

notes to the editor

As the President of the ASUO Senate and as a representative of student government, I would like to take issue and comment on your editorial of Feb. 20, regarding student government.

- I disagree that much of the Senate's work is self perpetuation.
- I disagree that participation in student government is poor.
- and I disagree that student government helps only to a limited extent in the development of democratic citizens and leaders for our society.

How the Emerald can ignore such activities as the proposed honor code, our work in attempting to restore the Millrace, participation in conferences such as OFCL, our entertainment commission and numerous other activities which student government encompasses, and how it can say that much of the Senate's work is self perpetuation is beyond me.

The items just mentioned indicates only to a small degree the scope of student government on this campus. But the Emerald's article ignored completely the work student government does in other areas such as outside the University.

We have, through an extensive program of public relations, created a favorable reputation of Student Government and the University in general which no other school in this state, and I might say in the Northwest, can claim. At the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders' Convention held on this campus this year, student government made an excellent impression on leaders of other schools. This is evidenced by the numerous letters I have on file requesting information regarding our form of government.

These things the Emerald has ignored. Participation in student government is not poor. Too often students are not aware of the activities student government handles, and it seems that the Emerald has not deemed it necessary to point out, specifically some of these activities and the numbers of students who participate.

One is Homecoming. Well over 100 students participated in this activity which is a function of our student government. Another is Dad's Day, which had listed approximately 50 people on its various committees.

And moving to another area we find the Rally Board composed of a membership of 15 people. When it called for petitions for two vacancies this term 33 students petitioned and were interviewed. This indicates to me definite interest in student government.

Our student court has seven members, our senate 27 student members, and our entertainment commission seven members. Also listed as available in the commission files are well over 75 entertainers who are, in a sense, participating in student government no matter how far one may think this is removed from the traditional concept of government.

The Emerald pointed out that the Preamble of our constitution stated as one of the purposes of student government the development of leaders and the stimulation of an awareness of the responsibilities of students in regard to the community.

Student government here, in my opinion, is doing just this. It does build leaders and it is an excellent opportunity for those with initiative to develop themselves as leaders. This is intangible and it cannot be measured. I speak only from personal opinion when I say that student government builds leaders.

Students are made aware of the responsibilities of society and learn to participate in the activities of society by student government. By being chairmen of committees, members of the senate, or judges on the traffic court they are performing functions which society will later demand them to perform.

This, then, is the extent to which I disagree with the Emerald's evaluation and conclusions regarding student government. However, I agree with the following:

- that many students are not interested in student government.
- that there is a great deal of ignorance concerning the operation and scope of student government.
- that students do not seem to have any solution to these problems.

I feel that if the Emerald is as interested in student government as it has indicated in its article then it should try to present some possible solutions to these problems. This it has not yet done.

It has asked the students "What do you think of Student Government?" Perhaps it should ask the students how can interest in student government be increased?

Sincerely,
Pat Dignan, President
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Heart King Babb Receives Gifts

Candidates Tub King In Carson Hall Lobby

A royal dunking was only one of the honors bestowed on Alan Babb, crowned King of Hearts at the Heart Hop Friday.

Crowning ceremonies, opening the Heart Hop, took place in Carson hall lobby. YWCA president Jackie Wilkes presented Babb with the crown. Babb received his emersion in a portable bathtub set up in the lobby. Assisting with the dunking of the new King of Hearts were the other five candidates, Jim Livesay, Jim Miller, Ed Kenney, Jim Owens and Ron Lyman.

Following the crowning, couples made the rounds of the houses holding Heart Hop dances—Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Delta Delta and Delta Zeta.

Gifts awarded to the new King of Hearts by downtown Eugene stores included heart design boxer shorts from Fennels, a gray sport shirt from Montgomery Wards, an assembled package from Pacific Auto Supply, navy knit tie from Kirchoff and Scott Men's Wear, white shirt from Penney's, and a tie of his own selection from Men's Toggery.

Solid after-shaving lotion from Drug Center, shaving-talcum kit from Claypoole's, a \$3 gift certificate from Oregon Outfitters, cuff links from Miller's, \$2 corsage on request from Flowers Unlimited, a cotton "gaucho" shirt from Bill Baker's, tie clasp or money clip from Joe Richard's, and 8 free show passes from the Heilig.

Grant-in-aid Candidate?



"Now we'll see who takes that ol' wrestling tourney this season, eh, coach?"

Campus Briefs

All members of Pi Lambda Theta, women's education honorary, are urged by Pat Bellmer, president, to attend a very important meeting tonight in the Student Union at 6:30.

Pre-Nursing club will meet Wednesday at Wesley house. Members are to bring sack lunches and their dues, and officers for the coming term will be elected.

"What's New in the Armed Forces" and "The Reserve Team" are the titles of the two films to be shown in ROTC 9 to 4 p.m. today and Wednesday. The movies are being shown by the department of air science.

Robert Atwell, of the Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, will speak at the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, at 7 p.m. today in the Student Union.

Qualifying examinations for analytical and organic chemistry will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in Science 104. Examinations for general and physical chemistry will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Science 104.

John F. Taugher, research assistant in biology, will seminar on "The Rate Process of a Crayfish Heart as a Physical Chemical Process" Friday at 4 p.m. in Science 314.

The celebration of Holy Communion will be held for Episcopal students in Gerlinger hall Wednesday at 7 a.m.

Kwama, sophomore women's honorary, will meet today at 4:30 in Gerlinger hall.

The Student Union dance committee will meet at 1 p.m. today in SU 313.

Macy Says Tax Cut Not Likely

If tax cuts are going to be a reality, the cut in government spending must come in war and defense areas, C. Ward Macy, head of the economics department, said, speaking at a coffee hour forum Sunday night in the Student Union Dad's Lounge.

"Public spending is keeping the pressure on prices," asserted Macy, who said he feels a free market cannot come about by immediate price controls, as advocated by the present administration.

Predictions for the future show that the tax figure in 1953-54 will exceed 70 billion dollars, or 25 per cent of the national income. In the light of this rapid growth in taxes Macy said, "Realists see very little chance for a change in the future, and a large public debt will be with us for a long time."

Government should seek to avoid extremes of inflation and deflation if possible, Macy said.

Theater Announces Opening of Tryouts

Tryouts for the fifth University production, "Even the Gods," will be held at 2 p.m. today in the University theater, according to F. J. Hunter, instructor in speech.

Any University student interested in the play may try out for a role. No previous experience is necessary.

The play, a Greek comedy, is a new manuscript by Mildred Kuner of New York. It has been produced only once before, by UCLA.

Classifieds

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Noon French Table	111 SU
Movie	313 SU
12:15 Record Music	
Comm	302 SU
4:00 Jr. Panhell	111 SU
Directorate	302 SU
6:00 Pi Lambda Theta	112 SU
6:30 Young Demos	113 SU
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