

already started to blot out the joy of the vacation, and the boys are starting to buckle down to business for the final battle. Phi Kappa has always been in the upper third in scholarship, and we're going to work hard to keep it there.

The grades of the freshmen have been quite good, and we're hoping all will make the required grade so that they will be initiated. Several of them are doing excellent work in activities and we surely will be glad to call them Brothers instead of postulants.

Looking back over this last semester brings many pleasant memories, for there were many high spots for our history. First were the very satisfactory results from rushing. Then came Dads' Day, which really was a knockout. We can't help mentioning again the wonderful radio that the Dads gave us that day, proving very effectively the deep interest the Dads are taking in us: Homecoming followed soon after, and the close contact between resident and graduate Brothers was especially noticeable. The improvement over last year's homecoming was so marked that we are aiming at a duplicate of this homecoming next year. Toward the end of the football season, which we were very proud of since we were Big Ten champs, the Ohio boys came down for the big contest, and we tried to entertain them with a dance. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did. Due to our failure last year to turn in our chaperon list, we are limited to one dance a semester this year. Our dance this last semester was surely a success, and we're planning our formal this spring to be just as good.

Of course, there were several school dances which many of our boys enjoyed. The Junior Prom, Sophomore Cotillion, Freshman Frolic, and Ax Grinders Ball were the main ones. The latter is the dance for "them what rate" and we were proud to have seven of the lucky boys.

Soon after came several short vacations which were climaxed by our last and longest Christmas vacation. So now we are back again after a long rest, ready to hit the finals and close this big semester.

We did not succeed this semester in taking prizes in any interfraternity sports. Probably the most outstanding victory was when we beat the Sig Chi's in football. We suffered one casualty, however, in this game, for our handsome Swede, Brother Gustafson, lost two teeth in the encounter. Right now the boys are practicing for the basketball tournament. After the first practice they all were pretty stiff, but the freshmen proved themselves good trainers, so that after several rub downs the muscles were again in good shape. Our first game is still several weeks in the future, so we have not been able to test our strength yet. However, several of the boys are pretty handy with the ball, so we feel quite confident. We want to be able to brag about a basketball trophy in our next letter, so we're going out to win it.