

This is The Preferential System: Accurate, Detailed, Confusing

Elections will be held Wednesday, and one of the voting problems will again concern Oregon voters—the problem of preferential voting.

The system has been subject to a fair amount of criticism, but it has its advantages as well as its disadvantages, one disadvantage being its apparent resistance to understanding.

Under preferential voting a majority or a minority is represented on the senate exactly according to its actual strength, Director of Student Affairs Donald M. DuShane has explained.

Here's How It Works

Here's the way preferential voting works, as especially applied to this year's election:

With 24 candidates, including ASUO presidential candidates Pat Dignan and Helen Jackson, running for the 11 senate-at-large positions (the president and vice-president are considered senators-at-large as far as the ballot is arranged), voters will mark the ballot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5—towards 24, for as many candidates as desired.

However, it is deemed advisable to vote for at least 11 candidates, since the voter's chances of having his preferences considered will be prolonged in the distribution process, to be explained later in this article.

The Quota Procedure

In determining who is elected, the number of total ballots are counted. Assuming that 2000 valid votes are cast Wednesday, the "quota"—the total number of votes necessary to elect a candidate—would then be selected.

Here's how the quota is determined:

1. Take the number of positions open (11).
2. Add 1 (making 12).
3. Divide the ballots cast (2000) by the figure (12), making 167.
4. Add 1. The quota in this hypothetical situation would be 168.

Get the Smallest Number

Logic of the method is to obtain the smallest number of votes which will elect only 11 candidates.

The number "1" votes are counted first. If any candidate has the quota on this count, he is elected. The person with the most number "1" votes is president, the second person is vice-president, providing they have the quota.

If less than 11, but at least 1, office is filled on the first count, then the re-distributing process begins. The elected persons' extra (above the quota) ballots are distributed according to the number "2" votes. Those candidates then having the quota are elected, and their excess ballots are re-distributed according to the number "3" votes, and so on as long as each re-distribution elects a new candidate.

From the Bottom

If, before the 11 offices are filled, a re-distribution step leaves no new quota for a candidate, re-distribution is handled from the bottom. The ballots of the candidate with the fewest number "1" votes are re-distributed according to number "2" votes. If no new quota is obtained, the ballots of the candidate who now has the fewest ballots (his predecessor being eliminated) are re-distributed, and so on.

In the whole process re-distribution of excess ballots of an elected candidate in each case is taken care of as long as such a situation exists, then candidates are eliminated from the bottom in order to distribute their ballots.

Process Continues

The process continues until 11 persons, in this example, have the quota. If all ballots are finally distributed or exhausted (ballots are exhausted when they cannot be distributed to anyone because the voter did not vote for enough candidates—which is the reason for the advice to vote for many preferences), and one office, for ex-

ample, is still to be filled, then the only candidate remaining is elected, even though he does not have the quota. The same thing is true for whatever number of offices remain to be filled.

Same for Classes

This same system would apply to class elections in any year in which there were more candidates than offices to be filled. For several years political parties—now the Associated Greek Students and the United Students Association—have agreed to put up only a class presidential and representative each for each class office. Since there have usually been only two parties any particular year, this has insured all class candidates of office unless a non-partisan candidate files—which has happened, last year for example.

This year, however, no non-partisan candidates filed, so all class candidates will be elected to some office. The person with the most number "1" votes is president; the one with the second highest amount of number "1" votes is vice-president, and the remaining two candidates are automatically class representatives. And that's as far as the process needs to go for class offices this year.

Fall Job Petitions Deadline Nears

Freshman week orientation chairman petitions have been called for and are due Thursday at 4 p.m. in the office of ASUO President Bill Carey.

The orientation chairman will be in charge of the freshman week program fall term and the various activities aimed at getting freshmen acquainted with the campus. Information about the job may be obtained from files in the office of the director of student affairs, Donald DuShane, or from Carey.

Interested petitioners may also talk with last year's chairman, Jean Gould. Miss Gould stated that anyone could apply for the post and it need not be a Eugene student.

Petitioners will be interviewed by the ASUO senate Thursday at 7 p.m.

Social Calendar

Social highlights for the coming week-end are as follows:

- Friday**
Law School Dance
- Saturday**
Alpha Delta Pi Fireside Dances;
University House
Orides
Delta Delta Delta

CAMPUS CALENDAR

8:00	Toynbee Press Conf	113 SU
11:45	Univ Theatre	110 SU
Noon	French Table	111 SU
1:00	Crater Lake Int	112 SU
1:30	Music Comm	313 SU
4:00	All Campus Cleanup	214 SU
	ASUO Honor Code	337 SU
	AWS Congress	334 SU
	Terrace Dance	333 SU
	Frosh Picnic	213 SU
6:30	Phi Theta Upsilon	112 SU
	Toynbee Dinner	112 SU
	Opr Pol	213 SU
6:45	Mu Phi Ep	215 SU
	Oral Comm	110 SU
7:00	Christ Sci	333 SU
	Ex Stu Prexies	111 SU
	House Mgrs	214 SU
	IVCF	1st Fl Gerl
	Newman Dies	112 Friendly
7:30	Phi Mu Alpha	334 SU
	Skull & Dag	315 SU
	Druids	313 SU
8:00	Toynbee Lect	Mc Ct

Case Concerning Inheritance Tax Settled by Court

Announcement of a final settlement in the long pending Rebec case has been made by Pat Ward, chairman of the board of trustees for the University Coed Cooperative, Inc.

The case, which began in 1944, concerned an inheritance tax on the house willed to the Co-ops by the late George Rebec, former dean of the graduate school. The state's claim of \$1300 was upheld by Judge William G. East last year on the grounds that the co-op's real purpose was to provide economical living for students with limited resources, and therefore not a strictly charitable group. Charitable, educational and religious institutions are exempted from inheritance taxes. Judge East defined a charitable group as one which applies its revenues to relief of its members.

The court set a value on the property on the basis of the \$50 a month rent paid to Rebec while he lived. Attorneys for the state were instructed to draw an order calling for payment of a similar amount to the state for "an indefinite period."

Frosh Dessert Planned Today

A YWCA dessert for all freshmen women will be held at the Sigma Kappa house today from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cards and refreshments are planned. Tickets may be obtained from Y representatives in the dorms and at Gerlinger, or at the dessert.

Duckling counselor petitions will be available at the dessert for interested freshmen women. The "big sister" program for next year's frosh women will be explained by Bobbette Gilmore and Ann Blackwell, duckling counselor co-chairmen.

Polls Open Today For Queen Choice

Voting for the five princesses of the Junior Weekend court starts today and will continue throughout Wednesday. Booths in the Co-op and the Student Union will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. Photographs of the 12 candidates are on display at both of the voting sites.

Semi-finalists are Sarah Turnbull, Nancy Ann Allen, Harriet Vahey, Pat Johnson, Helen Jackson, Mary Alice Baker, Sally Keeley, Francis Gillmore, Nanette Silverthorne, Joan Renner, Jo Martin and Barbara Booth.

One of the earliest aerial photographs ever made was taken from a balloon in 1860 and called "Boston as the Eagle and Wild Goose See It."

UO Library to Give \$150 In Personal Book Contest

Awards totaling \$150 are being offered in the annual search for the best book collections on campus.

For the fourteenth time the library contest is being sponsored by Co-op, house librarians, the University library and the Association of Patron and Friends of the University library to stimulate an enthusiasm for books and reading among students.

Students who have personal libraries of books may enter and compete for prizes in either of three categories:

The undergraduate students general library; the undergraduate students specialized library; or the graduate students library.

Awards are similar in each category. First prize is \$25 in books; second prize \$15 in books; third \$10 in books.

A Good Library Is . . .

A good personal library should consist of books which have a particular meaning for their owner, not merely a collection of standard books of recognized merit, according to Bernice Rise, browsing room librarian. The personal meaning may be centered in literary worth, in subject matter or in the physical characteristics of a beautiful book, she said. While the library should emphasize an individual's special subject interest, it need not exclude other fields of knowledge.

The Rules

The following rules are to be followed:

1. Entries must be limited to 50 titles for each category.
 2. Each book must bear a definite mark of ownership.
 3. Required textbooks, which will become an important part of your library of the future, may be included.
 4. Pamphlets, maps, charts, and other non-book material may be included, but will not be counted in the total number of volumes exhibited.
 5. Entries must be made by 12 noon Friday, May 9, 1952, to Bernice Rise, browsing room librarian.
 6. Entries must be arranged in the reserve book reading room by 10 a.m. Saturday May 10, 1952 and must remain on display until 5 p.m. Sunday, May 11, 1952.
 7. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday May 10, 1952. The libraries will be judged on the selection of titles as they meet the objectives of a student's private library.
 8. Prizes will be awarded Saturday evening May 17, at the banquet of the Association of Patrons and Friends, by the head librarian at the university, Carl W. Hintz. All prize winners will be guests at the banquet.
- Judges for the contest, as announced by Miss Rise, are as follows:

In the undergraduate general library division, S. N. Karchmer, instructor in English, is chairman; the other four judges are W. C. Ballaine, professor of business administration; Donald Dushane, director of student affairs; Mrs. O. F. Stafford, of the Association of Patrons and Friends; and P. D. Morrison, head of the social science division of the library.

Five judges, headed by R. D. Clark, assistant dean of the college of liberal arts, will judge the undergraduate specialized libraries. Others are David McGosh, associate professor of art; K. S. Ghent, associate professor of mathematics; D. T. Duncan, associate professor of journalism; and A. W. Roecker, head of the science division of the library.

Being larger, the graduate student library division with both specialized and general sections will have seven judges. R. D. Horn, professor of English, will be chairman, Theodore Stern, assistant professor of anthropology; E. S. Wengert, head of the political science department; Orlando Hollis, dean of the school of law; D. S. Willis, assistant professor of oriental languages; Quirinus Breen, professor of history; and J. V. Berreman, acting head of the sociology department, will complete this group.

If the Territory of Hawaii becomes an American state, 15 or more obscure islets will join the Union along with the larger, better-known islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Oahu, Lanai, and Kauai.

HEILIG Dial 4-9311

Now Playing
"Bright Victory"
Arthur Kennedy & Peggy Dow
also
"Purple Heart Diary"
Frances Langford & Lyle Talbot

MAYFLOWER Dial 5-1022

Now Playing
"Little Ballerina"

LANE Dial 4-0431

Now Playing
"Jesse James"
Fyrone Power & Henry Fonda
also
"No Highway in the Sky"
James Stewart & Marlene Dietrich
Starts Tomorrow
"New Mexico"
Lew Ayres & Marilyn Maxwell
also
"Fixed Bayonets"
Richard Basehart & Micheal O'Shea

Sugar Plum
CANDY, MAGAZINES,
SANDWICHES
13th & Hilyard

DON COLLIN

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Senator-at-Large

- Junior Class Vice-President
- ASUO Senator
- Campus Activities

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