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## WHAT IS WRONG?

What is wrong with the present constitution and the present system of student government? The fact that the movement for a change in the A. S. U. O. constitution came from the executive committee, one of the bodies which would be abolished under the new constitution, is significant of the truth of the assumption that something is wrong. It came from that body, and last night was approved by the three bodies whose powers it is to combine. These three governmental instruments, the executive committee, the athletic council, and the forensic council, must have realized the faults of the present system or they would never have approved the new plan.

The financial system as used by the associated students now is anything but a modern system. It has been antedated by modern business methods, where the tendency is towards systematization and centralization. At present, with no budget system, the executive committee, a small, unrepresentative body, has acted merely as a "rubber stamp" in authorizing the payment of bills previously contracted by other elements of the associated students. Because of the lack of centralization, it cannot well refuse to pay bills previously contracted.

A budget system has been a dire need of the associated students for some time. At present the graduate manager and the executive committee cannot well refuse requests of the various activities for money, whether that activity will make money or lose it. The forensic council arranges a debate; the athletic council hires a new coach—and the executive council merely arranges to pay the bills as best it may. A budget system would allow the expenditure of a certain sum for each activity through the graduate manager.

The new constitution is the result of the realization of the lax financial system used by the associated students at present, and the changes to be made are, for the most part, merely to remedy that system of financial control. Lack of a budget system and lack of centralization are faults of the present system—faults which the new constitution seeks to remedy.

Oregon wins the northwest conference championship in basketball, not having lost a single game, and comes within one game of taking the coast championship as well. "Successful season" is right!

Tomorrow's assembly should prove to be the most important student meeting of the year. Matters which are to be brought up directly concern every student. No cutting!

## Announcements

**Lecture.**—A lecture on "Social Legislation" will be given tonight by Reverend E. V. O'Hara at the Y. M. C. A. bungalow at 7:15 o'clock.

**Masons.**—There will be a meeting of the Craftsmen Wednesday, March 9, at 5 p. m., dinner after meeting. The officers of the Eugene Lodge will be our guests.

**Order of the "O."**—There will be an important business meeting of the Order of the "O" Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Anchorage.—Spike Leslie, President.

**Washington Club.**—The final meeting of the Washington club this term will be held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening in the assembly room of the education building.

**Advertising Students.**—There will be a meeting in the journalism annex this afternoon at 4:15 of all men interested in advertising. The meeting has been called to discuss the formation of an advertising club on the campus.

**Commerce Majors.**—Meeting of all commerce majors this evening in Villard hall at 8 o'clock. Officers will be elected for the new chamber of commerce organization and its constitution will be up for approval.

**Newman Club.**—Mid-lent mission conducted at church every night this week by Fr. J. R. Towey, former chaplain at universities of California and Michigan. Catholics and others interested are specially urged to attend 7:30 tonight and Wednesday night.

## The Campus Cynic

### THE SOPHOMORE CLASS (?)

Dear Editor:

As individuals we sophomores are an "up-and-at-'em" aggregation of peppy people; but as the Class of '23 we need a collective tablespoonful of Nuxated Iron after each meal and immediately before retiring. Fact. We are so inanimate, comatose, inert, defunct, moribund that, in comparison, the petrified trees of Arizona are graceful, waving willow wands. You know those trees don't you? Well they've been petrified ever since Chief Silver-in-the-Heel, the grand daddy of the whole Indian race, in fleeing from an enraged nine-tailed Gopher-hippus, stubbed his toe on those recumbent, erstwhile monarchs of the forest, and in the friction resulting from the collision discovered fire.

We've held four meetings this year (using the term 'meeting' in the sense that one person or more constitutes a 'meeting'). There was in the region of a dozen people at one meeting. At another we wandered around Villard, like the lost tribes of Israel, looking for some unoccupied spot to hold conclave, finally roosting on the stairs. What happened at the other two gatherings, I don't know—wasn't ever able to run down the place of assembly on either occasion.

Personally I believe that we ought to hold a special meeting in the near future and draw up a memorial of appreciation of the freshman class for organizing the frosh tradition committee with which to chastise themselves for committing misdemeanors against the rules of the school. They certainly are gentlemen—and ladies—in that class, so conscientious and considerate in aiding us. Of course we could have taken over the functions of maintaining order—in fact I seem to recollect that such is the customary duty of sophomore classes in

general. But the gentlemanly action of the frosh certainly deserves a vote of thanks on our part. Also, while we are giving thanks, let us extend them to the Order of the "O" for relieving us of the barbarous and inhuman duty of penalizing lawbreakers. We are not like other soph classes. We can't be bothered by such roughneck methods. We are too refined—much too refined.

Next year we have considerable work to do—junior week-end, and many other affairs. Now wouldn't it be nice to get the frosh (class of '25) to organize a committee to help us out? It would take a lot of work off our hands, and I'm sure they would be only too glad to aid us—and incidentally get a little experience for themselves. And while we are doing that why not have the Order of the "O" give us a hand—and the class of '24—and the seniors?? If we pressed the matter hard enough we might even secure the services of the faculty to advise us and smooth out difficulties. These things are worth thinking about. We need all the help we can get. Social affairs and natural-born refinement enjoin us from getting mixed up in these functions too deeply.

I suggest that we institute a Pansy Day. On this day each of the class of '23 is to get out and plant our class flower—the pansy—along the borders of the campus pathways. This would be a brilliant move; it would serve two purposes: proving that there really and truly is a sophomore class in the University this year, and beautifying the campus with that modest, shrinking, and delicate emblem of our organization.

## BUYING IS DISCUSSED

House Managers Meeting Held by Home Economics Department.

The buying problem of the house manager was discussed Monday night at a meeting held by the home economics department. This was the first at which men were invited to attend and is one of a series being given at which the women, in the past have been the only attendants.

In order to aid the men in their pro-

gram of better and more economical feeding, the domestic arts department invited the fraternity house managers to attend Monday night's meeting. The question of wholesale and retail purchasing of foodstuffs was discussed and a committee appointed to investigate the possibilities for collective purchasing here.

The collective purchasing system in vogue at O. A. C. was described, and a number of alternative systems outlined. Mrs. E. P. Datson gave a short talk upon her experiences in doing the pur-

chasing for the University dormitories. Miss Lillian Tingle presided at the meeting.

The committee appointed consists of St. Starr, Arthur Berg, Don Davis, Ralph Poston, Wanda Nelson, Alice Curtis, Fern Murphy and Margaret Beattie. The result of their investigations will be reported at a future meeting of the conferences.

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