

# What We'll Lose

On April Fool's day the house passed a bill giving coastal states clear title to land beneath the sea.

Since President Eisenhower said he will sign the bill (during his campaign) this is not a joke. At least it doesn't appear so to its critics, among the most vociferous of whom is Oregon's Sen. Wayne Morse.

These critics point out that the bill "gives away" about \$40 billion of oil, and probably \$10 billion more in natural gas to the states. They claim that the revenue should go to the federal government, and the oil for national defense.

Sen. Morse declares that armies once "moved on their stomachs." Today, armies, navies and air forces move on wheels, diesel, and jet propulsion. All require petroleum. He goes on to say that today the U. S. is an oil deficit nation—we import an average of one million barrels a day

to meet our current needs.

It would seem logical, then, that the federal government should develop the offshore resources. Certainly they should not belong to the navy. But the arguments that federal control will lower taxes are more specious.

They rest on the assumption that oil revenues will pay for defense expenditures, but fail to take into account the amount necessary to develop the oil fields. All available figures are only estimates. They're based on what the nation will lose if the states gain the tidelands—money we don't have now.

But without examining the validity of the arguments too closely, we can go along with the half billion dollars Oregon might receive for its public schools if the Hill amendment passes. Unfortunately, this measure to keep the tidelands under federal control and divert a percentage of the funds to public education appears doomed.

## Comments on Two Letters

We'd like to make a couple of comments on two letters received this week, one of which appears on today's editorial page. Both concern this business of sometime importance, politics a la campus.

Our UIS letter today declares that its basis of membership is broad, open to all including individual sorority and fraternity members. At least that's how we interpret their acceptance of "the work and support of any person" independent of soul if not of organization.

A fine idea. Individual, not group, membership in any organization, political or otherwise, to our way of thinking, is better. Yet, from what we learned from one of UIS's founding fathers, Don Collin, it is misleading.

He tells us that the one-year penalty rule UIS now has would be invoked against either greek house or individual wishing to exercise that independence. So, while open to anybody's work and support, UIS is not interested in supporting any individual ex-AGS member for the first year. It does not accept all individuals equally.

It may well be that this cuts down on opportunism, though we feel the cut is made at the cost of destroying an organization where greek and independent could work together.

The second letter, written by Bob Hooker and appear-

ing yesterday, looks at the penalty clauses as both the right and duty of the parties. They are necessary if the party is to assume responsibility for its candidates, he explains.

The political realities may back Mr. Hooker up to the hilt on that point. Our parties, if we're to have them, should probably be responsible.

Yet we wonder, and we have before, if these penalties, however realistic, coincide with the spirit or the letter of our ASUO constitution. It has certain restrictions too—grades and in certain cases hours completed. But beyond that it indicates that any member of the ASUO can run for ASUO office.

When a situation exists where both parties have restrictions which the constitution does not have, is there some reason to wonder if those clauses are constitutional?

For while the constitution tells you, for example, that if you've got the required grades, 110 hours and three terms at the University, you can run for ASUO president, either party may very well tell you that you can't. Well obviously you can still run independent in the purest sense of that word, which in the case of the president means you might as well not even bother. The independent is usually, if not always, at a decided disadvantage.

## DORM DRINKS AND DATING

# Poll Shows Female Conservatism

The female of the species is a wet blanket. Or so it seems, in a relative sort of way, according to a recent poll conducted by the Associated Collegiate press.

Most college students, the poll indicates, frown on drinking in dormitories and—to a lesser degree—staying out too late on dates. In the latter case, it appears to be the gal who worries about closing hours, or sets her own in advance of official lock-up time.

The results of the poll: OPINIONS ON DORM DRINKING

Should be allowed.....	16%
Shouldn't be.....	75%
No opinion.....	6%
Other.....	3%

OPINIONS ON DATING (based on the question, "In your opinion, at what hour on a Saturday night

should a coed be required to get back to her dormitory?")

Midnight or before.....	14%
By 1 a.m.....	45%
By 2 a.m.....	24%
After 2 a.m.....	8%
No opinion.....	4%
Other.....	5%

In both answers, the poll indi-

cates the women were more conservative. Only 12 per cent favor dorm drinking, and over half theoretically scream "take me home" to the boy friend at or before one o'clock.

The men, as we might well suspect, would just as soon make it 2 p.m.—in fact they're split evenly on the two hours, 33 percent for each.

Comments from students on this issue were widespread, many qualifying their preference with a "unless there's a big dance" or "except on special occasions." One woman offered that "it depends a lot on the size of the town and what there is for students to do."

And of course, we'll have to include the young southern gentleman from Sewanee, Tenn. who expressed a reference for "after 2 a.m.—way after!"

We didn't find it mentioned but it would be interesting to know just how the answers would run if the mutual admiration of a dating couple, or lack of it, had been included.

The 17 per cent of girls who would just as soon be returned home by midnight or before might be serious. On the other hand, maybe they're still waiting for the college edition of Tyrone Power, with whom they'd stay out, and out . . . and out.

Judging from male response (more men than women prefer later hours) we could say that the college man is (1) more easily satisfied or (2) less inclined to feel the need of beauty sleep or (3) other. And we'll leave it here without further comment.

Other gems from the ACP Feature service:

The student council at New Jersey's Rutgers university has launched a nationwide attack on fraternity bias clauses.

The council has sent questionnaires to more than 800 colleges and universities together with a plan to help local chapters shake off discriminatory clauses in their national constitutions.

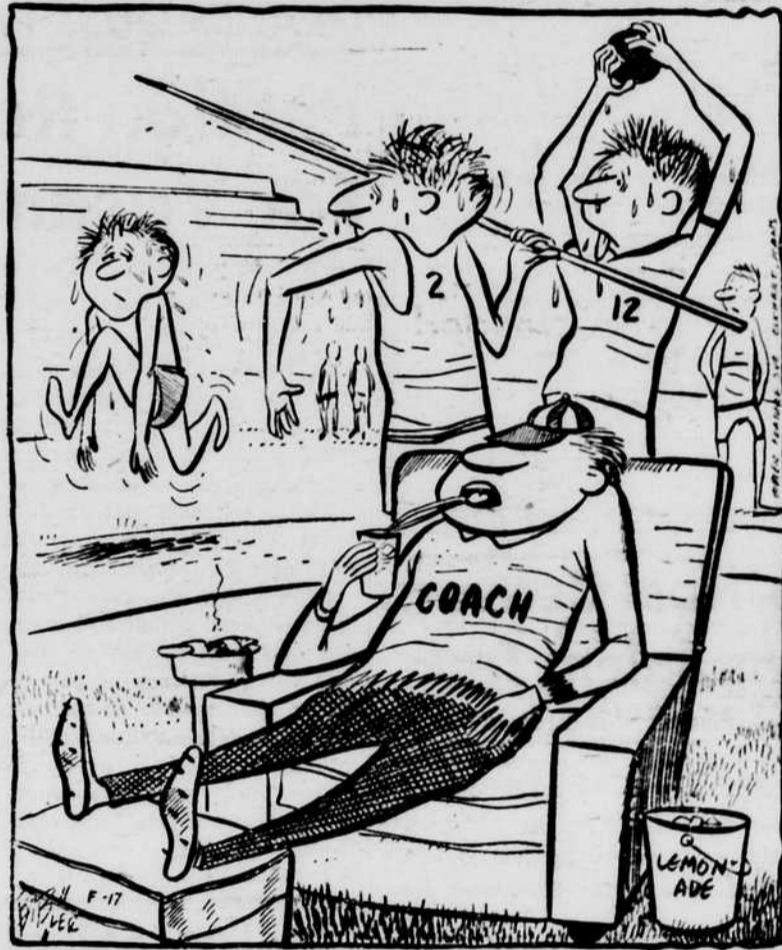
The council recommends that each college, by vote, set a deadline of 1960 for getting rid of the bias clauses—with punishment for groups failing to meet the deadline.

Life at a North Carolina state college fraternity house changed abruptly from bells to three straight lemons recently when police confiscated a nickel slot machine from its basement.

A student operating the machine was convicted and paid the court costs. The alumni group which owns the fraternity house was soaked \$50.

Everyone else was acquitted, except the slot machine, which was junked by court order.

## Preview: Spring Sports



"Put your back into it! . . . throw that . . . get the lead out! This ain't no six day bike race, you know."

## Stadium Hassle

### IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

Students at Louisiana State university want a new library more than they do a new football stadium.

Recently the LSU administration announced plans for building a football plant; students and alums revolted. A petition was circulated on campus asking the board of supervisors to reject bids on construction while alumni representatives put pressure on the state legislature to prevent construction until a new library goes up.

Said the LSU Daily Reveille: "This eleventh-hour hope may be only a futile last stand, but, if we lose, we'll go down fighting."

Which brings us right back to our own campus where, sooner or later, we'll probably begin to hear rumblings about need for a new stadium. It should be a have-or-not-have-affair on the stadium alone, however, for our library seems in pretty fair shape.

We've never heard any comments about the structural deficiencies of our present stadium. It looks solid enough. But in a few years time we may anticipate agitation for a new one, if certain things happen.

The "things":  
1. They expect enrollment to start climbing pretty soon.  
2. But students have just "lost 20 yards" on their side to donors in the expanded grant-in-aid program. There'll be less room for us next year.

3. And, finally, if our teams do improve as a result of more grant-in-aid money, a bigger demand for seats will exist—from both students and fans.

If teams do improve, if enrollment does climb and if ticket demand (and increased stu-

dent interest) is the result, we are told present stadium seating facilities will be woefully inadequate. And, while almost every student here, we're sure, is willing to give up something to brighten the athletic picture for a while, we don't want to give up good seats permanently.

## notes to the editor

### UIS CLARIFIES

A few words of clarification are needed about United Independent Students (UIS) membership. UIS is a political party that has set as a broad base for membership the University of Oregon. But as any political party, UIS will accept the work and support of any person who feels that their own independence of thought leads him to its support.

In this way any affiliated student, not his living organization, can find a way to express this independence of thought.

It should be noted that there are differences between the restrictive provision of the two political parties.

While the AGS penalty is to deny ASUO and AGS offices to their OWN members, the UIS restriction is one to allow affiliated students to exercise independent political thought without tint of opportunism.

The AGS penalty is a "heavy-hangs-over-thy-head" method of keeping houses within the fold. The UIS restriction is to help AGS keep the houses there. We accept independence of thought, not opportunism of action that has characterized the political situation of the past.

UIS is neither a "USA minus the four" nor will it ever be a "Grand Central Station at high noon."

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