Nebraskan Editorials:

The Facts Of Life

around Chicago.

As big boys and girls it's about time people around here came to grips with what the local political picture really looks like right here in our owe community, the campus and the Uni-

Politics here are centered in the "city hall" -the Union from about two in the afternoon till a little before supper-time, in the Crib and in a few scattered offices.

But as in most places, all over the nation, the biggest single characteristic of our local politics is the complete, utter and deplorable apathy that surrounds them.

Stated more simply, there is no controversy on this campus.

There are few individuals who get "heated up" over any issue. Jobs are quietly passed around and divided up so just about everyone gets satisfied at one time or another. Honors seem to come, almost automatically, if the proper preliminary steps are taken.

So-since we're big folks, let's discuss the

To begin with, this is what is called a "Greek controlled campus."

There is nothing wrong about this, any more than there is anything wrong in saying that the Democrats, for instance, control the deep South. (Curiously enough, there exist multiple similarities between the two political areas.)

more so than the Greek.

This being true, the Greeks can not be critifunctions of government and do it downright

Finally, and this is the deplorable element political Facts Of Life.-D. F.

in the whole picture, nobody seems the least bit ton, on the farm down at Gettysburg, in and upset about the condition, especially the independents, who should be.

In a sense, this campus is a reflection of most of Nebraska. People just don't seem to care. This is the inaction that leads to trouble, and one doesn't have to look very far to illustrate the truth of this thought.

So, we ask, what can be done?

Should the Greeks be criticized and forced out of office? Should the independents be praised and placed in position just because they are "independent?" Should all activities and student politics be tossed out?

To all these the answer is no, emphatically,

What exists here is rare. This is one of the few large campuses which is still controlled by Greek groups. Nothing is inherently wrong with this. It just happens that nobody has yet arisen to test the power of the Greeks.

What is needed is a little heat, fire, storm, enthusiasm . . . call it what you will, it's just a little bit of interest and a little bit of controversy in the proper areas.

What nobody realizes here is that in matter of time we have not changed as most other campuses have, at least in a political sense.

And where does this leave us. The answer is:

That is, nowhere until the political elements of student life wake up from their current bibernation and begin to wonder about who's boss, and why, and where; for though everything is Secondly, the independent element is lary, peaceful here in the campus community, if stadents expect to get real training in the giveand take of politics as they are in the big, wide clised for being on "the in," for, no matter what world, even in peaceful areas such as Nebraska is said, the Greeks do perform the necessary or the South "somethin's gotta give." Something must change.

Someone has got to wake up to the local and

A Real Barn Burner

The cage season has commenced. And, if Jerry Bush and his undersized clan seem to early returns mean anything. Nebraska has a have brought it back. veritable barn-burner in the offine.

Under the totalage of Coach Jerry Bush, and Rex Ekwall, Jim Kubacki, Don Smidt, Norm Bush, the coach, Coufal and Bob Mercier, the current Buskers are short on height, but long on hustle.

In the one win and the two defeats, the Bushmen impressed onlookers with their hustle and drive, playing every game under the decided disadvantage of a lack of height. The tallest squad-member, Jim Thom, 6-9 center, usually plays second string.

In their first three games, the Huskers fielded a starting five with its tallest players only 6-4, a stature considered only middling in the modern game's bettle of giants.

hat leaves no room for defeat. This "Cornhusker Spirit," once so much a part of the Nebraska athletic scene, has been lacking in recent bejabbers out of the rest of the league. years, probably through the lack of extensive winning strenks in the major sports.

If any reason can be brought forward for the potential success of the Rusker maplemen, it sparked by the player caliber of Chuck Smith, must be stamped across the broad shoulders of

> He is the impetus behind the spirit, and the molding force in the fire-brand basketball the Huskers have displayed.

> "They laughed when I sat down to play," a man once said. And then he best the pants off everybody else.

Nobody is laughing at the Cornhuskers now. If early games indicate anything, no one certainly will be laughing at them at the end of

Maybe they won't win the conference. That The entire squad, including the reserves, really isn't to be expected right away, with Kanseems to be fired with enthusiasm and desire sas and Colorado rumbling around. They might not even finish in the first division

But, wherever they finish, they will scare the

They play real basketball, man. They play it real well.-F. T. D.

Toward A Better University

This is the fifth article in the daily editorial series dealing with problems common to our University community.

Today's editorial discusses the campus and off campus parking problems which only too soon, will be worsened with the advent of the proposed building program,

The series, which will feature three more articles, was originated in a Nebraskan editorial of Nov. 16 in the hope of acquainting both faculty and students with a common interest in bettering Nebraska University.

wanting to ditch the car before it's positively to class. too late to go to class, feels some pity for the students who will try to get rid of their cars

year. By exactly how much, no one knows. One thing is predictable—that more of these students will have cars than before.

They will have more cars not because the campus traffic, parents will be necessarily more sympathetic with their college-age children's wants, but because with the three major automobile manufacturers in a production race, more used cars will be available. More student cars will be available, in other words.

At the same time parking space is constricting. When the Union addition is built, one lot will be gone. The area between 5 and U streets, in front of Selleck Quadrangle, will be filled with buildings within the next few years.

In addition, rising enrollment will mean more faculty members, most of whom require parking

Hommed in as the University is between the versity, as a part of the state government, can exercise the right of eminent domain.

Everyone who has inched through hair-narrow campus, as has been rumored, does not deal campus streets, looking for a parking place with the problem of the 3000 Lincoln and offamong the bristling cars, in a rising panic and campus students who must have transportation

Lincoln's bus service is erratic at best. Many in even fewer parking places than there are now. routes never come very close to campus. Sei-University enrollment is certain to rise each ting up car pools is not practical when every member of the pool may have a different schedule. Catching a ride to town with one's purents works only so long-most fathers turn gray in

> But evidently no large-scale plans have been made. One informal suggestion has been to build a multi-floored parking building similar to those in downtown Lincoln. Such a building could be operated by students and charge hourly rates to pay off the building's cost.

Another proposal is to include as much offstreet parking as possible in planning new campus buildings. Grass and shrubbery are decorative, if you can afford it. When you need it badly an empty parking stall is almost beautiful.

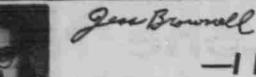
When the temporary buildings are removed, if ever, from the Mall, the space remaining could be used for parking.

The ideal campus may be picturesque and business district, two railroad lines and an in- all that, with woods, brooks and clean air, but dustrial district, cheap space is not readily evall- the University, whether it likes it or not, is a able. Small additions to parking space can be streamer college set between the steel works made from time to time. Fortunately, the Uni- and the tracks. Providing off-street parking just as the gronery stores do, at the expense of landscaping, may be the only solution to the Permitting fewer students to bring cars to parking problem in the next few years.-M. S.

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-I Do Not Choose To Fight-

Better Part Of Valor

Recent campus trends have forced me to leave my temporary retirement and come to the fore as the champion of those who don't want to fight.

A wave of seriousness has swept over us, and a deluge of editorials and challenges have followed in its wake. Even usually lighthearted and frivolous people have been overcome, and we are in danger of drowning in platitudes.

I suggest that we examine this situation and see if perhaps we have not been a bit over-nealous.

When I silently retired, things eemed to be going pretty well. The exam fracas was over, and I assumed that everyone would settile down to a period of sensible

The next thing I heard about was this strange breach between the students and the administration. At first this rather interested

Jess Jesting

me, but this was only because the discussion of the situation misled

I erroneously assumed this breach to be a natural fissure, a yawning gap into which whiterobed reformers were daily burling their flagellated bodies.

As it turned out, the breach was merely a lack of communication between the students and the ad- department. Both controversies

all the fuss was about.

In the first place, we're here to deal with our instructors and to read a few books, not to chatter with the administration; in the second place, who wants to talk to them anyway? I certainly don't. They've given me nothing but

Then, just as I was recovering trem this battle, somebody, Lord knows or cares who, had to go and talk to Pete Elliott about coaching the Combuskers, and more fighting started. Not satisfied with this. somebody else attacked the ROTC

indolence and innocent enjoyment. | ministration, a situation so natural | were probably justified by events, but for Heaven's sake, give us a and inconsequential that I can't

for the life of me figure out what break, please. Now it's the Christmas season, and before anyone starts anything. let me plead for a little peace. Let us all sit back with a cup of egg-nog or a Tom and Jerry and

> enjoy ourselves. Well, that's my advice. If some of you feel that it would be unfortunate, and even a little immoral, to let controversy alone for a while, why go out and dig up

> another one, by all means. It will give you something to think about over the holidays. As for me, I think I'll have another drink and then lie down until it's

time to open my presents.



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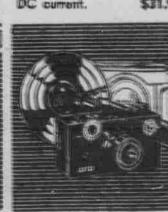


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