

# UO Gains Science School In State Board Decision

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### Fraternity Bloc Sweeps Candidates Into Office

A LETTER FROM FDR



An appointment from Franklin D. Roosevelt was received by Wayne L. Morse, dean of the Oregon law school, as an alternate to the public members of the national defense mediation board. Dean Morse will have as standing commitments the northwest lumber commission hearing and the Pacific coast longshore wage arbitration.—Courtesy The Journal.

### Roosevelt Selects Morse As Mediation Alternate

By PHIL HUNT

University of Oregon's arbitrating law school dean, Wayne L. Morse, received an appointment from President Franklin D. Roosevelt as an alternate to the public members of the national defense mediation board, according to word received Tuesday in Eugene. Later communication by telephone with Dean Morse, now in Chicago as chairman of the president's emergency railway board, revealed that he had received this new appointment in a letter direct from President Roosevelt.

Dean Morse commented that the appointment came as a complete surprise to him, and that he was in no position to make a statement. He indicated, however, that he had been approached by William H. Davis, chairman of the board, and had advised him that he had standing commitments, including the northwest lumber commission hearing and the Pacific coast longshore wage arbitration, both of which cases were postponed until completion of the hearings of the railway emergency board.

Dean Morse answered the president's letter, telling him that he

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### Yaw Elected By Freshmen In Landslide

Ted Yaw, June Hitchcock, Dorothy Patterson, and Louis Felsheim were swept into freshman class offices yesterday after members of the freshman class cast 173 ballots at polls in the YMCA house.

Counts were:

For president: Fritz Giesecke, 15; Ted Yaw, 157.

For vice-president: June Hitchcock, 135; Winston Kelker, 12; Thorn Kinersly, 15; Bob Pendergrass, 9.

For secretary: Gerd Hansen, 23; Dorothy Patterson, 140; Betty Jane Wilson, 8.

For treasurer, Louis Felsheim, 144; Stan Hager, 26.

Persons voting in yesterday's elections were required to present class cards and their educational activities cards before their ballots could be cast. This is in accordance with a by-law adopted by the class October 21, and upheld by the ASUO judiciary committee in a decision released yesterday.

At noon yesterday, when the sale of freshman class cards stopped, officials in the educational activities office had sold 240 cards.

### ROTC Survey Given

Recognizing the phenomenal growth of the University military department in the national emergency, and the current interest in the defense effort, the Emerald today presents a survey of the work of the military department and of the University's contributions to national defense.

Ted Goodwin, who "covers" the department for the Emerald has prepared the series of articles appearing today on pages 6 and 7.

### Petitions Due Today at 5

Deadline for petitions for senior class vice-president and treasurer is 5 p.m. today in the educational activities office at McArthur court, Pat Lawson, senior class president, announced Tuesday.

New applicants will be interviewed at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 30, in the office of Dean of Men Virgil D. Earl in Johnson hall. Miss Lawson and Dorothy Jean Johnson, class secretary, will make the appointments later this week, in accordance with the senior class constitution.

### Advanced Instruction To Begin Next Year

By JACK BILLINGS

University of Oregon regained Tuesday the major science courses which were taken from its curriculum in the state system revision of 1932. At the same time it lost the dubious distinction of being the only known university in existence not granting degrees in pure science.

The state board of higher education, meeting at Ashland, recommended that, beginning with the 1942-43 academic year, "the University of Oregon be authorized to offer major instruction leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees in departments of mathematics, chemistry, physics, geology, botany, and zoology."

Members of the board's curricula committee, C. A. Brand, R. C. Groesbeck, and Robert W. Ruhl, moved for the restoration of the courses at the University. The proposal was unexpected and was made by the committee without a previous conference with Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter.

The board voted down previous recommendations by Chancellor Hunter that three new majors be assigned to both Oregon State and the University. According to this plan, the state college would have been allowed to grant degrees in history, English, and a combined major in economics and political science. The University would have had major fields in the departments of chemistry, biology, and again a dual department of physics and mathematics, which would have balanced the repetition of courses in the two institutions.

University President Donald M. Erb, upon his return to Eugene last night, said:

"The most sincere thanks of the University of Oregon are due the members of the state board of higher education for the way in which they settled the science issue. The minority who voted against our request faced the matter with courage and formed their votes on sincere educational convictions.

"To all of the board members I wish to express my gratitude. To the University my congratulations on the eventual achievement of a great educational objective."

On the actual vote of the board, Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett and Willard L. Marks voted "no," but later Mrs. Sackett moved to make the vote unanimous. Members present were Mr. Brand, Mr. Groesbeck, Mr. Ruhl, Mrs. Sackett, Mr. Marks, Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, E. C. Sammons, and Edgar W. Smith. Mac Hoke was not present, because weather conditions prevented his arrival by plane.

Immediately after the vote, Dr. Erb said, "The action of the board makes me extremely happy. It has high educational merit."

Acting President F. A. Gilfillan of Oregon State college stated, "I congratulate Dr. Erb on consummation of the goal for which he has worked. I do not feel, however, that this step is for the best interest of higher education in Oregon."

Chancellor Hunter stood back of the state board's decision saying, "I will carry out en toto its wishes."

Late last night Dr. Erb explained that the University will "have to get along on its present budget" as far as new buildings and added faculty members go; but the newly-organized departments "will grow along with the rest of the University."

### 'THANK YOU'



Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, expressed his thanks Tuesday to the state board of higher education for restoring science courses at the University. These courses will lead to degrees in mathematics, chemistry, physics, geology, botany, and zoology.—Courtesy Register-Guard.