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Editorially Speaking

Why did the

Junior-Senior Prom

go in the red?

The 1940 Junior-Senior Prom wound up in the red. According to figures released by the Committee to the DAILY, expenditures totaled \$826.23 and income came to \$761.90 leaving a deficit of \$64.33 to be made up by the Student Council, which underwrote the affair. All of which brings to mind two questions: How will the deficit be paid off, and why was there a deficit?

Certain authorities hold that since the individual members of the Council underwrote the Prom, those individual members should make up the difference between expenditures and income out of their own pockets. That is absurd. In the years that the Prom made money, profits were not divided up among Council members, although they were underwriters of the affair in just the same way as this year. All profits went into the Student Council fund which is administered by the university. Therefore it is only fair that this year, when there is a deficit, the money should come from the same fund which has had the benefit of past profits.

To get at the question of why there is a deficit this year, an examination seems in order:

Table with columns for EXPENDITURES and INCOME. Includes items like Orchestra (\$450.00), Seenary frame (21.00), Presentation prize (\$10.00), and Total deficit (\$64.33).

Obviously the biggest item on the records is the orchestra, which is at it should be. But one cannot say that the party went in the hole because too much money was spent for music. Last year Gene Krupa took \$700 away with him and still the 1939 Prom made a slight profit. So perhaps the answer is that this year's Prom did not pay enough for an orchestra. Not that the committee did not want to pay more—because it made quite an heroic effort to attract a name band of the Jimmy Dorsey calibre. But no available orchestra could be enticed to Nebraska with no more than the \$700 which is the limit allowed under University regulations. The DAILY feels that a really big name band would have drawn such a large attendance for the Prom that the Committee could have paid as much as \$1,000 for the orchestra and still have come out in the black. Someday—and perhaps not too far in the future—Nebraska students may have a chance to prove this to the satisfaction of all officials concerned.

The next largest item in the budget is the \$119.04 paid to the coliseum. Perhaps there is some justification for this amount, but the DAILY does not know what it is. The Union charges only \$35 for rental of its ballroom and that is the average charge of hotel ballrooms downtown. Granted that the coliseum is larger and perhaps requires more heat and light, granted that putting up the permanent decorations requires some time and trouble, still the charge seems excessive. The

coliseum was built from athletic receipts—receipts made possible by the student body. There should be no profit made by that coliseum when student affairs are held there. Charges should be absolutely according to the exact expenses incurred by the coliseum as a result of those affairs there, and no more.

As for other places in the budget where expenditures do not seem quite in line, \$42.80 seems much too much for the presentation ceremony. There is no reason why members of the Prom Committee cannot think up good ideas themselves and save the \$10 prize. And then for as simple an idea as was carried out this year for the presentation—a presentation which lasts but a few minutes at most—\$32.80 for scenery seems out of all proportion.

Loss of attendance, loss of money means loss of prestige for the Prom which is what the DAILY has been lamenting. Election of future Prom Committees by the student body should build up new interest in the affair and restore the Committee to its traditional position as a choice activity. If the Prom is turned over to the innocents society for sponsorship now that the Student Council has divorced itself from that responsibility, perhaps the smaller membership of innocents will help toward closer cooperation and supervision of the Committees which should make for a better Prom. Finally, if some of the money now spent for coliseum rental can be turned toward securing bigger orchestras—the one thing which will attract a large student attendance—then the Prom should be re-established as one of the top affairs of the university formal social season.



Rumania apparently well deserves the title of being the most balky of the Balkans. No balancing act of any high-wire performer quite matches the performances put on day by day by the Rumanian King Carol. Neither the allies nor Germany are ever quite certain as to who will be viewed with favor on any particular day.

The allies, until a few days ago, believed they had won control over Rumanian policy, and the danger of Rumania coming under German influence was definitely past. Then the pendulum swung in the opposite direction, and the Germans, during the first flush of Russian victory over the Finns, appeared to have made serious inroads on allied influence in the Balkans. Not only was some indication given that the Rumanians were in a receptive mood for German suggestions, but an amnesty was proclaimed for those members of the outlawed pro-Nazi "Iron Guard" who would take a pledge of allegiance to King Carol. Several hundred members of this organization, many of whom have been imprisoned since their unsuccessful coup of last summer at once took the oath and were released.

Just at the moment, however, that it appeared that Germany might become the dominating influence in Rumania, Carol balked again, and announced that he would reject a German offer of security since the conditions on which such guarantee rested would disrupt Rumanian economy. The Germans had indicated their willingness to guarantee Rumanian territorial integrity, to urge the Russians to do the same, and to induce the Hungarians to forget their forgotten province of Transylvania. In return the Rumanians were to agree to disband virtually their entire army, deliver all their cereal, oil and petroleum products to the Germans, and step up their agricultural and industrial production under German direction. The demands appeared a bit too much for Carol, especially when it became known that the Germans would insist upon the inclusion of a member of the "Iron Guard" in the Rumanian cabinet "to protect German interests."

The policy of Carol seems clear, it is a policy which wisdom as well as necessity dictates, neutrality. Defenseless Rumania would fall an easy prey to any well-organized invading force. The only hope of this comic opera state lies in the ability of King Carol and his ministers to keep up their tight-rope act.

"In the present 'limited national emergency' educational freedom is being curtailed. Teachers of social studies particularly are being told what they may say and what they may not say in their classrooms. Unless we are on our guard it will be impossible to organize for educational freedom. Let us not repeat our behavior of the last year when we went down like ninepins before a barrage of propaganda." The National Advisory Council on Academic Freedom has already begun its battle to keep education free during anticipated times of future distress.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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TODAY

UNION PROGRAM.

Dr. Paul Popenoe will speak in the Union ballroom at 4 p. m. on "How Do You Know It's Love." He will also conduct a forum for women only at 7 p. m. in parlors XYZ.

VACATION LIBRARY HOURS.

During spring vacation, the library will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. except on Saturday when the hours will be 8 to 12 a. m. On Thursday, March 21, before vacation the library will close at 4 p. m. Beginning at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, duplicate copies of books on reserve may be checked out from the reserve reading room for the vacation period.

BDOC.

Candidates for the title of Best Dressed on Campus will meet in room 706 of the Union at 5 p. m.

LUTHERAN GIRLS CLUB.

Members of the Lutheran Girls club will meet at 2 p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

MONDAY

RECORD REQUEST PROGRAM.

A record request program will be held in the faculty lounge of the Union. Monday at 4 p. m.

CAA STUDENTS.

Results of the examinations in civil air regulations, meteorology, and navigation

are posted on the bulletin board located in the first floor corridor in Mechanical Engineering.

TOWNE CLUB.

Members of the Towne club will meet at 6 p. m. in parlor A of the Union.

TASSELS.

Tassels will meet at 5 p. m. in room 302 of the Union.

SAI FLEDGES.

Sigma Alpha Iota pledges will meet at 4 p. m. in room 316 of the Union.

TUESDAY

DELTA PHI DELTA.

Members of Delta Phi Delta will meet in parlor A of the Union at 6 p. m.

HAARMONY HOUR.

Next Sinfonia harmony hour will be held in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

SIGMA ETA CHI.

Members of Sigma Eta Chi will meet at 7 p. m. in room 313 of the Union. Pledges will meet in room 306.

PRE-LAW STUDENTS.

Regular monthly meeting of the Young Advocates will be held at 7 p. m. in room 201 Social Sciences. George Turner, clerk of the Supreme Court and of the Integrated Bar, and State Law Librarian will discuss Nebraska's New Integrated Bar System and the use of the state library. All pre-law students are urged to attend.

Watkins predicts Engineers— reforestation

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Clayton W. Watkins, university agricultural extension forester, says "Nebraska farmers have a real appreciation for trees, and when conditions are at all favorable, they will plant for wind protection and for yard improvement. Since nearly all of Nebraska is owned or operated by farmers they will undoubtedly take the lead in replacing trees lost during the recent adverse years."

His statement is the result of a report that western Nebraska counties are taking the lead in their plans for tree planting this spring. Under the Clarke-McNary program the seedlings are distributed through county agricultural agents, at a charge of \$1.00 per hundred to pay the cost of wrapping and handling, and are available only for farm planting. Up to the present time, Holt and Scottsbluff counties have requested the largest numbers of trees for farm windbreak plantings under this state-federal program.

Uni agronomists caution farmers

University agronomists reported this week that Nebraska farmers are showing an unusual interest in flax this year. Inquiries concerning suitability of the crop in this state have been coming to the ag college all winter, but experimental results at the college do not encourage the growth of flax in Nebraska.

The agronomy department has conducted yield tests of a few varieties of flax for a number of years, along with its other crop variety testing work, and has found that in general, yields of flax varieties have been very low and in some years a complete failure. Evidently the crop is much better adapted to a cooler climate and does not seem to be able to stand the high summer temperatures which Nebraska so frequently experiences. Under such high temperatures, flax grows slowly and is often crowded out by weed growth.

Popenoe--

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Life at summer sessions at Columbia university. Besides his professorship at U.S.C., he is director of the Institute of Family Relations in Los Angeles.

He will speak at 4 in the Union ballroom on "How Do You Know It's Love?" At 7 he will address a forum for women only in Parlors XYZ. "Of Course Men Don't Understand Women" will be the appropriate title of his second lecture.

Marriage preparation.

Young people are prepared for marriage, taught essential information, analysis of personality, and given physical examinations, at the department of personal service, which Dr. Popenoe heads. The Institute, in operation for 11 years, has been incorporated for public service, and has been estimated to have reached 20 million people.

Dr. Popenoe, a pioneer and leader in the movement to build up sound family life on the basis of knowledge and experience, has written much and done considerable research on problems in social biology.

Voting Ballot ALL-AMERICAN COLLEGE QUEEN CONTEST DAILY NEBRASKAN: I hereby enter one vote in the All-American College Queen contest for: [] Marjorie Adams [] Beth Howley [] Bettie Cox [] Pat Reitz [] Jean Cullinan [] Gerry Wallace to attend the World Premiere of "Those Were The Days" as Nebraska's representative at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., May 21st. Signed Address (All votes must be in the DAILY office not later than 5 p. m., March 20. Ballot Box near entrance to Union.)