

## **The Alumni House**

Located one block south of the campus at 2222 Ninth Avenue, the Alumni House is the oldest building associated with UNK. It was built as the residence of Dr. Augustus Orloff (“A. O.”) Thomas, the University’s first president. Dr. Thomas and his family moved into the home on February 21, 1907, less than two years after the Nebraska State Normal School at Kearney first started its original mission of preparing teachers.

The acquisition of the Alumni House and the completion of three renovation projects have been accomplished with private gifts. Alumni and friends have donated more than \$250,000 to create the facility. It was purchased from the family of Harold W. Swan in 1980, and the house was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

What was originally a private home has been transformed into a multi-purpose facility of offices, meetings rooms and reception area. It also houses the offices of the UNK Alumni Association.

The Alumni House is a white two-story structure facing east on the southwest corner of Ninth Avenue and Twenty-Second Street in Kearney. Four columns two stories tall support a portico sheltering the east face.



**Residence of President Augustus Orloff (“A. O.”) Thomas and Family, 1908  
View Looks to the South-Southwest**



**Residence of President Augustus Orloff ("A. O.") Thomas and Family, 1912  
View Looks to the Northwest**



**Alumni House About 1980  
View Looks to the Northwest**





**Aerial View Showing the Alumni House in Relation to the Campus, 1982  
Alumni House is the Large White House Near the Lower Right Corner  
Photo Can Be Dated By Noting the Library Addition Under Construction  
View Looks to the Northwest**





**Alumni House About 1985  
View Looks to the West-Southwest**





**The Alumni House About 1990  
View Looks to the Northwest**





**The Alumni House About 1992  
View Looks to the West-Southwest**





**Alumni House, 2009, Receptions Area, Looking Southeast**



**Alumni House, 2009, Receptions Area, Looking Northeast**





**Alumni House, 2009, Looking South from West End  
of Living Room into Dining Room**



**Alumni House, 2009**

**Living Room, Looking Northeast**





**Alumni House, 2009, Looking Southeast**



**Alumni House, 2009, Looking Southwest**





**Alumni House, 2009, Looking West-Southwest**