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No Conspiracy

Emerald Editor:
As a member of the USA Steering Committee, (and maybe this makes me a party leader) I read with amusement Bill Frye's not so subtle insinuations of a deep dark plot between the Emerald editors, particularly Miss Larson and the USA party in the mimeographed scandal sheet that was distributed in the early Monday morning hours.

His charges are obviously the mouthings of a candidate and not a sane individual.

I have been the treasurer of the USA party for the past five months. During that time I have met Miss Larson just once. She never came to a meeting of the USA steering committee, nor was there any indication at any of these meetings that party members were in collusion with her.

There has never been to my knowledge any conspiracy between USA party leaders and Miss Larson to defeat AGS candidates. We just happened to arrive at the same unfavorable conclusions about those candidates separately.

Dick Paul
USA Treasurer

The Delts Clarify

Emerald Editor:
I should like to take this opportunity to clarify a statement printed in the Emerald Friday, April 11.

It concerned the student body presidential candidate Bill Frye and Delta Tau Delta fraternity. The Emerald, in citing Tom Shepherd's fallacies and statements that were far out-of-bounds, said that Bill Frye had promised this fraternity a senator-at-large post if we gave him our support. Regarding this I would like to make the following statements:

1. Bill Frye promised us absolutely nothing for our support.
2. The senator-at-large office is an elective position and must be petitioned for in order to even have a name placed on the ballot. No one in this fraternity turned in a petition to that effect.

I hope this will clear up any notions that might have been started by the statement made by Shepherd.

Bob Shetterly
President, Delta Tau Delta

Courage Praised

Emerald Editor:
The ideal of political freedom has at last raised its timid head and shaken its fist at the farce we call campus politics. Tom Shepherd has had the courage to reject the political tyranny of the Greek Bloc, which tyranny masquerades under the name of "fraternal unity."

I am happy to see that someone on this campus stands for individual freedom in political matters, and I offer my congratulations to Mr. Shepherd for refusing to give in to political coercion.

When a man decides whom or what he will support in the matter of politics, he must make his own decision on the basis of some principle, not on the basis of what fraternity pin he wears.

I was also interested in Mr. Shetterly's belief that the group is more important than the individual, because I had always thought that the group, any group, exists for the good of the individual. This theory of "organization-for-organization's sake" is a crime against society.

Chris Williams

Grede Disappointing

Emerald Editor:
The very entertaining address by William Grede has left me rather dissatisfied, especially since there was for some obscure reason no time for questions last Monday night.

First: Mr. Grede stressed his own selfishness in order to show what good byproducts were the result of it. As an example he told us why he had started an insurance policy in his factory. If somebody died, the workman in his factory passed the hat, so that the widow would be provided for; but as Mr. Grede was the one that had to hand over the contribution he told how he felt obliged to put in a considerable sum himself.

His selfishness made him prefer an insurance deal instead. But this was not selfishness alone, because he was in no way bound to provide for the widow.

So I think that positive results were the effect of first a sense of moral responsibility, and second of his self-interest. My question was: whether all managers felt that way, and if the social struggle today is not mainly directed against those managers that have only selfishness and no feeling of responsibility?

Second: Mr. Grede remarked that in 1949 compared with 1929 the U.S. and Europe resembled each other much more, and that this was not because Europe had Americanized, but because the U.S. had Europeanized. (Note the play on the prejudice of the audience please.) In 1929 he said the U.S. was much more bouncing on its feet, and the instability and insecurity of that time was a much better security than the social security that exists now.

I wanted to ask him whether he had completely forgotten that nasty little stumble that occurred right after 1929. It is so surprising to find that a people gets a little more careful after a depression like that?

The American people have freely, consciously chosen to have less chance to become millionaires, but more chance to have a decent life than in 1929. If this is what Mr. Grede meant with his statement that the people are losing their sense of freedom, I do not know my English properly.

Besides, I wonder whether Mr. Grede thinks that there is as much room in the U.S. to bounce around on as there was in an earlier part of this century. Maybe he thinks that there is another dozen empty states waiting to be settled west of Oregon.

Thirdly: The address was TOO entertaining, especially since Mr. Grede got some laughs at the CIO, social security, etc. It is a well-known and effective technique to make an opponent seem ridiculous in order that people may not believe in his arguments. But as we were an intelligent audience, according to Mr. Jones, this technique should not have been used as it just depreciates the user.

Compared to an honest, sincere and positive approach of Water Reuther, this address was entertaining (in the wrong way), evading some important issues (steel), flattering (students going to take over in the future), unfairly playing on people's prejudice, and was, over all, rather disappointing.

Dirk Schepers
Holland

USA Presidential Aspirant Says . . .

'I am Promising Nothing. . .'

(Ed. Note: Miss Jackson's petition was not filled out in time for her to file in the USA primary before Monday. Therefore, we are running her statement today. We ran those of Herb Cook, Don Collin and Jim Haycox Monday.)

By Helen Jackson

"If you elect me, I promise. . .", the kicker head for the statements of the previous ASUO No. 1 aspirants will not apply to me. I am promising nothing. I feel that the two parties will nominate and eventually the student body will select a president who will best represent the University of Oregon; who has the intelligence and experience to act according to the interests of the student body as a whole; and who can exercise the judgment necessary in handling problems as they arise WITHOUT being bound by previous promises.

How could I possibly promise an open primary although personally I am strongly in favor of such a plan? I can certainly support it and intend to do so but nevertheless I could never promise it because I do not and could not control the Senate. How could I promise "pay phones out of the dorms" although as a dormitory resident I could hardly be apathetic toward the situation and do propose a new committee to continue the push for "free" phones? How could I promise, although I support, a mill race park when so much depends on the actions of the City of Eugene?

My record on the senate, the stands I've taken on NSA, the president's wage-cut issue, etc., are all open to praise or blame. I acted on personal convictions and will continue to do so.

I can only look hopefully toward greater unity on the campus, to a senate that will split over issues rather than parties or personalities and to the fact that the students will get to know and then select the most qualified and sincere candidate to represent and guide them.



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Individual Worth

Emerald Editor:

So the Delts have depledged an individual, or should I write an individualist. Granted the Greeks have their so-called party system, but how many members in each house are thoroughly acquainted with the party to which they are affiliated? Because one member chooses to be of another party, does that necessitate action of this sort?

True this situation is bad concerning the oncoming election, but maybe people will realize just what parties mean in an election.

At any rate, corruption is shown in our campus politics, as stated by Mr. Shepherd, in that the Theta Chi and Sigma Chi chances were ruined in 1950 and '51. Perhaps this is an overstatement of circumstances, but it only adds to that "fixed" campaign feeling that is prevalent.

Houses should not be depicted in politics; rather candidates should present their qualifications and be elected on individual worth.

True that candidates need backing, and these may be by houses in a campus party. But if a member of a house selects another party, then he should have the opportunity to realize his beliefs without pressure brought forth by the group.

In this fashion each person affecting a ballot may clearly realize a candidate's worth, without voting as a house retains the position of expressing.

Perhaps the AGS should at least consolidate the houses when issues of politics are to be dominant in campus affairs. But that only provides for superficial democracy.

As one AGS senator commented, in that the independents might organize and AGS not have a chance, the issues and elections may be one-sided for a while. But also candidates may have to put forth proof of their qualities, without names of houses. And in this the voters may elect individuals who will be more responsible to the campus group (of all students) as a whole.

And to Tom Shepherd, who may be "an idealist in regard to his naive view of campus politics," I send congratulations for adhering to his beliefs of what he thinks is right, without the bor-

rowing of ideas from group pressure for an AGS ticket.
Donna May

AWS Council to Plan For Coming Year

The executive council of the Associated Women Students will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union to discuss plans for the coming year, according to Sarah Turnbull, AWS president.

Members of the council include all heads of women's living organizations, Orides, presidents of women's honoraries, presidents of the YWCA and the Women's Recreation association.

DuShane Nabs Veep Position

Director of Student Affairs Donald M. DuShane has been elected vice-president of the national association of student personnel administrators at its meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo.

DuShane, one of two vice-presidents, was on the association's national executive council for three terms. He will serve for a one-year term in his new position.

DuShane was on the resolutions committee of the conference, whose chief topics of discussion were psychological counseling and ways to improve students responsibility and integrity.

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