

We recently survived Fall Rush and came out with a wonderful pledge class. The following Postulants were pledged:

- (1) Roger Lee Patelski, Oswego '66'
- (2) David Paul Firnhaber, Shelbyville '66'
- (3) William Howard Dyer, Webster Groves, Mo. '64'
- (4) Larry William Eickman, Rockford '66'
- (5) Richard Gene Buchholz, Westmont '66'

I hope that the second issue from now I can report that all five of the above Postulants were initiated.

Scholastically Phi Kappa finished in the upper-quarter of the 57 University of Illinois fraternities. Many of our B+ students returned and several Honor students are now living in the House, so we should finish even higher this semester.

The members of Phi Kappa are all looking forward to the annual Pledge Dance given by the Brothers to welcome the new pledges. The Pledge Dance last year had an Arabian theme. The Brothers and their dates wore makeshift, "authentic" costumes. This year the dance will have a gambling casino atmosphere and the House will be converted into a casino for the night. It looks as though the Brothers will have a swinging time all dressed in their gambling and drinking garb.

Last Spring the annual Phi Kappa vs. Alpha Phi softball game was played. Phi Kappa jumped off to a 5-0 lead which lasted for three innings. The lead was dwindled to a tie by the 5th inning. Then a couple of homers by Phi Kappa clinched the game and Phi Kappa carried home the coveted trophy. As you can imagine the final partying filled one heck of a glorious day.

The interest in intramural competition has risen greatly in the House in the last few years. This interest is evidenced by the great improvement shown over the past year. We finished 13 places higher this year than we did last year and with the increase in participation we will certainly do better than ever before. We now have entered in each event offered at least one team, and in some sports we have as many as four teams. This diversity should lead to several league championships.

All in all it looks like this will be the greatest year for the Phi Kappa Chapter in its history. Good luck to all of the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho in having a tremendous year.

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