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WELL! WELL!

What?? The old Speculum back again? No, not exactly, but --
If you were a Lit back in the days of Williams Hall, split-rock, bicycle races and water bags you'll recall the "Speculum" and what a fine little paper it was. But today, in the year of our Lord 1927, we present for your approval a Union Lit Speculum, a sort of Speculum jr not so pretentious as its illustrious god-father but ready and eager to tell Lits everywhere all it knows about the doings of our brothers on and off the campus. To properly achieve this worthy purpose, Speculum solicits your cooperation. When you have finished reading this little sampler edition wont you please sit down and pen a line or two about yourself, nearby Lits, or what-have-you and send it on its way to "Speculum", Union Lit House, East Lansing. Speculum is sufficiently level headed to be neither spoiled or offended by any criticism, suggestions or advice you may have to offer. We thank you.

In Memoriam

It is fitting that we should pause at this time to dedicate our efforts to the memory of an honored brother, one of the founders of our society and one whose late departure from the roll of our living we feel so deeply. In W. K. Prudden we have seen all that is implied of the character, sincerity and nobility of a true Union Lit. It is our hope that we who are left may succeed in even a small measure in making our own lives such an embodiment of the Union Lit Spirit.

A Word of Greeting from Our President, Jim Hands:

Fellow Lits: It has been a common error in the past few years to regard cooperation between alumni members and actives as a minor fact or in the success and progress of the organization. We have learned through experience that in a very short time the lack of this vitally important factor will become very detrimental to the outlook of a society. We have now in the possession of the society a set of very inaccurate and hazy records of alumni. This has proved very inconvenient in carrying out our plans for the erection of a new fraternity house.

We are now starting to readjust our records and maintain as strong a connection between alumni and actives as possible. In doing this there is bound to be a reaction that will stimulate the progress of the society and be of benefit to both actives and alumni. No matter how remote a man is from the active organization there is always a warm feeling for the "old bunch" and always a desire to get back and take a look at the boys who have taken the initiative end of things in

their hands. I am sure that when you do come back you will not be disappointed in the men we have in the society today. The spirit and cooperation within the society is of the best caliber at the present time than it has since I have been a member. I think this can be proved by the results the boys are getting from their efforts in every direction.

We are extending an invitation to the alumni, and are indeed looking forward to your return to the campus, to see the results since you were one of the actives. You cannot afford to criticise until you know the facts and have actually seen what has been going in in the circle.



Enter the Circle, Everybody



You can stop skipping over things now because here's what most of you are looking for. Jerry Reynolds, our illustrious handshaker, socializer and "grand old man" of the campus will tell you what he knows about some of the buddies, young and younger. By next issue when we have had time to hear from everybody he'll probably have more startling revelations to offer. Mr. Reynolds:

Newell A. McCune (01) is pastor of the fine new Peoples' Church.

Bert Miller (20) has been with the Buick at Flint all winter. He visits us occasionally.

E. W. Ranney (00) is still making refrigerators at Greenville. His daughter June is in school with the class of '27.

Ivan Sours (21) writes from the Indiana Farm Bureau at Indianapolis, "the seed department is giving the farmers of the state a wonderful opportunity for obtaining known origin adapted seeds. My affiliation calls for wrestling the bags".

Gifford (16) and A. J. Patch (17) are both connected with the extension department of the college.

Jack Croll (24) is still with the State Highway Department.

Archie Emery (83) still runs his book store in Lansing.

Ken Degraw (25) is teaching at Midland.

Chase Newman (94) drops in for a business meeting occasionally.

Wade Blackmar (25) is a landscaper at Monroe.

Ralph Kirby (12) owns a chicken ranch and raises Airdales just north of East Lansing. Going big.

Vern Branch (12) can still be found at the City Hall, Detroit, where he is Director of Markets.

Elwood Mason (25) is in medical school at Ann Arbor.

Fat Taylor (15) is practicing Vet Medicine in Detroit and says he sure misses East Lansing.

R. G. Carr (08) is still with the extension department of the college as director of county agents.

Cam Carruthers (23) is running his big poultry ranch near Durand.

Munro Sours (25) is practicing Vet Medicine in Kazoo - last report he was engaged.

R. J. Baldwin (04) of course is Director of Extension here at the college and calls occasionally.

Hod Norton (03) is with the State Department of Agriculture in Lansing.

Russ Palmer (22) is with the Dept. of Health at Detroit while his brother Lynn (20) is practicing Vet Medicine at Brooklyn Michigan. Lynn spent a couple days with us this winter while attending a meeting.

A. B. Cook jr. (23) teaches in Ionia and visits us occasionally.

The boys saw Pete Geldhof (14) at the Cornell game last fall.

Sid Kennedy (23) is at Harvard.

Ike Fisher (26) and wife attended the winter term party. Ike is located at Battle Creek with the J.B. Ford company of Wyandotte.

Fred Woodworth (98) is Collector of Internal Revenue at Detroit.

William Orsen VanGiesen (26) is married, in the army, and located at Fort DeMoine, Ia.

Gerrit Massalink (95) is head of the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.

J. W. Richterink (97) is practicing medicine in Grand Rapids.

Fred Ranney is taking work at Dartmouth.

Fletcher Gould (07) was up at the house just last week to attend a meeting. Still one of the boys.

We are always glad to hear from Pres. Chas. Mc Kinney (81) of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti.

Lee Rothgery (21) and wife were present at our winter term party.

George Wenner (25) is with the State Department of Agriculture in the Dairy Department.

Joseph Cotton (86) of New York will be the big speaker in the Anniversary day this year.

Floyd Robison is head of "Robison Laboratories", Detroit. James (27) is assisting his father in New York; Stewie (w29) at U. of M.

Frank Rogers (83) is State Highway Commissioner of Michigan. His work speaks for itself.

W. O. Hedrick is still "where with all" of the Economics Dept.

Sparky Starret (w26) is with the Kelvinator company, Detroit.

Bill Schulgen (25) attends Chicago Art School and lives with John Keeley (w27), a medical student at Loyola.

H. K. Gerdel (w27) is married and living in Detroit.

Art Knudsen is going hot in Chicago. Married and one addition.

Eddie Haywood (w25) can be found at Central Fire, Battle Creek.

Fat Ashton (21) drops in occasionally.

Ward Andrews (20) is County Agricultural Agent at Coldwater.



"Meet Some of the Boys"



(Jerry will now present the better side of a few of our striving students here on the grindstone) - Editor

Red Hall is going to graduate the end of this term instead of last June as we had expected.

Rube Hancock was elected steward to succeed MacLeod Coan.

Clyde Olin was elected vice-president of Midwest Student Council conference at the University of Illinois a few weeks ago.

Jim Hands, Drum Major for the past two years, pulled a fast one by being married last year and keeping it secret.

Del Zimmerman was to be King of the Ice Carnival but the sun came out - no ice carnival.

Johnny VanderVeen was taken into Phi Lambda Tau, honorary engineering fraternity recently. Jack Cook was taken into Tau Sigma, honorary Lit, and he is a member of Green Key which was just made a chapter of the national Blue Key.

Our five Scabbard & Blade (honorary military fraternity) men were busy last week with winter term initiation. Clyde Olin joined.

Monty Hood had charge of Acts and Novelties for the J-Hop and they were plenty good.



SPORTS (Gymnasium variety)



Monty Hood, two monogram basketball man and baseball player will say a word for the brothers whose athletic activities extend further than merely walking back and forth from the Club. We might add that Monty lost the captaincy of next year's basketball team in a tie vote tangle.

Varsity athletics - This term we have four Varsity Club members in school: Red Hall, basketball manager; Del Zimmerman, baseball and track; Stub Cole, basketball, and Monty Hood, basketball. Pip Wenner was awarded his monogram in football this past season but has not yet been initiated.

Rube Hancock has been elected captain of the hockey team for next year. We have two men out for track, Peterson and Passink. In baseball we have Zimmerman, Hood and Morgan. Zimmerman you will recall was lead off man in the Michigan game last year and started the action which resulted in an 8-5 victory for State with a home run in the first inning. Morgan is a sophomore pitcher with great possibilities. Hood who has just been awarded his second letter in basketball may see some action in baseball.

Interfraternity Athletics: Interfraternity athletics are in full swing and up to this time we have finished second in indoor track, fifth in indoor baseball, and second in bowling. As in former years we stand near the top and have a good chance of capturing the all-around trophy. Last year we finished second and the year before we were first.



House Committee

Remember those long meetings when the boys sat for hours debating whether the swimming pool of the "new house" should be put in the basement or moved out to make way for the billiard room and servants quarters? You know we're no longer in the old house on the campus. Red Hall our very efficient Committee chairman will tell you all about it along with any new developments he has on his mind. Red:

The question of a new house which has hung fire for the last ten years is thought will be brought to a head in the near future. The housing committee met Sunday March 13 to talk over the proposition. (See next issue - Ed)

The society has been working for a new site on the campus for several years. A recent opinion of the Attorney General declared that no State property could be used for fraternal purposes. Pres. Butterfield is in hopes that he will change this opinion.

The society in the meantime is looking for a suitable site off the campus. It is the opinion of the present active members that a site off the campus would be more desirable than a site on the campus. There are several reasons for this:

First: Practically all other fraternities have expressed themselves as opposed to a site on fraternity row. Therefore we would be the only house on the campus in the proposed fraternity row which can only be made to look attractive with a group of houses.

Second: We would be too closely connected with the college. They could dictate to the fraternity.

Third: We consider ourselves a particular group of men. We do not wish to unify ourselves with other fraternities which would be the case if there were a fraternity row.

Fourth: The size of the proposed lot on the campus is too small compared with those of fraternities now building new homes.



And That's All



Next time Speculum will greet you with a barrel full of interesting stuff - if you'll cooperate with your letters. Speculum is crying for suggestions, criticism and advice.

Motion in order for adjournment!