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## **President's Letter**

Dear Brothers:

At one time or another during my sojourn here at Union, I have thought that, through some medium, I would like to speak with alumni brothers about the condition to which the house had depreciated. Now I have the ways and means but I am forced to eat my words because you alumni are decorating our house beyond any of the most believable expectations. As you may have read elsewhere in this issue, we have new rugs, drapes, furniture, and freshly painted walls all over the place, making the house more resplendent than you have seen it in many a year. All these renovations, therefore, helps make many good reasons why all of you who can, should come back to visit us and the new house. Well, perhaps it's not new but you will certainly think so for a while at least. There are several other reasons, besides seeing a new house, why you should come back this June during the alumni weekend celebrations. The house, this year as usual, has its fingers in many extracurricular pies as well as being on its way up the list of academic standing. There is one reason, however, that seems to stand out above the others. That is, many of us who are seniors have never met more than a handful of the Union Chapter's alumni. In most instances the fault has not been ours. We have done everything conceivably possible to meet our alumni, yet the response, except from a faithful few, has been almost negligible. I can sum this up, I suppose, by saying that we actives extend a most cordial and sincere invitation to you so that you will visit us sometime during this June 10 or 11, at least. Most of us will be here and would like to be matched man



Barton A. Harris



Hans W. Held

## Treasurer Gives Financial Report

The financial condition of the active Chapter is excellent. We started the present year with no oustanding debts and we shall close our books in the black at the end of the Spring term. Not only have the coffers been sufficiently full to meet the current expenses of the year, but the cost per member for running the House and its activities has been at a minimum. This is especially true when our house bills are compared to those of other houses on the Campus.

Credit for the sound state of financial affairs that the house enjoys should be directed toward John De-Bello. When John took over the treasurer's whip last year, Alpha Delt was in the red. Upon completing his term of office, however, he left a sizable surplus which was thrown into this year's till to defray house running expenses. Under John's counsel, in conjunction with this year's Finance Committee's guidance. I have gained the necessary skill and insight into the art of handing out house bills, signing checks, and keeping a tight hold on the cash drawer that will keep Alpha Delt on the black side of the books.

DIRK ROMEYN, Treasurer

for man by alumni. We will plan to see you soon, then, O.K.?

Fraternally, BARTON A. HARRIS '50 P.S.—We'd also like to have you meet a wonderful class of incipient Alpha Delts.

## Heidelberg Student A. D. Phi HELP Student

September 3rd, 1949, I am in America, for the first time and for the first day. By the way, if somebody had told me so a couple of weeks earlier I would have advised him to have a psychiatrist check on his state of mind. I felt kind of funny, maybe I was a little scared. What did I know about this country, about its people and especially about Alpha Delta Phi, Union College in Schenectady, as I read my instructions under "place of destination"? I had heard enough about the U.S. to know that Hollywood isn't America. I knew that not all Americans were millionaires, gangsters or cowboys and that not all American women were sexy sweater girls-an impression a European, who often goes to the movies, might easily get. In brief, I had no idea about this country and its people. (Of course I do not claim to day to know America, but I think I have at least some ideas.) And then I arrived and started living at the Alpha Delt house. Being a German I expected some resentment after all that had happened during the last decade. I would have been sorry about it, but I think I could have understood it. What did I find? From the first day on, everybody was friendly and helpful and hence it did not take long for me to feel as happy and content as I possibly can feel. Please do not think that I am just making some of the usual, often in-

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