

# The BANDWAGON

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Some people thing preferential voting should be junked; others think it's the best way to choose student body officers, but whether it's a desirable system or not it has done at least one good thing for the campus. It has drawn a brainier bunch of politicians into the fold than the old type of vote-gatherers, whose chief concern was to polish the apple.

Now it takes a mathematical genius to figure out in advance of an election how the votes are going to go, with first, second, third, and fourth tallies to consider, and more than one Phi Beta has thrown in the towel in this year's campaign because he couldn't make things come out right on paper.

For example, when more than one candidate is being boosted for office, you have to figure very carefully just how many number one votes should be cast for the presidential nominee, and how many number ones it will take to put the other candidates on the executive council.

In this election, for instance, the Chi Omegas will have to rally behind their candidate, Jean Palmer, with 100 per cent support, giving her all their number one votes, and all the other sororities they can drag with them, in order to even place her in fourth position.

Such is also the case with Wally Johansen from the Sigma Nu house. Wally is not being boosted for president, but he is being boosted very strongly for a position on the executive council, and it will take the first votes from several houses to

put him in. This is also true of Clair Hoflich, dorm candidate, who is running for another spot on the council.

In other words, about 25 or 30 per cent of the voters in this year's elections will have very little to say in choosing our next student body president. They will be concentrating their first votes on the minor candidates, and their number two votes will probably have little effect on the outcome of the election. That is the weakness of the preferential voting system.

Only two candidates, Harry Weston and Zane Kemler, have signified their intention of running for student body president. Weston is the lone candidate from the old ATO-Phi Delta-Beta bloc, although that bloc is not following the traditional grooves this year.

Kemler, on the other hand, has organized a ticket, in the last analysis, and is evidently seeking election in the preferential voting system in the same manner as he would if the old Australian ballot were being used. Except, of course, that the political braintrusters are in a dither about the proper method of proportioning the votes.

On the other side of the fence, the opposing braintrusters are likewise spending considerable time scratching their heads over the sequential first, second, third, and fourth vote setup, and the leaders of both factions are wondering out loud whether the preferential system is the best way to do it after all.

## In the Mail

### MOUNTAIN MUSIC?

This letter is not only one of criticism for our past dances but also, a letter containing suggestions for those to be held in the future. Probably the outstanding grievance is the type of music that has been played by practically every so-called "big time" orchestra that has played at campus dances. It's about time that the dance committee informed the orchestra leaders that waltzes and slow fox trots are the most popular forms of music played at college dances and not hot and torrid fox trots. It also seems that the floor at McArthur court, despite re-

peated promises, has been in an abominable condition for every dance, with the possible exception of the Senior ball. This coupled with the altogether too numerous fast fox trots, etc., played, has just about broken the proverbial "camel's back." If my memory serves me right, Paul Whiteman's orchestra was the first to put in its appearance on the campus. Better concert music is played only by the Philadelphia Symphony. A sticky floor also aided us in having a "swell" time. Then came Harry Lewis' orchestra. This, no doubt, turned out to be the best dance of the season for the music was good, even if the floor was not. Next came Jack Winston and his orchestra, and may I say now that if there ever prevailed a more odious atmosphere in McArthur court I doubt if it has ever been recorded. If anybody can call that "stuff" that Winston played "sweet swing," it must be his press agent. Not content with the misery that it has already brought upon the good-natured, easy going students, the dance committee, for the Junior Prom has just pulled off probably the most foul-smelling coup-de-teat, since the Austrian Anschluss, by engaging some fourth-rate orchestra that it is trying to palm off on us (according to the Junior week-end program) as a "big-time" orchestra. What has happened? Has the committee forgotten that in an issue of the Emerald, they stated that they

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## A Typographical Opportunity

NEWS that John Henry Nash, fine printer, will make his home in Eugene opens an opportunity for the University.

Dr. Nash, world-famous for his accomplishments in the graphic arts, has taken an enviable position among the great typographers of the day. Eugene and the University is fortunate in having him here.

The reputation of Dr. Nash has been built upon years of hard work. He has preserved the traditional methods of the fine arts printer, setting type in his own shop, working hard and regularly, and producing typographic masterpieces which are things of beauty and precision.

While Dr. Nash has signified his intention to retire from active work, his services, at least in an advisory or part time manner, would be an exceedingly great asset to the University. The master printer is already connected with Oregon, as an advisor of the

students in typography, as a recipient of an honorary degree, and as a lecturer.

HE has taken great interest in the work done by student printers, has loaned type for their books, has visited the campus to criticize and aid them in producing fine printing. Recently he strengthened all these bonds to the University by loaning his valuable collection of rare books and fine printing to Oregon on a semi-permanent basis. The value of these masterpieces is just beginning to be appreciated by the campus which viewed them yesterday for the first time.

In San Francisco the Nash press was a center for typographers and lovers of fine printing the world over. Now that Dr. Nash has decided to reside in Eugene the possibility of building up a new center for the typographical world is not remote. The University should take every opportunity to make this possibility a reality.

## Judicious Voting

WITH elections only one day away and bloc lineups practically complete, the campus politicians are girding their loins for the big contest.

Today will begin the last stand barrage of campaign slogans, political pigging, parades (if possible), and all the colorful fanfare that have made college elections famous. With them will come a great deal of baloney, a little fact, and a lot of fun.

Campaigning on this campus has established a reputation for being merely an attempt to solidify the blocs which have been laboriously built up during the nominating period. Promises are for the most part superficial, being restricted to the bare minimum necessary to draw votes.

THE task for the student voter is to separate the fact from the fiction. His larger duty will be to scrutinize the candidates, evaluate their abilities and decide judi-

ciously upon the men who, in his estimation, will do the best job.

If political candidates ran for student offices upon some other basis than bloc lineups, the voter's job would be immensely simplified. As it is even the candidate himself has little control over his group. The plea to vote is either to support some bloc or to defeat another.

The situation being as it is, little improvement can be made at present. Careless voters who let themselves be railroaded into blind support have created a situation which seems impossible to correct.

While these sage observations will fall for the most part upon ears deafened by bloc loyalty, some few students maintain their sovereign right to vote. To those we reiterate, A candidate stands or falls upon his ability.

It would be better to let him fall now than later.

## Campus Calendar

Ye Tabard Inn will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in Gerlinger hall.

Order of the O will meet this noon at the Chi Psi lodge.

Harriet Robinson of the Lane county relief com. will speak to the Westminster group tonight at 9 o'clock.

There will be no Gamma Alpha Chi meeting today.

Sigma Omega Chi will meet at 9:15 tonight in alumni hall of Gerlinger.

Student and faculty members of the hunt club are urged to attend the business meeting of the club Wednesday evening at the county fairgrounds at 9 p.m. The business meeting will be preceded by the regular ride in the ring at 8.

More Harvard university seniors selected business as their profession than any other line of endeavor.

## Protects Minors



Superior Judge Emmett H. Wilson . . . announced lately that he would make it mandatory that all minors' movie contracts place one-half of the earnings in a trust fund to avoid a repetition of the Jackie Coogan affair.

Pacific coast athletic authorities are planning a 150-pound football league.