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side somewhere, thereby wasting good time. And why? Because the school retains an antiquated rule and nobody seems brave enough to defy it or get busy and agitate for its removal.

Naughty Editor.

TO THE EDITOR: Once more that infernal subject of coed smoking has appeared in the columns of the alleged student newspaper of this man's university.

What I have to voice right now is direct criticism to the editor of The Daily Nebraskan for the nonsensical conclusion he has drawn about coed smoking at the University of Nebraska. List to what he expounds:

"We are not concerned with smoking as a moral issue. But we urge the mother-of-all-sororities, which must be the national panhellenic body, to take her puffing daughters out of public places and allow them the reasonable freedom of their own homes as a place in which to smoke."

Imagine the crusader coming forth with such utterances! To think that if smoking rooms were instituted in sorority houses the ludicrous practice of coeds smoking in public places, enumerated so glibly by the editor as being parked cars, back yards, coffee shops and drug stores, would be forever abolished.

The conclusion is absurd. Why is it that the young maidens smoke at all? Only to show off the better, my dear. And how could they "show off" smoking if all of their puffing is to be confined to the dingy walls of sorority houses. I suggest you think twice the next time.

Boon.

TO THE EDITOR: What a boon to mankind a smoking room in sorority houses on Nebraska's campus would be!

How? Why, by taking the coed puffers out of eating shops, drug stores, and what not, thereby giving the male of the species a chance to buy a coke, cup of coffee, or a sandwich without having to kick his way through a bevy of coed beauties who have long since finished their lunch or quenched their thirst, and who keep their seats only to indulge in the forbidden custom.

Then, too, more of the females no doubt would carry their own cigarettes. After so many years of "moohching," this would seem delightful to males on Nebraska's campus. They would find their spending money going farther, and wouldn't be reduced to "borrowing" cigarettes from their fraternity brothers so often.

The custom likewise would give eating house proprietors a "break," for it would relieve them from the coed who buys a nickel coke only that she may have a place to sit and smoke, and does so for an hour, while profits, in the shape of unserved customers, parade out the front door of the establishment.

Smoking as a mark of immorality went out with bustles. Nebraska is progressive enough to let socialists, of at least "pink" if not "red" inclinations, speak to the students. So, why not be modern, and let the girls smoke?

LONG SUFFERER.

Still Puritans.

TO THE EDITOR: Because most of us have become reconciled or at least calloused to the spectacle of a coed with a cigaret between her lips, we cannot see the viewpoint of those who are still very much prejudiced against it.

A great many parents would be shocked at the idea of smoking rooms in girls' rooming houses and sororities. These parents are not the intolerant, narrow-minded and backward folks our campus liberals would have us believe. They are the taxpayers and the ones that are footing the collegiate expense bill.

If it were true that most sorority girls were permitted to smoke in their own homes it would be an entirely different situation. True, it is that sorority houses are their homes while they are in the university. But I do not believe that is the case even in this liberal age.

Permitting smoking rooms in sorority houses puts the university's stamp of approval on a practice condemned by at least 75 percent of the proud fathers and mothers.

Smoking rooms will be very desirable in a more enlightened age but not in 1930 with its Puritan prejudices.

KATIE.

How It Looks.

TO THE EDITOR: Smoking rooms in sorority houses at Nebraska have been suggested to keep coeds from puffing their fags in back alleys, restaurants, and other places of undesirable nature. There is a national panhellenic ruling against such rooms and this must be overcome before they could be a reality.

If the ruling were abolished and the smoking rooms instituted, would they prove successful?

Smoking among girls at the university is not regarded as anything unusual now by their classmates in the institution. But what their classmates and what the citizens of Nebraska outside the school think are two very different matters.

Girls who smoke are still pretty largely condemned by people outside the university. And sororities which brazenly instituted smoking rooms in their houses would be proclaimed as the very worst.

By some queer streak sororities and fraternities are not held in very high esteem by this state's citizens. But if smoking rooms were adopted by sororities, their infamy would be even greater.

At every session of the state legislature, some crank attempts to abolish Greek-letter organizations. So far, such attempts have been easily squelched and the possibility of fraternities and sororities being obliterated seems far removed.

There may come a time, however, when such societies may be done away with if excuses for tyrading such as smoking rooms in sororities are thrust in the faces of the sanctified reformers. Why add wood to the flame? If coeds must smoke, let them continue as they are now.

CRAWFORD ISSUES BOOK FOR WRITERS

Ag Journalism Teacher is Author of 'Breaking Into Print.'

"Breaking Into Print," Prof. R. P. Crawford's first book will be published sometime this year by the McGraw Hill company. The subject deals with the business of writing magazine articles, and will probably be used as a text for agricultural journalism in next year.

"I expect to publish the book in two editions," said Professor Crawford, "one for the general public, and the other to be used as a text book." The book deals exclusively with magazine article writing, and is based upon extensive research, and personal experience. The book covers about 350 pages of material, and treats a field that is entirely new.

Prof. Crawford has been working on the material for the last two or three years, but it was not until this last summer, that he had sufficient time to complete it.

When asked concerning his trip to Europe, Professor Crawford laughed, and said, "It was just a trip for rest and recreation, and it was so successful, that I expect to go back at least once every two years." Professor Crawford would give no more information about his trip, except to remark that he believed the Passion play at Omeramagau was becoming too much commercialized.

Shows Commercialism. "Of course the play itself was beautiful," said Professor Crawford, "but it is showing the effects of the commercialization. The crowded streets reminded me of the time when a circus or carnival visits a small town."

Besides his duties at the school, and the work on his book, Professor Crawford writes articles for various publications. Just now he is writing a series of feature articles for The Country Gentlemen.

NEBRASKA MEN HAVE EXPERIENCE OF ENTERTAINING EUROPEAN ROYALTY AT BELGIAN FESTIVAL DURING VACATION.

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The men sailed from New York City on midnight of July 5 and arrived in Paris on July 14, which was Bastille day. A great celebration was going on. "Somewhat like a rally," Sherman said. Shortly after they arrived in Paris they tried out in the Empire Theater and secured a booking for three weeks but they were unable to accept it as their boat sailed before the engagement would end.

Play At Ostend. Shortly before the boat sailed Winegar and his orchestra went to Ostend to play there following Ted Lewis. Ostend is the Atlantic City of Belgium, according to Sherman, being a beautiful summer resort on the sea.

Before returning home Sherman and Schmittman received permission to catch the boat in Rotterdam. They met a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity from Amherst with whom they rode to Rotterdam; where they caught the boat. They sailed home by the

north route and picked up passengers in England and also stopped in Halifax before arriving in New York on August 25. Sherman is a Junior. Sherman is a junior this year, and is a Lincoln man. He is a pianist and an entertainer, having written several songs. Schmittman, who plays saxophone and clarinet, is a member of Beta Theta Pi. He is a senior this year and is from St. Joseph, Mo. Schweiser, who also plays saxophone and clarinet, is from David City and is a junior. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta. George Cook is also a Delta who plays drums. He is from Casper, Wyo., and is a senior.

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Fire! Smoking coeds on the Nebraska campus have carried their inhaling activities to an extent which demands action of some sort on the part of the sorority and university powers.

The editor finds himself magnificently denounced by Aroused in Morning Mail. This indignant person is mortified because the "staid editor" can find no more important subject for comment.

Our responsibility is to the student body; our interest is in the behaviour of its members. When any action or rule is opposed to this conduct, we feel that it merits discussion in the editorial column.

"To think that if smoking rooms were instituted in sorority houses the ludicrous practice of coeds smoking in public places would be forever abolished," expounds the up-in-arms commentator. "The conclusion is absurd."

With apologies to Aroused, the conclusion is not absurd. Some coeds smoke because they consider it is cute, smart thing to do, but there are many who enjoy their after dinner indulgence. If they were provided a room in which to smoke, they would not scurry to every available nook for their puffing.

Smoky Sal, a sorority girl, agrees with The Nebraskan in its contention that authorized smoking rooms would reduce the offensive amount of smoking congregations in public places.

Another, though less intelligent, letter concerning the agitation is presented by Long Sufferer. His sympathy seems to be more with the downtrodden college boy who must provide filthy weeds for his companions than with the coeds themselves.

That 75 percent of the proud mothers and fathers of college girls would be revolted at the idea of smoking rooms in sorority houses is the argument advanced by Katie. Well, Katie, that is a difficult statement to prove and a difficult one to answer.

Yesterday The Nebraskan stated that parental prejudices which drive children away from home to participate in certain acts are to be deplored. If coeds smoke, is it reasonable that we save their parents' sensibilities by failing to recognize an existent condition?

Katie's opinion represents a stand taken too often by students, college editors, and university administrations. In an attempt to convince outsiders that the school is simon pure they allow disagreeable conditions to gain great headway. Such is the case, we believe, in regard to smoking rooms in sorority houses and dormitories.

We are not placing our stamp of approval on coed smoking. It doesn't need it. University women are using cigarettes quite consistently. If the administrative or panhellenic disapproval to which Katie refers were accomplishing anything of a constructive nature, this matter would never have been considered.

Permitting smoking rooms in sorority houses puts the university's approval on a practice condemned by at least 75 percent of the fathers and mothers.

That is unfortunate. But it is our sincere conviction that youth's morality would be higher if practices such as smoking, which are not evident moral issues, were regulated instead of ignored.

We have motorman's hand and athlete's foot—how about phone-finger?

MORNING MAIL And Hitching Posts. TO THE EDITOR: I think the Daily Nebraskan does well to reopen discussion on the subject of one of the most musty and altogether unreasonable rules that this school clings to—that against coed smoking in houses.

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