

Question Session with Bill Carey, Merv Hampton

Party Nominees For President Discuss Issues

Here are 15 questions and the answers given to them by ASUO presidential aspirants Merv Hampton and Bill Carey.

How do you feel about expansion of the student court to include disciplinary cases . . . more than a traffic court which it now is?

Carey: It couldn't be done as the traffic court stands now . . . it would have to be enlarged and changed some.

Hampton: The more control students have for their own cases, the better off they are. If this would advance student government, it would be worthwhile.

Could Oregon ever have an honor system, and if you think it would be good, would you work for it next year?

Carey: I think an honor system is a desirable system, and yes, it would be worth working for.

Hampton: I definitely think it would be one of the best things that could happen here. I definitely would like to see it.

As student body president, what would be your actions if such an organization as TNE again came up at Oregon?

Carey: Try to stop it, or prevent its continuation. This could be done through the Senate. There's no need for TNE when there's a Senate . . . it's only when student government is poor that such a group gets together.

Hampton: Definite steps to see that the leaders would be expelled, and the organization completely suppressed. As far as I've been able to find out, the administration's policy was pretty vacillating. If there's a recurrence, TNE should be wiped out. The students should step in more if it's possible.

Do you think men who belong to TNE last year should be allowed to fill vacancies in the Senate or other ASUO positions next year?

Carey: Only if given approval by the majority vote of the Senate.

Hampton: No.

What's your stand on deferred pledging and freshman dormitories?

Carey: I can say nothing. I haven't studied the report returned by the committee which went to Stanford. Until I can find out more what the general consensus of campus opinion is on this question, I don't know. If the 4000 students decide one way, that's the way it should be.

Hampton: The report from the Stanford Committee has definite possibilities as a basis on which to build. Necessary details will have to be worked out, but it's the only workable plan in sight right now.

What is your platform?

Carey: I think it's very, very hard to establish a platform until you know how the students feel.



MERV HAMPTON
USA Presidential Nominee

For instance, on the question of social events . . . we plan to take a real survey to find out campus opinion before arranging a social events calendar. My general platform is still the old statement "you" . . . the majority desires and wishes of a student body of 4000. As for a specific platform, it will be established when we get results from the general.

Hampton: It has been stated in the paper . . . elimination of social barriers in campus activities, more liberal activity program for the freshman class, endorsement of the ASUO Dormitory report, more student participation in the early formation of the social calendar, establishment of a course in student government, study and evaluation of the Student Union administrative policy and its correlation with ASUO functions, and several other points.

What do you think about use of the Student Union by organizations outside the University?

Carey: I believe the Student Union should be used to the maximum utility, but that student activities should take precedent over outside activities in case of conflict.

Hampton: If it's possible to hold outside functions in the Student Union and in no way interfere with University and student functions, it should be all right. But there should be no conflict. In that way, we can build up quite a lot of good will for the University.

Do you think there should be more or less student control over the Union?

Carey: I do think the students should be given more responsibility for what actually goes on . . . greater delegation of authority to student leaders.

Hampton: The Union is in the formative stage right now. There have been cases where the Union could have functioned more smoothly, but considering the newness of the building, I think activities have been handled fairly effectively.

Do you believe that because you're a member of a certain house, you should automatically be a member of a certain political party?

Carey: I believe that an individual, regardless of house or party, should exercise his right and privilege to vote for those candidates whom he feels will serve the University best.

Presidential Derby

Who are you going to vote for and, more important, why?

To help the student voter answer these questions, the Emerald has interviewed the top candidates, Bill Carey and Merv Hampton, both of whom are running for the ASUO presidency.

Neither candidate knew the questions in advance. They were interviewed separately for about an hour each.

Statistics on the pair include:

Carey, age 21, senior in business administration, minor in speech, home in LaGrande, attended Eastern Oregon College of Education for two years, came to the University in junior year.

Hampton, age 21, junior in political science with future plans in journalism field, home in San Francisco, was graduated from a Portland high school.

Hampton: Certainly not. At first I did, until I began to see the true functions of AGS. (Question—Why did your house change from AGS party to USA party late in winter term?) Well, it began a long time ago. Our house has always been a political nonentity as far as AGS was concerned . . . been handed a few minor positions to keep the house happy . . . part of the rotation system. Discontent has been growing for quite a while. As a member of the AGS policy committee, I could see that some of the things said about AGS were true. We talked it over in the house, and the men were definitely in favor of a system where we could have a greater voice and greater part in student activities. We wholeheartedly subscribe to the principles of USA . . . and we're here to stay.

Are you in favor of two coalition parties at Oregon?

Carey: I believe it would be more desirable to have Greeks and Independents working together in the same party, and if a desirable means can be found to accomplish this, it would probably benefit student government.

Hampton: Yes, definitely.

Why do you think you're qualified?

Carey: Because of past experience with student activities . . . president of AGS, house president, JIFC president, and knowledge of the inner workings of the Student Union as chairman of the directorate and chairman of the interview and referral committee. Also, because I enjoy working for the University of Oregon. I'm a member of Friars and have a sincere interest in seeing that the University has more effective student government . . . and because I think I have the ability and intelligence to handle the job well.

Hampton: Well, it's because I think I have an adequate background in student government . . . house president, president of Druids, junior class president and general chairman of Junior Weekend, former member of ASUO traffic court, general chairman of the sophomore picnic, and Skull and Dagger secretary.

What about athletics at the University of Oregon . . . do you think the athlete has more or less privileges than the ordinary student?

Carey: No, because of the service they perform for the University of Oregon, and colleges and universities are judged so many times upon athletic prowess.

Hampton: Not that I've noticed. I'm not too familiar with athletic scholarships, but I don't



BILL CAREY
AGS Presidential Nominee

believe the situation is as bad here as at some schools.

What are your grades, and how many hours will you have to carry next year?

Carey: 3.2 accumulative, and I'll need about ten hours to graduate after this term.

Hampton: 2.17 accumulative. I

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plan to go to summer school, and then take 15 or 16 hours every term next year.

What about military status?

Carey: Second lieutenant in the infantry reserve . . . wasn't in the service before.

Hampton: 1-A.

What about party responsibility? Do you feel that you should report back to the party which elected you, and listen to its wishes?

Carey: I feel that I should be answerable only to the entire student body . . . those AGS representatives on the Senate will be fully responsible to represent the party.

Hampton: No, not report back. Once elected, I firmly believe that the ASUO should be first and foremost . . . not any political party.

An Editorial

VOTE WE MUST, BUT IT'S TOUGH

One day before ASUO elections . . . the day for the Emerald editorial page to pick its candidate. We've watched and talked and interviewed and come out with a decision. But before the decision, the steps which led us to it.

Military status.

Neither Hampton nor Carey are in very comfortable positions if this hot peace becomes a hot war. Carey is in the infantry reserve, and Hampton is subject to the draft. Neither are veterans.

Scholastic record.

Carey towers above Hampton on grades. The AGS candidate holds a 3.2 accumulative for almost four years of college. Hampton is wobbly with a 2.1 for almost three years, and this grade average won't help him with any draft board.

Activity records.

Hampton has performed more service jobs for the University, but we must remember that he has been here a year longer than Carey. Carey has been president of his political party, house president, a Friar, and chairman of two Student Union groups (he recently recommended the abolishment of one of these SU committees.) Hampton is now junior class president (by virtue of an Exec Council appointment), house president, and Druid president.

Policies.

Carey hasn't advocated any policy in this spring term campaign. His platform has been a very noncommittal "you . . . the Oregon students", so no toes have been stepped on. He has made no statement about deferred pledging and freshman dormitories. No toes have been stepped on. He very cleverly sidestepped many of the questions asked in the interview. No toes have been stepped on, and he has been well seated on the proverbial fence.

Hampton has tried to explain away the greatest sorepoint in his candidacy . . . his fraternity's switch from AGS to USA near the end of winter term.

However, USA did not have to nominate him. The nominating assembly was wide open, and an enthusiastic hall could have put in a candidate. But no group was interested enough to organize, so Hampton was nominated, and the grippers now can be heard.

As for the rest of Hampton's policy, it is that of USA—breakdown of Greek-Independent lines, more activities and recognition for freshmen, endorsement of the ASUO Dormitory report as a basic plan, a look at Student Union organization, plus several more points.

As far as candidate for candidate's sake, we cannot honestly pick one above the other. Each has his good points. Each, his bad. We cannot support Carey as Carey or Hampton as Hampton.

But as citizens of this community, it's our responsibility to vote. So we'll look past the candidates into the parties and pick USA.

That means a vote for Hampton because the political group backing him backs a principle of coalition government and party by individual rather than by house, and those individuals come from fraternal organizations, dormitories, and all University groups, not simply sororities and fraternities on a house basis.

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