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CELEBRATE HOMECOMING OCTOBER 26

HOMECOMING TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

The date is October 26th! Just picture yourself sitting in Memorial Stadium watching a thrilling football game between Illinois and Notre Dame! Visualize that world-famous Illini band on the field--marching and singing those college songs. See that colorful football pageant with all the campus queens. It is really an event you just can't afford to miss.

We are taking this opportunity to send to all our alumni a most cordial invitation to be present for Homecoming and make the 1940 Get-Together a real celebration from start to finish.

Of course, the highlight of the entire week-end for Phi Kappa men will be the Homecoming banquet, to be held at the house right after the football game, as dusk settles over the campus and the stories of the thrilling plays are told and re-told--as old friends are met and new bonds formed. Plan to stay over for this big occasion. Don't head for home right after the game.

Since Notre Dame will be playing at Illinois, an overflow crowd is expected. We caution you to order your football tickets early in case you haven't done so already. In addition to the game, and the events at the house, several campus attractions will be held. These include several alumni class reunions, the Homecoming stunt show, pep meeting and a tour of the campus to inspect all the decorations--before the traffic jam gets too thick.

Better try and make it back to the chapter this year---you'll really have a great time from start to finish!

***** NEWS FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER *****

RUSH WEEK NETS THIRTEEN A-1 PLEDGES. Alpha Chi Rho again had a successful rush week. This year saw a return to the preferential system of rushing with the rushees stating their first, second, and third choices and the house making up its one "want" lists. That the system worked well for Alpha Chi Rho is attested to by the fact that the house is now filled with 13 fine pledges, 10 of them being of the class of '44. The following is a list of our new Postulants:

Jim Heeren '44, Chicago; Bill Hoffman '44, St. Joseph, Mo.; Milton Sheffield '43, Maywood, Ill.; Earl Fox '44, Lockport, Ill.; Art "Dumont" Hapke '44, Argo, Ill.; Stan Hanssen '44, Chicago; John Krier '42, Chicago; Roy Nyberg '42, Chicago; Ed Harding '44, Maywood, Ill.; Bob Horton '44, Tolono, Ill.; Fred Ilseman '44, Aurora; Tom Jack '44, Decatur, Ill.; Daryl Craig '44, Galesburg, Ill.

Among the new pledges we have Stan Hanssen Jr., the first son of a Phi Kappa man to enter Alpha Chi Rho. Bob Horton is the brother of Richard C. Horton '32.

We say "thanks a million" to alumni for their fine help in recommending names of prospects and in general helping out our cause this year.

**** A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT ****

Greetings:

I extend my deepest appreciation to every alumnus and undergraduate member for the fine cooperation in rushing. As long as the good work continues Phi Kappa need never worry about pledging good men.

With the new furniture in the library and new lamps in the living room, and with a newly equipped dormitory, the house is now completely refurnished. The alumni who have visited us have remarked that the house was never in better condition than it is now.

Our scholarship reached first place last year for the third time in two years. Last year proved to be one of our most successful years, and we believe that our high scholarship was the significant factor. Activities have closely followed scholarship. The two go together, hand in hand, in making for a strong fraternity and for good fellowship.

Since you will not be hearing from me again before Homecoming, October 26, I want you to know that we are looking forward to seeing the biggest turnout of alumni ever to come back. We want you to meet our new men, see the house, and enjoy a 100 per cent Alpha Chi Rho week-end. Remember, this was once your home, and everyone should get back once in awhile. Drop me a line if you are planning to come--send the money if you want tickets to the game, and we'll do our very best to make certain that you can never say you had a better Homecoming.

Alden J. Schneider.

*** ACTIVITY OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT ***

Promises for a good activity year are very bright. Both members and pledges are keeping busy on the campus this term. Al Schneider '41 is a member of Ma-Wanda and is senior track manager. Jack Gillan '42, rushing chairman, is varsity goalie on the hockey team, and is a member of Tribe of Illini. Pick Deno '42 is a junior hockey team manager. Dick Buckle '42 is a varsity cheerleader; Carroll Brown '43, Carl Mayer '43, and Bill Hibsich '43 are in the Second Regimental band with Bill Hunter '43 in the First Regimental organization.

Oakley Dorian '43 has received his sophomore job on the business staff of the Illini with Bill Hoffman '44 well on his way to the top on the Illio business staff. Daryl Craig '44 is on the editorial staff of the Daily Illini. Alpha Chi Rho is represented in Theatre Guild work by John Tucker '42½ and Lee Hagman '41.

Work in the Advanced Corps of the R. O. T. C. is real popular this year. Enrolled in the department are Al Schneider '41, Bob Critton '41, John Hanson '41, Dick Buckle '42, Charles Perkins '42, Norman Deno '42, and Roy Nyberg '42.

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IMPROVEMENTS PUT HOUSE IN TIP-TOP SHAPE. Phi Kappa can now claim justly to have one of the finest equipped physical plants of any campus fraternity homes. This year saw the replacement of the bridge furniture with attractive worm-wood sets consisting of two tables and eight comfortable chairs. The dorm has also been refurnished with 20 new, double-deck beds complete with Simmons innerspring mattresses. As a finishing touch for the first floor new, indirect-light lamps were purchased. The house has also been completely re-wired and new ceiling lights have been installed in each room. As a finishing touch, we have had new glass-brick shower walls put in the lavatory.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL EVENTS. Bob Critton '41 is our newly-elected social chairman, and plans are well on the way for a successful year.

Our pledge dance will be held on October 19th, and the chapter has secured Paul Reedy's band from Purdue to furnish the music. Members and pledges will bring their dates over for Sunday dinner the following day.

**** NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE ABOUT ALUMNI ****

OUR 1940 SENIORS GET GOOD JOBS. Reports reaching the house indicate that our newest alumni--those hardy souls who received their sheepskins last June, are doing O.K. out in the world.

Charles Norton has been given an assistantship in Dairy Husbandry at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Chuck was an outstanding Ag student while at the University. Dan Nacht is now teaching architecture at the University of Illinois. Frank Linder is with the Rural Electrification Authority at Washington, D. C.; and Johnny Bryan has been made secretary-treasurer of the Parks Air College at St. Louis.

Let's have some more news of these graduates. Send in your "Who's Who" questionnaires.

NEWS OF MARRIAGES. Two of our recent graduates have joined the ranks of the benedicts. Francis Bachman '38 married Helen Mae Lawson on September 7 at Tiskilwa, Ill. His residence is at 306 W. California Avenue in Urbana.

Congratulations are also in order for Bob Holty '37, who tied the knot with Mary Limerick on September 6 at McKinley Foundation in Champaign.

In a recent issue of The Alumni News, we noted the following item about Rex Thompson '20: "Rex R. Thompson was recently elected vice-president and director of Natural Tunnel, Chasm and Caverns corporation of Virginia, and spends as much time in Virginia as can be spared from his New York investment business. It includes his hobby, side-interest, and also recreation...." Brother Thompson is president of Hill, Thompson and Company, investment bankers, at 120 Broadway, New York City.

Up in Duluth, Minn., William H. Stewart '33 has a new residence address at 4322 Robinson Street.

Three of our alumni who make their homes in Chicago have changed their locations. John P. Severin '29 now lives at 9342 S. Leavitt Street; Ernest E. Tucker '38, at 4420 N. Paulina, and Carl H. Zamzow '29 at 9045 S. Laflin Street.

In Aurora, Arthur K. Sanderson '19 has a new address at 1448 Garfield Avenue. We learn that Erwin F. Stahl '26 has recently moved there from Winnetka, and can be addressed at 69 Calumet Avenue.

Bill Hanck '32, an insurance broker with offices in Des Plaines and at the Chicago Board of Trade Building, Chicago, now lives in Des Plaines at 1156 Jeannette Avenue.

News from here, there, everywhere: William H. Henkel '29 now lives in Oak Park at 220 Clinton Avenue. George C. Blohm '17 has changed his residence from Chicago to Wilmette, at 220 Lawndale. Frederick B. Wernsing '27 can be addressed in care of the Edmundstan and Nickols Shoe Store, Centralia, Ill. Address Harold F. Stolle '35 at 605 Franklin in Litchfield.

Almon R. (Al) Mann '22, connected with the Block and Kuhl Department Store, lives in Decatur at 1560 West William Street.

LELAND HAGMAN '41 --- EDITOR

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