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## Phi Kap Only House To Pledge Quota



*PHI KAP PLEDGES* — U. of M. students who are pledges of Phi Kappa Sigma are, left to right, front row: Eric Krapovickiy, Auburn; Stan Chenoweth, Skowhegan; Steve Dice, Washington, D. C.; Bob Munson, Portland; Al Mandigo, Natick, Mass. Second row: Roger Lemay, Biddeford; Dave Gagnon, Falmouth; Dick Dudley, Veazie. Third row: Ted Heath, Lexington, Mass.; Larry Cole, Old Orchard Beach; Gerry Auclair, Winthrop; Jim Bizier, Skowhegan; Al Knight, Rockport; Walt Hoyt, Concord, Mass.; Dick Jack, Quincy, Mass.

For the first time in the history of the University there was only one fraternity to fill its quota. We here at Phi Kap are proud to say that we were the fraternity to do this. This is the fifth consecutive year Alpha Delta has filled its quota. Our quota of twenty-

Back row: Skip Ricker, Waterboro; Joe Carroll, South Orange, N. J.; Bruce Johnson, Farmington; Sam Gray, Dover-Foxcroft; Steve Howe, Holden, Mass.; Earle Weaver, Ashland; Glenn Vanderliet, Groton, Conn.; Jon Ord, Montreal, Mass.; Dick Pottle, Gardiner; Ray Thompson, Biddeford; Sam Warren, Buckfield. Pledges not present for the picture are: Frank Joseph Antonucci Jr., Fryeburg; Robert Sterritt, Lockport, N. Y.; Charles Edward Allen, South Portland; William Robinson, Charlestown, Mass.

five is comprised of twenty-two residents and three non-residents — plus three married men.

After three days of contacting the freshmen in their rooms between 6 and 7 p.m., formal rushing be-

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## OUR GOAL

A list of point averages of the various groups on campus has been posted. Among the fraternities Phi Kap is listed in the 11th slot out of 17. The inclusion of the grades of our latest pledge class raises us to the 5th position. This fact certainly speaks well for the pledges who are the second highest ranking, point average wise, among groups of pledges at Maine.

Another not so pleasant fact is the rather evident annual drop in the grades of those same men who as sophomores have cut into the house for the first term. One hears of how little studying that can be accomplished in the dormitories and yet the figures show year after year how much harder it is for men to get their work done here at Phi Kap.

Our present scholarship chairman certainly is one of the most conscientious of individuals in regard to his job but the truth is, as he recently put it, the point average of the house hasn't gone up — it is just that the other houses have gone down.

To improve the study conditions should be the major goal of the house for the next semester. With this accomplished, the high point average of the sophomores-to-be will remain high.

## Newly Elected Officers

On December 10, 1956 house elections were held. The new officers were well distributed between the classes with three seniors, three juniors, and four sophomores taking office. The newly elected officers are:

Alpha—"Doc" Fuehrer, Beta—Dick Secord, Pi—Pat Callan, Iota—Dick Bryant, Upsilon—Norm Descoteaux, Sigma—Art Wells, Tau—Bob McKown, Theta—Bill Hutchinson and Wendell Bragg, Psi—Jerry Vincent.

## Alumni Notes . . .

Phi Kaps back in school this semester:

Al Chapman '54  
Don Rogers '56  
Dave Ober '56  
Ken Walters '57



*At Harold's Club — there's a winner  
every game—————?????*

## Pledge Banquet A Success

Our Chef Neil Caron prepared an excellent roast chicken dinner for our pledge initiation banquet which was held on March 3, 1957. Dave Trafford '39 was toastmaster and Shep Hurd '17 was guest speaker for the evening's festivities. Our guest speaker gave us a different view of Phi Kap that we as undergraduates do not realize. He pointed out to us exactly what Phi Kap means to an alumnus.

Bob Fuehrer as Alpha welcomed the new pledges and gave them a few words of advice. Steve Howe, the pledge president, gave the initiates' response.

A vote of thanks is due those who helped with the banquet. John Day, John Hennings, Jim Dunlap, and Mike Donnelly, under the supervision of Lee Wetzel, committee chairman, did a bang-up job.

We were glad to see a few of the alumni back with us for the occasion. Those who were able to attend were: "Spike" Leonard, Bob Covell, Greg Baker, Al Cole, Al Smith, Jerry Beech and John Hodgkins. We would, however, like to see more alumni come back to these banquets. Such a gathering enables both actives as well as alumni to get to meet one another and to create an atmosphere which is truly friendly and a welcome sight at Alpha Delta.

## Pledge Elections

Elections were held early this year on the 26th of February. Although the men were not too familiar with each other, it was unanimously agreed to elect officers. Pledges felt that the sooner the class was organized, the more effective it would be.

Steve Howe was favorably elected to lead the new class as president. The vice-president position was filled by the capable Bob Sterritt. To round out the fine staff, Jon Ord was elected secretary.



*Hail - Hail - the gang's all here.*

## Pledges . . .

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gan Thursday, Feb. 7, with a buffet supper and smoker. Approximately 100 freshmen crowded into our spacious living room for their first contact with fraternity life, and a glimpse of the combined talents of Brothers Emery, Hutchinson, Bragg and Descoteaux, who provided the evening's entertainment. Friday evening was highlighted by our second annual Hobo dance. The assembled congregation in keeping with the theme were in their best tattered clothes.

The following night was topped off with an informal cut-in dance. Many brothers and freshmen were seen dancing with a broom or a partner. The weekend was climaxed by a very successful jam session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Along with the jam session Chi Omega sorority supplied us with some very fine entertainment. Monday night Dr. Quick, of the Forestry Department, showed very interesting slides of his recent trip to New Zealand. This was arranged by Brothers Garry VanWart and Ben Day. The following evening saw Phi Kap with the girls from Tri Delt sorority along with all the rushees. The girls supplied us with some fine entertainment and then everyone joined in on some group singing under the leadership of Brother Elliot.

Wednesday night Les Whitham and Pat Callan provided Pizzas for about 100 brothers and rushees. Thursday night many freshmen saw Phi Kap have a successful night at basketball. Afterwards, slides of many of the house activities were shown by Brother VanWart. This rounded out another busy week and once more the weekend was upon us. Friday night after a varsity basketball game a crazy hat dance was held. The interior of Phi Kap took on a new look for Saturday night. This was our annual Harold's Club. About 150 couples spent the night winning and losing fortunes at all their favorite gambling games. Sunday ended Rushing with a formal noon meal.

## Something New Has Been Added

On every other Tuesday night the sedate confines of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house are invaded by an eager bevy of young women. These invasions are the happy result of an October 14, 1956, meeting at which the preliminary plans for a Phi Kap wives' club were laid. Since that date an original membership of twelve wives has grown to nineteen, officers have been elected (Anita Moulton, president, Charlotte Whitham, vice-president, Joyce Butler, secretary-treasurer, and Connie Leslie and Joan Hutchinson, co-social chairmen), a constitution and by-laws have been drawn up, and a name has been chosen. After much debate and few ideas the wives decided to call themselves "The Femme Phi Kaps," which is intended to mean - and here one must apply a very loose translation - "the feminine Phi Kaps"!

The over-all purpose of the group is, I think, clearly stated in the preamble to the club's constitution. It reads: "We, the wives of brothers of the Alpha Delta chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, do hereby form ourselves into a group for the purpose of promoting better relations between the married brothers and their house, of establishing a social contact for the wives of brothers, of furthering relations among these married couples, and for the purpose of assisting the Phi Kappa Sigma House with such activities as warrant our interest." Efforts to fulfill these noble resolves have kept the wives busy during the past few months. In the fall, on Homecoming Weekend, the group served an after-the-game coffee at the fraternity house. Many of the brothers present felt that the coffee aided greatly in welcoming returning alumni and friends. The next project, a food sale, was undertaken in an effort to swell the club's treasury. Happily the sale was successful. A further effort to bring in funds was a semester-long, weekly sale of homemade cakes and cookies at the Dunn Hall cafeteria. This project was terminated with the sale of a vast supply of popcorn balls, which were made by the wives on a memorable December evening. Present projects include the making of a supply of blindfolds for the brothers' use and a March 9th Rathskeller party. Parents' Weekend will find representative of the group assisting with the serving of refreshments at the house.

With an election of new officers coming up in April, the present Femme Phi Kaps are looking forward to another successful year. In closing may I say, the wives have heard rumors that theirs is the second such group to be organized at Phi Kap. If any alumnus knows of another wives' club and of its fate, the present wives would be happy to have such information. Just address our president in care of the fraternity house.

## Social Whirl

If Maine's fraternities were rated on a social scale, Phi Kap would be right up there on top. After a successful fall semester with such highlights as Homecoming, Fall House Parties, Military Ball and various other parties and dances dominating the scene, rushing welcomed in the new semester. Our annual Harold's Club and our 2nd annual Hobo Dance were the biggest crowd pleasers of the rushing period.

Soon thereafter Winter Carnival rolled around and with it came snow and the inimitable snow sculptures as well as the Intramural Ball, ski events and Skit Night. We didn't come out on top in the Snow Sculpturing Contest, but the Skull House presented a skit which was a takeoff of the Wide Wide World, "Shrinking Shrinking Sphere" with Kelly Elliot and Bones Newhall taking the leading roles, which managed to walk away with top honors.

So far this year, Phi Kap has played host to A O Pi, and Chi Omega sororities. O'Neil Caron's fabulous Parisienne Spaghetti dinners and a touch of after dinner entertainment made both evenings very enjoyable.

After Pledge Formals and the Sophomore Hop drew many of us into the campus social whirl, a new addition was added to our party roster. Phi Kaps' wives club, "The Femme Phi Kaps" came up with probably the most original idea for a party since Harold's Club. The party was based on the theme of a German Rathskeller with the wives providing refreshments and entertainment. The party was a great success and we're all looking forward to the "femmes'" next production. With Spring House Parties, the Gangster Party, and several other big events in the offing, Phi Kap is sure to have another big social season this season.

## Sports

The Phi Kap's tracksters produced the biggest upset of the year in interfraternity athletics by winning the Intramural Track Meet. Although not even recognized as one of the powers, our five man entry walked away with top honors. They ran, hurdled, and jumped their way to 27 1/3 points. The big man of the day for Skulls was "Tony" Linnell who gathered in three first places for a tremendous individual effort. John Day contributed a first and a third. Other Phi Kap "point getters" were Jerry Lambert, Wendell Bragg, and Art Wells.

In basketball this year we have turned out another fair team. Throughout the season the scoring and all-around playing of Mark Biscoe and Norm Desco-teaux have led us to a present record of 7 wins and 7 losses.

The handball season, which is now nearly half over, shows Phi Kap with a better than average entry. With Bob McKown and Dave Waite bearing most of



*Doug Emery and the "Apache" cut it up for the folks.*

## Alumni Notes

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of the following brothers:

Alfred A. Starbird '98—December 13, 1956 in Burlington, Vt.

William E. Stone '07—November 15, 1956 in Seattle, Wash.

John L. Whittier '16—July 6, 1956 in Needham, Mass.

Percy A. Power '20—December 14, 1956 in Waterbury, Conn.

Kenneth O. Anderson '29—September 20, 1956 in North Amity, Maine.

Ernest E. Mueller '32—January 12, 1956 in Coshoc-ton, Ohio.

Nathan W. Fellows Jr. '38—August 27, 1956 in Augusta, Maine.

It's great to see old grads drop in and recently quite a few have come around to say "Hi". A quick run down of those who have dropped by would go something like this: A. D. T. Libby '98, Foster "Shiny" Shibles '56, Al Leo '54, Gil Leslie '56, Norm Fuller '56, Jim Buzzell '54, Hank Allen '41, Dave Gates '54, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reynolds '55, John T. Skolfield '24, Mr. and Mrs. Edric Starbird '56, Leon Kozikowski '57, Jerry Beach '53, Al Smith '53, Al Cole '52.

the load, we have managed to compile a record of 3 wins and 2 losses.

Jumping the gun a bit we're looking forward to a great team when the softball season rolls around. The sophomores should really bolster our squad this year.

That's all the sports for now; be seeing you next time around.