

Students Would Attend Class at Will

70% UN Students Favor Voluntary Attendance

BY ED HIRSCH.

If the students at the University of Nebraska can read a book and obtain as much information out of the book as if going to class, the attendance at classes should be voluntary. This was the answer received 70 percent of the time by your inquiring reporter on the question, "Do you believe that students should be required to attend classes a minimum number of times, or do you think class attendance should be voluntary?"

The students questioned were a cross section of the classes, and colleges. When asked, they sincerely believed that class attendance should be voluntary.

The answers to the questions are as follows:

George Schappaugh, junior bizad: "If a fellow can get as much out of a book as if going to class, and can get a good grade, then he should not be forced to go to class."

Jane Gillespie, sophomore, ag college: "I suppose as long as they are in the institution they might just as well be required to attend classes."

Marvin Scott, freshman in dentistry: "As long as they are paying for it, they should be required to attend classes."

Ruth Ann Robertson, sophomore, teachers: "Voluntary! Because if you can get material without going to classes, then you should not be forced to go."

Les Oldfield, junior, teachers: "There should be a minimum requirement and if you can get the grades before the end of the semester, then you should not have to go any more."

Carolyn Heid, sophomore, arts and science: "They shouldn't be forced to go, because it is up to the student."

Cliff Lambert, junior, teachers: "Voluntary. They are here to learn and should not be forced to go to classes."

Betty Gaynorval, sophomore, arts and science: "It should be voluntary. The students should not be forced to do anything."

Arnold Torkelson, freshman, arts and science: "Voluntary! No one should be forced and if they don't go it's their hard luck."

Muriel Jenknis, freshman, teachers: "Voluntary. After all you are here on your own account, and if you don't want to learn, then the student will take the consequence."

College Students Do Not Attend Bank Nights

KENT, Ohio. (ACP). That university students stay away from the movies when bingo, screeno, and bank night are held is revealed in a survey conducted by students of Dr. Harry D. Wolfe, associate professor of marketing at Kent State university.

The poll shows that instead of boosting attendance, these gift attractions keep 35 percent of university students from attending the movies more often than they do.

Opinion is almost evenly divided concerning double features with 35 percent of the students opposed to twin bills and 26 percent in favor of them. The remaining 29 percent don't care. However, more than three-fourths of the students polled disliked movie program to last over two and a half hours.

The poll also reveals that men attend movies more often than women and that both sexes attend because of the picture and not the stars in it.

Favorite types of pictures for university students are light comedies and musicals, the poll indicates.

Livingston Talks At Ag Friday

L. F. Livingston, manager of the agricultural extension division for duPont, will speak Friday at the college activities building on ag campus at 9 a. m. Chemurgy will be his subject.

Half Nation's Collegians Approve Voluntary Plan

By Student Opinion Surveys.

AUSTIN, Dec. 3.—While a plurality of college students favor voluntary class attendance, the latest Student Opinion Surveys of America poll discovers that nearly as many would rather be required to sit through lectures and attend labs.

Some colleges and universities have followed the lead of such schools as the University of Chicago, allowing students to report for classwork at their discretion. Chicago's President Robert M. Hutchins reports that the plan works. But it has not been adopted in the majority of higher learning institutions. The idea, the figures below indicate, is approved by nearly half of the collegians, but it certainly does not have the wholehearted approval of student opinion:

"Do you think students should be required to attend classes a minimum number of times, or do you think class attendance should be voluntary?"

Require minimum 41%
 Voluntary 48
 Require only some students 11
 (Less than 1 percent failed to express an opinion.)

Interesting differences of opinion are brought to the surface when the ballots are cross-tabulated by year in college. Sophomores and juniors—a majority of them—are the most eager to have complete freedom:

	Re-quire	Volun-tary	Only Some
Freshmen	46%	45%	9%
Sophomores	39	51	10
Juniors,	39	51	10
Seniors, others	44	44	12

Those who want only certain students obliged to attend often commented that undergraduates making low grades should not have the privilege of cutting classes. "If a student wants to learn, he'll come to class," concluded a Pennsylvania State college sophomore. "The earnest student who absents himself usually has a good reason," was the comment of a St. Bonaventure (New York) college student.

Little progress has been made among American students during the last three years by advocates of the voluntary plan, surveys records seem to show. In February, 1939, a poll indicated 37 percent at that time were opposed to the voluntary system.

AWS Holds Court, Sponsors Activities, Makes Women's Rules for 27 Years

Group Has Charge of Many Events

For 27 years now, the AWS court, black robed and serious, has met in flickering candle light to judge the offenses and pardon or punish the offenders—those women who have been so unfortunate as to forget the time and trail into the house after "lights out."

For 27 years, the AWS, an organization of university women functioning independently of the dean of women's office, has made rules for and enforced the rules governing university women. The organization is self-governing and the sentences meted out by the court are more in the nature of counsels than punishments.

More important than the court, the less spectacular however, according to Ben Alice Day, president, are the various other functions such as sponsoring the All-Activities Mart, a vocational guidance program, and the Ivy Day sing. Other than these, the AWS compiles the freshman handbook each year and enforces the women's activity point system.

Activities of the AWS are carried on thru three groups. The first of these is the executive board composed of 14 members who are elected by women university students. The second part is a legislative body composed of the presidents of all organized houses, and the third, the AWS court, consists of senior board members and officers.

All rules for the government of women students are made by the AWS. These rules must be approved by the dean of women and other university officials. The rules may be made more strict by each house but they may not be made more lenient.

At the beginning of the school year, the AWS instituted a new rule taking away the privilege of library leave for freshmen and sophomores during the week nights. Sophomores are expected to use the one 10:30 night granted them for library work. This rule was made after consideration by the AWS of the library-privilege

abuses made by women in past years.

Violations Reported.

Each week, the "date sheet" in every organized house is sent to the AWS, and examined by one member who reports violations to the AWS officers. If the number of violations is great enough, a meeting of the AWS is called for the Friday of that week. If there are but a few violations, the meeting of the court is postponed for perhaps two or three weeks.

All cases go to the AWS court where the offenders are judged by university students governed by the same rules as the offender. The court makes the decision. A report of the sentence imposed is given to the house mother or the house president who sees that the sentence is complied with.

Appeals of the decision may be made to the dean of women, and, theoretically, the offender may appeal to the board of regents. The scarcity of appeals seems to indicate the success of the self-governing system.



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