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Why We Pick Collin

Yesterday was a busy day for peon party candidate Bob Funk. Monday morning he was in the race. Monday afternoon he was out of it. And then he was back in it again. All this before dinner (we don't know what he decided to do after dinner and, what's more, don't care any more).

In short, peon politics, when this was being written, were in a state of constant flux. For UIS or AGS such a situation might be serious; not so with peon candidate Funk or his law school backers. For it's all in fun—at least it was the last time we talked to Bob.

Funny or not, however, candidate Funk, we think, is serving a definite purpose. It has often been speculated as to just how deep the "don't care" attitude about student government and politics goes. With Funk in the race perhaps we'll see just how many realists or how much apathy (it has been described both ways) we actually have. (Of course, it may not be too much of an indication for we suspect a person with a dim view of the present goings on wouldn't bother to vote. Thus, Funk's appeal to apathetic elements contains the seeds of its own destruction.

Obviously, the peon candidate is the darkest kind of dark horse. Nobody, not even Funk, gives this candidacy much chance. As it appears now the battle is still between Tom Wrightson and Don Collin.

We haven't got the space or the intellectual capacity to make it a particularly long case for our favorite. Beyond this we are inclined to agree with Funk who said yesterday that "the Emerald is usually rather low in everyone's esteem, politically speaking."

Both candidates have the capabilities necessary for the job. Both have had experience on the senate, where at least a significant part of the job is involved. But we are not interested so much in what activities either has participated in as what each has done. And this is why we are able to say that we favor Don Collin.

As a senator and unlike most other senators, he has taken his job seriously. Many say that perhaps the most important job the senate can, or could do, would be that of investigating various phases of campus life. Yet while most are willing to talk about it, Collin has, in the past years, been doing something about it.

To our recollection he was just about the only senator not on the Honor Code committee who put in an appearance at the code committee's hearings and had something to say. His remarks, incidentally, were intelligent, as they usually are. As we have said before, we do not always agree with him, but his thinking is always logical and his conviction well-founded.

He was one of the principal forces behind the removal of Dr. Washke from the constitutional committee last fall, an action which was applauded by many. It was an unpleasant experience, but Collin is not afraid to do an unpleasant task in the interest of the student body. We feel this is an especially good recommendation.

And, at present, the open primary amendment, one which the AGS platform supports, is very much Collin's work. That one party endorses a plan given by their rival candidate, whether through conviction or because they feel it too popular to attack, speaks for itself as a recommendation.

We used these three examples as highlights in Collin's student government career. Actually, he is at all times observant, interested and active.

And in all the time we have known him, we have never been able to identify him as a "dyed in the wool" this or that. He's an independent candidate, but in everything he has done thus far he has represented, as accurately as any one could, the whole of the student body.

We know less of Wrightson, partially because he has been much less active in this realm. We think he is a good candidate and believe he would be responsive to the needs of the students.

But it is hard for us to place him in the same category with Collin who is, in our estimation, an exceptionally fine candidate with an exceptionally good record.—J.H.

notes to the editor

FUNK CHILDISH, COLLIN MATURE

It is possible to argue that student government at Oregon is a weak and unimportant thing. It has been said that the Student Affairs Committee, the Administration and the Faculty among themselves run most activities much as they please, often without even consulting elected student representatives. This is on the theory that students are too immature to make important decisions and must be guided to the point of being controlled. There are two possible reactions that an active student can have: either an endeavor to maintain in seriousness and dignity the rights of students to be consulted and have some control over activities, or a poking fun attitude aimed at ridicule of the situation.

The former course has been maintained by Don Collin and the excellent platform of the UIS; the latter by Bob Funk and a cynical group from the law school.

This Funk group has recently entered the campaign in a mock-

ing way with a number of obscene slogans insulting to the dignity of those who are trying to improve student politics. I am not objecting to them on a moral basis, but because they are obvious, childish and offer no constructive criticism.

Funk boasts or not having a platform, as if this were a virtue, and calls himself a simple, honest peon. He has nothing to offer except ridicule hyperbole and silly sarcasm. If the administration wanted some evidence to prove the immaturity of college students they could ask for no more than this.

After five years in college, where he has crammed his brain with an immense number of facts, Mr. Funk's understanding still operates on the level of a little kiddie's comic book.

This is not the road to better student government. I have heard that some people think Don Collin is immature. Don Collin never did anything in his life as juvenile as this Funk did in starting his campaign on this basis.

Let us rally around a really sincere man and his platform and not be taken in by this most enjoyable columnist.

Forbes I. Hill.

Greeks Announce Platform

Tom Wrightson, Associated Greek Students candidate for ASUO president in Wednesday's election, released his party platform Sunday night.

It is as follows:

1. AGS is in favor of the all-campus primary. We feel it would allow the parties to maintain their individuality and at the same time would provide a more expedient method of filling party slates.
2. AGS favors the establish-

ment of a leadership training program at the University of Oregon. A program of this sort has been effective at other schools and we feel it would provide for more qualified student leadership here.

Insurance Favored

3. AGS favors the adoption of the blanket insurance measure as it will provide those students who wish to buy insurance an opportunity to do so. Passage of the measure in no way obligates any student.
4. A senate committee should be set up to work with athletic department in determining the policies for student seating at Hayward field until such time as a new stadium is built.

5. AGS favors adoption of the amendment to the ASUO constitution providing for the election of freshman class officers during fall term, and also the amendment that provides that persons running for one class office may only be elected to that office.

Graduate Representative Opposed
6. AGS is opposed to the passage of the amendment to the constitution that provides for a compulsory graduate student member on the ASUO senate. Under the present system, graduate stu-

dents have been elected and may continue to be elected to the senate.

7. The ASUO senate should continue to work with the student affairs committee in working out their program, thus eliminating the criticism that the committee is not responsive to student opinion.

8. AGS is in favor of the immediate installation of a library test file, and the establishment of departmental help sessions.

Fall Rushing Sought

9. AGS is in favor of fall term rushing for men, but feels that the details of the programs should be worked out by the Inter-fraternity council.

10. AGS favors a program for stimulation of student interest whereby sufficient pressure may be brought to bear for the establishment of a millrace park.

11. AGS favors a program whereby interested Northwest schools may be invited to attend the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders convention this fall to make plans for the organization of a northwest regional organization with the first convention to be held a year from this spring, possibly at Oregon.

Preferential Ballot Provisions Listed

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addition if necessary) required for a candidate's election, is determined:

1. Take the number of positions open (11, ASUO president, vice-president, and nine senators-at-large.)
 2. Add 1 (making 12):
 3. Divide valid votes (2076) by 12, making 173.
 4. Add 1. The quota in this hypothetical situation would be 174.
- Reason for this process is merely to obtain the smallest number of votes which will elect 11 candidates, without electing more than 11. If the figure were 173, 12 persons could be elected with a vote of 2076.

Elected With 174

If any candidate gets 174 number 1 votes, he is elected. The candidate with the most is president, the next is vice-president, if they have the quota.

If less than 11, but at least one office, is filled this way, extra (above 174) ballots of those elected are re-distributed according to number 2 votes, and this process continues as long as each new distribution step elects a new candidate or new candidates.

If at any point the last step, or the beginning, elects no candidates, and there are still offices to be filled, the ballots of the candidate with the fewest number 1 votes are re-distributed.

Redistributed When Possible

Re-distribution of extra ballots of an elected candidate in each case is done whenever possible; when not, candidates are eliminated from the bottom in order in make their ballots available for re-distribution.

If, before all 11 offices are filled, all ballots are distributed to an elected candidate, with no extras left, or exhausted (cannot be distributed further from the bottom because they have gone as far as the voter numbered his choices), then the next candidate or candidates in total number of ballots now in possession is elected, even though he or they do not have the quota.

Armed Forces Show Planned

A special proclamation by President Eisenhower has set aside May 16 as Armed Forces Day. Military shows, parades, and displays of armed forces equipment will be carried on in communities throughout the entire nation.

The special project officer for Eugene's observance is Col. Emery L. Bruns, head of the ROTC department. Eugene will hold its annual parade of all military units in this area under the direction of Col. Paul Lafferty, local chairman of the event.

The 1000 Oregon ROTC students and the military marching band will participate, Col. Bruns said.

Campus Briefs

• Tape recordings of all houses singing in the All-campus Sing Saturday will be available after today in the Douglas room of the library, according to Don Hunter, head of the audio-visual department.

• The AWS vocational guide, which contains information about pay, hours, working conditions and opportunities in many jobs for women, is now located in Student Union room 312, according to Sally Cummins, AWS reporter.

• Chi Delta Phi, women's literary honorary, will meet at 6:45 tonight at the College Side, according to Marilyn Patterson, president.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Oriental dolls and lacquer wares. Call upstairs at 662 East 14th Avenue. 5-13

FOR SALE: '36 Ford, four door, excellent shape. Radio, heater and pipes. Phone 7-7987. 5-15

'41 BUICK convertible. New top and transmission; '47 motor, radio and heater. \$400. Ph. 5-9090. Anne Chambers.

BELL 2122-A High Fidelity amplifier. Excellent performance and shape. \$35 or best offer. 5-3517 evenings.

LOST: Beagle, female, 6 months old. Answers to the name of Casey. Call 4-6634, 791 E. 15th

WANTED: Male camp counselors. Call at Trailer 41 Campus.

FOR SALE: Smith Corona standard typewriter. Good condition. \$30.00. Bruce Anawalt, room 311 Susan Campbell Hall.

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