



University of Illinois

☞ THE Phi Kappa Crows staged the first annual "Alpha Chi Rho Little Sisters Football Tournament" and it was very successful. Following two weeks of games in which over twenty teams of various fraternity's "Little Sisters" participated, a dance was held. We danced to the music of the Nickel Bag, the leading band on campus. Trophies were presented to the winning teams. Former Miss America Judy Ford, who is a sophomore at the University, played on the winning team.

We have two new Pledges, Greg "Tex" Simpson, of Thomasboro, Ill., formerly of Amarillo, Texas, and Bob Wells, of Colfax, Ill. Everybody and their dates had a blast at the Pledge dance; this year it was called "Discovery '69—Come and Reveal Yourself."

In sports we are keeping very active. Football season is over and forgotten. Our fall basketball team has won its division championship. Hard playing and team spirit with good coaching are necessary to be a champion, and the Crow champs have certainly displayed a high degree of spirit. For the first time in many years our House again has a water polo team which swam into action this fall. Skin diving in the winter? Can you imagine skin diving in icy cold waters in Illinois in late fall and early winter? Two Crows are members of the skin diving club and recently went on a series of treasure dives in a 50-foot deep lake near Danville. Dane McCaw and Jim Pautz use wet suits and tanks in their dives and wear 16-pound lead belts as part of their gear. Bowling is an ever popular sport in our House. Five men have formed a team in a league and are in first place as a result of their great bowling. Keep it up, men! We also had a volleyball team which reached the playoffs. This winter we are looking forward to basketball and bowling championships.

We at Alpha Chi Rho would like to extend an invitation to any alums who are in the area from time to time, to drop in and visit us at the House. See how the House has changed since you were here and chat with the men. We always look forward to visits from any alums. Every now and then, an alum will drop a letter to the House telling of his experiences and activities since graduating. A short while ago I received a letter from Marsh Sweeney '25 which really touched me deeply. I wish to print parts of his letter in this article. "In 1970, it will be 45 years since my graduation, but the years have not erased four wonderful years at 311 (the Phi Kappa Chapter House). It was mighty nice to move into the new House, and I for one realize it has been a struggle to keep the property looking just the way you would like it . . . Frankly, time scatters our Grads all over the globe, but there are still enough of us nearby who might show up now and then to show our appreciation of your efforts. I most certainly am one of them.

"You know, when time begins to run out, you begin to put your finger on the really worthwhile things that have happened to you, and believe me, Alpha Chi Rho was a very important one to me." Mr. Sweeney resides in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and the men in the House would like to thank Marsh for his kind words and continued close contact with the Fraternity.