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T. SIMPSON M Richard P. Vette Milton McGrew William Kearns	TUESDAY, APHIL 12, 1927.	their interest aroused in things outside the fraternity and those whose mental capacity is such that they will likely never gather much of an idea what University life is all about anyway. Something can be done with

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The initial article by "D. N." (whoever he is, the editor does not know) has brought forth two replies each of which in its own way points out the greatest to many of their members, the real University and its weakness in D. N.'s campaign.

While the purpose of this supposed campaign to reform social conditions is commendable and should have the support of all, fraternity men included, the method as pointed out in today's letters is probably futile.

Talking and writing are just about the two most futile ways of trying to reform any situation, especially a situation created or perpetuated by organizations of which a person is not a member. Hence one great handicap in D. N.'s campaign.

E. F. D. is right beyond question when he says that if any change is ever brought about so long as fraternities exist on this campus it will have to be brought about by the fraternities themselves.

And if E. F. D. should go further he would probably come to the unescapable conclusion that fraternities will never abandon their present attitude, will never bring about a change, for the very simple reason that the very heart and soul of their existence is the belief of every blessed one of them that they are superior to the common run. That's the tie that binds them together, and that's one of the biggest reasons why people join them-to be lifted out of the supposed mire of barbaric oblivion and into the companionship of the elect. Eliminate this supposed feeling of superiority-this esprit de corps, if you pleaseand most of the groups would become nothing but mere eating houses.

And taken by themselves there is nothing objectionable in the formation of such groups. If people think they are having a more enjoyable four years of college by banding together as they do, it seems that they ought to be permitted to do so. That's the accepted orthodox fraternity laissez faire explanation of it all

on at the other end of the line, we would shrug our shoulders, yawn, and consider the offer, Likewise, if we were given the opportunity to tune in on a movie program in our homes, no one would be startled. Our reactions are becoming numbed by the rapidity with which science enters an occult field, and nothing is un usual.

Fraternity Inbreeding

vital, interesting, and moving life.

the first group. Fraternity officers, long accustomed

to get underclassmen interested in activities could do

well to use the same methods on the upperclassmen in

getting their interests aroused in that great unknown

Under-Graduate Foresight

number who have set for themselves a refinite objective reformations.

that purpose.

-Minnesota Dally Dear Editor:

likely never gather much of an idea what University shall be last, and the last, first."

Michigan Daily

If a student intends to acquire training, which will tain intellects and the result is an at-

be especially valuable in an occupation which requires tempt to engross public sentiment and

rapid thought and efficient reasoning, he should take thought in a controversy over Dem-

these become stranger and he isc left with more effi-

cient tools to perform the work he has planned for him- calmly will enable the initiators of

self. On the other hand if a student intends to make this time-worm discussion and con-

writing his career he should take courses which will troversy to procure more than indif-

provide him with the necessary knowledge and tech-

nical ability. With the average isudent, however, there reside on the other side of the fence.

is a deplorable lack of mature reasoning and foresight By the other side I refer to opposing

in choosing courses. In the simple fact that it is quite trend of thought. What is more im-

customary to choose courses with the idea of leaving the afternoon as free as possible from classes rather marks which are too often exaggera-

than with a purpose of taking those which are most tions will only reflect upon the author

-The Minnesota Daily

strive to create a new relationship I am taking this opportunity to between the Greek-letter society of the domineering, power-grasping write to you before "the existing in- members and the non-members, do fraternal machine toward the Barb.

There are undoubtedly many advantages to resi- equalities of social relationships on not be unwise enough to believe that dence in a fraternity house. The social opportunities this campus" are too much altered bitter irony will organize a minority offered, the facilities available for close companionship, by the series of articles which "D. N." into a majority. Do not be silly its publication but depending upon a the presence of more or less homelike surroundings, is promulgating. If I had known that enough to support that by rallying spirit of fair play and a desire to the compact nature of the group, all these may be men- a series of articles could alter these the "Barbs" you will succeed in your permit the promulgation of both sides tioned. But there are also many perils. Perhaps the inequalities, I would have written the cause.

Lon.

The Campus Pulse

Lotters from readers are cerdially welcomed in this de rinted in all cases subject only to the common newspap

greatest of these is the tendency toward inbreeding, of articles myself. Well, it is too late I think one may prophecy that if narrowing acquaintances to members of the particular now. I am reminded of the ancient ever a change is truly affected on this fraternity and a few "nodding" friendships on the proverb: "The early bird is early to campus, as long as fraternities and bed." Thank goodness.

sororities exist, the change will have This tendency may be noted in every house on the "D. N.'s" article is an indication to be brought about by the members campus. Each fraternity has its members whose social that the University of Nebraska (fac- of the Greek-letter organizations horizon is bounded by the limits of their fraternity, ing the bookstore) is engaged in a themselves. What champion, no matwhose interests revolve about fraternity matters and great civil war testing whether this ter how able, will be able to organize those alone. This tendency becomes even further ob- college or any other college so con- the Barbs into an effective machine. breath of narrow bias. jectionable when evidenced in still smaller groups with- ceived and so dedicated can long en- which will force the fraternities and

dure. "D. N." has struck the match sororities to change their regard, if The case is not altogether hopeless. Such men are that will ignite the fuse which will their present regard for the Barb may composed of those who need a little prodding to get carry the flame to the firecracker be said to be detrimental to his social Sociologists To their interest aroused in things outside the fraternity that is all wet. Let us hall him as a development here at school. If the and those whose mental capacity is such that they will prophet, for it is written "The first majority of non-fraternity men and

non-sorority women would come to be outstanding in school life their prestige would demand respect and social in social work who is connected with recognition, but is that possible when. the university extension division, and as the reformers chose to declare, their opportunities are decidedly Judge Lincoln Frost, head of the state department of public welfare, minimized.

In view of that is it not logical to will go to Hastings Monday for an Let no one believe that the only suppose that the members of the or- all-day conference with a group of fancies the masculine mind harbors in ganizations must be enrolled in the thirty. They will meet with city and the springtime are those relating to movement for the heightened pres-There are ten thousand or more students at Minne- love and moonlight adventures. Recounty officials, representatives of tige of the "Barbs" before very much sota. They are of all types-the genius and one moron, awakening nature and emotional the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., and can be done. And certainly such peothe book-worm and the athlete, the social light and the stirrings generate in the mental world ple will not be brought to their knees Red Cross leaders. Legal and social lost sheep who never ventures out after nine o'clock of the male a multitude of fancies

or forced to enroll themselves by at- aspects of juvenile court work and unless it is to slump for a listless two hours in a moving which are builders of conquest tacks which savor of bias and literary mothers' pensions will be discussed. picture house, Among all these there is only a small dreams and giorious anticipations of severities. So that I may not be misinterpreted by anyone with enough to reach in the four years they will spend sere. Before A conquest again at fraternities and patience to read this, I refer to the they elect to take a course students of this care type a reformation sentimers among the editorial sheet of The Daily Nebras-

investigate its merits, learn what it is intended to teach, unfortunately termed "Barbs" is bekan Sunday last. consider the advant ges which will be theirs if they ing attempted. Democracy is again possess knowledge of the subject-matter of the course, before the student body, blazened in "White lies" prevalent in the eso-

and confer with students who have previous; taken it. unmistakeable literary descriptions teric discussions between members They have a definite purpose to fulfill, and they con- upon the editorial page of our fore- and pledges of the Greek-letter orsider only such corrses as will aid them in achieving most campus publication. Spring has ganizations were mentioned: "Slaves" touched a spark to the ideals of cer-

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was the title of a particular editorial upon the blighted fraternity freshman; "Movie Stuff" was the term applied to the foolhardiness of two Fraternity members, "Wake up

Barbs" was admonition that concluded a letter in the Campus Pulse which dealt with the so-called attitude Either the length of this letter or the nature of its content may prevent

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 Theta Sigma Phi Theta Sigma Phi will meet in SS 213 Tuesday, April 12, at 5 °C. P. E. O. P. E. O. luncheon on Tuesday, April 12, P. E. O. P. E. O. luncheon on Tuesday, April 12, there is the Campus Studio at 112:16, Men should borrow sweaters from football aumeral men. meral men. Alpha Kappa Pai Important meeting of Alpha Kappa Pai Important Club Room at 7 p. m. APRIL 13 Important meeting of Alpha Kappa Pri, Commercial Club Room at 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 Lutheran Bible League The Lutheran Bible League will meet meet Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the Temple building room 202. All members report for retular rebearsals beginning Wednesday of this week. Glee Club will not meet Wednesday night.

with hope. Why resent the bitter attacks upon Fraternity life when their very bitterness speaks for prejudice behind them. If the situation is so appalling bring pressure to bear through the paper's columns but if you would succeed in justifying your

night. THURSDAY, APRIL 14 Math Club Open meeting of Math Club on Thurs-ture on Magie Squares. Everyone interest-p. m. Dr. Cady will give a stereopticon lee-day, April 14, in SS Auditorium, at 740 ed is urged to attend. cause present your arguments in a manner, or in diction, that does not A shipment of living native silk

E. F. D.

worm cocoons from New York has recently been received by the depart. ment of zoology. The specimens will he used in nature study classes, All the cocoons are expected to hatch this **Attend Meeting** spring and the growth of the moth-

will be observed by the students. Miss Anna M. Cameron, instructor

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Wake up, Greeks,

To the Student Body:

ocracy and reformation.

Only a cool consideration of facts

-I will say more-

Intimidatingly Yours,

Mental Fancies

But this explanation leaves altogether out of account the mass of nonfraternity men whose existence on the campus is made uncomfortable in more ways than one by the existence of these groups. That this is no exaggreration is proved by the periodical rumblings of revolt among the nonfraternity men as indicated by D. N.'s letter last Sunday.

Frattrnity men and their magazines prate about the democracy of their system, and yet the value of membership in the groups is often in inverse proportion to the ratio of fraternity men to nonfraternity men. If there are too many fraternities on a campus, it's just like the quantity theory of money, the value of membership declines accordingly. So we have many national fraternities absolutely refusing to grant chapters at schools where the percentage of fraternity men is above a certain arbitrary figure. Despite all their prating about democracy the fraternities realize that the value of their membership depends in part on its exclusiveness and the deprivation of great numbers of its supposed advantages.

It is a waste of time, thererfore, to talk about bettering social conditions so long as there are on the campus organizations which inherently are opposed to any democratization of social relations.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

During the present school year several fratternities have inaugurated the practice of holding discussion groups at intervals. Although at first glance the idea seems to be rather unpractical, real interest and benefits are seen, according to those who have tried it.

To all those who have spent very much time in fraternity house the fact is well known that much of the time of the early evening is spent in over-indulgence in much talking, and saying very little. It seems entirely reasonable that spending this time in talk of a more serious and uplifting brand of conversation once or twice a month would at least be a step ahead of the common practice in most houses.

As far as the common supposition that very few "fraternity men" would occupy their time on affairs of this kind, it is hardly fair to the average college man to place him in a class with tht wide-trousered youth of College Humor. Actual practice has shown that interest is developed, and that the discussions do not descend to the level of common fire-place palsvering. While it is not a thing that can be taken with loud bally-hooing, it is something that might well be considered by more fraternities on the campus.

In Other Columns

A Blass People

Scientific research no longer is accorded the awe have given the world many new and remarkable inventions, yet we semain unmoved, a blase and unsporecia-

This matter-of-fact acceptance of that which aphe radio did not arouse our awe when it was int.oaced, but was rather something for our entertainment. Le Viteparne talks at us from the screen; to us it is marely another unit of the entertainement program. A quarter-in-tize-slot machine is developed, printing pic-tures "ublice you wait." The utilitarian aspect of these tions intracends the phenor

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valuable in the particular case of the student lics ade-and will reduce his or her influence quate proof of the innocence of most undergraduates to the point of absurdity. You, who of any practical purpose in taking them.

There is something in h. G. Well's mitacism of modern educational systems. Too much time is given to "the games" and social pastimes. Not enough time is given to specialization in a definite, chosen work. The attitude of the undergracuate is jur mile rather than mature. He sees no further than the examination at the end of the quarter. Wha he expects a get out of college, he has no idea. And his idea of what to expect from life as probably equally obscure.

courses which demand that he employ what faculties

for rapid thought and reasoning he possesses. With use

From the Beginning

For the sake of argument, we have been assuming that "College Spirit" has existed here in the past. We have suggested that it is irrelevant only to the present attitude towards activities. Indeed, we have introduced "College Spirit" as an anachronism which once had a very definite meaning, one closely suffusing the life here. We hasten to suggest that it has never existed as an important factor in Columbia College.

You will probably be glad to grant us one qualifiestion to this statement. We do not for a second deny that there have been, and are, men who have a deep interest in Columbia, some undergraduates and many alumni. We do insist that "College Spirit" has never been the motivating factor in extra-curricular activities.

The very quantity of propaganda and editorial rampage devoted to the subject during the last fifty years should be significant. A firmly implanted habit of mind hardly needs the energetic boosting which the idea "College Spirit" has received. At the beginning of each "new era at Columbia" (and there have been many of them), men have hoped that at last "College Spirit" might arise. It has been constantly held up as something which Columbia, alone, lacked. It has been always treated as a characteristic of the good old days. But it has never existed. And we have good reason to believe that it is not to be found elsewhere.

Consider these examples selected at ten year intervals. They hardly suggest lively spirit.

1877-"If the students wish to see their college take a forward position, they must sacrifice their time, and help the team practice Let every student feel it his individual duty to add his mite to Columbia's fame."

1887-"Why is the attendance at baseball games so small? Every Columbia man ought to go up to the games at the Polo Grounds. We would also urge them to give the nine more cheering."

1897-"There is no reason why the track team should not have three and four times its present number of candidates. There is no reason why some of these should not be doing better work."

1997-"Without the backing of all the undergraduates and their encouragement in the home groves at least, it is impossible for any team win a championship. Proper interest in tonigut s game and the display of it by Columbia men as a whole can be depended upon to put the winning spirit into the basketball squad."

1917-"It is about high time that Columbia got busy if it is to hold its place in the wrestling world. The fault of the poor showing is the fault of the student body in general. It is the lack of interest and the support so badly needed at Columbia that is to blame."

Incidently this last was apropos of an appeal made by the Cornell wrestling captain to his Cornell supporters. And Cornell, at that time, held the championship, The whole condition is neither peculiarly Columbia's, nor Cornell's. It is simply the general attempt to regard the student as existing for the activities rather than the activities as existing for the student.

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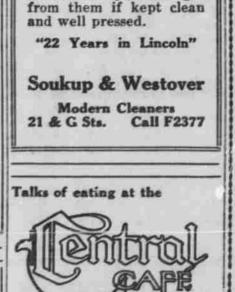
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At the Central Cafe every At the Central Cafe every three-division plate dinner con-tains one portion of potato. Sometimes mashed; at other "American fried",; at still others, Lyonnaise. The potato is included in the same manner as bread and butter — that is, is not excelled by the potato for but is not specially charged for; but

is not specially charged for; but of course, it makes up part of the cost of the meal. French Fried, 15c, Shoestring, 15c; American Fried, 10c; Hash Brown, 15c; Lyonnaise, 20c; Cottage Fried, 20c; and Mashed, 10c are listed in the Central Cafe's printed menu. These prices are for a la carte orders.

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