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The Dark Ages

"Turn backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight." That little quote pretty well expresses our opinion of what the Associated Greek Students are trying to accomplish with their move to eliminate the all campus primary.

The plank, included in the AGS platform released Tuesday, has all the elements of a shift back to the "dark ages" as far as politics at Oregon goes. It smells faintly reminiscent of the days of TNE and the real Greek-Greeks.

In essence, what this move to eliminate the all campus primary involves is:

1. Returning the primary to the two campus parties to run as they see fit, without ASUO supervision.
2. Substituting a system of a nominating convention, with a numerical representation for all houses involved.
3. Removing the vote and direct participation in the primary from the members of the party and placing it in the hands of the leaders of that party—AGS representatives.

We do not question that the leaders in this movement — Bob Summers, Bob McCracken, Bob Glass and Bob Pollock—are sincere in their efforts to put some "life" in the AGS party and revive student interest in campus politics. They quote the decline in petitioners for this year's primary as the reason for the move to eliminate the primary.

But we do question their methods. We do not feel that putting the primary back in party wraps will accomplish any revival of interest in politics. We think disinterest in student government lies much deeper than this surface move to stir things up.

And we think AGS is inviting "dirty politics," to use their own descriptive phrase, by backing a nominating convention. If potential candidates aren't strong enough to get out and campaign democratically for these student government positions, we see little benefit in having the party push them into position by nomination. We see too much opportunity for house deals, delegates being swayed by the beat of the drums and the pressure of the convention, and a few "big wheels" in the party controlling the convention.

AGS is trying to be realistic. But they are also admitting the failure of the democratic process on this campus. They are placing their faith in expediency, rather than an attempting to improve student government and thus vitalize student interest.

They are saying, in effect, "The students in AGS don't have sense enough to put up qualified candidates or to vote them in. So, we'll do it for them, via a convention."

We have fought for the all campus primary and "open" politics in the past. We place our faith in our campus electorate. And we say there is a place to draw the line in ends justifying means.

It might be very exciting and all to run up 13th street, shooting off a few guns. But personally, we don't place that much value in excitement per se. We say let's stick to direct voting and work from there to improve campus politics.

Campus Calendar

11:00 Journ Fac	111 SU
Noon Gamma Delta	110 SU
WRA Cab	112 SU
WUS Fnd Exec	318 SU
12:15 PE Lunch	113 SU
2:30 Nwmn Cl Exec	111 SU
3:00 Pi Lmbda Thta	334 SU
4:00 Panhel Ex Coun	112 SU
Alpn Cl	113 SU
Stu Affairs	337 SU
6:30 Ski Quacks	112 SU
Phi Beta	113 SU
Pub Rel	313 SU
Chaplains	315 SU
UIS Cof Forum	334 SU
7:00 Vodvil Reh	Mac Ct.
7:30 Press Cl	Dadstrm
9:00 Fac Bowl	110 SU

Student Plays Set Tonight in Villard

Two student productions, "The Lonely Man" and "Across the River, the other Side" are scheduled to be presented at Villard hall tonight at 7 p. m.

"The Lonely Man" will feature Tom Angle and Ken Kesey and will be directed by Don Holt. This production will be held in room 104. The second production, "Across the River, the Other Side" by Don Van Boskirk, will star Clarence Suiter, Joe Malango and Loretta Mason and will be shown in the lab theatre under the direction of Joice Van Boskirk.

Originality, Plus



"Ordinarily I don't go along with 'student lesson planning,' but every now and then they come up with something pretty good."

SU Committee Request Petitions

Petitions for chairmen for Student Union standing committees are now being called for by the SU. The chairmen and committee members will be selected this term to begin planning for the coming year.

Committees are: art gallery, browsing room, coffee hour forum, personnel, recorded music, publicity, music, public relations, movie and dance.

Petitions may be picked up on the third floor of the SU and returned to the board chairman's office in the SU. Petition deadline is April 25. Anyone wanting further information may call Andy Berwick, board chairman, or Virginia Dailley, assistant chairman.

French Play Is Scheduled

French students are currently putting on the finishing touches of the modern French play, "Knook," to be presented April 30 at 4 p.m. and May 3 and 4 at 8 p. m. in the experimental theater of Villard hall.

The play is a comedy satire on the unethical tactics of Dr. Knock to set up a practice in a small town. All dialogue is in French and written by the French dramatist, Jules Romanis.

Perry J. Powers, assistant professor of romantic languages, plays the lead. The play is directed by Jean Guedenet, assistant professor of romantic languages.

Included in the cast are Robert Griffith, sophomore in political science; Ingrid Meijling, junior in journalism; Will Potten, junior in sociology; Arne Baartz, sophomore in liberal arts; Robert Johns, senior in foreign languages; Jo Tallman, senior in English; Robin Collins, graduate in foreign languages; Rexford, Sorenson, Patrick Henry, sophomore in speech, and Judy Johnson, sophomore in liberal arts.

Admission is 50 cents for college students and 30 cents for high school students.

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Amphib Banquet Slated for Tonight

Amphibians, women's swimming honorary, will hold their annual banquet tonight at 5:30 p. m. at the Mandarin restaurant, according to Olivia Tharaldson, president.

All members and pledges are to attend. Initiation of the remaining pledges and installation of the new officers will follow the dinner.

Sinfonia Honorary Chooses Officers

Glen Benner, sophomore in music, is the new leader of the Oregon chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, men's music honorary.

Benner was elected at the first meeting of the group for spring term. Also elected at that meeting were vice-president, Robert Fulkerson, junior in music; secretary, Bob Ransom, sophomore in music; treasurer, Otto Crumroy, sophomore in business administration; alumni secretary, Don Adamson, junior in music; warden, Jerry Reynold, sophomore in music, and historian, Larry Drake, freshman in music.

These officers will be installed at the meeting to be held April 26.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

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

● Pi Lambda Theta, national education honorary, will hold a tea in the Student Union today from 3 to 5 p. m., according to Mitzi Asai, president. All members are urged to attend.

● The last meeting of Ski Quacks to plan the last trip of the season will be held tonight at 6:30 p. m. in the Student Union, according to Nancy Septka, publicity chairman.

● A compulsory Student Union public relation committee meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 in SU 313, according to Sonia Edwards, chairman.

● An important meeting of the WRA cabinet will be held today at noon in the Student Union. The room number will be posted on the bulletin board.

● A coffee hour for all members of United Independent Students will be held at 6:30 p. m. today in the Student Union. The party's candidates will be introduced, and ASUO presidential candidate Hollis Ransom will present the party's platform. Free coffee will be served.

Air Group Names Date for Initiation

Air Command Squadron, the basic AFROTC honorary, will hold its official initiation for freshmen pledges next Thursday, according to Jerry Farrow, president. The initiation will be conducted by the active members.

Official elections for the officers of the Air Command Squadron will be held May 6.

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