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## First in a Series

# ASUO Under the New Constitution

### Preamble

We the students of the University of Oregon in order to establish a representative government; to encourage the development of leaders and participants for the community and the sovereign state of Oregon; to stimulate an awareness of the rights and responsibilities of students in relation to the community; to improve student cultural, social, and physical welfare, and to promote the general welfare of this institution, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

This we do with the recognition that the President of the University of Oregon has the ultimate responsibility for the total University program.

### Article I . . .

This organization shall be known as The Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

### Article II . . .

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of all students registered in the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, who have paid the Student Union-Educational Activities fee.

Section II. Student membership of any of the particular classes shall be determined by the academic rules of the University of Oregon.

### Explain To Me, Please

Does that preamble give the students freer reign than they had under the old constitution?

### Student Government Rehauled

Extracurricular life at the University next year will be under a new master. This chief is a new constitution for the ASUO, and it completely revamps the structure of student government.

The constitution was passed last spring. It was planned, drawn up, and promoted by a long list of student leaders working with faculty and administrative advice.

If the constitution's first year is a good one, much of the overlapping and confusion of which we now complain in student government will be removed. If the student of today understands his new constitution the Oregon of tomorrow will be better.

Spring term elections will bring into office the students who will govern under the new laws. So, before elections the voters should know what these laws are.

And the Emerald today begins a series of explanations on the new constitution. It will be taken apart section by section, questions will be asked, and letters to the editor about it encouraged.

In the following, the first of the series, the preamble and first two articles are presented.

Yes, the old one simply said that the object of the ASUO was to assist the administration in the promotion of the educational, cultural, social, and physical activities of the students.

Does the new one mean that the president can step in and stop an activity upon which the students have voted?

Yes, but that would be a rare day when he did. However, he must answer for the University throughout the state . . . it's his job . . . and as someone has said, it's impossible to have complete democracy in a state institution.

About that second article, does that mean graduate students could run for ASUO offices?

Absolutely, they now belong to

the ASUO while before membership was limited to resident undergraduate students.

Where did you find out which particular class you're in when it comes to voting?

The Office of Student Affairs or the Registrar could help you out with that.

Next in series: Officers and their duties.

### The Second Cup

There is no love sincerer than the love of food. Shaw.

For a man seldom thinks with more earnestness of anything than he does of his dinner. Samuel Johnson.

## A Service Group Does Service to Itself

Skull and Dagger has finally seen the forest despite the trees. Traditionally, this men's sophomore service group—together with its female counterparts—Kwama—have done more honest-to-goodness work for the University than all the other campus honoraries combined.

However, the bones-and-bodkin boys have been so occupied with serving the campus that they failed to inspect the very fundamental foundation of their organization—membership. Or that is to say—they may have inspected it, but failed to discern the huge cracks that were there.

As of Tuesday night their blindness to this primary flaw was patched up.

Membership in S. & D. is now determined more by merit and less by affiliation with a living group.

Candidates for membership must receive a three-fourths approval—and no more than three will represent one house.

As stated—this is a patch job. It has some weak points.

Such as:  
The political back-slapping so prevalent in making selections in other campus honoraries will now become a necessary evil of Skull and Dagger. Houses will be prone to trade membership and votes—three for three.

Also in principle, the organization should not feel compelled to accept a minimum (20) or maximum (25) number of members. It should accept as many—or as few—as it feels has met its qualifications.

By a similar token—house membership should not be limited to three. If a living group has an entire freshman class whose record—individually and collectively—merit S. & D. membership, then all should be accepted.

With respect to this, we wonder whether an obvious charge of impracticality constitutes any more of an argument than the failure to grant membership unconditionally on a basis of merit.

Furthermore, as an after-thought, the group would do well to attach a minimum GPA as a basic requirement—as would other service honoraries.

To allegations that service honoraries are designed to honor those who serve and not who have scholastic ability—merely consider that the quality of the organization and the overall esteem accorded its membership would certainly be lifted from whatever position it occupies now to a slightly better one if a scholastic requirement were inserted as a qualification.

An honorary based on service and a degree of scholarship intrinsically stands in higher repute than an honorary based on pure, unadulterated activities and nothing else.

However—perhaps that is a story for another day. Skull and Dagger today has earned itself plaudits for altering its constitution as far as it has.—T.K.

## Washington: Patience, Perseverance

Today the nation celebrates the birthday of three men in one—George Washington.

Mention Washington and the mind's eye immediately pictures either the boy who chopped down the cherry tree and told the truth about it, or the general who led his army to victory and his country to independence.

But there was another Washington. Washington the statesman.

In conducting the nation's business as its first president, Washington used this principle which could be adopted as universal:

"I must recommend to you what I endeavor to practice myself, patience and perseverance. There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth and pursue it steadily."

The country these days could use the third Washington. We need statesmen; we need men with patience and perseverance.—K.M.

### THE DAILY 'E' . . .

goes to the University Singers who tonight will be heard over a nationwide hookup of the Liberty Broadcasting System in celebration of "Brotherhood Week."

### THE OREGON LEMON . . .

to students who continually complain about lack of school spirit and who yet, for no good reason, will pass up today's rally assembly honoring the basketball team.



### The Word

## A Sure-Fire Test for Rigor Moris: Ridiculous, Simple--Either or Both

From Stan Turnbull

Unhappy about dorm food? deferred living? anything? We have uncovered the answer.

It's ridiculously simple, or any of those two adjectives alone. Originally proposed for Emerald workers by some unknown genius, adoption of the below-listed form by the administration and student government should take care of a great unanswered problem. People will either be happy or slap happy. (Any relation to dorm food, deferred living, or grades is purely impossible).

Here it is:  
**Notice to all members:**  
It has been brought to our attention that many employees i.e., campus activity workers are dying and refusing to fall over after they are dead. THIS PRACTICE MUST STOP! On or after 23 February 1951, any (insert position) found sitting up after he is dead will be dropped from the staff within fifteen (15) days, without further notice.

The following procedure will be strictly adhered to:  
1. Because of the highly sensitive nature of our workers and the close resemblance between death and their natural working attitudes, investigation will be made quietly so that an employee will not be disturbed if merely sleeping.

2. If doubt exists as to true condition of employee, extend five-dollar bill as a test. If employee does not reach for it, it may reasonably be assumed that he/she is dead.

3. Where it is shown that deceased is being supported by a desk or other University or ASUO property, an extension on the payroll will be granted.

4. In all cases, a sworn statement by the deceased will be filled out on the back of a spare registration form, between the two punched-out holes found to be most closely spaced.

5. Twenty (20) copies are to be made; one sent to the person in charge, three to the President's office, three to go with the de-

ceased for identification whenever it may be needed.

Remaining copies to be filed alphabetically, numerically, by date, by size of card, by color; right side up, with two copies left for misfiling.

Is there a second to the motion for adoption?



"I used to have a lot of trouble keeping 'em in lab."