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## Act Now . . .

With the national election not too far distant, students should begin making plans to cast their ballot in the general election. Those who are old enough should make a special effort to apply for an absentee ballot.

Making the effort to apply for a ballot is about all that is involved in getting one. Nebraska students should write the county clerk of their county and ask for an absent voter's application. When this has been filled out, the clerk will send voting material near election time, which is Nov. 3.

Voting should be one of the most important duties performed by any citizen, not excluding college students. If we do not take the time or trouble to do it now while we are in school, we will no doubt fail to make a habit of it during our later years.

The privilege of casting a ballot is one which every student should hold sacred since it typifies our whole scheme of government. When we fail to accept some of the duties of citizenship, we are being as unpatriotic as the soldier who leaves camp A.W.O.L.

In Nebraska, especially, voting should be interesting for students since the candidates in this state are well known by many on the campus. This state is not so large that we do not have the opportunity to at least know about most of the men and women who are running for offices.

Too many of us take the attitude that one ballot will make no difference anyhow, and so we fail to take the trouble to write for a ballot. This attitude not only reflects upon us individually as college students, but it reflects upon the whole university.

If we are to let the people of the state know that we are obtaining the right kind of education, we should cast a ballot. Students turn out en masse for student elections; they should do the same for a general election.

At the present time, we face the duty of selecting the most capable and conscientious leaders possible. We must pick those who will lead us intelligently during this national emergency. The responsibility falls upon students as well as older people.

Now is the time we should act so that we will be certain of having out ballots in time. Write your county clerk and participate in both a right and a duty. We would all be screaming our heads off if we did not have the opportunity. By voting we are investing in democracy.

## The Impossible . . .

Many students have questioned the recent action of the administration when it was announced that the university would not change to the quarter system but would maintain its present plan with an increased summer school program.

Students had hoped to continue their studies the year around so that their degree could be obtained in a much shorter period of time. Those students evidently failed to realize the impossibility of continuing their studies twelve months a year. Under that kind of a program, most students would have a nervous breakdown within six months.

Another reason for the necessity of maintaining the present program, is the lack of instructors on this campus. It would be impossible for them to keep up a twelve month grind under the present conditions since most of them are carrying loaded teaching schedules now.

## Letterip

Dear Editor:

Responding in defense of the Student Union as regards a request in the Daily Nebraskan of October 21 for week-day and week-end juke-box dances.

Compliance with University regulations is the Student Union's first obligation. And the University has asserted itself very definitely concerning the hours when student dancing shall be permitted. To quote directly from the rules governing organizations and social functions formulated by the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations: "Dinner dances and hour dances may be held on week-end nights only." The Student Union was generously granted permission to sponsor hour dances once a week as a single deviation from this policy. We have been staging these dances and shall continue so doing until it is deemed inadvisable. It is true that we have the facilities to entertain juke-box dances every day and we would enjoy making the student body happy on this score, but we haven't the authority to do it. The ruling itself is not particularly unique to the University of Nebraska as would be well borne out by comparisons with neighboring universities of Nebraska's size. As a matter of fact, our rule governing such social activity is in reality quite liberal as compared with some of our very close neighbors.

We are going to react to the week-end juke-box dance proposal by sponsoring such an entertainment this Saturday evening. However, we will not have a juke box that will require your inserting hard cash for your music. We think the proposal a good one and our only hope is that it meets with more patronage than it did when we tried it before. We wish to thank Mr. Brunson for this suggestion and our hope is that more criticisms of this nature are advanced to us so that we can satisfy you. This is our job.

ROBERT SINKEY,  
Managing Director,  
STUDENT UNION.

## Chips

By Gene Bradley

### THE SHOOTING OF DANGEROUS PRESTON HAYS.

(With Apologies to Dan McGrew.)

A bunch of the boys were whooping it up there in the Union grill;  
The man who fed the music machine was "cooking" a campus frill.  
And there on the floor in a game of chance sat a dangerous Sigma Nu,  
And watching him roll those two white cubes was a lady known as Lu.

When up from the basement, down below, and into the music and jag,  
There stumbled a Phi Gam sports reporter, fresh from writing the Rag;  
He looked like a man who had lived in hell, or lived in the Fiji House;  
His features were sunken, his eyes were blank, with scarcely the strength of a louse.

The man who was playing the "Strip-Polka Song" stared with a horrified gaze;  
The stranger walked forth with unsteady step toward dangerous Preston Hays;  
The music stopped, and Hays glanced up, and the look on his pan was fierce.  
He spit out the words thru tightly clenched teeth: "You'd better not come too near us."

He picked up the girl who was known as Lu, and thru the smoke and the gloom,  
I saw him dance her 'round the Grill, around and around the room.  
The Dangerous Hays sprang up to his feet, and mid all the jive and the jam,  
He pulled out his gun to fire the shot to kill the wolfing Phi Gam.

The lights went out, a shriek was heard, two guns blazed forth in the dark!  
The lights went on, and Norre and Pres were laying there stiff and stark.  
Tho both are dead, and growing cold, there is this truth to learn, gents:  
Before you'd wolf on a Sigma Nu, you first should get some "Horse Sense."

## Capital to Campus

By Jay Richter  
Associated Collegiate Press

WASHINGTON, (ACP). Let's take a look at the War Manpower Commission from the vantage point of the capital city and from the college point of view.

In the Commission, under Paul V. McNutt, lies responsibility for college wartime plans affecting individual students—you, you and you.

That section of the Commission concerned with colleges and universities is headed by Dr. E. E. Elliott, former president of Purdue university.

Executive officer of the section, working closely with Dr. Elliott, is Dr. Earl McGrath, who is on leave from his civilian job as dean of the faculty of the University of Buffalo.

Theoretically, then, these two men have the ear of Mr. McNutt and hold it closely to the ground insofar as college manpower is concerned.

The foremost concern of the Commission's college section are problems of training professional and technical personnel badly needed to wage global war. Three major divisions have been set up under Dr. Elliott to take care of these problems:

The first is the "Special Wartime Courses" division. Once this unit works out courses it deems vital to successful prosecution of the war, the U. S. Office of Education takes charge of getting said courses into college curricula.

A second division of Dr. Elliott's section is called the "Procurement and Assignment Service." This division must provide dentists and doctors to the army and navy without disrupting private and public health services. And it's doing a good job, according to reports here.

Finally, a third division called "National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel" keeps what amounts to a punch card file of the country's talent. By arrangement with Selective Service this division has developed a list of all Americans who have highly specialized and scientific training. Anyone ever graduated from a college engineering or science course would find his name on the list. The list, however, is not restricted to college graduates; the total number of persons listed exceeds 500,000. Results of the Selective Service occupational questionnaire are swelling that total.

And that's how the college manpower picture looks at the top; it may be a bit easier now to see where you fit in.

## DO YOU DIG IT?



### \*ENGLISH TRANSLATION

This lamb is reminding her friend about tonight's get-together for the gym dance. She totes the sandwiches—he supplies the Pepsi-Cola. Nice supplyin', too!

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Send us some of your hot slang. If we use it, you get \$10. If we don't, you get a rejection slip. Mail slang to College Department, Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.



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