

house sponsored a small band for the entertainment of guests on Saturday night, and between dancing, singing, and chug-a-lugging, everyone had a swell time. On Sunday, we went on a picnic to try and rest up from the previous partying, and when the last girl had gone on Sunday evening, all agreed that the Spring week-end had been a huge success.

With exams imminent, social activities are at a minimum. Now we are all looking forward to Alumni Week-end, after the last final is over. We hope for a large alumni turn-out--anyone coming is sure to have a fine time as the spring term comes to a rousing halt.

THE SOONER THE BETTER or BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

In the last few years the problem of rushing has appeared like a plague on the Union campus each fall. Freshmen, fraternities, and faculty alike have been perplexed by the problems encountered in the pledging of neophytes to the various fraternities. For the past two years, the 'Mother of Fraternities' has held a fall rushing period opening with the first school day in September. This period has become charged with an atmosphere of doubt, uncertainty, and general hair-puling for all concerned. The fraternities have charged that the period does not grant the Houses enough time in which to become acquainted with the freshmen. The freshmen and faculty charge that intense rushing by the Houses lowers the general freshman level of scholarship attainment. Both indictments of Union rushing are undoubtedly true. In order to attempt to overcome the problem, the Intrafraternity Council has voted, by a vote of ten to nine (the deciding vote being cast by the I.F.C. president), to postpone rushing until the second term of the freshman year.

The chapter unanimously cast its vote against the deferred rushing proposal because it felt that more harm than good would be obtained from the plan. We took the negative stand for two reasons: (1) The deferment of rushing and hence of pledging will cause a drain on the House treasury which the chapter cannot easily afford, and (2) the present rushing rules for the deferred program do not in reality constitute a deferment. The rules are stated in such a way that freshmen will be rushed the first term, the rushing simply taking place in a more subtle manner than in the past. For instance, freshmen will be able to attend fraternity parties as regular guests rather than as rushees; the chapter fails to see how this paradox will eliminate first-term rushing. In brief, the new

rules simply establish a rushing period from registration day in September to the end of February, when pledging takes place.

The chapter realizes that there is much to be condemned in the old system. However, we feel that any delay of rushing will do more harm than good. The basic trouble at Union is that there are too many fraternities for the number of enrolled students. Until Union college reaches the position in which there is an abundance of good fraternity material for the suitable existing number of fraternities, we will continue to have the mad, and oft-time foolish dash for any and all frosh that darken the doors of the gymnasium on registration day.

INITIATION

After a successful rushing season and pledge period, the chapter held its annual formal initiation ceremonies on the evening of March 29th. The initiation committee, composed of Dick Munro '52, Ron Jacobs '53, and Doug Williams '54, did a very commendable job, for the weekend was a great success. The chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank Alumni Brothers William Averitt, Otto Faust, John Emans, Dud Hill, Bud Mills, Charlie MacGill, Spen Warnick, Harry Summerhayes, and all of the other Alumni Brothers who so willingly helped us at initiation time. This year, invitations were sent to Alumni brothers of the chapters other than Union who live in the Schenectady area, and the large turnout was greatly appreciated by the Chapter.

The new delegation consists of the following men: David A. Williams, John Brown, William O'Brien, Christopher Muhlert, Jerome Frank, Richard Rubin, Francis Hannan, and Edward Zimmerli. Two pledges, Niel Finch and Robert Albrecht, could not be initiated because of their scholastic standing.

Dave Williams lives in Schenectady and graduated from Nott Terrace High School. While at Nott Terrace he was a member of the student council, the Senior Executive Council, Hi-Y Club, and the Dance Committee. Here at Union, Dave is in the Liberal Arts Division.

John Brown hails from Oswego, N.Y. He attended Oswego High School and was active in football, track, the band, and was Vice-President of the Senior Class. At Union, John is working toward a B.A. in Social Studies.

Jerry Frank is from Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended LaFayette High School where he was active in the Student Council, Dramatic Society, and Arista. He was also the photo editor of