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THE BAD BASKETBALL BOYS

Two widely known campus figures were suspended from the University Monday night—two basketball stars of this year's team. The widespread attention centered on the two athletes is accounted for by the fact that they are big names in Pacific Coast basketball.

The question that immediately arises concerning this suspension is "Why?" And the only answer is that not many know exactly why. Those who do are not talking, having been pledged not to disclose the cause.

The discipline code of the University is no help. The "action which brings discredit upon the University of Oregon" is a catchall phrase. The only official indication from the University was Lyle Nelson's statement Tuesday that "It was not because of a basketball fix." But the director of public service (public relations) would say no more.

Without knowledge of the cause, it is impossible to judge the justice of the suspension. It can be assumed however, that the decision was arrived at after adequate representation on the part of the two students by the Discipline Committee, composed of students, faculty members, and administrative officials. One of the athletes admitted Monday that "we just broke one of the school codes."

The official reasons for withholding the information is simply that "It isn't done—for the protection of the individuals involved." The fact that the individuals involved in this case happen to be athletes makes no difference in the eyes of the University, all students are treated equally in this type of situation.

Should the public be entitled to know the cause? Here is a question of whether the social good or advantages, if any, of knowing why will outweigh the harm to the individuals. It is probable that the student interest in this situation evolves from the effect the suspension will have on the basketball team and particularly from simple, perhaps morbid, curiosity.

On the other hand there may be something to be said in favor of releasing the cause in order to stop the many rumors that are flying thick and fast around the campus, and for that matter, around the state. Emerald personnel have heard at least seven distinctly different versions. A release on this basis, of course, would be for the benefit of the individuals concerned. It is a good bet that they would prefer to have the rumors circulate than to have the facts told.

For purposes of publication and at least the partial satisfaction of some 4,000 curiosities, it ought to be sufficient to disclose the general nature of the cause without having to include the sequence of events which led to the suspension.—K.M.

Midget Maybe, But Still Important

Why we should vote today:

It's a privilege which, like freedom of the press, will be lost if not exercised.

It's a right . . . a right to give a written nod of approval to students whose abilities we respect, and to principles which we advocate.

It's a duty because we're responsible for the student side of government at the University of Oregon, and voting is the least we can do.

It's much easier to be lazy . . . 'aw, I don't wanna take the time" . . . or apathetic . . . "I didn't care who wins" . . . or cynical . . . "one vote doesn't matter, and anyway, who cares about that great thing student government"

But democracy, even on this midget scale, is no easy job. And upon the individual vote it's built.

That's why.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

to the student-faculty group which has come up with some solid ideas for improving next year's Duck Preview Weekend.

Campuses from Coast to Coast

Texas Politics, Stump Experts And League of Women Voters

Fun and politics mixed on the University of Texas campus when candidates gathered for the annual "Stump speaking" session before elections in April.

The session began with a torchlight parade, entertainment, and a program sponsored by the Campus league of women voters. Political stunts were encouraged for the amusement of the audience.

A question and answer period followed speeches, in which candidates were pinned down to issues and promises.

Well, anyway, its cleaner than spreading leaflets all over the campus.

People with parking problems should appreciate the attitude of students at Emory University, Ga., who feel that if there were fewer police cars, there would be more places to park. One student said, "the police should

spend more time watching for stealing and less giving tickets."

Juniors and seniors at the University of Idaho have solved the financial problem in connection with all-campus dances. The two classes pooled funds for the first annual "Upperclassmen's Ball." With the arrangement offering more capital, they booked Blue Barron and his orchestra. Necessity is the mother . . .

With a front page editorial, the Syracuse (N. Y.) Daily Orange has continued its fight for independence as a student newspaper. In a blunt attack against the administration and the school of journalism, the Orange edit claims that the school and the faculty-administrative members of the publication board are attempting to 1) make the paper a workshop for the school of journalism; 2) eliminate it as an organ of criticism of the University; and 3) any poor public relations that such criticism might bring. In other words, the administrative wants the paper to be a good goody publication that whitewashes the University.

The Orange says the attack has been made for one year, the first step by the administration-dominated publications board being the limiting of the editor's appointment to one term, instead of one year. This, claims the edit, makes the editor write and direct at the peril of a mid-year axe.

For a year the Orange and its editors have been fighting the pub board, but the board has always come out on top despite the opinions of the editor and student members—because the students can be outvoted. The edit was signed by the former editor.

Interesting note: At Oregon, there is the administration faculty split on the pub board. If there are, the administration would have the upper hand—there are 5 voting student members, and five voting faculty or administration members, plus the chairman who would cast a vote in case of a tie.

Letters The Campus Answers

Galloway Tosses the . . . Hat Emerald Editor:

With no malice afore-bought my fallow students, I am casting my snako into the ASUO presidential tussle. A dynamic record (long playing) as Mr. Richard Wilkins' campaign manager last year has qualified me for the task.

Since then our many backers have felt that the perpetuation of the "blanket party" and it's full coverage of all worthwhile objectives was a "must" on the Oregon campus.

Not perfect however, I was never an integral part of the Tri-Delt pansy ring nor of the Sigma Nu daisy chain. I can't boast membership in Phi Theta Upsilon or Asklepiads. Forsooth; I can't even claim to have financially backed the flying speeches of the Oregon rinky-dinks in their annual marschino cherry sale. Their aims were most worthwhile too in building up the scholarship fund aiding deserving leperchauns from the County Cork.

I have seen and partaken in student government of six different campuses (including Stephens). My voluminous files of sterile scientific data will be very helpful in the coming term. My experience thus will preclude the need for any "Adventures in Group Living trips to the Universities of Bologna, Patagonia, or Shangri-La to observe tree dwelling conditions there. The concurrent saving to the student body will be more judiciously applied to senior picnics.

My platform is solidly laid upon outlawing subversive firehoses, watertags and recalcitrant gendarmes.

The vagaries of overlapping student affairs (administrative) must move to a vanishing point.

I am not affiliated with AGS, USA, RFD OR UBANGI. I advocate no blocs, cliques, or punts. Aside from these broad principles tending toward a chicken in every deferred living hay-loft, the "Oregon spirit" future need not be viewed with alarm. It is too tangibly woven into you and me, fellow students.

My program is dedicated to the individual student i.e., "Thou shalt not press down upon the brow of students a crown of scientific government, nor shall you crucify future freshmen upon a cross of mold."
Samuel Frye Galloway

New ASUO Constitution For Next Fall

This is the eighth and last in a series of articles explaining the new constitution which will govern the student body next year. This concerns by-laws.

Article IV

Two-thirds of the voting members shall constitute a quorum in the Senate.

Article V

The Senate shall make all athletic awards in accordance with rules and regulations as determined by the Senate.

Article VI

This article concerns the duties of the appointive cabinet positions.

The athletic chairman shall supervise the athletic committee, the rally board, and the intramural committee.

Coordination of all campus social events with the help of the ASUO president is a chief function of the social chairman. He also helps supervise budgets of all class and ASUO social functions, gathers and files reports on all ASUO and class activities, and advises chairmen of these events upon request.

Gathering and disseminating information on all ASUO and class activities and functions is the duty of the public relations chairman. He also serves as correspondent to such organizations as directed by the ASUO president.

Article VII

The Student Union Board shall be an agent of the ASUO and shall have the general responsibility for developing a program within the SU.

The future method of perpetuation shall be determined by the joint committee provided for in the 1949-'50 SU plan of perpetuation.

Article VIII

Any member of the ASUO may propose amendments to the by-laws. Adoption of such a proposal is gained by a three-fourths vote of the membership of the Senate.



And what is there to equal the radiant beauty of the Oregon campus in spring?