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Wed Small Hours.

The custom that is now in vogue at
the University of prolonging social and
literary functions far into the wee
small hours of the night is a bad one
and ought to be abolished. Occasion-
ally there is a University affair, the
importance of which justifies its being
prolonged to a late hour, but generally
speaking, the meetings of the various
clubs, the programs of the literary
societies, the band informals, the
meetings of all of these would be im-
proved by beginning and closing at a
much earlier time than they do.

Take for an example the literary
societies. The length of their pro-
grams scarcely ever exceed two hours.
Why should these two hours be from
nine to eleven? Why not from eight
to ten? The same, if not greater,
benefits would be derived from the
meetings and more time would be
given the students to rest for the work
of the following day. A late opening
of a meeting—and consequently a late
adjournment—does in no way add to
its importance or dignity, it simply de-
tracts from it.

Furthermore, the folly of keeping
late hours is too evident to be ques-
tioned. There might possibly be some
excuse for the ignorant in failing to
conform to natural laws of health, but
for the educated there is absolutely
no pardon. Why do instructors of
debating teams and football coaches
insist that the men under their train-
ing for the highest physical and mental
exertions make a practice of retiring
early? For no other reason but to
keep them in a strong and healthy
physical condition, without which a
similar mental condition is impossible.
All students are not debaters or grid-

iron warriors, but that is no reason
why they should not conform to the
laws of health.

The fault seems to lie, not with any
one individual, but with every indi-
vidual. It is a custom which can only
be changed by the combined efforts of
all. What applies to the literary so-
cieties may be applied to the meetings
of a good many other organizations
with equal force. One of the societies
has recently moved to begin its meet-
ings earlier. May it live up to its mo-
tion and may others follow suit.

A Communication.
Editor Daily Nebraskan:

Friday's communication to The Ne-
braskan relative to class publications
raises in my mind this question: Is
hot Nebraska about ready for a repre-
sentative body to express its student
opinion on all student subjects? At
present we have a bewildering num-
ber of class and social group organiza-
tions, but no central organ for the ex-
pression of general student opinion.
An elected representative body, recog-
nized by the University authorities,
could settle in a comparatively short
time the student side of a good many
recent troublesome problems, such as
University class publications, class
athletics, class functions and scraps,
etc. No doubt it would in time come
to deal with the even larger problems
of student athletics and organizations
as a whole. A student congress or
assembly, with an easy referendum on
important subjects, would accomplish
much in the development of University
unity, to say nothing of the sense of
responsibility and interest it would
arouse in the student mind. Are we
not about ready for such an organiza-
tion?

Respectfully submitted to the stu-
dent consideration. C. E. P.

A Communication.
To the Editor of The Daily Nebras-
kan:

This article, written for the purpose
of answering, to some degree, charges
that were made against a member of
the Freshman class in an interview
printed on Friday, January 12th.

In the first place, if Patterson had
been seeking notoriety he would have
gone down town on Wednesday even-
ing without the influence brought to
bear by his guard. This Freshman
argued with Patterson a long while,
saying it was too early for the Sopho-
mores to be prepared.

In the second place, the Sophomores
who captured Patterson are unani-
mously of the opinion that there was
no such motive as was expressed in the
recent article for Patterson's actions.
They are sure that his repeated at-
tempts to get away and the defense
he made when taken proved him in-
nocent of seeking the alleged notoriety.

The writer admits that the Fresh-
men made no attempt to rescue Pat-
terson. The reason for this lack of
action was the fact that the Sopho-
mores had a night's head-start and
could easily cover their trail. This
opinion was aired by all the Freshmen
on Thursday. But that is not saying
"we don't want him," and again, not
that "we are glad he was caught and
can have the dance as well or better
without him." I am sorry that such a
statement was ever made of our class-
mate, and feel assured that most of
the members of the Freshman class
are of the same opinion.

The Freshman Hop was a great suc-
cess. The master of ceremonies was
present. Through his own efforts he
escaped from the Sophomores and

from the time of his escape was cared
for by the Freshmen.

Patterson was captured by the
Sophomores on the Wednesday even-
ing before the dance—a thing which
has occurred many times before to a
Freshman—and escaped from them by
his own efforts. He displayed his
loyalty to the class after his capture
and made it possible for the Fresh-
man Hop to be given without a "hitch"
by his being on hand to fulfill the
duties that the class had seen fit to
honor him with through its president.
A FRESHMAN.

Palladian Program.
Once Upon a Time.
Fantomimes.

- I.
Little Red Riding Hood—
Little Red Riding Hood.....
.....Miss O'Connell
Little Red Riding Hood's Mother
.....Miss Lottan.
II.
Sleeping Beauty—
Sleeping Beauty.....Miss Anderson
Prince.....Mr. Hutton
III.
Magic Fiddle—
Fiddler.....Mr. Horn
Jew Beggar.....Mr. Conant
IV.
Babes in the Woods—
Babes....Miss Howie, Miss Brewster
V.
Cinderella—Four Scenes.
Cinderella.....Miss Stonecypher
Cinderella's Mother.....Miss Rauffman
Cinderella's Sisters.....
Misses Farnsworth and Van Andel
Prince.....Miss Nellie Miller
VI.
Jack the Giant Killer—
Jack.....Mr. Phillips
Giants.....
Mr. Borg, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Tingley
January 19, 1906.

Yale Sends Delegates.

The faculty of Yale has decided to
send thirty of their strongest men to
the International Convention of the
Student Volunteer Movement at Nash-
ville, Tenn. These delegates will be
out of school about one week, as the
convention is from February 28th to
March 4th. None of them will be
called upon to make up any of the
work missed during the week of ab-
sence. Faculties of other prominent
institutions are granting similar priv-
ileges to their delegations. The stu-
dents of Nebraska are entitled to twen-
ty-five delegates. Mr. H. O. Hill of
New York City, secretary of Student
Volunteer Movement, will address a
mass meeting of students concerning
the Nashville convention on Sunday,
January 28th at 3 o'clock in Memorial
Hall.

More Football Reform.

The anti-football tide has begun to
flow again. With the abolishment of
the game by the University of New
York and Columbia, the movement
seemed to wane, but with Harvard's
decisive action of Monday—absolute
abolishment of the game—and Wiscon-
sin's decree of last week—no football
for two years—business along the re-
form line appears to be "picking up."
Princeton, through its president, Wood-
row Wilson, has told its paid coach
to get off the campus, and Northwest-
ern followed suit. On the coast, Stan-
ford and Berkley, the University of
California, have already broken away
from the American game, instituting
in its stead the English game of asso-
ciation football.

The fate of the game now hangs up-
on the action of the "Big Nine" con-
ference and the remaining schools of
the "Big Four"—Princeton, Yale and
Pennsylvania.

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