Dorm Lights-On Or Off?

Nearly two weeks ago, the Dorm Council of the Women's Residence Halls rejected a proposal that the so-called "traditional" ruling of 11:30 p.m. lights out hours for freshmen be abolished. In a restatement of the rule, the Council pointed out that permission to study after the deadline could be obtained from the housemother, if studies required later hours.

This stand was taken after a petition, signed by nearly 200 freshmen, was given to Miss Hansen, head resident, requesting a change in the rule. Complaints about the rule have been frequent in the dorm for many years, but before this year no initiative had been taken to do anything about it. Instead, roommates sought to avoid the rule by their own ingenious methods, such as stuffing towels around the door cracks so light rays don't show, dragging lamps in the closets and studying there, or turning out the light until the housemother had made her regular check.

Generally, freshmen coeds feel they are old enough by the time they reach college to decide for themselves when to go to bed. They accept the new responsibilities of higher-level studies, and in order to finish assignments often find it necessary to study later than 11:30 p.m. It should be the individual's right to decide whether a finished project or eight hours sleep every night is more important.

If later studying is necessary, the coeds have been allowed to study in the basement morgue or recreation room. However, the morgue is as barren as its name, and most coeds hate to study there. The lighting is poor, especially in the rec rooms. If references are used, all this paraphernalia must be lugged downstairs.

In spite of the objections of the freshmen, however, the Dorm Council voted to continue the rule. It is significant that only five of the voting members at that meeting were freshmen. The rule does not affect upperclassmen.

The Council did say that it would make a point of emphasizing to freshmen that permismission to study later could be obtained upon request. Apparently many freshmen were not aware that they could do this.

more. The situation is now more confusing than ever, according to various reports from freshmen residents. No attempt has been made to explain the decisions of the Council; in fact most girls only have a hazy idea what the Council is or what it attempts to do, let alone the time and results of any meetings it happens to have. Yet the Council is supposed to represent the opinion of the residents.

The coeds who have received permission from housemothers to study late, have found this system inconvenient and time-consuming. Much time is wasted while they search for a huosemother who may be anywhere in the three-floor hall. Some, before granting permission, require an approximation of the time the coed intends to stay awake-rather difficult to do, as anyone who has studied must know.

Permission for late study is usually only granted if the pleader can prove she has been studying all evening in her room. In other words, if a coed wants to practice for Coed Follies or participate in some campus activity during the evening, she will be required to have lights out by 11:30 p.m. This is hardly fair for the conscientious student who would like to have her studies done but would like to take advantage of some of the other aspects of University life, too.

Enforcement of the lights out rule varies in each hall, depending upon the housemother and her mood at the moment. Since the petition, enforcement has reportedly not been very strict. This must be interpreted as an admission by housemothers that the rule is foolish and impractical. Yet stubbornly, the Council has refused to admit that such a long-established rule could, and should, be changed. Instead, it has preferred to stick its head in the sand like an ostrich and pretend not to see how silly the

It is time the Dorm Council and Miss Hansen admitted that lights out at 11:30 p.m. is unnecessary, hard to enforce, and disliked by all concerned. And did something about it!-

The Biggest Issue Arrives

The Student Council, whether it realizes the fact or not, will vote on one of the most important issues facing it this year, during its meeting this week. The issue concerns representation on the Council by the Co-Op Council or, more accurately, representation by non-Greek students living in organized houses other than the dormitory.

Specifically, the Council vote on whether or not to accept a request from the Co-Op Council which was presented by Louis Schoen last Wednesday and put into motion form by Murt

Co-Op Council President Walt Brestel said the request was made to enable his organization to present its ideas and problems and cooperate on projects aimed at promoting the good of the whole University. He explained that in the past the independent council member has represented both his group and the dormitory. Brestel noted this situation was not satisfactory to Co-Op members for several reasons. First, the Council delegate was elected by ballots cast by both Co-Op and dorm voters. Since the Co-Op total population is only about 150 persons, their ballots had little effect on the outcome of the election because of the winner needing only a plurality of the votes cast. Second, the Co-Ops are not in the same position as are dorm men. Actually, Co-Ops are independent in the literal sense of the word; they receive no subsidization from the University; they conduct their own business affairs, and they must operate at a profit in order to stay in operation. Hence, their problems are much different from those of dorm men; yet, Co-Ops are represented by persons who do not share these common problems.

Co-Ops have asked the Council to recognize the "status quo," that is, Co-Ops are not part of the independent group on this campus in the strict sense of the word, and Co-Ops are not receiving the type of representation they want or are thought to receive by sharing a Council delegate with the dormitory.

Naturally enough, the request and resultant motion have been viewed with considerable alarm by Greek-letter organizations. Should the motion on the floor of the Council be passed, the groups can see the beginning of what well might be a parade of similar requests by non-Greek organizations for membership in the all-powerful student governing body.

This feeling of alarm is not entirely without foundation. Though members of Greek-letter organizations can viell understand and sympathize with the Co-Op members, Faction and IFC members are understandably slow to agree to a proposal which would allow other organizations increased representation on the Student Council.

Like it or not, the Student Council must realize there is considerable effort expended by members of Greek-letter organizations to take part in election of Council delegates and by doing so swing the balance of what little student authority there is on this campus to their favor.

Since this is the case, the Student Council would do well to consider this request by the Co-Op Council carefully. Should an affirmative wote result in the Co-Op request, the Student Council should be prepared to give concrete reasons for it; the Greek elements will certainly he interested in hearing them. Should the vote be negative, the Student Council should be prepared to answer the smaller.

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though no less important, group which is seeking equitable representation.

The purpose behind allowing any University college or group representation on the Student Council has centered around the theory of gaining a good cross section of the population governed by the Council. It is up to the Student Council to determine whether or not representation by the Co-Op Council will further this purpose, though it may arouse another section of the University population.

The Co-Op Council has made a legitimate request. What they ask for would bring another independent stud body into the realm of student governme something this campus sorely needs. How ver, the Student Council would be guilty of a grave injustice to Greekletter organizations by granting the proposal which would allow an organization of 150 members equal representation with groups of similar composition by much larger size, i.e., the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The Nebraskan does favor increased independent activity in student activity life by independents; however it cannot favor the motion now before the Student Council. A plan by which college representation would call for a certain number of independents would be far more equitable and far more successful a means to this end.

The Co-Op Council should concentrate its efforts in closer cooperation with the dormitories and their representative to the Student Council rather than agitating for its own representative .- T. W.

Afterthoughts

Reverse Flag

The tiny American flag on the back of your ten dollar bill may appear to be flying upside down, but don't worry, the bills aren't counter-

An alert schoolboy noticed that the flag appeared to be upside down and reported it to the Secret Service. The Secret Service made a microscopic investigation of the flag which flies in front of the Treasury building and found that it only appeared to be upside down. They said it was only an optical illusion. The question brought to mind is "Where did

the schoolboy get a ten dollar bill?"

Swans And Soldiers

Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis) has presided over his last meeting of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee.

He called this last session his "swan song." Old soldiers never die, but what about old

Embraceable You

A motorist in Alabama ran 40 feet off the road, tore down a fence and rammed into a tree. Facing the judge and forced for an explanation of the accident, he maintained that his girl friend was "holding me too tight"

and "I couldn't hold her and the wheel, too." The judge, after lengthy contemplation and a quick recollection of his own younger days, dismissed the charge of reckless driving and booked the driver for driving without a license and without license plates.

Forced to explain his action, the judge said, "I'm convinced that it could have happened

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No Alibis

French Study Leads To Purse Snatching

By Harold T. Warren

(Ed. Note: The semester's nearly gone, and now the struggles of some courses can be viewed with a fair amount of objectivity. The mind might even wander, and come up with a reaction or two on the course that the instructor never

Harold Warren, a graduate student taking second year French, found the intricacies of French taking his imagination astray and letting the old familiar English take over again to relate this tale of woe. Warren, who is primarily interested in English-not French -is a Lincoln bus driver who graduated from Cotner College "way back when.")

The University did its best to make a French student of me. There are no complaints. No ali-

It's just that those distracting idioms in French had a way of asking for something more. Each expression seemed to deserve a story. "Avoir la chance," "mon tour" and "et son contenu," (by chance, my trip and its contents called for a pencil, quickly.

What a person could do with just those three words from Maupassant's story of "The String," just borrow a few French terms and establish a setting near Goderville, Nebraska. And then let me tell of honest Mr. Hauchecorne. Hauchecorne can best be des-

cribed in his work clothes. Let's begin with his heels. He covered them with mail-order shoes costing \$2.98. His bibless jeans, of doubtful value, were badly worn at the thighs because of using his leg as a fulcrum in digging flowers. Yellow suspenders bore on their brass buckles the undeserved title "police."

The gray shirt was always too large at the neck but was cool. A grass hat was one of several bought in quantity from the dime store. This one was tied by a piece of string to the suspenders. Mr. Hauchecorne never chased a bat blown off by a hot wind. He just hauled in the string.

His eyes? They were sharp blue, fitted with glasses of his own choice in his own way. He had a too-long nose, graying hair and a sandy - bearded face, not often clean-shaven.

On a Sunday a dress suit adorned this descendant of pioneer stock. He went to church. While he was walking in the dusty grass by the side of the road, fox tail seed fastened to his trousers. Dandelion feathers caressed his face. The Sunday suit was accompanied by the Sunday attitude "all's well with the world."

Near a plum thicket a bright object shone in the sun. Mr. Hauchecorne retrieved it from among the Sumac stubs and wild grasss. In the clasp of a lady's purse was the names, Mrs. Fortune Houlbreque, The finder thought to examine the purse and "son contenu." There were no contents. Mr. Hauchecorne decided to return the purse to the rightful owner thinking, perhaps, of a slight reward.

He walked all the way. When he handed the lady the purse, her indignation was withering.

"Why you old rascal! You stoled my money and you have returned my empty purse

Naturally there is something wrong with this story. It hap-



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Letterip

Change The Law? Dear Editor:

Editorial comments and articles In The Nebraskan indicate a general unhappiness toward the University administration's obvious distrust of voluntary student compliance of the drinking and nondrinking rules on the campus and in and around the living quarters of students affiliated with the University. Regardless of the merit or lack of it with regard to the University policy and its methods of enforcement of the policy, may I suggest to The Nebraskan and to those students and organized groups who feel that the policy is unfair and an invasion of human rights, that an unusual opportunity is at hand to alleviate the matter in a democratic manner. The state legislature is in ses-

sion. The above mentioned groups can individually and collectively (including the IFC) oppose L.B. 29 which makes even more stringent the rules against drinking. Furthermore, and this may take a bit of speed to do easily, perhaps they could influence some legislator to introduce a bill to specifically exempt any bond fide college and university from any restrictions with regard to the use of any drink-alcoholic or otherwise. Certainly there must be an alumnus of some campus group in the legislature who, when in school, had similar feelings and would be willing to cooperate. Fathers of some of the students might be sympathetic. (I'm not so sure of many of the mothers.)

Should such efforts, if attempted, be unsuccessful for lack of time or other reasons, then two courses of action might be followed:

1. The formation of organized

efforts to achieve such a law in

the succeeding legislature in 1957. 2. Indication of desire to conform to the state law which University officials feel incumbent on themselves to enforce and the offering of a positive program by students and groups to alleviate a situation

which apparently has reached pro-

portions requiring University en-R. E. GARNER

Critic Criticized Dear Editor:

forcement.

Last Wednesday's Nebraskan printed a story about Dave Brubeck, the jazz pianist appearing here Tuesday. The first paragraph dealt with the time and place of the concert and the price of the tickets. The remainder of the article consisted of quotes by Lincoln's jazz "experts," the local disc jockeys. According to John Barrett, local jazz expert, "his (Brubeck's) jazz is like the classics; it requires close listening and studying to be understood."

If any of you fans were listening to John's program at about 12:45 a.m. last Saturday night, you would have heard him play Brubeck's "Jazz goes to College," which he termed in The Nebraskan as "emotionally explosive." The only thing which makes me question whether John is an expert or not is the way he played the record, let alone listen to it. He played the record a 33% RPM at 45 RPM! At the end of the record which didn't take too long at this increased speed, Barrett sighed and exclaimed, "that Brubeck is the swingingest."

My criticism doesn't lie with Mr. Barrett who obviously didn't know what he was talking about, but with The Nebraskan staff in its choice of critics,

TOM STOUP

Givin' 'Em Ell

Censorship Attempt Hit

By ELLIE ELLIOTT Great minds are pondering great problems. Youth is facing the future with wonder, fear and a certain amount of cocksure firmness. Blind hands, calloused with struggle but sensitive with the throbbing intensity of potential creativeness, grasp frantically at the ebbing freedoms of life. And Mrs. Orme wants to censor literature for minors.

The problem of censorship is an old one; it is almost a tradition. Milton's "areopagitica," covers the situation much more wisely and thoroughly than I can hope to do; I recommend it as essential reading to any man who has even a corpuscle of the spirit of Phoebus Appolo left in his regimented veins.

The immediately terrifying aspect of Lincoln's censorship program is the fact that many of us here at the University are minors, and the proposed law, revised or not, will affect us and our freedoms. We are supposed to be the "cream of the crop," that element of the citizenry which is to lead the nation in thought, purpose, and wisdom. We are, apparently, suffering under the dilusion that we are educated adults, capable of finding our own paths and stumbling along them as best we can. I do not think that this is a dilusion; if we cannot belive in ourselves, we cannot then sufficiently believe in anything.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

"The light comes with the dark-

On the corners, in the alleys, In the pits; Under the bushels Flung recklessly in the mire, Turbulent, heaving, Submurged in the volcanic

Driven from the new-plowed fields

By the glances, by the ques-In their eyes, Inspecting, hoping, Vicious in the supposition; The light withdraws

From the light, sucked into Explosion. The fiends plunge the light ever

Quoggle's Qualms

Businessman's Intentions Aim At Reducing

(Editor's Note: The following article is sprinted from The Wall Street Journal.)
At 48 Wilbur A. Quoggle realizes he has bogged down in a sedentary route - house to garage, parking lot to office, desk to watercooler, dining room to chair in front of TV set after overeating. Every morning he reads the

medical column in the paper and agrees with the author that something must be done to retain those years of life threatened by excess poundage. With mounting enthusiasm Mr. Quoggle reads and re-reads all ac-

cessible literature on abdomenflattening, slimming diets and other hygenic age-thwarting subjects. When his wife isn't looking he even sneaks peeks at what the feminine beauty columnists are writing about recapturing or preserving the youthful silhouette. .. All is in order. The great decision

has been made. Wilbur A. Quoggle, the indomitable, will never sit when he can stand, never ride when he can walk, never eat or drink too much and will do calisthentics faithfully morning and night-beginning a month or two from next Tuesday or Saturday.

With their whips, with their stones. With their books Into the dark. Wretching in their eagerness To kill, they will die, Sufocating in their own

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Textbooks Sometimes **Jnheeded**

The approaching dreadnaught approaches, but dread it not if you are one of those who has studied consistently and carefully You too, need not fear exams you have periodically opened up your textbooks and occasionally poured over their contents.

But, if you fall into the class of students, by fast count, 5,678, who have not been diligent in the pursuit of academic attainment, the course now left to you is the one most often termed "No Doze and No Sleeping." This may seem redundant, but it is far from a re-The NDNS method requires a

flat desk top with few distracting objects. There should be no ash trays, bowie knives or life size pictures of Marilyn Monroe on the desk top of a student following the NDNS method. Sometimes books are helpful, but

most of the persons using this method have completely avoided textbooks as they are unused to their appearance. However, outline books (which

can be purchased for a small amount at any good bookstore) are ideal for use in this manner of study. These get-smart-quick books come in many assorted colors. The red series includes journalism, botany and Spanish and the blue series features political science, psychology and composition

Probably the most marvelous publication in this series is the small outline book on exams. This booklet tells you nothing that you could not already guess, but it is handy to refresh your mind on how to go about refreshing your mind. The color of this booklet is scarlet and it is disgustingly cheap.

The files are another source of last minute information. Included in these metal containers of accumulated knowledge are past tests and an essay on the economic revolution of 1898 written in

The entire desertation can be summed up in the words of the old Hindustanian proverb, "It is not earlier than you know about."

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