

Our House held a blood drive Oct. 7, and we collected 34 pints in only one short afternoon. Brother Jeff Simpson is currently heading the Interfraternity-Panhellenic Council Blood Donation Committee which organizes a campus wide Greed blood donation schedule.

Oct. 10 was Little Sister Initiation, and a big celebration followed immediately afterward with the super-popular rock band, "Screams." We keep regular contact with the girls, too, at Friday afternoon Little Sister happy hours. The pledge program has been a productive and constructive one for the class of '84. Following inspiration week activities and Initiation, there was our annual barn dance and hayride. It was really cozy on the hayride this year because many people weren't prepared for the temperatures to be in the mid 20's. There was a lot of sharing of body heat.

Nov. 1 and 2 was Homecoming weekend at the University of Illinois; this is where the idea of "Homecomings" was originated, so we really know how to do it. We put on a big steak dinner for the Alumni and later opened up the Phi Kappa Casino for some intense but small stakes gambling. Auctioneer and fellow Brother Dan Talken showed his quick-lipped talents by leading the prize auctions.

Phi Kappa volunteered to host all 50 U of I fraternity presidents for a dinner meeting at the House Nov. 5. The presidents met to discuss current problems and new ideas for such projects as spring rush weekend.

Our pledge class of '84 presented their pledge dance "Alpha Cairo—A Night On The Nile" Nov. 15. We all learned the powers the pyramids can give a guy.

Phi Kappa is proud to announce that it held its 1000th council Nov. 22. All national officers and alumni were invited, and a special presentation on the history and significant achievements of our Chapter were highlighted.

Have a great winter! ♣

**CHRIS CARPENTER**