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#### TURNIP PATCHES

In the Campus Pulse column is another letter in defense of those who are opposing any restriction of downtown fraternity parties.

Its main points are: 1. Fraternities are restricted now to two downtown parties a year. 2. The Interfraternity Council decided unanimously against further limitation. 3. Denial of selfishness of the Student Council or of the Interfraternity Council as seems to have been indicated by the editorial columns. 4. Reiteration of principle of personal liberty. 5. Denial that the fraternity system is on trial before the Nebraska

Point number 1 would be well taken if it were only true. The ruling has been a dead letter for such a long time that some University and Interfraternity Council officials do not even know about it. If it is still known and on the books there is no responsible official enforcing it.

The proposal to have only one downtown party a year is only a tangible statement of a desire to bring back fraternity social functions to a more sane and simple foundation. If a limit of two parties a year were set and enforced, it would be all well and good, and the discussion would end there.

In this respect the writers of the letter are quite in harmony with the editorials of The Nebraskan. The only difference is that they emphasize the good sense of those groups which come under the classification of two downtown parties or less, while The Daily Nebraskan has been hammering away at those groups which are not satisfied with two parties and want more and more display.

Point number 2 that the Interfraternity Council decided unanimously against further limitation is true only in part. There were several dissenting votes.

Point number 3 is a difficult one to answer as the some of the fraternity members of the Student Council tried their best to keep the Council from passing the just so long will the word "Cornhusker" carry a dent body which they represent that compared to fraternities in other ruling to prohibit house dances on the night of Varsity

The Nebraskan has never accused the Student Council of selfishness, but it has accused some of the fraternity members of that Council with selfishness. The record of those members in their opposition to any measures to help out Varsity dances, and in their more recent opposition to limitation of downtown parties is quite sufficient proof of this.

Fraternities on this compus have so long confined themselves to their own little turnip patches, that they rise up in indignation when a suggestion is made that they abstain somewhat for the benefit of the common

This is closely tied with point 4 concerning reiteration of the popular cry of personal liberty. Personal liberty was a great cry many years ago

But personal liberty has always given way and al

ways must give way when the public interest is effected. It is this feature of the question which is overlooked when the appeal to personal liberty is made a defense against reasonable restriction of downtown parties.

And the ones who are preaching this doctrine, i they would only consider it, are guilty of its most flagrand violations. No free person in the state of Nebraska has as little personal liberty as the young man or woman who is a pledge to a fraternity.

The fifth point voicing denial that the fraternity system is on trial before the public, is only another evidence of the placid security in which fraternity men imagine themselves. Hardly a member was aware this winter that a bill is under consideration to make mandatory second-year pledging. Only a few seem concerned about the bill now that they know about it. And none probably know that introduction of a bill to abolish fraternities altogether was only narrowly averted.

If fraternity men would only read the report of the alumni committee on dormitories, they would read in those lines that alumni are beginning to think seriously about the snobbishness and supposed superiority of the fraternities, and that they are thinking seriously along lines which will some day result in every student having at least one democratic year of equality on this

If fraternity men only knew that there are many of their own alumni who are no longer quite so sold on the proposition, and who are beginning to show some concern over the frankenstein they helped create and in staring the clock out of countenance. perpetuate, they would not be so touchy about reasonably limiting their downtown parties where the display cuts most deeply the people of the state who themselves were in great numbers unable to afford such luxuries, and whose sons and daughters even now possibly cannot afford them.

In short if fraternity men and women could for only a brief moment lift themselves out of their own little "exclusive" castles and see themselves as others ses them, they would be just a little bit more tolerant, not quite so reluctant to mix with others, and would be giad to regulate their conduct to bring about the least amount of public disfavor.

#### "THEY'RE ALL WRONG"

As an example of the weird ways in which stateats Critten or spoken can be twisted, drawn out and getting fixed opinions. ded when they have gone through several hands, be mentioned the aditorial comment in a few

ming the Compus Review, the statement

was made that college papers have become more and more cold and impersonal in many cases.

Only a few days passed before a paper of 100,000 and more circulation took up the statement and made a number one editorial out of it with a rubber-stretched generalization encompassing the whole University and even the whole state.

A week later a daily in one of the smaller Nebraska cities in a fatherly editorial assured The Nebraskan and the big paper that they were both right. But by To the Editor of the Daily Nebrasthis time there had crept into The Nebraskan editorial, kan: it seems, a statement that the editor of The Nebraskan seems to believe that the modern newspaper is too too many parties? Many statements difference of opinion, then, seems to much dominated by the business office.

ness office but so long as it was only said that the edi- proof that such is the case. At the so the number of parties can be detor seems to think this or that, it was all right.

But vesterday our old high school paper reached are limited to two downtown parties zation, but at the same time definiteus in the morning mass of exchanges. And what did a year. The proposal is to change this ly restricts that number so it is alwe find in the first editorial but a positive statement limit to one downtown party a year. ways within conservative bounds. that The Daily Nebraskan thinks that the business We believe that the present system What could be more desirable than office controls the personal opinion of the editor too is not excessive, and therefore, that this state of affairs? much these days.

Having dismissed the matter from our minds more | The matter was brought up before than a month ago, it was amusing to see the thing the Interfraternity Council and this still being bandied about, and a little bit more added to body unanimously voted against fur-

where to verbal statements of people with the only matter dropped, indicating that the let live Id with the only matter dropped, indicating that the difference that the exaggerations are probably on a change was not desirable. Both of grander and more spicy scale, is evident without any great stretch of imagination.

Change was not desirable. Both of these organizations have been accused by the editor of the Daily Nethon to the property of the property

#### BETTER ATHLETICS-OR WORSE?

Condemned from various sources across the country, collegiate athletics have furnished a subject for viewpoint of the whole school. Eviintensive criticism in recent years. Whatever may be dently that is his personal opinion as ties that way? They are composed of the situation at other institutions, athletics have exerted facts do not point to those conclus- some of America's finest young men. a most beneficial influence at the University of Nebras- ions. Selfishness of the majority of Give them the credit of a little sense.

freshman and varsity candidates go through two hours does not legislate as one would have prefer to give one downtown party held at Dartmouth College, Hanover, of intensive drill daily. Physical stamina, bodily co- it. Both of these organizations have or even no downtown parties, they ordination, quick thinking, perfect control of body, demonstrated several times that they can do so under the present rule. No was president of the association. Repmind, and temper, are necessary requisites to any continued degree of success. Similar qualifications are necessary for all collegiate sports. Basketball draws in the neighborhood of fifty to seventy-five men for varsity and freshman teams and another two hundred for intra-mural competition. Track keeps from two hundred to three hundred students doing some daily

Athletics at Nebraska is serving two vital functions among these men. In the majority of cases it is proving a substantial aid in assisting them to keep in good physical condition while attending school. In other cases, it is furnishing a clean, healthy, normal outlet for physical vigor that is going to be disposed of in some manner. Much better that it be put to work on efforts tion than that it be squandered in a pool hall, an excess done everything within its power to true to a small extent that the weaker of "caking", etc.

encourage sound living. The man who gets his sleep ties are given, closed to all social is concerned, the price of two downoff and on, and eats when and where he pleases, as well functions requiring permission from town parties would never cause much as what he pleases, finds the going tough. Training, by the office of the Dean of Women. It virtue of the competition involved, has become a neces- has insisted that student elections You say that fraternity men are sity to any great degree of athletic success. This means, must be honest, and has backed that on trial before the people of Nethat as a result of collegiate athletics, at least two or insistence with time and effort for brasks. They may be, but we doubt three hundred students are leading a better, healthier, new elections when crookedness was it; we doubt because we see no strong saner life, than they might otherwise lead.

Nebraska has maintained her athletics on a high Editor you lauded these organiza-that they are. Even if they are on plane because a sufficient portion of the student body tions long and loud, then, when they trial we doubt still more that they has realized the necessity of hard work and faithful refuse to act in accordance with your are being tried because they give too training in achieving athletic success and has striven for convictions, you immediately yelled, many parties. No doubt fraternities accusation is somewhat personal. It might be interest- the benefits which clean, vigorous competitive athletics "selfishness." We believe that the have many faults, but so does everyng to the writer of the letter to know, though, that may give. As long as Nebraska keeps her social sys- members of these two organizations thing else in this universe. N tem from becoming a business instead of a recreation have fully demonstrated to the stu-fraternities are very conservative as vital significance as to competitive ability as well as to they are not selfish, and that they schools in regard to parties. Why the higher standards of sportsmanship.

#### In Other Columns

The Athlete's Scholarship

While cynics may say that the reason why an athlete's marks are higher than the average student's is because they have to be for eligibility reasons, it cannot social fraternities on this campus. We be denied that his grades are slightly superior to those call them fraternities, but their full of the mythical average student, Richard Roe. The descriptive name is social fraternirecent comparison made at the University shows that ties. One of their functions is to offer such is the case and would further indicate that Varsity more opportunities for the social side men rank higher than reserves or numeral winners. It of life, a side which the University also indicates that more credit hours are carried by men itself offers little opportunity for. engaged in athletics.

But it would seem that the underlying reason for social functions in the form of parthe superfority of the athlete's marks is the fear of becoming ineligible rather than greater desire for improved scholarship. While it is true that the athletes Talks of eating at the rank slightly higher than the "Richard Roe," the difference is not great. While much has been done by authorities regarding the academic standing of the participating athletes, a difference of one per cent between ther average and that of the non-athletes can hardly justify one's waxing eloquent with praise. -The Michigan Daily

An Indoor Sport

Next to notebook sketching, clock-watching ap- Dinner-"When Do We Eat?" pears to be the most popular classroom diversion. The clock-watcher seems to be acutely conscious of the passage of time, and observes each movement of the minute hand on the clock with great concern. We are often told that habits acquired at college will be those of later life. If this is true, the clock-watcher will most likely carry this habit to the office, studio, or workshop in which he is employed.

Apparently the clock-watcher is unable to realize the value of time. In the world outside, time is the measure of work. But with the clock watcher, time is an obstruction to the work which is to be performed. He is so appalled by his awareness of time that he never gets to the work itself. This disposition seriously impairs his personal efficiency.

The disposition to make the most of time constitutes a part of business training. For this reason, the period allotted for classroom exercises ought to be held valuable. Conceivably, something of interest or value might be presented while the clock-watcher is engaged

The attention given to the lecture or discussion will pay dividends not only in increased interest and knowledge but also as a valuable training for later life, if one needs such training. -

-The Oklahoma Daily

Skeptics? Not for Long

Young people at Northwestern university, according to a questionnaire, are largely "indifferent and independent" in the matter of religion.

We may take it that Northwestern is not the exception, and that this condition is fairly general in our bigger institutions of learning. At first glance this seems deplorable. But is it,

after all? These students are very young; and college s primarily a place for asking questions rather than for

Give them time and they'll be all right. The most discreting one of the maiden efforts of the fortably and quietly within a few years of graduation.

The church need not fear that these youngsters are permanently alienated.

#### The Campus Pulse

Are Two Too Many?

Are Nebraska fraternities giving The Nebraskan had not even mentioned the busi- yet we have failed to see any logical it should not be changed.

ther limitation. Also it was considerty. It is not American-like to force That the same thing is probably happening every-ered by the Student Council and the an opinion on an individual who does braskan of being domineered and Let him think and act as he likes so misled by a few individual members who were too selfish to see the broad rights. individual members is the easiest way Let them work out this party prot- of the American Association of Col-During the football season some one hundred fifty to account for the fact that a body lem by themselves. If any of them legiate Schools of Business which was

> except during the regular rush perits members are not as selfish as Mr. members may have made mistakes restricting their parties. and they may have even been prejumuch less declaring, that they are downtown parties a year if it so de-

At the present time there are 37 That they have too highly stressed



A contributor to The Daily Nebraskan not long since pre-faced his (or her) complaint with the very pertinent inquiry, "When Do We Eat?"

It appears that a number of students who are employed part time as assistants or instructors paid in State warrants which are discounted at the banks at rates varying somewhat inversely to the amount of the warrant, the little fellows bearing the heaviest burden relatively.

It would seem that the adverb in the question quoted is not exact. "How Much Do We Eat"? would more nearly fit the facts. For if you go to the Central Cafe at 1325 P Street, you may eat at any time, night

Of course, if your State war-rant be discounted 3 per cent, then the answer to the amended question might be: "We can't eat more than 97 per cent."

It is deplorable that any servant of the State, or anyone else who renders ervice, should be paid in depreciated dollars in dollars worth 97 or 98 or 99 cents in the market; but this is only a passing phenomenon and will be corrected in no great length of time.

However, the prices for food at the Central Cafe are so rea-sonable—when you consider the quality of the food and the ser-vice—that the discount on your State warrant can be recovered State warrant can be recouped by eating there. Why not try it?

1325

ties, more especially downtown parties, is the charge made by the onedowntown-party-a-y e a r crusaders. These persons admit and believe that some parties are desirable. All the have been made that they are, but as be in the matter of degree. The limit now in force provides a little lee-way present time Nebraska fraternities termined by each individual organi-

> The greatest of all American prinlong as he does not affect your and animal husbandry at Massachus-Why not treat Nebraska fraterni-

are not composed of selfish members. fraternity can run wild and give too resentatives from all the large insti-The Interfraternity Council voted many downtown parties, because the tutions attended. to exercise jurisdiction over fraternity probation weeks, to prohibit fraternities from rushing Lincoln men ber of fraternities who do not have and management, Prof. T. Bruce fine, new, homes. Let them hire a iod, and to limit rush week to three hall and have a little fun twice a days instead of a full week. Evidently year if they wish. Be broadminded. Why chain everyone down to the Editor would have them appear, and, same standards and viewpoints? furthermore, it seems they also Some Nebraska fraterhities can easily showed considerable judgment in acord to give two downtown parties their legislative decisions. The Stu- a year. Some can't. Why hold everydent Council has continually boosted one to the pace of the weakest set? and pushed varsity parties and has If the stronger took the lead it is insure their success. It succeeded in might struggle hard to keep up, but getting nights on which Varsity par- as far as causing vnancial hardship

suspected. For all these things Mr. evidence founded on facts indicating have always acted according to the slam them about something that they best dictates of their reasons. These have been doing admirably, namely

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#### One Year Ago

"The Mad March Hare" from Alice in Wonderland" was selected by the members of the general tea committee as motif for the A. W. S. tea which was held in the Ellen Women at Cincinnati, Ohio, Smith Hall.

Ellsworth DuTeau, Arts and Science junior, discussed "Some was given by the University Players Evils of Our Present University So- in the Temple theater. The leading cial System," at the World Forum parts were played by Hart Jenks, luncheon at the Grand hotel. DuTeau Edna Leming, Darrell Starne, Harwas one of the leaders in the recent old Sumption, Dwight Merriam, and campaign against the use of rent-a- Mary Yarbroff.

J. H. Frandsen, dairy expert and agricultural editor, who for ten years class of the University of Nebraska was nead of the department of dairy was among those who heard the charhusbandry at the University of Nebraska, accepted a position as head of both the departments of dairying etts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

Dean J. E. LeRossignol of the College of Business Administration pre-New Hampshire. Dean LeRossignol

Prof. O. R. Martin, chairman of the business research, and Dr. E. T. Gra-

sires, and that this privilege does not ther, associate professor of advertisinfringe on the rights or well-being ing, went to Grand Island, to attend of any other persons. Our present the annual convention of the Ne. ruling permits this, so why change braska Retailers' Association. it? Let's let well enough alone.

Prof. Margaret Fedde of the department of Home Economics spoke on "Problems of the Present Day Home" before the P. E. O. Chapter

#### Two Years Ago

in Plattsmouth.

Dean Amanda Heppner attended a national conference of Deans of

"The Masqueraders," stage and screen success by Guy Bates Post.

Mrs. G. W. Stevens, the only woman member of the first graduating ter day program broadcast from here

A Chinese play, "Sweet-Meat Game", was given at Vespers. Pauline Gellatly, Ruth Jameson and Eloine MacAhan, Dramatic club members, were in charge of the play.

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