

## Election muddle

Now that the Student Council has decided to hold another election and a protest has been handed to Dean Thompson by certain Barbs asking that the call for another election be nullified, and that the November 12 election, including ag barb ballots be counted, the political pot still simmers. Peace has not yet come between the political antagonists and the coming weeks hold an interesting story.

Although the Barb members of the Student Council were agreed at the final, closed Council meeting Friday that the open election scheduled for November 26 was the best solution, many Barbs are of the opinion that a Greek dominated Student Council pulled a fast one.

The DAILY still feels that the November 12 election should have been held valid, including ag ballots; but also that the action of the Student Council in calling a new election with provisions for open campaigning by the elections committee is wise and would settle all problems at any other time than at the present, with Barb sentiment running the way it is.

Combined action on the part of fraternity factions in a new election will undoubtedly give them much more of a chance to carry the election; and along with the sorority vote, which will undoubtedly go for fraternity candidates, the Greeks do have an excellent chance to win.

On the other hand, Barbs, stirred to a more unified action than ever before by Judiciary decisions and strong leaders, may be able to poll enough votes to make a new election a landslide in their favor.

And all the while, those Barbs and Greeks who are genuinely interested in the welfare of university are hoping that this whole squabble is nothing but a political fight; hoping that the argument does not become more involved or more fundamental in its aspects.

Now that the Barbs are unified, now that the Greek factions are operating as one, there remains but one step...and that is to convince all parties concerned that both major groups still have but one major interest...and that is in providing this school with a unified, single-purposed student body.

Greeks must all realize, and we believe most of them do not, that Barbs deserve to share in Student Government and Student Ac-

tivities if they show the necessary interest; and that if Barbs show the strength to win Student Offices and to gain positions in Student Activities, they should be accepted heartily and extended co-operation and good will.

Barbs must realize, and we believe most of them do not, that Greeks are not distinguishing themselves from Barbs in a purely social way. The distinction has been and is purely a political distinction and has nothing to do with personal social relations or status. Fraternities and sororities mingle with each other socially because they have much in common. Their attitude is not anti-barb, but pro-fraternity...except in campus politics; and even then it is an artificial distinction used for the purpose of furthering the cause of individual fraternities, and not purposefully to tread on any Barb rights or privileges.

The whole argument between Barbs and Greeks is artificial. No Greek thinks he is actually a better person than a Barb, nor does any Greek think he has any rights that a Barb does not have. If there are any Greeks who do not conform to these statements, they should change their tune.

Barbs should realize they haven't taken part in Student Government in the past for two reasons. One, they haven't organized enough in the past to win jobs, mainly because they hadn't the equipment that fraternities have; two, they haven't realized the common interest that fraternity faction members had, and which the Barbs do have of seeing their party win.

Our hope, and it is a fervent one, is that when the smoke of political battle drifts away, everyone will realize how unimportant this whole thing is in the realm of things. We are still all students at the university; we still have one thing in common, the welfare of this institution; we still are here to study first, and to argue next; we must work to make the student body strong and unified, so as to work toward one ideal that transcends all other selfish political ideals...and that ideal is to make the University of Nebraska a school we can all be proud of, one where truth and honesty are still virtues that guide the destinies of individuals and groups; one where political strife between factions is a result of an enthusiastic desire to further, in the long run, the interests of everyone, the best interests of this university.

judiciary committee had requested that the action of throwing out the ag votes be rescinded and since the barbs had placed no formal protest against other factions the council should approve the election of Tuesday counting all ballots. He contended that the rescinding action of the committee cleared the barbs of all charges but Mason replied that the action was not to free the Barbs from charges but rather to correct a mistake of the committee in disqualifying votes at ag campus when candidates involved should have been eliminated.

As Murray finished his plea for approval of barb party pluralities, progressive law school representative Bob Flory moved for adjournment. Although Murray's motion was before the house, the move for adjournment was seconded and passed since adjournment motions take priority over all others.

Barb members of the audience began to cheer, for this action was somehow construed by them to mean an approval of the barb contested pluralities. Both Mason and E. W. Lantz, faculty adviser to the council, shouted to the crowd that such was not the case. The crowd next supposed that the council planned no further action and meant to leave the election as first approved. Boos and threats to members of the council filled the air. Sloan admonished the crowd to be calm. After several minutes of heated discussion between spectators and council members, the outsiders dispersed.

Mason called for a new meeting in room 316 where the council went on without a crowd.

## Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

At a certain Mid-Western university it was decided that the campus should be beautified, come next May, by a sprig of ivy. This is to be a memorable occasion, so the search for competent and experienced gardeners was begun early—early in November. Six sons of the soil—gardening experts all—volunteered their talents to the service of dear old alma mater, but only two were needed. It was decided to choose between these would-be public servants by referendum.

Each pair of candidates was backed by a group of friends and well-wishers, each and every one of whom was certain that his party's candidate was best qualified to plant the ivy, although most of them would not recognize that candidate if they chanced to meet him minus his letter sweater. The election was hotly contested.

All three factions appeared to have been guilty of technical violations of the election rules, so eager were they to have an expert hand tuck in the aforementioned ivy plant. At least, all three were accused of violations. But someone remembered his high school history and the election of Hayes in 1876 by the simple expedient of throwing out the democratic votes, so he contrived to have part of the votes of one of the opposing factions nullified—not all of the votes, but just enough to defeat the candidates of that faction.

With visions of the ivy dying for lack of the skill and care that their candidates would have given it, the wronged faction was intensely indignant. Floods of oratory and invective were poured out upon the offenders.

The editor of the student newspaper received letters of protest, one of which inferentially denounced the whole fraternity system, and another of which was a deplorable personal attack on the president of one of the factions. A great deal of ill-feeling resulted all around. The faction whose votes had been thrown out, realizing that it would reap the benefits of both the previous violation and the subsequent publicity, began to agitate for a new election. The fight was not over in time to permit the planting of the ivy in the spring, but it made no difference. Most of the students were seeing red so exclusively by that time that a green plant would have been totally out of focus.

Moral: College activities are an important phase of university life. They teach cooperation, the ability to get along with people, and other social virtues. Fancy a school without politics! Let's all get into activities!

Don Atkinson.

Dear Editor:

Congratulations! Your editorial today (Thursday) was the first time that an editor came out in favor of the truth. Usually it is only good old Xa Xa and her wel-

fare that occupy the noble DAILY'S pages. Again, congratulations! Let us have more truth and less hooey about dear old Xa Xa in our official newspaper.

By the way, why is a column like Scrap Irony included in a college newspaper? For the benefit of any grade school children who might read it?

Your comments of the letters in the paper today (Thursday) were very cute, but the barbs might not like being called sheep any more than you enjoyed being called a skunk.

With apologies,  
Ward Brunson, barb.

Dear Editor:

If you can call the barbs sheep and dogs, what is so indiscriminate about merely asking if you are a skunk?

I am deeply humiliated because I used a double negative in my letter, but it is not my fault that the editorial policy of the DAILY has a distinct odor. Thursday was the first time this year that the DAILY did not have a distinct Grecian odor.

I remain respectfully yours,  
Ward Brunson.

Lincoln, Neb.  
November 14, 1940

Dear Editor:

In the "Dear Editor" column of the DAILY, November 14, 1940, different students gave forth their opinions of the just past Uni election. Comes now a student who is trying to look into the future and sees the results of the mentioned election.

During the past few years, the "Barb" students on the campus have been struggling to become a voice in campus politics. Now, during the present school year, they have reached that goal and will become the controlling voice if the present trend continues. The Progressive and Liberal political parties, foreseeing this movement, have resorted to small technicalities in an attempt to halt or at least retard this movement. By using these technicalities, the mentioned political parties have defeated their own purpose by having aroused the indignation of otherwise uninterested "Barb" students. In general, they, the political parties, have unified and strengthened the "Barbs" by giving them a common front which will greatly hasten the movement mentioned above. The "Barbs," on the other hand, have proved that they are not Simon pure by breaking rules laid down by governing authorities. This indicates that, when the Barbs come into power, they will probably make use of the practices that the Progressives and Liberals have been accused of in order to win elections.

Again generalizing, this election has decreased the good will between affiliated and unaffiliated students, has made enemies, and has presented a factor that tends to destroy a unified school spirit.

Let us hope, then, that each university student will prevent the "off-color" actions of glory-seeking students from clouding his own friendships and opinions in an attempt to forestall the effects of such an election.

Yours truly,  
J. Burton Rishel.

To the Editor:

It would be appreciated if the following announcement were brought to the attention of all unaffiliated students.

Barbs Attention:

No one as yet knows what campaign measures are legal and what are not. The Student Council has thus far refused to give any interpretations until after elections are completed; therefore to insure no repetition of the arbitrary decisions handed down and later reversed by the judiciary committee, all barbs are urged to refrain from any of the following actions:

1. Please do not underline any list of candidates you may find in the DAILY NEBRASKAN, on sample ballots, or in any other list of candidates.

2. Please do not pass any list of candidates to a friend, acquaintance, or anyone else. This has always been done in the past without its legality being questioned but may be subject to retroactive decisions of the Council.

3. Do not mention the word vote, or any candidate's name in the Student Union building or in ag hall on election day because this may be interpreted as "soliciting votes at the polls."

Please understand that the above have never been declared illegal but every precaution must be taken in the coming election (if permitted by the University Senate) to prevent a recurrence of the incidents connected with the last election.

4. Do not under any circumstances permit your identification card to be collected by any person or organization, and do not use an coercive measure to induce anyone to vote. This is definitely unethical, and has been contrary to all barb practices in the past.

BLAINE SLOAN,  
Barb Union President.

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## Council-

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provisions for display about the campus preceding elections of placards showing pictures, names, party affiliations of and offices sought by all candidates.

Strive for cleaner politics.

Consensus of the council was their action should make for cleaner politics than ever before on the campus and that it should relieve the faction friction which Tuesday's election caused.

When the council convened at 5 p. m. Friday in room 316, the audience overflowed into the hall. Cries of "ballroom" were soon heeded and the meeting moved to the dance floor.

Hearing the recommendation of the judiciary committee that exclusion of ag votes be rescinded and that due to numerous alleged infractions of election rules a new election be held. Before council president John Mason finished asking for new business, barb member Ray Murray had requested the floor amid the applause of the barb dominated audience.

Murray moved that since the

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ber rather than for the group as a whole.

Phi Psi skit.

"Operatic Interlude" by Jim Selzer was Phi Kappa Psi's version of Olson and Johnson. It was the best of several acts resembling "Hellzapoppin." A deadpan male stripteaser brought the best laugh for this skit.

Bob Aldrich wrote and played the leading role in Alpha Sigma Phi's front curtain act, "Cucco Clinic." In this number Aldrich, as Dr. Groucho Marx, wisecracked his way thru the skit while a patient died because his identification card was not in order.

Several acts had excellent material in them but failed to get applause because of lack of punch in the endings of the skits. Although winning acts were good, the applause meter decision seems to depend on which group can make itself heard the best for each organization had its organized cheering group to applaud, whistle and shout at the meter.

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