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THE HALF-WAY MILESTONE

Now that the mid-semester examinations are behind us, it behooves all to settle down so as not to rock the boat. The results of the examinations will be a happy revelation to some of us who actually did a little better than they had hoped. On the other hand, the results will sound a dangerous warning to many of us that it will be necessary to apply a little more of the midnight oil in order to properly lubricate the legal machinery. In no case, however, should the results of the midsemester examinations be the germ of a feeling of self-satisfaction with ourselves or the efforts expended on our studies in the last two months. In every case whether the results were as we expected them, better, or worse, we should settle down and apply ourselves assiduously in order to make sure that we will be among that group labeled successful at the conclusion of the year's work. It will be absolutely necessary for any one who hopes to elevate his present grade in the few months that remain of the first semester, that he concentrate and put forth more effort on his studies on this, the back stretch, because there will be considerable crowding at the pole. This crowding will be the fast approaching holiday season with its many distractions to the otherwise studious mind. We are all human and subject in general to the same influences and should prepare for the distractions of the holiday season by applying a little extra steam now.

FRATERNITY

No doubt, this half-way mark will be of advantage to the many fraternities represented at Chicago-Kent because it will afford an excellent opportunity for checking on the scholarship attainments of the many active and prospective members. Most of the fraternities are very much interested in the contest for the fraternity scholarship cup. This cup was a gift of the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity in 1924 to be awarded each semester to the fraternity having the highest scholarship standing for the term and is held in trust by the trustees of the college.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP

This stimulus in scholarship is not alone with the fraternities; there are individual scholarship prizes awarded also. At the same time, the concerted efforts on the part of the fraternities to advancement in scholarship is going to induce the non-fraternity students to the same attainments, because everybody wants to be left behind. Several of the fraternities have won possession of the coveted cup and some of them on more than one occasion. Its possession has been conducive to a friendly and spirited rivalry in scholarship among the different fraternities that is bound to be carried over in effect to the larger non-fraternity body. Having thus awakened a keen spirit of competition among the students for the scholarship prizes that are awarded it has in consequence materially elevated the scholarship standards of the school.