

# Midday Send-off Planned for Webfoots

## Football Team Off For South

Demonstration Slated to Begin At 11:45 Today

### BULLETIN

Each student planning to attend the send-off rally this morning at 11:55 is asked by Bob Hochuli, rally chairman, to bring a newspaper to be torn up for cheer demonstrations.

Classrooms, Greek houses and dorms will be left vacant at 11:45 this morning, when all Oregon treks to the local station to rally 'round the Duck squad when they entrain for their tilt with the California Golden Bears.

The football team will be at the station at 11:55 to climb aboard the special, and student rooters will put on their demonstration between then and 12:10, when the southern-bound squad pulls out of the station.

On hand to pay their respects to the departing heroes will be University President Donald M. Erb, who is seldom seen at Webfoot rallies, Anse Cornell, athletic activities director, and ASUO Prexy John Dick.

The University band will serenade the Ducks, and Bob Elliot and his squad of yell leaders will handle the mass demonstration by the student body. Rally Head Bob Hochuli requested last night that every fan attending bring a newspaper, to be torn to bits during the send-off and thrown into the air.

Living groups will pair off to go to the rally in the same manner as for the send-off to the Stanford game. Fraternity men will call for girls in the house corresponding to theirs on the rally committee's list. Groups who do not know their listing may learn rally plans by calling Maxine Hansen, Hochuli said.

## Assemblies Temporarily Canceled

Schools to Hold Meetings in 11 O'Clock Period

All student body assemblies for the next two weeks have been cancelled in order to allow departmental assemblies to take over the regular Thursday 11 o'clock periods usually set aside for ASUO gatherings.

First school to meet will be that of architecture and allied arts. Future designers and painters are scheduled to convene in Villard auditorium this morning at 11. Also set for the same hour today is the assembly for majors in that school of music to be held in the music school lecture room.

Tonight at 7:15 o'clock an assembly for all students who are taking speech courses will be held. This meeting, which will familiarize speech students with radio and symposium group activities offered both men and women, will also be held in Villard auditorium.

Many departments and schools, including education, law, business administration, and pre-meds, will meet next week at locations to be announced later.

## Magazine File Added to Libe

A few changes have been made in the library periodical room this fall, according to Willis C. Warren, head of the department.

The periodical file has been labeled and reclassified for added convenience. The file now has the call numbers of the bound volumes as well as the name of the magazine.

A new magazine has been added called "Econometrica," which deals with mathematical economics to be used with the new classes offered on the campus.

This brings the current magazines in the library to a grand total of 925, the largest yet, Mr. Warren says.

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## Frosh Blocs Declare Political War for Coming Elections

Les Anderson, Al Silvernail to Represent Rival Blocs in Race for President; Polls Will Open Next Wednesday for Final Vote

By NORMAN FOSTER

The curtain went up last night on the popular campus production, politics, with the freshmen nominating members as candidates for officers of the class of '43. The production, showing last night in Villard hall, was a double feature consisting of two campus political blocs striving for leadership of the freshman class.

Those nominated by bloc A were: Les Anderson, DU, for president; Jeannette Neilson, Susan Campbell hall for vice-president; Ruth Graham, AOPi, for secretary; and Glen Williams, Canard club for treasurer.

Bloc B put up Al Silvernail, Chi Psi, for president; Dotty Lou Crooks, Gamma Phi, for vice-president; Helene Wilmet, DG, for secretary; and Pat Riley, Kappa Sig for treasurer.

**Who's for Whom?**  
Because of apparent uncertainty as to just whose side who was on, political bigwigs declined to reveal the members of their respective blocs. The Kappas appeared to be one of the "fence sitter ones," what with one bloc claiming that they had the Kappas "sewed up" politically, while the other bloc asserted that they had "things well in hand."

Verdi Sederstrom, first vice-president of the associated student body, was in charge of last night's meeting. Sederstrom appointed Jean Maloney to take the assembly minutes.

Sederstrom pointed out that anyone wishing to nominate a candidate after the close of the meeting, could do so by filing a petition signed by 30 members of the class of '43 with him before Friday midnight.

**Villard Packed**  
Villard hall was packed to capacity with politically-minded freshmen last night. The meeting evidently aroused so much interest that even a few of the campus politicians attended, supposedly to see that their contingent didn't "do them wrong."

The freshmen class will vote on their candidates next Wednesday, October 18. The polls will be located in the YMCA hut and freshmen may vote between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Voters must possess class cards.

**Libe Reserve Hits New High**  
The general reserve department of the library set an all-time record Tuesday by issuing 1,592 books during the day.

M. H. Douglass, head librarian, attributes the rise to the fact that students study more at the beginning of the term.

Even that grand total does not come near touching the whole number of books in the library. Students would have to draw nearly 300,000 to take out all the books.

### Directs Season's Opener



Horace Robinson . . . planned new lighting effects for "Our Town," Pulitzer prize play, which will open at 8 o'clock tonight in the University theater.

## Curtain to Rise on Premier Of Pulitzer Prize Winner, 'Our Town,' Tonight at 8

Stage Settings in New University Theater Drama Unusually Informal; Sell-Out Predicted for All Three Performances

The University theater curtain will go up at eight o'clock tonight on the "first night" performance of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer prize play, "Our Town."

A few seats left for Thursday night, a complete sellout for Friday, and still a slight choice for Saturday's performance is the record set at the box office located in Johnson hall.

Exchange tickets plus twenty-five cents entitles students to a reserve seat to see this dramatic success of small town life. Exchange tickets may be secured at the ASUO office or at any living organization by holders of student body cards.

**Opening Informal**  
In keeping with the simple stage setting, Mrs. Ottilie T. Seybolt, director of the drama department, announces the opening will be informal.

The scenes in "Our Town" are laid in the small New England town of Grover's Corners with familiar home-like atmosphere.

The part of the country practitioner, Dr. Gibbs, will be taken by Robert Horn. His wife will be portrayed by Florence Shumaker. The part of the editor, Mr. Webb, is being played by Henry Korn with the role of his wife being taken by Dorothy Parks.

**Larson Leads**  
Ed Larson will be seen in the juvenile lead as George Gibbs play-

ing opposite Mary Staton as Rebecca, the editor's daughter. The romantic note of the play is hinged on their courtship and marriage.

"Our Town" is directed by Horace Robinson, associate professor of dramatics, and assisted by Helene Parsons.

Other members in the cast are: stage manager, Horace Robinson; Rebecca Gibbs, Mary Margaret Gedney; Simon Stimson, Jerry Lakefish; Mrs. Soames, Gerda Brown; Constable Warren, Dan Willis; Si Crowell, Dickie Moore; Sam Craig, James Parsons; Joe Stoddard, Kenneth Griffith; Joe Crowell, Lee Everett; Howie New-some, Lester McDonald; Professor Willard, N. B. Zane; baseball players, Don Rest and Elmer Rice; dead woman, Betty Jane Quigley; dead man, Jim Davidson; Joe Cotton, Howard Speer; townspeople, Janice Jones, Ray Dickson, Betty Fiksdahl, and Mary Booth.

## Majoress May Twirl At Initial Home Game

Military Honorary Plans Meet Tonight; To Air ROTC Plans

Fall activity will begin tonight for Scabbard and Blade, military honorary, when the group holds its first meeting of the year. The meeting was called by Harry Milne, captain of the local chapter, and is set for 7:15 at the ROTC building.

Armistice day plans will be discussed, Milne said, to work out the part of Scabbard and Blade in the observance.

Milne also urged that summer camp pictures be brought to the meeting for comparison and classification.

## Year-Old Dispute Believed to Be Near Peaceful Conclusion

One Time Opponents 'About Face' On Much Discussed Majoress Idea; ASUO's Okey Will Mean Adoption

A virtual one year silence on the widely controversial subject of whether Oregon should have a drum majoress was blasted last night when the AWS council, chief 1938 dissenters, gave their official sanction of a girl band leader.

The majoress question, which last year peppered the Emerald with black headlines during the football season, was brought before the council by John Dick, ASUO prexy. The council listened to his case in favor of a girl leader and then, by majority vote, gave their approval of the plan.

**Goes to ASUO**  
With the Associated Women Students' "Okey" in his pocket, Dick this noon will take the issue to the ASUO executive committee meeting, where student body leaders will give the majoress their support or kill the proposal.

If the executive committee puts its stamp on the plan, it will move back to the student affairs committee, which Monday started the movement through its gauntlet of governmental groups. The student affairs body will make the final decision today, so that the majoress will have plenty of time to get ready for the Gonzaga game.

All ready to slip a girl into the spot at the head of the band is Les Harger, present drum major. Mary Anderson, a frosh coed, has been training for the spot and will be ready to take over the reigns, Harger said last night. (Please turn to page four)

**Special feature announced by Leith Abbott, SP representative, was that for students buying tourist class tickets for \$14.10 may secure berths for Friday night for \$1.00. Two students will be permitted to share berths at no extra cost, he said.**

If fans travel by chair car or coach, they will have to pay only \$13.80 for a round trip ticket.

The rally special leaves the Eugene station at 12:10 Friday noon, and arrives in Berkeley at 6:48 Saturday morning. Students may return to Eugene either Saturday or Sunday and will reach the home station Monday morning at 7:50.

"We are especially anxious that students make reservations as soon as possible," Abbott said, "for although we can provide for them, it would help us in preparing equipment for the trip if we knew just how many were to go."

The Hendrix college news bureau last year sent out 850 stories about the school's activities and personalities.

## Concessions Picked for AWS Fete

Drawing Held by Trudi Anderson, Booth Chairman

A real "grab bag" drawing yesterday afternoon in the College side decided what houses would be paired off to build booths for the annual AWS carnival, set for October 28 in the Igloo. The drawing was held by Trudi Anderson, booth chairman.

The results of the drawing were: Alpha Chi Omega-Phi Psi, Alpha Delta Pi-Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Gamma Delta-Chi Psi-Zeta hall, Alpha Omicron Pi-Sigma Nu, Alpha Phi-Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Xi Delta-Canard club, Chi Omega-Kappa Sigma, Delta Delta Delta-Campbell Co-op 1, 2, Delta Gamma-Phi Gamma Delta, Gamma Phi Beta-Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Girls' University Co-op-Sigma Chi, Hilliard Co-op-Sherry Ross hall, Highland Co-op-Sigma Alpha Mu, Hendricks hall-Alfa hall, Kappa Alpha Theta-Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma-Delta Upsilon, Pi Beta Phi-Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Kappa-Beta-Pi Kappa Alpha, Susan Campbell-Delta Tau Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha-Gamma hall-Sigma hall, Orides-Theta Chi-Omega hall.

## Dr. Preus to Speak To Lutheran Students

Dr. C. K. Preus of Minneapolis, Minnesota, educational director for the Norwegian Lutheran church, will come to the campus Thursday.

He is conducting a series of conferences in the West and will speak to the Lutheran Student association and others who are interested, on "Fate in Action," at the YWCA at 5 p.m.

## Opinions of Faculty Differ on Grade Publication

By DON GOODALL

A partial survey of faculty opinions made yesterday concerning the repeal of the legislation prohibiting the publishing of living group grade averages revealed a wide range of opinion on the advisability of the move.

Comment on the subject ranged from a free-for-all attitude proposing that publicity be given not only to living group averages but to individual student grades also. At the other extreme, a complete black-out of publicity was advocated because the faculty member believed that public grades built up a competitive spirit that caused a boycott of the stiffer courses and an unfair load on the so-called "pipe" courses.

H. R. Taylor, head of the psychology department and author of a report on the subject of prohibition of grade publicity pointed out that a survey had been made and the report had favored the rescinding of the ruling.

"The ruling passed last year by the faculty senate prohibiting the publishing of grades did not have the desired effect and only added to the confusion which existed before," Taylor reported.

J. H. Gilbert, dean of the school of social science and chairman of the scholastic committee, made the original motion before the faculty senate to repeal the prohibiting ruling and bring back the former system.

**Acts as Stimulus**  
"I believe that publishing living

group averages acts as a decided stimulus to better scholarship and at the same time acts as an improving agent on groups with low scholastic standings," Gilbert pointed out.

The case of Stanford university and its policy of publishing the name of each student and his grade point average was recited by Gilbert as showing the lengths to which some schools carry grade publicity.

"I had my say last year. Since the majority of the faculty favors the old system of publishing grades, I will follow that sentiment," commented W. D. Smith, head of the geology and geography departments. Smith favored the action taken last year prohibiting grade

publicity on the grounds that it cut down the competitive spirit in making grades.

**Morse Votes Yes**  
W. L. Morse, dean of the school of law, voted in favor of the repeal believing the prohibition ruling had not gained the desired ends.

"It is my opinion that the living organizations are inclined to pressure their members into following certain devices aimed at raising the grades of a particular house when the procedures may not be at all to the best interests of the individual concerned," Morse stated in explaining his stand.

A recommendation to the effect that the faculty senate give further consideration to the problem of grades was proposed by Morse dur-

ing the course of the interview.

**Suggests New System**  
The fact that grades are difficult to apportion and are often not indicative of a student's ability was highlighted by V. P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration. At the same time Morris expressed the wish that a more satisfactory system be worked out to replace the grades now used to classify student ability.

"As long as the University gives out grades at all, I favor the fullest publicity. If a professor does an honest and intelligent job of grading there is no reason why the grades should not be fully known," Morris asserted.

Faculty sentiment expressed throughout the survey revealed dis-

satisfaction with the grading system and a common wish for a better method.

**Aids "Pipes"**  
Generally conceded was the harmful effect of grade publicity since it often causes living groups to exert pressure on individual students causing them to enroll in the easier courses to the detriment of their educations. Also pointed out was the fact that "pipe" courses to one student were difficult to another depending on inherent ability.

Included among suggestions given during the interviews were those proposing the complete abolishment of the grade system and an exact opposite which would refine the present system such as is done in primary and preparatory schools.

Christian Science organization meets tonight at 8:00 in the Y. W. C. A. hut. All students and faculty members interested are invited to attend.

All living organizations must have their social events for the term scheduled with the dean of women by 5 o'clock today.

Organizational meeting of the Newman club, Catholic student group, will be held Sunday at 7:30 in the men's lounge in Gerlinger hall, Allen Kahn, president, announced today. All Catholic students and their friends are invited to attend the meeting, Kahn said.

Phi Theta will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. today in Gerlinger hall.

AWS carnival booth house representatives will meet at the side at 4:00 and must be ready to turn in their ideas of themes and have the concessions worked out on paper.

Frosh basketball practice will be at 4 o'clock today instead of 4:30, McArthur court.

Vespers today at 4:45 in Alumna hall, Gerlinger.