

The period following Christmas was one of study and work. The approaching examinations seemed to cast a spell over the Brothers, who prepared for them as they had never been known to before. Fortunately, there were no dismissals and the Chapter was preserved intact for the next semester, with the exception of Cleek Snyder, who decided to forego the pursuit of learning for a time.

Brother Walden's visit to Phi Kappa was much enjoyed by the boys, but not so much on his part we fear. However, his stay at the McKinley Hospital gave him an opportunity to develop a hidden poetical genius. His "Ode to Coffey" is especially interesting.

The basketball season at Illinois has been quite successful so far, for the Illini are putting up a hard fight for the Conference title. The indoor relay carnival, as in past years, proved to be an outstanding event. Over six hundred athletes representing sixty-three various schools were here this year. Marsh Sweeney and Rufe Austin returned for a visit at this time. Rufe announced his engagement and passed the proverbial cigars.

The frosh stunt-show surpassed all those of preceding years. Some of the ideas presented are said to have come from Curley—we wonder which ones. Bill Henkle proved himself to be a bass soloist of considerable merit. Swede Smedberg and Bo Souder, clad in striking costumes, danced a few of the latest steps, and occasionally added stories of repartee. These acts were equaled by others, proving the originality and in some cases the audacity of the Postulants. The food was excellent, and the Chapter is indebted to the class of '29 for a beautiful lamp. Initiation will be held for nine of the Postulants early in March.

Brothers Corley and Wernsing have returned from the National Convention with reports of the proceedings at Philadelphia. However, we understand from various sources that some of the preliminaries were held in New York.