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THE MACHINE AGAIN.

In last Tuesday's paper we sought briefly to show that under the existing system of social life for students there is nothing wrong with machine control of class politics. Since the outcome of last Tuesday's election our position has been variously assailed. The opposition comes mainly from three sources: those who really mistake potatoes for principles; those who have a growing but incoherent familiarity with the actual operations of class politics; and finally, those who collaterally assert that while the conclusions presented were true, still the publication of those conclusions on the very day of election contributed to the defeat of this class of objectors for the offices they were seeking, and that the publication of these conclusions was from their standpoint highly inexpedient. Since these three classes of objectors are fairly representative of the groups into which student opinion on a political question naturally divides itself, it is only right, not that we should qualify our position—which we simply know the facts sustain—but that for those who are unwilling to study a brief statement of the position, we should make our exposition more simple, more elementary, more intelligible. We do so now.

We mean that under the present system of providing social life for University students, machine control of class politics is natural, proper, right.

The object of class organization is primarily social. The expenditure of money and the expenditure of time in class affairs other than social is almost negligible. The big thing in class politics is to get up the dance.

And what all must by this time have observed about the dance is this: THE DANCE IS FOR THE FEW. It is made just as extravagant as the bank account of one or two hundred of our richest students will afford. Witness the recent Nebraska Cotillion. In other words, the price of a dance under our present social system is determined not by the student who is least able to pay but by the student is best able to pay. Included within the ranks

of the opulent few are some ambitious poor whose activity is so valuable and effective that they gain admittance into this class society of the few free of charge. But the fact is in some way, shape or form you must, in order to attend a University dance, find the means of the most favored student in school. Is it any wonder then that University dances under the political auspices of a class, are under the domination of the few. It is the social system, if we may thus call it, that justifies machine control, and makes each new class election merely a change of masters.

What we should do is not to deny machine control. What we should do is not to deny that under a social system which forbids the participation of the many in events held in their name, machine control of these events is right. What we should do is to create a system of social life the price of which is determined by those who are least able to pay for it. We can do this very easily by persuading the University to re-floor the Armory and to hold there in lieu of an aristocratic ball, a fifty cent dance which is really for everybody.

GREEKS LOSING INTEREST

Pan-Hellenic Basketball Series Falling Down Because of Forfeitures.

The inter frat basketball games have been progressing but slowly. A number of them have been postponed several times for more or less important reasons. Some of the frat teams whose enthusiasm is of a negative quantity, or perhaps it is their nerve, have forfeited their first games. This eliminates them from the race for the gold medals that will be awarded to the winners.

Some team is practicing in the "gym" at every available moment. As a probable result the race becomes warmer when the games become more frequent. As yet no casualties have been reported, though several have been maimed for life. Several new doors have been put on the gun lockers. This was necessitated by the fact that the unoffensive doors were so foolish as to get in the way of some frat ball-toser "bean."

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