

♣ THE BIG news this fall at Phi Kappa was of course the National Convention held here. It was quite an experience for all of us concerned. Among many others, Phi Kappa Charter Members Harold Bluhm, Gerald Dickson and Frank Randall were back, as well as the Convention's special guest, Reverend Brother Carl Zeigler, who was one of the liveliest members there.

The house was in top condition for the affair. Since last summer we've gotten all new leather furniture in the living room, as well as new rugs downstairs, in six of the study rooms and on the staircases. The second floor halls have also been carpeted for the first time. A large twin-speakered Magnavox radio-phonograph was purchased with money from the Mother's Day Fund. We were to have had all new dishes and silver in time for the Convention, but they haven't been delivered even yet. Also, the Rat Race Room downstairs, as it used to be, is no more. Last summer, some of the boys, chiefly Carl Mayer '48, Jim Reedy '48, Bob Miller '50, and Howie Nichols '50, tore down the partition between it and the neighboring dark-room, thus doubling its size. Then they built a false ceiling with indirect cove lighting (which gives it the vague effect of a Hollywood nightclub), and the replaced furniture from upstairs, still in good shape, was moved in. Except for the fact that there is cement flooring underneath the rug, it's as comfortable now as the upstairs.

Initiation was held October 7 for Roger Bachman '51, Sydney Skidmore '50, and Bob Donahue '49. Rush week was held just before the Con-