Challenge to Fraternities

There has been a certain stigma attached to the fraternity system in recent years. There are those who feel that fraternities breed all sorts of evil, consume too much time which should be spent on studies and cost too much for what the member gets out of them. There are others who think that such a segregation of students as caused by fraternities is bad for the college campus. Others argue that friction between the fraternity men and the "unwashed", as some would call them, is unplesant.

Unfortunately many of these charges have been substantiated by strong evidence pointing to the failures of the social fraternity system. There is an automatic tendency to think of drinking and gay-partying as the prime aims of fraternity life. Carolina fraternities, in particular, have been tabbed country clubs and unnecessary evils. The prevailing opinion among the anti-fraternity leaders is that there is no good in a fraternity and absolutely no place for the fraternity system on the college campus. If the main objectives of fraternities were to offer a play-house for its members, then fraternities have lost their ground.

There is evidently some good in the fraternity system because otherwise it could not have survived these many years since its inception in the middle of the last century. For one thing a fraternity offers association with men who have been through a couple of years of college. This is valuable to a freshman because the advice of someone who has walked the path before will be welcomed by the greenhorns. This same association with a number of different men broadens and develops the individual's personality. Of course, also grant that other associations on any college campus perform an important part in rounding-out the college student. Generalizations can be made about the fraternity system for hours on end, but when it comes to facts, fraternities are left holding an empty bag. Point for point those who are anti-fraternity can actually put down on paper more bad features of fraternities than good points.

Granting that there is some good in the fraternity system, there remains a challange to the fraternal organizations to present their case and prove their point. If they have one. The national offices of the various fraternities have realized that through the war years, fraternities have slipped down a notch or two from their intended status. This, men who believe in farternities, are attempting to correct.

Rushing comes soon. The average age of many of the new men ranges from one to two years more than the pre-war freshman's age. This additional age means maturity which in turn means a certain amount of intellectual development. More questions are going to get a working over. Not only will students be more cautious about fraternities, but anti-fraternity crusaders will seek to spread the corruption of the organizations in question.

At the present the fraternities are strong. In fact many are too big for their own good. Some fraternity men actually feel that since there is such an over-supply of actives in the various chapters there is little to offer potential pledges in the oncoming rushing season. A few years will bring the enrollment of the colleges down and a decrease in the large number of fraternity men in each chapter will naturally follow. If the fraternities are to survive they must get new blood in their veins.

Chapters at the University of North Carolina need to utilize every possible means to offer something to new men. The challenge presents itself for fraternal organizations to revamp their program, put some meat on a skeleton of generalizations and meet the anti-fraternity element with some facts. If fraternities have their place then it is up to them to prove it. There is some good, but there are many who advance degrading theories regarding fraternities. In order to fight back, fraternities must realize their responsibilities to meet the challenge.

Did you hear about the male student named Jean who is living (living that is) in Alderman?

Responsibility's like a string we can only see the middle of Both ends are out of sight.—WILLIAM MCFEE

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Strictly Detrimental

Campus Government Needs Increase of Student Interest

By Jud Kinberg

Government by the few is a luxury that the University of North Carolina's student government can no longer afford. Either the days of the "boys in the backroom" are over, or the whole system is finished. That backroom isn't of the politicians' own making, but rather the illegitimate child of complete lack of student interest in their own government. The result is a Student Legislature that is never visited by its constituents, leaving a handful of men to represent the will

of the body politic on campus. A new Constitution has been argued about, haggled over, voted on, for almost a half year now and yet for healthy student government. there is only a small minority of Carolina men and women who even know of its existence. To ask them the provisions of it would be as unfair as a pop quiz in organic chemistry.

Our campus leaders speak loudly of representative government, but, through little fault of their own, it is at best rule by a constantly-revised oligarchy. The only light that ever shines on legislative decision and executive action is that of the Daily Tar Heel. Whether its reports on student government are read by even a fraction of the students is a question that has long been tossed about publication offices. Usually, the answer is "no."

With the mighty influx of students, the return of many years' classes to Chapel Hill, we now have a chance and a responsibility. The pitch of the late 1930's and early '40's. The responsibility is to give publicity to the functions of our organization for control and privilege. If that sounds like "dolling up the cils, the Legislature. Perhaps their ing of every election.

"vitalization" of these now-news-dead groups and laws would bring the renaissance in interest that is vital

Certainly, the Legislature is pointless if it becomes a ladies-aide or Thursday-evening debating society. A small chunk of UNC history shows the decline from great power of the DI and PHI when they no longer were actively supported and queried by the students.

Some of our leaders-and I believe they are quite few-may well be satisfied with dormant interest as they "deal" themselves a pat hand in each meeting of these governmental groups. Far-seeing men and women should and do view lethargy upon the part of so many as the first charge of dynamite under our entire setup. The blowup can land all our privileges and rights straight in South Building

Through the Daily Tar Heel and chance is to return student interest in the other publications, through fortheir government back to the high ums and well-publicized Legislature meetings, through printing of the main portions of the new Constituever-greater and more interesting tion, seven thousand Carolina students must be made an active part... of Student Government.

is needed. Some of the men return-conditions" excuses. Our organizaing from Army-Navy Public Relations must secure for themselves a man, 'cause sure as sin he's a rastions posts should be let loose upon place in every student's thinking which cal." A lady from a ladies' school the Constitution, the various Coun- lasts beyond the week of campaign-

Sound Track

Busy Theatre Manager Tells Of Struggle To Get Pictures

By Bob Finehout

Mr. E. Carrington Smith's chartreuse-walled office in the Carolina theater holds a particular fascination for us. In addition to its being modishly decorated and purified with washed air, it is so constructed that mysterious projection room noises are always audible. We were immediately conscious of this on our recent visit to see the energetic manager of Chapel Hill's two cinemas. As Mr. Smith waved us a seat, muffled music reached a crescendo and faded away. It was quite dra-

asked. Only the soft purr of the motion picture projector could be heard.

"Surely, but keep it to a moment," Mr. Smith answered. He shuffled through some papers that littered his desk. "The boy scouts, the girl scouts, the North Carolina symphony, the March of Dimes all in addition to running a theater." We smiled sympathetically as the projection room music heightened the import of his words. "I guess I've signed a thousand of these by hand," Mr. Smith said showing us a stack of form letters. "Somebody lost my signature stamp."

We pressed the manager for some comment on the seldom-tranquil Hollywood front.

"We're really having a struggle to get pictures," Mr. Smith said stamping the tobacco in his briar. "Paramount, MGM and Warner Brothers have cut out producing B pictures. In all, 30 per cent fewer pictures are being made." He sucked the match flame into his pipe bowl.

"Take Paramount, for instance. Formerly they used to release one picture a week. But from now until January 1st they're releasing only two, 'Blue Skies' and 'Two Years Before the Mast.' It's really a mess." Through the wall we could hear a woman speaking. Dorothy McGuire's voice we surmised, as her newest "Til the End of Time," was then occupying the Carolina screen.

"You know," Mr. Smith continued, "theaters in big cities aren't as acutely as I am. The Carolina has five changes a week, compared to the city houses with sometimes only one. The small theaters are in a bad way." His pipe was dead. "The Pick can always grab up the old ones," Mr. Smith said, as he searched for his matchbook.

tures booked?" we asked. His pipe said the selection would depend upon was smoking cheerfully now.

uled for October 27 and 28."

film, isn't it?" "Claude Rains and Paul Henreid ers College in another city.

are in it too," Mr. Smith asserted "Can you spare a moment?" we "But on October 29 we've really got a picture coming."

"What is it," we probed.

"'Cuban Pete,'" the manager answered, "and it's the worst picture ever made. Don't miss it." "Shall I tell the readers that?"

"Be sure to, because this is the stinker of all time," he replied as the sound track music struck up a jazz tempo. Mr. Smith glanced over a film booking sheet on his desk and added, "'Margie' is coming on November 3 and 4." We remembered that this was Jeanne Crain's latest picture and that in the opening scenes she portrays a middle-

"By the way," we asked, "when is 'My Darling Clementine' coming?" "Let's see-I'll show it on November 28 and 29," the manager replied. "I'm very anxious to see it. John Ford directed that, you know" we

told Mr. Smith who nodded knowing-

ly. We arose and thanked him for

his time and effort. "Nothing at all. Come back and see me again soon." We assured him we would and left his fascinating office with its voices and music and chartreuse walls.

NO FRESHMEN OR WOMEN

State College, Pa .- (I.P.) - State Teachers Colleges in Pennsylvania will cooperate this year in giving programs designed to take care of freshmen who cannot be accommodated on this campus by Pennsylvania affected by this picture shortage | State College. Only upper classmen will be registered here this year. College authorities also point out that no women students will be admitted here, thus reserving all possible housing facilities for veterans.

Registrar William S. Hoffman explained that freshmen when admitted will be informed of the college "Have you got any noteworthy pic- to which they will be assigned. He the curriculum elected by the student. "Yes I have. 'Deception' is sched- It may even be necessary in some instances, he added, for students living "Oh, that's the new Bette Davis in a city where a State Teachers College is located, to enroll at a Teach-

Carolina Merry-Go-Round

By Bob Jones and Henry Saunders

For three weeks I have been looking over my shoulder in the hope of finding some talented and unsuspecting soul to help the Merry-Go-Round meet its three o'clock deadline twice a week. Henry is talented sure enough but as for being unsuspecting, I think that he suspects me. Its possible that he's entirely justified. Fred Flagler tells me that the Carolina Magazine will tell us all something about Henry in connection with one of the feature articles in the October issue. One of the most efficient, friendly and helpful men that we have met is Colonel Shepard, the University Veterans Advisor.

Mr. Shepard has quietly solved more individual and collective veterans problems than most of us realize. If Mr. Shepard hasn't the answer to a particular question or problem it can be expected that he will get it shortly. An example of this is that at the meeting in Gerrard Hall on October 8 the suggestion was made that as solution to the book problem (low margin of profit, limited amounts of certain texts) the possibility of the student veteran purchasing his textbooks at other stores at his home or elsewhere be investigated.

mulate a workable plan that would just one example of his real interest and assistance to Carolina Veterans. To Colonel Shepard goes a hearty cheer from every veteran at the university and the Carolina Merry-Go-

sent some remarks to this paper on how swell the gentlemen were who tried to pick up the delegation from the school attending a football game. Carolina gentlemen she called them. My pappy could pick up the neighbors' mare so slick that in time we moved because the neighbors didn't have any mares left, only shot-guns, but my pappy never claimed he was a gentleman on that account. Everybody I have asked says gentlemen are honest.

How is it then that another loosely used term, the "honor system," anplies a standard of conduct that has been termed by some Carolina gencertainly don't need to be called Carolina gentlemen in every article about pep-rallies, etc. And those that aren't don't read anyway. Let's make this sanitation of our buildings, who serve coming week the modest, quiet, Caro- us in the dining hall, and who do our use the phrase at all.

EXPERIMENT

Hattiesburg, Miss.—(IP)—A smallsystem, most individual and most exbe tried by the English Department at Mississippi Southern College, beginning this semester, according to Dr. W. W. Stout, head of the Department of Language and Literature.

Why No Questions?

Since I am new at the University of North Carolina and as yet unacquainted with the procedure followed here Mr. Shepard said that he would go concerning public addresses, I would to the Veterans Administration in like to ask a question in the hope of Winston-Salem and see if some plan getting it answered by those persons could be set up and approved. He was who ran the meeting at Hill Hall, Ochappy to report that under VA Cir- tober 16, where Jimmie Wallace gave cular 47, there was a good possibility his report on the Prague World Stuand that Mr. Ritchie of the Book dent Conference. The question is sim-Exchange was now attempting to for- ply this: Why wasn't there a question period after Mr. Wallace's speech? operate under the VA ruling. This is From my past experience in attending meetings of this type which usually are run with the intent of enlightening the audience, I have conceived the notion that a question period after the report is usually in order.

After we were dismissed with a What is all this nonsense about the curt, "That's all." from the chairman, "Carolina gentlemen?" My pappy, a I asked some of the people sitting kindhearted old horse thief, put down around me the very same question that 1946 is the year of decision in many his jug one time and said, "Son, a I have asked here and nobody seemed old girl in fancy togs and selling her of our time-honored rights. No long- gentleman's a rare thing and hard to to know the answer. I hope that there to the public," that's just about what er can we put up with mumbled "War tell from a rascal but beware of is someone who will read this column anyone who calls himself a gentle- and be able to explain why Mr. Wallace or those persons in charge of the meeting so obviously cut themselves off from the the audience's questions.

Two other questions I would have liked to have asked during the absent question period were: Who were the four delegates that Mr. Wallace referred to as having special diplomatic visas and what organizations did they represent? What were some of the issues discussed at the Conference and what, specifically, are their aims in setting up a world student conference? JUDITH CHERNOFF

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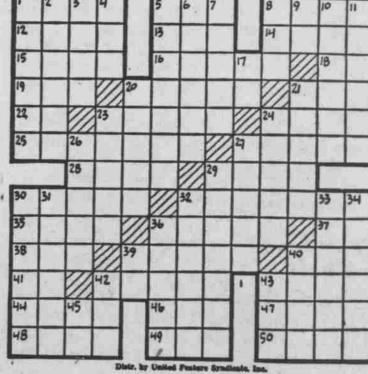
Dear Editor.

I want to protest against the policy tlemen to be outmoded? If we were all of serfdom which the University has gentlemen the honor system would be adopted in regard to her maintenance. vigorously in operation. Obviously we dining hall, and laundry workers. At are not. Those that are gentlemen the rate of wages that these workers vive and a family cannot exist.

These workers who preserve the appearance of our campus and the lina gentleman week. Let's nobody laundry are receiving little more in wages than they received ten years ago. The students should start asking some questions. Why can't the University get help to clean up the dormitories? Why does the University scale experiment with the tutorial try to get inexperienced students to work at 50 cents an hour while paypensive type of college education, will | ing long-employed and experienced workers as low as 33 cents an hour? The University can and must take action to see that their employees are paid living wages.

MICHAEL POCHNA

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