

To the Freshmen --- Yours Is a Grave Responsibility

Into a huddle on April 6, 1942, went members of the Torgeson-headed ASUO executive council. In that single meeting the members of the council put through three sweeping changes affecting student activities on the campus.

Overnight class cards were abolished, a ruling was passed allowing only students with a 2.0 grade point average to participate in activities, and freshman political organization was banned until winter term. All three rulings were passed in the hope of eradicating long-standing abuses.

Freshman politics had long been a pain in the campus neck. Because of ignorance, lack of sufficient orientation, upperclassmen control, and plain, ordinary newness to college life, each fall the attempt to organize the freshman class ended in disorder and dissension, even more unsavory than the annual spring debacle. In 1940 there were two freshman class organizations and in the following year it was necessary to have two elections before the frosh became sufficiently organized to carry on any business. The council hoped that by winter term the class would be better able to organize on its own hook instead of being forced to follow blindly the more experienced upperclassmen. Thus the

freshman classes, beginning in the fall of 1943, were required to wait until the fifth day of winter term (and not past the fourteenth day of winter term) before they could organize themselves into a political unit and elect officers. The desirability of this program is obvious.

When nominations and elections were held early in fall term, usually even before classes began, the votes were cast not for candidates but for blocs. It was impossible for the voters to know the candidates under this system. Like sheep they followed the dictates of their brethren upperclassmen who had just got them moved into the various houses as pledges. And the independents, to counteract the solid Greek phalanx, moved in to help their freshmen get started in the game.

Now freshmen are given a term to become oriented and acquainted with one another. It is expected that their elections will be much cleaner and closer to a purely freshman undertaking than was previously the case. There is no need to depend upon the upperclassmen, and, correspondingly, the upperclassmen should keep their fingers out of the class of '48's pie.

Politics has never been too clean on this campus.

Nor has there ever been much thinking about the candidates—except on the basic point of which party they belong to. But you freshmen are not forced to follow that unwholesome precedent.

Just because there always have been two candidates and all the Greeks voted for their nominee and all the independents for theirs is no sign that someone can't be elected from a "best man for the job" standpoint.

You freshmen have a chance to set a precedent that would extend and bolster the reforms begun that spring day in 1942. You can nominate and elect candidates, not according to party lines, but according to qualifications for the offices. You can vote for the man or woman who seems to you, individually, to be the best person. You can totally disregard the argument that such and such a candidate is a Greek or an Independent. If you want to.

The vote is by secret ballot. There is no way of determining which candidate received your vote. You do not have to become sheep merely following a leader who tells you how to vote. But it is up to you.

The executive council prepared the way, you CAN break from tradition—if you want to.

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Prepare Now...

Although the forthcoming Failing-Beekman-Jewett oratorical contest seems to be a long time away with winter term registration just completed, now is the time to prepare for the event. Always one of the most distinctive highlights of graduation week in June, these oratorical attempts on the part of seniors interested not only in competing for highly remunerative rewards but also in investigating and defending adequately subjects of political, cultural, or economic significance, draw the most enthusiastic response of any intellectual endeavor of the students during the year.

The contestants are invariably seniors from the top GPA brackets and their subjects range from the Chinese situation and what American students can do about it, to a fine discussion of whether St. Augustine was a neo-platonist or a Christian. They are guaranteed to interest every student who attends because the contestants realize that the winner will be the one who impresses the judges most forcibly with his clarity and power of expression.

Only seniors who graduate not later than June are eligible and their speeches must be no longer than 15 minutes duration and may be upon any subject of their choice.

Now is the time to begin thinking about it. Now is the time to start choosing a subject which will be of enough significance to warrant entry in the contest. Prizes range from \$150 through \$100 and \$50 and are not to be overlooked by any senior preparing somewhat apprehensively to embarked upon a new order.

"The difference between the education in this country and Europe is that the United States has a broader sense of education. Education of tomorrow in Europe will be middle way between American education and European leader education. As for when the war will be over, it will end soon with the surrender of Germany. The real importance is how to reconstruct not only Germany but also the world. I believe that the problem of peace is not exclusively what to do with Germany and Japan. It will be necessary to build a real concert of nations in which the victorious as well as the defeated will be members." Dr. Max Wolff, political expert and former labor judge in Germany, emphasized the importance of education in the postwar world in a University of Oklahoma address.—ACP.

Take It From Me

By DOC

News comes that Barbara Fosen, Susan Campbell, received a very nice Christmas gift from Lt. Larry Doyle in the shape of a diamond ring. Very appropriate congratulations go to both of them.

The vacation seems to have had little effect on Roe Jensen's attention to Carolyn Taylor. Taylor says it doesn't mean a thing but we notice that the phone at Alpha hall rings constantly and those long conversations ain't hay.

Barbara Miller, Hendricks hall, finally set the date and she and Bill Hales will be married January 28 in Portland.

Lonnie Mueller, Susan Campbell, and Eddie Marshfield, who spends his time at Claypools seem to be very chummy and spend the majority of their free time together.

Wonder if Estelle Shimshak, whom most will remember for her performance as Bessie in "The Corn Is Green," is despondent over the fact that Ted Shay, who starred in the same play, is now attending Northwestern in Chicago. Must be awfully dull after all the attention thrown in her direction last term.

Anne Hardenbrook, Alpha hall, is seeing quite a bit of John Moore. They not only drink coffee at the Side and Falcon but he is also "serving" coffee to her at John Straub, along with about 300 others.

Donna Wilbanks, Gamma hall's candidate for Miss Lane County and the Bonds Away Girl, returned to school only to collect the incidentals one can accumulate in a term, and is now on her way to marry Cleo Brown, USN.

Future BMOCs

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matically removed from said office upon his failure to meet any of the above requirements.

Dean Earl suggested that all campus office-holders renew their eligibility listings with the deans as soon as possible.

Annamae Winship, junior in journalism, has been approved as acting business manager of the Emerald, Earl M. Pallett, chairman of the educational activities board said Tuesday. Miss Winship replaces Roseann Leckie, sophomore in liberal arts, who resigned because of ineligibility. Petitions from other candidates for the position will be called for at a later date by the board to determine a permanent business manager.

IF A BUDDY MEET A BUDDY

By JEANNE WILTSHIRE

It was a merry Christmas for Second Lt. Aaron Jones home on leave over the holidays. Aaron, a former student here, is stationed at Camp Riley, Kansas, associated with mule packing.

Another visitor, helping out at registration, was Ted "Tex" Goodwin and his wife, Ex-Emerald Editor Marjorie Major Goodwin. Tex is now a second lieutenant stationed at San Luis Obispo, California. Eliot Wirt, class of '46, was commissioned as ensign, USNR, in a ceremony held December 14, in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.

Several Oregon men have been commissioned as second louis recently. Among them are Marines Harold "G" Lamoreux, class of '38, and Stanley E. Weber, class of '44. Harold is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Gamma Theta Upsilon fraternities and Stanley is affiliated with Theta Chi and Sigma Delta Chi.

Eden Promoted

Douglas S. Eden, former soph on this campus and at present a bombardier, has been commissioned a second lieutenant from his previous rank of flight officer at the 100th bombardment group base. He has dropped many tons of explosives on enemy targets in Germany, having participated in more than a score of missions against the enemy. His group is part of the eighth air forces, third bombardment division.

Charles J. Crittenden, Jr., former student, has been commissioned a second lieutenant following completion of basic officer training at the Quantico, Virginia, marine corps base. Charles, an overseas veteran, is now undergoing advanced drill preparatory to assignment to a combat unit or specialist school.

Another officer recently promoted is Howard A. Fishel, graduate of '41, who has been promoted to first lieutenant from second lieutenant, according to a recent announcement from Major Gen. W. E. Covell's services of supply headquarters in the India-Burma theater of operations. Howard has been in the India-Burma theater for eight months.

Sergeant Receives Wings

Chester L. Sergeant received silver wings for Christmas, Uncle Sam's reward for the members of class 44-J at Lubbock army air field, who received their wings and diplomas at graduation exercises held December 23, at the twin-engine base. Chester was affiliated

with Pi Kappa Alpha and was a letterman in tennis, track, and boxing on this campus.

Recently promoted from major to lieutenant colonel is Franklin S. Allen, Jr., former journalism major, a commander of a B-26 Marauder squadron in France. A veteran of the Pacific theater, Col. Allen has flown 60 combat missions. He wears the soldiers medal, the air medal with eight oak leaf clusters, and service ribbons from three different theaters of operation. The 26-year-old pilot has completed 18 missions in the Pacific where he was awarded the air medal and later won the soldier's medal for rescuing survivors of a B-24 Liberator crash, in the face of danger from exploding bombs.

Hodges, Niklas in Pacific

A couple more boys who earned promotions recently are: Nelson A. Hodges, former Oregon cheerleader, and Marine Edmund R. Niklas, one time Delta Upsilon prexy. Both are captains. Hodges is a veteran of the bloody battles of Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian; Niklas is commanding officer of a unit attached to the third amphibious corps, having spent 24 months overseas and participating in the Guam and Bougainville campaigns.

• Lost

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