

♣ THE Phi Kappa Chapter recently held Initiation; the three new Brothers are Roger Lee Patelski, '66, Oswego, Ill., Commerce; Jeffrey Charles Danek, '64, Westchester, Ill., LAS; and John Wade Shriver, '64, Chester, Ill., Agriculture. The Initiation was held on Sunday, March 3; also celebrated the same day was the 700th Council of the Phi Kappa Chapter. After initiation, both events were celebrated with champagne and a toast to the continuing Brotherhood of the Chapter. The new initiates and their Brothers then had the traditional steak dinner. Upon the return of the remaining pledges to the Chapter house, the new initiates gathered around the front door and issued orders to the pledges to clean the first floor until it was spotless, thus proving that they had made the change from pledge to Brother. Since the last issue of the GARNET AND WHITE, Robert Messer, '65, of LaGrange, Ill., has been pledged to the Chapter.

Speaking of pledging and rushing, the University of Illinois Interfraternity Council has initiated a new program for fraternity rush. Previously, rush was held in the fall, prior to the actual beginning of the academic year. Now, however, a May rush will be held at the same time the sororities hold their rush. In addition, "wild-cat" rushing will be allowed. This will permit Brothers to go to their home towns, talk to high school seniors after their admission to the University, and issue them pledge pins. Thus, many of the positions in the house will be filled without any formal rush period whatsoever. This will greatly decrease the cost of rushing, and will probably insure a larger pledge class for the following year. Several other changes have also occurred. In past years, fraternities have sent individual rush booklets to incoming freshmen; this booklet accounted for the major cost of informal and formal rush. From now on a single booklet, published by the IFC, containing four pages from each fraternity will be sent to each rushee. This will allow the smaller houses with less income to be on the same level with the larger houses during rush. One more fall rush will be held in 1963; from then on it will be completely May rush, and informal rush. The informal rush will not change significantly. This will allow rushees to visit the house, have dinner, and meet the fellows all year long as in the past.

On May 25 we held our annual Spring Formal. The event was held at the local Holiday Inn and was a huge success. The Brothers and their dates swam most of the afternoon in the Inn pool and retired later to the ballroom, where they had dinner and danced the evening away. John Elgin and his social committee did an excellent job on the whole affair. On May 30 the second costume dance of the year was held, the Caveman Drag.