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Vindication Via Ballot

TODAY, CANDIDATES will be nominated from the floor in Gerlinger hall, not for specific student body offices, but for positions on the executive council of the associated students.

Nominations will include eight candidates selected by the coalition group and two, Bill Pease and Clare Igoe, who have come independently into the contest. If these two independents had not declared their intentions to run and the coalition group should have controlled the selection of all nominees for student body office, it is possible that their caucus nominations might have presented a fairly-true cross-section of campus opinion.

It is altogether possible that a group such as the present one, possessing an ideal of complete campus representation, may achieve that admirable end. But if the eight candidates that will be advanced by the coalition organization today are victorious over the independent candidates in next Thursday's election, then, and only then, will their nominations be vindicated. Thus, there can be no valid complaint against candidates having come into the fray from outside the ranks of the coalitionists.

The aim behind proportional representation and behind the earlier move to place appointive powers in the hands of the executive council were one and the same. They were designed, just as the coalition proposes to do, to get in office the best possible men and women.

IF THE COALITION'S candidates should prove unsatisfactory to the campus in any way, the proportional representation set-up allows the expression of disapproval and the choice of other candidates. This would mean the achievement of the aim that the coalition itself has set up as its basic principle. And it is for this reason that the Emerald would like to see the nomination of even more candidates from outside the coalition group.

Without taking any great drives for reform, the campus this term has gone through political activity that indeed marks a new high in idealism in student politics. If the ASUO fails to gain the best that the campus has to offer, it will be a sad disillusionment, and will be even more regrettable if some measure of last reform is not retained from this era so pregnant with opportunity.

The Jazz Era Ends

MUSIC HAS ALWAYS been a criteria of the tone, the culture, even the economic trends of the period it represents. It is, of course, much too early to draw any definite conclusions about conditions here from the influx of wide-known band leaders but there are consequences of great importance which might result from this condition. Some of these are alarming; others indicate a possible turn for the better.

Last year Paul Pendarvis started the parade of big name bands. Duke Ellington was first this year. Then Jimmy Dorsey penetrated the wilderness and Ellis Kipball followed the path he had blazed. Soon Ben Pollack will pack his drums and set forth from sunny southern California on an expedition into the wilds of the northwest.

There is undoubtedly a casual relationship among the appearances of these three bands,

a common factor in their coming here. It never happened here before, at least not since the depression era began.

AN ECONOMIC determinist would probably reach the simple conclusion that these bands were coming here merely because organizations which hold dances are making them more lucrative offers. Carrying this vein of reasoning to its logical extreme, the only possible conclusion is the obviously invalid one that times are better at the University. This immediately establishes anyone who follows such reasoning as an optimist, a sophist, or a campus racketeer.

Discarding this impractical hypothesis, we are faced with the selection of another. The opposite possibility is that bands are offering their services for less money. There might be several reasons for such a reduction in prices. Again rejecting those solutions which are obviously without a shred of reasonable backing, we may strike out such causes as: price reductions because bands are now playing scheduled tours, et cetera. This leaves only one possible valid solution: jazz and jazz bands are slipping.

A goodly mass of evidence can be marshalled in support of this possibility. Were jazz on the way out the obvious locale for bands to skim the last of the cream off the dance market would be the wilds of Oregon. Any day now the news may penetrate to the campus that popular music is giving way to (x) the classical, (y) the Chinese lyric, (z) the Ethiopian gargle, or what have you—who can predict the future of an art or an age which together produced jazz?

THERE IS FURTHER evidence that big name bands may have to change their style of play or go back to the minor leagues. As the Emerald's columns have indicated—always there first with the "hot" news—"swing" has swept the country. Few can define it. Perhaps it is the new trend in music or perhaps, even, it is merely a publicity term—a ruse in the form of a catch phrase to inject new blood into a dying fad.

At any rate, to a person with the sharp, inquiring mind of the scientist, this sudden influx of dance bands deluxe presents a challenging problem. Is California, the land of the grape and orange, becoming the land of the over-ripe tomato and the cabbage as far as orchestras are concerned?

To the philosophic it might seem that the American public is facing life with a greater seriousness of mind and that entertainers who formerly satisfied its demands for frivolity are being forced into the small-town circuits.

If the doom of jazz is imminent, the downfall of Paul Whiteman will probably cause the biggest boom. His sudden de-elevation would mark a fitting finish to the Jazz Age and would wipe the musical slate clean for the New Era.

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.)

PACIFISTS CODE

To the Editor: Why do both students and townspeople so hate to say that they are pacifists or even to be called pacifists? Are pacifists traitors to their country? Have they ever been known to comfort the enemy or sell to him their nation's secrets? I can say it joyfully that we pacifists never have or never will. I glory in the fact that my God has made it possible for me to join that group called PACIFIST, that He has called me to work for peace and that I can write you concerning the word pacifist.

Friends of peace, let me give you the code of the true pacifist, a code sterner than any military discipline can ever be. I as a pacifist must be absolutely fearless, loving my fellows even to giving my life for them but not taking it, I must be ready at all times to seek my Lord Christ's guidance and the guidance of wiser men, I must be ready to stand the brunt of scorn and abuse from unthinking friend and foe, I must think clearly, under divine guidance, how to solve these problems that cause war. I must work for those things as God opens my way, that shall lead to peace. I must use my influence, even to my bodily hurt if necessary, to oppose by peaceful means anything that shall cause strife among my fellows. Can any military man produce a sterner code and more comprehensive than this that all true pacifists adhere to. Many times I have failed but I shall go on with Christ in keeping this code.

Fellow Pacifists, are you willing to back me in this by your own lives? If we cannot do this we are shams and hypocrites and unworthy. On this code we can unite; are we willing to do so? If we cannot we are not of the brotherhood!

Your brother pacifist,
C. MADISON LANDAKER.

Jane's Hollis will preside over court. The trial is scheduled for 7:30 in the circuit court room of the county courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Frosh. Sophs

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Sig versus Phi Delt, Sigma Chi, ATO, Chi Psi and Betas. The frosh set-up is the same except the Sigma Chi has joined the Kappa Sig-SAE-DU-Sigma Nu bloc. A constitution will be adopted by

the sophomores, and possibly by the freshmen if the constitutional committee is ready to submit the constitution to the class.

Late last night coalition talk between the two blocs in the frosh fight had gained promising proportions.

A junior constitutional committee was appointed yesterday by junior class president Benson to prepare a constitution. The committee, composed of Bill Vermillion, Barney Hall, and Vivian Emery, will present the constitution to the class nominations assembly.

Female Law Firm



There three Los Angeles women boast that they comprise the first all-woman law firm on the Pacific coast. The partners are: left, Bess K. Singer, Ethel Y. Levitt, and Elf Sharlin, complete with law books.

Campus Calendar

Students in the infirmary today are: John Miller, Lela Hull, Laclede LeFors, Liljan Veatch, Phyllis Mowlin, Lavern Terjeson, Ed Shumaker, Max Carter, Arleigh Bentley, Sidney Lang, John Haman, Roy Vernstrom, Wallace Newhouse, Bob Herzog, and Rex Cooper.

Master Dance members will hold a special meeting this afternoon from 4:45 to 5:30. Important.

Christian Science organization will meet tonight on the third floor of Gerlinger hall at 8:00 p.m. There will be a business meeting afterwards to elect officers.

Directorate of Junior-Senior banquet will meet in the YW bungalow today at 4:00.

Proportional

(Continued from page one) nounced elected. After this has been done, if there have not been four candidates elected, again the one with the lowest number of votes will be considered defeated, and his ballots will be transferred to the "continuing candidates." This procedure of defeating the lowest candidate and giving his votes to the others who are still in the running will be continued until the election is ended.

The election will be ended when four candidates have reached the "quota," or when the total number of "continuing candidates" has been reduced by the process of defeating to four, the number of offices to be filled.

And, as explained at the first of this article, the successful candidates will take positions on the executive committee of the ASUO in the order of the number of first choices they receive in the initial sorting of the ballots. There is nothing complicated about this new system of proportional representation if one but turns his mind to it. Experts in governmental science hold it out as the ideal method of electing a body such as a city council, to

Unidentical Twins?



Science says these 6-year-old California boys of Mexican parents are identical, but is baffled by the fact that Rodolfo has dark skin and black hair; Humberto, an albino, has white hair and fair skin.

Block Prints Portray Orient as Land of Color

"Elizabeth Keith. The Foreigner's Idea of the Orient," reads a sign in the University of Oregon art gallery.

To an alien, at least to Miss Keith, as shown by her exhibited block prints, the Orient is a land of colors—deep bright blues, illuminating greens, radiant reds and sparkling oranges. The pictures on exhibit show scenes from China, Japan and Korea. The foreigner sees the natives gossiping, walking, working, dancing, or merely sitting quietly. He sees vivid blue waters and even brighter and darker blue skies. The silhouettes of trees and bridges against a

backdrop of evening sky impresses the visitor. "The Gates of Peiping" is a beautiful study of the entrance to that city done in blues and greens. The gates are grayish blue. Behind them the last lights of evening blend with the dark blue of the night sky and the gray walls.

In one corner of the room are found portraits of Chinese ladies and gentlemen. Their faces are noble and their costumes rich. Their hands are long and well manicured, and their hair is well brushed.

These noble figures are in striking contrast to the street vendors and the tired figures of people working in their homes. One picture shows the workmen before a house whose lights glow and give warmth to the other-wise dark and murky night.

In spite of the variety of subjects, the technique of color remains the same. The Orient must be a colorful land!

Interfraternity

(Continued from page one) president of the group in charge, and some non-partisan official to assist him.

Accomplishments Cited President Ed Reames cited that through the efforts of the council Emeralds were now available for all at the Co-op, that cooperation

with the alumni office had resulted in a return of from 200 to 300 cards listing prospective students for next year, that a committee on Mother's day was also providing for the attendance of many high school seniors during Junior weekend, and that the council handbook was now completed and would be out soon.

The dinner meeting at the Phi Delt house was in honor of Dr. DeBar, and he responded to the reception given him by delivering an inspirational speech which members of the group said was extremely moving.

Fraternity Benefits Told Telling of how much a fraternity had meant to him in his life in all corners of the earth, Dr. DeBar emphasized the necessity for loyalty, boldness or firmness, and most of all, truth.

Abolition of dates with women on the nights of big rallies, and abolition of cars in the parades would make for a return of the old Oregon spirit, "Baz" Williams declared in his talk, which followed Dr. DeBar's.

Big Homecoming Advocated The former Oregon grid star advocated that preparation be started right now for a big Homecoming next fall which would carry the spirit of former years. An all-city rally with everyone joining in would make for a winning football team, he said. Mr. Williams commended Anse

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Sigma Delta Phi To Plan Banquet At Meeting Today

Members and pledges of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic honorary for men, will meet today at 4:00 p. m. in room 104 journalism building, Dan E. Clark (I) president, announced yesterday.

Plans for the combination initiation and Founder's day banquet this Sunday will be completed. Initiation of the 10 neophytes is to be held at 9:00 p. m. in Gerlinger hall, under the direction of George Bikman.

The Founder's day banquet will be at the Del Rey cafe immediately after the initiation. Faculty members of Sigma Delta Chi have been invited. An outside speaker, probably E. Palmer Hoyt of the Portland Oregonian, will be brought to Eugene for the breakfast.

Cornell and Elmer C. Fansett for the work they have done already along these lines and asked the council members to cooperate in re-building school spirit by starting enthusiasm in their own houses and particularly with their own alumni.

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