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THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.

PLACING the interests of the entire university student body first and upholding a principle for which early toilers in the fields of the Fourth Estate fought fervently, The Nebraskan today announces that it will publish accounts of sorority down-town parties, despite the ruling of the local Panhellenic council to the contrary.

Decision not to acknowledge the edict of the Panhellenic association and give publicity to sororities was made only after due consideration and consultation. All students and faculty members interviewed favored the stand taken by The Nebraskan.

There are two principle considerations that prompts The Nebraskan's action on this matter. First, it does not believe the local rule, which declares that no publicity should be given sorority functions to which men are invited, is a just regulation.

Second, it believes that contrary to The Nebraskan's high regard for law and order, violation of the ruling is justified mainly because trying to prescribe what this paper shall and shall not publish, when it is a recognized campus event, is not within the jurisdiction of the Panhellenic association.

THERE are several reasons for regarding the present rule unfair. Here are a few of them:

- 1. The local Panhellenic association places itself under the supervision of the outside influence of the national panhellenic group. In matters pertaining to individual school problems, the local organizations should be the ultimate authority and not bound by national restrictions.
2. In refusing to allow party publicity the Panhellenic association is inconsistent. According to Mrs. Irvin E. Brown, national Panhellenic officer, only a list of pledges and calendar dates for parties should be issued. At Nebraska, however, full and complete publicity is given sororities entered in intramural sports. Other stories appear concerning afternoon teas and roundup banquets at chapter houses.
3. It is better that people over the state, whose indictment Panhellenic people seem to fear, should know exactly what is going on at the university than for them to make false surmises.
4. Many other universities, as indicated in Nebraskan exchanges, pay no attention to the sentiment of the national ruling, but allow their campus papers to run stories of sorority parties.
5. No logical argument has been advanced as to why The Nebraskan should not publish this news. The local association apparently is accepting the suggestion of the national organization on faith alone.

THE POSITION of The Nebraskan in refusing to do its part to obey this rule is justified in many grounds.

- 1. When applied to The Nebraskan, the regulation ceases to be a regulation. The Panhellenic association encroaches upon a legitimate campus activity which The Nebraskan seeks to record.
2. The Nebraskan believes that student opinion for such publication is worthy of consideration. When presidents of eighteen sororities openly announce their convictions that sorority party news should be printed, The Nebraskan believes their wishes should carry some weight.
3. Within its rightful bounds in seeking to give the campus coverage of recognized news events, The Nebraskan in insisting on publishing accounts of sorority parties is upholding the principle of independence of the press.
4. The power to withhold such material from The Nebraskan and the press is the power to make this newspaper a mouthpiece of consolidated university interests, a spineless newspaper not cognizant of its duties to its readers. What if the Student Council should make a request similar to the Panhellenic association? In securing the news, The Nebraskan will not seek to obtain it from the sororities themselves. For them to give out such information would be a violation of their rule. But if The Nebraskan on its own initiative without aid of Panhellenic women gets the news, sororities are exonerated. While the student body is entitled to know about sorority parties, the main issue in this case is the principle involved. The Nebraskan will not permit itself to be placed under the thumb of any organization. To do so would surrender the claim that it is a true student newspaper at the University of Nebraska.

The university trains men for all walks of life. Applicants for mountain bus drivers can get plenty of good experience zig-zagging through the traffic at Twelfth and R streets any noon.

PASSING THE SHOW.

Students flock willingly and generously to downtown movies. Entertainment is the one thing that these show-goers demand, and for it they would spend their final half dollar. This tendency does not apply solely to college students, but to the human race.

Strangely, students disregard one of the most entertaining of all theatrical productions—University Players' shows. These presentations are offered periodically in the Temple theater and have always been well received by their smaller audiences.

Discussion has been rampant on Broadway recently in regard to the probability of "talkies" replacing the legitimate stage productions. At the University of Nebraska this would be a difficult problem to solve. Students disregarded the "legit" long before the sound pictures made their debut.

Attendance at University Players shows should not be considered in the light of campus charity. The Players have never begged for audiences. They have kept on producing good, clever, well staged productions for those who attended. Students, it seems, are passing up something good.

"R. U. R." drama which is still playing in New York, is the latest Players show, and it is concluded this evening. The college student who feels any appreciation at all for a slight degree of culture would enjoy "R. U. R." But, then...

The Student Pulse

Signed contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and concise.

A STATEMENT OF POLICY.

The Barb council is always glad to receive suggestions for the improvement of its parties. In this connection and regarding the article of W. G. T., we wish to say that this question has already been discussed.

When people outside the university attend our parties and thus become a disturbing element we will follow the example of the students in charge of the Ag mixers. This is not, however, a fundamental weakness and can be corrected whenever it becomes obnoxious.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BARB COUNCIL.

IN DEFENSE.

W. G. T. has voiced a serious condemnation of the All-University parties as they are now conducted, but in doing so he committed two grave errors. He has adduced no plausible evidence in defense of his position, and his phraseology puts a false countenance on the whole situation.

These parties are characterized as "not representative of the student body." They are not even representative of the barb group. Just what "representative" may mean, we are not told. If W. G. T. means that the Greek element is not represented, he is, at the least, unobservant.

Twenty-two different Greek pins have been noted, by actual count, at a single dance. Surely his objection cannot be upon the meagerness of the attendance. It has ranged from six hundred to upward of twelve hundred and gives good promise of still further increase.

If W. G. T. had ever attended one of these dances, he would not insist that "fraternity men decline to attend the affairs accompanied by girls." The number of formal dresses seen throughout the crowd, students coming from other parties, is patent evidence to the contrary.

"General shoving and mauling" and "a stag line... terrorizing to the bravest couple" are cited as characterizing these "listless dances." Such a flat contradiction in assertions leads one to question the reliability of W. G. T.'s whole statement.

May we presume to offer that writer a suggestion: Either prove your assertions, kind sir, or don't make them. Some poor unsuspecting soul might conceivably be misled into accepting such things on faith alone.

W. G. T. REPLIES.

Verus vents my "serious condemnation" of All-University parties. He finds me verbally on two "grave" counts. He ridicules my phraseology by bringing to light amazing contradictions. And he refers to me, sarcastically I believe, as "kind sir." Whereupon, I can do nothing but establish a counter defense.

Verus would undoubtedly like to argue the term "representative." But, fortunately, he immediately accepts my obvious meaning and proceeds to quote statistics with no authority—which professors tell us we must always indicate. Verus, do twenty-two frat pins indicate that Greeks are well represented at parties? You neglected to indicate if these twenty-two were duplicated many times.

Verus lauds the attendance at All-University parties. But he says nothing in regard to my original contention that this crowd is composed of undesirable outside the university. A barb who has attended two of these parties asserts that members of an airplane school in town and members of a downtown business college attend in sufficient numbers warrant attention. Is this what builds up the large attendance at All-University parties?

Verus says fraternity couples in formal regalia, who have been at other parties, have been seen at the All-University dances. Two Greeks have stated they dropped in to see what was going on, declined to dance, and left almost immediately with their dates. Is this a characteristic attitude?

I still believe "shoving and mauling" characterizes the dances. And it is "listless" to the point of being boring.

In view of the above remarks I still maintain my original stand concerning the present All-University parties. I have come to believe, however, that the new plan before the Student Council today will not benefit barbs so much as an alteration of the present system.

The Ayres plan would call for co-operation between barbs and Greeks which, in reviewing past considerations, seems impossible. Furthermore, there is not enough class loyalty and organization for each group to become sufficiently interested in putting on a good party.

The suggestion contained yesterday in The Daily Nebraskan concerning the presentation of identification cards at the door in order to limit the crowd to university people, may go a long way in helping the situation. In this event, the name of the affair also should be changed.

MORE DEFENSE.

Who is W. G. T.? Is he an authority of the opinion of the barbs with regard to All-University parties? How many parties has he attended? He says a great number of barbs favor the Ayres plan. How many are a great number?

I have attended all of the barb parties and I feel safe in saying that they are not "listless," also that I have never seen anyone frightened by the "non-descript stag line," and that Greeks do attend both with and without dates.

There are fifteen barbs in my house and all of them have expressed favorable opinions of the All-University parties as they are at present conducted. Of course I would not attempt to express the "unanimous" opinion of the barbs, but I am inclined to believe that it would be possible to find other barbs of the same opinion.

W. G. WHITFORD.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

A Mere Barb praises the gods for the "mess which Williams creates." He should praise the prince of darkness if he wishes to do any praising. In regard as to what is worth while and as to who is the only man who has done anything worth while for the barb cause, A Mere Barb and myself hold distinct and different views.

Does he consider worth while filing fraternity members on a ticket which they knew nothing about in order to split the Greek vote to put his own lineup into office?

Does he regard anyone worth while who lines up an election ticket after he has said that he has retired from politics?

Does he regard as worth while calling an elec-

tion of officers for the Barb council when a considerable portion of the council, including former council officers, did not know the election was to be sprung?

A Mere Barb accuses Nelson of always being pro-Greek rather than pro-barb. Does he believe that in order to be pro-barb a person has to do all he possibly can to stir up antagonism, by scattering venom and malicious falsehoods about Greek letter organizations? If so A Mere Barb could pay no higher tribute to Nelson.

I believe that the All-University parties have been successful largely because of Williams and that they have been valuable in supplying a social need for a portion of the nonfraternity students. I likewise believe that others should come in for no small part of the credit. And not the least of these is Nelson.

Has he not worked strenuously and faithfully to make the parties a success? His efforts did not relax after he was ousted from the presidency of the Barb council by methods which to say the least were questionable. And yet Archie accuses Brutus of slipping the dagger into Caesar's ribs.

I do not approve of the absent mindedness, blindness, deafness, or call it what you like, on the part of certain sorority members. And yet to the best of my knowledge Williams was the only male to enlist in the May Queen fight. His sex should be proud of him. I wonder that if when he graduates he will take an active part in bodies and society, sewing circle, and W. C. T. U. elections.

E. FLURIBUS UNUM.

WHY, W. G. T.?

If I may venture to say so, the letter of "W. G. T." in the "Rag" was an insult to the intelligence of the thousand or more students who flock to the All-University parties. "W. G. T." asserts that chiefly "dance hall regulars and high school students" attend. Now some of us are not so fortunate (?) as "W. G. T." in knowing the "dance hall regu-

COLLINS GIVES RADIO TALK ON CATHEDRALS

Assistant Curator Describes European Edifices in Weekly Speech.

"It was to the city of Niess on the River Driepier that Christianity was first brought, about a thousand years ago, by some hermit monks who dwelt in caves on the hillside" was the introductory remark of George Collins, assistant curator of the university museum in his museum radio talk Monday afternoon. This city the oldest in Russia, was the first to possess a church in the country.

Mr. Collins asked his listeners if they remembered a book called "Inland Voyage" by Robert Louis Stevenson. In this Mr. Stevenson says that he never weariied of great churches, that they were his favorite kind of mountain scenery. He believes that "mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a cathedral." He goes on to say "for though I have heard a considerable variety of sermons, I never yet heard one that was so expressive as a cathedral."

French Cathedral Destroyed. "Who shall say Stevenson was not happy in dying before the war, the war that was in the year of 1917 to destroy by fire the Cathedral of Notre Dame at Noyons for which he had such an affection?" questioned Mr. Collins.

It was little more than a hundred years ago after the revolution that to the French as to the Russians today, the church stood for the ally of the old order of government under which they had suffered so long and so horribly.

Russian Cathedrals Uninjured. The cathedrals in Russia came through the war uninjured and we find the Russians themselves rearranging them as museums. Mr. Collins contrasts this with the people of France who with help from other countries are busy rebuilding and restoring their damaged cathedrals.

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lars," and since we do not mix with the high school crowd we know but few of them.

Our acquaintances are limited to university folk, and we are proud that most of them have at some time or other attended the All-University parties and have enjoyed themselves to the fullest (in a wholesome way, my dear "W. G. T.," which perhaps you won't understand.)

If "W. G. T." had ever attended a Varsity party in the old days he would be ashamed to suggest a return to such a system. Was not Joyce Ayres on the old Varsity party committee, which was such a flop? Has Joyce ever attended a Barb council All-University party? I begin to think that "W. G. T." is in the same boat. I suggest "W. G. T." that you read what the editor has to say about such parties. ARCHIE.

FOR PROM GIRL.

To the editor: I notice that recently the four candidates for Prom girl were chosen by the juniors and seniors. As I understand the votes were counted by the junior-senior prom committee chairman and the final results were given to The Daily Nebraskan, not according to how the vote stood but the four leading candidates.

I wish to ask the chairman of the Prom to please validate their claims to a straight election, not that I would accuse them of "swinging" the election, but due to the fact that an election of that kind could be manipulated to suit the vote-counters. I question the results. Stranger things have happened on the Nebraska campus that swinging an election for Prom girl to suit the tastes of the committee in charge. INTERESTED.

Spring football practice starts this week. Afternoon crowds around the entrance of Social Sciences will diminish perceptibly.

With quarterlies coming on this week, students will begin studying pretty soon now.

211 BICYCLES AT SMITH. SMITH COLLEGE, Northampton, Mass.—At least 211 bicycles are in daily use at Smith college. A recent census showed. A no-car ruling and long distances between classes were given as reasons for the large number of vehicles. "Our Store is Your Store" RECTOR'S "The Student's Store"

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