

# Season's Greetings



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## PHI KAPPA NEWS

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It costs money to put the Phi Kappa News into the mails regularly to alumni, so we urge that it you haven't sent in your Phi Kappa News subscription so far during the 1942-43 school year, that you do so today. You'll really be giving the chapter a boost.

### Vacation Switched

In response to a plea supposedly made by rail transportation officials the University announced in early November a plan for "staggering" Christmas vacations, whereby upperclassmen and graduate students were started home for the holidays on December 15 and underclassmen a day later. The end of the vacation had been fixed so that all classes were to re-convene before New Years. The new vacation dates brought a loud protest from landladies and house mothers charged, for the first time, with the responsibility of maintaining order on New Year's Eve—a problem heretofore in the hands of parents.

Result: The dates for the Christmas holiday were again changed so that classes are now dismissed on December 15, 16, and 17, and re-convene on January 4, 5, and 6.

## This 'N Thata At Phi Kappa

Well the fellows here at Phi Kappa have settled down somewhat for that home stretch "drive." Just a few weeks and the semester will be over. Then—well, we all have our fingers crossed and hoping for the best. With all the studying (?) this semester the fellows have still had time to round out their college life. You know—romance, dances, parties, activities and what have you. At the present time Tri-Delt seems to be leading the campus sororities for the affections of all the fellows—especially the seniors. . . Bets are now being placed on how long it will be before Bill Hunter '43 replaces his pin with a third-finger left hand "sparkler." The other half of this happy couple happens to be Joan Werstler, AOPi town-girl. Stan Hanssen '44, at the time of this writing, has found the girl of his dreams in Evie Straub, DDD girl. Incidentally, you should see "Stano" riding around in Evelyn's little Auburn. The latest pin-hanging to take place is that of Tom Wiley '44 and Barb Benton. Congratulations, Tom.

Bill Wright '45 is currently running back and forth between the ADPI and PI PHI houses. (Sure hope he doesn't stumble one of these days.) At the Winter Formal this year, Milt Sheffield '43 was caught trying to hide behind the drapes with Franny Nicholls, Chi Omega's blond-bomber, when something happened which caused the drapes to fall like the Walls of Jerico. My! My! For the same dance, Fred Ilseman, ex-'44 came back and had himself a fine time renewing his acquaintance with Betty Nelson, Alpha Chi Omega beauty. Warren Lutz '45½ and John Leslie '44 are both connected with one of the campus' outstanding dance bands this year.

This year being no exception, the freshmen have taken their usual razzing. One night, lead by Jay Akin, their capable president, the frosh all wandered out with the ADPI pledges and down into Bidwell's. It happened on that same night the DU'S from across the street stacked our dorm.—Every bed stripped clean. Of course, when the little episode was discovered, it was immediately blamed onto the pledges. When the "frogs" returned the brothers were lying in wait but soon discovered the neat little

job was done by our neighbors. Of course, the same thing happened to the Sig Pi's and the Sig Phi Sigs the same night. Then, of course, there has been the traditional phone booth race and "fire-drills." Don Deno, in the last fire drill, won the award for best carrying out the Fraternity motto, "Slow but Sure."

The fellows are always glad to have the alumni drop back anytime for a visit. Wells Tanner '40 came in one day looking "smooth" as usual in his uniform—same with Larry Lierman '39 who stopped by with his wife on their way back to the service and California before gas rationing caught up with them. Ray Gehlback '40 is also one of our frequent visitors making the trip quite easily as his home is only a short distance away at Lincoln, Illinois.

Dad's Day this year will be one of the most memorable occasions of the year. All in all there were 28 of the Phi Kappa fathers present—this, we believe, has set a new record for Dad's Day attendance. While we were all a little disappointed in the football score, we feel sure that everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Rushing during the academic year since last fall's rush week has proven most profitable with the pledging of several very good men. Their names are: Frank Hill 44½ of Princeville, Al Lundgren '46 of Rockford, Wally Miller '45 of Yorkville, Loren Miller '46 of Washington, Bruce Pinkstaff '46 of Lawrenceville, Wayne Watson '46 of Livingston, N. J.

The Winter Formal this year was held on November 28. This social function has always been one of our outstanding dances of the year and this was no exception. Under the able supervision of Dick Kohler '43 and aided by Vernon Guynn and Johnnie Persohn the affair went off with super-perfection. . . . The house was decorated with red and white crepe paper streamers and with the smooth-dreamy music furnished by Hank Messer and his orchestra no one could have asked for a better setting.

Charles R. Leaverton '30 can be addressed at Route 3, Box 584, Dallas, Tex.; Clifford C. (Casey) Ireland '31, at 1126 Farwell, Chicago, and Donald J. Hawksley '36 at 118 Comstock, Joliet.



WE THOUGHT ALUMNI WOULD BE INTERESTED IN seeing some shots showing a cross-section of life at the Alpha Chi Rho house. The above layout of pictures appeared in the 1942 rushing booklet, and judging from the excellence of our pledge class, the pictures must have had good effect.

## With The Service

(Editor's note: We are making every effort to include as much news as possible in The Phi Kappa News about alumni in the Armed Forces. Please help us in this worthy project by sending all information about men in the Service.)

Ensign Wells M. Tanner '41 writes: "My folks just forwarded a copy of The Phi Kappa News and let me say that I thoroughly enjoyed the number because it contained items and addresses of so many fellows I knew, but lost contact with the years—so congratulations on an excellent issue!

"I have been on active sea duty since last spring. They keep us on board ship with all sorts of jobs. Besides gunnery, which is my main interest, I spent extra time taking

inventories for the mess, censoring mail, and working on the ship's paper. We do, though, obtain a little time off for leave or liberty. I have had two leaves—one 72 hours and the other 48 hours. On my 72 I went up to Ithaca to see some of the Phi Thetas and Deacon Norton. Unfortunately Charlie was home on a deserved vacation.

"This is about all I am able to write at the present. Give my regards to all the fellows and let me wish all of you fellows the best of luck for the coming academic year. My address is: Ensign W. M. Tanner, U.S.S. Wichita, c/o Postmaster, New York City."

"This army life is the nuts, writes Second Lieutenant Roy Nyberg '42, former Phi Kappa News editor, who is now stationed at the Oklahoma City Air Depot, Oklahoma City, Okla. "It's really a fine

place in which to live," he adds. "At present time I'm assistant personnel officer of the post and find th work most interesting.

"Sorry I had to miss Homecoming but I couldn't find a plane going up to Chanute. A couple of other Illini alumni are stationed here. . .

"Keep the Phi Kappa News coming, fellows, because now I can see the fruits of my efforts last year."

Roy was married last year to Veryl Janet Thoenstrom, Chicago U., and his home address is 7343 Vernon Avenue in Chicago.

Charles L. (Chuck) Wade '41 writes: "It seems like ages since I've seen the Phi Kappa boys and I guess it has been at that. There isn't anything I'd rather do than to get down for Homecoming, but you

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know how it is with the boys in the Service. I enjoy getting getting the Phi Kappa News because I can keep up with my class buddies.

"A lot has happened since I last filled out a questionnaire, so I will attempt to tell you. I was married on Dec. 27, 1941, to Marthajane Pease also from Aurora (Oh! how I wish I was back there.) We were married just one month when I enlisted in the Army.

"I was sent to Camp Grant and then to Ft. Leonard Wood where I received my basic training. I was then sent to Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Officer's Candidate School for three more months. It was one of the toughest grinds I ever experienced—a lot of this West Point 'stuff'. I received my commission on September 2, 1942, as Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. I was then shipped back to Ft. Leonard Wood where I am training recruits.

"My father is back in the service again, guess he couldn't resist the urge. He is a major in the Air Corps and has shipped for overseas duty already. Looks as if he's going to beat me over.

"I met 'Doc' Burgy in the depot at Washington, D. C., the day I left there. I sure was surprised to see him. I was sitting there waiting for my train when he walked up to me and asked if I wasn't Chuck Wade . . . I see Lt. John Hanson quite often; his quarters is just a block from mine."

Chuck can be addressed as follows: Co. C, 30th E.T.N. Bn., at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He and his wife are living in Rolla, Mo., at 905 East Fifth street. He asks for Al Schneider's address, and we feel sure he can be reached by writing to him at 1411 Clinton in Oak Park.

In October we received this note from Clark M. (Geezil) Ghiselin '42 who writes: "Boy, it has sure been a long time since I have heard from the house. In fact, it has been a h—l of a long time since I have been around the northern parts of the U. S.

"Right in the middle of my finishing touches as a pilot for the army. I get my wings and commission on Nov. 10. I am in a twin engine school, getting trained to fly the Lockheed Lightning (P-38) and the Douglas Havoc (A-204).

## Fun At Picnic



THAT LIFE AT COLLEGE isn't all hard work is shown by the above picture, taken this fall at a Phi Kappa picnic. Looks like fun, doesn't it?

This is a bomber school but was one of a few picked for twin engine pursuit training."

Clark can be reached through Box 351 at Dade City, Fla.

Praise for The Phi Kappa News comes from Henry W. (Hank) Parke '36, who writes:

"You have been doing a splendid job on The Phi Kappa News. Keep 'em coming!

"It might be of interest to fellow '36ers that my new address will be Lt. H. W. Parke, Co. G, 23rd Q.M. Regt., Camp Barkley, Texas, and that having recently completed a three-months course at the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va., I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps as of September 25." Parke's home address is Genoa, Ill.

First Lieutenant Albert M. Wharfield '30 is on special duty in England, and can be addressed as follows: A.P.O. 512, Force Hq, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

Dr. Wesley A. Gustafson '34 has entered the services of the U. S. Army Medical Corp, reporting for active duty last August as a major. The Gustafsons have recently pur-

chased a house at 6222 North Kirkwood in Chicago.

Clark F. Palmer '29 has entered the U. S. Naval Reserve as a lieutenant (jg) the end of July. He is at present in the D.V.S. (Deck Volunteer Service) and may eventually find action on a P-T boat.

Joe Holty '33 is now working with the U. S. Army as an industrial engineer. Home address: 727 North Lake, Aurora.

Richard W. Barnett '40 in the U.S.N.R., and formerly at Great Lakes, can now be reached at the Navy Yard in Portsmouth, Va.

Charles F. Wade '29 is attending Naval Training School, Burton Judson Court, University of Chicago, Chicago. Permanent address is 211 N. University in Peoria.

Jerry Mueller '30, who went to Japan with the barnstorming Illini baseball team about a decade ago, is aching for a return trip, as he is reported to be in the Army. Jerry's home address is 5349 Suffield Ct., Skokie, Ill.

B. Howard Smith Jr. '20 can now be reached in care of Radio Station WRR, Stamford, Conn.

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New addresses have been received from several alumni since our fall issue. John Symonds '33 is now at 630 S. Home, Park Ridge, Ill.; Robert Taylor '42 can be addressed at 295 Harvard, Cambridge, Mass.; and from out west comes news that Eugene P. Souder '30 has moved from Seattle, to No. E. 1318 19th street, Spokane, Wash.

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Harold J. Ruggles '23 has moved his residence from Chicago to Oak Park, where he now lives at 1033 Ontario Street.

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Dan Vittum '28 has been transferred by International Harvester to Chicago, and is living at 7806 South Bennett. International has Dan watching the auditing of their subsidiary, Wisconsin Steel Company.

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Bert Jenner '29 is the proud father of a second daughter, Nancy Alberta, born on October 20th. His first daughter, Cynthia Lee, is now three years old. The Jenners are now living at 1513 Fargo Avenue in Chicago and Bert has law offices at 11 South LaSalle street.