

Students air views on class attendance

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Student Opinion Survey of America

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 22. — Abolition of compulsory class attendance in colleges, a subject seldom mentioned two decades ago, has become an issue of the day. That development seems largely a result of pioneering by educators like Robert M. Hutchins with his Chicago Plan, which allows students to attend classes at their own discretion.

Few schools, however, have followed the lead taken by the University of Chicago. The majority of the nation's colleges still require compulsory class attendance in varying degrees.

Although educators discuss the question among themselves, seldom have they asked the opinions of the students, who are most vitally interested in the question. The Student Opinion Surveys of America are able to give voice for the first time to the students' views on the issue.

The nation's college youth were asked, "Should compulsory class attendance in colleges be abolished?"

Yes, said.....63.5 per cent.
No, said.....36.5 per cent.

Even though the poll revealed a sizeable majority who favored abolition of compulsory attendance, the fact that more than a third opposed the idea is significant. It invalidates the claim of

many elders that practically all students, if given any say, would want to do away with compulsory presence in classes.

Breaking down the results sectionally, sentiment favoring abolition is strongest in the East. The Middle Atlantic states showed a majority of 63.7 per cent who answered "yes." In the West and Midwest, students were more evenly divided on the issue. In the West Central states, which include the Chicago section, a bare majority—53.8 per cent—were for abolition.

A sophomore art student in the Glendale Junior College of California pointed out that some students can get their work without regular attendance.

Speaking for the opposition, a senior arts and sciences student in Bates College, Maine, believes that most students are not mature enough to allow lifting of compulsory attendance requirements.

Mortar boards to honor coeds at annual tea

550 women receive bids to Sunday event recognizing scholarship

More than 550 Nebraska coeds will be honored Sunday afternoon in Ellen Smith hall at the annual scholarship tea sponsored by Mortar Board. Invitations have been sent to all university women who had 80 averages for the two semesters of last year.

Climax of the affair will come with the presentation of Mortar Board awards to three senior women who have been outstanding in scholarship, leadership and service on the campus. Names of the three to be honored will not be revealed until 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon when the awards are made. The tea will be held from 3:30 to 5 o'clock.

Receiving line.

In the receiving line for the tea will be Miss Elsie Ford Piper, Mrs. F. D. Coleman, Phyllis Chamberlain, Frances Boldman, Harriet Cummer, Josephine Rubnitz, and Barbara Rosewater.

Presentation of awards will be in charge of Patricia Lehr and Bonnie Burn. Other Mortar Board committees are Barbara Rosewater and Helen Pascoe, publicity; Phyllis Chamberlain and Betty Clements, tea; Virginia Fleetwood and Virginia Nolte, music; Frances Boldman and Velma Ekwall, decorations, and Ruthanna Russell in charge of general arrangements.

Bridge filings due tomorrow at 8

Play opens Saturday; teams to play 24 hands

Deadline for entries in the fraternity-sorority bridge tournament has been set for 8 o'clock Thursday evening. Mrs. Romans, director of the tournament, said Wednesday. Playing will begin at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Union and continue until 24 hands have been played. The players having the greatest number of points will win.

Contestants may choose their own partners, the only stipulation being that each player must belong to a fraternity or sorority. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and will be determined by the number of entrants.

Uni women employees to hear Dr. Louise Pound

The Campus club, whose members are women employed on both city and ag campuses, will meet for a dinner at which Dr. Louise Pound will speak, Feb. 27 at 6 o'clock in Ellen Smith.

All who have not already made reservations may do so by calling Miss Mabel Strong of the English department. Price of the dinner is 60 cents per plate.

Frosh band meets today at 5 for pictures

Freshmen band members will meet in uniform today at 5 o'clock in the campus studio to have their Cornhusker pictures taken.

Cunkle talks to Sinfonia

Speech tonight ends group's Charter Day

Frank Cunkle, instructor in organ and composition on the School of Music faculty, will give an address on "American Music" when actives and alumni of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, men's professional music fraternity, climax the celebration of their 18th annual Charter Day with a banquet tonight in the Union at 6:30 o'clock.

The dinner follows the Sinfonia convocation to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Temple as one of the School of Music convocation series. The Nebraska chapter, Upsilon, was established on February 23, 1921, with 24 charter members.

Varied entertainment has been arranged featuring Warren Hamel and Richard Morse in a double-piano duo. They will play "Lazy Rhapsody," by Howard Jackson, and "Deep Purple," by Peter de Rose. The Sinfonia brass sextet, composed of Duane Harmon, cornet; Edward Edison and Richard White, french horns; Herbert Cecil, trombone; Robert Buddenberg, trumpet; and Theodore Diers, tuba, will play several selections, including "In Festive Mood" by Carl Busch, a Sinfonia member.

Wadsworth talks on French poet

Valery most significant, professor tells faculty

Declaring that Paul Valery is a "poet of the intellectuals," Prof. James R. Wadsworth, acting chairman of the Romance Language department, delivered a paper on "the most significant of contemporary French poets" before a group of the faculty gathered in the Student Union, Tuesday evening, to hear his second of a series of three faculty graduate scholarship lectures.

Professor Wadsworth quoted Valery as stating that the biographical facts of a poet's life have little to do with his works and proceeded to analyze Valery's life to show how that poet's personal history influenced his works.

Wadsworth felt that factors which shaped his writing are: The age he was born in, his parentage, the place of childhood, his schooling, the poets he admired, periods of thought in which he indulged, his recognition by the world and his vocation as a teacher. The professor analyzed several of these points in detail.

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Hicks calls on government to cooperate

Prof tells creditmen that U.S. should meet business halfway

Prof. Clifford M. Hicks told members of the Sixth district conference of the National Retail Credit association that the government should "meet business half-way" and "give life to its words on cooperative action," speaking at the Cornhusker Tuesday.

The road ahead, he said, is "curving slightly to the left." Government deficit financing has so far smoothed the road, but now the way "shows prospects of becoming very bumpy and hilly."

Prof. Hicks criticized the public works projects which he believes will not pay a return proportionate to the investment made in them. Business, he stated, lacks confidence in such projects and will not invest in them.

The government poured out money which was not invested in machinery or other capital goods but which went back to the banks, he charged.

Discussing business, he urged capital investments to encourage production and lower prices. "The business man must remember that revival can not be for his gain alone," he said. He named practices which "fostered by government and condoned by business... are seeds of destruction."

Council acts to oppose tax

Greeks fight application of social security levy

The Interfraternity council took action last night against payment of social security taxes by men and women who work in social fraternities. The move will result in letters to congressmen from council members, fraternity stewards and treasurers and fraternity members, opposing the tax as applied to fraternities.

Members of a committee which will outline the campaign from the Nebraska campus include Lewis Lee, Phi Gamma Beta, Kermit Hansen, Beta Theta Pi, and faculty advisors Prof. Schramm and Dean Harper.

The present law provides that college fraternities pay the federal old age benefits tax which amounts to two percent of the payroll (half from the employer, half from the employee).

Council makes two points.

The council agreed that: 1. "The time to tax for old age pensions is after the student has finished his education and is earning his living as an active member of society, not while he is working his way through college.

2. "College employees are exempt. There is no material difference between student employees of the college and student employees of the fraternities."

The opposition to the tax on fraternities is nationwide. It began in the east when the Amherst student daily started a campaign to call the attention of congress to the burden placed on college students working through school. Since then, fraternity groups on numerous campuses have taken up the battle.

Matinee dance time changed to 5 o'clock

Matinee dances will be held from 5 to 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoons in the Union ballroom. The time has been moved up a half hour.



THEOS BERNARD.

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PROF. C. M. HICKS

... FWA will not pay.

Morton gives fellowship

Son of Nebraska pioneer seeks history of father

Mark Morton, son of Nebraska's J. Sterling Morton, is offering a three year graduate fellowship in early Nebraskan history for research into the life of his father, according to word received by J. L. Sellers, professor of American history.

With an annual stipend of \$750, the appointee will begin work next September on a treatise on "The Work of J. Sterling Morton in the Founding of Nebraska." Provision has been made for the appointee to spend part of his time in residence at the Morton Arboretum at Elsie, Ill., the present home of the J. Sterling library.

No previous biography.

A Nebraska student, outstanding in the field of American history and experienced in graduate research, will receive the award this spring. Appointment will be made by Dean C. H. Oldfather, Professors Sellers and Chancellor C. S. Boucher.

No record has ever been made of the life of this pioneer nor of the details of the founding of Arbor day, aside from the correspondence and private documents of the Morton family. These papers as well as the script of the unfinished three volume history of Nebraska written by the tree lover have now been made available by Mark Morton and Sterling Morton, grandson of J. Sterling.

Acknowledgement of the award was made to the donor at the recent meeting of the university board of regents.

Rev. McConnell speaks at Y. W. vesper service

Rev. Raymond McConnell of the First Plymouth Congregational church was the speaker at the Y. W. C. A. Vesper meeting held Tuesday at Ellen Smith Hall.

Bernard talks on 'Penthouse of the Gods'

Famed explorer tells story of life in Tibet, Far East this Sunday

"Penthouse of the Gods," the story of amazing experiences in Tibet and the Far East, will be presented by Theos Bernard, noted explorer and lecturer who has lived as a Tibetan lama, Sunday at 7:30 in the Union ballroom.

Bernard will bring to Lincoln a unique collection of colored motion pictures to aid in portraying the life and customs of the Tibetan people.

Became a Lama.

Bernard stayed among the Tibetans for six months. As the first man to live in the forbidden lamaseries of this country, he witnessed fantastic religious ceremonies that many of the natives were forbidden to view. Observing the religious customs of this totally church ruled land, he became a lama and was permitted to see and study the mysteries that surround this Asiatic territory.

On returning to America he was convinced that Tibet was rich in material goods of the world, but that it was far richer in a religious

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University like business

Faculty sells students buy, says chancellor

Chancellor C. S. Boucher compared universities and business in the field of salesmanship—portraying the student as the customer and the professors as salesmen—when he spoke before the retail sales meeting sponsored by the Lincoln chamber of commerce, Monday evening.

With his subject, "Education and Salesmanship," Chancellor Boucher first considered the student as the customer and lamented that too many university students are paying their fees and then not taking an interest in what they receive for them.

Value must be received.

"A college degree means something only if the student is interested in securing value out of the credit hours. Many students, but fortunately a minority, are merely purchasing credits without receiving full value," he said.

According to the chancellor, the faculty member is a salesman with wares to sell. He illustrated this point with a series of "whats" and "what-nots" for professors which included: He must not take a lackadaisical attitude; must not be too verbose; must not ramble; must be logical; must be courteous, and must concern himself with the institution as a whole.

"University men, like all salesmen, are members of a trade and must study that trade regularly. They must gain full knowledge about their field, as salesmen in every endeavor must know their field," he concluded.

Kappa Phi song fest, pledging is tonight

Pledging services and a song fest are included in the Kappa Phi, Methodist sorority, program for this evening. Hiva Mills, president, will conduct the pledging ceremonies. Marjorie Smith, membership chairman, will speak for the pledges.

The program following pledging will be directed by Virginia Ostergard and will be in the nature of a song fest. A contralto solo by Charlotte Dudley and a piano solo by Margaret Jean Stroemer will precede the group singing. Willa Reed and Ethel Mook will act as hostesses.