

Editorial Comment

Who Says Collegians Don't Know How To Act?

"Monday night, March 3, 1958? Yes, I remember that night."

Grandpa will bounce his offspring on his knee thirty years from now and look back to the day the Huskers skinned the K-Staters and the students of the University kept a promise made to the school's chancellor.

The promise was that the students would conduct themselves with discretion and not ask for trouble when and if the Nebraska basketball team beat the Nation's top team.

The promise had been made the day after the Monster of the Midwest, the University of Kansas, had been felled—almost miraculously—in the Cornhusker Coliseum. That day the chancellor had promised a holiday if the students wouldn't ask for another a week later.

And so Monday night the student body moved on the city of Lincoln in jubilation, camped in the middle of 13th and O Streets and came back to the campus without any trouble whatsoever. It was a spontaneous display of triumph.

Any trouble which did occur on the campus came from a few ridiculous individuals who were either not connected with the University or whom the real University people would not care to claim.

The administration knew that the major troubles—the firecrackers, the car haltings, the general "unacceptable" conduct—were not caused by University students.

The crowd had attracted more to its ranks and these "more"—Lincoln high school students among them—were the real trouble makers.

Nebraskan staffers who had an opportunity to mingle with the crowd and sample opinions discovered that the bulk of the crowd were just idle bystanders, drawn from their houses only by the enticements of the girls, the "thrill" of the crowd.

But the semi-riot was soon over and no real damage was done.

The University could rest proud of the fact that a promise had been kept between the administration and the administration.

The major responsibility handed to the students over the past few semesters was met when the students kept their word to the chancellor about demon-

strating for another holiday. The students kept a responsibility to themselves, too, by staying well within the limits of what can be termed moral or proper conduct Monday night.

It may be hard for them to keep reserved. But it was worth it.

It'll be worth it in future months when students can point to critics of the University from all corners of the state and show what common sense students can exercise when they really want to.

The really wonderful part about the actions of the students Monday night in keeping their promise to Chancellor Hardin is that they expect no reward for it . . . No reward, that is, except the placing of additional responsibilities on their shoulders by officials of the University and the state who have been assured that college boys and girls have come of age.

Man vs. Cheating

College and cheating may not rhyme but they are almost synonymous terms—where there is one there is usually the other.

Some fraternity members at Syracuse University in New York have got themselves expelled from school for cheating on a history final, and have their fraternity house in hot water with the Syracuse IFC.

In fact, Edwin D. Smith, assistant dean of Syracuse, wrote the following letter to the IFC:

"In view of the fact that the President and members of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity knowingly and openly discussed on the night of Jan. 19, 1958, a member's plans for cheating in History, and in view of the fact that neither the President nor the brothers took any concerted action to prevent that member from accomplishing his plans, the Disciplinary Committee of the College of Liberal Arts recommends:

"That immediate, vigorous, and stringent action be taken against Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity to clearly bring home to the fraternity the complete negligence by themselves of honor and duty to the members of the fraternity and to the University."

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