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A COMPLAINT of "half-naked" students at a Universiti Malaya 8th College ladies night function created a stir in the House.

"They were wearing clothes that did not have enough cloth and the function was open to all regardless of their race and gender," complained Mohd Nasir Zakaria (Pas-Padang Terap).

He said the function was held on Feb 24. Nasir said, according to the spokesman for the event, there was a poco-poco dance, a talk on HIV, grooming tips and a fashion show.

Poco-poco is a dance form that has its origins in Indonesia. It is a slow dance and is popular with older women.

The event was promoted in the Mahasiswakini website where there was a picture showing several undergradu-

ates dressed bareback, presumably from the Ladies Night party.

Nasir said it was morally wrong to hold such a function in the university's premises.

Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Idris Haron was clearly taken aback when he was asked to comment.

"Poco-poco can be seen as a good form of exercise," he said.

Later, when he was approached at the Parliament lobby with a copy of the article from the Mahasiswakini website, Idris said:

"It is normal for Chinese girls to dress like this," he said, referring to girls in bareback.

"But they cannot dress like this when attending lectures. I will ask the university to look into the matter."