.  
Francis, Donald—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Business; Pep Club.  
Gromer, James R.—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Music; Band, Choir.  
Groom, William—Junior; St. Joseph, Mo.; Social Science; Intra-Mural Sports.  
Groton, Charles F.—Freshman; New Market, Ia.; Pre-Law; Pep Club.  
Hamilton, James—Junior; Corning, Ia.; Business; Homecoming Committee; Past Pledgemaster.  
Hammond, J. D.—Junior; Maitland, Mo.; Accounting; Secretary.  
Hatfield, Marshall—Senior; Maryville, Mo.; Business; Paper Staff.  
Hatton, Bernard—Junior; Corning, Ia.; Business; Year Book Staff; Newman Club, Past Grade Keeper.  
Hill, Jack—Junior; St. Joseph, Mo.; Music; Choir.  
Hunt, William—Freshman; Grant City, Mo.; Chemistry; Correspondent Secretary.  
Jensen, George—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Music; Band, Choir.  
Kinder, Jack—Junior; Mound City, Mo.; General Science; Treasurer of Colony.  
Maune, Martin F.—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Business; Intramural Sports.  
Plummer, Leon—Freshman; Burlington Junction, Mo.; Business.  
Sickler, Gordon—Freshman; Corning, Ia.; Business; Intramural Sports.  
Knapp, James—Freshman; St. Joseph, Mo.; Physical Education; Sports, Intramural Commission.  
Stephens, Thomas J.—Junior; Norfolk, Nebr.; Pre-Law; Dance Club.  
Stone, J. W.—Sophomore; Fortesque, Mo.; Business; Pi Omega Pi, Honorary Fraternity, Student Christian Association.  
Thackeray, Franklin—Sophomore; Grant City, Mo.; Pre-Law; Keeper of Grades.  
Thompson, John Lee—Sophomore; Maryville, Mo.; Speech; Drama Activities.  
Tilton, Richard—Sophomore; St. Joseph, Mo.; Business; "M" Club, Sports, Student Senate, Freshman Class Treasurer, School Social Committee, Past Hegemon, Fraternity Rush Chairman.  
Tobin, Maurice—Junior; Maryville, Mo.; Business; Newman Club, Year Book Staff.

## NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 18, 1954

Grand Council  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
612 East Green  
Champaign, Illinois  
Gentlemen:

On March 16, the Board of Regents approved the recommendation of the Faculty and Administration to establish Alpha Omicron Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon as a fraternity at this college.

The present membership of Alpha Omicron Colony is made up of responsible individuals who are held in high esteem by their fellow students, faculty, and administration. We expect this group of young men to add to the social life on this campus in wholesome ways. We look forward to their influence for good in college life. We have confidence in their abilities and potentialities.

Very truly yours,

J. W. JONES  
President

J:W

*Northwest Missouri State College*

"And the Truth shall make you free"

DEAN OF THE FACULTY

MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

March 6, 1954

Grand Council,  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
612 East Green  
Champaign, Illinois

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the faculty of Northwest Missouri State College on March 3, 1954 it was voted to recommend fraternity status for Alpha Omicron Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon. This action followed a similar recommendation by the Faculty Council and the Student Senate.

In the period of approximately one year that Alpha Omicron Colony has existed on this campus we have been impressed by the rapid development of a group spirit, the participation of individual members in other organizations and offices of student leadership, and by a commendable manner in the conduct of formal social affairs.

I believe it is entirely correct for me to interpret the faculty vote as an expression of well-wishing, beyond mere approval, to which I will add my own personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

W. A. BRANDENBURG

WAB:fs

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE  
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

J. W. Jones, President

Dean of Men  
Lon E. Wilson

March 18, 1954

Grand Council  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
612 East Green  
Champaign, Illinois

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to recommend the Alpha Omicron Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon for membership as an active member in your fraternity.

The TKE Colony has been recognized on our campus as a social organization since February 1953. During this time they have accumulated a membership of some of the outstanding students on our campus. They have conducted themselves admirably and have worked hard to establish a good reputation for their group. They have been very cooperative in extra curricular activities on the campus. They have been impressive in the initiative shown and their interest in the welfare of the college.

The two fraternities now on our campus have established a good reputation and we are sure that the TKES will add to this standard by their cooperation.

Sincerely,

LON E. WILSON  
Dean of Men

LEW:eb