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THE REAL TEST

The faculty committee on student organizations yesterday approved the petition of the Student Council to prohibit house parties for the rest of this year on nights when a Varsity dance is scheduled.

The first skirmish for a greater and more democratic student body has been won.

The next fight will be a harder one and a longer one.

It will be up to the management of the Varsity dances to make these parties so attractive that students will all come there—not because they are cheaper, not because they are to be more democratic, but because they really make possible a good time for all those who go.

It will be a hard battle.

The Varsity dances have a hard tradition to live down from the days of the old "Mixers." The new ground they are breaking presents new difficulties.

Some of the problems which this management will have to solve include:

- 1. The present difficulty in hearing an orchestra in all parts of the Coliseum.
2. Some method for taking care of those who come to the parties without partners.
3. More and better lobby facilities for those who want to sit out a dance and visit with other couples.

The present committee in charge of the parties has made a valiant attempt to solve these problems. It has been hampered by the competition with private parties downtown and in the houses.

With this competition removed in part for the remainder of this year, and next year, we hope, removed entirely, the practical responsibility for conduct of the parties and their success will rest with it.

In the end, of course, the student body will decide it all by its own unconscious response.

If the students want a more democratic social system, they will eventually get it.

If the students do not want such an organization, but prefer the present system, no artificial restraints will make them change their tastes.

AN INVENTORY IS NEEDED

The Student Council is sounding out campus sentiment concerning the restriction of "rep" parties.

Unfortunately the questionnaire is confused in part with the question of Varsity dances, which as shown above is not yet fully solved.

Let's get down to bed-rock on this proposition, and not becloud it with any suggestion to make Varsity parties substitutes for the "rep" parties.

Let's face the facts squarely.

Let's have an inventory of opinion within each fraternity and sorority, and find out deep down in our hearts, and incidentally down in our pocketbooks, if we really have not been having too much social-climbing, keeping-up-with-the-Joneses fourflush on this campus.

Fathers and mothers of Nebraska with great sacrifice in the majority of cases, do not send their sons and daughters to this University, nor to any other university, for one round of parties after another, week-end after week-end.

They send them here for hard, serious-minded effort at improvement, for an enlargement of their ability to live well, for something other than sickly, acquired manners of the ballroom, and an ability to wear with ease a dinner jacket or full dress suit.

Nebraska in the past has been noted as the home of a rugged, industrious type of student body. Our athletic teams have reflected in great part this virility of the people of the state.

We have never been marked in the collegiate world as a "social" school, and heaven postpone the day when we shall—but if our present accelerating rush toward more and better parties keeps up, we are mighty near the stage when we'll have a campus full of roadster boys and a campus full of gold-digger, butterfly girls.

It's time for an inventory. It's time to think about the struggling fraternity brother whose burden might be made a little bit easier if "we didn't hold that party next month." He won't tell us himself. Pride too often prevents, and he wants to be a good sport—to help the good old gang keep in the social swim.

It's time to get down to fundamentals and not carry to extremes a part of our school life which is fine in small doses, but in overdoes destructive of character and ruinous of conscientious preparation for life.

The questionnaire of the Student Council is a healthy indication that campus leaders are beginning to think about these trends in our student social life.

"One ideal is worth a thousand ideas," wrote an old man to a younger friend. If the idea is the result of instinct instead of reason, we'd say the proportion was worse than that.

SERVICE TO THE STATE

Three of the men and women of the extension department of the agricultural college recently conducted a short course in a county seat town in a remote corner of Nebraska.

When a commercial short course failed to meet its engagements some of the progressive men of the town called on the college to supply the need.

There was an instant response and a promise to furnish all the talent needed for a full day's program.

The day of the meetings was cold and threatening. The roads in this section were rough and frozen, and in places almost impassable.

But these difficulties were easily surmounted by the farm men and women of that territory who turned out to hear the talks given by these experts in agriculture.

Every one of the meetings all day was well attended. Interest was shown by pertinent questions which always followed the talks.

The farmers took these visitors to their hearts. They confided their problems to them. They

asked that they might learn what the state of Nebraska is doing for the betterment of the farm industry. Farmers in this section are looking to the agricultural college for help. They are no different, perhaps, from the farmers over the entire state.

And the college is meeting the demand by sending these apostles of agriculture to the farmer to help him, to encourage him and to bring him the result of the latest experiment, so that his work may be better rewarded. In point of service, there is none, perhaps, greater than that which the agricultural college is giving the residents of Nebraska.

The Rag Man thinks that the first prerequisites for University social lions are to spend the 10, 11 and 1 o'clock intermissions blocking the west doors of Social Science.

We wish to offer our sympathies to students of Pennsylvania State College for the recent defeat of their petition to extend the time for dancing from two till three o'clock. We hope that they will not allow this defeat to spoil their breakfasts which are held from two to three as before.

The Peking government fired Sir Francis Aglen because he wouldn't collect the taxes he was supposed to.

Let's hire him for our assessor—he certainly would earn his keep.

"The honeymoon is over when she wants a little stove in the coupe to keep her warm." —The O'Collegian

In Other Columns

What Is Your Speed?
Rapid reading may become a habit just as slow reading may, and either may be acquired, intentionally or otherwise, says Dr. James B. Angell, noted psychologist.

Students who are continually grumbling about long assignments and complaining about lack of time might consider his statement seriously.

There is no continuity of thought, no grouping of sentences, no reviewing of the subject matter or of its meaning as the reading progresses, and as a result very little of it ever soaks in.

That is why they must spend hours and hours at the library, that is why college to them is a drudgery and why they are known to their fellows as "grinds".

Mental alertness and a conscious application of effort are all that is lacking. Wake up! Sharpen your intellect to a fine hair splitting precision and then try it out on everything with which you come in contact just as you did with your first jackknife, the results will be surprising.

Benevolent Despotism
The student-body of the University has neither the time nor the ability to govern itself.

A young man who is having difficulty in co-ordinating his activities as an aspirant for the tennis team, for the smiles of a co-ed, and for passing grades in five courses cannot afford to disrupt his life by a consideration of the athletic policy of his alma mater.

His capabilities for student government are rather weakly indicated by his assertions that Dean Worsellems is an old hypocrite and that the course in Chinese civilization is a bore.

Consequently we find that the form of campus government at the University of Colorado, as at all other universities and colleges, is a benevolent despotism, with the faculty as privy council to a more or less autocratic administration. And that is exactly as it should be.

If any student feels that he can tell us wherein a modification of this benevolent despotism toward democracy will actually improve the government of this campus, he should address a communication to the editor. The "Campus Contributions" column has been yawning for enlightenment on such matters for a long time.

Auditing Courses
Little attention and less publicity is given to at least one practice in the University.

That is the practice of listening in on courses without getting credit for them. "Auditing courses" someone has called it. No University bulletin recognizes the practice and some students might easily go all the way through his University career without realizing that it exists.

The procedure in auditing a course is to obtain the permission of the instructor or professor and then sit in on the lectures at your pleasure. That's all there is to it and it even has been done without the formality of obtaining the professor's permission.

The student sitting in on a course takes no mid-terms or quizzes, has no worries about the final in it or his grade, does the assigned work and attends class at his pleasure. He doesn't get any credit for the course under these conditions, naturally, but he can get a lot of good out of them.

As a rule, those students who audit courses have a sincere desire to get an education and their chances of so doing are good.

No Idlers Need Apply
Yale university has adopted a new policy in its school of law. Hereafter only the best students will be admitted; enrollment will be restricted and standards will be raised.

This reverses the almost universal American custom of giving instruction to anyone and everyone indiscriminately.

It sounds undemocratic and snobbish, at first. But maybe it is a good idea.

There is too much idling and loafing in all of our universities. If this action will tend to reduce those evils, and impress on students the fact that universities are places for real work, it will be a most excellent thing.

Money-Back Education
Finding their own interests have been served, and urged by no altruistic motives whatsoever, several Illinois utility companies have adopted a policy of paying half the tuition costs of employees enrolled in accredited institutions of learning.

Hundreds of employees have taken advantage of the plan and further extensions are proposed.

Technical and cultural training alike have been found to be worth dollars and cents to the corporations as well as the workers themselves. Such co-operation for mutual gain, formerly rare in industry, is becoming more and more common. The "half fare" educational plan should enjoy further growth.

—The Michigan Daily

The Campus Pulse

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject only to the common newspaper practice of keeping out all libelous matter, and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers an arbitrary limit of 200 words has been set.

To the Editor:
"Who started the custom, seemingly so well established at Nebraska, of having an Ivy Day orator?" Who started all the other traditions of the University of Nebraska? What difference does it make?

Who started the custom of requiring freshmen to wear green caps? Who first thought of having an annual "scrap" between the freshmen and sophomores and named it the Olympics? Who began the tradition of electing a May Queen and crowning her along with the other exercises at the end of the year?

Who selected scarlet and cream for Nebraska's colors? The wearing of these colors is quite well established at the University of Nebraska and the writer of the letter urging the abolishment of the Ivy Day Orator may think this is another custom that is somewhat worn out.

Someone started all of our traditions and there is little doubt but each was intended to be of some benefit to the university.

What would a college or university be without traditions? It would probably be an institution where the student paid a certain amount of money for a corresponding amount of knowledge. After the student had graduated, the school would be forgotten except for personal friendships acquired during the four-years of study.

Traditions bring the college or university nearer to the students. After graduation, the memories of their old school will be centered around the traditions; thoughts of their class work will soon be lost.

When anyone speaks of abolishing the Ivy Day oration, they are contemplating the elimination of one of the traditions, of which the University of Nebraska has so pitifully few.

If any student has the courage to file for this office, he probably has the ability to prepare a satisfactory oration. What is harmful about the Ivy Day oration? If the Student Council or any other organization attempts to do away with this tradition, they must also consider the advisability of abolishing several other traditions, such as the crowning of the May Queen, the election of class officers, and a number of other seemingly worthless but harmless customs.

S. C.

To the Editor:
You say that "The Awgwan" in the last few years has been worse than usual and not collegiate. You do not take account of Claire

Montesrey's "Tab of Tea", nor of those fairy tales in slang that were in last year's numbers, nor of "Alice in Bewilderland", nor of that dramatic page of book reviews transcribed by Wm. Card. Do you read "The Awgwan?"

V. R.

South Dakota Chess Tournery Next Week
Vermillion, S. D., Feb. 8.—The annual chess tournament, an indoor event that has been popular on the University of South Dakota for more than twenty years, will open next week according to Felix Graber, Fargo, N. D., who is in charge of the event.

The game's popularity suffered a decline of popularity following the war but is now rapidly gaining in favor. Erven Montgomery of Wakonda, was the champion of the tournament last year and is favored to win again this winter.

Extraordinary Politics
Evanston, Ill., Feb. 8.—One more body of university women at Northwestern university are tired of having the minor offices thrown at them. They are going to wrest control of campus politics from men. Twenty-six of the twenty-seven university sororities have banded together to fight the fraternities, which they charge, control all elections.

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NOTICES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Exhibition of fundamental gymnastics by Sophomore and Freshmen majors, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Social Science Building, Room 101.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
P. E. O.
All P. E. O. students are requested to meet Thursday, Feb. 10, at 4 p. m. in Social Science Hall, room 101.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Lutheran Bible League
The Lutheran Bible League will hold its monthly social on Friday evening at Parish Hall of the Trinity Lutheran Church, 13 and H Sts.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Home Economics
Home Economics rummage sale Feb. 12 at 210 N. 10th St. Bring clothes to Home Management house or H. E. parlors by Friday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Y. M. C. A. Cabinet
The University Y. M. C. A. cabinet will hold a meeting at the University Y. M. C. A. Building, Sunday, February 13, at 2:30. Chairman John Allison desires that all members of the cabinet be present.

MISCELLANEOUS
Vikings
Viking picture will be taken next Tuesday noon at 11:45. Meet at the Campus Studio.

Teachers' College
All students who have registered or expect to register under the department of educational service, Teachers' College and are intending to teach next semester are requested to meet in Social Science auditorium at 5 o'clock Tuesday, February 13.

Stapanek's Classes
Students of Mr. Stapanek will find their papers on the table across from SS 221. Papers remaining after February 14 will be destroyed.

Talks of eating at the Central CAFE
Breakfasting
Perhaps in no meal of the day is there a greater variety of habit and choice as to time, amount and kind of food consumed than at breakfast. This meal lasts five hours at the Central—from 6:00 to 11:00 a. m.

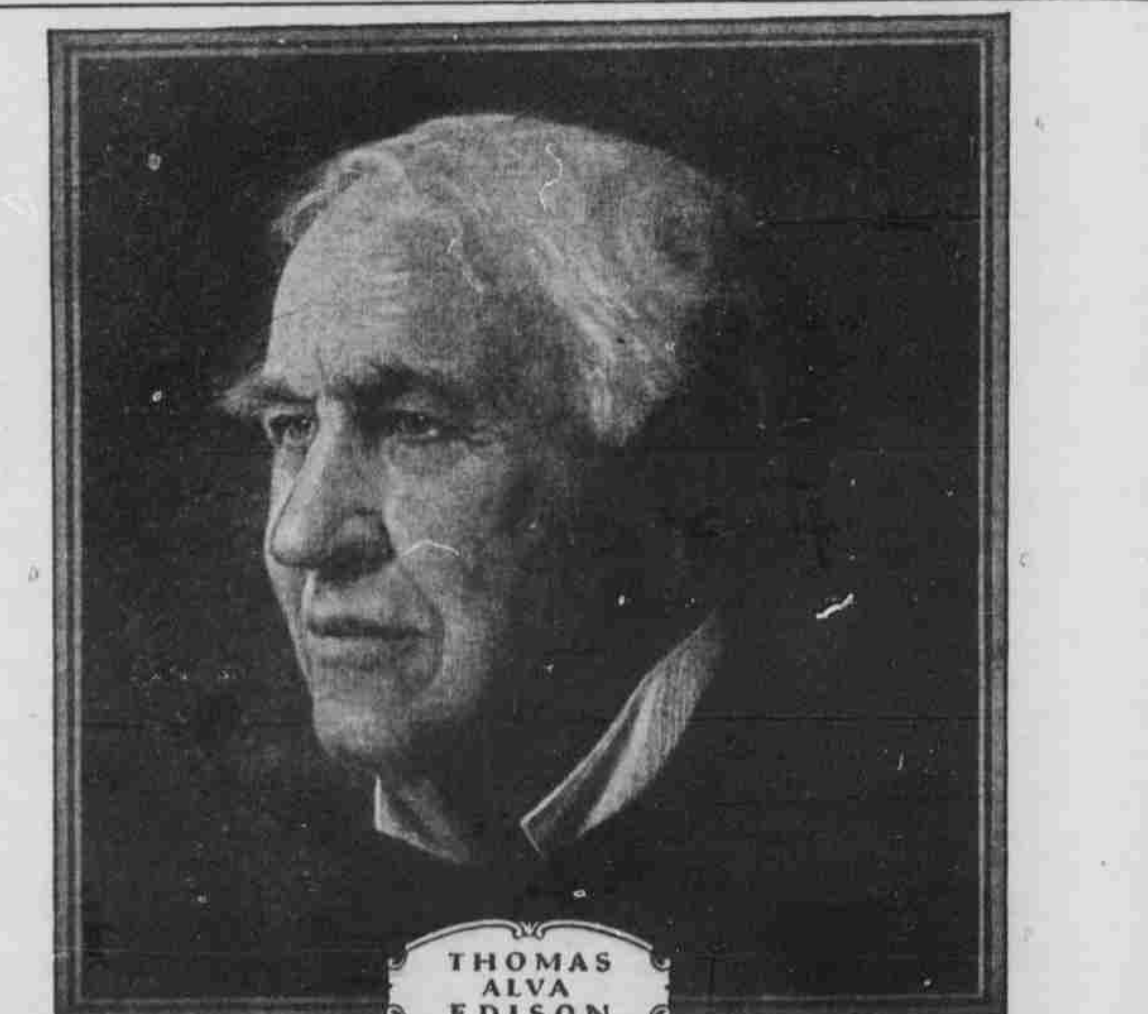
For the hearty eater, who feels able to "eat a horse and his rider", an ample breakfast of steaks, chops, sausage, ham or bacon and eggs, or omelette, with vegetables, may be selected from the face of the menu card. A T-Bone Steak with French Fried Potatoes, Bread, Butter and Coffee or Milk, would cost you 85 cents.

Ham and Eggs, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Bread, Butter, and Coffee or Milk, would cost 80 cents. And so on in endless combination of your own choosing, costing you from about 45 cents up to \$1.65 or even more, depending upon your capacity.

But the American people, especially those who live in Nebraska, are not, as a rule, inordinate eaters at breakfast. Cakes or Toast, Fruit, Eggs perhaps, a rash of Bacon, Waffles, Cereals—these are most called for. And so the breakfast side of the menu card is most often consulted by those who, upon coming in, are still uncertain as to what to eat.

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