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Keystone of Reform

THE executive committee of the ASUO yesterday put the cap on a year of activity in which it has done more to clean up campus politics than any other single group in the history of the University. Several weeks ago, they took into their own hands a major share of the appointive power formerly exercised, and frequently misused, by student body presidents. Yesterday they voted through a measure which is the necessary complement to that move — proportional representation, which will insure that the committee itself represents the entire campus. That the reform measure did not originate in the committee, but was the work of a group of students led by Barney Hall, is true; nevertheless, the executive committee deserves credit for having the keenness to see the value of the proposal.

In on sense is the new measure a negation of the idealistic movement toward political reform now being promoted by members of the junior class. On the contrary, it is the logical continuation of that movement. The juniors took into consideration a political system that each year split the campus into two antagonistic factions which continued to exist even after elections, so that, politically speaking, the student body was divided into the "ins" and the "outs." They saw a system in which a candidate for the student body presidency, one of the most active men on the campus, could be defeated by a narrow margin and entirely excluded from student activities for the year. And, with that in mind, they started a movement to level political fences and choose the most capable men for office, regardless of party affiliation.

THE proportional representation measure passed by the executive council is merely a mechanical method of achieving the same purpose. Its effect will be to make the representation of campus minorities almost a mathematical certainty, without depending upon the existence of a dominating non-partisan group like the juniors at present. Such groups of idealists come but once in a blue moon, but under the new election law the campus will not have to wait that long. The sway of the "gravy" politician is over.

The plan adopted is modeled on the "Hare system" of proportional representation, a method of balloting which is now successfully employed in several of the nation's largest cities and which students in many a progressive university have applied to their own governmental problems. And, wherever it is in operation, it has rung the death knell over partisan politics.

People with the interests of the University at heart have long called for a more united student body. If that can be brought about by ending partisanship in campus politics, then surely it is now something to which we may look forward with hope.

MECHANICS of the plan may at first seem rather involved, but the following passage quoted from Crawford's "Readings in American Government" will serve greatly to clarify it.

"The fundamental principles of the system can be grasped most easily, perhaps, in connection with an election without ballots. Imagine the election of a council of five members, say, carried out in a park. The rules for voting are announced. They are as follows:

- 1. To vote, stand beside the banner of the candidate whom you prefer.
2. Change your vote as often as you please until the polls close.
3. When the polls close the five candidates who are surrounded by the five largest groups of voters will be declared elected.

"The Hare system has been called complicated. Yet those simple rules cover all its fundamental principles. With nothing more than those rules as a guide and without further word or act on the part of the officials the election will probably carry itself through

correctly according to the principles of the single transferable vote.

"Each voter would discover that 101 voters were enough to insure election. However the voters might arrange themselves, it would be impossible for more than five candidates each to get as many as 101 out of 600. (The arithmetical rule which will always give the quota sufficient to insure election is to divide the total number of persons who cast valid votes by one more than the number of candidates to be elected and take the smallest whole number larger than the resulting quotient.) If 110 voters had gathered about one candidate's banner, nine of them would move on to help other favored candidates who were not yet sure of election.

"When all the voters had grouped themselves around candidates who actually needed their support, the smallest group would break up: rather than waste their votes, they would support others who had a chance of election. Then other groups would break up one by one for the same reason. Each group would stay together so long as there was a possibility of gaining from smaller groups, but when it was the smallest one left each member of it would go to help the candidate he liked best among those still in the running who needed more votes. This process of gradual elimination would continue until there were only six groups left, then the smallest of the six would concede the election to the other five.

"In this way the greatest possible number of voters would have a real share in the choice. Each of the five successful candidates would represent an approximately equal share of the voters who were united, under the circumstances, in wanting him as their spokesman.

"If this method of electing a representative council is fair—and who would deny it?—the Hare system as carried out by ballots is still fairer, for it is the same as this method of voting in the park, except in certain respects in which it is better.

"The voter casts his ballot by putting the figure '1' opposite his first choice, the figure '2' opposite his second, the figure '3' opposite his third, and so on for as many choices as he cares to express. . . .

"The count is a succession of simple steps which do with the ballots exactly what the voters would do with their votes if they could know how others were voting, as in our election in the park. The figures on the ballots are sufficient directions for the necessary transfers. . . ."

TODAY'S THE DAY

(The following proclamation has been issued in printed form by Governor Benson at the request of the University of Minnesota A. S. U. It is being sent to all school and county superintendents in the state.)

PROCLAMATION

The youth of our nation, alive to the dangers of another World War, have designated April 22nd as PEACE DAY. On that day the youth of our country will assemble—from the farm, the factory, the schools, the colleges—to tell their elders of the stupidity of the mad race for armaments and to protest against a policy which is certain to lead to wholesale international slaughter. In one European country we are now witnessing what they call a civil war, but which in reality contains all the elements of international conflict. A heroic people is struggling against foreign invaders to preserve its democratic right of self-determination, while fighting side by side with them are also volunteers from foreign lands. The statesmen of Europe are looking on nervously, not knowing when the spark will set the entire world aflame.

And while this war is being waged with dreadful fury and with appalling butchery, the bombing of exposed cities, slaughter of civilian populations, killing of women, children, and old men, the only solution which the statesmen can find is producing more armaments, more bombs, more airplanes, more poison gas, more and bigger cannon, more machine guns, more battleships, more effective engines of destruction. Fear has supplanted reason—and the nations are preparing to plunge headlong into the maelstrom which they believe inevitable. Even the United States, whose shores are safe from foreign invasion, has joined the race for more armaments.

But youth, which will be called upon to do the fighting and shed the blood, for what they know not why, is neither so blind nor so pessimistic as the statesmen. They will not accept war as inevitable. Youth believes that nations can come to their senses, and that peoples can be aroused to dispense with the services of rulers and dictators who believe that the battlefield is the road to national greatness and national glory.

I subscribe fully to the aims and objectives of PEACE DAY. The people as a whole should join this enlightened movement of our young people, and direct their thoughts and energies to an analysis of the causes of warfare, its futility, and the means of its prevention. I hope that not only will peace be discussed on our campuses and wherever young people gather, but that the entire week will be devoted in our schools to a study of the problems, and sermons on peace will be delivered from all our pulpits on Sunday, April 18th.

THEREFORE, AS GOVERNOR, I PROCLAIM APRIL 22nd, 1937 AS PEACE DAY and recommend that the day be celebrated with proper exercises and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 7th day of April, 1937.

ELMER A. BENSON, Governor of Minnesota.

(GREAT SEAL) Attest: MIKE HOLM, Secretary of State.



The new army bomber, with a wing-spread two-thirds greater than the YB-17 bomber, was recently shown in Seattle at the Boeing plants. The new ship is capable of lifting heavier loads than any plane previously built, its motors are the ultimate in power, it carries six machine gun turrets and has a long cruising range.

Campus Calendar

John Miller, Earl Wasser, Chris Madera, Wallace Newhouse, Roy Vernstrom, Janet Johnston, Robert Herzog, Robert Goodwin, Bill Courtney, Max Carter, and Herchel Webber are in the infirmary today.

Students wishing to attend the Westminster skating party Friday night sign up on the bulletin board at Westminster house.

The YWCA freshman commission will entertain all freshman women at a party this evening at the YWCA bungalow from 6:30 to 7:30.

There will be a Gamma Alpha Chi meeting at 4 today at the College Side. All members and pledges must be there.

There will be a meeting of Amphibians tonight at 7:15 in Gerlinger pool for Amphibian members and those on the varsity swimming team.

Christian Science organization will hold its annual business meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the regular meeting room on third floor of Gerlinger.

Second Moot Court trial 7:30 to 9:00, circuit courtroom, Lane county court house. Everyone welcome.

Newman club meets Sunday in Gerlinger hall at 7:30 to hold election of officers for coming year.

The Oregon Melody Men will meet today in the music building at 4:00. All members are urged to be present.

The University of Oregon Co-op store will hold its annual meeting in 105 Commerce at 3 o'clock Tuesday, April 27, to nominate officers for the coming year.

Proportional

(Continued from page one) formerly was. Under the system it will be difficult to place a coed in the tradition position for women on the executive committee, Bill Dalton, Kappa Sig political leader said. "It carries out what our group has been trying to do—select the best candidates for the office," Noel Benson, Phi Delt representative stated. "I contend that it will give the campus what we have striven to attain—representation of all the

Judging Music Festival Interesting, Says Dean

After rendering 252 criticisms and giving 232 public adjudications at the Yale-Cariboo Musical festival held in Kamloops, B.C., April 8, 9, and 10, John J. Landsbury, dean of the school of music, returned to the University this weekend.

Dean Landsbury, who was chosen as judge for this annual contest for amateur musicians, judged everything from vocal solos to the music of orchestras.

Contestants ranged in age from 6 years up. The contestants were divided into two classes and gave their performances one after the other. Each entry had a blank on which Dean Landsbury wrote his decision and criticism. In giving the public decision, he enlarged on the criticism.

Among the most interesting talent he discovered was an excellent children's choir, a talented men's chorus comparable to the Eugene Gleemen and a junior symphony orchestra.

"One girl," he exclaimed, "had the most perfect voice I have ever heard for a child of 13." Dean Landsbury beamed as he told of two little 13-year-old boy violinists, who were the best of pals. They entered the competition together, and were racing each other for first place. There was such a hair's breadth of difference in their playing, that the dean gave them a tie for first place. The boys were so pleased with the decision that before he left, one of them came to him with a box of chocolates and said, "This is from us."

In commenting on the contest, Dean Landsbury said, "The thing I enjoyed most was the good sportsmanship. The people were simply delightful."

students on the campus," Bill Jones, DU politician said. "It will undoubtedly give the students a democratic government," Mel Shevack from Sigma Alpha Mu claimed.

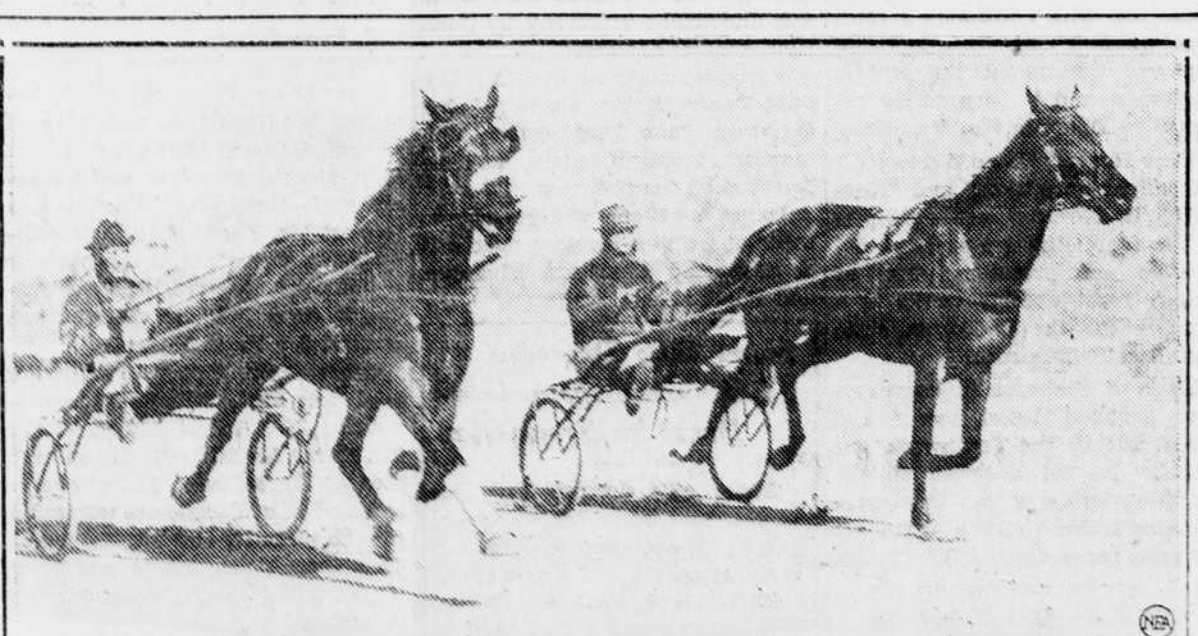
Prepare for Elections At their meeting last night in the SAE house, politicians reduced a list of possible candidates for student body and junior class offices from some 30 contenders to 13. In a joint meeting with coeds next week, the final nominees for eight senior class and ASUO positions will be selected.

After voting on candidates suggested, the 13 remaining included Noel Benson, Barney Hall, Bill Dalton, Sam Fort, Don Johnson, Bill Jones, Charles Irwin, Jack Enders, Larry Crane, Fred Bales, Frank Drew, Bill Pease, and Dave Silver.

Women selected as possible candidates included Elizabeth Turner, Clare Igoe, Frances Schaubp, Brandon Young, Frances Johnson, Gladys Battleson, Genevieve Mc-Niece, and Martha Stewart.

Coed politicians met yesterday afternoon in the College Side to select candidates to accompany the men's list. Names of those selected were not available last night.

Nation Within a Nation—for the Indians



Plans to formulate a state within the nation to act as the government of 50,000 Navajo Indians of Arizona were begun at a recent convention at Window Rock Reservation, part of which is shown above. The Redmen plan their own constitution, president, unicameral legislature and other government departments.



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Delegates chosen from the University must meet these requirements: (1) under 25 years old, (2) must be returning to college next year, (3) average or above average grades, (4) good social personality, (5) interest in oriental affairs and the aims of the conference. The delegate must also be willing to sacrifice time to explain the work of the conference to the rest of the students.

Burton Brown Barker, vice-president of the University, is the Oregon representative on the advisory board of the conference.

Individual expenses of each delegate to the convention will include transportation, and a \$20 fee to take care of registration, room and board while at the conference.

The committee which will select the 5 University delegates are A. L. Lomax, chairman; Dean Onthank, Dean Victor P. Morris, Dean Virgil Earl, Mrs. Alice Macduff, Dr. Warren D. Smith, and Dr. Waldo Schumacher.

Application blanks and information on the conference may be secured from the office of either Dean Onthank or Mr. Lomax.

UO Students to Join

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Speakers widely-known The main speakers are both widely-known. Buell has been associated with the Foreign Policy association for many years and is considered one of the best-informed Americans on what is actually happening in Europe. Professor Farquharson, Washington Commonwealth Federation chieftain, is foremost in the intellectual leadership of that state's progressive political movement. His wife, a state senator, is a militant progressive.

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Trend of Pacifistic

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fistic thought lacked concreteness. Peace pledges are not strong enough to stand in the face of war hysteria, no matter how sincere they might have been.

Concrete Programs Dean Morris pointed out that the only real concrete programs that are to be found are in conferences such as the World Court, the League of Nations, and agencies assisting the league such as the International Labor Relations board.

In answering the question as to whether the United States could remain neutral in the event of an international war, Dean Morris said, "The United States is so tied up with the whole world that it would be an impossibility. I would believe in an honest effort to stay neutral, but I wouldn't be too hopeful."

Whether or not an individual is a pacifist and whether or not he clings to his beliefs is not so much a matter of his moral structure as of a conditioning which some people have had which naturally make them supporters for such movements, Dr. Moore believes.

YW TO ENTERTAIN FROSH

All freshman women are to be guests of the YWCA freshman commission at a party at the Y bungalow this evening from 6:30 to 7:30. Marjorie Montgomery, chairman, extends an invitation to all freshman girls on the campus.

MISS NISSEN IN YAKIMA

Rowena Nissen, '32, formerly Cross at Boise, Idaho, is now at Yakima, Washington. She is employed as zone supervisor for the State of Washington department of social security.

Subscriptions only \$3.00 per year.

Week's Highlights Are Frosh Glee, Six House Dances

Topping this week's social program is the Frosh Glee Friday night and six house dances Saturday night. The sports dance Friday will be on an old "southern plantation." Ellis Kimball and his swing orchestra will play.

House dances will be given by Alpha Omicron Pi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Kappa, and Delta Delta Delta. Most of the dances are featuring spring flowers.

The usual exchange dessert schedule finds Alpha Tau Omega going to the Kappa Alpha Theta house this evening, and Delta Tau Delta will be host to Alpha Omicron Pi. Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be the guest of Alpha Chi Omega Friday evening.

Alpha Tau Omega was host to Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi to Delta Delta Delta and Phi Kappa Pi to Delta Delta and Phi Kappa Psi to Alpha Gamma Delta last night.

Pi Beta Phi will hold a founders day banquet in the Osburn hotel Sunday with the Oregon State chapter. Monday it will give a reception for Mrs. Adele Taylor Alford, editor of its national publication the "Arrow."

YW Commission Will Hold 'Mom' Sale on May 7, 8, 9

Students hurrying to and fro were startled by the appearance of many posters scattered about the campus bearing the inscription "Buy a Mom." Many, worried, thought somebody's misspelled a word, as mum sales are common occurrences on the Oregon campus, but after ciphering the little figures in the corner, the problem was solved.

The frosh commission of the YWCA is sponsoring a yarn doll sale for junior weekend, which is also mothers' weekend. These yarn dolls are supposedly personifications of mother and just the thing that is needed to start mother's weekend out right. They are 10c each.

Yellow and green, Oregon's colors, make up the combinations and there are big ones, small ones, medium sized ones, or whatever size mother happens to be. Representatives have been appointed in each living organization to take orders for the dolls.

'Miss California'



Lucy Ann MacLean, University of Southern California coed, named "Miss California" in the "Miss Western America" contest being conducted throughout the 11 western states by the Golden Gate International Exposition.