

Local Independents Set For Regional Conclave

A regional convention of the Independent Students association will be attended this year by Oregon students, according to Hollis Ransom, United Independent students president.

The convention is to be held Friday and Saturday at Oregon State college. Students may either arrange for housing there or may go with the groups leaving from here Friday at noon and Saturday at 7:30 a. m., he said.

The conference will include campus tours, a luncheon at Sackett hall, a banquet in the Memorial Union, a mixer dance and a problem group discussion.

The delegation from Oregon will be responsible for leading a discussion on "Is organization necessary for participation in student government?" The entire delegation will participate in this program, Ransom said.

Petition Deadline Set for SU Board

The deadline for petitions for openings on the Student Union board is April 7, according to Virginia Dailey, SU board assistant chairman.

Positions which will become vacant this spring are one-year terms from the law school and the graduate school, and two-year terms from the schools of journalism, business administration, education, and the college of liberal arts.

Petitions may be picked up on the third floor of the SU, and may be turned in to the board chairman's office, SU 310.

In addition to the six positions to be filled by petition, three member-at-large positions will be filled through nominations from within present SU personnel.

Interested students should contact Ransom at 4-8381 before Thursday noon, and may receive further details on transportation and the discussion group from him.

Other items of business at a UIS meeting held Tuesday included planning for the all-campus elections to be held May 5.

A platform committee was named, and it consists of Russell Cowell, Bob Patterson and Germaine LaMarche. Rules for the primary elections, to be held April 14, were explained, and will be further discussed at the party's next meeting Monday, Ransom said.

Petitions for AGS Offices Due Apr. 7

"Determining the party platform and raising the money are the two main points to remember in the coming elections," was the opening statement of Associated Greek Students president Bob Glass at a meeting Tuesday.

Glass emphasized the fact that petitions for those intending to run for offices are due April 7, and urged all house representatives to remind members of their houses of the date.

A motion to reduce each house's dues from \$5 to \$3 was made, causing a discussion of the distribution of the party's funds. Bob Summers suggested that the change would require a change in the constitution, and Dorothy Kopp, secretary, verified this.

The party's platform will be made up at a meeting of the policy committee which will be held Tuesday at 4 p. m. at Kappa Alpha Theta, Glass announced.

Capacity Audience Hears Wilson Defend 'Intellect'

In our time there is a tendency to hold intellectual minds and the practice of thinking in disregard and it is the duty of a university to combat such ideas, to "honor the intellect" and clarify the issues of the day, O. Meredith Wilson, new University president said Tuesday.

Wilson, speaking to a capacity audience in the Student Union ballroom, compared the University's task to that of the small

child in the fable "The Emperor's New Clothes," which he used as a topic for his talk.

In that fable only a small child saw through the fraud and realized the emperor wore no clothes. Today, Wilson said, "our streets are full of emperors without clothes and ministers who are unwilling to tell them."

Questions Answered

Wilson declared that in this complex society a university exists for the purpose of seeing that questions a child can not answer are clarified.

In his first speech to University students, Wilson offered "the possible blasphemous suggestion" that a bachelor's degree is not enough. "Frequently the wearer of the BA

is as transparently ignorant as if he'd had no education at all," he said.

Wilson said there is often a marked difference between the catalogue description and the "level of education" of graduates. It is the responsibility of both faculty and student body to "re-examine the intentions and ultimate products," he said. The more concerned the student is with play and entertainment, the more he contributes to the "ultimate fraud," the president warned.

In our time, Wilson told his audience, there is a threat to the freedom of people of all races and creeds, a threat to the proposition that it is possible to solve problems of government by reflection and choice rather than depending on chance.

Jefferson Cited

Citing also the Jeffersonian proposition that a nation can not be both ignorant and free, Wilson said that a society which refers to thinkers as "brain trusters" and "egg heads" and regards intellectuals as "inclined to be communists" has little chance for democracy.

A trained intellect will honor democracy, Wilson declared, adding that the strongest expression of faith in democracy is belief that the intellectual mind will uphold it.

A university's function is to make all men less shallow by teaching them to think and express a clear conviction of their senses, Wilson said.

SU Board Meet Slated for Today

The Student Union board will meet today at 4 p. m. in the board room. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Treasurer's report with budget changes.
- Special attraction request.
- World University Service.
- Embossograph report and discussion.
- Review of art gallery program.
- Directorate chairman's report.
- Board petitioning report.
- Special events report.

Wickham to Attend Three Meetings

Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, has left the campus to attend the convention of the National Association of Deans of Women in Washington, D.C.

She will be in Washington from April 1 through 8, representing the Oregon Deans' association. She will also attend a social function given by Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower.

The national convention of Associated Women Students will be attended by Mrs. Wickham, Janet Wick, AWS president, and Rosemary Hampton, AWS vice president. The meeting will be held in Tucson, Ariz., April 8 through 12.

On April 13, Mrs. Wickham will give a talk to Oregon mothers and dads in the Long Beach, Calif., area.

President Gets Little 'Quackers'

The two small ducks which ASUO President Tom Wrightson presented to University President O. Meredith Wilson at Tuesday's assembly were five days old.

The little "quackers" are the idea of the rally board. Since there are two of them, (one would get awfully lonely by itself and would grow slower, according to a local feed store man) the rally board declined to name them, leaving that ceremony up to President Wilson's six children.

The names "Em" and "Lem" were written on the two oyster boxes in which the ducks were presented, however, only as a suggestion. The names stand for Emerald and Lemon, Oregon's school colors.

The two fowls were acquired in Portland over the spring vacation. Although many duck eggs were being hatched at that time, for the Easter trade, most of the little things hadn't come out of their shells yet. The Wilson family's ducks happened to hatch before schedule, though, as the eggs were hatched by a mother hen.

The two ducks have been abiding the last three days in the room of Tom Gaines, yell king, at Campbell Club. The ducks are hearty eaters, devouring half a pound of Albers special growing mash in their first four days.

They adapted quickly to a strenuous campus schedule, staying awake until 1 a. m. every night. They catch up on their sleep during the day, however, says Gaines.

Ducks make fine pets, according to people consulted about the Ducks' diet, and become very attached to their owners. They are also very messy, the consultants were quick to add.

Petition Deadlines Set for Two Events

Petitions are now being called for for chairmanships and committee positions for two spring term campus activities.

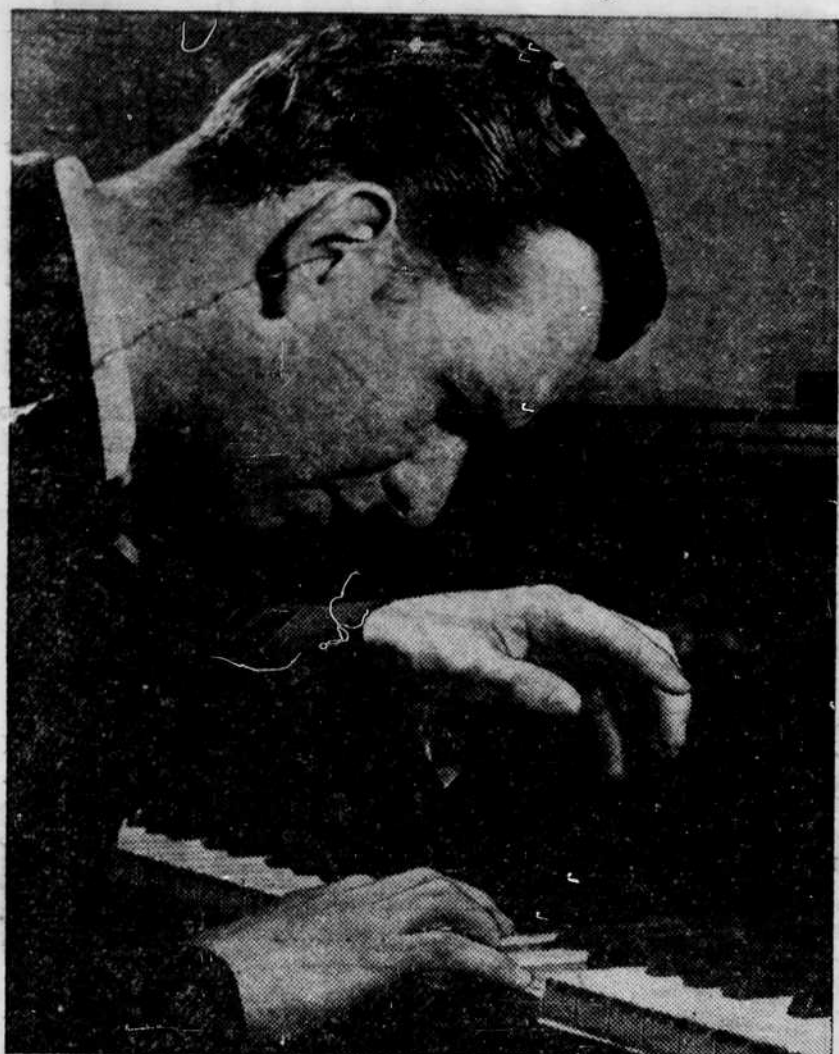
The petition deadline for Mother's Day general chairman is 4 p. m. Thursday, according to ASUO President Tom Wrightson. The applications are to be turned in at the ASUO office, Student Union 304. The chairman will be selected by the ASUO senate Thursday night.

Mother's Day will be held May 15 and 16 in conjunction with Junior Weekend.

Petitions for workers for Duck Preview weekend, April 23 and 24, are due Thursday at 5 p. m. in the SU petition box. Approximately 60 committee workers for the weekend are needed, according to Jerry Farrow and Don Bonine, co-chairmen of the event.

Committees which will need workers are invitations, promotion, orientation assembly, transportation and program. A sub-chairman for registration is also needed. Students petitioning for positions should specify the committee on which they wish to work, the co-chairmen said.

Prize Winning Pianist Presents Concert Tonight



GRANT JOHANNESSEN

In Mac Court, the sound of tinkling ivories

Pianist Grant Johannesen, who will be heard in concert at 8 tonight in McArthur court, was the first American artist to win a first prize at the International Piano Festival in Belgium. The award, based on the unanimous decision of the judges, was made in 1949.

The concert, presented under the auspices of the Eugene-University Civic Music association, is free to all University students upon presentation of student body cards.

Johannesen also bears the distinction of being the only one of the younger generation of pianists to be featured on the "Telephone Hour." He appears regularly on this radio program, as well as performing frequently on the "Standard Hour" from California and "Piano Playhouse."

Born in Salt Lake City of Norwegian parents, Johannesen began his musical career at the age of five when he began imitating the piano teacher around the corner, and by the age of eight was composing musical scores and putting on theatrical entertainments.

Since his New York debut ten years ago, the young artist has toured Europe and South America in addition to this continent. He has performed with such famous orchestras as the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the Conservatoire Orchestra of Paris, the Colon Orchestra of Buenos Aires and the Netherlands Philharmonic of Holland.

Sorority Picnic Leads to Arrest Of Eight Women

Eight members of Sigma Kappa sorority were arrested Monday evening on Fox Hollow Road during a picnic for outgoing sorority officers. A sheriff's deputy charged seven of them with illegal possession of liquor, and the eighth with giving liquor to a minor.

Each was fined \$10 and assessed \$5 court costs. Judge Chester N. Anderson, in a lengthy lecture, told them "You have hurt your house; you have hurt the University, and you have failed to remember you have an obligation to yourselves and your parents."

The judge said it was the biggest case of its kind to come through his court in three years.

These charged with illegal possession were Beulah May Johnson, sophomore in art; Joyce McGee, junior in business; Joyce Meppen, sophomore in education; Renene Miller, sophomore in business; Carolyn Jean Piercy, junior in psychology; Barbara Wileox, sophomore in speech, and Janet Williams, sophomore in liberal arts.

Vanda Randall, senior in English, was charged with giving liquor to a minor.

All are officers of Sigma Kappa. A representative of the dean of women's office was present in court. She said that the girls will be interviewed and probably placed on probation.

A spokesman for the sheriff's office told the Emerald Tuesday that his office had had "quite a few" complaints from people living in the Fox Hollow vicinity concerning parties being held in driveways. He said that this was "perhaps not such an obnoxious party," but that some action had to be taken in view of the numerous complaints.