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FOR INFORMATION OF

Dean Turner

November 29, 1950



Mr. George Bargh
Assistant Dean of Men
in Charge of Fraternity Affairs
Building

Dear Dean Bargh:

It is with considerable regret that I inform you of the drastic and unusual disciplinary action with which it was necessary to threaten the entire fraternity group on this campus last evening. The threatened action was the curtailment of all fraternity social activities upon receipt of any police reports of further malicious and destructive "snow ball" fights between organized houses. The ultimatum has been approved by Dean Turner.

The University police report of November 28, 1950, contains reports of two so-called snow ball fights on November 28. There were three vicious and destructive snow ball fights between fraternity groups which involved police action of at least two police departments. Complaints were received from aroused citizens residing in the vicinity expressing fear that their property would be damaged. Champaign police have threatened arrests and prosecution unless such activities are discontinued.

I am confident that through the fraternity organization you will be able to bring about complete cooperation of the local chapters in bringing this practice to a complete halt. There are adequate open areas within the community where the art of snow ball throwing may be practiced without endangering the property of fraternities and local citizens.

In one of the incidents of November 28, it was found that Coca-Cola bottles, large cinders, lumps of coal, clubs, fire crackers, and other objects in no way related to snow balls were used. Also, it was reported to me from reliable sources that a coalition of some fourteen or fifteen fraternities was formed for the purpose of attacking one fraternity house. Fortunately, this assault was broken up before it reached mob riot proportions. I received unconfirmed reports that at least one student received painful facial injuries during one of the incidents. Another confirmed report is that of a motorist on a public street being pelted with snow and other objects from the rooftop of a fraternity house.

The situation has been reviewed briefly with the objective of pointing out that the incidents of the 28th have assumed proportions beyond those of "boyish pranks" and "normal youthful exuberance."

I am sure that the officers and alumni of the local chapters and the inter-fraternity system will understand our position and the need for the so-called

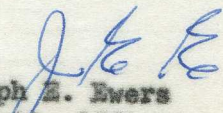
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ultimatum to the extent that they will do everything necessary to assure that situations similar to the above will not arise.

If this department can do anything to assist in effecting proper controls, please do not hesitate to request it.

Very truly yours,


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Security Officer

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