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## A Student Body for All Students

IT is all over now. The student body membership fee question is a dead issue for this year.

The executive committee laid it away to rest yesterday when it made the \$2 compulsory activities fee mean student body membership.

No more significant move has been made during the present college generation—assuming that four years represents a college generation—and surely none has been more debated and dragged out. As a matter of fact, if the answer had to be found only on the basis of logic no answer would ever be found, for the equation balances on each side. Logic sits on both sides of this particular fence.

There really was not much choice for the executive committee as to what it ought to do. Almost as soon as the \$2 fee was imposed by the state board indications began to show themselves for a future course. First of these indications was a reliable OSC report that at Corvallis the \$2 fee was taken for granted as student body membership. Then the University administration declared for the same. At last belated petitions came out for universal membership, attracting only 800 signers however.

BUT to get back to the lack of choice, the committee ran up several blind alleys before it was through. It gave up the idea of student body membership tied to athletic cards as going against the grain somehow. It talked about a special fee for student body membership, but that would transform the ASUO into an organization such as classes now have, but lacking the unity and specific purposes the individual classes have. There seemed no way out but to give away membership, for that is what it amounts to when the very act of registration with its attendant fee paying means membership.

With the altering of its membership status the ASUO thus passes into a new era the full meaning of which will not be known until tested by time, just as the effects of the state board's new \$2 fee were not foreseen.

Once given, the universal franchise will be almost impossible to take back should the need ever arise. The circumstances under which such a need could arise are as unpredictable as the future of the ASUO under the new setup, but it is safe to say revenue reasons would be as good a dog in a manger as could be found. The financial results of the new arrangement are very much uncertain.

IT is possible that the general franchise will make little difference in the total number voting in elections, but that again is a matter for the future to demonstrate. At any rate the voting privilege is there whether it is ever used or not.

In view of the fact that universal membership would probably have come eventually, it is fortunate perhaps that it should come now, the easy way, without struggle. The idealists are even now arguing that from now on the ASUO will be a government of, by, and for the people, as per classic example. Maybe they are right.

At any rate the ASUO knows where it stands on membership.

## Leading a Symphony Note-Free

WITHOUT the benefit of statistics from a Gallup poll, it is safe to say that a great many students on the campus enjoy such radio music as the Ford Sunday evening hour, or similar classical programs. A taste for really good music has been developed in spite of a daily rush at heavy listening to popular compositions.

With the idea of fostering this interest in classical and semi-classical works and at the same time offering a chance to listen absolutely free, the University symphony will appear in concert Tuesday night.

AT this time 600 students and other interested persons will be able to hear a fine musical organization of established reputation. In its season last year, the orchestra played accompaniment for Igor Gorin, an ASUO concert attraction, and following its regular concert series, presented a special outdoor concert as part of Junior Weekend. This year the orchestra has accepted the huge responsibility of supplying the musical foundation for "Eliah," and will within a month furnish orchestral theme music for the canoe

fete, carrying on its habit of being always ready to cooperate.

The wealth of musical ability and energy represented by the symphony orchestra, however, takes its only income through the Eugene Symphony association, which sponsors the concert series. It will be a fine thing when the symphony concerts can be included on the ASUO activities card.

IN the meantime the orchestra continues to startle its followers by producing special programs: recently by presenting a great violinist, Fritz Neumann, in conjunction with the final concert; presenting for the first time an all-Tschaikovsky program, and using a specially purchased celeste for one of this composer's works—new and worthy events in the history of Oregon music.

So the Emerald is happy and proud to take the role of sponsor for a special concert by the symphony. Everyone should become familiar with this truly fine musical organization and with what it represents, for, "without music life would be a mistake," and without this orchestra an inspired spirit would vanish.—J.C.K.

Coach Bill Hayward, veteran Oregon track mentor, this spring in training Oregon's varsity track team, according to an announcement by the physical education department Tuesday. The switch

has been made possible by an exchange of services between the school of physical education and the athletic department, whereby Hayward will aid in instructing PE courses.

## ONCE OVER

Lightly

By PAT TAYLOR and SALLY MITCHELL

Admit one:

Today we bing you Onceover Politely. We wish to admit our first mistake. Fall term we mentioned Slick Vic Townsend as being a good dancer, saying, "We only hope that Vic, who is a freshman basketball player from California, can play ball as well as he can jitterbug. Vic is now a varsity player, and does play as well as he dances, and if you think he can't dance . . ."

Many thought for sure the Sigma Chi stocks were going up the other day when they saw Butch Thompson being millraced, thinking the boy had planted his pin, but it was only on account of he was wearing cords—shucks.

And Reid Farrel, Fiji, newly elected treasurer of the sopho class, had a drink of the brink as soon as election returns came in. Did any boy ever get through the U. without being millraced at least once?

The height of conceit: doing advanced algebra problems in ink.

The Amphibian-varsity swimmer's show was ducky (if you get what we mean.) . . . Pi Phi Martha McClung looks tres peachy in a swimming suit, and the Ralph Lafferty, Chuck Wiper comic diving was ver' ver' good.

If all the flivvers in front of the men's dorm were laid end to end, we shouldn't be surprised. Somewhat resembles a wrecking lot—or a lot of wrecks.

And Bill Carney, Sigma Nu baseball boy, has a batting average for this week of 1.000 with Alice Trullinger, Chi Omega, he planted his pin on. . . The tennis matches yestiddy were aces; we should have more of the like. . . While there we saw Betah-h-h! Harry Adams, who is down for the weekend. . . also Helen Howard, Alpha Phi, and Harriet Scott, DG, who are the best of buddies, even though not sorority sisters. . . If the weather doesn't blossom chop chop, we'll have to give up gossip mongering. . . heck, nobody's planting pins at all these days.

Be there a gal with soul so dead, Who never to herself has said, By gum, if I had me a car, It's a cinch I'd get a lot farther. (Well, it wouldn't rhyme the other way.)

A pin that has stuck: The Beta-Theta combination, Roger Conrad and Prexy Janet Foster, who is also a Jr. Weekend princess, in case you din't know.

Goodby.

## The BAND BOX

By BILL MOXLEY

### Grabbin' Gamma Phis

The Gamma Phis bought all the records in town the other day so there doesn't seem to be many of the newer discs available for reviewing. Hal Kemp's latest waxings are "Believing," (which is a steal from "Make Believe") and "They Ought to Write a Book About You." . . . Artie Shaw made such a phenomenal success of his first two records that he has followed immediately with another paid. With the 31-piece band he has turned out "Gloomy Sunday" and "Don't Fall Asleep." . . . The most underrated song of the month is the Four King Sisters' waxing of "Irish Washerwoman," a tune which umps and jumps, and then jumps some more. On the other side is their historical rendition of "In the Mood."

### Get Thee Behind Me, Radio.

The results of a recent national poll indicate that the greatest single factor in deterring college students from studying is the radio. 95.8 per cent of all college students have regular access to radios, and 60.6 per cent of college students have radios in their own rooms. (Even the Emerald editor has one in his office.) And phonographs are becoming very popular also. In fact phonograph sales have more than doubled in the last two years. . . . By now everybody has heard of the Princeton senior who submitted his senior thesis on victrola records! He got the whole thing on 20 12-inch sides.

### Not Fast—Slow and Sweet

Every day the music industry is looking more and more to the nation's colleges for talent and for indications of the newest trends. In his Portland interview, Duke Ellington said that when-

ever he plays for college crowds it's strictly a mixture of a little fast music and a lot of slow sweet stuff. The emphasis is definitely away from the individual solo work a la Benny Goodman. Some people feel that Benny's sextet has done more to hurt his popularity than anything else.

As for talent, every year a larger percentage of big name bands spring up from colleges and universities. Horace Heidt started his band at California; Ozzie Nelson began while attending Rutgers; Kay Kyser, University of North Carolina; Fred Waring, Pennsylvania State, and so on. . . . Undergraduates are supposed to know and appreciate good dance music when they hear it.

### Owens Clicked for Feature

Willamette Park is positively headed for bigger things. Owner A. B. Loud was so amazed and gratified with the Harry Owens turnout that he has sworn to carry on a big name policy from now on whenever it is possible. Two new balconies are in the making and everything is in preparedness for the biggest of the big.

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## Ned Johns to Help Hayward in Track

Ned Johns, assistant professor of physical education, will assist