

Brother Ralph Murphy and Brother Rob Dell, during the absence of the other Brothers between semesters, took the consensus of opinion as an incentive and sold Hashka. Hashka was a Russian wolf-hound, purchased in the fall of 1925 by donation of the men then living in the House. It turned out that he was expensive, because he had to eat and indulge in dog fights. He was merely an ornament, well liked, but he did not yield sufficient return on the cost of his upkeep.

Precedent was cast to the winds this year and Brothers Ira Sweeney and Pony Marshall, both juniors, were designated as delegates to the Convention to be held in New York. In past years a junior and senior were usually elected for this duty.

Last week-end pleasures were enhanced by the presence of Brother Marsh Sweeney, who dropped down for the apparent purpose of enjoying the customary show given each year by the freshmen before initiation. Brother Les Thurman was down Christmas vacation and Herm Foster visited the boys between semesters.

Brother Nor Rice's father was killed by an automobile as he stood on the sidewalk in front of his home about the middle of January. The

Chapter sent its sympathy to Nor, also expressing our sorrow for him and the other members of his family. I am sure that the other Brothers join us in this feeling, as Mr. Rice has been well known in the Chapter for years.

A new addition to the new library is being built; a new architectural building is in the process of construction adjoining the new Commerce building; the new gym is now completed with the finishing of the new swimming pool; the original plans for the armory are being carried out and a red brick annex is being built entirely around the armory to be used as classrooms.

Brothers Ira Sweeney and Barney Wernsing are again out throwing the little white sphere, in preparation to help the Illini "bag" the Big Ten championship. Brother Frank Schunk has joined Brother Brown in his spring football practice. Postulants Mueller, Hauck and O'Brien are both out for freshman varsity baseball.

We have this year good possibilities of another "Phi Bete." Brother Ralph Murphy '28, who is a junior football manager, has an average for two and a half years of school of 4.75. The past semester he got 17 hours of "A," thus, we think, practically clinching his eligibility for the honorary. Brother Gray Evans, who left school this last semester, finished up in great style, by also getting 17 hours of "A." Brother Rad Barton '30, having made a 4.6 average his first semester, will be eligible for the freshman scholastic honorary. Besides being a good student he spends time on the annual year book and is in the Engineering School.

Preparations, under the able direction of Brother Ebe Hubbard, are rapidly being made for our spring dances to be given April 29 and 30. The informal dance will be a piratical affair with appropriate decorations and costumes. We would like to see the Brothers down and enjoy it.

The initiation of Postulants Donald Pillinger, David White, Jerome Mueller, Jay Seeley, Carlton Johnson, Atwell Shinn, Ralph Hauck and Radford Barton was completed on Sunday morning, February 20.

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