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CELEBRATE HOMECOMING NOVEMBER 1!

Remember what happened to Michigan in 1939--the biggest upset of the season when Illinois came through to whip the Wolverines and Tommy Harmon to the tune of 16 to 7?

We're looking for history to repeat itself when the Illini and Wolverines tangle again at Memorial Stadium on November 1, and right here and now we're extending to all our alumni a cordial invitation to be present for all the festivities at the house and on the campus.

Too many regretted not being on hand to watch Michigan take a trouncing two years ago, so we warn you not to make the same mistake this year, but join the crowd that is coming to Champaign and "311" to have a gala weekend.

Highlight of the weekend will be the Alpha Chi Rho Homecoming banquet at the chapter house following the game, but festivities will get underway in a blaze of color Friday evening, October 31, when Homecoming decorations will be judged. Many Homecoming activities will be centered around the beautiful new Illini Union Bldg.

We feel sure that we can count on you to make Phi Kappa's 1941 Homecoming a real success from start to finish by being among those present--remember, WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO COME BACK FOR A REAL GOOD TIME!

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*** NEWS FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER ***

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR NEW PLEDGE CLASS---THIRTEEN STRONG. Rush week again netted Phi Kappa thirteen pledges and despite the 9 per cent drop in enrollment and the opening of the new men's dorm, Phi Kappa came through with flying colors. This year's class of Postulants came from all parts of the state, as well as two boys from "Down East". The following is our complete roster of new men:

Al Phillips '43, LaGrange; Phil Rose '45, LaGrange; Bill Wright '45, LaGrange; Johnny Persohn Jr. '45, Youngstown, N.Y.; Roy C. Smith '45, Livingston, N. J.; William Fisher '44, Roseville; Howie Wissel '45, Sandwich; Dick Davis '45, Maywood; Pat Shawhan '44, Riverside; John Smithson '45, Riverside; Tom Jackson '45, Champaign; John Leslie '44, Tolono; and John Lewis '45, Tolono.

Johnny Smithson is a brother of Al Smithson '39. Another addition to our chapter roll this fall is Bill Greenwood, a transfer from our Trinity Chapter in Hartford, Conn.

Thanks to Rushing Chairman Ivan Richardson for his fine work and to the alumni all over the country for sending in valuable rushing recommendations. Alumni were especially instrumental in lining up our new pledges who hail from the East.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN. Due to a National Defense job, Bob Brown '42 $\frac{1}{2}$, chapter president, was unable to return to school this fall. His place has been capably filled by Bud Schmidt '42. Jack Gillan '42 is vice-president and Bob Taylor has the position of ritual officer.

DON'T FORGET HOMECOMING ON NOVEMBER 1! WE'RE EXPECTING YOU BACK!

*** A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT ***

Greetings!

Phi Kappa is again starting the school year well up among the top-flight fraternities on the Illinois campus. The new pledge class is the best that I have seen in three years as an Alpha Chi Rho. All credit for such a successful rushing season should go to our rushing chairman, Ivan Richardson, and to all the many alumni who helped out so much.

The spirit in the house is running high, and it looks as if it will continue on a high plane throughout the year. Interest in activities, intramural work, and singing has already shown much promise.

With the help of the Alumni Association, we of Phi Kappa have just finished the job started four years ago--that of completely refurbishing the house. All room walls were freed of calcimine and repainted. A new stove and new radio were purchased in addition to a new set of steel dressers. The house is now conceded by the University Inspector of Houses to be the best furnished on campus.

Last semester we again led all social fraternities scholastically with a combined house average of 3.72. I have every reason to believe that Phi Kappa Chapter, with its present personnel, will have an even higher average at the end of this semester.

Financially we continue to be one of the soundest fraternities on campus. However, realizing that all houses are going to have "tough sledding" the next few years, we are going to take ample precautions and save money wherever possible. We have already started deferred rushing for we believe that increasing the number of men above normal will help quite a lot in the long run.

Yes, the picture of Alpha Chi Rho at Illinois looks very good, and all of our alumni can be justly proud of the men comprising the undergraduate chapter of Phi Kappa.

Bud Schmidt

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION ALREADY UNDERWAY. The 1941-'42 school year will see Alpha Chi Rho well represented in campus activity circles. Phil Rose '45 and Bill Hoffman '44 are on the Illio staff. Hoffman dabbles in campus politics as does Bill Wright and John Persohn, the latter two being personable freshmen. Johnny Smithson '45 is interested in Illini Theatre Guild work and Howie Wissel '45 is on the sports staff of The Daily Illini.

The upperclassmen are taking their part, too. Oakley Dorion '43 is a junior business manager of the Daily Illini while Bill Hunter '43 is trombonist in the first regimental band.

Dick Buckle, chapter treasurer, will serve this year as head cheer leader, ably assisted by Fred Moore. Dick and his troupe will wear the traditional cheerleader white this year, as the Indian costumes have been discarded. Dennis Malcomson '42 is out for a berth on the Illini Harrier squad.

Three credit hours are being given for Advanced Military this year, and so work in the Advanced Corps is more attractive to Dick Buckle '42, Charles Perkins '42, Roy Nyberg '42, Dick Kohler '43, Ivan Richardson '43, Milt Sheffield '43, and Louis Scheidenhelm '43.

PLAN FOR BUSY SOCIAL YEAR. The Chapter social season gets underway this year on October 17, with a hay ride and wiener roast. The following evening, after the Drake game, the pledge dance will be held. Johnny Paul and his orchestra will furnish the music, Chuck Perkins '42, our newly-elected social chairman, assisted by Granay Davis '43 and Fred Ilseman '44.

Dads' Day will be celebrated the week after Homecoming--November 8, and we are looking forward to entertaining a goodly crowd of Phi Kappa fathers for this outstanding fall event.

NEWS OF INTRAMURALS. All indications points to another successful year in intramural athletics. We are fortunate in obtaining a spirited pledge class, showing dash and enthusiasm in pre-season practice sessions.

The Alpha Chi Rho softball team looks encouraging with two or more capable men for each position. There is also a bumper crop of golfers, trying out for the two positions on the foursome that now includes only veterans Earl Fox '44 and Fred Ilseman '44. Tennis is also popular. With the addition of several fleet-footed pledges, we should have little difficulty in capturing places in the approaching track meet. The entire personnel of the chapter is showing a better interest in intramural sports to back the teams in the fall.

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

Vic Sholis '31, whose picture appeared in a Spring issue of Saturday Evening Post in connection with their article on Harry Hopkins, is now handling publicity for the Clear Channel Broadcasting Service, an association of the bigger radio stations, with offices at 919 Shoreham Building in Washington, D. C.

John F. Pilgrim '33 reports a new home address at 611 Keystone avenue in River Forest. John is secretary of F. C. Pilgrim and Company, Realtors, with offices at 5637 West Lake street in Chicago.

Clarence Baughman '22, a landscape architect and town planner with offices in the Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga., writes us of a new home address in the G-W-T-W city at 3374 Habersham Road.

Congrats are in order for Bill Bingaman '34, the proud father of a son, Charles Clayton, born on September 18. Mrs. Bingaman is the former Jo Clayton, Illinois Gamma Phi. The couple are making their home in Peoria at 107 Roanoke Road.

Henry Pahl '22 is district manager for General Mills, Inc., with offices in Detroit, 910 Stephenson Building. The Pahl home is in suburban Birmingham, Mich., at 1415 Yorkshire Road. He has two daughters, Barbara, four; and Henry D., six years old.

Byron B. (Bunny) Dressler '37 is on the faculty at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and can be addressed at Box 206, Auburn, Ala.

John R. Davidson '38 is teaching and coaching at the New Holland high school, New Holland, Ill. He is married and has a son, Alan Norton, not yet a year old.

News from the Class of '40: Karl Emch is a designer with James Eppenstein and Associates at 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, where he lives at 100 E. Bellevue Place. Larry Lierman is a salesman with Johnson and Johnson and lives at 127 Harvard Place, Syracuse, N. Y.

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ROY NYBERG '42 -- EDITOR

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