



AT THE BETA HOUSE

The Betas started 1941-42 off with a bang by pledging twenty-one men during Rush Week. Special Pledge Day ceremonies were attended by faculty brothers, including three Beta Presidents of Davidson College. A brisk and colorful fall saw the usual round of feeds and informal parties after football games. Intramural football, a study hall for freshmen, and the initiation of three upperclassmen punctuated the autumn routine. The fall's big event was Homecoming week-end. Directed by Joe Barnwell, Phi Alpha chapter took second in the decorations contest. Social occasions included the annual alumni banquet and an intermission party at Bob Welsh's home. The winter months opened brilliantly with a successful Christmas party. The traditional Christmas tree on Friday night featured a play by the pledges, and Saturday night was given over to a banquet and dance at the Charlotte Country Club. Christmas holidays and the "long drive" for

exams took up all available time for the next month or so. After Midwinters with Jack Philips in the figure and a third banquet started intensive pledge training in the history of the chapter, with Phi Alpha's unique chapter history as text. This period of training was climaxed by the initiation of a splendid group of fourteen men on February 21. Spring saw the start on the construction of a brick terrace in the rear of the house. Plans for a gala spring function were in progress as the annual went to press. Beta interfraternity teams, under Burkhead Walker's leadership, had scrapped through football and basketball season, and were limbering up for spring sports. The entire chapter enjoyed the remaining Pan-Hellenic dances which included the Military-"D" Club, Dance and Spring Frolics. Officers for the year were: Albert Winn, president; Bob Rankin, vice-president; Craig Schmidt, secretary; and Paul Efirid, treasurer.