

Politics Off to an Early Start

The Associated Greek students Wednesday afternoon voted (1) to keep hands-off on winter term frosh elections and (2) to allow Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Alpha Mu, Delta Upsilon to enter the Greek bloc subject only to a one year penalty clause, not the two year probationary period presently provided for in the AGS constitution.

AGS thinking on freshman elections was not all Platonic. Freshman men will rush winter term. Fraternities will be able to push new pledges into the freshman election race. The Greek bloc will not be limited to a single sponsored candidate for each office. AGS chances of sweeping the election will be increased.

Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Alpha Mu and Delta Upsilon may return to the bloc. They left AGS before the two year penalty rule was put into effect and thus, to AGS thinking, should be exempt from this constitution clause. They will be subject to a one year restriction on nominating candidates. Lambda Chi would be entering the bloc for the first time.

Greeks currently represent a minority group on campus. The proportion of Greeks to independents will probably be further decreased within the next five years when enrollment begins to rise. Fraternities and sororities are limited by house capacities. They will be forced to marshal all possible strength to maintain domination in campus politics.

The political manipulation of AGS in over-riding its constitution is regrettable. It will merely serve to widen that synthetic split between Greek and independent which has served as an excuse for the exercise of campus politics.

Morse Must Stand 'Time Test'

Senator Wayne Morse made a strong impression on his campus audience Tuesday. His 1 p.m. address was interrupted three times by strong applause and a number of people walked out of the SU ballroom feeling better about the senator's campaign activities after hearing his personal explanation.

Morse went to some length to expound upon his theory of representative government—a senator represents all the people, not just a region and should be controlled by honest, independent judgment rather than by a temporary wave of public opinion. The senator went on to deplore Congressmen who are ruled by "pressure mail" and allow themselves to become hand-cuffed by pressure groups.

We accept this theory as true in the United States where we do not have a pure democracy but representative government. We place integrity and good judgment as the only limitations. Only time can be the judge for Morse in the later. The facts as produced in speeches, debates and statements, will prove the former.

We editorially backed Morse's switch from Ike to Adlai. We believe it was the correct move. During the next four years Morse will be explaining that switch to the voters. The senator is willing to accept the people's judgment. "I don't suffer from Potomac fever," he said Tuesday.

From Tulane

We're for the idiots, the poor, stumbling, stupid idiots who come to college every year unable to take care of themselves. We feel real sorry for them, but we still like 'em.

College administrations all over the country, and at Tulane, too, have in recent years developed a policy of caring for these "idiots." These poor guys and gals are unable to take care of themselves, university authorities believe.

Dormitory supervisors, counselors, house mothers, and advisors, are all being crammed down our throats to "help us, guide us, keep us on the straight and narrow."

The universities, rightly, point to the early thirties and late twenties when college youth was wild, wooly and completely irresponsible. Then they turn around, rightly again, and say today's college youth is more mature, more responsible, than his counterpart of 20 years ago. Why, then, do we need more supervision?

We believe a certain amount of supervision is necessary, sure . . . College students need guidance, we agree. They have a certain responsibility to their university and to their fellow students. And they should be forced to live up to these responsibilities.

But they don't need to be coddled, "mothered" or "babied" in the process. How are you going to teach them to stand on their own feet if you constantly give them an easy chair?

We have faith in these "idiots." Their less responsible . . . parents came through their college years fairly unscratched. We honestly think we can do it, too.—Reprinted from the Tulane (La.) Hulabaloo.

STALIN REMEMBERED

Clementis Case Seen as Unique

By Gunther Barth

A Prague court sentenced to death by hanging eleven former Czech Communist leaders for treason and espionage. The trial was characterized by a chorus of self confessions in a week of hearings unparalleled since the Moscow trials of 1936 against members of the Trotsky-Sinowjew group.

The prosecutors of the theater trials in Nazi Germany didn't bother with this new styled sort of self decomposition.

No Defenses

None of the eleven said a word to defend himself, according to transcripts of their testimonies heard in the Prague radio.

There are no Western correspondents in the capital of Czechoslovakia.

Among the condemned, Clementis, the former Foreign Minister, deserves a special comment. Even if he was member of the

Communist party for thirty years he never became a man of Moscow or lost his mental independence.

His dossier showed many black points when he tried to secure his personal integrity and his human idealism against the ups and downs of the official Party line.

Stalin Didn't Forget

From the whole nonsense, extracted from the self-confessions by the prosecutor, one fact has to be mentioned. Stalin never forgave Clementis that he publicly criticized the Russian Friendship Treaty with Hitler and dared to condemn Stalin's attack on Finland.

In 1939, Clementis immediately was expelled from the party until 1941 when Hitler's conquests made Soviet Russia the ally of the Western powers.

But the punishment was only postponed. When he met the Red czar for the first time after the war as Deputy Foreign Minister,

Stalin ironically remembered him for his crime.

In the struggle between the individual and the totalitarian state Clementis' life is one more exception which proves the rules.

A member of a totalitarian state has only one duty: to obey the Party authority. His integrity forced Clementis to ignore deliberately the basic law of his system. That gave him in the trial the shadow of a personality among ten wheels which couldn't keep up with the speed of the Party machinery.

Notes to the Editor



From Korea

(Ed. Note: The Emerald has received the following two letters from G.I.'s in Korea. One was sent to the paper, the other was mailed to Student Affairs. Both requested pen-pals to add to their meager mail-call. The Emerald hopes that Oregon students will respond to the request.)

Dear Editor:

Coming right to the point, I'm a G.I. that has been stationed over here in Korea for the past seven months. For the past few months I've found my mail call getting smaller and smaller. Mail is good for one's morale and right now mine is quite low.

Would you be kind enough to publish my name and address in your school paper. I would appreciate it very much as I would like to get some mail. Thanking you for your troubles, I remain,

Sincerely,
PFC Bob Jaureguy
Co. "C" 840 EAB
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San Francisco, California

P.S. I was a resident of Portland, Oregon

University of Oregon
Dean of Students

Dear Sir:

We are three soldiers who have been stationed in Korea for quite some time. For the last three or four months we haven't received very much mail. We were wondering if you could have some of your students exchange some letters and snap shots with us.

We are thanking you in advance for your consideration of our problem.

Yours,
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From Faculty

Dear Editor:

I should like to thank those students who sang Xmas carols in front of the Faculty club last Sunday night. It was quite a surprise — especially for someone from another country — to see them assembled out there in the rain, and hear them sing those songs which so well express the Xmas spirit, and it was much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Hans Reiter

The College Crowd

Campus Headlines Elsewhere

Think you're overworked in college? You actually go to school only 14 days out of every year, according to the Southeastern, at Southeastern State College, Okla.

The paper's reasoning: A student sleeps away a third of every 365 days at eight hours per day. This leaves 243 days. Subtract 52 Sundays, half an hour per day off for lunch, and three months for summer vacation. This leaves 91 days.

Next subtract 52 Saturdays, a couple of weeks for Christmas vacation, spring and Thanksgiving vacations. You have just two weeks left.

What puzzles us is that according to this formula, there couldn't be more than a couple of minutes left until final week begins at Oregon, and we aren't at all ready.

A South Dakota State college coed is disillusioned about male lines, and not the kind a girl gets from a boy on a date. During registration she stood faithfully in a long line for two hours, only to arrive at—the men's washroom.

Ad in the UCLA Daily Bruin: "Will the blonde young lady who wore sunglasses Thursday morning (besides other things) be in

the cafeteria between 11 and 12 a.m.?"

The housing shortage at Michigan State College has made it necessary for one dormitory there to house students of both sexes. Typical dorm veteran's comment: "We never had it so good." By the way, how are things in Oregon's John Straub dorm?

A fellow named Joe Raff, who writes a column for the North Carolina Daily Tar Heel, is fascinated by a tradition of Wellesley college:

"There is a beautiful symmetrical garden," he writes, "designed by a math professor whose love was thwarted for a president of Wellesley (presidents there are always women)".

"It is said that if a Wellesley girl walks her beau around the lake and this garden three times without proposal, she has a perfect right to push him in the drink."

"The flaw in this custom is that not enough young men know the story and often have their spirits dampened. When going with a Wellesley gal, remember, men, that third trip around the lake may be your first trip up the river."

Passing the Academic Buck



"If you can't answer a student's question again, just try to look intelligent and ask him to look it up for himself and make a report on it."

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