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Second in a Series

ASUO Under the New Constitution

(This is the second of a series of articles on the new ASUO constitution which will govern the student body next year.)

Student officers who will govern under the new constitution will be elected next term. Their qualifications are given in Article III:

Section I...

The elective officers of this Association shall be a president and a vice-president.

Section II...

The non-elective officers of this Association shall include:

- 1—Chairman of the Student Union Board, ex-officio.
- 2—Chairman of the Co-op Board, ex-officio.
- 3—Emerald Editor, ex-officio.
- 4—AWS President, ex-officio.

- 5—Public Relations Chairman.
- 6—Social Chairman.
- 7—Athletic Chairman.
- 8—Director of Student Affairs, ex-officio.

Section III...

Any member of this Association who shall have completed at least three terms at the University of Oregon and who shall have acquired one hundred ten credit hours prior to election shall be eligible for election to the office of president or vice-president.

No student shall take office nor continue to hold office under this constitution unless he shall have complied with the academic requirements of the University of Oregon.

Explain to Me, Please

Are those two the only elective

officers? Senate members are elected but they are not ASUO officers such. The Senate (which places our present Executive Council) is explained in Article IV.

That "academic requirements" clause. Does that mean the student body president could be moved from office if his grades dropped?

Absolutely. Any officer whose grades dropped below a 2.0 is out of office.

Do all those non-elective officers make up any special governing body?

Yes, they are the Cabinet, and their duties are explained in Section VI of this article.

Next in series: Duties of President.

When is a Constitution a Constitution

Question.

Article IV of the new Associated Greek Students constitution says: "petition for recognition in the AGS will be voted on at a meeting following the meeting at which it was submitted."

A petition for recognition was submitted to a special AGS meeting at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. It was voted on at another meeting 2 hours later—at 6:30 p.m.

If this was the spirit behind the new constitution, many of us were fooled by what we considered good leadership and honest effort in the new AGS.

If this were the intent behind the new constitution, why adjourn for 2 hours? Why not adjourn at 4:40, reconvene at 4:30. Why have the clause at all?

Politics—Ah, There's the Rub

It's a short, short story. It's unimportant. In fact, in a short time it will be more forgotten than those houses which once stood where the Student Union now rises.

But it is a tale that should be told.

In the spring of 1948—at Oregon—a coalition party of Greeks and Independents was formed. A member was Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Bob Allen, a member of Phi Kappa Sigma was elected student body president under coalition banners.

In the year of 1950—at Oregon—another member of the house was elected president of the coalition party, which had been christened USA. He went out of office in the winter of 1951.

Shortly thereafter—at Oregon—Phi Kappa Sigma chose to leave USA and go back into the Greek bloc. USA had given Phi Kappa Sigma much, but obviously not enough. A pound of flesh, please.

For publication, the house president gave three-high sounding reasons for leaving the coalition. Two other points were brought out in house meetings; we would rather take political guff than social guff, and all Greek houses should present a united front against deferred living, so we should go back into AGS.

Well, in the last three years, some houses have bobbed in and out of the bloc. So much, in fact, that last February it became necessary for the out-of-bloc sororities and fraternities to sign an agreement for mutual protection.

This agreement said the houses would not go back into AGS until the following requirements had been met:

1. To notify the steering committee of the U. S. A.
2. To notify all other undersigned fraternities and sororities.
3. Take no action until two regular weekly house meetings have been held subsequent to notification.
4. To take no formal vote until the second of the two house meetings mentioned above.

Last year's Phi Kappa Sigma president signed this. Technically, the agreement must be re-signed by the new president to hold.

It was reread to the house last Thursday night. The new president was asked if he wanted a copy. No, he said they understood it. And the two USA members who had brought over the petition understood the president to say that he would abide by the agreement—and the two-week waiting period. This would bind him morally, but not legally, to the contract. The president denied that he had agreed to the contract.

The last two points of the agreement were violated.

At the AGS meeting last night, it was announced that Phi Kappa Sigma thought the two-week period "would practically tear the house asunder . . . pressures from the outside would cause repercussions in the house." The Phi Kap president cited "the administration" as one of the "pressures."

And that's the story that should be told about the small ones. It was short. It was unimportant. Tomorrow it will be forgotten.



Sky's The Limit

'United States of Europe' Youth Movement's Aim

By Sam Fidman

Let us, if we can, forget for the moment our scurrilous bed partner, campus politics, and try to understand the desperate plight of freedom-loving people who are hurrying, with painful lack of speed, but armed with admirable ideals and fervor, to block the march of communism.

A realistic commentary on the plight of Western Europe, with emphasis on free Germany, was received recently by Sue Sauter, a freshman in liberal arts. The commentary was in the form of a personal letter from Egon Diff, a pen pal from Bremen, Germany.

Following are excerpts from the letter which should well answer the question of Americans—just what help can be expected of the Germans and our Western European allies should the Red shadow slip beneath the "iron" curtain and start to spread?

"I do not like the idea of a German army, I've had enough of war. Nevertheless, it's our duty to defend ourselves against communist aggression.

"Europe today is weak, very weak, in spite of the E.R.P. If the Russian army wishes, it can drive the armies of the European countries whenever it likes.

"There is just one chance for our defense. This one chance is the 'United State of Europe.' If all European men decide to have one congress, one government, if they all wish to live on a democratic basis, if they give up their national ideals and idols, then there is a real chance to escape Communism, or rather, Bolshevism, which is not the same.

"To do everything to create the U. S. of E. is the aim of the Federation of European Youth.

"We don't acknowledge any border within Europe. So, we do not trouble having passports and visas; we just tell the police that we are Europeans and want to pass. And they let us pass!"

Diff then went on to tell of how 3000 "Europeans" went to Strasbourg last November to address the European Council. That address—or statement—was significant indeed, even though it failed to accomplish its goal immediately.

The Council received a slap in the face for "clumsiness, slowness, and cleverness." The statement concluded with a blaze of realistic firmness:

"We the youth, will have to pay for your work tomorrow, perhaps with our lives. We are not going to be sacrificed for national ideals. We are ready to defend Europe, but as one state only. We are ready to die; but only if we have a right to live. Give us the right, give us Europe. We wish you to create a democratic European constitution."

Diff told of the group's plans to travel throughout Europe this summer.

He then concludes with the statement, "Isn't this something to work for?"

Yes, of course, it is something magnificent for which to work.

But, is there time now to do all the work that is necessary? Will the proposed summer tour be accompanied by the tramping boots of the Red Army?

The Federation is admirable; it deserves support—but time does march on, and an army may soon march with it.

Coast to Coast

Professor Says Classics Passe

While Oregon students gear up for approaching final examinations, colleges elsewhere in the nation are concerned with affairs of a different nature these days.

A professor at Cooper College in New York stated recently that it would be "wrong" for him to advise students to take classics in this busy age of entertainment by machinery.

David Copperfield, he said, is inconsistent with television, radio, and movies.

Remarkable one observer: "In sense, professor."

Most students, however, are more worried about the vacation than David Copperfield.

A male student at Northern received a letter from the WAC's inviting him to join up. He came forth with a gallant comment.

On fraternities: 120 Greek letters from the University of North Carolina campus enlisted during last Christmas vacation. Meanwhile, fraternity enrollment at the University of Minnesota is expected to drop from 1200 in 1950 after June.

It Could Be Oregon



"I just can't understand, Worthal. Prof. Snarf gave me an 'A' on the theme last semester!"

THE DAILY 'E'...

goes to Bennett Cerf for presenting an entertaining and informative talk Wednesday night—and giving students a glimpse of the lighter side for the last time before final week.

THE OREGON LEMON...

to every student who fails to join in the big girls-pick-up-the-boys rally for the basketball team tonight—the snowball begins at 6:15.