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Rally Remedies.

"The riot is ended, but the memory lingers on." And it will be some time before it is forgotten.

Students are glorifying the fact that they will not be required to return to classes next Friday as was rumored about following the disastrous display of student "pep" last week end.

And, too, members of certain organizations are more than happy to hear that as yet their groups are to remain unmolested on the campus.

Fortunately, the mob spirit that was so potent last week end has now fairly well disappeared. Students and faculty members are gradually coming back to normalcy.

The Nebraskan does not choose to recommend an "eye for an eye" mode of punishment for what happened last Friday.

This newspaper believes Dean of Student Affairs Thompson was very wise in his action taken Saturday and which was published in a formal statement in Sunday's Nebraskan.

In pace of this action, the executive outlawed all demonstrations of pep from the university until after 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

However, we are safe in saying that the dean's move last week end was intended to be only temporary—to take care of any uprisings that might be incited this week in preparation for the final football classic of the season to take place Thanksgiving day afternoon.

In view of this assumption, and in view of the fact that the probe of the whole situation is being continued, the Nebraskan feels that it is high time to come forth with some constructive program—some way in which future "unofficial" disturbances can be averted.

- 1. Pregame rallies should forever be forbidden on the university campus and its environs and the cheering and rooting be confined to the games proper.
2. Pregame rallies should be continued but should be officially authorized by the university and should be officially placed in the hands of the student council, with the responsibility put upon a definite rally committee appointed by the student council.

The effect of the first suggestion is readily seen. With the eradication of any sort of "spirit inflating" prior to athletic games, there would be no "youthful riots" or analogous exhibitions of forced whoopee.

And, of course, there would be no room for pep organizations or societies which have as their chief reason for thriving the building of "loyalty" to the institution of which they are a part.

The validity of such a move may be doubted, but when one takes cognizance of what the reaction was of the student body toward "raising cane" last week it seems that the abolishment wouldn't work any hardship on anyone or on the institution.

There are no actual or implied reasons why 15 percent of the study body should allow itself to get into such an abnormal psychological furor that it misuses, abuses, and disrespectfully uses men who have spent long years in the service of the University of Nebraska.

The second alternative cited above does not dispose of things as easily as the first one nor as easily as it might appear from a cursory slant at it. There is something to consider in the idea besides the mere retention of rallies and noise making at the University of Nebraska prior to sports contests.

Who was to blame? Yeah, you say, the same old question. But that's just the point—that's just the reason nothing more has been done.

that's just the reason nothing more has been done. No one claims to have been responsible for the regrettable thing. Several were willing to aid in the celebration but none of them wishes to be subject to censorship—in other words, the old buck passing game has entered into the mixup.

Centralization of authority for rallies would be a godsend to the university officials who at this time are probing the affair. If there was some distinct agency at which the executives could point their fingers and demand resitulation, the matter would not have to go unsullied for any great length of time.

But such as it is, the investigators are required to go into the thing very thoroughly before any drastic action can be taken. By that most cherished right of the spirit fostering groups—the sponsoring of rallies—and placing it under the jurisdiction of the student council, the rally only justifiable student organization on the campus, great benefits can be accrued in this way and the Nebraskan believes the problem of handling "spirit showings" will be erased.

The student council, however, according to the project would not be in charge of it as a whole body. Instead it would appoint a committee—call it the "rally committee," if you wish—which would have no other duties but generation of "school spirit." There would be a definitely fixed responsibility then and no doubts could enter in as to who should be held for the conduct of the rallies.

It would also appoint competent cheerleaders—a very important factor in getting the proper kind of spirit. It would frame all the rally plans; have real organization in place of the present jumbled affairs. It would publish its plans at the beginning of the school year and would begin at once to instill into new as well as old students the importance of genuine school consciousness.

This specific group could call for the assistance of the pep societies, but none other. The Corn Cobs and Tassels could justify their existence by working with the committee and following out its organized modes to inspire the athletic teams and above all to control unnecessary flares of "school patriotism."

Both students and faculty would comprise the committee—all members selected by the student council. This provision in itself would do much in making true Cornhuskers stir, for the very lack of faculty support was prominent in the Friday fray.

But the faculty members are not to be blamed for what they did. The Nebraskan reiterates its position taken Sunday to the effect that it was abominable that professors in a university should be subjected to the maltreatment of students. The fault lies, rather, in the present manner of rally making.

Never during the current season has the professional staff of the university been officially notified of any rally. They were not aware of the plans last week and as a result were not "armed with sawed off shotguns," as they obviously should have been. They naturally are not in close touch with the "leaders" at all times and therefore aren't in a position to know what's going to be instituted or attempted.

Having faculty members—at least one—on the rally committee would thus insure both student and faculty support. Also it might afford some other than student "highlights," coaches and athletic department representatives a chance to talk up the spirit stuff to the students. Faculty members would be very glad to have a part in this, and what could be a better way of increasing esteem for the alma mater than an inspirational talk by a professor?

There are a few university students—a very few, possibly the 15 percent alluded to by Dean Thompson—who do not in some way show their respect and admiration for their professors. It is human nature to consider those intellectually superior on a higher plane than the ordinary associates. Nothing pleases the average student more than to see professors give vent to their "school spirit" and only by the giving of appropriate and sympathetic speeches can this be done.

The maraudings of the past several days have awakened university authorities to the pressing need of correction of what was heretofore deemed merely a necessary evil. The Nebraskan has outlined its stand in the form of two suggestions and hope that students as well as the faculty and administration will deliberate on the propositions and put into effect that which will be the more desirable.

It's certain, anyway, that no right-minded person connected with this institution will tolerate a recurrence of the Friday episode.

Better Banquet Speakers.

Student banquets and dinners are first class unifying forces in a university which otherwise has a tendency to be somewhat dissociated. They aid in creating admiration for the school and what it stands for. They aid the student in widening his acquaintanceships. They increase the scope of his perspective on life.

There is one respect, however, in which these gatherings fail utterly in serving their fundamental purposes. It's the kind of student talks that always accompany the occasions. Why must the quality of the speeches be sacrificed merely to afford some of the "big boys" on the campus and likewise the "prospective" big shots an opportunity to catch the student eye?

This has been a common thing at all student events of this type not only this year but in former years as well. The announcements that appear daily a number of times prior to the meeting time are indicative of this tendency. Why such a basis should be employed for qualifying a student to give a banquet toast is beyond the comprehension of the average attendant who is required to sit through the entire affair and hold his peace.

Instead of always striving to get leaders as after dinner speakers, those in charge of the programs would do a great and noble act to the student populace by securing orators who really can say something when they get up from their chairs and not be forced to hobble along with "well—ah—and—ah you know—well" lingo.

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ON AWGAWAN HUMOR

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Grubb that year, popular radio announcer formerly connected with KFAB.
McIntosh stated that the magazine which contained the material leading to expulsion of the book then was the "talk of the school and a scandal for sometime afterward." It was allowed to resume publication in the fall of 1924 on the recommendation of the Lincoln chamber of commerce advertising committee. McIntosh said that at one time the Awgawan was more or less a private enterprise and good money was made by the editor and business manager.
Has Big Sale.
Eleven hundred copies of the book were published in October and completely sold out six hours after being placed on sale. Fourteen hundred copies of the present objectionable issue were printed and 1,200 of them sold. These facts were based on the subscription circulation and individual sales. The average number of Awgawans published last year was 1,000.
The student publication board is composed of H. E. Bradford, chairman and head of the vocational education department; John K. Solbeck, secretary, and director of student activities; Gayle C. Walker, acting director of the school of journalism; J. E. Lawrence, journalism instructor in the university, and R. J. Pool, chairman of the university botany department.
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