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What's Going On Here?

Candidate Says This 'The Year'

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Emerald Columnist

Hollis Ransom, UIS candidate for ASUO president, is a serious-minded campus politician who feels that "this is the year" for student government.

He has stated that the University is in a transition period, with a new University administration in being and a new Student Union administration becoming necessary next year. This gives student government a chance to branch out in activity, a greater opportunity than it has ever had before, Ransom believes, because reshaping and new thinking is in process.

The UIS candidate, who is also president of the independent party, cites the establishment of a committee composed of students and faculty to study the job of the SU director and the selection of a replacement for Dick Williams. This committee, appointed by President O. Meredith Wilson, is an example of what is already being done to enlarge the role of students and student government at Oregon, Ransom says.

Ransom, a senior in political science, has been at Oregon for two years. He attended Jefferson (Portland) and Vancouver (Washington) high schools, and then attend Clark junior college in Vancouver, where he graduated with honors. He was born in Astoria, spent several years in

Portland, and now has his home in Eugene.

Of moderately slight build (5 ft. 8½ inches, 130 pounds), Ransom is a member of Campbell Club, and was president this year. He has served on the ASUO senate this year as a senator-at-large. At Oregon he has a 3.4 cumulative GPA.

Ransom will return to Oregon next year to begin work on his master's degree.

The UIS candidate feels, in order to take advantage of the opportunity that student government will have to make itself more important in matters concerning students, individual interest will be necessary. He also believes that the UIS party, through its platform, has recognized this need and the opportunity for student government next year.

Ransom's concept of the ideal political setup at Oregon would have two coalition parties, each composed of both Greeks and Independents. Voting and political activity should be based on individual thinking and issues endorsed by parties, not on the place where one lives, he contends.

Platforms, he says, should be made meaningful — stressing concrete matters. Because "this is the year," Ransom points out, platforms can be made especially meaningful.

If more interest in student activities and student government is the result, Ransom believes, the strong senate should strengthen its position by selling the students what the senate is doing and by actively campaigning for candidates. Ransom, then, believes that

student government has a unique opportunity to make gains in importance at the University, and that it has a challenge to do so.

(Next week: Bob Summers, AGS candidate for ASUO president.)

Nullification of the present ASUO-run all-campus primary as AGS leaders are working for, would give the AGS party control over the number of candidates put up for senator-at-large, among other things. Presently any party is limited to nine—the number of positions to be filled at-large.

This control has been important in the past. Three years ago, for example, USA (succeeded by UIS) put up only five candidates, on the theory that USA votes would be concentrated. But AGS put up 10, on the theory that when preferential votes were distributed from eliminated candidates on the bottom, AGS "low men" would thus contribute votes to contenders.

The AGS theory proved the valid one; the Greek party came through with six senators-at-large. USA got two, and there was one non-partisan elected.

To Philosophize--

"Write an editorial about education," the editor said. "And be sort of philosophical."

Ok, we have to be philosophical about education — we who can't even spell the word without the aid of a much-battered edition of Webster's Collegiate dictionary.

But somehow education is something we can't seem to be too philosophical about. It's too practical a matter when you get right down to the base of it.

Why are we going to college? To get an education. Why an education? So we can get a good job after we graduate instead of digging those ditches we always hear about people digging.

Oh, it's fine to say that we want to be educated so we can tell a Shakespearian sonnet from the marginal propensity to consume. And that's really a part of it — a very important part. But most of us are really here to avoid those ditches.

It doesn't matter too much these days what the degree is in, as long as you have a degree. And that goes back to those sonnets of Mr. Shakespeare. You can study most anything and learn something. It's almost impossible to go through four years here without learning something.

If we learn nothing else except how to live with people, how to work with them, our four years haven't been wasted. And a lot of this learning how to work with people comes from activity outside the classroom. It all has a place in "building the well rounded person," which people are so often trying to build.

This weekend high school seniors are on campus. They're looging us over, trying to decide if this is the place they want to spend the next four years. Some of them are probably trying to decide if they want to go to college at all.

We hope you seniors do decide to come down here — we like it here. But even if you don't come here, we hope you attend some university or college.

We can joke about education, we say we're against it, or don't think it's here to stay, but we don't mean it really.

We're already beginning to see what we've gained from three and a half years here. You'll gain too. You can't help but gain.

And it's fun. Some of the classes are boring, sometimes you start wondering why you're spending all the time and money just to sit in class when you'd rather be sleeping or swimming. But it's fun anyway. Because suddenly you realize that you know something, that you've found out something that few people know or realize, that you can do something that makes you just a little more skillful and gives you a better job when you graduate.

We're sold on a university education, both for the practical aspects and for, well, guess we have to call it the philosophical fun of learning. (J.W.)

Remember When?



He's writing letters of application to four other colleges — He thinks he just flunked th' college entrance exam."

IT'S HERE

H. A. T. S.
(HANDS ACROSS THE SEA)

ALL CAMPUS VODVIL

TONIGHT 10:00 P.M.

The College Crowd's Favorite . . .

Welcome, SENIORS!

Have a good time this week end!

For the best lunches, and fountain Service at the friendliest, most relaxing place on campus, it's

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About "The
Campus Look"
the coed's desire

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SKIRTS, SKIRTS, SKIRTS, yes, Kaufman's have more skirts to offer you. This style in printed cotton with Pellon lined net petticoats. These full, full skirts come in many designs and colors . . . \$7.95

Before long our favorite swimming hole will be open and the favorite saying will be "Let's go swimming." Be sure you're ready to accept the invitation, if you don't have an afternoon class, with one of the many swimsuits at Kaufman's. To name a few, Kaufman's carry Rose Marie Reid, Jantzen, and for swimmers like myself, Ever-Float, the suit that helps you stay afloat.

Shirley Schiller