

New Administrative Policy Outlined By Bartholomew

With the opening of the University next fall, the student administration will face problems of a type differing from any with which it has had to contend during past years. The A. S. U. O. will be functioning under a new constitution, the basic principles of which are different from those underlying the system which terminates this year.

The general policy which will govern the actions of the new administration will be one of constructive activity, according to Lyle Bartholomew, president-elect, in whose hands will rest the guiding of affairs for the next academic year.

"I believe," said Bartholomew, "that the next constitution is basically all that it should be. There will be no small things that will have to be changed and made over as problems arise, but in the main we are pointed toward the efficient conduct of all student business."

One of the signal things which will be undertaken next year, will be the placing of the Greater Oregon committee upon a more active and efficient basis. Much of the territory of the state is still uninfluenced by the alumni. Since the world war, the work of this body has been somewhat disorganized. Its plan of activity will be revamped and new lines of work introduced and new methods of reaching the high school students developed.

Standard to Be Raised.

"The new administration," said Bartholomew, "will be strongly in favor of the raising of the scholastic standard. It will work with the keen realization that a degree should only be granted for the completion of work of a high standard—a standard which should be universally that of the school itself."

Larger student honorary organizations instead of a greater number of smaller societies should be encouraged, he feels. He believes that the present tendency to have many honorary groups should give place to more inclusive departmental organizations which will have more significance and a wider field of activity. "One department," he said "has four separate honorary fraternities. When these are of a local nature it would be better

to encourage their consolidation, in order that they may be in a position to bring bigger attractions to the campus and wield more influence."

The formation of many small groups will not be encouraged by the new administration at the expense of the enlargement of societies already well founded upon the campus, but will exert itself to secure their enlargement in scope to include a field wide enough to embrace the activities which would be in the more limited scope of each similar organization.

To Uphold Oregon Prestige.

The coming year will bring several controversies in the sport world. Action on these will depend largely upon immediate conditions but Bartholomew feels that no matter what action is taken it should be such as will guard the prestige of Oregon. The administration will have as one general aim the betterment of the financial condition of the student body. To this end the budget system will accomplish much, and a special committee will be appointed from the executive council to handle these matters.

Oregon spirit will come in for its share of rejuvenation. "In past years," said Bartholomew, "the spirit of the University has been built up by individual association. The school was so small that spirit was almost a 'family affair.' The University has outgrown this and in intensifying the spirit next year we feel that we have to work upon a different principle.

"The spirit of the institution will have to be based upon the interest that each student takes in his line of work and in the organizations with which he is connected. It will have to rest upon the willingness of the students to be of service in any lines of activity into which they are called. The school is too large for everyone to take part in every line of student work. The Oregon Spirit of the future will depend upon the vigor with which everyone does his share in the task, which will ultimately raise the standard of activity to a new and higher level."

COLLEGE TRADITIONS WORK OF EVOLUTION

Annual Events In College Life Began Small.

Squirmy polywogs and monkeys swinging by their tails from limb to limb, is the vision conjured up in most minds by the word "evolution." But just the same it is a nice word. It means a little beginning and a big ending.

For instance, here on the campus we say "hello," and go to the Junior Prom, and get out for rallies, and insist that the freshmen wear caps, and don't think much about how it all started. But all of our school customs began little and evolved big.

In the olden days a rally here on the campus resembled a small-town charivari in its incipient stages. A handful of students would sneak out the family dishpan or pick up some rusty cans, and make a valiant attempt at disturbing the peace. The results seemed too mild, and along about 1905 they went at it systematically, elected a leader, and now—consider the Homecoming bonfire and the Oregon-O. A. C. football rallies!

Little by little and bit by bit was our present Junior Weekend evolved. At the very first it was exceedingly proper, and took the form of a literary afternoon, when a few young ladies recited verses and sang songs. But the animals spirits of mere man soon busted out. The sophs and juniors made the occasion one of black eyes and bloody noses, over a difference of opinion as to whether or not the juniors should fly a flag on this said afternoon.

Fights were free-for-all and quite in order for a time. Then the faculty stepped in and diverted this misplaced energy toward improving the campus. Now we have "clean up day" and the campus luncheon.

Other events were added, the junior prom the sports, the interclass contests, until now we have a three-day celebration which proves by the attendance at the following Monday classes the theory of "the survival of the fittest."

CLASS MEMORIALS ON CAMPUS ARE MANY

Gifts Range From Old Fountains to Arbors and Pictures.

An old arbor, made of iron and rusted with years of exposure, stands on the lower campus just west of the driveway past Deady hall. Until last fall it was covered with a thick tangle of English ivy and little of the frame except the arrow-like spire could be seen.

Some months ago, however, gardeners cleared away the vine and since then the bare skeleton has stood there alone. Each day hundreds of students pass near it and almost invariably glance at it as they go. There are many, too, who wonder just why it is there but few ever go over to examine it closely. If they did they would notice that above the doorway if any one side can be called the doorway, an arc of a circle in which are set the letters, "Normal 85."

Memorials Little Known.

This is but one of the class memorials, many of them little known to the student of today, which may be found on the Oregon campus. The arbor is the gift of the graduating class of 1885. An interesting fact concerning this class is that it was the last class to receive diplomas in Deady hall as the exercises have ever since been held in Villard.

Sometimes it is hard to realize that 40 years ago there was a student body here, like, in many respects, that of today in their ideas and class customs. But it is a fact that the first senior class ever graduated left an English laurel tree as a memorial when they left in 1878. This tree now stands just west of the walk leading from Deady to Villard. This class established the custom of leaving some token on the campus when they left and class after class has done the same.

The tree of the class of '83 has interesting antecedents. It was grown from a slip from the famous elm at the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon. Senator Slater, father of one of the members of the class, sent the slip to Eugene and from it has grown a beautiful tree. This

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Phenomenal Progress Made By A.S.U.O. In Past Year

Few student-administrations have ever made such rapid progress toward better government and fuller co-operation as has that which has guided the destinies of the A. S. U. O. during the past school year. Due to the activities of the student officers, the A. S. U. O. will begin next year under a modern constitution and a unified spirit that together should accomplish much.

The most signal change has been that of the constitution, which was ratified by the vote of the students. Under the new code, control of all activities is centralized under the executive council in place of the diversified control formerly vested in different councils and committees. It provides for a budget system and is fashioned along the most modern governmental lines.

Carlton Savage, president of the student body during the past year, was largely responsible for the formation of the new code. He was assisted in drafting it by members of the student administrations as well as of the faculty. "The new code," said Savage, "in addition to putting finances on a sound basis and centralizing control, is constructed so that policy determining officers are elected, and business officers appointed. This is the new theory of running a government and puts the University upon the basis of the small modern commonwealth. It eliminates red tape, confusion, and makes possible efficient functioning of each department. Committees of oversee all activities will radiate from the central council.

Savage Praises New Code.

"I am convinced," he continued, "that there may be minor flaws in this new code, but they are not basic. The constitution is founded upon sound principles—principles which have been tried and proven."

One of the most notable things during the year, according to Savage is the large amount of co-operation exhibited among both the students and faculty. The year started with much dissension

that followed a strenuous political fight. "In not a case, however," said Savage, "has anyone refused their utmost assistance in any student matter. Committees have given their best and have accomplished much. There have been controversies, such as those over the graduate manager, and football coach, but in each instance the students have got behind the decision finally reached, and boosted." General efficiency has marked the work of the administration. Nothing has been left to change. Even student body meeting programs have been figured in advance.

Much improvement has been noticed, says Savage, in the treatment that has been accorded visiting teams. Committees have been placed in charge of arrangements for every competing group which has come to the University, with a view to giving them the best treatment which the city afforded.

In the realm of sports, Oregon corralled the northwest basketball championship, and is this year, for the first time, playing host to the Pacific Coast Conference track meet.

Student Body Debt Curtailed.

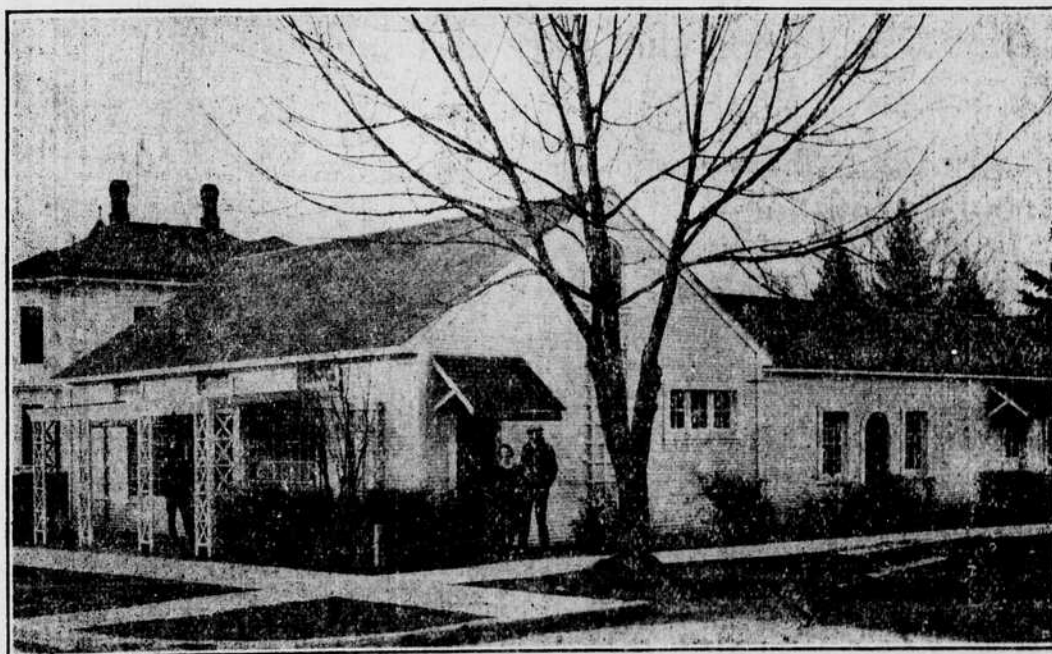
The administration started the year with a debt of \$13,000. Although this amount has been reduced but very little, the new budget plan was incorporated in the constitution to stop all leakage and diminish this amount. The entire financial system will be under the control of the executive council. "I believe," said Savage "that it should become an unwritten law that this body should not be composed of more than one member from any one campus organization.

"One of the biggest things of the year," he said, "is the fine spirit of mutual help which has developed. Without it, no student administration can hope to achieve any great results. Unification has been better during the past year than for some time, and it means that those guiding the work are given the support they need to do the big things which foster a bigger and better University in every sense of the word."

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