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Wake Up, Fraters!

Again the merits of fraternity life at the University of Nebraska are at stake. In today's Morning Mail, "A Barb," who adds that he is "glad it," tells an amazing story of how he was disillusioned about fraternities after coming on the Cornhusker campus as a freshman.

True, the Daily Nebraskan some time ago took the position that fraternities were not what they should be on the Nebraska campus. But this newspaper believes that "A Barb" digresses a bit when he seems to doubt that fraternities justify their existence.

The fraternity system, as a whole, is not a bad thing. In fact, the principles of fraternity system are exactly what this non-fraternity man thought they were before coming to school. Therefore it is the fraternity as it is being "operated" these days that is irksome to the barb and to The Daily Nebraskan.

One of the most popular topics among the taxpayers of the state of Nebraska today is that relating to finances. Never before have the citizens of Nebraska or of any other state, for that matter, interested themselves in matters of taxation and finances as now.

Today the fraternity question is one which is often heard connected with discussions about the University of Nebraska. There is a movement growing in the state to have the next legislature pay particular attention to fraternities, with the possibility that the old subject will be raised about abolishing them altogether.

Fraternity men and women at the University of Nebraska can and should work out their own salvation. They can put a stop to any movement like this. They can forget their superficialities and come down to earth both in their actions and in their mode of living.

Cornhusker Greeks are what the student opinionator has found them to be. They are "high hats." They are selfish. They are foreign to individuality.

This time last year devotees of the rag of life were being accused of being inmates of a cigarette-smoking den of vice. Oh well, the world moves on.

All Is Quiet On The Front.

The campus breathes softly. There is little noise and little activity. Entire student body moving about slowly, still in lethargy following vacation. Many students still vacationing, some here, some in home towns.

Student council planning meeting of delegates from Big Six Student councils here. Conclave in process of being hatched.

Seniors look with disfavor on proposition of going to work soon. Some are looking for jobs, most are looking for good vacationing place. Few seniors buy announcements and in-

stitutions, not many yet have caps and gowns. Few seniors in trouble with credits enough to graduate.
Ivy Day looms on the horizon. Innocents in throes of electing. No outside commotion. Mortar Boards counting votes, too. No commotion there either.

Student council holding their fire on the offices of freshman and sophomore class presidents.
Intramural debate accepted by fraternities. Delta Sigma Rho arranges schedule. Nobody debates.

Journalism seniors return with harrowing tales. Spring plowing, you know.

'Shouting' Editors Have Value.

Tribute is paid to University of Nebraska editors for their tolerance as compared to the "wild outburst of untempered enthusiasm," followed by the "violent acts in the Columbia strike," in an editorial appearing in a Nebraska newspaper and which is being reprinted in the columns of The Daily Nebraskan today.

To read this, one would be inclined to think that both student editors and minority groups are unnecessary, that their "yelling" is a symbol of "sour grapes," or something like that, without the proper amount of "thinking."

The Daily Nebraskan disagrees with this impression. The Nebraskan may be a typical student newspaper, bent upon shooting off steam, but it believes that student newspapers, like insurgent senators and congressmen, can serve as a check on the so-called majority group.

The Nebraskan is not criticizing the University of Nebraska officials. Fortunately, the administration at this university is always glad to co-operate with the press and any others interested. This has been proved in statements made by Chancellor E. A. Burnett recently in answer to a request made by a taxpayers' league for an "investigation" of the university, when he said:

"We welcome an investigation at any time." But for a state newspaper to try to leave an impression with its readers that student comments are only outbursts based on jealousy or some similar attribute like that of the much-talked-of minority appears to The Nebraskan as unfair.

It might be well to inquire at this juncture if all newspaper editors, large and small, outside of the collegiate realm, are always with the majority and are never inclined to blow off steam. A survey of these writers might reveal that they, too, often are harping on subjects which the public does not swallow.

Furthermore, isn't it true that the winner of the Pulitzer editorial prize in 1930 was an editorial writer who had blown off steam about a victorious candidate for public office, whom he had not supported?

The situation, The Nebraskan believes, is best stated by a contemporary, The Daily Illini, in these words also appearing elsewhere in this edition:

"While the pen may be mightier than the sword, most people would rather have a few drops of ink between their shoulder blades than a knife between their ribs. Letting off excess steam via the printed page is, one would think, much to be preferred to noisy and often damaging demonstrations."

Last year a fraternity gave a gold rush party. This year they are giving a gold rush party. Yukon go and if you haven't the courage Alaska myself. Gosh.

A Good Idea, Alumni Officers.

Now comes the announcement that the annual alumni roundup will be held simultaneously with Ivy Day.

This year alumni and students should have ample opportunity to get acquainted. A complete schedule of events will fill both days. On

Saturday is the annual farmers fair. Too, the new arrangement clears the final two week's stretch leading up to final examinations and permits an organization for the coming year before the present is ended. The alumni officers are to be commended on the new plan.

MORNING MAIL

'Fraternity Spirit.'

I sometimes wonder if fraternities justify their existence. I came down to school with the idea that fraternities were groups of students banded together because of a feeling of fellowship and with the best interests of the university in their minds.

I soon found fraternities were entirely different when the rush and bustle of rush week was over. They were revealed as self-centered, very selfish, and greedy organizations, looking out for only their own interests.

Freshmen were slowly but surely moulded along the lines the fraternity thought best for the maintenance of the "rating" of the group. They were told to date girls in certain sororities, they were pushed into certain activities in which members of that group were already active so that the hold on that particular activity might not be lost.

"Fraternity spirit" is the right name for that feeling. It is the glorification, the deification of selfishness. "We are for us, and the rest of the university can do as it pleases, so long as it does not interfere with us." Such a policy must inevitably lead to self-destruction.

College Editors Say—

Letting Off Steam.

College editors this year are coming in for a goodly share of notoriety. Northwestern is only one instance. Reed Harris' sensational charges against football at Columbia last fall may be mightier than the sword, most people

DELEGATES REPORT ON MILITARY CONVENTION

National Defense Stressed At Scabbard and Blade Annual Conclave.

National defense was the main theme of the biennial convention of Scabbard and Blade, honorary advanced military fraternity, held April 7, 8 and 9 at Washington university in St. Louis, according to Albert Lucke, cadet colonel of the R. O. T. C. unit and one of the two Nebraska delegates.

More than 150 delegates and alternates, representing seventy-three schools, both army and navy R. O. T. C. units, attended the convocation. Lucke, a senior from Omaha, and Robert Glover, a senior also from Omaha, were the two Nebraska delegates to the convention.

Meetings of the convention were held in the Washington university chapel on the campus. The visitors went on several tours, one of which was a visit to Scott's field, east of East St. Louis, where an exhibition of aircraft maneuvers was given in their honor.

Friday night a military ball for the delegates was held at a downtown hotel. Saturday night the closing banquet of the conclave was held at the same place. At the meeting recognition was given to the plan of the chapter at the University of Wisconsin, where the organization was founded in 1904, to commemorate the founding of the fraternity by erecting a monument surmounted by a flag pole.

METHODIST COUNCIL WILL HOLD DINNER

Affair Planned to Honor New Officers; Picnic Scheduled.

Members of the Methodist student council voted to entertain the newly elected officers and representatives on the council at a dinner April 29 at the Grand hotel, at their meeting Friday noon at the Temple. Each young people's group in Lincoln Methodist churches will send a representative and an alternate to the council to serve during the coming year.

All Methodist seniors in the university will be entertained at the annual student picnic at Epworth Lake park May 14, when more than 200 students are expected to attend. A program of games is being planned by Glen Heady who also has charge of the dinner meeting.

Members of the council will aid the Wesley Foundation Women's auxiliary in the ticket sale for the benefit performance of "Barter" which the Wesley Players will give Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Temple theater. Proceeds will be devoted to furnishing and improving the parsonage for student use.

RAMSAY MAKES PLANS FOR ALUMNI ROUNDUP

Crowning of the May queen and other Ivy day exercises are scheduled for the campus that morning. At noon a general alumni luncheon

started the parade and other editors have followed him since, usually to the loss of their positions. In every college and university there are those who would, if they dared, muzzle the publications existing there and conduct them to their own satisfaction. Such people regard collegiate opinion as juvenile, and hold that every modern educational institution is little more than a "hotbed of radicalism."

There are bounds of decency and good taste, beyond which no editor, collegiate, or otherwise, should be permitted to step. Other than that, however, the faculty-meddler ought to maintain a hands-off policy. While the pen would rather have a few drops of ink between their shoulder blades than a knife between their ribs. Letting off excess steam via the printed page is, one would think, much to be preferred to noisy and often damaging demonstrations.—Daily Illini.

STATE SLANTS

Student Newspapers.

The student strike at Columbia university, with its repercussions in the way of student fights, all coming out of official action against the editor of the student newspaper at the New York institution, is in marked contrast to the situations that have prevailed in similar circles on the University of Nebraska campus.

Student editors here have for years been given a measure of freedom in expression. They have "blown off steam." There must have been many times when university administrative officials or professors resented suggestions or criticisms, as well as many times that they have welcomed reasonable suggestions.

From this distance, it is impossible to tell whether Editor Harris at Columbia is the victim of a lack of tolerance or whether he abused the responsibilities of his position. It is encouraging to Nebraskans, however, to realize that in a long reign of student newspapering at the state university, there has been no such wild outbursts of untempered enthusiasm, as the violent acts in the Columbia strike.

MAHATMA GANDHI AT-TENDS STORY BOOK BALL WITH HIS GOAT; MR. HYDE AND OTHER FAMOUS CHARACTERS PRESENT.

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tumes cost too much so they came as convicts. Norman Hansen and Rosalie Lamme came in modernistic costumes.

Sailors were swabbing the floor. Joe Miller and Flo Johnston did a horn pipe. Mike Charters and Willa McHenry came as Russians, Lowell Sutherland as a rabbit, Frank Musgrave and Zua Warner as rajah and rajahess, Bob Lau and Shirley Brooks as daschunds, Charles Fisk and Clarissa Flansburg as rustics and Carl Beekman as a goated duke.

Pat McDonald made a good girl, Carl Humphrey went on the war path as a Navajo Indian. Allen Johnson played the clown. Jack Thompson and Catherine Clark came as peons or Mexican jumping beans.

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