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Let's Use the Vote

Thursday night we watched the ASUO senate fumble on the current political "hot potato." It was the graduate student amendment again, which the senate hasn't quite known what to do with since the thing was first voted in during last spring's elections.

The student body voted in an amendment to the ASUO constitution last spring which places a "voting graduate student member" on the senate. It was originated as a bit of political finesse during the heat of the campaign and we suspect UIS put the amendment on the ballot to draw graduate student votes.

Only, whoever drew up the amendment neglected to stipulate when or if the graduate student should be elected, which explains the present dilemma.

There's three possibilities. He could be elected during the regular spring term elections when all other senate members are voted on. But graduate students have a heavy turnover and, even though a number of them are here for two years, the possibility remains that a group of students would elect the representative and an entirely different group would be here in the fall for the senate member to represent.

He could be elected in the fall when freshman class officers are named. Such a move illogically leaves graduate students without a representative for almost a third of the school year. Also, would graduate students have the interest and time to campaign on their own? Understandably, there's more apathy during freshman elections than in the spring when the two campus political parties fight it out.

Finally, and this is what the senate debated Thursday night, the senate could chuck the idea of having the representative elected and call for petitions early in fall term. That's the method the senate used this fall to get the amendment underway.

We're glad the senate tabled the matter for a little more thought.

The senate has enough members serving on that body now. There are four representatives from each class, nine senators-at-large, the two ASUO officers, two faculty members and the graduate student. There really isn't any necessity, for the sake of sheer volume, to have another senate member if he isn't representing anyone.

The graduate student would be a voting member. Therefore, you can't justify the senate naming the representative on the alibi that he would serve merely to give a different outlook on campus life.

We feel the whole thing in a nutshell is this: If graduate students are really interested in having a member on the senate, it's up to them to get out and vote one in at one of the two campus elections.

If they aren't interested in a representative, then we think the senate should vote their political "hot potato" out of existence. Without an election, it just isn't serving its purpose.

Earn Your Gripes

We overheard a conversation the other day that annoyed us and made us wonder just why some people waste their money on university tuition.

If school is so horrible, if classes are so bad, if activities are so juvenile or silly, if athletics are so dull, why bother? Why make your life miserable and waste four valuable years? Why not go get a job, if you think life is so much better "outside?"

We don't mean that all griping is bad — far from it. A long complaint against "the system" often does a lot of good — releasing tensions or something the psychology department calls it.

What we don't like are the people who sit in their rooms or in the SU all day long and do nothing but gripe. They don't try to get anything out of their classes—how can they, they don't go to them.

They don't try to make friends, to have a good time—in fact, we know some who absolutely refuse to let themselves have fun. Maybe they get more pleasure out of feeling sorry for themselves, we can't figure them out.

We also know a lot of people on campus who are working hard and still find time to see the good things about "this college life." They're trying to benefit themselves and the University. We think they do.

After all, you have to earn your gripes. (J.W.)

Letters to the Editor

Other People's Business

Emerald Editor:
In reply to "Name withheld by request" who replied by a letter under title, "We Can't Go Along" to a column by Mr. Frear, which replied to the original article by "Name withheld by request" entitled "Wake Up America," in which he expounded the Democratic way of life, and again raised the age old issue of discrimination clauses in Greek lettered organizations, I would like to go on record as saying that "Name withheld by request" is sticking his or her nose into other people's business.

The above said author of the two articles, the first being "Wake Up America," has stated that he is a member of a Greek letter organization of National and International membership and that his or her organization has no discrimination clause. If this is true, and without statements to the contrary, I shall take it as such (but really it is none of my business) I think that is fine.

However, if he were a member of an organization that did have a discrimination clause, that would be fine with me too, (although again none of my business). The point being that it is my strong belief that the business of each organization and the internal regulation of every organization and the internal regulation of every organization is that organization's business only. I repeat for emphasis, ONLY. If, as "Name withheld by re-

quest" expounds, he or she actually believes in Democracy, and again I must assume, in absence of evidence to the contrary, he or she does, it can only follow from that, that it is the Democratic right of every organization to control itself, without hindrance or suggestion from outside persons, so long as rights of others are not infringed, and then either the civil or criminal law will take the action necessary.

The members of the organizations should be left alone to wash out their own linen, and are the only persons REALLY interested in their own internal management. I would suggest to "Name withheld by request" that if he or she wants to get the discrimination clauses out of these other organizations, that he or she become a member of such organizations, but until he or she does achieve this status, that he or she keep his or her nose out of matters that are none of his or her concern.

In closing, it is brought to the attention of the reader, that nothing is to be implied in this letter that this letter does not express in the actual words of the writer, nor is anything to be implied that is inconsistent with

the constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, or the Declaration of Independence. Also that if "Name withheld by request" is so convinced by his own beliefs and actually believes all that he or she purports to believe, why has he or she not put his or her name on the articles, so that everyone may either praise him or her for his or her beliefs, or take issue with the beliefs, if they see fit.

Herman Lind

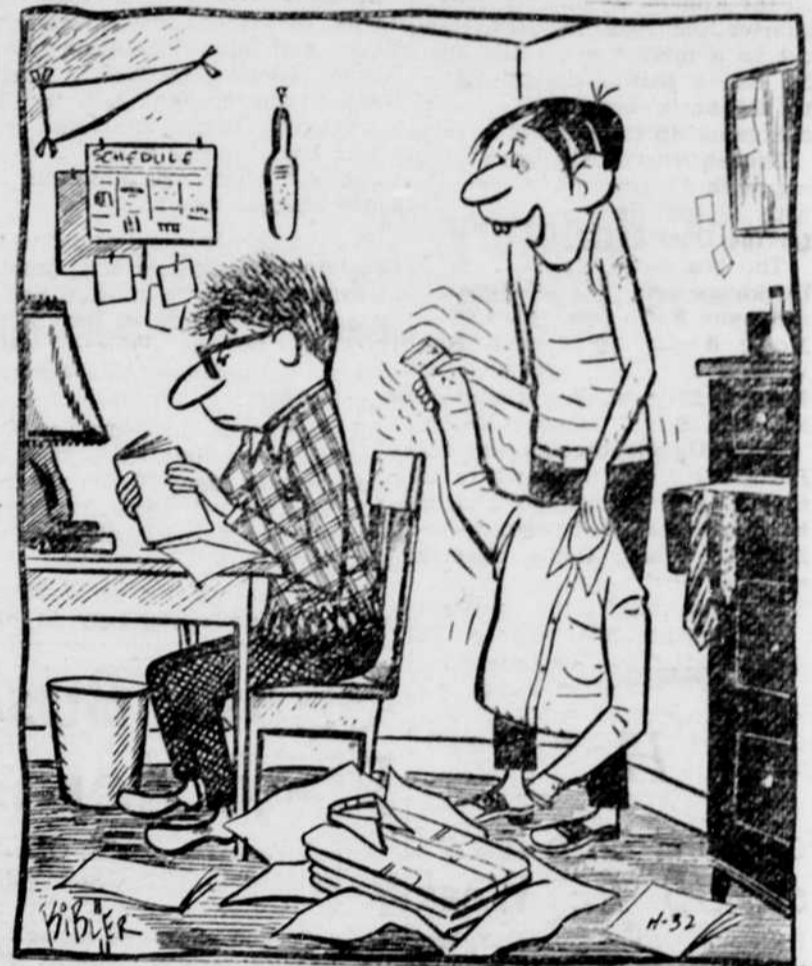
Freedom from Fear

Emerald Editor:
What has happened to one of our four freedoms — freedom from fear? Do people no longer have the guts to stand up and make their ideas known?

We still have freedom of speech so we print peoples' ideas in the Letters to the Editor column, but what's wrong with these people. Don't they have the strength or courage to let people know that it is "they" who have these opinions? Are people so afraid of criticism that they will not back up what they say by signing their names?

Dick Carter
Business Manager
Oregon Daily Emerald

Crossed Up!



CAMPUS BRIEFS

Deadline for items for this column is at 4 p.m. the day prior to publication.

● Paul S. Dull, associate professor of history and political science, will address a meeting of the YWCA freshman public affairs commission on the subject of Japan at a meeting to be held at 4 p. m. today in Gerlinger hall. The meeting will be open to the public.

● A special service of Holy Communion for Episcopal students observing Ash Wednesday will be held Wednesday at 7 a. m. in Gerlinger. Coffee and rolls will be served afterwards, according to Inga Shipstead, publicity chairman.

● White Caps, pre-nursing club, will meet Wednesday noon in the Student Union, according to Judith Pedersen, vice-president. All pre-nursing students are invited to this last meeting of the term, Miss Pedersen said.

● Women's Recreation association Carnival chairmen will meet today at 4 p. m. in the Student Union to evaluate the recent Carnival, according to Sylvia Wingard, co-chairman.

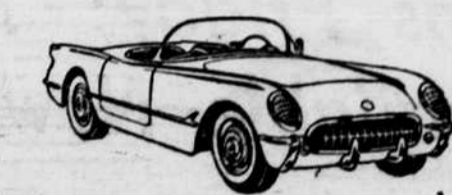
● University students may participate in daily dialogue Mass at 7 a. m. in the chapel of Sacred Heart hospital beginning Wednesday, announced George Yost, Newman club. Students interested in acting as response leaders are invited to a special session to brush-up on Latin pronunciation to be held today at 4 p. m. in the hospital conference room, Yost added.

Campus Calendar

Noon	Soc Staff	110 SU
	Psi Chi	111 SU
	Ptld Mgmt Prg	112 SU
	Phi Beta Pldg	113 SU
	Ruz Lunch	114 SU
	Deseret Cl	Com Lnch
1:00	Ruz Asmbly	Balrm SU
4:00	WRA Carn Ch	315 SU
	Cof Hr Forum	Dsrn SU
6:30	Ruz Din	110 SU
	AWS YWCA WRA Inst	
		Dsrn SU
7:00	Ruz Recp	315 SU
	IVCF	334 SU
	Christian Sci	Ger 1st fl
7:30	PDK	111 SU
8:00	Sigma Xi Lect	30 Sci

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