

‡ THE END of the semester is drawing to a close here at Illinois and all the Crows at Phi Kappa are beginning to think about the coming final exams as I write this letter. We also, between studies, think about some of the events of the past months and recall some of the good times we've had.

In October all the Crows were out for the house pledge dance, "The Black Crow" styled after a waterfront cafe. The house was littered with fish net, Chianti bottles with candles, oars and life preservers to add to the effect. Everyone came in costumes adding a bit of French continental, long-shoreman, and river rat.

Brother Fred Waring, Phi Lambda, stopped at the house for dinner between his concerts here on campus the first of December. Quite a number of Crows turned out to hear both the afternoon and evening performances of his "Pleasure Time '55" which really was a pleasure.

Of course, December brought along many parties and caroling. The gals from Palamar, the feminine half of our Spring Carnival team, treated us to a coffee hour with the vocal talents of both houses providing entertainment. Later that week the Palamarites came over and helped us trim our Christmas tree. We went caroling with Kappa Delta at Cunningham Home, Cole Hospital, and Carle Hospital. The children from Cunningham Home came over for our annual Orphans Party.

The house was converted to "Snowed Inn", a skiing lodge for our Winter Formal in January. While it may not be ethical in most ski lodges this one had a blue false ceiling dangling with snow flakes and glittering, white tree branches were placed around the room.

Phi Kappa has elected Tom Richardson president after the resignation of Kendall Griffith last month. Chuck Quantock was elected vice-president and Joe Conover corresponding secretary to fill Chuck's former position. Clif Zabka and Jack Sundene left the Illinois campus upon graduation in February.

Our parting wish is that no one gets caught in monsoon rains such as we had in Champaign the first part of January.

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