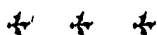


needed is a little effort on the part of those who are able to give the required information and let us hope that some positive action will soon be taken in regard to this matter.



ONE of the peculiar outgrowths of the American college is its system of organized fraternities. Whether their worth and influence are of such nature as to merit general approval seems to occupy a good bit of attention. If a fraternity bases its organization on the principles upon which the idea of fraternity was founded, there is certainly no question as to the legitimacy of their existence. There are, however, some departures from the original notion of such associations. These are exemplified in the manner in which they take part in some of the work that represents the college, and it is in reference to these facts that criticism is made. When such an association cliques together so as to embarrass other organizations, it certainly deserves exposure. Such a practice exists here in regard to the support given to our College monthly. One of the fraternities, whose standing is regarded as high, has so belittled itself and shown its disloyalty to the College as to subscribe for a single copy of the *FREE LANCE*—in short, one man is a subscriber and a dozen of his fellow-members are willing to feed on that one copy. There is some excuse for a man with extremely limited means in not supporting his College paper, but when men whose finances allow them to be members of a fraternity take such a step, it is time that their actions be ventilated.

It is not for the reading of another man's paper that criticism is offered, for everybody knows what the world thinks of the man who borrows his neighbor's paper, but it is the disloyalty to the College and the lack of giving their proper share of financial support to her magazine. This attack is not made on the fraternities in general, for all of them, with the exception of this one, have loyally supported the paper