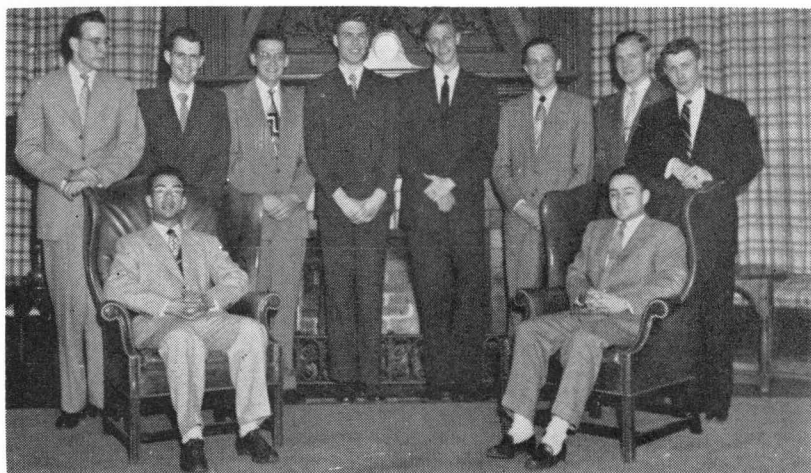




Schenectady Imposes Fraternity Tax

New Brothers



Standing from left to right, D. Williams, R. Clendinning, D. Schutt, E. Kraemer, W. Reimers, A. Ellermetts, C. Vesty, C. Mosher. Seated left to right, A. DeBello, J. Boardman.

Three Brothers to Graduate June 11th

On June 11, Commencement exercises, with Senator Kefauver as Honorary Chancellor, will see the graduation of three brothers. The chapter wishes best of luck for the future to the following brothers:

Alfred Meneely of Princeton, New Jersey, Chapter President and a Pre-Med student at Union. Al has been accepted at Flower and Fifth Medical School in New York. His engagement to Miss Millicent Warren of Princeton, New Jersey, was a highlight of his senior year. Al is probably better known around the chapter as "Alma", this due to an incident over the telephone, which I'm sure no one here will soon let him forget.

Stuart R. McAllister of Schenectady, New York, an Economics Major. Stu and his wife, the former Miss Sue Sweet of Buffalo, New York, are now awaiting final word on his future employment with a well known business concern. The chapter will cer-

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Initiation

On the evening of March 17, 1951, ten men were initiated into the Union Chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi. Chairman of the initiation committee, James Scott '51, certainly deserves much praise for his excellent work in planning and preparing for the ceremonies of this initiation. The Chapter also wishes to extend thanks to Alumni brothers: "Bo" Bishop, Storrs Bishop, Spen Warnick, Otto Faust, Charlie Waldron, Charles McGill, Dud Hill, Fran Shields, Bud Booz and all of the other Alumni brothers who so willingly helped us at initiation time. We cannot say how much we appreciate Alumni support.

The new delegation consists of the following men: Robert A. Clendinning, Charles E. Mosher, Werner Reiners, John Boardman, Anthony N. DeBello, Arne Ellermetts, Edward E. Kraemer, Donald A. Schutt, Charles H. Vesty, and Douglas G. Williams.

Bob Clendinning is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Clendinning of

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Fraternity Pays Tax

During the past school year, the officials of Schenectady, desiring more money and not wishing to offend the voting taxpayers, imposed a city tax on the campus fraternity houses at Union. The tax was based on house assessment, and so Alpha Delta Phi suffered more than most of the others. Our house is assessed at \$34,900 and taxes amount to \$1,558.28, payable in quarterly payments of \$389.57 each.

When the tax was first imposed, both the college and the fraternities protested strongly, since the houses function as a type of dorm for the students at an educational institution. The city lawyers countered with the avowal that fraternities are social organizations, and as such, are taxable. The Alumni Associations of the various fraternities then got together in an effort to fight the tax, meanwhile not making the first quarterly payment.

The hope of the houses lay in the fact that fraternities are benevolent organizations, and as such should be tax exempt. It was decided to make a test case of the house with the strongest charter, and reports were at first optimistic. Kappa Nu's chapter turned out to be best suited to challenge the city, but even there it was not strong enough. Their charter used the word "benevolent" but also "social", and the case was not strong enough to take to court. The charter of Alpha Delta Phi, along with most others, makes no mention of the fraternity as a "benevolent institution."

The college then offered a plan, born of need more than desire, to help the fraternities. The college proposed to take over the houses and classify them as dormitories. Under this plan, the first floor of all houses would be open to the entire student body. Also, if a fraternity failed to fill the sleeping capacity of its house, non-members would be assigned to live there. Another very important consideration was the fact that this plan

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