

With Christmas vacation at hand, and almost another semester gone, Phi Kappa looks back with pride upon the events of this term. Every week-end has been packed with such big times for everyone that we hardly know just where to begin describing them.

Homecoming was probably the most enjoyable and entertaining week-end we have had this year. We had a houseful of guests and among them were Brothers Bennie Smith, Dick Grenley, Stan Hanssen, George Rumsfelt, Val Fuller, Hank Goddard, Don Teetor, Rufus Austin, Eddie Capouch, Bud Evans, Marsh Sweeney, Pat Owen, Mark Corley, John Corley, Bernard Wernsing, Clark Palmer and many others. All the boys had a great time for the weather was ideal, and since we beat Michigan 14-0 the day was complete. After the game we had a banquet, which was attended and enjoyed by all the Brothers.

The week-end of the Northwestern game was another big one, not

only for those who went to Chicago to see the game, but for those who saw it at the gridgraph down here. Brother Curly Walden chose this week-end to pay us a visit, and although many of the Brothers were up in Chicago, he enjoyed his visit with those who stayed down here.

Between these big week-ends we find plenty of time to take an active part in the campus activities. At the present time Brother Bob Dell is making a very successful attempt to rejuvenate interest in the *Siren*. As far as the humor and drawings are concerned, Bob could probably put the magazine out alone, but to fill out the list of staff members he has Brothers Smedberg, Exley, Dwyer and Postulants Odell and Marshall to supply their artistic and literary talent. The business staff is being aided by Brothers Laughlin, McKee and Gustafson, who are convincing Champaign and Urbana merchants that "it pays to advertise."

Then turning to the other portion of the Illini Publishing Company's office we have Brother Marshall, the business manager of the *Daily Illini*. Pony is both a *Sachem* and *Ma-Wan-Da* man and is president of the Student Council. Brother Bert Jenner, also of *Sachem*, is the circulation manager, Brother Kent Davis the foreign advertising manager, and Brother Frank Schooley one of the sport editors. Brothers Wood and Shinn also work on this paper in the copy department.

The *Illio*, not to be outdone by the *Daily Illini*, has realized the possibilities of Brother Dell as art editor, Brother Pierson as assistant, and Brother Barton on the business staff.

The athletically inclined boys did not let the literati alone take honors, for they have made it tough going for all opposition in the intramural department. After a reasonably successful playground ball season, in which we finished in a tie for second, the boys are now preparing to bring home a cup in the basketball league. Postulant Ochsenschlager is now a member of our House basketball team and adds considerable strength to the line-up. He and Brother O'Brien are waiting patiently for spring football to start.

We also have some contributions to make to varsity athletics with Brothers Sweeney and Mueller on the ball team. They are preparing to make Illinois a championship team again. Jerry Mueller earned his numerals on the mound last year with the freshmen and is now ready to take a position on the varsity. Ira Sweeney, already with two "I's" to his credit, is anxious to go out and get another. He had the misfortune of breaking his leg by sliding in baseball last summer, but he has discarded his crutches and is impatiently awaiting the baseball season to show the boys that it takes more than a broken leg to keep him down.

Postulant Odell has just finished the football season with the freshmen and received the coveted "'31." Brother Brown was one of those who helped

to make Zuppke's championship team, but due to an excess of end material Brownly was forced to wait around until next year, when we all know he will show them how it's done.

Postulants Hedlund and Mohler are working out daily in an effort to win a few more "'31's" as members of the freshman wrestling squad.

The dads came down the week-end of the Chicago game (Dads' Day) and proved their keen interest in the boys by bringing down with them one of the eleven copies of the famous "Melton Breakfast." This great painting will ever keep vivid in our minds the wonderful spirit the dads have shown in our Chapter this year. We cannot soon forget that great week-end, after a victorious game with Chicago, where both dad and son got together at a big banquet.

The last game this season for us was the Ohio game, and our trip to Ohio was a success in the true sense of the word. In order to make it a family party, twenty of the boys chartered a bus to furnish the transportation. The boys of Phi Pi in their effort to reciprocate for their good time last year, received them royally and spared no effort to show the boys how they do things at Ohio. And the bunch came back thoroughly convinced that they surely know how to do them at Ohio. Now they are anxiously awaiting the Convention, and if we don't win the attendance cup, it'll be because the trains have stopped running and the busses need fixing. Incidentally the team brought back "Illibuck" and the championship.

Then came Thanksgiving, just to let the boys rest up a little for the Junior Prom.

They came back with renewed vigor and began preparing for the great social event of the season. Seventeen of the boys rated and they were joined by those of the Sigma Phi Epsilon in a formal dinner here, from which they adjourned to the dance.

Then came our first week of rest, broken only by the initiation of Postulant Geiger, and the announcement of "them what rates" the ax-grinders' ball, and eight of our boys rated, the highest number of any house on the campus. An enjoyable time is anticipated by the boys at that university function whose attendance is restricted to a "select few."

Brother McLaughlin, after two years of hard work, won his cheer leader's "I." The Brothers, after having seen Johnny lead the cheers of the huge block "I" in his bright orange suit, feel pretty proud of him.

Ma-Wan-Da, senior honorary society, now has Brothers Sweeney, Marshall and Murphy on its roll. Brother Murphy, our president, is the manager of the Relay Carnival now and has earned a manager's "I" as such. Only one other house has as many in Ma-Wan-Da as we, and so we feel proud that we are maintaining our leadership at Illinois.

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