



Near-Riot Develops at Dance As Police, Students Clash

(Note: the following report was received late last night at the Emerald. It incorporates the statements of several eye-witnesses, but is incomplete in many respects.)

A near-riot broke up short of violence last night, as an estimated 300 University students began milling about police and firemen who were attempting to break up what started as a peaceful street dance.

A mob scene was enacted for nearly an hour on Alder street between 14th and 15th, as TNE-mocking students began a street dance after a parade had wound through the campus, with mock-TNE trappings.

Police arrive at about 10 o'clock, after the dance had been in pro-

Art Johnson, student body president, made this statement, regarding the street dance turned mob scene last night.

"There was a riot on the Oregon campus last night that was sponsored and organized by the TNE group. I have proof to this effect. Furthermore, at approximately 7:15 p.m. I called the Eugene Police and asked them to stop the parade that had congregated in front of the Sigma Chi house.

To prove to you that I did have evidence that it was planned at approximately 8, I told Lyle Nelson (Director of Information of the University), that a riot was going to take place on the campus. I then came to my office, where Mr. Fogdall was informed that I expected trouble.

As long as this sort of thing can be staged on a campus, student government will never be able to function effectively, and will never receive any responsibility."

gress for well over an hour, at which time students began milling about the police cars. The mob centered around the corner of 15th and Alder.

Police at 8 p.m. had approved the street dance so long as half of Alder street was left free for traffic.

A fire truck arrived shortly at that corner, and hoses were laid, apparently with the intent of dispersing the previously-peaceful crowd. A small hose was turned on at least one student when they seemed to threaten to cut the larger hoses.

By 11 p.m. peace had been restored following the arrival of Don-

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Board of Deans Favor Week-Long Spring Vacation in Two Years

A week's spring vacation is probably in store for Oregon students in 1951-52, Lyle Nelson, director of information, said Thursday.

Action to extend the vacation between winter and spring terms was taken by the Board of Deans Wednesday after receiving a request from the ASUO Executive Council asking for consideration of a modified academic calendar.

The Board decided the request had considerable merit and went on record as favoring the modification, Lyle Nelson stated.

Art Johnson, ASUO president, transmitted the Council's petition to the deans.

Since the calendar for 1950-51 has already been adopted and printed in the University catalog, it would not be feasible to make the revision next year, due to the confusion which would result, Nelson explained.

President Harry K. Newburn, in his answer to the Council request, stated he believed it best "to concentrate on preparing a calendar for the following year which would more adequately meet the suggestions of faculty, students, and administrative staff."

Next year's spring vacation will follow the same pattern as this year's with final examinations ending Wednesday, Mar. 21, and classes and registration scheduled to begin the next Monday, Mar. 26.

Soph Picnic Features Inter-Honorary Game

Ukes, picnic clothes, and "rah-rah" will be in order for Saturday's all-campus picnic at Swimmers' Delight.

The admission-free event, which begins at 1 p.m., will be sponsored by the class of '52 under the direction of General Chairman Merv Hampton.

"Farce of the year" is what Hampton calls the featured event—a softball game between Kwama and Skull and Dagger, sophomore honoraries.

Left-Wing Activity Set

The battle begins at 3 p.m., with the Skull and Dagger boys using their left hands, if normally right-handed, or their right hands, if normally left-handed. Lineups and latest news releases from the teams' training camps appear on page three.

On the entertainment program before the softball game will be two similar but unique acts, entertainment co-chairman Carolyn Krengel reported.

Scheduled is Fred Schneider, "virtuoso" on the guitar, banjo, and ukelele, who, according to the Oregonian, is gifted with a "snappy line of patter." Appearing with him will be singer Paul "Way Down South" Barrow and uke player Doug Farrell.

Con Sheffer and Jerry Crary, violin and ukelele duet, who have participated in several campus functions, will also appear on the pre-game program. Crary was named the outstanding male performer at the All-Campus Vodvil this year.

No Loyalty Checks

Anyone who has access to a student body card is welcome to the 'she-bang.' In fact, anyone can probably get in since there will be no check-up, Hampton said Thursday.

Sophomore class funds will finance renting the playground, which includes a swimming area and floats, two softball diamonds, and picnic grounds. A public address system and recorded music will keep things popping, Hampton said.

Capitalism Evidenced

Soft drinks will be sold by the sophomores.

In a drawing Monday picnic chairmen paired living groups for rides out to Swimmers' Delight.

Social chairmen or sophomore class presidents of the groups were asked to contact each other to arrange rides if possible. The list of pairings appears elsewhere in today's Emerald.

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Law Spokesman Clarifies Position; Objects to Method, Not Constitution

Asserting he favors the proposed new ASUO constitution and previously opposed only the legality of the procedure used in the first constitution vote, Donald Myrick, outgoing vice-president of the law school student body Thursday issued a statement to the Emerald.

Myrick originated the petition which ultimately resulted in a decision by the judiciary committee declaring the voting time extension illegal and the election invalid. Over fifty per cent of the student body must vote and two-thirds of

these votes must be affirmative for the constitution to pass.

Myrick's statement follows:

"This is to clarify my position as regards the ASUO proposed constitution. I contested, by my petition, the legality of the voting procedure only. The merits of the proposed constitution were not in issue.

"I hereby go on record as stating I am personally in favor of the proposed constitution and feel it is definitely a step forward in good student government.

"So long as the voting procedure is regular, I will vote in favor of the proposed constitution and feel that the majority of the law students will do the same. Donald Myrick."

The second vote on the constitution will begin next Monday with student body elections, but will continue Tuesday and Wednesday. The judiciary committee's decision stated that voting might be held on more than one day, so long as this was announced in advance of the vote.

Presence of TNE At U.O. No Joke, Says ASUO Prexy

"TNE does exist on this campus, and the present effort to treat it as a joke is the lowest possible blow at good student government," Student Body President Art Johnson told the Emerald Thursday.

Johnson's comments were aimed directly at the recent flood of TNE banners, parades, signs on cars, "convention announcements," painters caps, and efforts by various spokesmen to make light of, or even approve, the outlaw secret group known as Theta Nu Epsilon.

Johnson commented that many of the students who have taken part in this campaign probably do not realize the damage that can be done to student government.

"There is a direct relation between the amount of self-government allowed the students by the administration and the actions of the students themselves," Johnson said. "How can students ask to be granted a larger voice in their government when they engage in such activities as these?" he asked.

Statements Given

The seriousness of the group's existence is further reflected in statements from national leaders of fraternities with chapters on this campus.

(The following random samples were not made in relation to any current situation, but reflect only general feeling about TNE. They are not intended as indications that TNE is, or is not connected with these groups. Fraternities as a group, as evidenced by the statement of the chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, oppose TNE.)

Ralph F. Potter, past grand consul of Sigma Chi fraternity, writes, "Sigma Chi fraternity disapproves membership in TNE." He quoted from the fraternity's constitution, which provides for expulsion of members who are or have been members of "organizations not approved by the Interfraternity Conference."

National Group Opposed

That TNE is definitely not approved by the National Interfraternity Conference is indicated by L. G. Balfour, chairman, who wrote specifically in regard to TNE, that "we pledge our unequivocal cooperation in any course which (colleges) may pursue to suppress an organization . . . the possible consequence of whose influence and conduct are too serious to be overlooked by anyone who has a genuine regard for youth."

John M. MacGregor, worthy grand chief of Alpha Tau Omega writes of TNE members as "Cheap, ward-heeling politicians." He stated that proof that any member of the fraternity at Oregon was a member of TNE would cause him to bring sufficient pressure to expel him from the fraternity, something that he has done elsewhere.

Cecil J. Wilkinson, former national officer of Phi Gamma Delta, writes, "Laws of Phi Gamma Delta provide 'no person who holds membership in Theta Nu Epsilon . . . or any other organization of similar character . . . shall be eligible to membership in (the) fraternity, and any member who accepts or retains membership therein shall be liable to expulsion'."

TNE Blamed

Charles E. Gaches, former national officer of Phi Delta Theta, writes, "Phi Delta Theta strongly disapproves of any of its members joining TNE. This sub rosa fraternity is the direct cause of the downfall of many fine young undergraduates. Such membership is absolutely contrary to the code."

Concluding his remarks, ASUO President Johnson asserted, "I believe this makes clear beyond doubt (Please turn to page 8)

Vote Illegal For Grads In ASUO

Graduate students were declared ineligible to vote by a unanimous decision of the ASUO Judiciary Committee Thursday afternoon.

The decision, reached through an interpretation of the present ASUO Constitution, will affect next week's student body and the constitutional elections. Graduate students may not vote in either election, and they will not have to be counted as members of the ASUO in fixing the number who must vote in order to reach the 50 per cent requirement for constitutional approval.

Explaining the decision, Acting Committee Chairman K. J. O'Connell, professor of law, said that the ASUO constitution states that any member of the association who has paid his educational activities fees may vote. In another article, however, it limits ASUO membership to undergraduate students.

Status Questioned

"This brought up the question of who is an undergraduate," Prof. O'Connell explained.

"According to the definition in the academic regulations, a graduate student is one who has earned an accredited bachelor's degree.

"It is true that some graduate students must pay one fee and others must pay another. The State Board of Higher Education distinguishes between two different classes of graduate students; those under the graduate school, who pay the graduate fee, and those studying in other schools, who pay another fee which is the same as the undergraduate fee.

Not in ASUO

"The fact that these graduate students pay the same fee, however, does not make them undergraduate students. And the constitution clearly states that a person is not a member of the ASUO unless he is an undergraduate student. Thus graduate students may not vote in student body elections," the chairman concluded.

If the proposed new ASUO constitution passes at the polls in the voting Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, most graduate students will be eligible to vote.

Don Collin Tries For Sophomore Rep

Don Collin is running for sophomore representative on a non-partisan basis in the ASUO elections Monday. Collin was nominated at the assembly Wednesday, but his name was inadvertently omitted from the list which appeared in yesterday's Emerald.

Collin spoke on the desirability of more non-partisan candidates running for ASUO offices. He is competing for one of the two sophomore representative positions with candidates Don Paillette (USA) and Herb Cook (AGS).