

Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

KNIGHT AND DAY.

Note: This is the third in a series of four rippy dippy chapters from the columnist's thrilling new book titled "Knights of the Square Table" or "Why Birds Go South in the Wintertime." The tale takes up today where it left off yesterday.

And so it was that by the order of the king I and the loyal knights were battling through the wilds of northern Canada, complete with blizzards \$39.50 f. o. b. Nome, to Englandize the Eskimos. We would have died from exposure there in the cold had it not been for a Nebraska jackrabbit. This rabbit had headed for Minnesota on a vacation but he used a Chinese road map and missed his mark by a thousand miles. Sir Lancelot shot the fellow and we made mittens for ourselves by turning the fur side which is the warm side inside and skin side which is the cold side outside.

And so it was that we straggled into the land of the Rising Sun which was now sitting for six months.

Our problem was a serious one. Imagine the thing, dear reader (especially Kappa Theta's, DG's, Alpha Phi's, Chi O's and all other women). How were we to Englandize the natives.

Sir Gawain called us together for a meeche (Anglo-Saxon word meaning hlasmen). There were tears in his one good eye and his mustache drooped down disconsolingly as we were stumped for a method of Englandizing the Eskimos. In short no one could get a hot idea; it was a complete freeze out!

Suddenly the noble Lancelot was struck with an idea. Struck so severely that it took several minutes to bring the fellow around. Then he revealed to us and we went to work.

And so it came to pass that we cut holes in all of the tops of the igloos so the Eskimos could stand up when we played "God Save The King." The venture was a success.

And listen in tomorrow for the ending to this thrilling epoch. We feel sure that you can just squeeze it in between the programs "Little Orphan Annie" and "Jack Armstrong, All-American Boy."

Bulletin

DAILY STAFF.

DAILY staff photo for the Cornhusker will be taken Friday at 4 p. m. in the campus studio in the west stadium.

NU-MEDS.

No Med picture will not be taken this week.

AWS.

Upperclassmen's AWS will meet at Ellen Smith hall today at 5 p. m.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Judiciary committee of the student council will meet at 3 p. m. today in the Council room of the Union. Anyone wishing to voice a protest of the election is asked to do so at this time.

AWS.

Work of the Upperclassmen's AWS will be handled by separate committees beginning today when the organization meets at Ellen Smith hall at 5 p. m.

COUNSELORS' BOOK REVIEW.

Coed Counselors' book review for women will meet at 5 p. m. in the Union book room. Prof. R. A. Gettman will speak on "Recent Travel Books."

SOCIAL DANCING CLASS.

Social dancing class will meet at 7 p. m. today in the Union ballroom.

BARDANCE CLUB.

First meeting of the Bardance club will be held at 7 p. m. today in the gym of Grant Memorial. All university students are invited.

NEBRASKA BALL.

Nebraska ball practices for girls' intramurals.

THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS.

The Society of American Military Engineers will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Dear Editor

Nov. 13, 1940.

Editor, DAILY NEBRASKAN:

As an out-of-state newcomer to the University of Nebraska in the graduate school, I have had an opportunity since the opening of the present semester to observe from (if not an unbiased viewpoint, at least from) a unique perspective, the political situation among the student body here.

I am aghast at the high-handed manner in which the results of Tuesday's all-school election were twisted and tortured by a group in power into an interpretation that could have only a single intent and consequence: the reinstatement of that exclusive group to a position of control.

I refer of course to the throwing out of the entire Barb vote on the Ag campus. This action, the vitiating of a particular group of ballots after they had been tallied and according to the candidates for whom they were cast, can by no stretch of the imagination be seen to be commensurate with democratic principle (to which I trust we are committed).

This action must be seen, realistically, to be an adolescent procedure designed to insure by foul method or fair the retention of power in the hands of those who now hold it. Otherwise, as I see it, the only adequate procedure would be to call for an entirely new balloting at the Ag campus.

In the first place, it seems little short of insane to hold that all the Barb votes on the Ag campus could be traced directly to the marking of some (admittedly not all) of the election issues of the Barb bulletin distributed at Ag hall. Any given student on the Ag campus who voted for a Barb candidate has, as I see it, a legitimate right to demand that his ballot be counted or that a new election be conducted in which his right to representation be respected. And any student who voted for a Greek candidate would (if he were truly committed to democratic principle) be in complete accord—nay, would make it a point to add his voice!

Secondly, I fail to see how it can be shown that those responsible for the illegality were acting for or upon the request of the Barb candidates and not as individuals who as such ought to be individually censured. The Student Council itself, if I am not mistaken, made the distinction between the Barb political faction and the Barb bulletin. Would the Council be amenable to throwing out all the Greek votes next election if someone were either maliciously or in his exuberance to underline the names of all the Greek candidates in some of the issues of a school publication—or is only one coup of that sort permitted in a lifetime the way the Judiciary Committee plays the political game?

Thirdly, I fail to make any sense in the committee's decision to throw out the Ag campus Barb votes for class presidents and prom committeemen, while continuing to recognize the women's elections. For as a reference to the Barb issue in question will show, only the women might really have profited from having their names underlined, for they were not otherwise distinguished according to affiliation. On the other hand, all the candidates for class presidency and prom committee were so identified anyway!

Still another point puzzles me. If elections are to be distorted by such technicalities (justified or not), why does not the Judiciary Committee investigate the fact that entire Greek houses voted with invalid activity cards—invalidated by the university's regulations concerning the transfer to others of activity cards for any purpose whatever? It is well-known, of course, that many Greek houses make it a practise to pick up members' activity cards to insure that they appear to vote. What of that, Mr. Mason?

Finally I would like to say a word concerning the attitude of the DAILY in the entire affair. As former editor of my undergraduate college student newspaper, I feel qualified to express an opinion that the DAILY seems to have forgotten its commitment—"Official Newspaper of More Than 7,000 Students." Space prevents me

from going into detail. But I would single out first the report of the election in such final terms in the banner story of Wednesday's issue when elsewhere in the issue it is admitted that the returns were unofficial and that a very vital appeal was pending.

And secondly, I would question both the choice of a topic for an editorial in the same issue (when so flagrant a case of political machination is also current), as well as the content of the editorial. That the barbs should be singled out for such questions when they apply equally well to the Greeks is an example of out-and-out prejudice.

Does the editor sincerely believe that if a Council bill were to arise in which the interests of the unaffiliated students were opposed to the interests of exclusive groups, the unaffiliated students would really fare better at the hands of Greek councilmen rather than barb councilmen?

Let someone seek to cloud the issue by accusing me of "sour grapes," allow me to say that I am a barb by choice, having been extended invitations by the Greeks while in undergraduate college. But I have always preferred to belong to groups which are prouder of the people they include than of the fact that there are those they exclude.

Sincerely,
Martin Lean.

Wednesday's editorial was not anti-barb. It decried the falsity of barb leaders who seek higher honors for not saying so as Greeks do. And the real barb program HAS been delayed unnecessarily when it should not have been. This writer believes Tuesday's ag votes should stand and has not believed otherwise or stated otherwise.—Ed.

Editor, DAILY NEBRASKAN:

Your editorial in yesterday's issue is one of the most scurrilous pieces of hokum I have ever read. The high degree of incoherence and hysterical self-laudation at the basis of the editorial bespeaks a desire for "the glories and fame" of a would-be leader of barb sheep, second only to the faction misdescribed by you.

So the barbs are being duped by a group of glory-seeking leaders! And while political machinators are ordering things their way, the DAILY NEBRASKAN, is forging forward with altruistic plans for the alleviation of all barb ills. But why did you give your case away in the last paragraph where you admit: "We don't say you did wrong in voting for barb candidates. That's the way you barbs probably should have voted, but do you know why you voted for them?" Why, then, your lengthy polemic against the general "deceit" being practiced by barb leaders on the barbs? Is it that they should vote the barb ticket, but not forget that the barb leaders want the offices for personal prestige? It may be asked, why should Greeks vote for their candidates? Are they not trying to deceive both the Greeks and the barb masses into thinking their aims are purely non-personal? The question is silly. But we await your condemnation of the liberal leaders who now hold office.

Much probably will be said concerning the unfair "campaign" practices of the barbs at ag college. Shall I mention the padded line in Student Union the night of the election? Many students stood for quite a while, but refused to vote because of the delay. Why don't you inquire about that? Furthermore, do you want a sworn statement concerning a divulgence made by a Greek in which he unthinkingly confided that it is a usual practice for fraternity men to vote all activity tickets regardless of whether their owners appear?

Give the barbs a chance, why not, in the columns of your "non-political" paper. You say yourself that perhaps barb leaders would have later tried to do something about the general conditions of barbs. Your question, "Do you (barbs) think for a minute that their election (barb candidates) would help you any?" is somewhat puzzling. Are you saying that it makes no difference who holds student offices? If that is the case, if we were to grant that the barb candidates were gunning for glory, it hardly would injure the general barb welfare, would it? Personally, I doubt that their desire for prestige-positions on the campus is any more violent than that of any present office-holder. Besides, the barbs have expressed as their ideal equality on the campus. Do you doubt that if in the next ten years the major student positions are filled by barbs that this will have no effect on the average barb?

Yours for more editorial fairness,
Ivan Little.
This "would-be leader of barb sheep"

suggests Philosophy 10 to begin with—but Greeks hide no intentions concerning personal ambitions; neither should barbs. It's honest to admit you want something, so why not admit it!

To the Editor:

Sheep are known to lead "a blind life within their brains." Several hundred barbs voted Tuesday; they are sheep; they are, then, something akin to a bunch of morons.

Politics aside, the barb voters who voted in good faith demand an apology.

Yours very truly,
Ralph M. Ibeta.

Editor, DAILY NEBRASKAN:

What happened to Chris Petersen? As a freshman Chris was an ambitious young man living at the YMCA. He was a friend of everyone, regardless of social status. He studied his Spanish and reporting diligently with but one goal in mind—a position on the Daily Nebraskan. We were all behind our fellow-barb who was certainly worthy of a position on the university paper. After tireless effort, Chris at last achieved his goal. He took over the minor duties assigned to the cub reporter and began his climb upward. We were still behind him 100%. Chris was soon rewarded with a salaried position on the DAILY staff. About this time Chris pledged a Greek house. Less and less was seen of Chris around the halls of the YMCA. His former friends were now being ignored. Casual greetings on the street became more casual as Mr. Petersen became more and more "inspired" by the "ideals" (?) of the Greeks. Former friends were nothing more than Barb-arians and had no right to voice their opinions about campus politics. Occasionally Chris came back to the YMCA—

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when he had something to sell. Last year he had occasion to remark to a resident of the building: "We aren't worrying about the barbs, but if they get too strong we have other ways of stopping them."

Chris' political activities increased by leaps and bounds. His appetite for the scalps of the poor helpless barbs could not be satiated by ordinary means. This year, this month—namely at the election just consummated—Mr. Petersen came out in the open in his true colors. He perpetrated one of the most obviously unfair actions ever recorded in the history of campus elections. When it was found that the barbs had swept the election our former friend and roommate looked for some means of turning the election and finally used the method that we have all read about. We are sorry, we fellows who used to know Chris.

Critically,

Stanley A. Kerkhoff
Robert C. Stell
Kenneth H. Gardner
George L. Campen
Robert Steinmeyer

Ask Chris what's happened to him. We're not his keeper.—Ed.



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Tommy Dorsey

Boo-Wa-Boo-Wa
Larry Clinton

Five o'Clock Whistle
Erskine Hawkins

GOLD & CO

in room 513 of the Union. Colonel Thuis will be the speaker. Murders will begin tonight and continue until next Tuesday evening.

AG AWS.

Ag AWS will meet Thursday at 4:15 p. m. in the home ec building. Every ag woman is invited to attend.

THE WOMEN.

"The Women," AWS news sheet will not be published next week because of Thanksgiving vacation.