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AWS Election Policy . . .

The confusion and controversy over the women's elections yesterday indicates that a better understanding of policies toward nominations and elections is needed both among the women students in general and in the AWS governing board.

A letter to the editor expresses the dissatisfaction with the policy of holding nominations and elections on the same day. This practice was adopted in February, 1941, at the suggestion of Mortar Board. Previously, elections were held several days after the nominating assembly, and objectionable bloc activities were carried on in the interval—although no formal campaign was held. The list of candidates was kept secret until the nominating assembly under both plans.

While the practice of holding the nominations and elections on the same day has obvious value in discouraging political maneuvering, it must be accompanied by other features which were not observed this year.

In the first place, a printed ballot including the names of the candidates selected by the nominating committee should be used. Space should be allowed for the voters to write in the name of any candidate nominated from the floor, and the names of those candidates should be posted on blackboards or signs in the polling places.

The old AWS constitution (which is printed without amendments in the Ore-nter and which apparently has not been used by the organization for a number of years) provided that the nominating committee should include at least four seniors who are members of the executive council of AWS. For instance, Charlotte Calder Sabin, president of Ordes; Mary Corrigan, president of the YWCA; and Louise Goodwin, campus social chairman; could have served with Anita Young, AWS vice president, and Chairman Signe Eklund, AWS president, on the committee.

Finally, the candidates should be selected far enough in advance that the committee can consult with the YWCA and WAA and settle any possible duplication. The candidates themselves should be consulted in case of duplication of nomination.

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Before any basic change is suggested in the way of conducting the election, these details must be considered. If the failure to observe constitutional methods and past practice has proved unsatisfactory in recent years, they certainly should be reinstated.

After a period of obscurity, the AWS constitution has come to light and should be put into action. However, since it has not been in use for a time, its provisions should be reviewed and considered for possible revision. The revival and revision of the old constitution, or the drafting of a new one, can become a part of the group's movement to revitalize the organization of the Associated Women Students at Oregon.

Choral Combination . . .

Student praise of Tuesday night's Choral Union concert is proof that the group is on the way to establishing its performances as highlights in the musical year at the University.

The ultimate goal of the group is to win a place on the University concert series, along with the "big name" artists featured at McArthur court. In the meantime, Choral Union presents its show free of charge and is gaining the reputation for excellence that its sponsors desire.

As it is with the University band, orchestra, and vocalists, Choral union not only entertains, but also demonstrates the results of classroom training. This combination of the extra-curricular with the departments and schools of the University is playing a more important role and deserves encouragement.

Powder Burns

(The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily or admittedly those of the Emerald.)

By Rex Gunn

Gaping shameless on the ground, a black hole may be found where there stands 300 yards of which apace, a cokesless, beerless side where only cokes abide, and only those who drink 'em show their face.

Now, the hole is seeming drawn from a sleepy campus yawn—so late the ground is opened up about; and from its musty drear, unmistakable and clear, the smell of beer invades the air without.

For it's beer! beer! beer! You dirty, sweatin', burgermeister beer. It was crawlin' and it stunk, the most awful ever drunk, for the good stuff doesn't have a license here.

Now upon the sodden green, with a bottle through his spleen, a body weighed grotesque upon the ground; Scoop snooper was his name, and he was known to fame; a sharper shackrat wasn't to be found.

From a bleary, bawling throng rose a mad, unearthly song from 500 drunken voices down below; for the people gathered here to

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Fred Beckwith and By Mayo's

Ducktation

The maelstrom that is winter term, 1946, races on unchecked. The social slump that was anticipated by campus old-timers has failed to materialize. Everything is whirling on toward some unknown climax, but what it is or when it will come, these bleary eyes cannot forecast.

Maybe that approaching exam week will usher in the big crash! Meanwhile, the pin-plantings continue, with Gordon

Halstead starting the week off by transferring the brass onto Betty G. Simmons, Delta Zeta . . . Jean Grasshorn, Alpha Chi, apparently is the determining factor in whether Dale Kaegi, Theta Chi, will return to the army or stay on the campus . . . Latest attraction in the Alpha Phi house is Phi Delt pledge Dick Tansing and Ginnie Bratfish.

Miki Metcalf, Theta, passed her 20th milestone several days ago and celebrated the occasion with Sig Ep pledge Johnny Grossman. . . . Beta Jack Morrow and Chi O Barbara Lee Cheney are seeing more and more of each other . . . AOPi B. J. Williams is really making the rounds of the Sigma Chi boys . . . Get your bids in early, you guys! . . . A certain ex-Marine who claims to be a woman hater brings sandwich snacks to the Theta house faithfully every night. Wotta lover! . . .

It looks as though Mickie McCandless and Bert Thierolf are all through . . . A toast to a couple of swell people: Carolyn Wells and Ian MacKenzie . . . Janet Rilea 'n Hal Bailey spent a carefree Wednesday evening out at Tiny's engaged in deep intellectual conversation . . . Nadyne Neet, AOPi looks forward to those fortnights with Reed college man Jim Everts. . . . Songbirds: Chi O June Johnson has a date with the Frank Sinatra of Oregon, Floyd Stapp. . . . It should be melodious.

Roz Buck, Zeta Tau Alpha, is still talking about the "wonderful time" she had at the beach with Eldon Diehm last Sunday . . . Not exactly qualifying for the TGIW club, but still enjoying the cinema Wednesday were thrush Lynn Renick and Bill Syler . . . Jean Moe, Hen hall lovely, has the boys guessing by continually turning down all date offers . . . and there are plenty, too . . . Sandy Pierce, ATO motorcycle fiend,

Telling the Editor

About AWS Elections. . .

To the Editor:

I should like to criticize the method by which the AWS slate is selected. I wonder if the system of having the senior representatives on the AWS council, two girls, pick the nominees with the advice of the dean of women is a representative choice of all the members of the AWS?

Also, it would seem advisable to have some advance publicity on the slate if further nominations are to be requested from the floor. The minute or two given for these nominations is hardly sufficient time.

Then the matter of having a secret slate, reading it twice, and expecting those voting to give any thought to whose name they are putting down is ridiculous. The least that could be done would be to supply students with a printed ballot. The way it is now, voting results in a scramble to find out the name of one girl running for each office and filling that name in on the ballot. Just try to find out who the other candidates are. I suggest that a much-needed reform in the method of voting for AWS officers be adopted.

Lois Evans.

Carolyn Jacobs.

Elizabeth Gilmore.

Annamae Winship.

About—AWS, YWCA, WAA

To the Editor:

Despite two previous write-ups in the Emerald announcing the coming elections as well as announcements made in the living organizations, the YWCA, WAA, and AWS were disappointed to find some 200 girls attending the 11 o'clock assembly this morning in Gerlinger. More girls drifted in during the noon hour up to 1 o'clock to cast their ballots for the running candidates. However, only 471 ballots were cast in the AWS election when over 1800 girls are enrolled in the university. Eighty-six ballots elected the WAA officers, and there are 364 members in WAA, and 305 ballots elected the YWCA officers out of 750 members.

To answer the complaint of "no previous announcement of candidates" we wish to answer it thusly: We have followed the precedent established before in attempting to eliminate party politics and the formulation of blocs after the slate had been presented. Remembering the days when such blocs were formed on the "you vote for me and I'll vote for you" idea, the slates were prepared to avoid this, and candidates were chosen on the basis of merit. The announcement was also made in the Emerald that nominations would be accepted from the floor.

We hope that in the coming year the women on the campus will be more interested in the activities of the AWS, WAA, and YWCA. With the backing of all the women of the University we feel confident that the newly-elected officers will take great steps toward ironing out the complaints to everyone's satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Signe Eklund, AWS

Mary Corrigan, YWCA

Gay Edwards, WAA

HITS and MISSES

In Current Movies

By Mimi Moores

"State Fair" is exactly what it should be. This movie steers away from the conventionally dull country festival theme, complete with fake apple blossoms. But at the same time it retains a country atmosphere—in fact, sometimes you can almost smell the barnyard.

Even the country lad and his lass fade into the background (restful change), when a hog falls in love. It's vital for this large, handsome, cornfed individual to win first prize at the county fair. All goes well until he meets a little pig with a flirtatious snuffle. Then he refuses to move from his mud hole without her encouragement.

The contest is about to close; everyone, including the audience, is frantic, when a snuffle is heard in the background. At this inspiration, the hog waddles triumphantly out of his mud hole to receive the blue ribbon.

The love-success conflict has never been done so well! Something about it was faintly reminiscent of Boyer.

Dana Andrews makes a good farmer, and Jeanne Crain's and Dick Haymes' songs are very special. But it is Fay Bainter who puts joo much brandy in her mincemeat and almost steals the show from the hog.

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