

March 16, 1929.

One week after Christmas vacation had sadly come to an unmerited finish, calamity knocked at our portals in the personage of scarlet fever. Ray Leeper '32 came down with the disease and was removed to the hospital before the nature of his ailment could be discovered. Thus the Brothers were greeted upon returning from afternoon classes by a nice red placard bearing the inscription "Scarlet Fever," and the fumes from the fumigation which had taken place. Brothers Jenner and Murphy looked up the law on the case and decided that they could risk staying out. Unfortunately they figured wrong and almost broke down the doors in returning to the Phi Kappa mansion in advance of the authorities, deans, etc.

With the final exams but a week off we were somewhat handicapped by an enforced stay indoors. Besides what studying was done we played football on the lawn, basketball in the hall, baseball in the living-room, and staged wrestling and boxing bouts???. Behind locked doors various other games were played. Brother Hubbard is exceedingly lucky???. There were some reports of various Brothers leaving the House during quarantine for the purpose of dates, shows, etc., but of course these reports were groundless rumors.

Casey Ireland was among those who were given serums for scarlet fever while we were quarantined. As soon as he had written his exams he went home, where he remained for about three weeks, sick as a result of the serum apparently. When he returned to school to register he was easily convinced by his doctor, deans and prospective instructors that there really was little need struggling against fate; so he took the first convenient train home.

Our scholarship for the first semester showed a bit of improvement over that of last year, but there is still room for more study. Brother Ralph Murphy, a junior in the Law School, received another straight A average. Rad Barton was initiated into Pi Tau Sigma, national honorary fraternity for mechanical engineers, last semester, and with the continual preponderance of A's in his grades he is a candidate for Tau Beta Pi.

Brothers M. William Hanck, Laurence A. Hubbard, Richard C. Horton, Otto K. Huenergardt, Joseph A. Gallentine, Alvin S. Wick and Raymond Leeper were initiated February 16. Postulant Victor Arthur Sholis '31, Chicago, Illinois, a man recently pledged, is working on the *Daily Illini* and we have high hopes of his securing a junior position on the *Illini* staff next year. Vic, quite a likable chap, is also hitting the books consistently.

The March issue of *Phi Kappa News*, an eight-page picture of Phi Kappa activities, resident and graduate, was the second publication to be produced by Phi Kappa this year. B. H. Smith, Jr., is the alumni editor and Bert Jenner the Resident Chapter editor and Frank Schooley, Doc Banker, Al Wharfield and Jay Seeley are assistant editors.

Bud Dwyer, Kent Davis and Chuck Wade returned to school after having been out a semester, and they are now doing their best to liven things up a bit. Jerry Mueller also returned this semester and he is planning to pitch the Illini baseball team through a successful season. Dick Horton is one of the 16 men to receive numerals for freshman varsity basketball as a result of a long season of good playing and hard training.

Brother Jay Seeley was elected business manager of *The Siren*, the school's comic publication, the first part of this semester. As a result the production of this magazine is almost entirely in the hands of Alpha Chi Rho's. Besides Bob Dell, editor, Al Wharfield, Bill Exley and Rad Barton are working hard on the *Siren*, too.

Brothers Donald Bevis and Russell Oestrander of Phi Xi stopped at the Chapter House over the week-end, while on their way to Denver. They started out again early Monday morning, intending to reach St. Louis the same day.

Of course, all the fellows enjoyed the Convention delegates' reports of business or of other incidents of interest concerning the trip.