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THE NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Should the changes in the A. S. U. O. constitution that will be presented to the students for approval one week from tomorrow be adopted? The revision of the constitution as planned by the committee which has been working on the plans for some time means practically an entirely new form of student government. It is more than a few amendments. It is a complete change.

That the present constitution and student government is sadly in need of repairs is no joke. Whether the proposed changes will ameliorate the defects which now exist or proceed to make them worse is a question which must be decided by the students very soon.

Under the tentative plan of revision announced yesterday, the three bodies of student government now known as the athletic council, the executive committee and the forensic council are to be united into one body which would control several smaller activity committees, all of which are appointive, and responsible to the larger body called the executive council. These smaller committees, under the plan, would cover every phase of student activity, would make recommendations to the executive council, and all demands for money by the respective activities would be made to a finance committee, another appointive body, differing in personnel but having approximately the same powers as the present executive committee.

The plan as it has been outlined is complicated, and hard for the average person to understand. It seems the idea for a change in the present plan of student government originated early in the year, and later a committee was set to work upon plans. This committee has spent some time gathering material, and has really put forth honest effort towards outlining a better system of government. Later the student council named a committee to eliminate several dead parts of the present constitution, and this committee was added to the first. Several long sessions have brought the plan to its present stage.

One of the radical changes proposed is to make all student managers appointive by the new executive council. This would affect the manager of the Emerald and Oregana, both of which have been elective, as well as the managers of the musical organizations, athletic teams and the like. It was thought that making these offices appointive would take the positions out of politics. Will it?

The new executive council would place the power of student government completely in the hands of students, as the number of students on the council and the various committees would outnumber the faculty or alumni. Are students capable of handling the weighty problems which may come before the council?

The new executive council would be a powerful body under the new plan, appointing or electing all student managers, all members of the various activity committees, nine in number, the graduate manager, and all coaches and trainers, as well as handling all student finances, and taking over all powers not delegated to other councils. Is this giving too much power to one body, to consist of six students, three faculty, one alumni, and two ex-officio members? Would there be danger in delegating so much power to such a small group?

There are many questions which must be decided before students can expect to vote intelligently on the new plan. The Emerald hopes to be able to present full details of the plan, as well as both sides of the question of a change in student government.

"If there is anything the public does not wish to go abroad to the world, it should blame itself that the thing exists—not the newspaper for publishing its existence." The application of this quotation might well be made to college publications, which are often asked to cover things up that

the outside world might not know what is happening. It need not be said again that the Emerald stands for the picturing of all that happens at Oregon—the news of the campus.

While this committee is revising the constitution, why not do away with the Yell Leader Advisory committee, a body which seems not to function. The varsity yell leader might well be made a member of the student council, since that group is given power to help in such matters as concerns University rooting. Often occasions arise where the help of the yell leader on the student council would be advisable.

Announcements

Boys' Work Class. — Meets with Hal Donnelly Wednesday evening at 8:15.

Sigma Delta Chi. — Meeting Thursday evening, 7:30 at the Kappa Sigma house.

Order of the "O." — The Order of the "O" will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the varsity room at the gym. Important business. "Spike" Leslie, president.

Washington Club. — Meeting Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in assembly room of Oregon hall.

Crossroads. — Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Home Economics Club. — Meeting Thursday evening at 7:15.

Condon Club. — Announces a meeting tonight at 7:30 in Johnson Hall, room 4. Dr. Hodge will speak on erosion by springs and its relation to railroad construction on the Pacific coast. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Boosters. — There will be a meeting of the Boosters Committee at the Bungalow Wednesday, March 2. This is the last meeting.

Lemon Punch Contributors. — Meeting of all contributors interested in the Lemon Punch. Journalism shack, tonight, 4:15. Important.

Oregana Art Staff. — There will be a meeting of everyone who is doing art work for the Oregana, Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock in the Oregana office.

Women's Education Club. — Important meeting of the women's education club Wednesday, March 2, 4:15, in room II, education building.

Mikado Rehearsal. — There will be a rehearsal of the whole Mikado cast in Guild Theater tonight at 7:00. mar-5

Communications

HEADS UP!

To the Editor:
"Hold not your horn on high. Look not with a stiff neck," commands the Bible with amazing audacity.

"Why if you don't people think you ain't nobody!" remarks a fair coed in perhaps slightly better English. The Bible is wrong—utterly wrong. The fair coed is right. We may concede that the Bible was right when it was written, but that was ages ago when people weren't cultured to the degree they now are.

What is the use of having culture if we do not use it? It never pays in this progressive age to be bashful. People who are too meek to show what they know are "goofs." This is not mere theory or contention. It is an established truth. If you doubt it ask anyone—anyone who amounts to something. The opinion of the others doesn't count.

Figuratively we are in Rome and when in Rome—, but even that maxim is out dated. It should rather be, "When in Rome outdo the Romans." When cultured people hold their horns on high and look with stiff necks do not the same yourself, but hold your horn yet higher and look with a neck stiffer than the stiffest. Fool them. That's the game.

Why if you can outdo them at these little things they will naturally come to the conclusion that you are in reality better than they. You must always remember, "Thinking is believing." You are what you make people think you are.

There are some authorities on the Theory of Culture who condemn the famed old Oregon "Hello." They insist that by compelling us to speak to everyone it brings us down to level of the "Goofs," since we fail to show that we can hold our noses higher and our necks stiffer than the lesser forms of humanity about us.

This contention is unfounded, as proven by experiment. If we use the "Hello" custom to its full advantage it will aid rather than hinder us in our advance toward culture. It causes the "Goofs" and the Elite alike to notice our existence, thus affording us a superb opportunity to greet them icily and, when we wish to make a special impression—to ignore them entirely. This has the psychological effect of squelching them and inducing them to admiration of ourselves. The women have a particular advantage under this system and I can say truthfully are making the most of their opportunity.

R. G. W.

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