

Oregon Emerald

PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Fred W. Colvig, editor
LeRoy Mattingly, managing editor
Wm. F. Lubersky, Assistant Business Manager

Associate editors: Clair Johnson, Virginia Endicott.

UPPER NEWS STAFF

Pat Frizzell, sports editor
Paul Deutschmann, news editor
Bernadine Bowman, exchange editor
Gladys Battleson, society editor
Paul Plank, radio editor

Lloyd Tupling, assistant managing editor
Edwin Robbins, art editor
Clare Igoe, women's page editor
Leonard Greenup, chief night editor
Jean Weber, morgue director

Day editor: Margaret Ray
Night editor: Margaret Dick

And Sur-Rebuttal

"SCRATCH A RUSSIAN and you'll find a Tartar."

We've scratched the AWS, and we wish we had only a Tartar to reckon with. He'd be a lamb beside the two furious women whom our editorials on female politics have aroused. But we're brave, and we'll stand behind every word we've uttered on this subject.

First, permit us to sum up what we have said. It seems awfully innocent when we look back on it, but we certainly were toying with dynamite. Our opening sally was an objection to the secrecy with which the nominations preceding the AWS elections were handled. To us, it looked like a slick way of covering up the inter-sorority back-scratching that we presume goes on behind the scene of women's politics every year—the old idea of "you scratch my back this year, and I'll scratch yours next year," as a result of which the principal offices in the female political constellation move through a four-house orbit on Fifteenth street between Alder and Kincaid.

WHEN THE FLURRY from this effort quieted down, we were aroused to editorial action again by the ballot-burning ceremony so impressively conducted by election officials after the votes were tallied. In an editorial "Purged in Flame," we deplored that the smoke from those burning ballots should have carried away every opportunity the AWS had of "checking, recounting, of vindicating" the nominations of its secret committee. For if a tally of those ballots showed wide margins of victory for the successful candidates it might have proved the truth of the rumors current that "the deck was more or less stacked because of the selection of nominees by a committee, making the elections cut and dried affairs."

This editorial was fanned along by a communication contributed yesterday by Lloyd Tupling, a member of the Emerald staff but quite eligible to write as many letters to the editor as he pleases. Mr. Tupling called attention to the part played by personnel officers in the conduct of women's activities, decried the "hand-picking" of nominees by a small, non-representative group, and exhorted us to "keep hammering away" at a situation which each year leaves many coeds feeling that they have received a dirty deal.

THERE ARE TWO main points in the communications from Miss Martha McCall and Miss Margilee Morse, which are printed on this page—defense of secret nominations and an attempt to vindicate the ballot-burning. Both young ladies give excellent briefs for the AWS case, but it would take an even stronger brief to make that case defensible.

There is no excuse for the ballot burning. In our editorial on this subject we presumed that it was done to save the feeling of defeated candidates; this was big-souled, we felt, but not justified under the circumstances. Miss Morse brings out another defense for the incineration of the votes, maintaining that it prevented disgruntled politicians from checking back and seeing where they had been jilted in their campaign promises. If such was the purpose of the act, it was fine. But it was misconceived, for no examination of the election returns, unless the candidate had been completely snowed under, would have showed exactly where the break occurred, because under the Australian system of balloting the votes cannot be identified.

The nominating committee, which both young ladies warmly defend, has something to say in its favor if it insures that the most capable candidates shall be brought forward, but if it works to perpetuate the control of AWS affairs by a favored few sororities, it cannot be termed a just system.

THERE IS MORE to be said against the nominating committee than we have yet mentioned. First of all, it gives an unfair advantage to those candidates who have the prestige of the committee behind them. Other candidates of equal or even greater ability fail to receive proper consideration. Furthermore, when the nominations are made secretly and the candidates alone are informed of their choice, it gives them an opportunity to build their political fences unimpeded in the three or four days before nominations are made publicly from the floor. The fact that consent

must be secured from the candidates does not warrant four days of secrecy.

If, as it is contended, the nominating committee performs a useful function in ascertaining the scholastic eligibility of the candidates, why—may we ask—couldn't they just as well present a large list of persons eligible for nomination to the entire assembly at its open meeting?

IT IS ARGUED that the present system of secret nominations, with only two days' lapse of time between the public nominations convention and the election, leaves no time for line-ups to form. But this argument collapses in the face of what actually happened this year and happens every year. Surely, neither Miss McCall nor Miss Morse is so naive as to believe that the usual old fence-building wasn't pursued during those two days.

Nope, the briefs offered by Misses McCall and Morse aren't strong enough to secure the acquittal of the system which controls women's politics at present. What is needed is not a whole-hearted white-washing of that system, but an examination of it and a determination of how it could be brought to represent fairly and openly the women of this campus.

Campus Comment

(The views aired in this column are not necessarily expressive of Emerald policy. Communications should be kept within a limit of 250 words. Courteous restraint should be observed in reference to personalities. No unsigned letters will be accepted.)

THE EMERALD IS ENLIGHTENED

To the Editor: In view of the fact that there has been a great deal of criticism levied against the A.W.S., Y.W.C.A., and W.A.A. elections, I should like to enlighten the Emerald staff. The "smooth dictatorship" which carried on the nominations for the A.W.S. offices was a committee made up of all the seniors on the A.W.S. Council, numbering nine and representing six living organizations, not all sororities. The meeting was held in the office of the Dean of Women where records of activities and grades are kept.

In order to run for any office it is necessary that the candidates have a high enough grade point average, so that she will not lose her office through the action of the university. Another qualification is ability. A girl may be outstanding in activities, due to the efforts of her organization and yet not have the ability to carry out a decent piece of work. As each office was considered, the list of girls in that specified year of school was read over, with all of the outstanding ones selected. From that list each member of the committee voted for the candidates.

At the nominating assembly the report of the committee was read and nominations were received from the floor. The work of the nominating committee has been kept a secret for various good reasons. The consent of the candidates must be secured, as some do not desire to run for women's offices and others, having been nominated by more than one group, are given an opportunity to select the office for which they wish to run.

As for the elections, they are carried on in the same manner as the A.S.U.O. elections. The ballots were read by one member of the committee, were tallied by two other members, and the reader was watched by a fourth. Since both of the tallies came out the same, it was justly considered correct. Hence, the burning of the ballots.

The women students are more than flattered that their activities have received so much attention from the male members of the staff.

MARTHA McCALL, President, AWS

FURTHER ENLIGHTENMENT

To the Editor: The editorial in Tuesday's Emerald and Mr. Lloyd Tupling's letter in the Wednesday Emerald make rather specific accusations in regard to the recent AWS, YWCA and WAA elections. Our attention is called to these assumptions:

1. Dictatorship of personnel nominating committee.
2. Secrecy of the names of candidates.
3. Secrecy in regard to the actual ballot count and burning of the ballots.

1. The personnel of the nominating committee is made up of all seniors on the AWS council, which persons represent as unbiased a group as can be obtained.

2. The names of the candidates are kept secret—first of all to make sure that all those selected can run and secondly (and most important) to minimize the political aspects, by asking all candidates to maintain secrecy and thus prevent any campaigning before the time of nominations.

The report of the nominating committee is read at the AWS mass meeting at which time anyone can add nominees to the list for any office. This way, also, eliminates the necessity for petitions being filed and the pre-nomination campaigns of the ASUO.

Having less than two days between the nomination and elections, the amount of "dirty" political work is cut to a minimum.

3. In regard to burning the ballots and not publishing the actual count. The easiest way for a person to check on the way people voted is to check on the election results. If an exchange of promises to vote for certain candidates has been made, then the "politician" may expect maybe 200 votes, if his candidates loses, and he checks the ballot and finds he received only 100 of the promised votes, then he knows he was double-crossed and will retaliate at the next election.

The AWS policy attempted to eliminate this check which serves only as a weapon for the use of politicians.

Lastly, I would like to say, that, considering the Emerald's past policy of criticism for "dirty" politics in all elections, and editorials for less "gravy" promises and dealings, I cannot understand its utter lack of cooperation with this really sincere attempt of the AWS to eliminate dirty politics.

MARGILEE MORSE.

Funds Measure Passes Senate

(Continued from page one)

plans were tested on the floor of the house.

A short history of the financial set-up is:

1929—\$6,000,000 allowed to run schools.

1931—all special appropriations cut off except federal cooperative extension and research by referendum vote.

1933—diversion of \$508,000 more from higher education fund.

1934—state support dropped to below \$4,000,000, a \$2,000,000 decrease from 1930.

1937—ways and means committee recommended allotment of \$910,000 to hold Oregon school's facilities up to other state's schools.

February 22, 1937—Appropriation bill for higher education on house calendar for final reading. Action nearly delayed.

February 24, 1937—Passed by senate. Submitted to governor for signature.

No Place for Joe

(Continued from page one)

paintings and statuary, lectures and books, laboratories and observatories, and these will be the object of a constant effort at understanding, and a perennial subject of interested conversation.

Learner Helps Learner

The trouble today is that universities and colleges are attempting something they are not qualified to accomplish: to do something vaguely benevolent but not demonstrably beneficial to non-learners. Not much is known about higher education, but this ONE fact stands forth by the experience of the ages: when one learner is helping another to learn, both are enormously benefitted, and society profits most of all.

The common unlearned man senses the truth of this. He is willing, has always been willing in societies far poorer than ours, to acquiesce in the existence and support of institutions of genuine learning. Today, with greater and greater aggregations of non-learners posing as learners everywhere about him, his genuine instinct for the detection of humbug leads him to tighten the strings of his pocket book.

Education Needs Weeding

The Ideal University will have to grow; it is not a thing that can be manufactured. The soil is already deeply enriched; much has been accomplished. Vigorous sprouts can be detected by those who know what to look for. What is needed now is somebody who has the courage to start a process of rigorous weeding.

How about the non-learners? Are they not human beings, potentially good husbands and fathers, businessmen and citizens? Emphatically yes. God must love them, as Lincoln said, because He created so many of them. They are lovely people, often more likeable than the learner. There are only two reasons why a University must under no circumstances indulge itself in the very real pleasure of having them around: first, because they spoil the intellectual life, and, second, because it cannot be PROVED that they get any real benefit from it.

Oregon Students'

(Continued from page one)

throat if they had a chance. But, as they say, legislators have strange bed-fellows. Just wait until they get what they want and then see what they have to say about Mahoney.

Although they are keeping in the background, there are two legislators who were quite wrought up about the way the speakership election turned out. Anything they can do to stir up trouble on the floor for Speaker Harry Boivin without coming out in the open themselves is great fun. The old age pension bloc was too good a chance for them to get someone else to do the dirty work for them.

The wire-haired bunch who have been objecting to passage of the appropriation bills may find they've given themselves too much rope. Many of them belong to the labor group and their actions are not making them very great favorites in the house. When a decision on a labor issue comes up they may find their shouting has caused the labor group trouble, too.

Clarence Hyde, Lane, has been taking the lead for education lately. When Representative Oleen went off on a tangent about the effect of the educational appropriation bills Monday morning, Hyde brought him to time by pointing out that the bill did not increase the tax levy on property.

People We've Seen The Perpetual Pin-Planter

By MARTHA STEWART

He had always been generous. When he was in grammar school he used to give candy to all the little girls he knew. In high school his football letter had made the rounds and hung on sundry walls throughout the neighborhood. But now as he pinned the new fraternity badge upon his vest he raised his manly head with pride at the thought of all the happiness that he was about to scatter throughout the campus sorority houses.

"You may look like a hunk of brass to some," he chortled as he pushed the safety catch in place to make the pin secure, "but to me you're the open-sesame to the hearts of some plenty sweet cookies."

That night he met Flo. She was a lovely little piece of fluff, and she had the answer to a maiden's prayer in her blue eyes and hair that looked like yellow silk. The black velvet of her dress seemed just the spot to hang the brass.

"You are the girl of my dreams," he whispered in her ear as he relinquished the precious jewelry. He felt warm all over thinking of the thrill that he was giving to this lovely child.

The pin didn't seem any worse for the wear, he thought to himself a couple of weeks later as he polished the tiny white pearls to a fine lustre on his coat sleeve. He had been a little worried at first for fear Flo might be nasty when he asked for it but she'd handed it over without a word. He laid that to his good taste in women. He'd always been able to pick the kind that didn't make a fuss.

"You are the girl of my dreams," he whispered softly that night as he pinned the jeweled treasure on Cynthia's shimmering satin dress and thought how happy she must be.

Cynthia had raised the perfect arches of her eyebrows when he asked her to give it back. He hated to have to do it, but he had just met Irene.

By the end of the term he had established quite a reputation for his generosity. Everybody was talking about the treat he'd given to so many girls and how kind and

hear him, and when he thought he'd almost caught up with her she disappeared in the between-class crowd.

"Oh well," he shrugged, "it's her loss. Not mine. If she wants to see me she'll have to keep her eyes open. I haven't time to waste with women that are deaf and blind." He was just about fed up anyhow, and he decided that he'd make a date with her that night and ask her for his jewelry. He hated to do this to her. She would probably be all broken up over it, but then a fellow couldn't waste his time with a droop like that.

"He was through, he repeated emphatically as he entered the old fraternity house and walked with determination to the phone booth to call her up. Just then someone came running up with a letter.

"Just came for you," they said. It was a slender white envelope addressed in a feminine hand. Maybe it was from Kay! He decided not to take the pin back after all. Feverishly his fingers tore at the envelope. As he shook it open a cloud of tiny bits of cardboard the size of very fine confetti floated out, and then a single folded sheet of paper. Slowly he unfolded it and read:

"You'll find the pawn ticket for your fraternity pin enclosed," it said. "Try and put it together. This ought to give you something to dream about."

The Phi Sigma Kappa formal will be held at the chapter house, which will be decorated to resemble a modernistic night club. Jimmy Morrison's orchestra will play.

Squeeze, Five House Dances Fill Weekend

Probably one of the most important and significant dances of the term will be held this weekend in form of the Lemon-Orange Squeeze, important because it is a drive for funds for turfing Oregon's football field, and significant because it is the first time Oregon and Oregon State have cooperated in giving a joint dance.

The dance, to be held immediately after the basketball game in

Gerlinger hall, will be informal. Girls will wear short silk or dressy woolen dresses.

Both Schools Honored
Gus Meyers and his orchestra will play; featured entertainer will be "smoky" Whitefield. Sam Fort, speaking of the decorations, said that both schools would be honored by crepe paper decorations in orange, black, yellow, and green. Large cartoons of the two mascots, the beaver and the duck, will hang on the walls.

The programs, in form of pen-nants, are especially interesting in that they reveal intimate things about certain persons from each school.

Five House Dance SSlated
Five house dances will be given this weekend. Alpha Phi and Phi Sigma Kappa are giving their dances on Friday night, and Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Upsilon, hold their winter formal on Saturday night.

Babe Binford's orchestra from Portland in playing for the Alpha Phi formal. The pledge class is responsible for decorations and arrangements, and are keeping the theme secret.

The Phi Sigma Kappa formal will be held at the chapter house, which will be decorated to resemble a modernistic night club. Jimmy Morrison's orchestra will play.

Themes Novel
Delta Upsilon is having a formal dinner dance at the Eugene hotel. Gus Meyers orchestra will play.

A formal garden scene will make the Kappa Alpha Theta formal at the chapter house an attractive scene for tuxedos and vari-colored formal of the girls. Jimmy Johnson's orchestra from Corvallis will play.

Umbrellas turned upside down on chandeliers, trees, and large cardboard pennies strung along ceilings will carry out the "Pennies from Heaven" theme the Alpha Delta Pi sorority has chosen for its formal dance at the chapter house on Saturday night. Jimmy Morrison's orchestra will play.

Send the Emerald to your friends. Subscriptions only \$3.00 per year.

Cary Grant says:

"a light smoke rates aces high with my throat"



"Luckies have been my cigarette for five years now. I rate them a 4 star cigarette. They're always good to the throat, and taste so much better than other cigarettes that it seems to me this 'Toasting' process is a swell idea. Yes, a light smoke like Luckies rates aces high with both my throat and taste."

APPEARING IN THE NEW COLUMBIA PICTURE, "WHEN YOU'RE IN LOVE"



THE FINEST TOBACCO—
"THE CREAM OF THE CROP"

An independent survey was made recently among professional men and women—lawyers, doctors, lecturers, scientists, etc. Of those who said they smoke cigarettes, more than 87% stated they personally prefer a light smoke.

Mr. Grant verifies the wisdom of this preference, and so do other leading artists of the radio, stage, screen and opera. Their voices are their fortunes. That's why so many of them smoke Luckies. You, too, can have the throat protection of Luckies—a light smoke, free of certain harsh irritants removed by the exclusive process "It's Toasted". Luckies are gentle on the throat.

A Light Smoke

"It's Toasted"—Your Throat Protection

AGAINST IRRITATION—AGAINST COUGH

Copyright 1937, The American Tobacco Company