

An Editorial

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Today is the United Students association primary. One of four students—Helen Jackson, Don Collin, Herb Cook and Jim Haycox—will emerge as USA candidate for ASUO president.

You read these candidates' statements in the Oregon Daily Emerald Monday and Tuesday. You saw

Don Collin has compiled an enviable record on this campus.

He has gained leadership experience through his two contacts with student government. He is an ASUO senator. He is vice-president of the junior class.

Fortunately, Collin has not confined himself too largely to one activity and he has participated in more than campus politics. These include membership on the debate team, the YMCA cabinet and other campus groups. Furthermore, he has surely gained non-campus political ability through his presidency of the Young Republicans.

Collin commits himself to an unfortunately small degree in his Emerald campaign statement.

Most of the statement concerns itself with Collin's removal of himself from active support of

Herb Cook's two-year experience as a class representative should have given him some ASUO governmental knowledge.

We find the fact that Cook has presented more ideas than any other single candidate praiseworthy; but some of his ideas are vague. For instance, just what are these "some projects" on which the ASUO Senate and the Student Union board should be cooperating more closely?

Does Cook realize that the reason the Senate and the SU board work in separate, clearly defined areas to prevent any element of power conflict between the two bodies—a conflict gloomily predicted by student officials when the board was set up which has happily failed to materialize?

Cook says the students "should help to defray the additional costs" if the city council fails to provide enough capital for Millrace development. How does the candidate propose to get the students to defray these costs? How will they raise the funds?

The candidate says freshman elections should be held fall term, "but late enough to enable the fresh-

Jim Haycox is a junior in journalism, and the majority of his campus accomplishments have been in the journalistic line.

Haycox has been an excellent Emerald reporter. He also writes an interesting column, is assistant news editor and is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism fraternity. But there are so many other important campus activities to be considered, that we can't help wondering if Haycox has not closely confined himself to one major activity, and consequently has not gained leadership experience in student government.

Haycox announces his belief that anybody who has a fair intelligence (and grade point averages would indicate he has far more than a fair intelligence) and who believes the ASUO president's job is

Of all four potential USA presidential candidates, Helen Jackson has the most impressive list of positions of leadership, and stands high above the rest scholastically with a 3.83 cumulatively GPA. In all her activities she has been noted as being eminently dependable.

But we're a bit bothered about Miss Jackson's statement Tuesday. Miss Jackson says she is promising nothing to the voters because she personally may not have the control of the Senate to see her promises through. We think she has misunderstood the situation.

Nobody is asking a candidate to promise that such-and-such a thing will definitely be done if he or she becomes president. But the voters can and should ask each aspirant to promise that, if elected, he or she will exert every effort to see the thing

Our number one choice? No one.

After considerable discussion we could not find any candidate with qualifications placing him or her either markedly above or below the other three.

their list of campus activities and qualifications in the Tuesday edition.

This printed matter may have left you with some pro and con feelings on the candidates. It did with us.

Here they are:

the honor code committee. Collin presents reasons for his desire to remain aloof from the honor code discussion, apparently planning to let the students themselves decide if they favor an honor code.

However, the supposed purpose of the honor code orientation program is to allow the students to become acquainted with both the good and bad points of an honor code here. If Collin has information on the honor code it is his obligation to present it, even if that information should prove damaging to the code. Furthermore, it is his duty to say so if he believes the honor code orientation group is attempting to whitewash the code.

A student leader should not merely take the negative attitude of "not actively helping" such an important program.

men to get better acquainted with the possible candidates." As far as we know, the only reason for having freshman elections fall term is to provide a frosh organization to take care of Homecoming activities. So if elections were held fall term, they'd have to be early to give the officers a chance to organize the class. It's our belief that the elections could better be held winter term—mainly to prevent possible embarrassing situations if officers failed to make their grades for their first term.

The idea of giving married students a Senate seat sounds interesting; how does Cook plan to do it? Would he set up a separate married students party?

We've already gone on record as supporting a "help week" to replace "hell week." We presume that Cook means that, if elected, he would use his influence to back the plan's adoption by IFC; we don't feel the Senate is the place to do it.

Cook's ideas sound interesting; but we can't really evaluate them until we know if he has made any plans to back them up.

important enough to fight for, is qualified for the position.

To some extent, we agree. However, we wonder if there may not be candidates with a wider field of campus activity and accomplishment, who also have a fair intelligence and who also are willing to fight for the office.

"Any governing body that professed honesty... and then went on to prove it... would be the best of all," according to Haycox. We agree wholeheartedly here.

This platform of honesty in student government would be more interesting to the student body if he would produce evidence—facts and figures—to back up his charges of foolish expenditures.

accomplished.

Miss Jackson indicates that she does support the open primary, removal of pay phones from the dorms, and a millrace park. We find no fault with these objectives. But we are frankly disturbed by her reiteration of the "no promises" theme in saying that a student body president should handle problems "as they arise without being bound by previous promises."

Maybe that's the best way to win elections; the present student body president was swept in by getting no more specific than stating "My platform is you." But speaking for ourselves, we would be dubious about throwing our support to a candidate who seems to be asking the voters for carte blanche authority if elected.

So we are unable to make a definite choice, as we felt we could, and did, for the AGS primary.—The Editorial Staff.

- - Letters to the Editor - -

The Lawyers Blast

To: Miss Lorna Larson, Editor.

Re: Breach of journalistic ethics department, in the matter of refusing to print the story, the whole story, behind the selection of the theme for Law School Weekend.

For: Printing in your paper, to make up for this base deed!

BEAUTIFULLY TIMED EMERALDITES! To Lorna Larson and her editorial staff I can only aver, that your journalistic ineptitude is superseded solely by your socially unconscionable choice of material for your droll scandal sheet!

You have refused to print the news gratuitously supplied to you, the magnificent Law School Weekend Celebration, soon, happily, to be with us again.

I'm certain it took one concerted effort from all of you to blow the dust off that 10,000 year-old mammoth tooth you pulled from the closet to revive your constant practice of ignoring the noble and delightful functions of the tradition-filled Law School Weekend.

You malicious and naive tricksters have again tried to ignore Law School Weekend, the traditional highlight of the campus social year, to cover up the fact that every year the Junior Weekend celebration is a blatant "steal" of the fine ideas and highly-conceived motives of the Law School function. Questionable integrity, I say!

All of the news (which is what you purport to print, Miss Larson) concerning the Law School Weekend was delivered to you, already in superb journalistic style, and you refused to print it. The Junior Weekend Theme selection committee stole their theme from the Law School selection committee, and you try to cover this up, instead of printing the truth and telling the members of the student body, by whose fees your paper is supported, of the dirty politics which were behind the burglarizing of the Law School's theme.

How low, how sneaky, how untrustworthy can you people be who run our campus newspaper and put themselves up for public

support? The Emerald has reached the abyss of yellow journalism!

It is resorting to such filthy tactics as tearing up news copy given to it, and keeping the real story behind the low low character of the Junior Weekend "theme burglars" hidden, which results in such impassioned appeals to social justice as mine. We crave oyer, pax vobiscum, haec verba, on this appeal!

This time it wasn't two big-name basketball players who were suspended from the University on a morals charge—No!

This time it was the fact that the Junior Weekend theme committee concealed a wire recorder in the basement of the Law School, between the set of Corpus Juris Secundum and Willis-ton on Contracts, to listen in on the Law School committee's year-long deliberations, and to STEAL, STEAL, STEAL our theme from us.

This is what you and your pal, the driving force behind the Shepherd depledging incident, who hatched the whole plot to make the Junior Weekend committee, the scum of the fraternity and political pots, look lily-white, and pure as the driven snow, have done to conceal the whole story of this insidious maneuver from the student body.

Oh, I don't intend to imply for a moment that you, Miss Larson, are the sole instigator of this no-smear campaign to keep the real story of how the Junior Weekend committee was foiled in its attempt to steal our theme (which is "Pre-Pubescent Ponderings") from the students.

No, you and several others have been in cahoots from the start. Only now, when you're in a position to exercise your beliefs and demonstrate your convictions to the whole student body, do you search longingly to keep out of the paper any bit of dirt which would whip up a storm that would engulf your political ambitions and sweep them away in disgrace.

We defy you to print the story! And we defy you to print this letter, so that the student body, our little brothers and sisters may know the whole truth!

Malcolm Montague
Law School Student Body

Common Problem?



"But, Flossie, this is our fourth date."

From the Morgue

20 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1932 — Oregon's "grand old man," Dean of Men John Straub, says he still thinks as much of his freshmen as ever. He remembers that it wasn't until the early '30's that there were any freshmen at all. (Students were admitted from the sixth grade, and there was no line differentiating students.)

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