

Phi Kappa plans for rush, the Greek life line

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☞ Rush...the life line of the Greek system. All fraternities must seek out and recruit new members to perpetuate their Chapters. The methods differ from House to House, university to university, but the results must always be the same.

Each fraternity pledges those young men who it feels will add and receive the most to and from the Chapter. We at Phi Kappa are no different in our goal but, as the following explanation will show, we approach the challenge with our own style.

Informal Rush is our semester long project. Prospective pledges are invited over to the House for a variety of social, formal, and athletic events. During these visits, we stress the informal part of rush. No pressure is put on the young man to commit himself immediately. Instead, we concentrate on making the rushee feel at home, comfortable and relaxed.

Become Friends

Once he's relaxed, we can really get to know him. We try to become his friend. Then, once the House knows who he is and what he is really like and can make an honest choice about him, we decide whether or not to pledge him. While not conducive

to mass quantities of rushees, we at Phi Kappa feel that this method is truly the best way to judge if someone is suited to join our Brotherhood.

A new addition to our Rush technique this spring was our Senior Weekend. Based on our ideas as to what a high school senior would like to see and do, our weekend turned out to be a smashing success, not only in terms of Rushees and Pledges, but also as one of the social highlights of the semester.

For four days we wined, dined, socialized, and entertained a select group of Rushees. These young men, drawn from our Brothers' hometowns and distinguished alumni's suggestions, were invited into our home to see what college life, Greek life, and Crow life were all about.

Honest Look

In true Phi Kappa tradition, we gave them an honest and open look into how we live and learn. And they liked what they saw. Our congratulations go out to Chris Barnes, Jim Ludwig, and Gary Schmitz for becoming our first ever Senior Weekend Pledges.

Finally, the Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho is proud to participate in the greatest Greek Rush in the nation. Formal Spring Rush

at the University of Illinois, with its three days, 55 Houses, and a 1000 plus rushees, is something that cannot be described; it must be experienced.

From our window shaking explosions to open the sets, through the untold hours of handshakes and smiles, into the late night hash and bull sessions, Phi Kappa shows the multitudes what Crows are all about. Formal Rush is very formal, a chance to put on those three piece suits, those pins, and that best foot forward.

Bond Grows

We grow not only through the addition of new pledges but also in the Bond of Brotherhood that this weekend strengthens.

Informal rush, Senior Weekend, and Formal Rush are Phi Kappa's methods of growth. We use these methods as tools to build our House with the addition of fine young men to our Brotherhood.

But underlying these methods is the one line that keeps Phi Kappa a leader at the U. of I., a strong member of our National, and a source of pride to ourselves and our alums: "Judgment not by externals, but by intrinsic worth." Need a Crow say any more? ☞