

STUDENT OPINION

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan:—It is probably true that the action of the freshman law class Monday morning, following similar action in the other law classes, declaring a self named holiday Tuesday in observance of Armistice day, is open to criticism and may demand disciplinary action. It is equally true that no situation where holidays can be declared at the will and wish of the student body, could be tolerated. It is certainly undesirable that the situation at Syracuse where students struck for a holiday in observance of a football victory, be repeated at Nebraska.

Those are not similar cases in any respect. The college of law, as much or more than any other one portion of the student body is made up of returned soldiers. A great many of them are returned service men who saw action in Europe and to whom November 11, 1918 means and will always mean more than any other day in their individual lives. It is useless to counter their arguments with statements that it is not a legal holiday. The Nebraska state capitol observes it, the city officially observes it, the business part of the nation is observing it, and soldiers, not excluding returned student soldiers, would like to observe it.

It is a peculiar situation these returned men who are now at the university face when the college authorities declare that these men shall not observe this day as they wish. These returned soldiers, who were placed constantly on the defensive before representatives of other colleges while in Europe because of the unpleasant charges of un-American activity in the University of Nebraska, are now told that they are forbidden by that same institution which they are so often forced to defend against disloyalty charges, to observe the day of deliverance for them.

It seems no more than natural that these same men, in the absence of any action by those in authority and with full knowledge and representative organizations had asked for university observance of November 11 and had evidently been refused, should undertake to observe that day in any lawful manner they see fit.

If the men who came out of the mud and misery of France from prospects of almost certain death to hopes of home and freedom and life itself on that day, cannot have that much freedom of decision, their battle for democracy and liberty is indeed a mockery and a hollow victory. If such petty rulings can overcome a desire to celebrate the end of a period of suffering and sacrifice which those alone can appreciate who made a part of it, then it can not be wondered at if the eyes of the disillusioned ex-soldier turn sometimes to the radicals, sometimes to bolshevism.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: The question of midweek dances has been on the order of the day for the last two weeks. The situation appears to me as follows: All those interested in the welfare of the university came to the conclusion that the average scholarship is not high enough. If we are to keep the name of our school as high and honored as it should be, we must improve our scholarship. The first measure in achieving it was to forbid midweek dances.

With the aim to improve scholarship we can resort to positive or negative measures. We can find means to stimulate the interest of the students in matters of science, arts and industry, or we can forbid the student to do anything else and compel him or her to study. The advantage of the positive method is so evident that it hardly needs any discussion. Unfortunately the negative method was used at the start, and it has met with a good deal of opposition. It impresses me that the positive method should be tried before a negative policy is adopted.

In trying positive means of raising the scholarship of Nebraska the Student Council should take the lead. It is the duty of the council to find out why hard study is not popular with the students. Lack of inducement to good scholars, inefficiency of the clubs engaged in promotion of different studies, uncultivated curiosity for knowledge, and many other reasons may be behind the actual fact. After the council or their committee have acquainted themselves with conditions as they actually are, beneficial measures may be adopted or recommended on a solid basis.

This suggestion may seem novel, but if our self-government is to exist, it must be a real Cornhusker kind and nothing should stop us in reaching a noble goal. Restrictions will always cause dissatisfaction, and their results are well demonstrated in the achievements of supervised study in the days of the A. T. C. Let us get to real,

planned, constructive work and we will soon raise our scholarship so high that it will be used as an ideal standard all over the country. E. L.

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RUSHING IS CHARACTERISTIC OF COLLEGE; IT WEARS OUT SHOES AND WATCHES AND BRINGS WHITE HAIRS

There is a hurrying, scurrying panorama of bright-striped scarfs, blue serge dresses, and hats pushed low over half-combed hair. Above all this is the wearing tread of shoes—high-heeled, low-heeled, no heels at all—brown-tipped, grey-tipped, black-tipped as well—high shoes, medium shoes, low shoes, thin—sneakers, oxfords, and army calf-skin.

Watch His hoese
You can't mistake a college student, an "eight o'clocker"—if you listen to, or watch his shoes. The girls wear off the tips of her shoes, the uppers are laced loosely—the ties flapping. The college boy walks lightly, but invariably digs the heels into the walk, instead of stubbing along as does the co-ed.

Accompanying the rush is a scattered conversation—half intelligible, half breathless, for one cannot run and talk at one time. Usually the type of conversation is somewhat like this: "Oh, I've just got to get there." "The last time he locked the door." "My watch is always slow." "Oh, I wish my name began with Z," and so on through the repertoire common to an "eight o'clocker."

One must be an "eight o'clocker" to fully appreciate the thrills, the inconveniences, the advantages.

Do you wonder the steps of the building are worn. Do you wonder fathers must buy six pairs of shoes a season. Do you wonder professors are gray about the temples. Do you wonder why watches wear out?

Rush—the keynote of the "eight o'clocker's" education!

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ALL SERVICE MEN WILL BE GUESTS OF LINCOLN TONIGHT

The first two cards call for admissions to "soldiers and ladies."

All ex-service men are invited to take part in the program, including soldiers, sailors and marines.

Registration entitling the guests to their entertainment passes is handled at the Lincoln Commercial club. It opened at 9 a. m. Monday and will continue to 6 p. m. Tuesday.

Legion Members Aid
A committee from the American Legion combined the registration with a membership drive Monday morning. In the afternoon a committee from the Veterans of Foreign Wars assisted in handling the crowd, which at noon formed a line 30 feet long in front of the tables.

The city hall and the state capitol will close for the afternoon as a tribute to the soldiers, although Armistice day has not been declared a legal holiday.

Theaters will remain open in the afternoon as an accommodation to the soldiers and their relatives from the county at large who will be in the city for the program.

There was once a little freshman who had come to U. of N. He had heard well of its prowess from its students and its friends. For the first few days he worked hard, got his lessons with a will, and pretty soon he fell with a multitude of pleasures—got acquainted and his days began to fill with a multitude of pleasures—then this freshman calmly said: "I will quit this awful cramming stuff into my little head, for I think life's too contracted, and more pleasant it will be." So he did it, and the first year found him pleased when graded C. In his sophomore year he likewise gave himself to pleasures o'er. In his junior year he was bragging, "Never study any more." When he found himself a senior he annexed another view—he would show these diggers and grinders what a real bright man could do. So he sat up late to study with a wet towel around his brow; but, alas, his eager efforts seemed to be all futile now. Though he boned and dug and grunted to get past that awful C, when he left his alma mater not one grade was more than B.

WANT ADS

LOST—Large envelope with Psych. I drawings and other papers. Leave at Students' Activities office. Reward. 3t

I wish the one who took my note book, fountain pen, botany and English Literature would return them to student activities office, or the inside address.

LOST: Large envelope with Psych. I drawings and other papers. Leave at student activities office. Reward. 39-3t.

LOST: Pair of tortoise shell glasses. Please return to students activities office. 39-5t.

LOST: A Waterman fountain pen. Please return to student activities office.

LOST—Three-ring journalism notebook; contains a brief on military training. Return to Student Activities office.

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BUBBLES

The coming of prohibition has made no appreciable difference in the Sahara desert. It always was dry there.

Our next legislature will undoubtedly pass laws dealing with aeroplanes and their actions in the air. More blue sky laws.

Our idea of nerve. To ask an ex-soldier to buy a copy of the book "The Epic of the Fighting Navies."

Many students would like to know the secret of making people like them. We would suggest the owning of an automobile.

One of our tramp friends recently asked us if we had ever been thrown into jail and thought it was a sell. Substituting cell for sell, the supposed thought is complete.

Essay No. 7—The Oxford

The oxford is an abbreviated shoe, originated in the days of Queen Victoria at a prominent university in England, and from which it derives its name. Primarily it is the footwear of summer, but Dame Fashion has decreed that it is perfectly correct to wear them now until they are worn out. University students have greeted this proclamation with delight, as it now gives them more money to spend on the needless things of life. The oxford may be low in cut, but it is high in price. Manufacturers say that shoes are going up in price, but the oxford shows they are going down at Nebraska. Oxfords are generally made on an English last, but public opinion favors the idea that this winter will see the last of the English product, and that some American will show enough inventive genius to forestall the threatened invasion of the U. S. by a foreign nation.

Tomorrow: Tag day, or, you are it.

"The French," said Dr. Sidney E. Mezes of New York, the brilliant director of the American peace delegation's experts, "the French are terrible cynics about love. They don't believe in its durability. They claim that it never lasts. Two French pupils were discussing love in an estaminet. 'I hold,' said the first pupil, 'that if you fall in love with some ravishing beauty, the only way to cure yourself is to run off.' The second pupil took a sip of wine. 'Yes, that'll cure you, all right,' he agreed, 'provided you run off with the ravishing beauty.'"

IN DAYS GONE BY

One Year Ago Today
The Nebraska-Missouri game at Columbia was cancelled and the Fort Omaha balloon school was chosen from a number of bids for a game on that date.

Two Years Ago Today
The chairman of the finance committee made a final report in regard to the second liberty loan in which the faculty and employees subscribed \$50,000.

Three Years Ago Today
President Wilson won the straw ballot of the University of Nebraska students by a 2 to 1 majority.

William Jennings Bryan addressed an audience of university students in the Temple Theatre, the proposed prohibition amendment to the constitution being the principle subject of his talk.

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