

... and Alpha Chi Rho
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Illinois campus over
half as long as the
University has existed

¶ THE UNIVERSITY of Illinois has reached the halfway mark in its Centennial Year celebration. The observance began on February 28, 1967, when the Board of Trustees resumed an adjourned meeting in the office of Illinois Governor Otto Kerner.

In the office, the governor issued a proclamation proclaiming the time from February 28, 1967, to March 11, 1968, as the University of Illinois Centennial Year.

Primarily, the Centennial Year has been concerned with academic events. The five major events of the year include the opening day's ceremony in Springfield, the state capital; Honors Day, held on each of the three campuses in May to honor scholastic achievement of students and faculty; Commencement, the graduation of "The Centennial Class of the University"; "New Year Convocation," a gathering of distinguished alumni at the beginning of the new school year in September, and finally the closing ceremonies in March, 1968, the 100th anniversary of the University's dedication.

Already, during the spring term, the University's three campuses (two in Chicago, the other in Urbana-Champaign) have been the scenes of several symposia, concerts,

major art exhibits and a continuing lecture series.

It has been an exciting year for the University, in more ways than one.

The University of Illinois is gigantic in physical size and scope. High rise dormitories, private and University-owned, leap off the prairie.

From the quadrangle, walking West into Champaign, or east into Urbana, large scale construction projects are underway, providing more educational buildings and cultural centers.



IN 1873, the University of Illinois consisted of three buildings, as shown in this old photo. The building in the background, with the cupola, was the original University building. The building to the right was called the "Drill and Mechanics Building." Both have long since passed away. Today, the road, passing in front of the fences is a four-lane, major street dividing the campus in Urbana-Champaign. The picture was taken from the top floor, the fifth, of the old University Hall, the present site of the Illini Union. University Hall was demolished in 1938.