

Young GOPs Pick Head

Bruce Holt, freshman in pre-law, has been elected president of the University of Oregon Young Republicans. Other officers elected by the group are Phyllis Ranney, junior in architecture, vice president, and Joan Nelson, sophomore in political science, secretary-treasurer.

Annual AWS Tea Planned for Dec. 6 At Kappa House

The annual Christmas tea sponsored by the Associated Women students will be held Dec. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Kappa Kappa Gamma, according to Jean Mauro, general chairman.

On display will be the boxes filled by University living organizations for needy families in the Eugene area. The organization will be informed of the specific requirements of the boxes this week by letters. Men's groups are expected to contribute only food.

Assisting Miss Mauro with the arrangements for the tea, for which campus clothes are in order, are Ann Blackwell, food; Rosemary Hampton, invitations; Mary Wilson, program; Valerie Cows, decorations; Bobbette Gilmore and Norma Hamilton, collections; Jane Tingley, distribution; Tina Fisk, publicity; Donna Hill and Sally Hannah, promotion.

University Fights for Majorettes; Wins Long Battle in Late Thirties With Decision That Sight of Knees OK

By Len Calvert
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It took University of Oregon students almost two years of hard fighting before they got a drum majorette for the University band.

1938 and '39 Emeralds tell a story of controversy about "exploitation of womanhood," bare knees and short skirts. Now the band has three-drum majorettes.

It seems that Oregon students first started demanding a drum "majorette" in 1937, but the idea was quickly banned by University officials and the Associated Women Students council. However, a controversy involving the drum majorettes at Oregon State college brought the matter up again in the fall of 1938.

OSC Ban

OSC officials banned their girls after State played Washington State college in Portland. When OSC students rose in protest against the edict, it reminded Oregon students of their unsuccessful effort of a year ago to get a drum majorette for their Oregon band.

Within a week after the State officials passed the ban, it was repealed in the face of student pressure. According to a Nov. 15, 1938, Emerald story, "OSC women were almost unanimous in the opinion that it was 'entirely proper' for girls to appear with the band."

The OSC women had been banned because of bare knees and short dress. The University ban against permitting a girl to march before the band was that it would be "indulging in exploitation of womanhood."

The Emerald commented editorially, "There is no need for a con-

tinuation of Victorianism on the Oregon campus."

In that same issue of the paper a letter to the editor appeared on the front page from an anonymous writer said, "Let's hope Oregon pulls out of the rut on the majorette question. Not that it is a great necessity to have a bare-legged girl or two in front of the school band but the idea of taking a grammar school attitude such as seems prevalent around the Oregon campus is really a disgusting disgrace for a school with a supposedly broad-minded, level-headed type of learning and teaching habits."

The letter ended with this comment, "OSC can." "Can't We?"

Stanford's Problem

Stanford university also got into the act about the problem of a drum majorette. Stanford's band threatened to go on strike unless their majorette was allowed to accompany the band to Berkeley. Stanford's women's council issued an edict against the majorette because her actions on the field were "unbecoming to a Stanford woman."

University of Oregon students overwhelmingly favored a "majorette" in 1938 and even most of the faculty thought that it was a good idea. Journalism Professor George Turnbull criticized the attacks which student's leaders had been making against the administration, however. He said "It seems quite possible that they could advocate something new on campus without taking a devastating sideswipe at the whole institution."

Action for a drum majorette reached its peak that fall of '38-'37 when the rally committee petitioned the ASUO executive committee for action on the subject. The AWS council again vetoed the idea and the movement suffered another setback.

The Emerald came out with a front page picture of the University of Washington's five drum majorettes with the caption: "Washington has them... Why not Oregon?"

However, students in favor of

the idea were again doomed to disappointment as the student affairs committee voted the issue down 3 to 2.

In Protest

In protest of the vote, Les Harper, band major, appeared dressed as a majorette known as "Hessie Larger," at the next home game. Homecoming in 1938 saw two baton twirlers on the field—on leave of absence from the Eugene American Legion.

Pressure for a drum majorette was resumed during the fall of 1939. The AWS council suddenly did a complete about-face and approved the idea. This was followed by the ASUO executive council approval and on Oct. 13, 1939, the student affairs committee put its stamp of approval on a drum majorette for Oregon.

Mary Anderson, a freshman from Eugene, became the first "majorette" to lead the band on the field.

The University band currently has three drum majorettes to strut down the fields. The three, Virginia Schmidt, freshman in physical education, Nadine Mickleson, not in school this year and Dixie Reynolds, junior in English, are assisted by Jim Case, sophomore in music, and Phil Lewis, sophomore in liberal arts, as co-drum majors.

RE Week Petitions Due Wednesday

Deadline for petitioning for Religious Emphasis week chairmanships has been set for Wednesday of this week, according to co-chairmen Jo Sloan and Cathy Tribe.

Positions open are general secretary, speakers, fireside, luncheon, housing publicity, promotion, hospitality, evaluation, program, special events and Sunday night program chairmen. Petitions should be turned in to Jo Sloan at Delta Gamma or Cathy Tribe at Alpha Phi.

Religious Emphasis week, sponsored by the University Religious council, will be held Jan. 25 to 29.

UO Debate Team Does Well in Regional Meet

The University debate squad finished in the upper half in a field of competition from 16 schools at the Northwest regional forensic tournament held at Pullman, Wash., Friday and Saturday. The three teams won 11 out of 18 debates at their initial performance of the forensic season.

Phil Cass, freshman in pre-law, and Don Mickelwait, sophomore in pre-law, left Pullman Saturday night to represent Oregon at the Western speech association tournament at Denver, Col., Nov. 25, 26 and 27. This team went through the Pullman tournament with a record of four wins and two losses. The boys will return to Eugene Saturday, Nov. 29.

The woman's team of Loretta Mason, freshman in speech, and Elsie Schiller, junior in journalism, also won four of the six preliminary debates while Bruce Holt, freshman in pre-law, and Paul Ward, freshman in political science, came through with a three to three record.

First place winners at the regional meet were Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash., in the women's division, and St. Martins, Olympia, Wash., in the men's di-

vision. Both teams went through the tournament undefeated. No second and third places were announced. There were 85 teams competing in the meet sponsored by the Washington state chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national forensic honorary.

Herman Cohen, forensic director, expressed satisfaction in the performance of the three teams, pointing out that although two thirds of the University squad is made up of freshmen they were competing against senior division teams with a great deal more experience in college debating. Cohen and Robert Kully, assistant director, accompanied the squad on the trip.

The squad will hold its regular Tuesday meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Villard 205. Cohen urged that all students interested in symposium work attend as he plans to begin work on the symposium topics of discussion which will begin immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Questions for the symposium include the debate topic on fair employment practices on the national level and methods of combating the Communist influence in the United States.

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Members of the University staff will analyze various sections of the recent industrial survey of the county made for the Chamber of Commerce by a San Francisco research firm.

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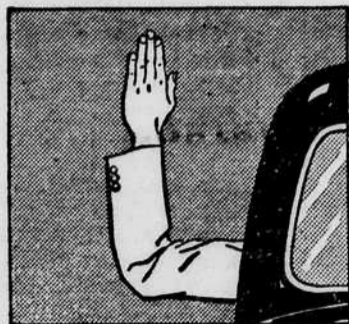
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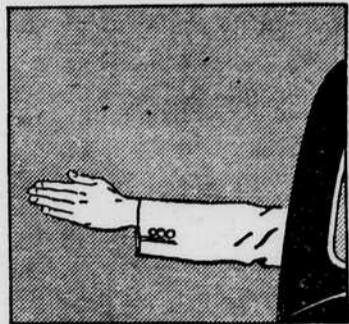
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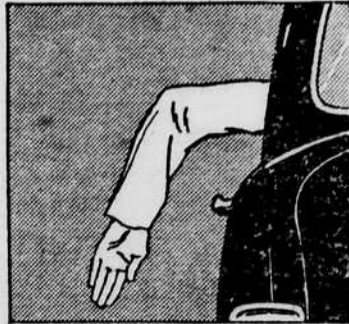
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