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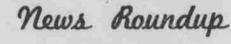
Editorially Speaking

The time for a **Central Orchestra Booking Agency**

is now

For several years now, one of Nebraska's favorite floating ideas has been the creation of a central campus booking agency to secure orchestras for all-University parties. Advantages of such an agency, provided that its management is placed in capable and efficient hands, are obvious. It would allow the campus to have better orchestras at its dances for less money, and it would simplify infinitely the business of securing such orchestrasbusiness which now tends to leave both local committees and national agencies in a state of limp despair.

Although sufficient evidence probably could be obtained from a study of conditions merely on the local campus, for purposes of securing a wider background of material and information pertinent to the project, the DAILY has made a survey of 17 other leading institutions including the other five members of the Big Six, eight of the members of the Big Ten, and the Pacific coast coeducational universities of Washington, Stanford, and California. Ten of these schools now have central booking organizations of some sort, although not all would be suitable models for Nebraska, and the general opinion is to the effect that they are operating to the advantage of their respective institutions. Here at the University, there is already set up the best possible framework around which to build an efficient, permanent booking organization. Kenneth Van Sant, Union director, has had wide experience with orchestras and booking agencies and is well acquainted in the field. He is in a position to keep posted on just what orchestras are available for local bookings, he has a background of information built up through experience and personal contact which insures his securing the best possible bands at the least outlay of money, and he can approach the orchestras in a way students cannot. Whenever student orchestra committees have consulted him on the problem of securing music for a party, without exception he has given them valuable assistance in signing the best orchestras available on the budget allotments. There is no doubt that given the right set-up, big booking agencies and orchestras will take advantage of native student bookers. After all, they are in the business to secure the biggest monetary guarantees possible, and more frequently than one likes to think an orchestra has played in the coliseum under a large guarantee one night and at a flagstop hamlet nearby for practically no guarantee the next. Then too, the confusion which often results from several members of a committee wiring and telephoning agencies is not only expensive but unsatisfactory as to results. The DAILY firmly believes that all-University parties should be required to secure their orchestras through Mr. Van Sant. This could be done either by compelling the music committees for dances to work with him or by appointing or electing a school dance committee which would operate all year with Mr. Van Sant as its permanent chairman, holding over from year to year. In the latter case, his single committee would book all orches-



____ By Norbert Mohnken __ IN THE GROOVE.

A quick German thrust yesterday won the Nazi forces in Norway a victory which may for some time hinder any allied attempt to drive the Nazis out of the positions which they hold. The Nazi high command announced the capture of the narrows off the port of Steinkjer, 50 miles north of Trondheim. The German report of the battle and victory was confirmed by Swedish dispatches which asserted that a German aerial bombardment and infantry attack drove British and Norwegian forces out of Steinkjer after a fierce fight.

The German success means that the allied drive to cut off Trondheim by a pincer movement is at least for the present stalled. Control of Steinkjer means that the Nazis control an important point on the railroad leading from Namsos, where the allies have been landing their forces, and Germancontrolled Trondheim. For the moment at least the British attempt to move southward is blocked.

Other dispatches that the British forces which have been landed are occupying an uncomfortably hot spot. German air attacks are hindering the progress of these troops. The fire of the Nazi air force has been directed against debarkation points and against railways and roads leading inland from these points. Transportation facilities have been rather completely wrecked at several points.

At the same time it seems probable that all organized resistance south of the German defense line running east from Trondheim has ceased. Such resistance as the Germans appear to be meeting in that sector is now definitely acknowledged to be of 10 percent of the price for the the guerrilla type, with Oslo itself being one of the chief centers of disturbance.

All of these reports, while none of them report spectacular Nazi successes serve to confirm the growing suspicion that the task of driving the Ger- has an optional central booking mans out of their postions will prove more difficult agency. Only orchestras for allthan the allies themselves would like to admit. The British appear to have muffed their best chance by being caught flat-footed when the Nazis moved into Norway. Now that they have "dug in" the Nazi invaders, much as we regret to say it, appear to have all the advantage of position.

OFFICE OR CASKET?

While Democrats and Republicans here in the United States are interesting themselves in their primary elections, the Mexicans are also preparing for an election. A brief news item from Sonora tells of an incident which reminds one of the heyedy of Mexican elections when election day was the signal for the most spectacular display of gunplay to be found anywhere except in some of Hollywood's more sanguine westerns; days when a Mexican candidate never quite knew whether an election victory meant an office or a casket. Today Mexican elections are a bit more peaceful, indicative of the more settled state of affairs within the country. This year's election for the presidency finds Avila Camacho promising to continue the program of the present Cardenas government, a program openly designed to improve the position of the peon. The opposition candidate is Juan Almazan, who in opposing the program of the present regime has drawn the support of certain elements of the army.

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TODAY

PI MU EPSILON.

Pi Min Epsilon, honorary math sielety, will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 211 of Brace Laboratory, Dr. T. Jorgensen will speak on "The Place of Ether in Electro-magnetic Theory." All students interested are invited to attend.

RIDING CONTEST.

All entries for the elimination riding contest for the Farmer's Fair should be turned in to Lit Luttgen by 5 p. m. The contest will take place at Shreve's stables on April 27 at 2 p. m.

SINFONIA.

Members of Statonia will meet in Par-lor Z of the Union at noon.

PHI CHI THETA. Members of Phi Chi Theia will at 7 p. m. in room 305 of the Union.

THETA NU. Thein Nu will meet in room 315 of Union at 7:30 p. m. SIGMA DELTA CHI.

There will be a regular meeting of Sigma Delia Chi in room \$15 of the Union this evening. Officers and members are arged to attend.

Survey--

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lowa employs agent.

The student governing body at Iowa State employs a booking agent who handles the booking of orchestras for all dances on the campus. He is usually employed by fraternities and sororities too for the signing of bands for house dances. He is paid at a rate of band-except that his limit for the booking of a single orchestra is \$25. The plan is reported to work well

The University of Indiana also university parties must be booked through the agency, a point true on all campuses. The agency has succeeded in booking outstanding orchestras which are said to meet the full approval of the student body.

At the University of Kansas all varsity dances are conducted under the joint auspices of the Men's Student Council, the Executive Council of the Women's Self-Government association, and the Memorial Union Operating committee, which choose a students dance manager. The dance manager is responsible for all promotion for the dances, including the contracting of orchestras,

The University of Missouri does not have a so-called central book- room still has "spectators-by-neing agency, but a near-agency is cessity" crowding the tables, waitoperated by the dance chairman of the Student Government association. The position is a non-salaried political position. Under the direction of competent men, such outstanding bands as Ben Bernie, Tommy Dorsey, and other topnotchers have been attracted to the campus. The service is also subscribed to by fraternities and other campus organizations. Bookings for All-University Let us not forget the Daily dances are handled through the office. On second thought, let's dean's office at the University of Michigan, since there is so much money involved in engaging bigname orchestras. Fraternities usually book bands through private downtown agencies.

VESTALS OF THE LAMP.

Members of Vesials of the Lamp will meet at 5 p, m. in Miss Wagner's office in room 207 Andrews to elect new mem-bers.

PERSHING RIFLES.

All members of Pershing Rifles will meet tonight for an election of officers.

FRIDAY

NOON FORUM.

Dr. Leinnd Stott, of the research and agricultural experimentation station will be the guest speaker at the Friday noon forum in the Home Ec building on the ag campus. BARBS.

Barb Union will hold a dance Union ballroom at 7:30 p. m. UNION DANCE.

Dave Hann and his orchestra will play or the Union dance in the bailroom a for 9 p. m.

REQUEST PROGRAM.

A program of request music will be played on the Carnegie Music set in the faculty lounge at 4 p. m. LUTHERAN STUDENT CLUB.

Members of the Latheran student club will mee at 8 p. m. in room 516 of the Union.

Library petitions Petitions circulated for opening of the library on Sunday afternoon must be in the Student Union office by Saturday. All houses where petitions have been posted are requested to mail or bring them in person to the office. No action can be taken until the petitions are compiled.

Nebraskan to air gripes' on radio

Last night marked the opening of a new policy of the DAILY NE-BRASKAN radio program according to John Mason, radio editor. Students who are dissatisfied with any of the conditions on the campus, whether parking, library facilities, Student Union, extracurricular activities program, or any other problem of student interest are invited to address their complaints to the "Gripe Club" in care of the DAILY offices in the Student Union building.

The purpose of the program is to uncover unsatisfactory conditions on the campus and see what can be done to relieve them. All suitable letters will be acknowledged on the radio program, according to Mason.

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tras, acting of course according to the wishes and budget limitations of the sponsoring groups. If this were done, budget limitations for music as now restricted by University rule might be made somewhat more flexible, leaving it up to the discretion of the University orchestra committee to decide what would be a fair price to pay for an available band. For example, one orchestra might be a sufficiently strong attraction to warrant an offer of a \$750 guarantee, and the action would not be any more extravagant than a \$250 guarantee for a lesser group. A single, permanent, well-informed authority would be in a position to make such decisions wisely, where an inexperienced committee in charge of arrangements for a single dance would not.

Of all the projects which would improve the University, none would be easier to put through, more popular with the student body, and more beneficial to the school than the institution of such a central campus orchestra booking agency. It has been discussed before, and the current Student Council has a committee to investigate it. Now is the time to draw up plans for it-plans which require some thought but need not be too involved or require too much time. The agency could be set up yet this spring so that it could begin operating next fall. The results within a single year should be most gratifying to all concerned.

At the University of California Phys ed instructors there is no central booking agency. An agency was proposed several years ago, but no action was taken.

The University of Washington doesn't have an agency. When larger orchestras are hired, they are usually booked through a private firm.

agency at the University of Minnesota, the manager of the Student Union has on file a list of campus and non-campus bands. It is not compulsory to book bands through the office.

Stanford university allows its organizations to choose their orchestras as best they can. They have no central agency. The groups get in touch with outside agencies when they wish to book an orchestra,

There is no booking agency at the University of Oklahoma, where local orchestra competition is reported considerable. Agencies have been proposed, but nothing has been done as yet. Neither Northwestern Univer-

sity or Kansas State have central booking agencies. At these universities organizations hire their own orchestras.

ing for someone to tire. The game room gathers its usual card "sharks," checker and chess fans, and is seldom unoccupied.

Warm weather is tending to draw students away from reading, but the exceptionally well known books and magazines in the Book Nook are still being patronized, tho less than they were a few cold months ago.

do. With its usual bunch of literary lunatics, it is always busy with things, of which one (this is subordinate) is printing a "rag."

attend convention

Misses Clara Rausch, Ella May Small, Loize Montgomery, Nancy Miner and Mabel Lee of the department of physical education for women will attend the national convention of the Association of Health, Physical Education and Although there is no booking Recreation which is being held in Chicago April: 24-27. Miss Miner will speak at the meeting of the health instruction section on the game of soccer. Miss Lee, chairman of the department, will also attend the pre-convention session of the directors of physical education for college women which will be held at the University of Chicago. She is vice president of the American Academy of Physical Education and will attend the Chicago meeting of that group.

