

Christmas vacation started on December 23 at Illinois. On December 22 we held our Christmas dinner at the House. After dinner everyone exchanged small presents with those whose names they had drawn earlier in the month.

Everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas vacation. During the holidays a New Year's Eve party was held at Postulant Alex MacCornacks home in Elgin, Illinois.

After the Christmas vacation everyone came back to school ready for the last weeks of the semester, and then final exams. During the Christmas vacation the pledges carved their paddles, and shortly after school resumed they presented them to the upperclassmen, who in turn "broke them in." The '42s liked this part of the ceremony.

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