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### Torchlight Parade To Boost GOP Taft

The "Taft for President" committee will stage a torchlight parade at 9:00 tonight, the last of four student demonstrations before "Operation Politics," Oregon's mock Republican nominating convention Friday.

Because of women's rushing, the parade will start at 9:00 p.m. not at 8:30 as scheduled. Houses representing states in support of Taft will meet at 16th and Alder and tour the campus.

Demonstrations held during the week include a Gov. Warren rally on Monday, a torchlight parade by



GOV. VAL PETERSON To Keynote Mock Convention

Eisenhower supporters on Tuesday and a "Stassen for President" rally on Wednesday.

During the past two weeks the symposium committee under the leadership of chairman Jim Crittenden has recorded forums for

### Queen Finalists Selected by Vote

Members of the Junior Weekend court—and the five finalists for Junior Weekend queen—are Barbara Booth, Pat Johnson, Jo Martin, Joan Renner and Nanette Silverthorne.

They were selected in a two-day vote which ended Wednesday night.

The Junior Weekend queen will be chosen in an all-campus vote Wednesday and will be revealed at the time of the coronation ceremonies, at Junior Prom intermission, May 9.

In charge of voting is Pat Gustin. Others handling arrangements for the court are Joan Prialux, flowers; Sally Hazeltine and Barbara Keelen, coronation; Anne Gentel, dresses; Joyce Jones, judges and eliminations; and Kathy Tribe, pictures.

Peterson, who was elected in the fall of 1946, is serving his third term as governor of Nebraska. Present chairman of the National Government conference, Peterson is also president of the National Council of State Governments.

Forty-eight years old, Peterson has been active in politics since 1934 when he was campaign manager for Republican congressman Karl Stefan. A veteran of World War II he is presently a colonel in the air force reserve.

Leaflets and a sound truck will announce the Governor's parade at 4:30 p.m. Friday and the convention at 6:30 p.m.

The Governor's parade starts at the Southern Pacific depot and terminates at McArthur court, scene of the actual convention Friday night.

Featured in the parade will be

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### Campus Sing Finalists Listed

Ten men's and ten women's living organizations made the finals for the all-campus sing and will compete for the trophy at the sing program May 10.

The finalists are Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Campbell club, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Chi and Hunter-Minturn.

Finalists in the women's groups are Alpha Phi, Ann Judson, Delta Gamma, Carson hall, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Kappa and University house.

### AGS Cleans-up On Positions

"She was a worthy opponent. It was damn close."

That was what Pat Dignan had to say about his election as ASUO president following Wednesday's elections at an Associated Greek student celebration on the Willamette river Wednesday night.

Dignan won the election with 1012 first place votes to Helen Jackson's 889. Miss Jackson was the United Students association candidate for president and will automatically become vice-president.

### USA Loses All Prexy Posts To Greek Party

The election results at a glance:

ASUO President—Pat Dignan (AGS), vice president — Helen Jackson (USA).

Senate-at-large — Mike Lally, Jody Greer, Francis Gillmore, Bill Frye, Mary Alice Baker, Don Parr (AGS); Don Collin, Judy McLoughlin, Ben Schmidt (USA).

Senior class—Tom Wrightson (AGS), president; Dick Davis (USA), vice president; Jane Simpson (AGS) and Merle Davis (USA), senate representatives.

Junior class — Bob Brittain (AGS), president; Tom Shepherd (USA), vice president; Joan Marie Miller (AGS) and Bob Simpson (USA), senate representatives.

Sophomore class — Bob Summers (AGS), president; Milan Foster (USA), vice president; Janet Miller (AGS) and Mary Witaker (USA), senate representatives.

Constitution amendment — passed 1600 to 390.

Co-op board—Ann Bankhead, Barbara Keelen, Joan Rademacher.

#### 2021 Votes Cast

In addition to Dignan's and Miss Jackson's total, there were 120 other first place votes cast for other candidates, making the total vote 2021. Fifty-one per cent of the eligible voters, according to the last registrar's figure of 3988, cast ballots in the election.

Dignan's victory means the second year in a row that the Associated Greek student candidate has won the election for president over the United Students association nominee.

#### Clean Sweep in Classes

AGS made a clean sweep in the class office elections. Tom Wrightson won the senior class president post with 271 votes over the USA candidates, Dick Davis, who had 148. Jane Simpson (AGS) had 46 first place votes in the representative contest over Merle Davis (USA) with 32.

Bob Brittain (AGS) won the junior class presidency with 297 number one votes over Tom Shepherd (USA) who had 135 votes. Joan Marie Miller (AGS) had 48 first place votes over Bob Simpson (USA) who had 25 in the representative contest.

Bob Summers (AGS) took the sophomore class presidency with

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### 'Under the Big Top' Junior Prom Theme

Theme for the Junior Prom, May 9, will be "Under the Big Top," Prom Decorations Chairman Paul Lasker announced Tuesday night.

Closing hours for the Prom will be 2 a.m. The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Coronation of the Junior Weekend queen will be held during a 10 p.m. intermission.

Music for the dance will be provided by Johnny Reitz and his orchestra with Marcelaine as featured vocalist. Reitz' band has been called "The Most Talked About Band in the Northwest" by promoters in this region.

A team of Junior students under the direction of Tom Wrightson, ticket chairman, will compete in selling tickets this year. Ticket sales will begin today. They are being sold for \$2.50. All-campus salesmen who will contact houses and individual students on campus are Dick Davis, Stacy Hertsche, Mel Erickson, Bill DeLand, Jim Watkins, Bart Cross, John Whitty, Merv Gumpert and Dick Morris.

The salesman who sells the most tickets will receive \$10; the salesman who comes in second will receive \$2.50. Previously house representatives have handled ticket-selling for their own living organizations.

### Toynbee, Philosopher and Historian, Sees Hope in Western Civilization's World Position

By Jim Haycox

A philosopher and historian whose outstanding work has been the study of civilizations, Arnold J. Toynbee sees hope for the western world.

It's not necessarily on the down grade, he remarked at a press breakfast Tuesday, and though there are things that could drag it

Toynbee's Thursday night lecture, originally scheduled for McArthur court, has been changed to the Student Union ballroom. The time, 8 p.m., and the title, "The Lessons of History", will remain the same.

down, there's "no reason to let them go on."

Western civilization is on the defensive now, but we don't want to "dominate the world of the future," he observed. We may regain the initiative, he added, if we have

something to offer the rest of the world.

If there were more of the "Christian outlook" in western politics, he said, the situation would be improved.

"Communism is more like a religion," he explained; "a very bad religion but a real one." We must reestablish a "Christian outlook" into our own ideals of democracy.

#### Political Unity Needed

Toynbee, like Henri Barzun, visiting author here last week, sees a definite need for a political unity in the west but, unlike the Frenchman, doesn't confine it to a European federation alone.

He said he had "no particular blueprint" for such a union of nations but emphasized the paramount importance of political unity and said the United States would "play a central part in it."

"Europe and America could be part of the same community," he

said, and possibly we could turn India and China in our direction. He holds, however, that, because its industrial power that could turn the balance of power in favor of Russia or the U.S., Europe is the more important to us.

Toynbee doesn't think Asia will become a third power in the world, owing to the differences among the people there. Furthermore, he thinks Communism may have done some good in China but that "Russia will never assimilate the Chinese."

#### Chinese Are Convertors

The Chinese have a long history of adopting things from the outside, he explained, and then converting them to their own particular needs.

"I would think they'd make Communism over in the same way," he said.

The domineering character of the Russian communists, compared

with the "lighter-handed" West, may be a point in our favor, he noted.

#### Tact Difficult for Reds

"Tact is difficult for the Russians, by nature autocratic," he observed.

In his own words, he came practically from one end of the Western world to the other—from London to Eugene. But such a jaunt for him was nothing particularly new.

Toynbee explained he's been making regular trips to the United States since the war and is here for about three out of every eighteen months.

His purpose has been to study and complete the final volumes of his masterpiece, "A Study of History." That job is finished now as far as the writing goes, he said, and the last four volumes will be published in 1954.