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Editorially Speaking

Who must make good The Prom Deficit or who else will be suckers?

Each year as the spring season approaches, the momentous question of 'Who will plant the ivy?' begins to float about in the balmy air. This year another question, almost as momentous, has raised its head above the campus greensward like some freak of nature blooming out of season. And difficult as it is to concentrate on anything so wintry as the Junior-Senior Prom, the question must be answered, "Who will make up the Prom deficit?"

One side of opinion holds that since individual council members signed their names to a statement accepting financial responsibility of the Prom, those same individuals are obliged to make up the deficit out of their own pockets. Most of University officialdom holds to this view along with a few Council members who are impressed by the words, "moral responsibility", which these officials keep repeating over and over very solemnly.

The other side of opinion, held to by most of the Council it seems, believes that Council members were acting for the Council as a whole rather than as individual students when they signed the paper now being held over their purses. In other words, the Student Council was the real underwriter of the Prom and any losses incurred by the affair, AS WELL AS ANY PROFITS, should be laid at the door of the organization and not its individual members. The Prom has made money in past years and THIS MONEY NEVER WENT INTO THE POCKETS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. It went into a Council fund, and no one suggested that this was not right and proper. Suppose that this year's Prom had ended up with a profit—would there have been any question as to what to do with the surplus money on hand? Not at all, and one can paint quite an amusing mental picture of the expressions that would come over the faces of these same people who now insist individual Council members divide up the Prom loss if it were ever suggested that the individual Council members DIVIDE UP THE PROM PROFITS IN THE SAME WAY!

In plain language, no one but a sucker would agree to take over the losses of a venture unless he also were guaranteed the profits. If the official decision handed down by Dean Foster and concurred in by other administration leaders is accepted as a just and proper solution of the deficit problem, then one must decide that the Council members who signed were suckers. And if they are suckers, it is because the administration officials, who insisted on the signing process as a requirement for staging of the Prom, did not make clear to them their responsibility in signing. Granted that the individual signers are financially responsible under the law, if they were not made aware of that when asked to sign, then taking their money now is about as just as taking the home away from a poor widow who signed away her rights to a city slicker without realizing it.

There is no question but that the Council has access to funds which could cancel the deficit. If it did not, it would be a different matter and no one would argue about individual members' making good. But there is \$75 in the current budget which was appropriated to send Nebraska delegates to a National Council convention that has not been used. Certainly using this money to pay a Council debt would be quite as good a way to spend it as to send delegates to a convention which has been



DALADIER OUT

For the moment at least a more vigorous prosecution of the European war appears in the offing as yesterday's news reports from the old world arrive. Both in Britain and in France events promise a greater degree of war activity.

In France, Premier Edouard Daladier and his cabinet resigned and Paul Reynaud asked to form a new cabinet. The fall of the Daladier cabinet doubtless indicates popular reaction to the weak policies which the cabinet followed, not only in carrying on the war with Germany, but in sacrificing the smaller nations of Europe. The factor which directly led to the resignation of the Daladier cabinet was the weak vote of confidence which it received at the end of a secret session earlier in the week. The chamber gave Daladier a 239 to 1 vote of confidence, but over 300 deputies refused to vote, and in accord with French parliamentary tradition the premier resigned.

The Germans have chosen to view the downfall as a sort of 'gotterdammerung,' a decline of the French. More realistic is the assertion that it may well be the Nazi road that will become more difficult. Reynaud, who has been finance minister in the Daladier cabinet, and who has, along with Georges Mandel been regarded as the most efficient and aggressive ministers in that cabinet, is a noted bitter foe of Nazism. Should he agree to form a cabinet, it appears probable that there will be no more sacrificing of a Czechoslovakia, and few such laughable defenses for failure to aid Finland as we have read the last few weeks.

The Daladier government leaves behind it an unenviable record. Coming into power after the breakup of the Blum popular front government, Daladier remained in power by playing the extreme factions off against one another. Little use was made by the premier of the dictatorial powers he was granted except to restrict the liberties of the French worker and follow a diplomatic policy which found him outmaneuvered at every turn.

The English, too, have evidenced a renewed interest in the war. In the largest and most successful air raid they have as yet staged, British bombers damaged the German naval seaplane base on the island of Sylt. The action was doubtless taken to avenge the earlier German attack on Scapa Flow, and seemed in conformity with Chamberlain's newly-announced determination to the effect that "we intend to fight". As usual, reports as to the damage done are conflicting, the British claiming that tremendous damage was done, while the Germans pooh-poohed the effects of the raids. Danish sources report, however, that the damage was real, that several hangars were blazing ruins, an anti-aircraft battery wiped out, and the Hindenburg Dam, connecting the isle with the mainland was so damaged that train travel across the dam was stopped. Apparently the English air force is not yet ready to concede the supremacy of the German air force as easily as have a considerable number of armchair air admirals.

FIGURING FIGURES.

The need for more definitive statistics relative to unemployment has again been emphasized by the varying estimates which have been given the president within the last few days. A memorandum has been submitted the president by his economic advisers which purport to show that the United States started 1940 with from 9 to 12 million unemployed.

The estimates submitted thus vary widely. The National Industrial Conference Board is the most conservative in its estimate, listing slightly over 9 million. The American Federation of Labor finds 10.2 million unemployed, while the CIO reaches the high limit of 12 million. The disparity is in general about the same which has been evidenced by the estimates of these various groups throughout the years past.

found to be a useless expense. Or another way to pay off the debt would be to include it in next year's Council budget the same way that a profit would have been entered.

There is no reason why the Council as a whole should not make up the deficit since it has benefited from past profits. But just as surely there is no reason why individual members should make up the deficit since they could never benefit from profits. To bring up technicalities of the law and budget-making and talk of "moral obligations" is to take an unfair advantage. To decide the matter purely from the standpoint of what would be most just would be to pay the deficit from Council funds. If individuals are made to pay, then a precedent will be established which will make it impossible for the University ever again to get students to sign an agreement to underwrite a party. No one likes to be made a sucker.

'Mac' says ...

We who are about to dye-- Easter eggs--Dramatic, eh?

By Mary Jean McCarthy.

Easter time's the time for eggs the time for eggs is Easter time. In a few days each and everyone of us, almost, will be dyeing Easter eggs or maybe just dying, but anyway it will be fun to welcome the old rare-bit again, but a great deal more fun to eat it.

SEEMS LIKE

Alpha Phi Barbara Hodgeman likes variety, the spice of life, so to speak, for she has now switched from Beta Bill Edwards to Ned Bell. There's that old familiar triad again.

HAVE YOU SEEN

Johnny Weingarten, Beta, glowing over the following headline: DELTA GAMMA LOWEST IN SORORITY RATING, which appeared in the Hollywood Tribune. The truth of the story being, that Mr. Koehler, Betty Jo's dad, had it especially made before returning from his recent western trip just to tease his darling daughter, and we guess if he didn't, Johnny did.

OUR SEEN

and heard...of the day...Alpha Phi Nancy Halligan having a jolly time in that super, glorious, beautiful convertible sedan of Beta Tom Woods, and without Tom too.

BLUE SKYS

or Happy Days—are here again, for Kappa Mary Ella Bennett for

she and Sigma Nu Jim Kirkendall have decided to try once more to make a go of things. Their first date in many weeks will take place after vacation, so here's wishing them smooth sailing.

THE PHI PSIS

are simply thrilled at the fact that spring is here again and they can hurry home at noon from their classes to sit on their front steps and watch all of the beautiful gals go by. The girls say it's nice to see their beaming faces tho, for it sort of inspires them to trudge wearily on.

WITH SPRING

Edith Knight and DU Bob Wessinger have decided it is much more fun to be together than to not be, so they have fallen into that steady line.

'A BICYCLE

built for two,' is the latest popular tune since yesterday for a group of tandem riders. DG Pat Cooper, KKG Joanne Lyman were seen, just gliding along with Sigma Nus Jack Lee, Jack Ainsley and Mason Mitchell. Ah spring.

IT WILL

soon be 'up in the air' for Phi Phi Carl Ousley and Sig Alph HI Messmore who have passed their physicals and are practically on

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