

When the coal shortage of last December forced the University to close its doors, everybody rejoiced over extended vacation. But when the first of January came, and things began to move faster in the scholastic world than they ever had before, the note of joy changed to one of alarm. The work of the two weeks of enforced idleness had to be made up, and the semester completed on the scheduled date. So everybody dug their noses into their books and didn't come up for air until the last torturing examination was successfully completed.

While we were relaxing, after the strain of our four-hour sessions, the Junior Prom took place, being staged in its usual burst of glory, with the same scurrying for corsages and cabs, as had been attendant upon it for the years past. Brother Myron Goddard served on the Prom Committee, and judging from the number of excited inquiries for him, he did his part to make the affair the success it was.

After registration, the Military Ball was the event of the hour. Brother A. H. Bodenschatz, colonel of the brigade, was chairman of the committee, and certainly accomplished his aim: to put across the best Post-War formal affair which Illinois has seen. From the time when the orchestra struck up, and Col. "Bodie" led the grand march, to the time when taps were sounded to indicate the passing of the 1920 Military Ball, all those present enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Brother G. E. Dickson was also a member of the Committee, and "Bodie" received able assistance from him and many other Brothers. Brother Bob Thompson, whose orchestra furnished the music, contributed much to the success of the ball.

Meanwhile, Brother Rice is laboring hard with his *Illinois Magazine*, assisted by Brother Smith, on the editorial staff, and Brother McClelland on the business staff. Brother Hal Taylor is preparing for the beginning of his labors as assistant manager of the Interscholastic Circus. Brother Henning is waiting for the spring dramatic try-outs, and is passing his time by taking part in several small plays. Brothers W. W. Dayton and G. E. Dickson are no longer with us, having received their degrees at the close of last semester.

Brother D. O. Howard may be found in the armory every afternoon, making his twelve feet in pole vault, and trying hard to add another inch to his high jumping. We predict an unusually successful season for "Humpy" in track this year. Brothers Walbert and Wilson are out for frosh baseball, and have survived all the cuts up to date.

We are in the midst of our intra-mural athletics season. The House basketball team maintains an average of .500 with four games played, and two remaining upon the schedule, while the bowling team has an average of .600.

Brother Rex Thompson has just been released from the hospital after a week's confinement with chicken-pox. When Rex was sent to Isolation Hospital, we had visions of quarantine and the suspension of house rules, but fortunately this was not necessary.