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THE AMENDMENTS

TOMORROW students will vote on 38 proposed amendments to the constitution of the A. S. U. O. The Emerald hereby makes an attempt to analyze as briefly as possible this flood of amendments, giving recommendations.

The amendments present a hodge-podge of varied and frequently conflicting proposals which will confuse and obstruct a wise consideration on the part of the student body at large. Backers of the revision committee's six proposals are recommending to their friends that they vote only for those six, with the obvious implication that the rest should be voted down indiscriminately. These are the tactics of bossism, and as such are to be condemned. Certainly these tactics will later be assailed by those who have proposed the 30 independent amendments which will occupy the rest of the ballot.

The Emerald concurs in its support of the revision committee's amendments, but it finds several suggestions of genuine value in the independent amendments. We recommend that these amendments be given careful consideration and we open our Safety Valve column tomorrow to all students who disagree with us.

Limitation of space forbids consideration of all the amendments in today's issue. We will take up the rest tomorrow, and give a complete list of the Emerald's recommendations, to be carried to the polls.

We have no knowledge of the order of appearance of the revision committee's six amendments, but are assuming that they will appear first in the list of amendments, since they refer to no specific sections of the constitution. These were discussed in assembly—we recommend them all; several of them embody suggestions made by the Emerald. The remainder of the amendments we have arranged in order as they appear in the constitution. In tomorrow's Emerald Richard Neuberger will be granted space to argue for the amendments he has proposed.

1. (To exempt from payment of A. S. U. O. fees all students physically or financially unable to enjoy the benefits of membership, and setting up a committee to hear exemption petitions.)

A good amendment; recommended by the Emerald some weeks ago. Vote YES.

2. (To set quorum at 400 students.)

The revision committee has a better amendment, permitting quorum to vary proportionately with A. S. U. O. enrollment. Vote NO.

3. (To alternate student body presidency between men and women.)

Excellent humor; also excellent example of malicious obstructionism. Vote NO.

4. (To set time of A. S. U. O. nominations and elections.)

Revision committee's amendment covering elections is more than adequate. Vote NO.

5. (To change dates for A. S. U. O. nominations and elections.)

Proposal of the constitutional revision committee to place all elections, both class and student body, on the same day, simplifies election difficulties in the best possible manner. See reference to amendment No. 19 below. Vote NO.

6. (To reduce number of petition signatures necessary to start recall of student officers; to reduce number of votes necessary to recall an officer.)

Present recall provisions are adequate. In a later amendment, to be considered tomorrow, recall provisions for the Emerald editor are proposed to be made more difficult; student officers should have similar protection. Vote NO.

7. (To create places on the executive council for an unaffiliated man and an unaffiliated woman, to be elected only by vote of students not affiliated with social fraternities or sorority; these unaffiliated students to become members automatically of

finance, athletic, publications and student relations committees.)

At risk of appearing unfriendly to the interests of independent students, we cannot conscientiously recommend this amendment. It would simply serve to draw a line of clear distinction between fraternity and non-fraternity people; it would give rise to the evils of a clearly defined two-party, two-caste system on this campus, which has been singularly free from enduring political lineups hitherto; and it would serve automatically to shut out independent students from any position in student affairs other than the niche provided in this amendment. We believe that the Emerald is as generous to independent students as it could possibly be—14 out of the 25 executive positions on the staff are filled by unaffiliated people, including two of the four highest positions—yet we cannot approve this proposal to make the independent student an individual apart from his fellows.

Many independents will vote for this proposal, although several independent leaders have told us they do not favor it. Our recommendation, for the reasons given above, is: Vote NO.

8. (The Executive Council shall have control of all funds of the association, with power to pledge and/or hypothecate the same and the fees herein designated to create said funds as security for any advances or loans made to the Associated Students and use said funds and/or said fees in payment thereof, but all loans so secured and all fees so hypothecated must be approved at a general or special election of the members of the association, by a majority vote, before such loan is made or fees hypothecated.)

With all due respect to the excellent theory prompting this proposal, we call attention to the fact that almost any contract, however trivial, entered into by the A. S. U. O. could be delayed for days or weeks by a strict interpretation of this clause. The printing contract for the Oregona, for instance, is normally let at a regular meeting of the publications committee in November or December. Since it involves the pledging of A. S. U. O. funds which may not be collected until spring term, this bit of business would have to be subjected to a student body vote. Furthermore, the A. S. U. O. continues to operate even when school is not in session, and it is often necessary to borrow a small amount of money before school begins in the fall, with the fall term fees as security. This amendment would make such a loan impossible.

The principal trouble with this amendment is the fact that it gives the executive council no discretion whatsoever to contract loans, however small, or enter into contracts, however slight, without a student body election; for all contracts entered upon by the A. S. U. O. are based upon the hypothecation of student fees.

Vote NO.

9. (To open executive council meetings to all students.)

Any person who has seen deliberative bodies heckled and hampered at their sessions by representatives of special interests and factions will appreciate the dangers in the first proposal. The second is the logical manner of bringing all executive council proceedings into the open.

On No. 9, Vote YES.

10. (To publish full proceedings of executive council in Emerald on day after meeting.)

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11. (To institute the initiative and referendum.)

Abuse of the initiative and referendum (demonstrated by the Zorn-Macpherson bill and many others) has thrown these progressive governmental processes into disrepute in many quarters. Only 426 students voted at the last general election of the A. S. U. O., and probably not more than that number will vote tomorrow. According to the proposed amendment, 43 students would be sufficient to call a special election of the A. S. U. O., with its proverbial campaigning, tumult and distractions.

If the initiating and referring processes were made more difficult, we could support the amendment; as it is, we see prospects only of constant turmoil. Vote NO.

12. (New type of judiciary committee.)

The conflicting amendment submitted by the revision committee gives fully as much power to the committee, gives more student representation. Vote NO.

13. (To make it mandatory upon the A. S. U. O. to publish each year a student handbook.)

Publication of the handbook was discontinued two years ago because of the expense. When funds are again available, the handbook will again be published, but it should not be mandatory upon the A. S. U. O. to make this expenditure if the financial situation does not warrant it. Vote NO.

14. (To reduce Associated Student membership dues from \$5 to \$3 per term.)

This amendment is cleverly constructed to remove it from the jurisdiction of the state board of higher education, which recently rejected a proposal for optional membership, apparently on the grounds that income to the A. S. U. O. should not be reduced until the association is on better financial footing.

The Emerald has previously declared that A. S. U. O.'s income should not be imperiled until its obligations are retired. We maintain that stand. Vote NO.

15. (Relieving graduate students of compulsory payment of fees to the A. S. U. O.)

The Emerald has consistently maintained that graduate students should not be required to pay fees for the support of an organization in which they have neither voice nor vote. Vote YES.

16. (Students may loan student body cards.)

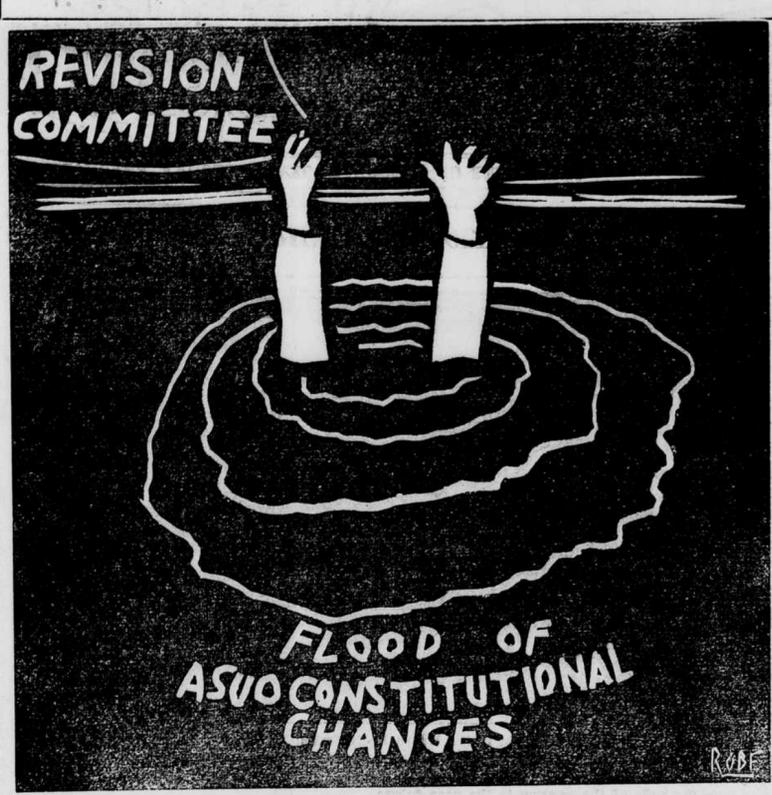
No comment needed. Vote NO.

17. (To audit books of A. S. U. O. by state auditor, and to publish audit report.)

Students are entitled to a statement of condition, of expenses and revenues of their association. Vote YES.

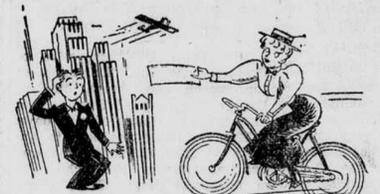
18. (To grant \$150 per term of A. S. U. O. funds to the faculty committee on Free Intellectual Activities.)

Swamped - - - - - By STANLEY ROBE



SIMON LEGREE'S COLUMN

Ann-Red Burns, in Emerald commentary on article in 1897 issue of 'The Housekeeper,' revives interest in bicycling.



Above is a suggestion contributed by Simon's staff artist. In the picture Miss Burns is carrying her idea still further. During her spring vacation in Portland, she is delivering handbills titled: 'How a Cyclist May Remain a Lady.'

SLIGHT VARIATIONS IN READING HABITS MAY HELP STUDENTS

Just 'rinstance, if Gamma Phi Beta swapped its unexpired subscription to 'True Movie Romances' for 'Essentials of English Grammar.'

'Next time you go for a ride in the country and have an opportunity to compare a fine fatted steer that is a picture with an old slopy woman or a milk cow, it is then that you are struck with the realization of which animal you would choose to have as a steak or a roast. Even the best meat is so cheap that anyone may afford to have it.'

But, Mr. Ward, just suppose you have no money and no credit, but you're awful hungry and you do have a mother-in-law?

SPEAKER SAYS ROMANCE STILL EXISTS IN LOVE

There's no money in it.



Member of Dean Eric Allen's class in Editing completes his 'editing thesis' according to specifications.

A LETTER FROM UNCLE RUFUS

Dear Nephew: Replyin' t'yer request fer cash o' the 21st inst., I note you need study books. Mebbe we could send

Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

SINCE 2 a. m. Sunday, the Alpha Phi has taken up the wearing of dark glasses in a big way, and who wouldn't?

We are sorry to be so cryptic, but it is impossible to print the real facts without causing considerable consternation in some quarters. Suffice it to say that it concerns Butch Morse's race for life, wild cries for 'Herman' and 'McCracken' in the middle of the night, sundry splashing, and a general defiance of the W. C. T. U. Ah, the agony of being an interested

you to a place I heard about once called Schlaraffenland, where the biggest liar gets t'be king.

I been readin' that marked Emerald paper y'-been sendin' Susie Ann, an' from the number o' times y'git yer name in them articles, I can't see how y'have time t'read them ten study books y' bought last month.

Seems mebbe yer tryin' t'be the biggest frog down there t' college. It won't git you noplace. Course neither yer ma nor me'd want you t'be like Jane Perkins. She didn't do nothin' an' got so lonesome she jist studied all the time t'keep from feelin' bad. All she got was a mite o' a gold badge smaler'n a suspender buckle that said O B K, but the O was crossed out.

Got t'readin' one o' them books in yer late dad's bookcase t'other day, an' I had yer little sister copy off a verse by a feller name o' Godfrey. Mebbe t'd apply t' the college:

I only ask a moderate fate, And tho' not in obscurity I would not yet be placed too high,— Between the two extremes I'd lie; Not meanly low, nor yet too great, From both contempt and envy free.

Yer lovin' uncle, RUFUS

The Life Underwriters association, according to Ye Emerald, offers prizes to students of insurance classes who make the most irresistible 'sales talks.'

Believing that the new America needs, not more salesmanship, but more sales resistance, this column announces the 'Simon Legree Sales Resistance Contest,' to be held sometime next month, with prizes as follows:

First prize: One long-legged bulldog with extra-overslung jaws.

Second prize: One right shoe with hobnailed toe.

Third prize: One automatic door-slammer.

people on the campus to petition Tom Mountain to exchange names with Georgie Bennett! There IS a certain poetic fitness about the idea.

And just to make ourselves thoroughly popular we will repeat the hint thrown out the other day by one of the Tri-Delt sisters: 'There is a strange subterranean connection between the flowers the Delts flaunt at formal dinners, and the graveyard.'

OGDEN GNASHES 'With a ho-de-hos And hi-de-his We're counting the days 'Til Calloway dies'

A strong movement is on foot among t' certain 'precise-minded tonight!'

Reading and Writing Emerald of the Air

PEGGY CHESSMAN, Editor

SOON after Vicki Baum established residence in the United States she went to Hollywood in connection with the production of one of her books as a film. Instead of finding it a crazy world of haphazard events and energies misdirected, as have a great many outsiders, she found it a tremendous factory, working at full speed, a business to which all personal fortunes, loves, hates, misfortunes, pains, even death itself, must be subordinated.

So thoroughly impressed with the motion picture world was she that she wove the theme for a new novel around life as it is depicted there. She plunges into a dramatic, swift-moving, descriptive tale of a grand opening in the California city, complete with Hollywood atmosphere, with her characters in the midst of lights and cameras and microphones and jewels and everything we associate with Hollywood.

Her story, inspiring and emotional, rich and glamorous, shows that she saw all of the phases of Hollywood clearly, and with a slight amount of cynicism.

The plot deals with an English Valentino of the screen world, who as hero, hits the peak of his career at the beginning of the story. The heroine is the forgotten favorite of silent pictures. She loves Oliver Dent, the hero of the tale, but in her effort to re-establish herself on the screen, she directs all her energies towards the comeback. Therein lies the source of action.

The book is so typical of the screen city that it may prove disillusioning to those who have set up definite ideals about life and love in Hollywood.

A complete record of the growth of a poetic mind is revealed in Earle Vonard Weller's 'Autobiography of John Keats.' Believing that a man knows himself better than anyone else, is his severest critic, Weller has amassed 227 letters Keats penned to relatives and friends, and has used this material for a true biography of the famed poet.

Weller himself is a professor at Stanford university and is familiar with his material from years of study. Although his book was but recently published, it has been widely endorsed by leading professors throughout the United States. Prof. A. C. Bradley has written: 'The letters throw light on all of Keats's poetry. They reveal the changes of his mind and temper. They disposed the fiction of a puny Keats 'snuffed out by an article, a sensuous Keats of claret and 'slippery blisses,' and the mere Keats out of touch with the world.'

Harry Buxton Forman, editor of many editions of Keats's verse, says: 'The best biography of John Keats, whether as man or poet, was written by himself all unconscious of what he was doing.'

As additions to the book, there are 50 illustrations by William Wilke, and notes in an appendix form.

FORMER ASSEMBLY FOR VISITOR IS RECALLED

(Continued from Page One) the ribs, which was enough to set me off.

But I recovered myself in time and, daring to glance up from my bowed posture, albeit dreading some divine vengeance on my head, I caught sight of President

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