

THE NIMBLE SPANIEL
by Sam Warren

OPEN LETTER TO GREEK FRESHMEN:

Gentlemen:
Since you were pledged to your respective fraternities last fall, you have seen a good deal of activity beyond your regular school work. You have given a great deal of your time to house duties, such as cleaning windows, waxing floors, running errands, constructing Homecoming decorations, playing intramurals for the glory of the house, and trying unsuccessfully to memorize the chapter roll from Alpha Alpha to Gamma Epsilon.

You have willingly allowed your chapter to use you in these ways because that is part of the game you agreed to play when you signed the pledge and started off on that particular adventure which CAN be a memorable part of the college experience for those who choose it.

But in the next two weeks your number (and you do form a sizeable body) will be used in another way, too. You will be asked not to think, not to exercise your own judgment, but to accept the decisions of a small-numbered, self-styled high tribunal within your broader fraternal circle. Namely, you will be told how to vote in Spring Elections, April 15.

Why? Because the "wiser men" among you will tell you that in order to preserve the Greek system, of which you have made yourself a part, you must perpetuate Greek men in office, particularly in the Student Council, or else "the Barbs will take over and run fraternities off campus."

This involves two false judgments. First, the Greeks over-estimate to you the concern of the Barbs as to whether the Greeks exist or not. Second, the masked-men misrepresent to you that

these sub rosa, strong-arm tactics are the way to preserve "the Greek way of life;" for just the opposite is the truth.

The one way you Greek freshmen can knife your system in the back and make it disintegrate is to indulge in blind allegiance to the directives of short-sighted men who rely on the power of fear to keep the system going instead of the power of constructive action to build a system which non-members would respect.

The truth of the jeopardy in which you will be placing the Greek system by compulsory mass voting upon the opinion of a few is closer than you may think. Unquestioned authorities have reported our chancellor to have said in private that as long as "social organizations" remain social he will have no quarrel with them. But when they assume political status beyond their recognized social purpose, then the right for their existence may well be questioned.

Greek men should be interested in politics, both collegiate and civic; this writer does not mean to tell you differently. He does mean to say, however, that as an organized body of Greeks, you should think twice. Remember, you may sign all the registration lists that they require you to at various 16th street fraternity houses, but you are free to mark the ballots as you please at the polls.

If you're since about being a Greek, think twice.

Sincerely,
A GRADUATING GREEK

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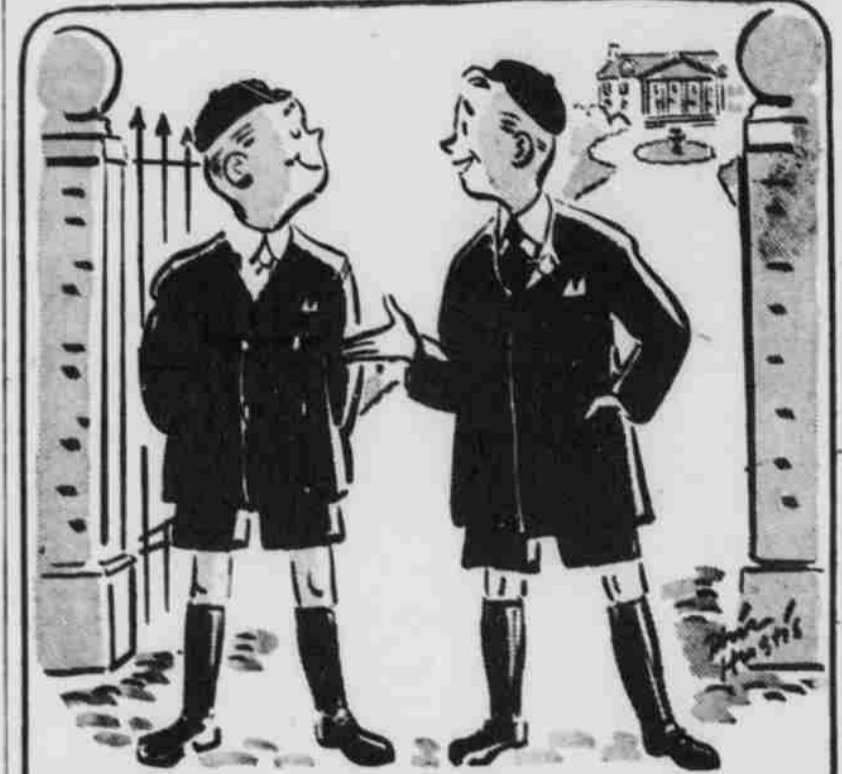


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"All of you are making a vital contribution toward World Peace and the security of this nation.

"The U. S. Army is the finest army in the world and the only one of its kind among the major powers. It is 100% volunteer. It is composed entirely of civilian soldiers . . . men like yourselves who realize that a strong America is a peaceful America, and that the responsibility of making America strong rests in the hands of every American citizen.

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"But behind this Army stand you men of the Organized Reserve and the R.O.T.C. I have known many of you personally. I have been with many of you in action. I know the fine type of men you are and the realism that leads you to equip yourselves with military training.

"Further, I know the valuable service you can render the nation in time of emergency. A great deal of the success of fast mobilization and the actual winning of the war was due to the 106,000 trained Reserve Officers and the top-notch National Guard units which were available for quick action.

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