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## The Light That Fails....After Election Day

WHEN the polls closed at 3 o'clock Tuesday in the ASUO elections 776 ASUO card holders had registered their choice for next year's student leaders.

Although this total is slightly under the 843 mark set in last year's hotly-contested campaign it proves that at least for a day over half the ASUO members on the campus were interested enough in their government to come out and choose their officers. That more didn't vote may, in part, be attributed to the fact that only four candidates were running for the four positions on the executive committee.

Now that the campaign is over there seems to be a tendency on the part of most of the voters to settle back to their daily routine and take their government much for granted. Politicians have gone back into their shells, and

like the hibernating bear, probably won't come out again until the next season.

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WHAT few citizens of the ASUO seem to realize is that student government and the rights it conveys does not end when the polls close on election day. An aroused and enlightened student body can do a great deal towards influencing the course taken by its leaders.

Student opinion, be it voiced through organizations, all-school assemblies, in personal calls, or through the Emerald, is vital to the very existence of good government. This interest, manifested for a day at the polls, should not be left to die over night. Rather it should be a continuing and self-perpetuating force—the beacon light by which the ASUO pilots can steer the ship.—L.N.

## Hot off The Wire

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Wednesday morning papers carried banners to the effect that German troops were on the way to invade The Netherlands, but by Wednesday night it appeared to be just another false alarm in a war that is only too full of alarms and excursions. Not that this column is complaining over the lack of definite action. There appears to have been too much of that since August 2, 1939. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland, Norway—one wonders where the blow falls next.

The Dutch are reported maintaining readiness to resist invasion, but from this corner it looks like military folly, to say nothing of the moral aspects, for the Nazis to extend their fronts any further. Hitler must maintain legions to police the Czechs, Poles, and Norwegians, and the English would probably like nothing better than to have a few more small nations fighting for the British Empire.

Chamberlain and his cabinet came through with their political life but little else last night when he won a vote of confidence from the house of commons by a very slim majority. The vote was 281 to 200, and came after the laborites and Lloyd George had demanded his resignation.

A few weeks ago Chamberlain had boasted before Commons that Hitler had "missed the bus" in the Norwegian campaign, but, as a member of His Majesty's loyal opposition remarked in the course of the two-day debate: "Hitler took a taxi instead of waiting for a bus and the man with the umbrella was left at the stop sign." That doesn't sound much like parliamentary debate talk so maybe we made it up, but it sounds familiar so we must have read it somewhere.

The Columbia Empire industries prosperity quiz closes May 15, and all entries must be turned in to the Emerald before midnight of that date. District judges will announce the district winners in this paper on May 22 and all dis-

## Bob Brooke Wins Geological Award

Bob Brooke, geology major, was selected by the geology and geography faculty, as the student who had accomplished the most in the geological field during the past year. He was awarded a recently published book on minerals at the Condon club picnic Monday evening.

Dr. L. W. Staples, geology instructor, who made the presentation cited Brooke as being a person who didn't work for grades or credits but merely because he found pleasure in the field. The award is an annual feature of the Condon club picnic.

Prize-winning entries will be forwarded to the grand prize contest at once.

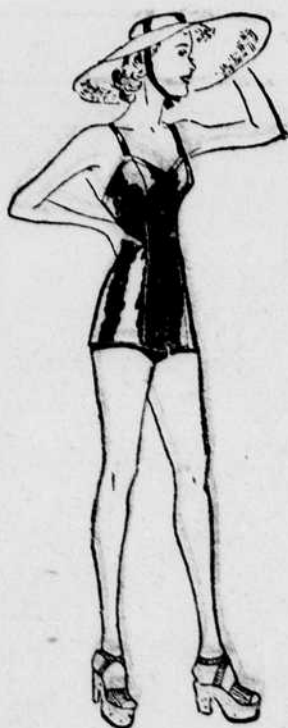
## Campus Calendar

Tonight will be the last time for Amphibian tryouts. They will be held at 7:30 in Gerlinger pool. All swimmers are invited to try out. Bring caps.

Members of this year's and next year's executive council will meet in the Anchorage at noon today for a special session.

The YWCA's weekly open house tea will be held this afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock in the Y bungalow, YW president Jean Crites announced last night.

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