

Phi Kappa at Illinois marks 70 years in AXP

Phi Kappa Chapter celebrated its 70 anniversary during its Homecoming Weekend on October 17-19. Over 100 alumni from as far away as Florida and California paid a visit sometime during the weekend. Some arrived as early as Thursday.

After informal gatherings on Friday, the real festivities began on Saturday. Alumni arrived to see a huge tent erected on the lawn and smell a pig roasting that they would all be enjoying for dinner.

National President Dennis Grim, Executive Director Jim Spencer, and Graduate Councillor Keith Burkes came on the scene as old friends reacquainted and new friends were made.

A fine pre-game lunch was served as everyone got ready to see the Illini take on Michigan State. Although the Illini went down to defeat, the disappointment turned into enthusiasm as everyone made it back for the pig roast.

During the dinner Phi Kappa President Mark O'Beirne introduced the National Officers to all present, and they each stood to say a few words.

Brother Carl Dietz '50 was announced as the Phi Kappa Graduate Brother of the Year for his endless dedication to the Chapter. Carl's award was accepted by his son Seth '86.

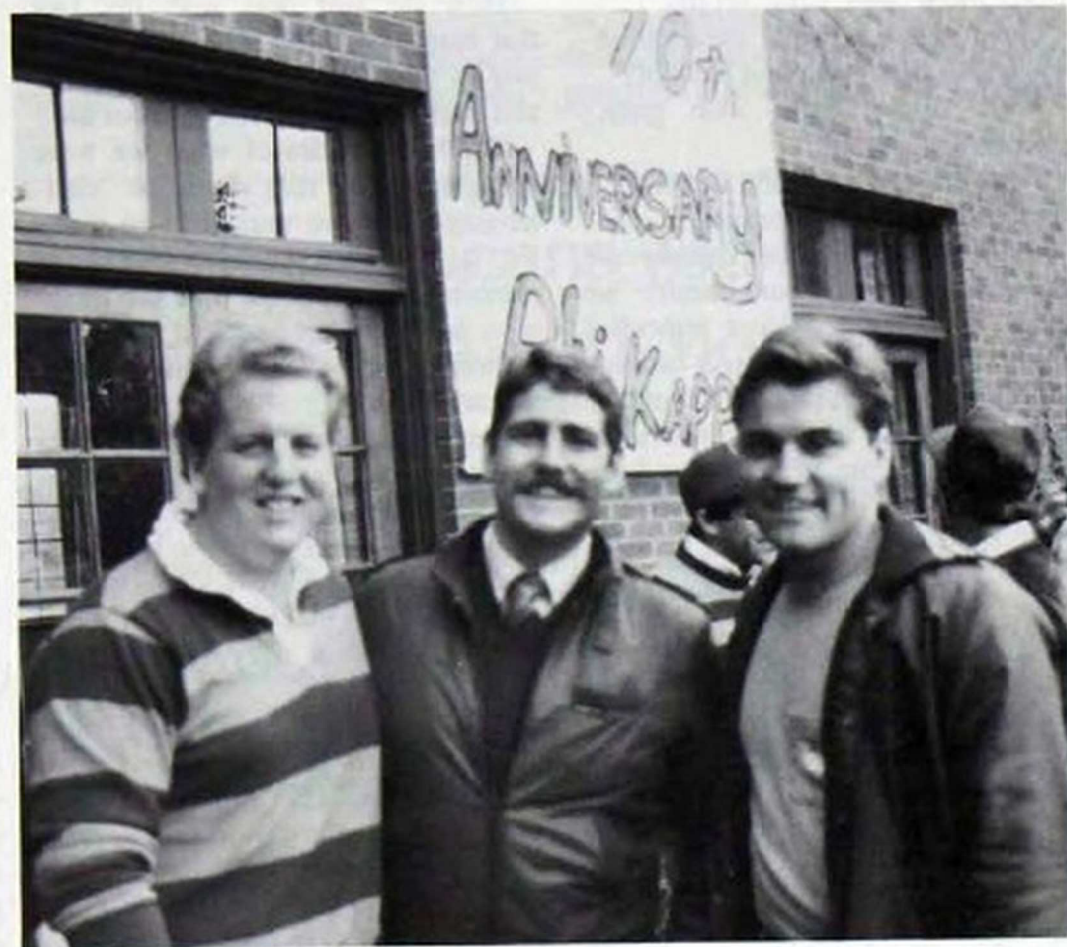
Brother O'Beirne then announced to the crowd plans for an addition to

the House to be made for the 75th anniversary.

After dinner and some goodbyes, the remaining alumni enjoyed a Casino Night and a party with the Crow Little Sisters that lasted long into the

night. Alumni were sent off Sunday with a great brunch.

All those who attended left with a smile, a lot of memories, and thanks for the undergraduates for such a great weekend. ¶



Phi Kappa President Mark O'Beirne, left, with Executive Director Jim Spencer, center, and past Chapter President Vince Kurr '85.