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Sixth in a Series

New ASUO Constitution

This is the sixth in a series of articles explaining the new ASUO Constitution which will govern the student body next year.

Today's article will concern election, (article VI) and amendments (article VII).

Article VI

Candidates for election must petition the ASUO vice-president no later than midnight of the seventh day prior to the spring term elections.

Elected positions include president, vice-president, and nine representatives who will serve on the Senate. The counting of ballots will follow the preferential voting system, with the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of first choices capturing the presidency and vice-presidency, respectively.

Election of class officers will follow the same procedure. Each class will have a president, vice-president, and two representatives.

The constitution provides that ASUO elections be held between the first and eighth week of spring term. Freshman elections are scheduled during the winter between the first and fifth week.

Article VII

Proposals for amending the constitution may be made two ways. A petition may be signed by 200 members of the student body or a two-thirds vote may be made by all the members of the Senate.

Adoption of the proposal comes when two thirds of the ballots cast at a general election concur; however, at least one-third of the total number of qualified voters must vote.

A proposed amendment must be given publicity for three consecutive days in the Daily Emerald, with the general election being held one week following the date of the last publication.

THE GENERAL MADE HIS CHOICE

General MacArthur's strategy in the Far East may have been right.

But even the most liberal interpreter of the constitution could not say it was right for this 71-year-old soldier to violate the commander-in-chief clause. As Senator Morse said on the campus Monday, under our constitution the military must never dictate our foreign policy.

General Mac Made Policy And that's what MacArthur appeared to be doing. As far back as last year when his speech for the Veterans of Foreign Wars was recalled by the White House, the general has publicly stated his aims in the Far East.

When those aims—use of the Chinese Nationalists to open a new front against Red China—were completely incompatible with the policy of the commander-in-chief, the step which was taken was essential.

Granted, it is unfortunate that our commander-in-chief in these crucial days is Harry Truman. However, he is certainly not making such major policy decisions alone, and some men of a greater mold must be in our State Department.

The Department of State was completely stymied in the Far East as long as MacArthur was taking steps before the trail was even blazed. And it is not amiss to remember the years of the Communists' rise in China—our career State Department officials there were stymied then too because their warnings were going unheeded in Washington.

The Far East His Textbook That brings up the argument that no one knows the Far East better than General MacArthur. His first assignment was as a young engineer in the Philippines. Then he was an aide to his father when Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur was the first military governor of the Philippines. And in recent years—kingpin in the Far East, idol of the Japanese.

True, his tactical genius pulled us through the war in the Pacific so few years ago. Also true that his removal will be difficult to overcome in Japan. As a foreign student from Japan agreed today, communism will now have more of a chance in this student's homeland.

But it should also be remembered that General MacArthur wanted major emphasis on the Far East in the last war. Instead we concentrated on Europe, and that is obviously the direction of today.

It is for the military to carry out foreign policy, not to make it. Regardless of his stature in Asia and his great experience, he should have listened to the directions of the President of the United States, and not decided for himself which way to go.

No Retirement At This Hour Some have argued that he should have been eased out less painfully. Retirement, maybe. His removal was done in typical American fashion: Perhaps too frank, perhaps too straightforward, but definitely definite. After the continual controversy over MacArthur's position, anything short of firing would have fooled no one, and would not have saved the general's face.

Now General Ridgway who has been receiving so much publicity in recent months moves into top position. And now the world has been told that we are going to place major emphasis on Europe, much to the happiness of France and England, and that we aren't going to reach for Chiang's hand and move into Red China.

And today America owes much to this man MacArthur for the service he has given his country. But when a soldier makes policy and it differs from that of his commander-in-chief, the soldier no longer holds a favored position.

THE DAILY 'E'...

to all the candidates for the Ugly Man contest who were good enough sports to allow their nomination for this not-so-flattering title.

In A Smog Lives There a Man Who Will Make a Comment?



These are the days of "no comment."

A good proportion of freshmen, sophomore and junior women are making no comments about the three women's honoraries; erstwhile politicians are making no comments about whether they will run or not. To talk to some people you'd think the ASUO offices and Kwama, Phi Theta Upsilon, and Mortar Board never existed.

Talk to a sophomore and ask her if she thinks she'll get tapped for Phi Theta. When she says, "Phi Theta! My goodness, I haven't even thought about it," you can be sure that she's been staying up nights with a slide rule and pencil figuring out her chances of getting in.

Every freshman woman on campus is scanning the male list for a possible date to the Mortar Board Ball "just in case" she gets called across the stage for Kwama.

But you won't find one who will say: "Get into Kwama. Listen pal, I've got it cinched."

Potential politicians are presently exhibiting great disdain at such a filthy thing as politics and offices, but only because they haven't yet learned who the powers-that-be will spotlight.

Again, you won't find one who'll say: "Run for office. You're darn right I will and I'll get the nomination too."

Speaking of politics, oldtimers around the campus undoubtedly experienced a momentary twitch the other day when Alpha Xi "bolted" the USA. It follows, however, in the pattern set last year, when the party exchanged a house for a house, Delta Zeta for ATO. This year they exchanged Alpha Xi for the Sammies and all is even once again.

We can all be assured that

some members of our student body will have a good comprehension of social life as it exists at Stanford. Whether or not the 11-man committee going south will learn anything about dormitory living is open to question.

Perhaps they'll pick up some good ideas, but it would appear that Oregon is big enough to work out a program of its own without aping another university. And three or four could have served as well, probably better, than 11.



"They're ready but I think they're wise to our early-morning duck-hunt—They wanna know if we're takin' guns."

Letters

The Campus Answers

Rotarians or Students? Emerald Editor:

The Rotarians meeting on the campus was a very fine gesture on the part of the University administration. We enjoyed seeing them, but it crystallized many objections to the policies concerning "Williams Castle."

In the opinion of many independent students, the usurpation of the students' building to entertain an organization that has absolutely no connection with the students or the University was a mistake.

This point was further driven home by the fact that students were not welcome to attend a speech delivered by Wayne Morse which was given in a building supposedly owned by the students. It seems that the entire policy and policy-making function concerning "Williams' Castle" should be reoriented.

The "castle" has apparently been operated on a policy that allows student organizations to use rooms not wanted by outside organizations. This can only be excused on the grounds that outside organizations offer a chance for a profit, but is that the purpose of the building? Students for the last 30 years have been donating \$5 a term; Oregon Dads, Oregon Mothers, and others have helped furnish the building. We do not feel that the funds were raised to be used for a profit venture.

Students have always been told that the long awaited "Student" Union would be for them. Its entire purpose was to be to furnish students a place for their activities and a place to aid in establishing collegiate fellowship. How does the entertainment of Rotarians fit these objectives?

We would, at least, like to see the students consulted as to whether or not non-University functions should be permitted in the "Student" Union. Is the "Student" Union going into competition with local business men for conventions or is the "Student" Union going to be for the students? It cannot do both.

Yeomen (off-campus men's organization)