

THEY CAN DO IT . . .

College Nites Off-Limits?

It's a question of University purpose, or even a question of student "non-purpose." At least that is how we see the recent suggestion by University administration that drinking at College Nite is undesirable.

"We can't condone a large group of University students drinking in a single location, as Kings or Pla-mor, explained Dr. Robert Ross, Dean of Student Affairs, at our request for clarification of the action.

If there is an incident at College Nite, the Regents and people of the state will look upon the gatherings at Kings or Pla-mor as a University function, for which the University will be held responsible, the dean concluded.

As we see it, the administration is thinking in terms of the public image of the University. An "incident" or accident at College Nite could bring to the attention of the public the normal week-end situation of 700-1500 University students, most of whom are under 21, gathered at a "dance hall" off campus drinking and twisting.

Whether or not Dean Ross has weighed the likely results of "dry" College Nites in effecting his decision remains to be seen. Students undoubtedly will continue to drink, whether they are legally of age or not, and whether they drink at King's or on "woodsies" or in the homes of Lincoln men. But one may question if the discontinuation of an activity where the vast majority of 800 or more students drink will or will not decrease the amount and frequency of drinking, since "woodsies" and parties in homes are less "convenient" than Kings.

But before we decide whether the action was right or wrong, we should notice that several sororities and campus groups have reacted positively to the change, realizing that without the competition of College Nite, more house parties and street dances will succeed. On-campus social activities may well increase.

To answer the argument of the legal mind as to whether or not the "University can do this to us," the answer probably is "yes." For the University Board of Regents, charged with the responsibility of operating a state institution in a way satisfactory to a majority of the voters, has no choice but to frown on any

activities which the taxpayer disapproves of.

Eight years ago, widespread drinking in the fraternity houses and on their front lawns was criticized sharply over the state, with the result that the administration and students cooperated to reduce liquor consumption on campus. Here, the University acted under a state law which "prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages by all persons on public highways, roads, and state property."

Today, there should be no question that the University expects all students to obey the laws of the State which "prohibit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by all who are under 21 years of age." However, it is University policy not to try to dictate a student's value system. So the University does not interfere with the legal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by students when they are "not at an event sponsored by a University organization or group" and "when possession or consumption does not result in conduct beyond the limits of propriety and good taste."

The legal question is simply this: the University is asking us, EVEN TELLING US, that continued drinking by University students en masse is undesirable. The students that have been sponsoring the College Nites have been told that they will be held responsible for any violation of the law or incidents (including drinking by minors) which happens during the dance. And as for whether or not the University could successfully punish a student who drinks at a dance sponsored by persons not attending the University of Nebraska is a question which undoubtedly brings another clarification as to University policy on drinking.

One point to keep in mind is that the University is being subjugated to more and more pressure to do everything possible to accomplish its goals of education. Maximizing the learning experience both in class and out is necessary, leaving less and less time for things that are of questionable value. Undoubtedly students still need to relax tension and "blow off steam," but the way in which we do this has and will continue to change. Some have even suggested that in another few years students at the University of Nebraska will get a kick out of learning.

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REAPPORTIONMENT . . .

Council Begins Education

It seems that a number of organizations on this campus are moving into new areas of responsibility. Administration is moving (with or without the help of IFC) against drinking en masse by students, Panhellenic is moving into the twilight zone of misguided responsibility, Corn Cobs is moving into the area of promoting boxing matches and the Student Council, in to the area of education.

It isn't obvious from the story that appears on front page, but Council is beginning its program of bringing issues here for the educational benefit that students might be able to absorb from participation, interest or just cognizance of it.

Yesterday the Law College representative resolved that the Council go on record favoring a more "equitable" reapportionment of the state be developed by the Legislators.

It is obvious that this is a "Casper Milk Toast" motion for Council, which has been known to be full of Casper's in the past, to deal with as its first formal business.

Everyone from boarder to boarder of this state wants a fair, impartial and just reapportionment for Nebraska. What does a motion like this mean?

It means a golden opportunity for students, faculty and other interested persons to really find out about this reapportionment issue.

(For those who don't know, Nebraska is currently apportioned on the basis of population. This state has been so since the 1900's when the Legislature first became a Unicamera. Today that is in the process of being changed. The question is: Should Nebraska representation in the Legislature be based upon population or area? What do you think?)

The original motion that the law rep-

resentative proposed a week ago called for the Council to favor reapportionment on population. The motion that was actually presented yesterday was a compromise. It was changed so that the motion followed the Council's expressed aim's this year closer . . . to try to bring controversial issues to the student for their educational interest.

The motion was tabled, as was expected, to allow members time to study it. It will be brought up next week and probably passed. With this as a starting point the Council's Public Issues committee will swing into action.

The pro and con of the question will be presented on campus by forums, debates, articles and talks by leaders on both sides.

Some comment after the meeting yesterday expressed the opinion that Council is always reaching beyond the campus for issues to act on. True and many students do feel that the world ends at R Street. Even using this as an argument, what issue could possibly effect the University more than how the State is divided for representation in the Legislature that sets our budget and influences our policies?

The Council might be criticized for the weakness and "so-whatness" of yesterday's motion, per se, but nothing but praise and cooperation can be given for the motives and affect that it will have. A stronger motion, if passed, would probably get the University involved in the fight over reapportionment. The reasons for making the motion would be lost and only damage done to the University.

The Council introduced this motion for the benefit of this campus, and its students, not because it feels that any stand they take could influence the outcome. Council is focusing on campus, at last.



"WE'VE GOT TIME FOR ONE MORE HAND."

MAULDIN
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I am a Fool, A Fool am I

I am a fool, a fool am I not always, but sometimes. I do foolish things. When I do them I feel clever, or smart or intelligent; then later I feel I have been a fool. It is not a nice feeling. It is uncomfortable, to know you are a fool. That is why I write this, To let others know that I knew. If I knew they didn't know I knew, I would feel twice the fool. But now they know I know, and I am not so foolish. Other people are fools, too—but I will go into that later.

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WRITE? YOU'RE WRONG

In the recent furor over the assassination of President McKinley, it may have escaped your notice that a nationwide study of the writing ability of American college students has just been published.

The survey reveals an astonishing fact: that when students have completed their freshman year and are no longer required to take English, their writing skill progressively declines until we come to the fantastic situation where graduating seniors actually are poorer writers of English than incoming freshmen! Many theories have been offered to account for this incredible fact. Some say that seniors know less English than freshmen because all seniors major in French. This is not true. No more than 94 percent of seniors major in French. How about the other six percent?

Well sir, of the other six percent, half—or three percent—take physics, and it is not hard to understand how these poor souls grow rusty in English when all they ever say is "E equals MC squared."

Of the remaining three percent, two-thirds—or two percent—major in whaling, and their English too grows feeble with disuse. Whalers, as we all know, do not speak at all except to shout, "Thar she blows!" maybe twice a year.

Of the one percent remaining, it cannot be fairly said that they are poor writers. The fact is, we don't know what kind of writers they are. Why not? Because they never write. And why don't they ever write? Because this remaining one percent of American college students are enrolled at the University of Alaska, and never take their mittens off.

(Incidentally, I received quite a surprise upon first visiting Alaska two years ago when I was invited to Juneau to crown the Queen of the Annual Date Palm Festival. Frankly I ex-



pected to find a surly and morose populace. After all, going through life with your mittens on all the time is hardly calculated to make you merry as a cricket. Not only can't you write, but you miss out on all kinds of other fun things—like three card monte, making shadow pictures on the wall, and lint picking. However, to my astonishment, I discovered Alaskans to be a hale and gregarious group, mittens notwithstanding, and I soon found out why: because mittens notwithstanding, they could still smoke Marlboro Cigarettes, still enjoy that rich mellow flavor, that fine, clean Selectate filter, that truly soft soft pack, that truly flip-top flip-top box—and that, friends, will make anybody happy, mittens notwithstanding. In fact, Alaskans are the happiest people I have ever met in the whole United States—except, of course, for the Alaskan vendors of Marlboro Cigarettes, who have not been paid in many years—indeed, never—because how can anybody dig out coins to pay for cigarettes when he is wearing mittens?)

But I digress. What are we going to do about this deplorable condition where college students, having completed Freshman English, become steadily less proficient in the use of the language? The answer is simple. We will make them take Freshman English all through college. In fact, we won't let them take anything else! This solution, besides producing a nation of graceful writers, will also solve another harrowing problem: where to park on campus. If everybody takes nothing but Freshman English, we can tear down all the schools of law, medicine, engineering, and whaling, and turn them into parking lots. Can't we?

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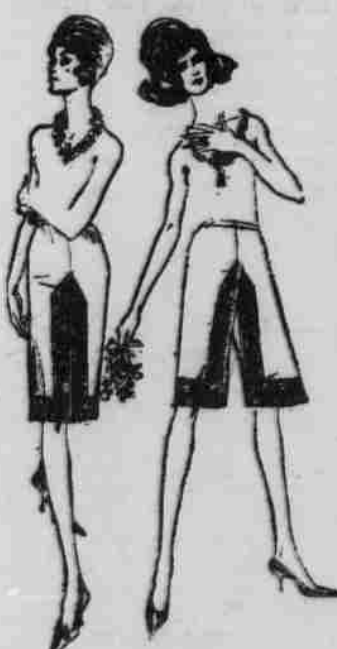
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