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BANQUET SIDE-LIGHTS.

Q.—Why is the Cornhusker Banquet?

A.—The Cornhusker Banquet is to do honor to the football team and the record of the season. To bring out true Nebraska spirit in men, to show all students that there is a great, a common university spirit underlying their work of the year and superceding their society and fraternity spirit.

Q.—Why, then, did the most noticeable expression of spirit of the banquet Saturday night consist in a form of rowdiness which took no stock in the dignified purpose of the banquet?

A.—Because the men mis-interpreted the purpose. Because they allowed their conceptions of a "good time" to run riot, and carried to an extreme the ill-timed suggestions of a few. And because the element of leadership which necessarily belongs with affairs of this kind was lacking.

One cannot help looking back on the Cornhusker banquet without a variety of emotions. It was undeniably a success from the standpoint of attendance, enthusiasm, menu, program, and the more obvious elements of a good banquet. But there was that in the success which left a bitter taste, and it was the rowdy element which appeared for a few minutes.

An all-University affair of Cornhusker Banquet calibre is one of the most potent forces for raising or lowering the mercury in the barometer of Nebraska standing. Football victories, debate results, student dramatics and the control of organizations have their influence. But the influence exerted by this gathering of men, when marred

by such an evidence of common-ism (not democracy), can put to naught the helpful influences of several other forces.

The blame, should there be any, can only be laid upon the student consciousness—rather an intangible thing. There should be a student sentiment which would voluntarily squelch false spirit. There was such a sentiment in the majority of cases, but the old case of the minority overriding the majority held good. The banquet was a success because of the final expression of this real spirit. But unfortunately it was a composite of good and bad which was evolved. The real spirit underlying the whole, and which must exist if Cornhusker works are to endure the test of time, had to be deduced from the mixture.

BIG NINE—NOT TEN.

The action of the representatives assembled for the meeting of the Western Conference Saturday leaves the Missouri Valley and the Big Nine situation unchanged. Nebraska is not affected, one way or the other. Needless to say the hopes of Nebraska students and alumni were running high. In the possible event of Nebraska's admission to the conference higher up. But the athletic authorities and the students likewise have always held to the opinion that the Missouri Valley Conference presents worthy competitors. Kansas, Ames, Kansas Aggies, and Missouri furnish teams which Nebraska would wish to play whether in or out of the Missouri Valley Conference. Nebraska's football reputation will permit games to be scheduled with natural competitors in the Nine regardless of conference affiliations. So, it is hard to see where anything is lost by the natural desire of the Nine to play in their own yard. Nebraska's yard is luckily without a fence, and Nebraska's chances for expansion are likewise unlimited. Nebraska welcomes another season of M. V. competition.

MILITARY BALL TICKETS SELL

Fowler, Reed and Johnson Peddling the Pasteboards for Formal Ball, January Ninth.

Tickets go on sale today for the annual military ball. The big formal, the first of the season, is to be held January ninth—the first week after Christmas vacation. Needless to say, dates for the event will be at a premium before vacation.

Tickets may be obtained from Kirk Fowler, Merrill Reed, or Joe Johnson. They sell for three dollars.

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