

‡ FIFTY YEARS ago 29 met in a small house in Champaign, Illinois, to transform Chi Delta, a local society, into the Phi Kappa Chapter of *Alpha Chi Rho*. The date was May 29, 1916, and that was when it all began for Phi Kappa. Then on April 23, 1966, some of these same 29 joined with the Undergraduate Chapter, the Alumni, and the University of Illinois in celebrating the Golden Anniversary of what they had begun a half a century before.

The weekend activities began early Saturday morning as the alumni were given tours of the University that had grown from a college of 6,000 students in 1916 into a giant University of almost 30,000. After a luncheon at the Chapter House the Alumni and Undergraduate Brothers met to discuss both the past and the future of the Chapter.

Brother Norton Owen, '16, told of the decision of Chi Delta to petition Alpha Chi Rho in late 1915 and the struggle to become the first Chapter of *Alpha Chi Rho*



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS THEN AND NOW. Left is Herb Behr '16, president in 1916; and Dennis Frings '67, president in 1966.

SUMMER, 1966



PART OF THE OVER 150 WHO ATTENDED Phi Kappa's Golden Anniversary Banquet. A formal dance followed to end the celebrating.

outside the original 13 states. They then presented the Undergraduate Chapter with one of the original petitions presented to *Alpha Chi Rho* by Chi Delta over 50 years before. With these same two paddles, one from Chi Delta and one from *Alpha Chi Rho*, Dennis Frings, Chapter president, then concluded the meeting by telling the Alumni of the Chapter's plans for the coming year.

The ending of this meeting set the stage for the Golden Anniversary Dinner that evening. About 150 people joined in this birthday celebration. The dignitaries present included President of the Fraternity Dr. Harry B. Osborn, Jr., National Vice-President Dr. Amos B. Horlacher, and Assistant Dean of Men for fraternities at the University of Illinois Dr. Stewart Minton. A formal dance followed to climax the celebration.

"We wish all members of Alpha Chi Rho could have been present on this occasion," said Chapter president Frings. "Every one had a wonderful time and we here at Phi Kappa would like to invite all Brothers to our 100th Anniversary some time in the Spring of 2016."

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