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UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND THE SINGLE TAX

In this issue is an article by Mr. Campbell deploring that the Single Tax is impractical at Nebraska. He takes up the matter of the inability of the School of Drama to give the plays asked on the agreed price, and the lack of room for school activities.

The first of these can be disposed of easily. The fact that the Single Tax guarantees to each student a free ticket to such events does not mean that the university will compel him to go. The student will have the power of selection. One performance at the Oliver theatre will probably accommodate the university crowd. The school will probably give four plays a year. The university will give them \$600 for the presentation of each to the school public. This will not prevent their giving the play as often as they please and charging for it. We believe, therefore, that the School of Drama is properly represented in the plan.

Mr. Campbell's second suggestion is more serious. We are at present crowded for room. But as is well known, that condition is being remedied by campus extension. It is probably true that more advantage will be obtained under the Single Tax after we have better facilities. But this should not interfere with its adoption at present. The idea is to get it now, and let student life grow with the university.

THE GALLERY AGAIN

One thing was settled Saturday night at the performance of University Night—the gallery must in the future be closed on all such occasions. The committee has often tried to get some of the best talent in school to help make this event a success, but have been refused, on the ground that no one desires to face a crowd of jeering, hooting boys more than once. No doubt the committee of next year, will either close the gallery, or open it only to girls.

This brings out the fact that there is need for improvement in the system. The Single Tax will permit two performances of the program, thus doing away with the rush for tickets, the rush for the gallery, and last but not least, the disgusting conduct of the gallery gods.

Saturday night was a striking example of what some of the lesser

activities need. Remember that the Single Tax is the remedy.

FORUM

THE SINGLE TAX

Impractical at Nebraska

In the beginning, let me say that I am willing to grant that the supporters of the single tax have many arguments in their favor. The single tax will, no doubt, increase school spirit and school unity. It will tend to interest those who are negligent of the educational value of activities aside from books. It will also show many who think that they are too poor to be interested in the school's activities that they are neglecting a very vital part of their educations.

As to bringing the neglected activities into their proper place, I am unable to see the infallibility of the argument. True it is that The Daily Nebraskan and debate will profit by the new plan. I admit that they should be supported and made a live part of the campus activity. It seems to me an unnecessary tax to require two or three members of a family or household to subscribe to the same paper. It is all too evident that this reading the other fellow's paper is carried to the extreme in some quarters, but that is an evil for which other remedies should be applied.

The school of drama could hardly meet the expense of such plays as it has been handling this year on the sum allotted. If all were taxed, all have a right to demand admittance to the performances. With our present theatre, this would require a complete week's run to accommodate the student body. As it is the school of drama has expended practically this amount on the few productions that have been given this year in Lincoln. The additional productions would mean additional royalty, which in one or two weeks' performance would practically consume the allotted sum.

All would be taxed for athletics. The football field could accommodate the student body. But try to imagine twenty-five hundred students crowded into the armory to see a basketball game. Even the present season ticket holders would find it impossible to attend a game.

The same things are applicable to the mixers and some of the other activities as to the basketball games. There is absolutely no room or rooms on the campus capable of handling the crowds. This has been amply demonstrated at several mixers, when people were so thick on the floor that dancing was an impossibility.

The above citations seem to me to be enuf proof that under present circumstances, the single tax is an injustice. We would be taxing for things which we had no possibility of receiving. The problem of the individual's right to choose his own amusement has been touched upon before, and I do not feel that it needs any restatement. As in the beginning, I stated that the single tax had many virtues, I repeat it here, but with the caution that until we are able to deliver the goods we collect for, we had better be a little slow about the collections.

H. R. Campbell.

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WHAT PROMINENT MEN THINK OF THE SINGLE TAX

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denominational and state institutions have taken it up during the past ten years.

Guy E. Reed.

"Such a system would probably raise the standards and qualities of the university press, athletic and social functions, and would go far toward unifying the actions of the student body. In student activities a great deal of moral support is given by the mere presence of large numbers, and the tendency of this system is to increase attendance. When properly carried out and regulated it would assist in bringing about the spirit which is so much desired.

E. H. Barbour.

"I am heartily in favor of the Single Tax."

P. M. Buck.

"If the proposed Single Tax is raised for the benefit of those things which are distinctly for the advantage of the whole student body and is confined to the absolute needs of such things, I should say it ought to be just enough to succeed."

Dean W. G. Hastings.

"The plan would, in my judgment, confer a compulsory benefit upon a great many students who otherwise would not have college spirit enough to befriend themselves."

Edwin Maxey.

"I am in favor of the Single Tax. It equalizes the burden among those who are able to bear it."

"Tim" Corey.

"I am in favor of the Single Tax. It furnishes a more united interest in and support for every phase of student activity."

"Dick" Rutherford.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Freshmen Meeting

There will be a meeting of the freshman class Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock in Memorial hall. The election of officers will take place.

Financial Statement

The financial statement of the interfraternity athletic meet and mixer held in the Armory, February 26, 1916, is as follows:

Total receipts, \$97.50.
Total expenditures: Janitor work and service, \$6.50; doorkeepers and ticket sellers, \$4.50; refreshments, \$15.25; music, \$21; printing tickets, \$6; incidental expenses, \$2.25. Total, \$64.50. Arthur Ballis, chairman. Audited March 2, 1916. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Prof. Heppner to Talk

Prof. Amanda Heppner will talk on "The German Theatre" at the convocation at the farm tomorrow.

SYMPHONY INTERPRETATION

Professor Dann will interpret Scushmann's "First Symphony" in Art hall Tuesday at 11:30 a. m.

German Lunch and Cafe, R. C. Schelder, manager. 1121 P street.

The Mogul Barber Shop, S. L. Chaplin, proprietor, 127 North Twelfth.

Meal tickets, \$5.50 for \$4.50, 137 North Twelfth. Newbert Cafe.

G. E. Spear, B. Sc., M. D., University of Nebraska, '03; physician and surgeon. 1417 O St. B-3021.

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