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## Just An Amusing Little Incident.

IT is a source of continual astonishment to the Daily Nebraskan that its random comments about affairs in general are picked up and taken personally by someone or other, even though the meaning of the editorial comment must be stretched far in order to discover elements of personal criticism.

Thursday morning's Omaha World Herald publishes a story under a headline which states that the student paper "flays" the sheriff's office. "Flays" is a swell word for a newspaper headline, but it is vastly overworked, and certainly in this instance it is an exceedingly poor choice of a descriptive verb.

The Nebraskan flayed nobody or no office in its editorial. It merely commented on the fact that the means of apprehending criminals in this state are antiquated. The state sheriff's office is not properly equipped to deal with statewide enforcement of law when it has to cope with bank robbers, etc. That is not the fault of the state sheriff's office; it is the fault of the people of the state for refusing to adopt a system of centralized law enforcement such as envisaged by the plan for a state police force turned down by the people themselves at the polls last year.

AND now comes the amusing part of the story in the World Herald. State Sheriff Endres, who was interviewed about the editorial, took violent offense at it, and declared that the Nebraskan was criticizing him as a means of retaliation because he was investigating communist activities at the university. It seems, according to Endres, that he has been the means of ousting several students from this school because they hold communistic beliefs.

Aside from the fact that the Daily Nebraskan was totally unaware of any investigations of communistic sentiment among university students, and aside from the fact that no students have been ousted from the university because of such sentiments, we can see no connection whatsoever between a comment upon the inadequacy of law enforcement methods in this state with investigations of communistic activities.

The Daily Nebraskan is thoroughly uninterested in Mr. Endres' crusade against communism. If he desires to undertake such a Quixotic adventure, that is his business. We should object strenuously, however, if any students were persecuted because of beliefs they held in disagreement with those of other people. But we see no harm in having an investigation.

So far as the Nebraskan is concerned, we are interested merely in reducing to the dimensions of a molehill, the mountain which has been created in the fertile imagination of the communist haters as

the result of an innocently conceived editorial which had no purpose of criticizing the state sheriff or any of his employes.

## A Second Rule of Doubtful Merit.

THE Nebraskan does not presume to set itself up as a critic of all rules governing students in their life socially as well as scholastically. We recognize the necessity for regulations, and realize that experience in dealing with students has necessitated the formulation of certain restrictions as to their conduct.

But it would seem to be a legitimate criticism when rules are laid down which are obviously impossible of enforcement, and only operate to restrict such students as are unfortunate enough to be detected in the violation of rules, or who are conscientious enough to abide by them.

Such a rule is the one listed in the university catalog as follows: "All social gatherings including those of departmental clubs shall be held on Friday evenings and Saturday. This refers to all social functions, including banquets, which are held or continue after 8 p. m. Departmental clubs, not social clubs, may hold one meeting a month on a midweek night after 8 p. m. Additional meetings must be held before 8 p. m. or on a Friday or Saturday night."

WHEN we say that this rule is impossible of enforcement, we have in mind countless meetings which we could name which have been held after 8 p. m. on week nights. Those who attended the meetings were not conscious of violating any rules. Those who sponsored the meetings, if they knew they were violating rules, were merely careful to keep notice of such meetings out of the Daily Nebraskan, in order to prevent checking by the office of the dean of women. We also have in mind meetings which we know have been held despite the fact that the ruling has been called to the attention of those holding the meeting.

Perhaps we should point out that students ought to obey the rules. Perhaps we should condemn those organizations which persist in violating the rules. We should be inclined to censure them if we could see any real purpose in enforcement of these restrictions.

Without doubt they were enacted for the purpose of preventing extra-curricular activities from interfering with scholastic duties. But it appears highly dubious that the rules really accomplish this purpose, or would, even though they were enforced rigidly. Students cannot be forced to study, and if the eligibility requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities are not capable of maintaining the proper relationship between school work and activities, we believe nothing can.

IT is very likely a desirable policy to discourage the holding of meetings on week nights, but it must be recognized that a number of organizations are forced to meet on week nights after 8 o'clock for various reasons. The hard and fast rule, consequently, will never be strictly observed.

The Nebraskan maintains, therefore, that the very presence of this rule along with other similar rules which are ignored, tends to breed disregard for all regulations. A very natural attitude results which promotes the ignoring of any regulations so long as they can be ignored with impunity.

If the existing regulations governing organizations and social functions on this campus were revised, condensed, and made to conform with practicability of enforcement, the results, we believe, would prove much more satisfactory. The observance of these regulations rests in the final analysis upon the willingness of students and organizations to abide by the rules.

## A Student Good Will Trip.

AN appreciation of the sincerity of purpose of the legislature in its attempt to reduce state expenses has been felt by the student body all during the controversy over university appropriations. That sincerity was particularly evident Wednesday evening when a joint committee of both houses took the time to explain their attitude to a group of students, and to listen to the expression of the student attitude.

The legislative committee was extremely sympathetic with the student viewpoint, and with the interests of the university. They agreed that the report they submitted as a basis for suggested cuts of individual faculty members was not intended to bind the regents, and that it was faulty in many respects. But they insisted that their recommendations were made with full and adequate consideration of the welfare of the university.

The only difference of opinion between the legislative committee and the students was a difference as to the degree of slashing which should be applied to the university. To the view that the appropriations slash as recommended by the committee is too drastic, the Nebraskan still clings, for reasons it has already stated. But that a better feeling of mutual understanding and sympathy now exists between the university and the legislature is a matter for rejoicing.

The university can better afford to sustain a drastic cut than to engender antagonistic feelings on the part of people of the state. It can also better afford to sustain a cut than it can to be dominated by political influences.

## 'CLOTHING A GIRL IS QUITE A PROBLEM' DECIDES MEMBER OF CHORUS IN SHOW

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tion on the part of the students in aiding the men find the ten gallon hats, chaps, spurs, boots, etc.," said Goulding. "As the show goes on the night of April 25, it is necessary to make the deadline not later than April 21 for the turning in of the costumes that the members of the cast will wear," states Goulding.

According to reports from those fortunate members of the cast who already have found their costumes only the most current styles will prevail, the blue suit with grey fur leading the styles, thanks to generous Nebraska coeds.

"Imagine the thrill of wearing the same clothes that appear on the stage," laughed one of the most willing contributors. "It'll be sort of different to see your clothes on someone other than one of your sorority sisters," offered another of the girls who is helping to make the Kosmet show develop into one of the most outstanding campus hits of a number of years.

The rehearsals continue to improve and with the outstanding song spots and stage setting the show should offer a treat for every one from Junior to grandad," remarked Herb Yenne, author of the show, co-director and carrier of the part of the old dowager, Mrs. Van Fleet.

Spectators at rehearsals believe that the members of the pony chorus this year should cause an unusual amount of applause for encores from the bald-headed row back to the last row in the balcony.

So with men sacrificing the hair on their legs and chests, women loaning their formals and spring clothes and outstanding song and dance spots improving the "Bar

Nothing Ranch" opening April 25 and playing thruout to the 29th, should prove to be a never-to-be-forgotten hit of the Nebraska campus.

## COMMUNIST PROBE INVOLVES STUDENTS DECLARES ENDRES

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office was dispatching two deputies to confer with Fairbury police in an effort to catch the robbers. It criticized the people of the state for not adopting the scheme for a state police system such as was proposed at the November election.

### Nebraskan "Sore."

"Maybe they're sore because we have been active investigating the communists at the university. We were the means of greeting some discharged," commented Endres after he had read the editorial.

Endres contended that the United States immigration authorities had been working with his men in an effort to take possible action against two of the students.

"We've got enough on them to show they were trying to set up a communist organization within the university," Endres asserted. "They were holding hearings and organizing." In making his comments Sheriff Endres refused to give out any names.

Frank Hayes, district director of immigration for the federal government, said yesterday that it was true that his office had assisted the sheriff in an investigation of communism at the state university.

The editor of the Daily Nebraskan expressed astonishment that the state sheriff should take offense at the editorial, which, he said, was merely a comment on the lack of a system of centralized law enforcement in this state. The editor also declared he did not understand why the editorial occasioned the attack on student communists.

In its editorial the Daily Nebraskan had the following to say about Endres and his men. "This is the age of science yet picture them naively setting out much as they would have done in horse and buggy days, on the long ride to Fairbury, hoping no doubt, to meet the robbers on the way, or to overtake them, perhaps after reaching Fairbury and starting out anew. With patiently inefficient methods, is it any wonder that bank robbers find Nebraska a paradise of open vaults and easy escapes?"

### "Police Inefficient."

"Even when the scene of the crime is imminent, state officials are only too often confronted with a local police force pitifully inefficient." The editorial cited the Lincoln bank robbery as a case of this type. "The people of Nebraska it seems have yet to realize the necessity for meeting the facts of the modern crime face to face."

In connection with the investigation being carried on by Sheriff Endres and the federal immigration authorities located in Omaha, Frank Hayes, in charge of the bureau, had the following to say concerning the results of his inquiry into the alleged student communistic outbreak. "We found four or five students who were doing a lot of communistic talking,

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but as none were aliens we could do nothing about it. There seems to be something of an effort to form an organization there but I don't think it is anything to be alarmed about. In view of the fact that none of the students involved are aliens, our office is no longer interested in the matter."  
**Martin Investigated.**

Melvin Martin, university student from Russia, said yesterday that he had been under investigation by federal immigration authorities for three months. He indicated that his personal effects had been examined as well as his naturalization papers.

In reply to Sheriff Endres' charge against the university, Dean T. J. Thompson said yesterday that while he thought perhaps the reporter had misinterpreted the sheriff's statements, that "there have been no students dropped from the university because of communistic activity or because of any investigation that Sheriff Endres might have made."

## Miss Holyoke Talks To Theta Sigma Phi

Miss Frances Holyoke, graduate of the school of journalism, spoke at a literary meeting of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalistic honorary society, Thursday, April 6. Miss Holyoke discussed the various difficulties encountered in following the career of a magazine writer. Miss Holyoke has recently returned from Los Angeles where she was employed on a magazine.

Prof. Arthur H. Compton, famous cosmic ray researcher of the University of Chicago and 1927 Nobel prize winner, this week was appointed a member of the Columbia university summer school faculty.

**FRIDAY Lunch Menu**

Pig in the Blanket .....	25c
Deviled Oysters .....	25c
Baked Short Ribs of Beef with Horseradish .....	25c
Baked Virginia Ham with Candied Sweet Potatoes .....	25c
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Stuffed Tomatoes with Crab Salad and Toast .....	25c
Deviled Eggs with Potato Salad and Toast .....	25c
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