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Training For Life?

Rumors of student immorality and steps to restrict this immorality are sweeping the campus. Investigations of the various organized houses are reportedly underway.

No one would attempt to deny that immorality (drinking, kissing, smoking etc.) exists on the campus. But the University of Nebraska is no different from other schools in this respect. Immorality is not a problem peculiar to the UN campus in particular or to colleges in general. It is a problem inherent in human nature, existing wherever human beings exist.

Granted, then, that immorality does exist on the campus, the questions naturally arise as to its seriousness and as to the advisability of steps to restrict it. The seriousness of the immorality on this campus has probably been considerably overemphasized. A comparison of UN with other universities over the country leads to this conclusion. It is true that there have been numerous examples of unfortunate conduct on the part of the University students, but it appears that these relatively few examples are being emphasized to the exclusion of the innumerable larger number of examples of good conduct. In other words, those students who misbehave are receiving all the publicity. Students who do not step out of line are taken for granted.

The question of measures to restrict this overemphasized immorality presents serious difficulties. In the first place, it is doubtful if any measures would be wholly, or even partially, successful. If students are going to drink or kiss, (two of the practices most criticized as immoral) they will find a time and a place despite all rules and regulations to the contrary. They would simply be more secretive about it. One national sorority, for example, has a long-standing rule which prohibits its members from drinking, yet they continue to drink if they feel so inclined. They simply use a little more discretion, attempt to make sure that they are not seen drinking. The same thing will happen if further attempts are made to enforce measures against immorality on the campus. The restrictive rules simply won't work.

And, more important, such restrictive rules would run contrary to the philosophy that universities are a place where young people learn how to live as mature, intelligent adults. (This philosophy is already too much ignored by too many universities. It is given lip-service by administration and faculty, but is quietly ignored in actual practice.) Are university students being prepared for adult life when their every move is closely observed and restricted, when they are more closely regulated than they were as high school students? Once they graduate from university, there will be no watchdogs to hover over them, protect them from immorality. Wouldn't it be advisable that they begin to learn to live their own lives, begin to live as mature adults? If they do not, if they are not given this opportunity, they are being cheated of the very thing for which they are supposedly attending university.

This editorial does not pretend to be a plea that all University rules and regulations governing students' conduct be junked, that the problem of immorality be completely ignored. Quite the contrary. But it does urge that the problem of immorality be treated realistically, that students be treated, not as children, but as what they are—young adults who will soon have to stand on their own feet, live their own lives, in an adult world.

YW Discontinues Teas

Weekly Friday afternoon teas at Ellen Smith hall have been discontinued for the rest of the school year, according to Mary Ann Mattoon, YW president.

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Harold Harshaw.

CPL. LOWELL S. "STEVE" DEVOE is now at the Army Service Forces Convalescent Hospital at Camp Carson, Colo. He fought with the First Division and took part in the battle of Aachen. He wears the ETO ribbon, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and Unit Citation. At the present time he is on a War Production Urgency Drive for the Seventh Service Command. Corporal Devoe was a Phi Delt at UN.

MARLOW C. ROGERS, infantry officer in the 43rd (Winged Victory) Division, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain while in combat against the Japanese on Luzon. Capt. Rogers has served 31 months in the Pacific theater with the veteran Winged Victory Division. He has seen New Guinea and Philippine campaigns.

Second Lieutenant LEONARD BOASBERG is now serving with a field headquarters of the Chinese Combat Command in South-Central China. Lieutenant Boasberg just completed 19 months studying the Japanese language before being ordered overseas. At his present post he is with a group of Americans engaged in teaching the Chinese armies in the mechanics and employment of American-supplied weap-

ons, indoctrinating the Chinese with American methods of modern warfare, and advising them in their war against the Jap aggressors in the East. Before his enlistment, he was a reporter on the Daily Nebraskan and the Awgwan.

JOHN W. HANLEN was recently promoted from first lieutenant to captain at an Eighth Air Force bomber station in England.

LT. WILLIAM VAN HORN is now in Paris illustrating the official book of the 101st airborne division. He was with that group which was trapped seven days in Bastogne. Lieutenant Van Horn was a member of the 506th parachute infantry regiment which had a major role in the success of the Normandy and Holland campaigns, took part in the fall of Carentan and later liberated Eindhoven, Holland. This group twice took the measure of the elite German Sixth parachute regiment in attaining victories in France and Holland.

SECOND LT. DALE KREPS has arrived overseas and has taken up his duties at a 15th A.A.F. Liberator bomber base in Italy. This group is bombing vital enemy lines of supply in support of Russian armies advancing into Austria.

ROBERT BRAMSON, paratrooper, has just returned from overseas. Bob is a former University of Nebraska basketball star and SAM.

Council Sets Election Date For May 8

Meeting in special session Wednesday afternoon, the Student Council set a new date for reholding spring elections, elected council holdover members for next year ratified the new Student Union board constitution and approved three new Union board members for the coming year.

Reholding of the spring elections is scheduled for next Tuesday, May 8. Polls in the Union and Ag hall will be open from 12 to 7 p. m. Especial precautions were planned by the council to insure correct election procedure.

Holdover Members.

Holdover members elected by the council are Janet Mason, Roberta Collins, Gene Dixon, Jim Kratochvil, Helen Vennum, Edith Pumphrey, Mary Jo Gish and Stuart Goldberg. Experienced council members, they will serve with the new members thru next year.

New student members of the Union board are Elizabeth Curley, Nancy Garey and Bill Roberts. The altered Union constitution approved by the council contains but minor departures from the old one.



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