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Student Government Stock Goes Up

EVER since the present setup of athletic and educational activities boards has been in operation at the University one of its most obvious characteristics has been its tendency toward year-after-year sameness in composition.

Most of the faculty members who were appointed to the board in its inception are on it now. They are there as representatives of definite fields of influence, to take care of each of the branches of endeavor which the boards oversee. Each man and each position is carefully weighed out, until the result is two teams. As the boards have grown up the men have grown up with them.

Until yesterday much the same was true of the student side of the boards—up to the point of long service of course, for the student term is one year. Student members were of course entirely ex officio, and were apportioned according to position between the boards. The ASUO president sat on both boards; first and second vice-presidents were automatically athletic board members; ASUO secretary, AWS president, and Emerald editor automatically belonged to educational activities.

WITH this makeup the boards were not always an ideal arrangement from the student standpoint. Often there would be a member or two from the student side who could not attend, due to the time of the scheduling usually. Whenever this happened the ratio went as extreme as 4 to 1 between students and non-students. Student members hesitated even to express their opinions.

More than that, working on only one board gave an incomplete perspective of the problems relative to both. There is considerable coincidence, as in the matter of collecting fees, and policies overlap.

Yesterday, however, President Erb wisely changed much of this maladjustment. He extended to the entire ASUO executive committee the right to belong to both boards, be on their mailing lists, and do everything but increase their vote.

Student government is as much of a puzzle as national, state, or local government based upon popular franchise. The apathy concerning the vote is colossal. Not even one half of the student body can even be induced to vote in the spring for next year's officers. Little interest is displayed in student prerogatives in regard to self-government. With such a situation it is not surprising that functions the students should be running themselves, and which nobody else really wants to run, gradually slip into other hands for the simple reason that otherwise nothing would be accomplished.

WITH this in view it is a distinct sign of improvement when a student governing body gets interested enough to ask more rather than less work, for the doubling of student board work is actually a self-sentence to hard labor.

This one factor alone is enough to make the 100 per cent inclusion of the ASUO executive committee on both boards the most significant step in student government since the inception of preferential voting here. The functions and rights are available to the students, but they must demonstrate their willingness to undertake the responsibilities and work involved or else their few vestiges of student government will continue to trickle away without anyone much caring.

It may be that the new board setup will mark the turning of the tide.

Behind the 8 BALL

With JACK BRYANT

Ought to be a big night off the campus as there is nothing besides the game scheduled. Could have imported a "big name" band from Clatskanie for the occasion. This old stuff of big name bands for the campus dances is getting to be like a short hair cut, always good for a laugh. . . even with all the dads down, the Trees will probably do a rushing business. . . After a show and drive Sunday it'll be time to start Monday classes, never fails.

PREPAREDNESS

Most colorful stories heard this week is Constance "conscience" Walbridge's embroidered red flannels, and Beta's Walt Miller apple green longies. . . Dale Mallicoat, the man of a thousand ducks, is back on the campus, veteran campus citizens remember Dale as the designer of many clever signs using the duck as ASUO publicity. . . Katie Bates, talented Alpha Chi, is the performer of miracles. . . 8 ball weekend queen is the DG's Marge Turner. . . no one is still talking about that Winter Wonderland formal last week, it's a sore spot.

Obediah Brown conceals its true identity through underhanded policies. . . Nan Moore and Lyn Backus. . . Alice Courthard, junior transfer from San Mateo junior college. . . Ken Harquail gets the laughs because he has two coats, one to leave if he is in too much of a hurry to grab it on the way out. . . his brothers might like to know more. . . Janet Christianson's ATO pin is causing heart breaks. . . Squelching

as yet, he is reported to be fast approaching that status. He features violins and gives forth with real sweet music a la Orin Tucker.

Harry James, Prodigy

Harry James, Down Beat's poll winner, has one of the most bizarre musical backgrounds in the business. Harry's mother and father were circus performers and grew up in the wild hallelaloo of circus life. He started playing a trumpet at three years of age and at four he took up the drums. One day the regular drummer with the circus band got sick—and Harry, at that tender age, filled in for him for a month. He was billed as "The Child Prodigy of the Drums."

While he was learning the drums and trumpet, Harry became friendly with the circus contortionist and learned a number of that gentleman's tricks. He became so good at tying himself up in knots that he was featured for a long time in his own little act, doing double jointed tricks and other stunts in the contortionist's repertoire. However, he never gave up his trumpet—today stands at the top of the list.

Romantic?
Fats Waller's newest recordings have the romantic titles of "Your Feet's Too Big" and "Suitcase Susie" . . . Larry Clinton's recording of "The Johnson Rag" is selling steadily to swing fans; it's got that real Miller jive absent on so many of his sweet tunes.

The BAND BOX

By BILL MONLEY

Dance planners for the Sigma Delta Chi shag, spring term, are working fast and furious in an attempt to land some really big name outfit to swing out at their annual party. They're running around the Shack mulling such names as Carl Ravazza, Jimmy Walsh, Freddy Martin, and Artie Shaw's old band. Sounds great, and if one of these top-flight maestros could be lured to ye old Oregon campus, the dance committees could dispense with decorations, publicity, and everything else. In fact, they could probably hold the dance in a barn and pack it to overflowing.

A La Orrin

Speaking of big name bands, Bob Mitchell should do quite well in the Igloo next Saturday night. Although Mitchell isn't by any means a big name band

line of Betty Jean Biggs' "Sorry, but Jimmy's walking home with me."

NEW DUO

Ed Wheeler, Phi Delta, and Sally McGrew, Gamma Phi. . . now they're accusing people with short haircuts of rushing the season, but spring is here, saw it Friday morning, but the rest of the day it was in magnito. . . Jim Banks suggests a toll gate to Skinner's Butte as a means of raising money to build the SUB. . . Now they're talking of having table reservation service at the libe, with each house reserving tables, the "floor show" comes on promptly at 9 to be followed by the "8 ball ball" if plans work out right.

Don Drake and Clyde Walker, Oregon State Barometer powers this year, took in the press conference, fixed a flat tire, and went to the Washington game yesterday. Drake was the Editor of the sheet last term and Walker takes over this term. . . Also here was Charlie Bollinger who knows more newspaper men than the Kappa Sigs would care to meet, according to Joe Gurley.

Ralph Cake to Speak To Campus Honorary

Ralph Cake, president of the Equitable Savings and Loan asso-

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ciation of Portland, will speak before members of Beta Gamma Sigma, campus BA honorary, on Tuesday, February 3, at a banquet at Seymour's cafe.

Mr. Cake is a graduate of the University and a past president of the alumni association.

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A YEAR IN A DAY

By WES SULLIVAN

1911
September 30—Forty-three members of the freshman class were pledged to fraternities this year.

October 4—The one-hour class in journalism needs more members. The class is conducted by Athletic Manager Geary.

October 7—The student body has decided that sophomores will not be allowed to wear derbies, only the upperclassmen have this privilege.

Juniors Paint "O"
Last spring the visiting California baseball squad transformed the "O" on Skinner's Butte into a "C" by painting one side of it blue. The junior class will be expected to do the retouching.

October 11—Contracts for holding the Oregon-Washington game in Portland have not been signed because Multnomah field will only hold 3,500 people and at least 10,000 are expected.

The campus YMCA is considering building a cement sidewalk from the "Y hut" to 12th street.

Taft Speaks

October 14—President Howard Taft was greeted by several Oregon "Oskey Wow Wows"

as he stepped to the rear platform of his train to give a three-minute address to students.

October 21—The Alumni association gave its first annual reception for regents, faculty, and students of the University last night. Over 400 were present.

November 4—Bill Hayward may leave the University to take over athletics for the Portland Multnomah club.

Color for Oregon
Color plates will be used for the first time in the history of the Oregon this spring.

November 8—As the result of the new filtering system the University of Oregon's water supply is as pure as the famous Bull Run water of Portland.

The "Sage of Podunk" humor column, exhibited this quip today: "When matching the other fellow for carfare, remember that two heads are better than one."

Movies in Eugene
December 13—Motion pictures came to Eugene today in the form of action shots of the Pendleton Round-up. The reel had to be re-run three times.

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