

At the end of last semester two of our ten seniors, Bob Keister and Ernie Johnson, graduated from the University and are now taking in Uncle Sam's school of knowledge. Our two latest pledges are Frank Hill, '45 from Princeville and Wayne Watson, '46 from Livingston, New Jersey. At the time of this writing that makes a total pledge class of twenty. The fellows in the house are still holding up their end of the extra-curriculum activities. Our freshmen are going great guns in sports this semester. Bruce "Pinky" Pinkstaff, '46, last year's Illinois state wrestling champ, is going to get his numerals and there is a good chance that they will let him wrestle with the varsity and get his letter. Other freshmen out for sports are Wayne Given, who will receive his numerals in basketball, Karl Franson, our freshman track star, and Jay Akin, another mat-thrower.

The fellows are right in the midst of intramural competition. The results of the division water polo competition have not been decided as yet but if we get the division championship again we will have a good chance for top honors among all fraternities. Some of the "tankers" in there swimming (and sinking) are: Bill Hunter, '43, Earl Fox, '44, Howie Wissel, '45, Fred Moore, '44, Ivan Richardson, '43, Jay Akin, '46, and Karl Franson, '46. The basketball competition has started and our chances look a little better than last year as we have a rip-roaring "frog" class that can really "put forth."

This year the fellows have finally settled down to accepting song practice as the usual thing till finally we are now back to the place where we can all keep in tune. Of course, a lot more practice is necessary before we will be ready for the All-Fraternity competition that takes place every year. As yet we have had no reports on how the house scholastic average stands for the past semester compared with the rest of the houses on campus but we all are hoping for the best. Maurice Graves, '45 is our new scholarship chairman.

The social season of the second semester got off with a bang with the Bum Art's Ball. This dance has become a tradition around 311 East Armory and furnishes one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year. The social committee headed by Richard Kohler, '43 deserves a lot of credit for the excellent manner in which they have handled all of the social functions during the past year. This year something new has been started—one "date" dinner a month. Thanks to Mrs. Ford, our new cook, the meals have been fine and everything has gone off in good shape. Also something else that turned out quite successfully were our faculty dinners—not only did our instructors have a good time but it gave the fellows a chance to get to know their instructors better.

Until next issue Brothers, wherever you be, we here at Phi Kappa wish to say, "Thumbs Up and Good Luck to You All."