

Peculiar Tactics Dominate Campus Political History

(Ed. Note: This chronological history of campus politics was unearthed from the files of The Daily Nebraskan. The article intends to disrespect against either Greek or Independent, but only strives to present the political highlights of past years. It is the first of two installments.)

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Rambling down through the years of University history, sinking to a whisper while the nation was at war and rising to a roar in times of peace, has come the noise of campus politics.

University politics have for a long time been carried on in smoke-filled rooms, discussed over coffee mugs and beer glasses, and paraded openly at the time of spring and fall elections.

Throughout the decades of University history, certain stock characters have appeared in all political contests.

Influence?

They include a militant faculty, ever ready to bristle at the mention of "influence," ever ready to hand a pair of crutches to the current barb organization; they include a few would-be politicians who never "affiliated," and forever after try to "get out the independent vote"; and we must not forget to mention that most stable and time-honored Greek mutual-benefit and protective organizations, "the faction."

The faction has two aims in life as expressed by a statement from the "University party," "to fairly distribute positions and honors among the various Greek houses, and secondly to keep independents out of power."

Methods used by the faction to reach those ends have frequently been deplored, and probably always will be. Apparent to any observer is the fact that there will always be a faction. By the same token, there always will be frustrated politicians building a barb organization for purposes other than participation in intramurals and social events.

Barb Golden Age

Golden age for barb organizations was in the Twenties and Thirties, at which time party politics on campus were flourishing. In 1926 the Barb Inter-club Council was formed along with the political Barb Union.

Barbs were severely embarrassed in 1932, during Prohibition days, when police raided a Barb dance being held at the Coliseum and found the Barb's big wheel passing out alcoholic beverages in an anteroom. Standing in line for the "verboten" nectar were sundry young ladies and two faculty members, present at the dance in the capacity of chaperones.

By the time of elections in 1936, Barb string-pulling had pretty generally flopped on account of general indifference on the part of the average independent students. After coming out a poor third in the election, the Barb Union announced that it was going to devote itself to sponsoring dances. Meanwhile, two Greek parties known as the Liberals and the Progressives were battling it out for campus positions.

'Neat' Elections

In the 1939 elections the Liberals were fighting to stay in the

saddle. The Student Council pleaded loudly for "neat and clean elections." Events came to a boil when the three parties started a house-to-house campaign along Fraternity row one November evening. The Barbs were discreet and went home early. That left the field clear for the Liberal-Progressives battle.

Reported The Daily Nebraskan later, "One student was reported injured last night as rotten eggs, rocks and garbage flew ... although police were on hand to quell any disturbance, action was taking place on so many fronts at once that it was impossible to control."

The Phi Psi and Phi Delt houses were attacked. A Phi Delt was knocked down and then thrown into a concrete bird-bath. He received spine and skull injuries. An aroused public and administration demanded that measures be taken.

Office Division

The Student Council met and passed resolutions, dropped them, and then appointed a committee. Meanwhile, the Liberals and Progressives were dividing class offices between them.

With a last burst of activity in 1940 the Barb Union defeated the Progressive office-holders in an upset. A surprising number of Ag men assembled to cast the deciding votes. In 1941 the Barb Council and Barb Union quietly folded. A reorganized Barb Party attempted to reform the Student Council later in the year. The Greeks closed ranks, formed the Union Party, and snowed the Barbs under.

Down the Drain

Observers later looked back on the closing days of the Thirties and mourned the passing of the old BMOG's. Those were the days which saw Progressive leaders flush hundreds of Liberal ballots down the Union toilets. Progressive sympathizers punched Liberal ID cards twice during the fall elections. When the Liberals tried to vote in the spring, they were told that they had voted before the polls even opened. A standing joke in those days was the sight of party candidates, going over committee lists they were going to appoint even before elections were held.

College's Blaze Recalls NU Fire

The fire at York college destroyed the main administration building and disrupted school sessions recalls to many "old-timers" the fire in the University's Mechanics Arts building many years ago.

The fire broke out on a wintry day. Occupants of the building, were evacuated by firemen via ladder.

Since it was the time when the old historic iron fence still enclosed "the old campus," the building contained a library of priceless books.

University students pitched in, forming a chain line between the ladder-staircase which connects the building with Nebraska hall on the east. Their "bucket brigade" moved all the books and records from the building and deposited them in the safety.

A great deal of the building was damaged, mostly from water and fire. Records and files, especially took a beating though no one was injured.

The incident is vividly remembered by Miss Maude Melick, secretary to Dean Green who was working with the University at the time.

Some parts of the building were charred excessively, though the outside structure remained standing. The building was soon repaired.

Bobby Mills to Play for First Dance of 1951, Ag Sno Ball

The third annual SnoBall, first Ag Union sponsored dance of 1951, is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5.

Dancing to Bobby Mills and his orchestra will be in the auditorium of the College Activities building from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

In an effort to reveal interesting hobbies of University students, Jo Meyer, chairman of the dance, has announced that tonight's entertainment will feature a display of student collections and hobbies.

Due to the shortness of time forced upon them by vacation, the committee has had little time to arrange the program and, as yet, plans are incomplete. However, a few musical numbers by the FarmHouse quartet are already on the docket.

Tickets for the dance are on sale at \$1.20 per couple and may be purchased in the Ag Union lobby this afternoon or at the entrance to the dance tonight.

This will be the first dance featuring a name orchestra featured by the Ag Union this school term. Miss Meyer expressed hope that students would support the dance so that similar affairs could be presented in the future.

Future plans of the Ag Union dance committee call for a spring session of weekly dance lessons and a revival of the Wednesday evening hour dance schedule, but with a different twist.

Next semester's Wednesday evenings will feature alternating programs of square dances and group discussions of campus issues.



ONE CAUGHT, ONE MISSED—The photographer, equipped with a fine red filter to cope with Lincoln's foggy skies, thump-thumped across the University of Nebraska campus Wednesday morning after Frosty the Snowman. The lensman's legs gave out and he missed Frosty but caught a portion of the frosty campus instead. Andrews hall is in the background. (Journal Staff Photo.)

'Oklahoma' to Make Return Visit for Two Performances

Tickets are available now for the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Oklahoma," which will be presented in Lincoln Monday and Tuesday evenings, Jan. 8 and 9.

The show, returning for its second engagement in Lincoln, will be given on the stage of the Stuart theater at 8:20 p.m., both evenings.

Playgoers who failed to see the show when it was presented in Lincoln two years ago and those who wish to see it again may purchase tickets in the lobby box-office of the Stuart theater any day between 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

The Theater guild, producers of the famous play, claim the cast of 67 to be presented here is "one of the finest of the many combinations of talent which have appeared in the big hit."

It is the guild's famous "natural" company, the organization which holds the record for musicals in Chicago—855 performances and which comes directly from its sixth visit to Kansas City and after its third visit to Omaha.

Ridge Bond, a young native Oklahoma baritone, will sing the role of "Curly" the penniless cowboy who woos and wins "Laurey," a farm-girl heiress.

Bond is a veteran in the role, having sung it three full seasons—a total of more than 1000 times. "Laurey" will be played by Patricia Northrop, a Hollywood blonde soprano who has been singing the role for over a year.

Mary Marlo will be the sympathetic guardian of the heroine and Jacqueline Daniels will play the leading feminine comedy role, that of the frail and fickle "gal who can't say 'no'."

The male comedy role, that of the wily and "wolfish" Persian peddler, will be sung by Jerry Mann.

Miss Daniels' fiancé will be played by Victor Griffin and the neurotic farmhand villain by Henry Clarke. Others in the cast include:

Heading the corps de ballet will be Claire Pasch and Roy Milton in the romantic leads. The 16-piece orchestra will be conducted by Peter Laurini.

Plants Flourish Botany Greenhouse

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Patricia Northrop — A soprano, Miss Northrop sings one of the leading roles in the Theatre Guild's musical, "Oklahoma," which is playing Jan. 8 and 9 at the Stuart theater. She sings the role of "Laurey," the farm girl heiress who loves and weds a penniless cowboy.

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Final Exam Schedule

Table with columns for dates (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) and times (9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., etc.) listing various classes such as Business Organization, Economics, Mathematics, Engineering, and Psychology.

'Lost, Found' At Ag Houses Stray Articles

How about a fine woolen scarf today? There are plaids and plain. Or perhaps a warm pair of gloves—a gay headscarf? A wide assortment is available.

No, it's not a bargain basement or even a rummage sale, though chances are it soon may be if nothing is changed.

This is an example of the variety offered by the "lost and found department" of the Ag Union, official one and only department of its kind on campus.

Approximately 24 different articles have been assembled in this unique collection. Fountain pens seem to be the most popular "homeless article" through the years.

Gloves are next on the list. At last report, there were eight pairs on hand, but maybe the prevailing weather has had some effect on that total.

There are leather gloves, silk gloves, plain gloves, colored gloves in assorted sizes and sex. From here the list continued with miscellaneous articles. Clasp, shoes, lipsticks, mufflers, shoes, a lone sweater, purses (with and without), keys and on into the night.

Wedding Ring One feature of the collection is a man's wedding ring which has been among the assembled articles for more than four years.

Hollis Eggers, Ag Union activities director, is threatening to do something about the situation soon, so—guys and gals—come in and claim it while it's there or forever hold your peace!

What Is Mystery Apparatus at NU? What is the apparatus on top of Burnett hall which some students have labeled a clothesline, others "radio equipment?"

The Daily Nebraskan will clue students in Tuesday's issue.

That Fatal Finals Season Back Again! Cheating Caused Suspensions in 1950

With final examinations again coming up, students are reminded of the fate of seven University students who were suspended nearly a year ago for exam cheating.

The suspensions resulted from three different incidents: In a mathematics final, one student attempted to substitute for another. Both were suspended.

Campus police and janitors caught three students who attempted to get examination questions by stealing two sacks of waste paper from the mimeographing department in the West Stadium. The trio hoped to find "trial-run" copies of examination questions.

Another case, a physics student copied laboratory experiments which he never did and turned them in for grading.

Next, after completing his own examination, the student worked the exam of a fellow student who feared failure and needed the credit for application to the college of Medicine.

The suspension decisions were given out by Dean of Student Affairs T. J. Thompson. Students suspended have the opportunity to appeal decisions to the Faculty Senate committee on student conduct.

A number of cheating cases have been reported to Thompson's office since the seven were suspended last winter.

According to Thompson, however, the number reported this fall has been "about average."

Consideration

Due consideration is given students before suspensory action is taken. "If the case is one where it is clear that a student has attempted to deceive, he stands to be suspended," explains Dean Thompson.

"If however, the case is not cheating but an accident, different action is taken. Cheating penalties are given out differently according to the different circumstances of different instances," Thompson added.

A suspension remains on a student's record until removed either by reconsideration on application of the student, or by order of the appeal committee.

May Not Re-enter

Suspensions must be removed before a student can re-enter the University. Often, a student with a notation of suspension on his record has a hard time when he wishes to transfer to another university.

Prospective employers often check University records before hiring applicants. Two offices were broken into last year during the pre-examination period. In one instance, a ransom was forced. In the other, a door was removed from its hinges.

In addition, University personnel reported theft of examination materials taken while employees were out of the room.

New Coed Dress Ensembles Sport Varying Purse Styles

Where do the coeds carry the powder, lipstick, rouge and mascara they are able to produce at any opportune moment of the day to use to good advantage?

Where did Sue get that basketball ticket I wanted the other day—or the second semester class schedule I needed so much on a moment's notice?

Chances are, all these things are carried in a square, round, or oblong object, with or without a handle of some sort, which the coeds generally call a "purse" or "bag"—and there are usually as many types and colors of purses as there are coeds.

Shoulder Bag Popular For instance, the shoulder bag is a favorite type of "equipment" this season and is steadily gaining more popularity.

Small "Corday" bags are still well in style. The trade name "Corday" not only applies to the company which makes the bags, but also to the material used in making the bag.

Velvet purses are not confined to dates only—they are now part of campus wearing apparel. Especially are they popular with this year's new velvet raincoats.

"Dress-up" purses worn by campus sets are made from almost any type of material or leather on the market. Fussy velvet purses are worn with frilly cocktail dresses; tailored leathers and suedes are worn with suits and afternoon dresses; and gorgeous satins and beaded purses complete the coed's evening ensemble.

Thus you have a review of another fashionable part of a coed's dress ensemble—the purse, which is a definite necessity for the many cosmetics, tickets, I. D. cards, and school supplies a college girl always carries.

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