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#### UNESCAPABLE CONSEQUENCES

Another salvo of letters in Campus Pulse this morning. Each one of them brings out some phase of much-wrangled fraternity problem. D. N. has another appeal. "A Barb" answers with

some wise advice to inferiority-complexed barbarians. Gil says D. N. is all wet. And R. E. W. reviews some southern fraternal history.

In this array of four letters is represented a convenient cross-section of campus thought on this question. The letters, two from fraternity men, and two from nonfraternity men, are worth reading.

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Clarifying somewhat his first letter printed last Sunday, D. N. reiterates his belief in the possibilities of non-fraternity organization against the grasping power of fraternities. He cites history to show that it was possible in the past, and is confident that the same can happen again. He wants to prod the nonfraternity men from their cowed complacency, and arouse them to some action, some assertion of their personalities. He drops some hints which seem to show that his letterwriting campaign is but the opening wedge in a real campaign to organize nonfraternity men.

Talking and writing alone, as The Nebraskan pointed out Tuesday, will accomplish very little even bill. N. really is going to change campus conditions even for only a short time, his talking and writing will have to be backed up by some form of substantial organization.

And as soon as that organization is formed D. N. will run up against difficulties. He cites previous cases of non-fraternity men organizing. If he cited just a little bit further he would also add the fact that most of the leaders of that nonfraternity organization (at least the one of four years ago) became fraternity men themselves a semester or so later, with the exception of one man who became a fraternity man three years

to pledge all his associates not to join a fraternity durcould he maintain his organization intact against the fraternities he hopes to fight, because those fraternidown and pledging promising nonfraternity men who display any signs of leadership. In fact that's one of the biggest reasons why they are able to keep ahead in all campus activities. If their men can't get ahead they pledge those that have got ahead.

We are rather inclined to believe that D. N. is somewhat of a reformer by nature, for only a reformer could have his naive trust in the efficacy of enactment and sudden organization to eliminate social and activity conditions which have persisted for thirty or forty years by the very inherent nature of the groups which make them. The esprit de corps, exaggerated and exalted self-opinion of groups which have existed on this campus anywhere from ten to forty years, can hardly be eliminated in two or three weeks or even two or three semesters of spirited campaigning. Even a Billy Sunday revival would fail to have any permanent effect. No. the conditions against which D. N. is aroused are an unescapable consequence of the fraternal system which colleges and universities have permitted to spring up within their gates.

While we are indebted to R. E. W. for giving us definite proof that many people come to university for no other reason than to make a fraternity or sorority, yet we can not escape the feeling that of all arguments in favor of fraternities, his are about the weakest.

One of the greatest and at the same time gravest charges against fraternities has always been that they foster a spirit of fraternal loyalty at the expense of loyalty to the University. What clearer proof for this could be presented than R. E. W.'s statements showing the falling off in enrollment at Mississippi and South Carolina after fraternities were abolished?

To make matters worse, R. E. W. shows that Mississippi and South Carolina suffered a serious football unp as a result of the abolishment if fraternities. The inference is that athletes preferred to go to neighboring universities where fraternities were tolerated.

Now athletes who love their college or university only for the fraternities it harbors have hardly enough of that good old alma mater spirit so dear to coaches che rienders, and bonfire enthusiasts to be worth bothering about. It, would seem quite degrading, in fact, if a college or university should tolerate any particular set conditions simply to increase its enrollment of

That R. E. W.'s arguments along athletic lines and his dire predictions that Nebraska might sink to the bottom of the pit in Valley circles need not be taken seriously, is indicated by the glorious athletic history of such schools as Notre Dame, Princeton, and Harvard where fraternities either are altogether banned or are decidedly frowned upon.

To make R. E. W.'s arguments even more ridicuious might be mentioned the opinions of many to the effect that the continued success of Notre Dame on the gridiron can be attributed in large part to the absence of green-eyed fraternity jealousies among the

### SECOND-YEAR PLEDGING

The state Sensite yesterday passed on second read-in 22 to 2 the bill making mandatory second-year ledging at the University. The decisive vote indicates for the bill will probably pass on third reading. From less it will go to the House where its fate is problem-

which had been had to believe that the bill

would be allowed to wither away in committee, the possibility of the final passage of the bill has stirred up much comment.

One consoling feature to the opponents of the bill is the amendment which makes the law take effect only after two years in which time the fraternities and sororities will have time to readjust themselves to the changed conditions.

The opposition to this bill has centered around Campus: the following two main arguments: 1. That the new bill is ill-advised now in the face

of the lack of dormitory facilities. 2. That the bill will in effect make rushing extend over a whole year instead of confining it to one

week early in the fall. At first thought either of these objections seems valid enough. Let's take a look at the first one, though, about lack of dormitory facilities. This reason is in reality quite superficial in the light of the amendment which makes the bill operative only after two

years of readjustment. to keep the business management of its house on a sound footing will increase its sophomore, junior and senior membership enough to make up for the loss of freshmen. The additional upperclassmen taken in will empty just enough rooming houses to take care ments and yet take issue on one of of the incoming freshmen. And besides the rooming his statements-for Mr. Editorhouse situation is elastic enough to take care of any Don't you think that if the feeling small increase in demand which might result in spite which is current among Fraternity in the contents of my articles yet he of this shifting of fraternity membership.

There is very little basis then for disapproval of the justifies them in occupying their ficbill on this ground.

probably very much exaggerated. Granted that the houses made not as mere eating new bill will result in all-year rushing, is there any houses but homes, that after all this more evil connected with that than with the system would be a better school for it? of all-year and all-summer high school senior rushing Would not this weed out the "small we now have in vogue? And is there not just an im- town social recognition?" And I ask mense amount of all-year rushing going on right now you "Don't you think it possible in spite of the freshman pledging rule now in opera- if not to enact this state of affairs,

As for interference with studies occasioned by the monopolizing grasping of the any of the all-year rushng, it will very likely be a great Fraternity in all fields of endeavor deal less than the present interference with study oc- at the University and at the same going on in the Daily Nebraskan colcasioned by fraternity life to which the bewildered time give the "Barb" a chance to asfreshman is not accustomed, without mentioning the sert his independent personality? I loads of interference occasioned by excessive freshman admit it has been conceded an alduties around the house, and without mentioning times most impossible task and yet all that of downright interference intended to "take the cock- would be a "Barb" organization. iness out of the freshmen."

The chances are that freshman scholarship under the new rule would increase materially because the freshmen would all be on their toes to make a creditable enough showing to be asked to pledge a fraternity. written and unwritten speech on this versity, and nine-tenths of this con-They would really have to "make" a fraternity instead having the supposed honor thrust and forced ish, a polish which is indeed glossy upon them before they have even enrolled for a single on the outside. What food for

Now for some positive benefits of the proposed

In the first place such a measure will eliminate and conditions are so hard to see as at one stroke a large number of pin hounds who come those that are so glaringly present to the university just long enough to make a fraternity before the very eyes of people!

In the second place such a campus reform will mean that there will be at least one year of equality for all students in the University. This is a benefit recognized by the alumni committee on dormitories opposition. I should feel totally obwhich made its report a few months ago. It is a benefit which was well described a few weeks ago in a yet I am only amused at "Lon's" lead editorial in the Omaha World-Hearld.

mean that young men and women will form their first contacts with the University through the University nent of the second-year pledging bill is passed, it will late staged "University Night"? At the same time I wonder if "Lon" was sity rather than through organizations 99 per cent rather than through organizations 99 per cent of which originated at other schools and all of which ing their college career. That way and only that way are dominated by selfish interests which nearly always have precedence over University loyality. There will utes of eating, joshing, study forgetbe a closer and more healthy relation of every student ting entertainment while he was so ties, as "Gil" points out, have a nasty habit of reaching with the Ulversity direct, instead of vaguely by way of a fraternal group.

> And the fraternities, themselves will benefit in the end. Membership in them, and especially the pledge period, will become the result of merit openly recognized on this campus. It will be something to work for (if it is that valuable after all). There will be fewer broken pledges, and fewer ex-pledges who had to leave school on account of poor scholarship or other difficulties. There will be fewer mal-adjustments such as we now have as a result of our mad, irrational system of rushing.

The biggest reason of all why so many on the campus are opposed to the bill is that it is something new. There will be new and strange chapter problems to wrestle with. No fraternity is quite sure of the course it will have to steer, probably not quite so sure one that it can stand out over a whole year of rushing wherein the freshmen could have their eyes open and Talks of cating at the cooly survey the field.

Whether the bill is ultimately passed or not makes little difference, though. The basic advantages and disadvantages of the fraternal system will still re-

## In Other Columns

Less "Society"

In spite of the dictum of Arthur Brisbane that a dog biting a man is not news but that a man's biting a dog is news, the evaluation of news is not merely a matter of "playing up" the unusual or that which will be talked about No doubt tabloids most nearly carry out Mr. Brisbane's remark; coilege papers, on the other hand, should and do-the best of them-recognize the fact that news is of two sorts-that which creates much gossip, conversation, and comment but which really does not report an event affecting the lives of many people and that which, though it may pass almost unread, is a report of an event fundamentally changing the mode of life of many persons.

Thus, if the college paper were to follow Mr. bribane, it would state in heavy head-lives that a recent survey of the campus showed that nine coeds remained unkissed, and in a corner of the back page it would report the fact that one of the scading eduestors of the coun'ry had been added to the faculty. There is no doubt but that the campus would be agog in its conjectures as to who the nine coeds were and that it would fail to remember, even if it should see, the name of the educator.

Of course no college editor, no matter how much of an idealist he might be, would for a moment consider the eliminative of all news except that which actually affected the physical and mental lives of his readers; no newspaper would be read if it failed to seconize "human interest." But there is much more then lists of guests at fraternity dances to be cast into

Consequently, The Silver and Gold, at least during the soring quarter will curtail its society page. Men and coeds about the campus (Thank God and the board of readmissions that there are not very many of them), who care only for the "society" in The Silver and Gold must be satisfied with rather brief reference to that phase of college life which affords excuse: for legisatures in their failure to pass educational appropria-

## The Campus Pulse

There seems to have been a general misunderstanding of the meanall-no campaign of organized opway, as one which would alter the the 'Barbs' and to instigate a little feeling of independence and self- excondition be in any respect mitigated.

I appreciate the editor's commen- the feeling which they think titious position-were to be stamped The second main objection concerning rushing is out and the fraternity and sorority at least in some respects to curtail

> Now to "Lon" and E. F. D .what refreshing tonics to soothe the thought from those on the other side of the fence-not a high board fence greek letter organizations. They are but a picket fence and what facts

What notable lines and passages! What profound words "Lon" quoted and used to denote the anticipated literated in a sea of sarcasm and jesting-wonder if he capitalized his If the second-year pledging bill is passed, it will hidden genius by participating in the Nebraska, at the bookstore-enjoying one of those delicious (5) minengrossed in portraying a hidden

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(To be continued)

To the Editor-"Lon", E. F. D. & touch of humor which I am sure that he possesses?

Now as for E. F. D. who I feel really has a refutation to my premaing which I meant to portray in Mon- ture article of yesterday. Yet how he day's article on "Wake up Barbs." mixes absurdity, bias, white lies and In reality, no plan was submitted at spring! I wonder if he wrote in interludes or as inspired? He mentions all—no campaign of organized opposition suggested in a systematized implied, latent possibilities of the possibilities of the seniors, who, knowing very "Greeks" to alter the social status present social status. My real object which was taken up with strict corwas and is, "to get the attention of rectness by the editor. He, the editor, is indubitably right when he states that the present condition will reof the Fraternity—yet the editor as ject however to the inference that cording to figures compiled by Fred well as the campus cannot conceive, this was necessarily because he never E. Aden, vocational counselor. The it seems, of an organized "Barb"yet is it not possible? Look back to your annals-did it not occur a few very proud, and very sensitive. He kept the first and second quarters of years back? And it can be done highbrows the fraternity man first, the present school year, again! E. F. D. may find loopholes must admit the possibility of that

which I advocate. Lets hear from the "Barbs"! Again I say "Wake Up Barbs"! Note -How true was Monday's article on 'White lies"-how strikingly true and apparent in the relation between the "Frat" and "Barbs"!

Signed D. N.

To the Editor:

Inasmuch as there seems to be a barb versus fraternity discussion umns the time seems appropriate to express an idea that has long been in my mind.

It seems to me that the difficulty reaches back into high school days when the senior class is looking forward to the institution of higher minds of literature absorbing stu- learning. Conversation is almost exdents-yet it savors as does most clusively of "next year" and the unicampus-it savors of fraternity pol- versation is about fraternities and sororities.

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mysterious, and that is always in- He isn't going to give the Greeks triguing. The rumor goes out that and opportunity to snub him. one must "belong" in order to be of any importance on the campus. As mistake. The fraternity man has no though membership in any organiza- desire to snub him, but after two tion could automatically increase or or three attempts to continue the old decrease ones real value! In fact I time friendship in the old time way, have a vague memory (which I can decides "Well, Jones has changed smile at now) of being told that since he came down here," and lets greek letter members would no con- Jones alone. descend to speak to non-fraternity students.

school seniors, who, knowing very greek letter organizations hold them little about it all, enlarge and elaborate on that very little.

uates and comes to the university. He doesn't make a fraternity-I obhad the opportunity.

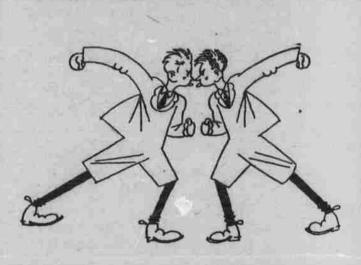
Now the high school senior grad-

And that is where he makes his

If the barbs weren't so everlastingly sure of their own inferiority I haven't an idea in the world they wouldn't have any difficulty with where these rumors come from. It the fraternity members. If a few of is not improbable that they originate them would get out and do some-

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Freshman men at the University of Colorado study an average of three hours and fifty minutes daily, acfigures were taken from the time He remembers the rumors. He is budgets of ninety freshman men,



## Take off your coat!

Remember the excitement—the prospective combatants squaring away and circling round each other? Then always would come the old cry-"Take off your coats!"

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