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First Try Success

The first all-campus primary is over and it's time for arm-chair politicians to settle back and comment on how it worked.

We feel that it worked well enough to rate praise. The few bad comments on the system can be discounted on the grounds that it is something new and needs to be in effect for a time to become known and appreciated.

Although this is new in the way of primaries, it is not very different from the usual method of conducting elections. The confusion on which ballots to mark and how to mark them can be resolved with practice.

The general response to the system was gratifying. All the comments of voters which we heard were on the good qualities of being able to vote either independent or "greek," without indicating which you were.

The minor comment that AGS and UIS could not control who votes on their ticket has value only if you believe that the party should make the decision. We think a person has a right to decide whether he has an AGS or a UIS feeling.

One problem that arose during Wednesday's balloting is worth commenting upon. Two of the voting "booths" were really not booths at all. Until steps were taken in the afternoon, voters at these spots were placing their ballots into boxes themselves.

The possibility of marking both ballots and having them counted is too great with a primary of this sort. Either attendants will have to be more careful, or we should put up a couple more booths.

On this line of thought, it was noticeable that the majority of voting took place between Commonwealth and the Co-op. Perhaps at future elections, more booths could be located in this area to catch more students passing between classes.

It is difficult to say with assurance that the all campus primary paid off in terms of voting. There were actually fewer votes cast than last year.

No total AGS figures are available from last spring. Yet, a total of 1,449 votes were cast for the three presidential candidates in the primary compared to the 1073 cast for Summers and Light Wednesday.

UIS votes in last year's election totaled 470 compared to the 290 UIS votes listed in this election. However, since UIS has held on-campus primaries in the past, we feel that this drop stemmed from the lack of opposition for the top post.

Actually, then, taking the Greek primary out of the houses, caused only a small drop in votes. Wait until the all-campus primary has a history and then tally the voting. We feel it was a success for a first try.—(R.M.)

This Timeless World

It is evening. And suddenly, at 10:30, it is night on the University of Oregon campus and the world is deserted, except for an occasional figure hurrying across the darkness to some lighted building.

A thousand patterns of light and shadows project across the campus as the familiar day-to-day world vanishes into the mysterious, the awesome, the enchanted of another time.

The familiar bulk of buildings assumes shapes and proportions strange to the eye of the occasional student who ventures into this world. The blue of mercury street lights makes little pools of brightness in this sudden, dark world.

The trees of Oregon stand tall and straight, great mounds of black color in this weird pattern of shapes and shades.

And in the center of this world, the Erb Memorial Union rears up in the reflection of lights from Carson and Straub, a giant pattern of bright light and cold blackness. Each window casts its own strange little bar of light and shadow out across this nighttime campus.

A more subtle beauty sifts down across the University campus in this sudden hour of stillness, suspended motion and timeless night. The co-ed, the athlete, the student is, for a moment, dispossessed of this kingdom and only silence and shadows reign in the night.

Behind each pattern of a lighted window, some student studies in his own little world of light or chats with friends or settles down for sleep. Man has had his say for this one small chapter of eternity and crept away to lick his wounds or dream in sleep. And Oregon awaits the day.

What's Going On Here? Ex-Politico Tells Columnist Political Change for Worse

by Al Karr
 Emerald Columnist

Judging by the number of voters tallied on each party ballot in the all-campus primary, the AGS party which had been said to have the least to gain by the new system turned out by far the greatest vote.



It is impossible to determine, of course, how many Independent voters cared enough about crossing over to mark the AGS ballot instead of their own.

But the turnout in inner voting of past years seems to be fairly well transferred in AGS to booth voting, aided, of course by much compulsory balloting.

Even so, the system is quite a change in primary voting in the AGS party. It is pretty much the same for the Independent party, because UIS last year and USA the year before used a campus primary system. But for AGS, the opening up of their primary vote received a drastic speed-up from last year to this.

Last year, the three-day AGS primary was marked by less "central control" than had been true in past years, but this year the voting was even more loose. It ain't what it used to be.

Bill Carey, ASUO president two years ago, AGS president the year before, and a strong AGS leader in his undergraduate career, feels that making the AGS primary a campus affair has eliminated one of the major purposes of the party.

Carey is now a law student on campus, after a stint in the army, and he is an "alum" of the days when a group of leaders in AGS had great control, and got the fraternity and sorority members to go along with their decisions. Since then, AGS primary affairs have been pushed further into the all-campus scene, and Carey feels that the new system is detrimental to the party.

Carey says the present sys-

tem allows anyone to vote in the Greek primary, takes away something which gave AGS a tool to work with in conducting their activity, reduces the number of people who vote in the primary election and reduces the number of candidates who petition.

He cites a figure of 120-plus candidates who petitioned in the AGS primary when he was AGS president, as compared with the 34 who were candidates in the recent election.

There has been quite a drop-off in interest in politics within the AGS party this year. Only three meetings were held this year — Carey mentions weekly meetings during the whole year two years ago. The big factor which has caused this drop-off seems to be the all-campus primary.

After much previous AGS opposition to such a system, AGS senators voted along with UIS senators last year to approve the primary system; something of the spirit behind AGS voting has undergone a change. Whether for better or for worse, many Independents and at least some Greeks believe that it is for the better.

The primary went off pretty well, but ASUO Vice-President Bob Funk had his share of headaches. He was kept busy running around removing candidates from the job of attending voting booths, on the theory that such a practice didn't look too good.

Then he had to get the ballot boxes at Commonwealth hall placed behind the voting table Wednesday afternoon, because voters had been placing their own ballots in the boxes—and could thus mark both ballots if they wanted to.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

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

Today is the petition deadline for master-of-ceremonies of the World University Service Vodvil show, according to Helen R. Johnson, program chairman. Petitions may be placed in the ASUO petition box on the third floor of the Student Union.

Solicitors Get WUS Training

Solicitors for World University Service will meet for a training session today at noon in the Student Union, according to Germaine LaMarche, solicitations chairman.

Gladys Lawther, WUS regional secretary, will show slides on India and Miss LaMarche will explain solicitation procedure.

All WUS house representatives who did not attend the training session Monday are required to attend today's meeting. Miss LaMarche stated. Representatives who were present at the first session may also attend today's if they wish.

Friday at Four Slates Act; Snow Will Emcee

Friday at 4 program today in the Student Union fishbowl will feature an act done by Don Finley, Mark Tabscott, and Bill Hathaway. Spencer Snow is scheduled to act as master-of-ceremonies, according to Carol Aiken and Bob Kelly, co-chairmen.

Deadline for Junior Weekend float themes is Monday at 4 p.m., according to Mary Wilson, float parade co-chairman. Themes may be turned in to Miss Wilson at Delta Gamma or Ann Hopkins at Kappa Alpha Theta.

Accents

by Dalece

Kaufman Bros.
 Bring You
 Tips on Attire
 About "The
 Campus Look"
 The Coed's Desire

Everything looks so wonderful, everyone so friendly and co-operative that it is a pleasure to shop at Kaufman's. There is nothing more enjoyable than just browsing through the store and discussing the latest fashions and the newest in accessories with the staff. Remember, there is always an open invitation at Kaufman's to just look and discuss your fashion problem.

You'll get that spring gleam in your eyes when you see the full, full petticoats. Just wait until you see your spring skirts, dresses, or ballerina length nylon, or cotton. I fell in love with one of bright red, but Kaufman's have them in the more subtle shades of light green, a pastel purple, pink, and white.

At the jewelry counter you'll find the popular Chalk White necklaces and earrings at only \$1.00. The earrings come in the loop, drop, or button style. For the more dressy occasion these styles come with sparkling rhinestones. Let's pause for a moment longer at the jewelry counter because there is something else that is bound to catch your eye, it's the matching Tie and Cuff links sets for your cotton blouses. These Ernest Steiner originals come in gold, silver, pearl and colored styles... \$1.95

Do you need a new purse to complete your spring and summer casual wardrobe? You do. Well then your problem is solved for Kaufman's have those compact Clutch purses at only \$2.95. You have your choice of washable plastic, of cloth or straw and many in your favorite pastel shades.

A special attraction is "Perfect Rose" a bright new lipstick by Charles of the Ritz. A new texture, quality, and shade that will flatter new spring shades and you.

Safety First



"I'll take this course if this classroom has a fire escape."