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## The Open Primary

The all-campus open primary proposal, which will undoubtedly be on the ballot in the May 13 ASUO election as a proposed constitutional amendment, is more than a plan for one election technique.

It would cause a change in the relationship and structure of the two political parties at Oregon.

Whether this is good or bad is a moot point. We tend to think that it would eliminate much of the political "reality" of party conflict, but it would in the final analysis do a lot toward providing an all-around healthier situation regarding campus elections.

Primary voting at Oregon has been moving in the direction of such a plan. This year the UIS primary was held in campus voting "booths," with candidates eligible for the ASUO president or class race, plus the senate-at-large contest, taking their choice if they won both.

AGS is holding a three-day primary during lunch hours, with all Greeks voting, and candidates losing the ASUO race eligible to move down to the second day's senior class race; losers then can move to the third day's senate-at-large race. AGS screens applicants to what is considered a workable slate for each race.

The proposal which missed being placed on the ballot by the necessary two-thirds majority vote in the ASUO senate, by one vote Thursday (13-7, 14-6 needed), is the subject of the petition now being circulated, requiring 200 signatures to get it on the ballot next week.

According to the provisions in the plan, a candidate would have his name placed on the ballot of the party of his choice, a party being "any group of students... that shall unite... (to elect) a candidate or candidates to ASUO office or offices." If defeated in the primary, he could petition as a non-partisan in the general election.

The voter would choose the particular party's ballot which he desired.

If this plan passes as an amendment, it would mean that the closed characteristics of UIS and AGS would no longer exist. Any student could vote in the primary, as such, of any party. And any

candidate could run in the primary of any party.

What about it? ASUO President Pat Dignan, elected on last year's AGS ticket, says he is expressing himself as neither favoring nor opposing the plan. AGS President Jack Faust says, "We like our system." UIS President Don Collin, sponsor of the plan, says he wants the students, (including, of course, the students in AGS) to decide.

Faust and other members of AGS have objected to the proposal on the grounds that (1) too many good candidates, not being able to step down the ladder when defeated, would not be elected, (2) too many names without party screening would make an intelligent vote generally impossible, (3) fewer people would vote in the AGS primary than now, and (4), there is no demand for the plan in AGS.

The first difficulty could be avoided, if necessary, by the UIS system of double filing or by successive primaries. The second point is on too indefinite a basis to permit agreement or disagreement. As to the third objection, we never have liked compulsory voting at any level. Whether there is demand for the plan in AGS should be evidenced by the AGS voters themselves.

Now we don't want to sound like we believe we have demolished the objections in four strokes — there are too many arguments and sub-arguments for and against the plan on each point, space not permitting further analysis.

For instance, compulsory voting is in accord with the basis of AGS, a well-knit organization of Greek houses, and you have to go further than just compulsory voting in this case to judge its good or bad character.

But the objections and counter-arguments are all secondary, it would seem, to the major significance of such a plan — eliminating the relationship of AGS-UIS, if not their existence as such. Then the narrow and artificial Greek-independent split would lose one of its booster factors.

Maybe it would be better, though, to keep the slant on student government away from moves to accomplish more in the way of student activities, to keep it centered on who gains political power. But we doubt it.

## Emerald Publishes Four Proposed ASUO Constitutional Amendments

(Edit. Note: According to the ASUO constitution proposed amendments shall be published in the Emerald on three successive publication days, and shall be voted upon by ballot of the student body one week from the date of the last publication. Following are the proposed amendments:)

● Proposed amendment to Article III, Section IV, Clause 3. (Duties of the President). "He shall, at the beginning of each school term, submit to the Senate for approval an estimate of his budget for the following term, and at the beginning of winter and spring terms, he shall submit to the Senate an account of his expenditures for the previous term."

● Proposed amendment to Article VI, Section III (Elections) "Class positions. The same election procedure will be followed for each class except that after the election of a president and a vice president, all other candidates for president will be declared defeated and their ballots transferred to the candidates for representative."

● Proposed amendment to Article VI, Section IV (Elections). "Dates of Elections. ASUO elections shall take place after the first and prior to the eighth week of spring term. Freshman elections shall take place after the fifth and prior to the eighth week of fall term."

● Proposed amendment to Article IV, Section V (Primary Elections). "There shall be held during each spring term an all campus open primary. Provisions governing the conduct of this primary will be those presented to the ASUO senate March 5, 1953."

Proposed amendment to the ASUO constitution:  
 ● There shall be one graduate student, a voting member of the senate, elected by graduate students, during the school year.

## Dean Leighton Honored by PE Group

Ralph W. Leighton, dean of the school of health and physical education, has named by the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, as an honor award fellow of the association in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the profession and his distinguished leadership and service to the association.

Leighton, dean of the school since 1931, will retire July 1.

Announcement and presentation of the award were made at the Missoula, Mont., meeting of the Northwest District of the association April 22-26. Clair Langton, chairman of the PE Department at

Oregon State and member of the national awards committee, made the award, which was accepted for the dean by Paul Washke, professor of physical education at Oregon.

## Harpham Contest Judges Announced

Judges for the house recreational reading contest in competition for the Josephine Evans Harpham silver cup have been announced. They are Mabel Wood, head of the home economics department, Donald DuShane, director of student affairs, and Bernice Rise, browsing room librarian.

The contest is designed to stimulate interest in recreational reading and the house library program. The cup will be awarded to the winning living organization at the All-Campus Sing during Junior Weekend. Tau Kappa Epsilon is in current possession of the cup.

## Personal Library Judges Announced

Judges for the personal library contest to be held Saturday have been announced by the contest sponsors, the University library, the Co-op, the Association of Patrons and Friends and the house librarians. The contest is open to anyone who has a personal library of from 20 to 50 books, and is arranged on a graduate and undergraduate level, with general and specialized divisions. \$200 in prizes are offered.

Judges are: undergraduate general, O. M. Willard, chairman; A. L. DeVolder, A. L. Ellingson, Effie Knapp and E. R. Bingham. Graduate general, E. B. Beall, chairman, F. M. Comebellack, Bertram Jessup, Arnold Elston and E. G. Moll.

Undergraduate specialized judges are Leona Tyler, chairman; W. S. Laughlin, P. J. Deutschmann, Andrew Vincent and Frederick J. Hunter. Judging graduate specialized are Pierre Van Ryselbergher, chairman, M. D. Ross, C. W. Macy, O. S. Pinckney and Ivan Nagy.

Entries are due Friday, and books must be on display in the reserve room of the library by Saturday. For further information concerning the contest contact Bernice Rise, Student Union browsing room.

## Date For Entrance Set by Law School

Orlando J. Hollis, dean of the law school, announced Wednesday that all applications for admission to the law school for next fall term must be filed with the law school not later than May 8.

Forms have been mailed to those on the pre-legal list who are academically eligible for admission at the beginning of the next year. Students who wish to enter the law school who did not receive applications by mail should call at the office of the law school secretary and secure the form, Hollis said.

Undeliverable third-class mail is destroyed if neither the addressee nor the sender indicates willingness to pay forwarding postage and if return postage is not guaranteed.

## Education Group Initiates 16 Coeds

Pi Lambda Theta, national women's education honorary, initiated 16 new members Tuesday. The new members are: Mary Jo Albright, Bonnie Birkemeier, Elizabeth Brown, June Emerson, Barbara Farnham, Shirley Foster, Anne Gentle, Francis Gillmore, Lorraine Joy, Myrna K. Maloney, Dolores Parrish, Mildred Schmidt, B. Rae Thomas, Sharon Williams, Sarah York, Pearl Young.

Pat Bellmer, president, presided over the candlelight ceremony.

## Civil Engineer Job Open In Portland

An open, continuous examination for the job of junior civil engineer has been announced by the Portland civil service board.

Requirements for applicants include graduation from a four-year engineering school with a bachelor's degree in some specialized field of engineering. Duties of the job will be computing survey data and specialized information.

Prospective applicants will need a knowledge of civil engineering, algebra, geometry and trigonometry. Interested students should contact the Civil service board, Room D, Municipal Auditorium, 234 S.W. Clay St., Portland.



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## Civil Service Head To Talk To Students

James M. Clinton, director of the state civil service commission, and Arthur A. Wilson, supervisor of examinations, will be on campus Tuesday to interview students trained in accounting.

Potential social welfare workers will also be interviewed by the civil service representatives.

Positions for which the interviews are being held are account-

ant, with the qualification of one course in accounting; income tax auditor, for appointment in Salem; junior auditor, completion of 18 hours in accounting; revenue auditor, one year of graduate study or its equivalent in experience; fiscal auditor, graduation and 45 hours of accounting; and case-workers, graduation with courses in social sciences.



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