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**The Smoking Rule**

Flagrant violations of the "smoking on the campus" rule have served to start a movement to have some measures taken to prevent the reckless disregard of the order.

Perhaps the tearing down of the iron fence has caused many to wonder just what is included in the campus proper. Perhaps some have thought that smoking was prohibited only during certain hours. But neither of these excuses account for the smoking during the morning and afternoon not only around buildings but actually in many of the halls.

Suggestions that the rule be entirely withdrawn have not met with favorable responses at all for practically everyone realizes the valid reason for which the rules were enacted.

It is not that people believe that the rules are not needed, but rather the conviction that utter disregard of this rule will lead to disregard of others.

Cannot the smoking rule be made more definite? Cannot definite times and places be attached to the regulation and some effort made to enforce the rule? Such enforcement would not have to be strenuous or continued for any great length of time than enough to bring to mind the new rule. Students realize that respect to the institution alone is enough to validate the smoking rule.

It is hard to lay down any definite area but there are certain places which no one will question should be in the limits of the "no smoking" zone. For example, let the rule be set so that no smoking would be allowed in any University building at any time of day or night and none allowed within so many yards of the buildings. Or, let a boundary be placed from eleventh to fourteenth and from R to U streets.

Perhaps there would be exempt areas, say on the drill field, but such exceptions should be cut to an absolute minimum to prevent repetition of the condition of uncertainty about the rulings which we believe is in a large measure responsible for the lack of respect for the standing rule.

**We Want Neihardt**

Is Nebraska to lose her poet laureate? This may happen unless the regents take favorable action on the announced intention of Frank Judson, president of the Board of Regents to offer John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's laureate, a position on the University faculty.

The story comes to Lincoln through the Omaha Bee that Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, is trying to take Neihardt from Nebraska by offering him a place on the faculty of that institution. Is it true that the old saying—a great man is never appreciated in his own country—is to hold true once more? Does Minnesota appreciate our poetical genius more than we ourselves?

Michigan and Miami Universities have brought great poets to their campuses with the plan of influencing and inspiring the students through their contact with these artists. A distinct field for this work is evident in every board educational institution. Nebraska is no exception and should not lag behind in this respect.

That the offer will be tempting to the Nebraska poet is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Neihardt is engaged in writing an epic on life on the prairies which is highly praised. On this work, he will labor for three years with a slender income. The so-

lution offered by Mr. Judson, seems to be the logical settlement and will no doubt be very acceptable to lovers of literature on the campus.

Delay in offering Mr. Neihardt a position on the faculty may be fatal to the opportunity to his native state of keeping him. An expression of opinion from students and faculty members on this question is wasted. The conclusion is foregone, however—Nebraska University wants Nebraska's poet laureate.

**Notices**

(Notices of general interest will be printed in this column for two consecutive days. Copy should be in the Nebraskan office by five o'clock.)

**Alpha Kappa Psi**

There will be a business meeting of Alpha Kappa Psi at 7:30, Thursday evening in Social Science 307.

**Bizad Staff**

Bizad magazine staff picture Thursday at 12, Dole's.

**Sigma Delta Chi**

There will be an important meeting of Sigma Delta Chi this evening at 7:15 p. m. in the Cornhusker office. All members are urged to attend as there is some important business to transact.

**Christian Science Society**

The Christian Science Society of the University meets Thursday evening at 7:30, Faculty Hall, Temple.

**Engineers**

Meeting of all Engineers who plan on taking inspection trip. Final arrangements and grouping of squads will be made at this meeting for the Blue River trip. March 6 at M. E. 206.

**All Bandmen**

All bandmen who were registered last semester but who are not now registered and have uniforms and band books, please turn in both immediately. Books to Professor Quick.

**Theta Sigma Phi**

Theta Sigma Phi meeting at 7:00 p. m. at Ellen Smith Hall, Thursday.

**Scabbard and Blade**

Scabbard and Blade regular meeting in room 205 Nebraska Hall, Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 P. M.

**Calendar**

**Thursday, March 1.**

Sigma Delta Chi, Cornhusker office, 7:15 p. m.  
Centurion meeting, 7:00; Ellen Hall.  
Theta Sigma Phi, Ellen Smith Hall at 7:00.  
Xi Delta, 7:15, Ellen Smith hall.

**Friday, March 2.**

Silver Serpent meeting, Ellen Smith hall at 5:00.  
Silver Lynx house dance.  
Phi Mu house dance.  
Scabbard and Blade dinner dance, Lincoln Hotel.  
Phi Delta Chi house dance.

**Saturday, March 3.**

Order of the Golden Fleece Luncheon, Ellen Smith Hall, at 12:00.  
Phi Mu Formal Banquet, The Lincoln Hotel.  
Delta Zeta Spring Party, Chamber of Commerce.  
Phi Omega Pi formal banquet, the Lincoln, 6:30.  
Bushnell Guild formal Lincoln hotel.  
Phi Tau Epsilon house dance.  
Engineers Spring party, K. C. hall.  
Alpha Gamma Rho house dance.  
Sigma Phi Epsilon house dance.  
Union open house.

**Faculty Refutes Monitor's Charges**

Charges of cruelty in the use of animals for vivisection in the University of Kansas, made in the Christian Science Monitor for February 13, have been answered by F. J. Kelly, dean of administration, and Prof. O. O. Stoland, head of the department of physiology, who say that the writer of the article has given readers unfamiliar with actual facts a wrong impression of the work done here and of the treatment of the animals.

Legislators at Topeka and the faculty an officials of the University have received marked copies of the paper.

Instructors who use the animals for experimentation believe that the article shows on the surface its prejudice point of view and that no fair-minded person would take it seriously.

In regard to the writer's statement that she was not allowed to enter the rooms in the animal house where experiments were being performed, Dean Kelly said, "This is possibly true, but by applying for a permit at the chancellor's office or my office anyone may visit any room of the university at any time. Anyone can see the reasons for not leaving the laboratories and scientific experi-

ments open to the public.

"There are some people who do not believe in the advancement of medicine and surgery," said Prof. O. O. Stoland, head of the department of physiology, "but the majority of people do and if they are to support the development of medicine and surgery, they must understand the necessity for vivisection on the lower animals. It is necessary for the physician and surgeon to become trained for his service to mankind by his experiments on the lower animals.

"In our treatment of dogs, rabbits, and other animals with which we work we are very humane. All dogs upon which we operate are given an anaesthetic from which in no case they are allowed to recover. This is much more humane than shooting the dogs, as is done in the city pounds from which we obtain most of our dogs. After we receive the dogs they get better treatment, food, and shelter than they have probably ever known before."

A Kansas reporter made a recent visit to the drab shack, that has been called "the most pitiful spot in Kansas," where the dogs are kept to be fed up that they may be used for scientific purposes. If a group of barking dogs, divided into small numbers in separate inclosures with large steel troughs of water, bones, and a double walled shed with plenty of straw for bedding, can be called pitiful, this is undoubtedly a pitiful spot. It is true a better place could be provided, and it is the hope of all concerned that this will be done soon.

In regard to other points laid bare by the inquiry, one professor states that since his time at the university six years, he has never received a shipment of dogs from Hiawatha, Kan. The "poor little turtle" that was provided with no water happened to be a dry-land turtle that needed no water except from the apple peelings that it had been eating. The "half dozen Indian monkeys" consists of four in all that are used only for observation by a professor in the department of zoology.

"The only way that children's pets may become the property of the University," said the professor, "is that they may be taken up by the city police department and bought by us, or that they may be sold to us by someone who has stolen them and claims to be their own."

The Kansas state law does not provide punishment for the use of animals for scientific purposes in the state institutions.—University Daily Kansan.

A 155-millimetre howitzer has been received by the military department at Iowa State, and four three-inch howitzers and one 75-millimetre gun are expected in the near future.

The 155-millimetre howitzer, which

was sent from the Rock Island arsenal is valued at \$7,000, according to Captain W. P. Schwatel of the military department. This gun has an effective range of 11,200 metres or 13,000 yards and fires a projectile weighing 95 pounds.

The 75-millimetre howitzer which is expected soon, is sometimes referred to as the "Angel of France," according to Captain T. L. Futch of the military department.

"It is considered the best model three-inch gun," said Captain Futch.—Iowa State Student.

**Engagement Note**

The engagement of Farmer Al Falwa, Paul Terry's famous cartoon character to Miss Etta Prune is announced. Miss Prune is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watta Prune of Lightwines, Kentucky. She is a spinster of uncertain age and a non-professional. But, it is understood she has screen aspirations. The famous Al will take the great marriage step in "Farmer Al Falwa's Bride" one of the "Aesop's Film Fables" now in the making.

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