

They Speak Frankly

Editor's Note: Following are two letters to the Editor regarding the editorial which appeared Friday morning, April 21, in which a challenge was sounded for the Innocents society to select men for quality and merit rather than for fraternity and factional affiliation. Such letters are solicited, but subsequent ones should be limited to approximately 350 words.

COMMENT.

To the Editor:

Because the "Rag" has chosen to interest itself in campus activities by publishing an editorial nominating several men as candidates for the Innocents society, many people have objected. It seems that such people as Barb 717 would rather have campus affairs carried on behind closed doors, than have them brought out in the open by a newspaper.

It has always been the impression of this Barb, that the main function of a newspaper is to keep its public informed upon all events of current interest, and all people connected with them. How many readers really know who the outstanding men of the year are? If the editor thinks that the men whom he chose as Innocents are worthy of the honor, why should he not publish their names? In this manner, he gives his public something to think about.

Secondly, Barb 717 says that the choice of these men as Innocents is practically 100 percent "pure politics." But he fails to give any instance in which this is "pure politics," except that Mr. Kaplan, himself, is a member of Kosmet Klub, and that over one half of the members chosen are also members of this organization. Why shouldn't they be? Members of Kosmet Klub are outstanding men; that is why they are chosen for membership. The Innocents is also a society for the outstanding men, so the members they chose naturally belong to other organizations of this type. If this smashing editorial is "dirty politics" why does not Barb 717 give some concrete examples? It seems to me that this Barb is harboring a personal grudge against Kosmet Klub and that the grudge tinges his accusations. If the contents of the editorial is purely "dirty politics," Barb 717, why not come out with as much "pure green gall" as the editor had, and name some instances?

In the third place, Barb 717 feels sorry for those men who had their names published in the editorial. All activity men appreciate any respectable notoriety that will keep them in the public eye. I doubt if many of the men whose names were published feel very sorry for themselves, so why the great concern on the part of Barb 717?

And fourthly, I object to his attitude toward the editor's statement that the reason for the omission of Barb men from the list is because they do not show sufficient leadership and ability to be worthy of Innocents. Much as I, as a Barb, hate to admit it, it is true. Barbs are not outstanding, and it is their own fault. If Barbs were not included in the list, Barb 717 should blame the Barbs themselves and not Howard Kaplan. If Barbs cannot hold together long enough to swing an election, how can they expect to have their men in Innocents society. Repeatedly various Barb organizations have tried to bring out enough unaffiliated students to get representation from an election. Everyone knows that if Barbs would co-operate they could have a decisive voice in campus activities. But the sad fact is that Barbs won't co-operate, so if Barb 717 wants more Barbs in Innocents he should work to organize Barbs enough so they can support someone. No one will pay any attention to a clamoring voice unless there is some power behind it.

I admire the shrewd stroke of Mr. Kaplan in publishing the editorial. Instead of criticizing, we Barbs should take it as an example of how to achieve an objective by doing something about a situation instead of sitting back and doing nothing.

BARB 1313.

Phi Tau Thetas discuss 'Place of Man' tonight

"The Significance of Man in Relation to the Essentials of Christianity" will be discussed this evening by members of Phi Tau Theta, Methodist fraternity. The meeting will be at the Wesley Foundation beginning at 7 o'clock. Otto Woerner and Ellsworth Steele will lead the discussion.

CONDEMN.

To the Editor:

I read with great interest and surprise your editorial in the DAILY NEBRASKAN of Friday, April 21, in which you recommended 12 "good men and true" for the red robes of Innocency.

I say interest because I am a former editor of the DAILY NEBRASKAN and also a former secretary of the Innocents society, surprise because to my knowledge this is the first time the editor of the campus "rag" has sought to place his newspaper in the position of nominating a straight slate to the Innocents society.

The selection of the Innocents for several decades reposes only with that body. Some years ago the Innocents themselves, to meet charges of politics, asked the campus to nominate junior men from whom they might choose and at the same time forbade any member to engage in political activity.

I am not naive and no not believe that all Innocents since then have ceased to meddle in campus political affairs or have played the game strictly according to the rules, but I do know thru close contact with several societies that the Innocents have in a great measure laid aside factionalism and fraternalism and made an honest effort—Guru all the extraneous pressure brought to bear—to live up to their stirring oath of service to the university and to the student body.

That pressure is at all times enormous. Fraternities naturally want Innocents, each faction naturally hopes to have the majority. But at no time have the Innocents in past years been faced with what amounts to dictation on the part of the DAILY NEBRASKAN.

The role of the DAILY NEBRASKAN has been that of an interested bystander. The DAILY NEBRASKAN has in the past exhorted the Innocents to do a good job, to stay clear of politics and to pick men of whom the whole school could be proud. The DAILY NEBRASKAN has always been impartial—no matter what the opinions of the editor. It has waved no individual's banners. It has sought not to wrap certain men in the red robes, but to perpetuate a tradition of service on and to the campus.

You have broken a tradition and established a precedent which may at some time prove dangerous. For the selection of the Innocents, by the very nature of the society, is not merely another campus election for which slates may be drawn and voted into office in toto. The selection of Innocents should and must transcend such tampering, for that is the selection of 13 men who represent no single individual, no single faction, but the thousands of students who make up the university.

My criticism is not based on which 12 men you nominated. That is immaterial, for I have no personal desires which concern the Innocents society. Perhaps they are the 12 best men, the only men qualified for the honor. I have no quarrel with you there.

But I must and do condemn the DAILY NEBRASKAN's representing itself as the judge on Innocents and seeking to put a slate into the society.

You may print this in your "Letters to the Editor" column. I have no doubt but that your answer will appear in your column before long.

Sincerely yours,
Arnold Levin, '37.

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sessions include consideration of the following topics: Federal Aid for Public Schools, The Public Schools and Controversial Issues, Public Relations, Democracy in School Administration, In-service Education of Teachers, Modernizing School Buildings in Small Communities, Safety Education, and Visual Education.

In an effort to make the summer session serve the greatest number of students possible, the customary six and nine week sessions will be offered. With both sessions running concurrently a student will be able to choose courses from each group, the long session being more extensive in the number of courses covered than the six week schedule. Most of the departments have designed their programs in a manner that students may secure advanced degrees in four consecutive semesters.

Nine hour limit.

Students may carry a maximum of nine hours of work during the long session and six hours during the short session. All courses give college credit and may be applied on entrance units on the basis of one entrance unit to two three hour courses.

Coming to the university this summer from schools in all parts of the country will be 17 experienced professors.

Plans are being made for an extensive social program thru the summer. Students will have opportunity to go on picnics, parties and participate in sports and games. The social program is under the sponsorship of the Student Union. All students will be allowed to use the university swimming pool thru the summer in the afternoon without charge providing the rules of the swimming pool are upheld.

Registration bulletins are now available at the registration's office, including a list of the courses offered and the time of their meetings.

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zig, who founded the first psychological laboratory in the world.

Dr. Pillsbury will recount the eventful past and will give the anniversary address on "The Nebraska Psychological Laboratory." His talk will be followed by the address of the president, Dr. Edmund S. Conklin of Indiana university, on "The Status of Academic Psychology."

Full two day program.

The program committee, composed of Dr. W. E. Walton, chairman; Dr. Fred McKinney of the University of Missouri and Dr. Guilford, an ex-officio member, have arranged for an elaborate two day program. Most of the sessions will be held in the Student Union, altho a few of the symposiums have been scheduled for Social Science building.

Dr. D. W. Dysinger, instructor in psychology, is chairman of the committee on local arrangements. Other members are Dr. G. R. Thornton, assistant instructor in psychology, registration; Dr. W. R. Baller, associate professor of educational psychology and measurements, housing; Dr. Leland H. Stott, associate professor of home economics research, travel and entertainment; Dr. W. S. Gregory, instructor in psychology, room assignment; Dr. Winona Perry, professor of educational and psychology and measurements, banquet; and Edmund E. Dudek, graduate student, demonstrations and displays.

Pi Mu Epsilon to elect new members Tuesday

Lester Skoll of the physics department will speak on "Polarized Light" for the Tuesday evening meeting of Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity. The meeting will be held in Brace laboratory room 211 at 7:30 o'clock.

A business meeting and election of new members will follow the talk. Plans for the annual prize examinations that are scheduled for the last of May will be made. The meeting is open to interested students.

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Methodist council elects Steele head

Therkelson Clozine, White take other posts

The Methodist students council named Ellsworth Steele president for the coming semester at a business meeting last Saturday night. Thordis Bertleson, Maxine Clopine, and Don White will serve in the capacity of vice president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

A total of money was voted by the council to be used to pay the expense of sending delegates to conventions scheduled for this summer at Milford, Nebraska, Ames, Iowa, and Berea, Kentucky. Other sums were set aside for the Far Eastern Student Service Fund.

The officers in confederence with Rev. Robert Drew, student pastor, will appoint the cabinet to serve under them.

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descending the Missouri river from the head of navigation at Fort Benton, Mont. After becoming intimately acquainted with the whole vast country of his saga, he searched every available record of the enthralling exploits of the wandering bands of trappers and traders who explored the wilderness in search of furs from the Canadian boundary to Mexico and from the Missouri to the Pacific.

"The Song of Hugh Glass," the first part of the epic, was published in 1915. After three and a half more years of devotion to his task came "The Song of Three Friends" (1919), which won the award.

The third volume of his cycle, "The Song of the Indian Wars" was published in 1925. The following year he was made literary editor of the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch."

Family moved to Wayne.

The Niehardt family moved to Wayne, Neb., during the frontier days. Young Niehardt wrote his first verses when he was 12. His family was too poor to afford books, so he saved soap wrappers and procured as a premium a paper bound copy of Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" for his first volume. Later, he earned his way thru Wayne Normal school by ringing the class bell every 50 minutes of the day.

After a varied career as farm hand, school teacher, hobo, book-keeper, beetweeder, and marble-polisher, the youth moved with his family to Bancroft, Nebraska at the edge of the Omaha Indian Reservation. There he lived among the Indians from 1901 to 1907, forming an intimate acquaintance with them. He was liked and trusted by them and they gave him the name of "Tae Nuga Zhinga" (Little Bull Buffalo). In 1907, he published the "Lonesome Trail." He then extended his Indian acquaintance to the Crows and the Sioux Indians who dubbed him "Igitou Chicakala" (Little Cat.)

He is now a member of the Order of Book-Fellows, Sigma Tau Delta, and an honorary member in the Companion Order of Indian Wars of the United States.

Reinhardt elected

Dr. J. M. Reinhardt of the department of sociology of the university was elected first vice president at the recent meetings of the Midwestern Sociological and Economics Societies at Des Moines. Several members of the faculty appeared on the program of the two groups this year, including Dr. J. K. Kirshman of the Economics department, who was elected a vice president.

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Miss Pound boasts golf, tennis titles

A campus paper reporter for the Oregon State Barometer wrote quite a revealing feature on Nebraska's Dr. Louise Pound who was a guest convocation speaker there last week.

When she was a university student Dr. Pound held the state golf championship, the state tennis title, and was a figure skater of fine ability. Next time one of today's students wishes to match these accomplishments, let him try the Maltese cross backwards, the double Philadelphia grapevine, the waltz and two-step.

Bicyclist too.

Bicycling 100 miles in 12 hours gave Dr. Pound some stripes in recognition. If skiing had been popular at that time, she would surely have been doing the Christiana or the Glandesprung.

Miss Pound spoke at a convocation on "Slang, Yesterday and Today". Requests were made for her to suggest some good collegiate slang words of creditable origin—perhaps from Chaucer or Shakespeare, but she was at a loss to do so, explaining that she did not customarily have them on the tip of her tongue.

Engineer society picks new heads tomorrow

Election of officers for the coming semester will be the main business of the next meeting of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers which will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in room 206 of mechanical engineering.

Program for tomorrow's meeting will be a two reel motion picture dealing with the subject of "Safety Glass."

Gaba talks on 'Distance Geometries' Thursday

Professor M. G. Gaba, of the mathematics department will speak on "Distance Geometries." At the next of the current series of mathematics seminars will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The seminar, which is open to the public, is one of the series of biweekly seminars sponsored throughout the year by the mathematics department. Thursday's meeting will be held in room 302 of Mechanical Arts.

Honorary initiates four

Four men were initiated into Sigma Gamma Epsilon, geological research organization, Friday night. They were Robert Sullivan, John Adams, Robert Connatt, and Keith Ingram.

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