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## YOU ARE INVITED FOR ANNIVERSARY MAY 9-10

### ARE YOU COMING?

May 9th and 10th is the date set for Phi Kappa's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration. Many have already written that they will be on hand. Your old classmates will certainly want you there.

The beauty of the whole weekend will be it's downright informality. Long-winded, dry speeches are taboo, and much time has been set aside merely to help Phi Kappa alumni to renew old friendships among the members of your class. If you come down Friday evening, May 9, you will be able to attend a smoker at the house. Saturday will be topped by a banquet to be held at the recently remodelled Inman hotel. Bob Stewart, Curley Walden, Stan Hanssen, and other interesting speakers will keep the party going.

The rest of the time during this weekend is yours to do what you like. We suggest that you include an inspection trip to the new Illini Union Building, and see the other campus sights. Perhaps you would just like to sit on the front terrace and watch the campus life go by.

TAKE A DAY OFF and get back to the campus. Spring is here to stay and the trip to Champaign will be well worth your while and a lot of fun to boot.

Start talking to your classmates now. If you can come, they will too. We need the cooperation of everyone to put over our 25th Anniversary Celebration in a big way. The cost of the entire weekend, including the banquet, is a mere \$1.50! We say that it is certainly money well spent!

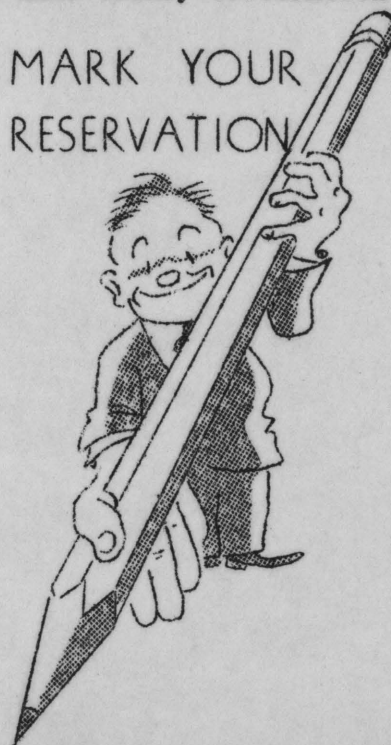
DON'T FORGET the dates, May 9th and 10th. Right now we would like to have you sign and return the enclosed card which will give us the dope we need to make your stay all the more enjoyable. SEND THE CARD BACK by return mail.

Returning alumni are being housed at the Inman Hotel and Urbana-Lincoln. Rates are moderate---\$1.50 to \$2.50 for a single room; \$2.50 to \$4 for a double.

THE MAIN THING RIGHT NOW IS TO PLAN TO BE WITH US THE WEEKEND OF MAY 9TH AND 10TH!

Bob Schmidt, Chairman

MARK YOUR  
RESERVATION



### A WORD FROM PRESIDENT ARTHUR C. WILLARD TO ALUMNI!

To the Alumni of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity:

I appreciate this opportunity given me by the undergraduate chapter of Alpha Chi Rho to join in their invitation to ask alumni to visit the University on the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of your chapter at the University of Illinois. This will prove, I am sure, a most significant event in fraternity history.

Those of you who have not been here in recent years will find a good many improvements and all of you, I hope, will be interested in seeing the new Illini Union which is one of the finest buildings of its kind in the country. It symbolizes the democratic spirit of a great University. It is a place where every student is equally welcome and in which every student has an equal share; a place also where students, faculty, and alumni may meet each other socially and informally, and thereby promote the best in Illini traditions of loyalty to their University and to each other. The sole idea has been to provide a distinguished social center for campus life, which it is hoped will furnish not only service but real inspiration for better living and a finer University to all who enter its doors.

It is yours to use whenever you visit your Alma Mater,

A. C. Willard, President

### \*\*\*\* NEWS FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER \*\*\*\*

The present semester has now well passed its half-way mark and we are beginning to realize that final exams will soon be with us once more. As many of our alumni readers will remember, it is going to be a difficult task to remain on the books with all of this balmy weather around us--including a small amount of Champaign "dew".

**CHAPTER RANKS HIGH IN SCHOLARSHIP.** Phi Kappa Chapter was again at the top of the heap in fraternity scholarship for the first semester of the 1940-'41 school year. Among national social fraternities the chapter ranked fourth with an average of 3.1367. Other groups ahead of the fraternity were Farm House, Cosmopolitan Club, Alpha Kappa Lambda, and Beta Theta Pi.

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.** As the saying goes, out with the old, and in with the new, so it was on March 31 when the chapter held annual house elections. Our new officers are:

Robert Brown '42, President, LaGrange  
Robert Schmidt '42, Vice-President, Riverside  
John Gillan '42, Ritual Master, LaGrange  
Norman Deno '42, Chaplain, Wilmette  
Richard Buckle '42, Treasurer, Evanston  
Roy Nyberg '42, Secretary, Chicago  
Robert Horton '44, Guard, Tolono.

These new officers are a fine group. It will be a real pleasure for the seniors to graduate knowing that the house will be well managed.



**SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED.** Our new social chairman, Charles Perkins '42, has already started his program and is planning a Tea Dance, to be held shortly, as well as a series of serenades (the latter being a profitable investment as the girls reward us with cigarettes.)

Of course we are looking forward to that gala event of the year, our Spring Formal, to be held on May 16.

Our Annual Bum Arts Ball turned out to be a successful affair from start to finish. The dance was held on March 22, and informality was at its peak.

**NEW POSTULANTS ADDED.** Ivan Richardson '42½ is our new rushing chairman, and he is really doing a bang-up job. The past month has witnessed the addition of three new postulants, with prospects bright for pledging more men in the near future. Our new Postulants are:

John Ward '43, Vandalia

Ernest Johnson '42, Wayne City

Louis Scheidenhelm '43, Mendota.

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#### WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS

By Bob Brown

All the brothers seem to have survived the Easter vacation and are set for the final lap. This next month and a half is going to be a big one for Phi Kappa. After the house dance on April 19, we have a week ahead of us before the big month of May.

Mothers' Day falls on May 3. This should be a large event this year. We are planning a program of singing in addition to the annual Saturday night banquet.

We are all looking forward to the 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held on May 9-10. We expect approximately 100 alumni and an attractive program has been planned in their honor. I'm sure it will be well worth your while to spend the weekend back at Phi Kappa.

On the following weekend, May 16, our annual Spring Formal will take place. This is our largest social function of the year and will be a gala event. The following day is the annual Interscholastic celebration, and we hope to have a large number of high school boys staying at the house.

Following this gay weekend, then finals, and the end of another year at Phi Kappa. Uncle Sam may have a job for a few of the fellows, but most of us will be back at the house in September. I want to again send a personal invitation to all alumni to be with us on May 10th for our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

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**GET NEW ADDRESSES!** Here are new addresses received for alumni since our last issue of THE PHI KAPPA NEWS: Bill Bingaman '34 has moved from Chicago to Peoria, where he can be reached at 107 Roanoke. Bob Holty '37 has moved to 320 North Washington, Hinsdale; James Y. Marshall Jr. '29 to 5101 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Mo.; and John B. McLaughlin '28, to 527 Thatcher, River Forest. Jay Trost '37 is now at 211 E. Delaware Place, Chicago. "Current issue of the Phi Kappa News was plenty 'meaty' and they can't come too often," he writes.

**EDITOR'S SWAN SONG.** Now that I am about to graduate, and incidentally, join the army, my position will be taken over by Roy Nyberg '42, who, I am sure, will provide you with the best of news. May I make a final appeal as editor for your "Who's Who" data sheet, and if you feel so inclined, to send your Phi Kappa News subscription. We are always glad to hear from you!

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