

# Mountain, Smith to Battle For Student Body Prexy ATO, DU Bolt Greek Bloc

## Hats Go Into Ring For USA

Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Upsilon added fuel to the political fire Monday by withdrawing from the Greek Bloc and submitting candidates for nomination for ASUO offices on the USA slate in next week's elections.

Alpha Tau Omega voted without dissent Friday night to accept a USA proposal to present Barry Mountain for nomination in the USA primaries, Joe Richards, president stated.

"Mountain was assured only of an equal opportunity to run with other students seeking the number one position as an individual candidate," Richards added.

The proposal was extended Thursday afternoon by Art Johnson, on behalf of interested USA members.

Similar action was taken Thursday night by Delta Upsilon, who voted unanimously to authorize acceptance of the proposal by USA to submit a candidate in the USA primaries, according to Dick Pope, president.

Commenting that Delta Upsilon no longer sends representatives to AGS meetings, he explained, "The house feels that pressure placed on two houses recently to return to AGS was unethical and undemocratic."

"We further feel, as things stand on the campus, that unless some houses and individuals in fraternities and sororities do take a definite stand to support USA, that we will have nothing more than a Greek-Independent split, controlled by a single, small group."

Discussing Alpha Tau Omega's political action, Richards stated, "The house feels that in campus politics there is no reason for a split along Greek and Independent lines."

"We feel that we are contributing our part to revise an antiquated party system," Richards stated.

"It is a question of principles, not of houses. The Associated Greek Students supports students for political office who are not considered wholly for their qualifications," Mountain commented regarding his decision to run for the USA nomination.

Mountain asserted that his major premise in accepting the USA proposal was "Equal representation for qualified personnel regardless of political affiliation," a USA principle.

The action by the two fraternities upped Greek representation in the USA party to five houses, which include Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, and Delta Upsilon.

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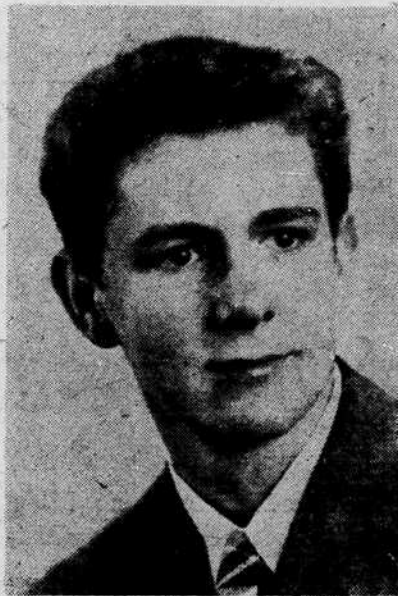
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## Awards, Tapping Top Gala Junior Weekend



BARBARA STEVENSON



DON SMITH

Announcement of the Delta Tau Delta-Alfa Omicron Pi float as winning Float Parade entry and naming of Don Smith and Barbara Stevenson as outstanding junior man and woman topped a long list of awards and tappings during Junior Weekend, May 12-14.

Second place in the float parade went to the entry of Sigma Phi Epsilon-Delta Delta Delta-Nestor Hall; the Sigma Chi-Alfa Delta Pi float won third place. Announcement was made at the Junior Prom Saturday night.

Smith, Emerald editor and junior in journalism, was awarded the Koyle cup at the Prom and Miss Stevenson, a junior in English and president of Associated Women Students, was presented the Gerlinger cup. Both have outstanding records in varied activity fields.

The Prom also saw presentation of the Maurice Harold Hunter Leadership plaque to Steve Church, junior in business administration; and Burt Brown Barker scholarship cups to Orides and Tau Kappa Epsilon for highest group grades during the past year.

At Friday night's All-Campus Sing, the William Frager Skull and Dagger memorial scholarship was given to Donald Ford, sophomore in pre-law; and the Josephine Evans Harpham cup for best library program was presented to Alpha Chi Omega.

Tappings for Friars, senior men's honorary; Mortar Board, senior women's honorary; and Asklepiads, pre-medical honorary, took place at Saturday's All-Campus Picnic.

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## Mortar Board Ball Installs New Look; Posies Out

Mortar Board has broken away from the "moonlight and roses" tradition for its ball this year, scheduled for May 26.

Mortar Board members and ball committee chairmen have chosen "Showboat" for this year's theme. The decorations, instead of featuring roses on lattices, pastel murals, and stars, will be on the gayer side to tie in with the theme.

A change has also been made in the music for the dance. This year, instead of only the usual slow waltz-time music, the Castle Jazz Band will be featured, with its jazz music and also its slower, dreamier arrangements.

One tradition to which Mortar Board is still holding is that of the turnabout sub-theme for the dance. Women ask the men for dates to the formal. Women give corsages to the men and pay all the bills—even furnish the transportation to the dance, calling for the men and seeing them to the door.

## Nill Beat Johnson In Vote Of Party Hits TNE Influence

Gerry Smith received the Associated Greek Students (AGS) nomination for student body president Monday night at a two and-a-half hour meeting which produced a full slate of officers for the coming student body elections.

Smith, a member of Phi Gamma Delta, was the winner of Monday's Greek poll to determine the man favored by Greek students, and defeated Herb Nill in the evening's vote of house representatives. The candidate for number one position on the AGS slate has been Dad's Day chairman and Junior Prom chairman, among his more recent activities, and was tapped for Friars during Junior Weekend.

Joanne Fitzmaurice, Kappa Kappa Gamma, received the nod for ASUO secretary on the Greek slate.

AGS President Hob Deuel, who conducted the meeting, expressed great satisfaction with the slate selected, stating "We believe the AGS has nominated the strongest possible group of candidates, and one which Greek and Independent students alike can sincerely back."

Nominated for senior class president was Steve Church, Theta Chi, with Florence Hansen, Alpha Omicron Pi, getting the nomination for senior class secretary. Will Urban, Phi Delta Theta, is the nominee for senior representative to the ASUO executive council.

Nominated for junior class positions were Vernon Beard, Delta Tau Delta, for president; Shirley Hillard, Alpha Delta Pi, secretary; and Dick McLaughlin, Chi Psi, for representative.

Joe Kaiser, Sigma Nu, was nominated for sophomore class presidency, with Mary Gilham, Alpha Chi Omega, named to run for sophomore secretary. Herb Cook, Sigma Chi, is the nominee for sophomore representative.

Jerry Kinnersley, Phi Kappa Psi, won the nomination for yell leader on the AGS slate. Nominees to the Co-op board are Kay Kuckenbergh, Delta Gamma, for the junior spot; and Merwin Gumpert, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Merle Davis, Sigma Alpha Mu for sophomore positions.

## Today Last Day For Oreganas

Tuesday is the last day of 1950 Oregana distribution, Business Manager Jim Sanders announced Monday.

Distribution will stop at 5 p.m. today and students will have to make special arrangements for picking up their Oregana after that time.

Student Body President Art Johnson yesterday opened political warfare for the United Students Association for spring term elections as he nominated Barry Mountain for ASUO president and castigated TNE, nationally known secret political organization.

Johnson and Mountain, who later was elected USA candidate, set the possible tenor of the USA campaign by declaring that the Associated Greek Students were under the influence of a "political pressure group."

Forcefully bringing the TNE question out into the open, Johnson declared bluntly: "TNE is active here at Oregon and more active here than at any other campus in the country."

### Political Chaos

Barry Mountain, referring to the political situation on campus, in his nomination address, elaborated on Johnson's remarks, saying, "I want clean political parties. We must work together and stick together, and clean up the whole present political chaos to make this an outstanding campus."

The University Theater was jammed to capacity with USA members, augmented by Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Upsilon, which yesterday morning bolted the AGS and yesterday afternoon officially joined the USA. Lambda Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Alpha Xi Delta already belong to the USA.

The meeting was changed for its original meeting place in order to handle the huge attendance.

### Explains ATO's, DU's

The presence of the two fraternity houses was explained by Johnson who told the meeting that he had invited both houses to join USA in a concerted effort to clean campus politics.

Earlier, opening the meeting, Don Dimick, DU, former AGS political representative explained the attitude of the Delta Upsilon's in joining the USA. He told the meeting that the political situation at Oregon was run by "pressure tactics."

He went on to say that "We feel it should be a government not run by a few select students and a single secret society."

### Twenty One Nominated

Twenty one students were nominated for various ASUO offices. Barry Mountain was opposed by Ron Phillips and Ed Peterson and was elected candidate on the first ballot.

Two offices necessitated runoffs. Don Smith was named candidate for senior representative defeating Bob Schooling, and Don Paillette defeated Jim Haycox for sophomore representative.