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Don't Say Old-Fashioned

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THERE who oppose restrictions on the University student body on the grounds that they are "old fashioned" had better hunt for a new excuse for their opposition because rules and regulations played little part in campus life during the "good old days." At least, such an observation may be gleaned from the diary of Earle Sneed, Sr., today a Tulsa business man, but thirty years ago a student at the University. Mr. Sneed was one of the "old fashioned" boys of '05 who has watched the University grow and develop since that time and who resents a little the implication that life on the Soonerland campus was pretty dull back in his day.

"No date" and "no car" rules, regulations concerning week-night dancing and many more of the campus rules in effect today were not a part of the "old fashioned" days thirty years ago when the fathers and mothers of many University students were "making history" in Norman.

It was this generation that danced from midnight untold dawn with the approval of the University and developed the art of "apple polishing" to a high degree. It was the students of this era, especially the men, who jammed the fraternity house, gather up all of the fraternity brothers and start the long trek after the doors were closed. A horse-drawn bus would roll up to the fraternity house, gather up all of the brothers and start the long trek after the girls.

The social life of the University at that time was ideal. No restrictions were placed on the students. The boys stayed as late as the girls would let them, and many times they danced until nearly dawn. Just before the scheduled hours of the dance, a horse-drawn bus would roll up to the fraternity house, gather up all of the brothers and start the long trek after the girls.

The first dances were held in an old stone building on west Main street. Later, the gaieties took place at Davis hall over Jimmie Johnson's smoker. A six piece orchestra played for the formal dances, and the pianist was always Ed Burke, today the assistant postmaster of Norman. The expensive programs which often cost ten dollars apiece, were usually engraved with fraternity crests. Then, as now, the girls wore long evening dresses, but the boys were resplendent in tails. The two-step and waltz were the only dance steps known. Every boy had a date. Stags were unknown in those days.

In spite of their lack of restrictions and apparently "wild ways," the students of the University in 1907 and 1908 did not fail to appear properly aghast, and perhaps, a little admiring, when they observed a broken convention. To them a young professor who was so bold as to smoke cigarettes at dances was the most modern of them all. Of course, no nice girl even dared to think of smoking cigarettes or of taking a drink, horror of horrors! But Sneed admits that they "indulged in all the other niceties to the same extent that the modern flapper does today." The boys very rarely smoked cigarettes. Instead, they smoked pipes and chewed tobacco. These habits were considered much more manly and more decent than the practice of "imbibing smoke from a paper-wrapped weed.

In 1908, Sneed went to California to attend Leland Stanford university, and on his return in 1908, he was astonished at the rapid progress being made at the University. Buildings were being erected. Residences were rising like mushrooms. All over Norman there was the spirit of an oil boom. Enrolment was increasing rapidly, and, to the credit of the young college, let it be made clear that the football team was beating Nebraska.

Soon the schools of law and medicine were established. The school of geology was being started and scores of geology majors were being hired out over the state. The University was keeping step with the fact that modern professors and officials are on their guard against students.
Whatever it was, it enabled Sneed to accomplish what would be impossible today. He talked so hard and fast to the head of a certain department that that august gentleman added six hours of credit to the record of the student politician. But not yet, in this day of modern regulations and rules, has he been permitted to keep his date out after midnight.

They contributed songs and yells. They formed traditions that have lived until today and will continue to live as long as the University exists.

Some, like Sneed; can look back over their college life and rue the passing of the "good old days," when a car, that is, entertainment, and has made a name for himself on the campus just as did his father. And daughters to follow in their footsteps. The Sooner Magazine formation traditions that have lived until today and will continue to live as long as the University exists.

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