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### The Student Side of Things.

EXCEPTION to criticism of faculty committee rules on student parties contained in an editorial in Thursday morning's Nebraskan is taken by Dean T. J. Thompson in a letter printed in today's student pulse column which presents the committee's side of the case.

While agreeing with Dean Thompson that the personnel of the committee, many of whom are student advisors or sponsors, should indicate more than usual interest in student affairs on their part, the Nebraskan is still inclined to believe that these interests are considered from but one position-that of the administration.

The evidence still points to failure of the faculty committee to consider things from the student point of view. The Nebraskan believes that if the committee will consider several facts that we feel are pertinent to student affairs, their position might be altered.

Let us start by examining the party program for each year. The Homecoming party (Innocents), Military ball, Mortar Board party, Interfraternity ball, and Junior-Senior prom (student council) are annual events which pass faculty approval with little difficulty. But the Corn Cob application for a party was turned down. This year Sigma Delta Chi's petition for a Mid-Year Frolic was likewise flatly refused. Other groups have met the same fate from time to time.

Why do these organizations need money? the committee wants to know. For what will it be used? Where will it all go? These questions, fair enough, are asked and the suppli-cants then summarily dismissed, only to be no-

But this matter does not seem to be of so nch concern for the sacred societies of Innocents and Mortar Boards, or the Military department, or the Interfraternity council or the Junior-Senior prom committee. And the barbs are given an almost free hand in continuing a series of dances which are little more than breaking even. Why these privileged few are countenanced and more unfortunate groups are frowned upon is a mystery.

This is discrimination, plain and simple, and the fact that these few events are traditional does not make them any more deserving of special favors. A few are permitted to make money and the rest are not. Why is this? Certainly the favored five have no more high and lofty purposes in mind, or do not intend to bestow upon the campus more contributions to its advancement than the unfavored.

Organizations are taking unfair advantage of students, the faculty committee is reported to have argued in refusing several applications for parties. Can it be possible that the faculty committee has closed its several eyes to the situation that exists in regard to social interests among students? Can it be possible that they believe students who would go to a campus party if there were one, are going to stay home and save their money in its absence?

If such is the case it is incredible. Anyone who has had any close contact with students whatsoever knows that the student who is at all socially inclined will permit himself a minimum of one date a week. That once he wants to go out and have a good time but often there is no place where he really desires to go. But rather than stay home he goes to the best he can find and pretends to have a

If the astute faculty committee feels that the money spent on such an evening's entertainment is less than the price of admission to campus parties, a little investigation of facts would soon apprise them of their misconceptions. Many is the week end down town date

that approaches the \$2 mark.

Most students would welcome an opportunity to go much oftener to the coliseum for parties where good entertainment would be lays down requirements, there are usually good assured. The present varsity party program reasons. Although I do not know the inciting does not attract general interest, regrettable cause or causes of your editorial, I believe I an the fact may be. More parties of general am fairly well acquainted with the background interest with good orchestras are needed. Stu- for the requirement of the committee that onedents would rather pay a reasonable price to go where they can mingle with their fellow such party is permitted. Among the reasons students than to patronize overcrowded or un- that have been advanced for this requirement desirable places where they feign having a

It is not a secret that the ideal situation would be to keep students on the campus in their social functions and that the administration would welcome such a state of affairs. But the union building which would do much to accomplish that end has been begged down

promote campus interests, are brought to a standstill and the process of student initiative already stagnating in a morass of administrative encumberments, continues to accelerate.

Admittedly, any organization desiring to give parties in the coliseum does so for the purpose of making money. But if organizations are to justify their existence and accomplish something they must secure finances somewhere. No more legitimate channel through which to do this suggests itself than through functions which will give students good entertainment and at a fair price.

Barring the way to this desirable end, however, is first the flat refusal to permit other than the traditional five parties to be held (exclusive of barb functions) and secondly, were permission somehow secured, the almost insurmountable task of raising half the success of these affairs, their interest is height-

We admit that there is record of two failures on the books but only one of these is for recent years and that definite and the definite and the second control of the second con recent years and that deficit was made up by members. Failure to secure a closed night in time for this party and a poor date were de- organizations you mention have cisive factors in this lone recent failure. On

this score, the justification seems far-fetched. Students are apt to become too extravagant in contracting for orchestras, it is suggested. But surely the poor caliber of orchestras that have played for Nebraska parties does not bear this out. We have not had more than two or three really good bands here in history. Students must pay the same prices for mediocre bands as they would for good orchestras and they are becoming tired of this practice. They would not object to paying higher prices if they felt they had a good orchestra and were getting their money's worth instead of being royally gypped.

So far as responsibility is concerned, difficulty is encountered in collecting for tickets but not to an alarming extent. And the situation is what is to be expected in the university or in business when a large number of people are given the duty of selling tickets. This is not a phenomena peculiar to university stu-

So far as reserves to meet the guarantee requirement, the Innocents society had to go into private pockets to secure the money. The Military ball of course has a fabulous resource of many years' profits. The Mortar Board situation is probably akin to that of the Innocents. The Interfraternity council through the good fortune of its newly inaugurated rush fee, can comply. The Junior-Senior prom is completely without backing.

Consider what chance other needy but less influential organizations would have of making the grade.

It is not the Nebraskan's intention to deliberately and for no reason criticize the faculty committee or pick a quarrel with that body. It is our sincere belief, however, that the committee has failed to take into account all factors bearing on this situation, and particularly those representing the student point

Student organizations are not trying to rob the campus through the medium of campus parties nor are they trying to make money tified later that their request has been turned for purely selfish reasons. They want to do something of merit however, or there is no reason for them to continue their existence. It seems that they should receive a fairer and squarer deal than they have to date.

### STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

#### The Administration Replies. TO THE EDITOR:

Several people have been somewhat disturbed over your editorial in this morning's Nebraskan in which you make certain allegations against the committee on student organizations and social functions. If the committee has erred in laying certain restrictions on student organizations, I am sure that it has not been due to a lack of interest in the students or in student organizations. I think his is self-evident when you examine the personnel of the committee and the further fact that the larger part of its membership is made up of the faculty sponsors of the several major student organizations. I list the committee here

indicating the organizations they represent. Miss Emma Anderson, Student Council. E. H. Barbour, member at large. S. M. Corey, Barb Council. H. P. Davis, College of Agriculture. Miss Kate Field, Pan-Hellenic Council. E. S. Fullbrook, member at large. Miss A. H. Heppner, secretary.

E. W. Lantz, Student Council. W. H. S. Morton, member at large. E. F. Schramm, Interfraternity Council. J. K. Selleck, Student Activities agent. Mrs. J. F. Thompson, A. W. S. board. T. J. Thompson, chairman.

Associate Members.

D. X. Bible. W. C. Harper.

When a committee of the above character half of the cost of a party be in hand before is the fact, as indicated in your editorial, that we have had parties put on by students which failed to earry the overhead. Secondly, it has been found through experience that students are inclined to be extravagant in engaging orchestras and bands and in sundry other matters associated with parties until they realize the magnitude of the expense involved. The magnitude of expenditures becomes more apin the board of regents while parties which would attract students to the campus instead of disreputable rendezvous have been turned parent to them when they are required to take some direct, personal responsibility for the financing of the entertainment. In the third down for fear someone would make some place, moreover, the committee has in the past money with which to do something on the experienced considerable difficulty in getting the student organizations such as you mention Money! Money! Where does the money in your editorial to take the required responof That is what troubles the faculty com-sittee. And because it does trouble them, That is, the campaign for the sale of tickets in many student organizations which are here to certain instances has been found to lag when I AT THE STUDIO TODAY: Senior judging team at

some such pressure as indicated above is not put on the student committee. Also, it has been found that tickets have been sold to students on other than a cash basis, and hat persons selling such tick-

ts have sometimes failed to turn in the money. On the other hand, it has been the committee's experience that when the students feel that they are financially responsia matter of fact, most of the a cash reserve in the Student Activities office and the requirement merely means the signing over of a portion of this. When they do not have such, it is felt that for the reasons mentioned above they should either place the money 'on the drum head," or have the affair acceptably under-

In the light of your editorial, I beg your consideration of the personnel that makes up this committee. I venture to suggest that I do not believe it would be possible in this institution or any other institution to draw together a group of persons who are more soundly interested in students and in student activities than composes the present faculty committee. They may err in judgment, but certainly their motives and their interest in students can never be questioned.

Yours sincerely, T. J. THOMPSON, Dean.

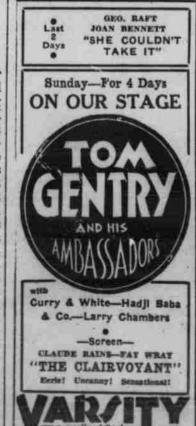
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