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NAMES NEEDED FOR SUMMER PLEDGING!

What boys from your town are entering Illinois for the first time this summer?

For the first time in the history of organized rushing at Illinois, Alpha Chi Rho and 50-odd other fraternities on the campus will be allowed to pledge freshmen who enter the University for the 12-week summer session. Rushing can be carried on at any time, but no new freshmen can be pledged until June 10.

Involved as we are with finals and the business of getting the present semester finished up, there is little opportunity to find out who these incoming summer students will be. We are asking every Phi Kappa alumnus, therefore to check with his high school, watch for lists in the home-town paper, and talk to his friends and business associates about the men who will be potential Alpha Chi Rho pledges AFTER June 10. We're enclosing a business reply card so you can send us their names immediately.

DON'T FORGET FALL RUSHING! Yes, we're still working hard on prospects for fall rushing, which starts September 6. Date cards have been released to fraternities and rushing chairmen are working hard to line up the best prospects. Specific dates are necessary if we even want to talk to a man in September before school starts.

Rushing chairman this year is Ivan Richardson, Donovan, Ill. Write him at the house for more rushing information or to tell more about your prospect than you can on the enclosed card.

War or no war, the backbone of every fraternity is manpower. This calls for the utmost of effort on the part of every member, undergraduate or alumnus, this year. Can we count on you?

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

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers elected for the coming 1942-'43 school year are: Ivan Richardson '43, Epsilon; Bill Hibsich '43, Upsilon; Robert Horton '44, Iota; Louis Scheidenhelm '43, Iota Sigma; Fred Moore '44, Omicron; and Oakley Dorion '43, Gamma.

PLAN SOCIAL EVENTS

The chapter's Spring Formal will be held on May 8, and alumni are cordially invited to attend Phi Kappa's No. 1 social event. Music will be furnished by Matt Mathews orchestra.

Mother's Day weekend on May 2 and 3 will be another highlight on the chapter's social calendar. A program of general entertainment and singing has been planned for the mothers under the direction of Bill Hunter '43, chairman for the occasion. He is being ably assisted by Howie Wissel '45.

A radio dance was held at the chapter house on April 25. Decorations and supervision of the dances are being handled in a capable manner by Dick Kohler '43.

NEW PLEDGES ADDED

Several new pledges have been added to the chapter in recent weeks. These men are Dale Conde '45 and Dick Johnson '45, both of Rockford; Bob Lang '44 of Park Ridge; and Vernon Gynn '45 of Dewey, Illinois.

PHI KAPPA MEN BUSY IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The freshmen as well as upperclassmen are beginning to really "put on the pressure" along the activity line now that the semester will soon be over and new jobs will be coming out for next year. Bill Wright '45 is in Star Course while Phil Benefiel '45 is making a name for himself in Men's League. Bob Kiester '43 has recently been elected vice-president of the University band to say nothing of being quartermaster for the same organization.

The sophomores have established themselves in managerships of several of the varsity sports. Earl Fox '44, Bob Horton '44 and Tom Jack '44 are managers of track, ice-hockey and baseball, respectively. Phil Rose '45 is out for the freshman track squad. Rose and Wright are chapter members of Star and Scroll, sophomore organization. Maurice Graves is working on the campus Y.M.C.A.

Our intramural ice hockey team came through and won a division championship, only to go down in defeat in the semi-finals of the play-off. The Phi Kappa puck chaser squad was composed of Granay Davis '43, Howie Wissel '45, Johnnie Persohn '45, Ed Harding '44, Fred Ilseman '44 and Earl Fox '44.

Dale Conde '45, Ilseman, and Fox have qualified for spring golf. The spring baseball tournament is still underway, and after having a little trouble getting started, the boys are now really showing "em how it's done". Earl Fox is this year's intramural chairman.

THIS AND THAT AROUND THE CHAPTER HOUSE

The front lawn has been greatly improved under the able supervision of Dick Kohler '43, our A-1 landscape architect....Here's hoping that Mother Nature now does her stuff. Phi Kappa has recently acquired a new honorary member, Tosco, a year-old Doberman. She has proven a noble companion for all the fellows.

NEWS OF GRADUATING SENIORS. Roy Nyberg, past chapter correspondent, is planning on his marriage June 6 to Veryl Thornstrom of Chicago before reporting for duty with the Air Corps along with Dick Buckle '42, who has been assigned to the same post. Jack Gillan '42 will leave May 2, to fill a civilian position with the Ordnance Dept., at Rochester, N.Y. Charles Perkins '42 will report to Fort Lee, Va., for duty with the Quartermaster Corps. Jim Callmer '42 will be posted as an ensign in the Navy. John Hanson '41½ of Evanston reported for active duty as a second lieutenant with the Engineering Corps at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

*** NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE ABOUT PHI KAPPA ALUMNI ***

Gorm Raney '26 is working as an investigator (military intelligence) with Remington Arms Co., Inc., at their Lake City Ordnance Place, Lake City, Mo. Gorm lives at 605 Hardy Ave., Kansas City, Mo., and attends meetings of the Kansas City Illini Club regularly. He laments that there are no Alpha Chi Rho alumni other than himself in attendance. Besides his full-time war job, Gorm is also an instructor-lecturer in Kansas City's Civilian Defense organization.

Bob Bell '29 writes to us from his home in Marengo, Ill., his headquarters for his free lance commercial art and gag-cartoonist work. Bob was married in August of '40 to Catherine S. Hutchins who attended Millikin.

THANKS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our thanks to the following alumni who have sent in their PHI KAPPA NEWS subscriptions since the last issue: Dick Locke '32, Harold J. Taylor '21, R. W. Meals '20, Arnie Reisner '33, Erv Stahl '26, Al Jenner Jr. '29, Ed Schmidt '41, Rufe Austin '25, Vic Sholis '31, Bob Dell '29, Gorm Raney '26. A subscription was also received from Roy S. Lundin '25 who wrote to the chapter about his son soon to enter school.

Phi Kappa alumni in the Armed Forces include Capt. Richard F. Locke '32, Quartermaster Corps, stationed in the office of the Quartermaster General, Room 4629 Railroad Retirement Bldg., 4th & D Sts., S.W., Washington, D.C. Dick and family live in Washington at 5055 Conduit Rd., N.W. He has two daughters, Patricia, five; and Mary, a year old. He has been in the army since October 3, 1940.

Charles L. Wade '41 is a Second Lieutenant, Co. A, 25th Engineers Training Bn., at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Al Wharfield '30 is a lieutenant and is in charge of the army's "Command Performance", daily short wave radio programs broadcast to troops which are outside the U.S. These programs are not heard in the U.S., because all talent is volunteer and most of it has contracts with sponsors which cannot be violated for U.S. listeners.

Raymond J. Sontag '20, formerly a professor at Princeton University, department of history, is now connected with the history department, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. Also in Berkeley, we understand, is Kent G. Davis '30, who can be addressed at 252 Columbia Avenue. He is an inspector with the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Bob (Dink) Malcolmson '42 is teaching and coaching at the Carbondale high school, Carbondale, Ill., where he lives at 609 College Avenue. Bob is attending spring quarter night classes at Southern Illinois Normal.

Arnie Reisner '33 is a buyer of boys clothes for Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago, where he lives at 4301 North Springfield Avenue. Arnie still remembers his summer school experiences at the University of Colorado 'way back in '32.

Erwin F. Stahl '26 is Division sales manager for Lyon Metal Products, Inc., of Aurora, where he lives at 69 Calumet Avenue. He has a son, James, eight years old.

Ed Schmidt '41 is working for the M. H. Detrick company of 140 S. Dearborn St., in Chicago, and commutes from his home at 4200 Grove Avenue in Western Springs.

News from here and there about alumni. John H. (Jack) Rothgeb '34 is now getting mail at 75 N. Griggs St., St. Paul, Minn. Jack is connected with the Montgomery Ward retail outlet in the Twin Cities. Charles R. Leaverton '30 is at 4134 Lancaster in Ft. Worth, Texas. Don Trowbridge has a new Peoria address at 608 E. Forrest Hill. Ray Visser '34 is now living at 11595 Addison Street in North Hollywood, Calif. Nello Farneti '39, a project engineer at Chanute Field, lives in Urbana at 306 East Green St

Add Alumni in Armed Forces: Lt. James D. Lierman '40, formerly at the Field Artillery Replacement Center, Ft. Sill, Okla., has recently been transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "Larry" is with the 53rd Field Artillery Bn. Lacking rushing recommendations, we would appreciate alumni in the Armed Forces sending us their addresses and other news data on the enclosed rushing reply cards.

OAKLEY S. DORION '43 -- EDITOR

Please send news of alumni to the editor at the chapter house, 311 E. Armory Ave., Champaign. If you are getting a blue data sheet with this issue, we'll be glad to get information about yourself for our files.