

3. RENOVATED COUCHES.

The house itself is in fair physical repair, although the furnishings have been neglected over a long period of time. With the advent of new Alumni interest the House has seen three couches completely rebuilt. Although this but puts a dent in our present decrepit condition it is a big step in the right direction. The House wishes to thank the Trustees and alumni in general and specifically Brothers John Emans, Peter Ten Eyck, Harry Summerhayes, Douglas Smith, and Fran Shields. It is the drive and keen interest shown by these men that has finally spurred our Alumni into action.

FRATERS IN FACULTATE.

This year the chapter is happy to welcome two Alpha Deltas as members of the faculty. They are Brothers Neal Allen and William Stone.

Brother Allen is a member of the Bowdoin Chapter and was awarded his A.B. degree in 1940. He received his M.A. degree in history at Harvard and is now working towards his doctorate. Professor Allen has visited the House several times and recently was our main speaker at the initiation banquet. We have just elected him our assistant resident counselor.

Brother Stone is a Union graduate of the class of '42. For a short while during the war he taught mathematics here at Union, and he has returned in that capacity, having in the meantime obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Both Brothers have shown their interest in the House. The actives appreciate this and heartily welcome them to the campus.

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THE SUB-FRESHMEN WEEKEND.

On Friday, February 15th the usually quiet Union College was a scene of wild disorder. The Schenectadians coming home from work could see groups of well dressed and neat looking boys standing under the streetlights on the college campus, holding in their hands small maps of the surroundings and trying to figure out their location as compared to the mysterious Greek letters which represented the different fraternities, that they had to find.

Yes, once again the annual sub-freshman weekend had rolled around. The confused lot of gentlemen, a little too young and ignorant for college, represented the cream of the crop of

the finest High Schools in the North Eastern United States. They are all seniors in their own schools and now, in the company of college men felt a little bit ill at ease and perhaps even inferior. Among those present were many types, but most prominent was the guy who tried to show his intelligence by asking questions. And what questions they were, there is no doubt many of them would have won prizes on the radio or the television quiz program '20 Questions'. Usually they left the college men quite unimpressed and made them take more notice of the fellows who didn't have so much to say, and to whom Joe College tried to show his appreciation by asking him to join the gang in a sociable beer at the 'Skellar, provided he was over 18.

In order to take some of the pressure off the fraternities the college had planned many events for the weekend - there were speeches in chapel, glorifying college life; tours of campus, showing the beautiful sights; and visits to classes; everything was topped off with a big banquet at West College dining hall on Saturday night. Every Union man put himself out, trying to show the future frosh a good time and give them a few good memories to take back home on Sunday. They finally seemed to realize that it is not too much to lend themselves for a weekend to the service of the school.

Finally on Sunday afternoon old Union with a sigh of relief once more fell into quiet meditation, waiting for Monday, waiting for the beginning of another week.

AROTC and AD

It was in the fall of 1949 when the Air Force first inaugurated a Reserve Officers Training Corps at Union College, and, as is the case with most innovations, this program was regarded with skepticism and suspicion by the more conservative elements on campus. Some of the more 'sophisticated' pacifists recoiled in disdain at the thought of being associated with a militaristic institution, but time has indicated that Union liberalism and Air Force discipline have not been incompatible.

Although the country was then at peace, Brothers Hannan, Grenzebach and Thelin decided to take the plunge and entered the program, much to the delight of the rest of the brothers who lost no opportunity to amuse themselves at the expense of the 'junior birdmen'. In the fall of '51, however, the American war machine again swung into high gear, and the AROTC was no exception. The unit became larger, the discipline more rigid, the humor less intense, and the ul-