

The new Correspondent, having just finished the article on chapter letters in "Hints for Chapter Correspondents," has pushed out several Brothers who were scrambling in his room for dances at the Military Ball tomorrow night. He has shoved all débris from his study table; he has securely locked Duffy II, the bull pup, in the basement, and now not a sound can be heard save the low murmuring of some talkative Brother on the other side of the partition. Picture, if you can, Phi Kappa during study hours.

By this morning's *Illini* we notice that Phi Kappa has 34.3 per cent of her men in service, which places her above the average of 28.93 per cent. Three of our sophomore Brothers—Lilley, Sontag, and B. H. Smith—have been granted acting commissions as lieutenants in the University Brigade, and since cadets have been asked to wear their uniforms all of the time, Phi Kappa has taken on quite a military aspect. In fact the entire University seems alive with men serving Uncle Sam. Our School of Military Aeronautics has been doubled to twelve hundred men and the new Women's Dormitory has been given up for their accommodation.

On the bulletin board between the letters from the other Phi's a letter from some Brother in France always appears. Brother Meals writes of some interesting experiences while serving at the front as second pharmacist mate in the hospital corps of Aviation. Brother Reed has recently landed in the balloon division of the Radio service and, of course, Brother Ferguson writes us occasionally of his experiences.

Our annual initiation and banquet was held on January 12. Seven freshmen were initiated: W. W. Hegan, G. F. Moulton, R. L. McClelland, G. H. Printup, M. E. Capouch, H. J. Taylor, and D. O. Howard. The banquet assumed, both in decorations and spirit, an atmosphere quite in keeping with the times, and was made more realistic by the fact that Brother Brotherton attended wearing a helmet bandage, made necessary by a drop from his plane 500 feet at Kelly Field, Texas. M. G. Goddard, a postulant, who in the fall of 1916 was forced to leave school because of his eyes and who reëntered again last fall, was to have been initiated but was suddenly called into service. He intended to return on the day of initiation, but owing to the "worst blizzard in the history of Illinois" he could not make train connections and has been forced to go South uninitiated. He carries with him the best wishes and hopes of the chapter, and we sincerely trust that some day he may be initiated.

Phi Kappa, according to latest statistics, is represented in sixty per cent of the activities at Illinois, averaging four to the man.

Brother Sontag has been serving on the Military Ball committee. Brother Logan Smith has been appointed by the Vice-president of the University to the Committee on Conservation and Economy. Brothers Smith and Thompson have been appointed to the University War Lecture Committee. Brother Barnes is a