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## KENTUCKY KERNEL PLATFORM

University Expansion - A Campus Beautiful  
Dissemination of University News to Kentucky  
Strict Observance of Laws and By-Laws  
Repeal of New Attendance Rule  
Better Scholarship

## THE PLATFORM

With this issue of The Kernel, the platform of the student paper reappears after an absence of several months from the editorial page. At the time it was dropped from the columns of this paper, it had become so well known and so synonymous with the editorial policy of The Kernel that the editors felt it no longer necessary to print it. At this time, however, it has become necessary to add to the policies contained in the platform, so it reappears in this issue.

point out that there is no conflict between the various planks of the platform, as might appear at first blush. Laws and by-laws should be observed, but the particular stress in The Kernel is directed against violation of the prohibition laws by members of the student body. It may be said that better scholarship and repeal of the attendance rule do not agree, but it is well to remember that education cannot be measured by any mathematical standard such as at Kentucky who will not give a passing grade as the number of times a particular student attends a particular class. There are professors if a student is credited with four absences over a period of four and one-half months. Professors of similar mental vigor oftentimes cause one-third of a final grade to be determined by the number of absences. Others will not accept an excuse under any condition of servitude, preferring to prove to the world that higher education is really an autocracy. It is with a feeling of compassion for Alma Mater that they in fact cannot be designated as few. Their reaction to the new rule of attendance has been that of joy, because under it they find their medium— that of dyeing the last inch of tape a crimson hue.

So it is that The Kernel voices the opinion of students in this matter of repeal of the attendance rule. It is altogether fitting and proper that it do so, for it is a paper that has won national recognition as an exponent of the free press under the protection of which students gather in pursuit of academic life, liberty, and happiness.

## CAN YOU WRITE?

By the Editor: Just as we were wondering what to do about this business of no student letters for The Kernel point of view column, along comes the university senate, or whoever did it, with a new set of attendance rules for the dear students to read and, perforce, to observe. Presto change! All of our difficulties were dissipated along the line of too few letters. The only trouble is that now we have too many of them. It just seems that nothing is going to alleviate that tired feeling we have from seven in the morning until one the next morning.

Anyway, here are some of the letters we have in stock. From all appearances, university officials should do something FOR the student instead of discriminating AGAINST him or her in favor of the professor who, in the final analysis, is no more than the hired help. We see that we are going to go too far with some of these broad statements unless we get out the bottle of caution and pour its contents on the squeaking parts of the ribbonless, battered typewriter. (The stuff you are reading is printed with a linotype.) All professors are not that way. Some of them are such fine gentlemen we always feel as if we should hitch our wagon to them and really get somewhere in the world other than an editorial room that reminds "Bill" Ardery of a combination of hell, insanity, and a hog-calling contest.

promised our constituents that we would not print their names if they desired to remain anonymous. Blame whom you will, many of them do not want to see their name in print beneath these letters. We have verified their authenticity after the better Holmes style, but no confidences will be violated. Read 'em and weep!

**O. K. BROTHER**  
Editor, Kentucky Kernel: I remember that you have asked students to write if they can. I cannot, but I do have a few words to say, especially concerning the new attendance rule recently adopted at the university. The future of the university does not look very promising to one who has been here three years, if school officials continue doing such "fool" stunts as that of the new rule. It is an injustice to the student and a punishment not to be borne when there are other schools willing to be fair about their educational system. My hundred words are about used, but put me on your list of fellows who do not believe "Kentucky's Right!"  
(Signed) An Outraged Student

**WILL YOU JOIN OUR STAFF?**  
Editor, Kentucky Kernel: Why doesn't The Kentucky Kernel do something toward expressing student opinion on the new attendance ruling if it is as representative of that opinion as it boasts so proudly? Why not give us a chance to tell our side of the story? You have printed the official decision. You have done nothing for the student. For my part, I do not care to read your paper any more unless you take a stand against the new rule. But are you brave enough to do it? I doubt it. You might be suppressed, or even expelled from school, but it would be worth the service to the school and the students.  
(Signed) Betty Co-Mt.

**IF TO SAY SO—!**  
Editor, Kentucky Kernel: It is agreed that the student ought to attend class as much as possible, but there is always someone carrying a good thing too far. The new attendance rule has done that. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"—you know what I mean. But just for the sake of proving that the poor students hasn't a chance, let's all go to class for three weeks and then all stay away from class the fourth week. The resulting "hell" would prove beyond doubt "I Ain't Got Nobody, Nobody Cares For Me!"  
(Signed) Another Student.

## THE "K" CLUB

In the organization of a club for the promotion of better understanding in the realm of sports, letter men at the university have taken an important step forward in this field. For many years this form of activity has been a power in campus affairs at most of the larger colleges and universities. Especially has this been true among members of the Big Ten conference, where such organizations have found their principal function in interesting prep school graduates in their respective colleges. The "K" Club, besides its work along the lines of fellowship promotion among university athletes, should prove an invaluable help to the university during high school week and at the state high school tournament held in Lexington. Benefits derived from unorganized efforts of Kentucky's athletes at recent basket ball tournaments indicate to some extent the importance which may be attached to organized activity.

The Kernel wishes to congratulate the men who have had the vision to complete the organization of the "K" club. It hopes that this group may not remain "just a club," but that through capable leaders the organization may become a valuable aid in this too long neglected phase of university activity.

## Vespers to Feature Drama December 14

"Why the Chimes Rang Out," a Christmas play, will be presented at the regular university vesper services in Memorial hall on December 14. The play, which will be given by members of the interest groups, will be sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. with the assistance of the Y. M. C. A. Special Christmas music will be presented at the services. The program is being arranged by Miss Margaret Lewis, secretary of the university Y. W. C. A.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the committee on scholarship and attendance was held Wednesday afternoon in the Registrar's office in the Administration building, for the purpose of settling several complaints against various members of the student body. At this meeting a number of students were given permission to drop one or more of their subjects. No interpretation was made concerning the new ruling against absences before or after a holiday.

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