



## ASUO Coffee Hour Planned for SU Today

An insight into student government, with a chance for the audience to participate, will be offered today in the Student Union at the ASUO coffee hour at 4 p. m.

Featured speakers will be the two candidates for ASUO president, Hollis Ransom of United Independents and Bob Summers of Associated Greek students.

The two will present their own views, according to Bob Funk, ASUO vice-president, and will answer student questions following their talks.

All interested students are invited to attend the coffee hour, Funk said. Free coffee will be served, and room number will be posted.

In addition to the two speakers, all candidates running for any office in either party will be introduced, Funk said. The candidates will also participate in the discussions.

## Assembly Data, Route Set for Float Parade

The route to be followed by the combined Junior Weekend Float parade and Armed Forces Day parade was announced Monday by Mary Wilson and Ann Hopkins, co-chairmen.

The parade will assemble at 2:15 p. m., May 15 at McArthur court, and the parade will begin at 3 p. m. Any floats arriving after 3 p. m. will be disqualified.

The floats will pass the judges' stand at the Student Union and then follow East 13th ave. west to Willamette st., north on Willamette to Broadway, east on Broadway to High st., south on High to East 13th ave., east on 13th to University, and will disband on the original site.

Twenty-two floats, three cars with the Junior Weekend court, a sheriff's posse, four humorous skits, 25 marching units, and five bands will march in the parade.

All ROTC men will be expected to march in the parade, but "A reasonable amount of the men will be excused to work on the floats," Colonel E. B. Daily said.

Daily, head of the military science department, urged all living organizations to submit the names of their men who will be working

on the floats.

Sub-chairmen for the parade are Kaye Durno, judges; Germaine LaMarche, bands; Jo Kopp, queen's court cars; Jerry Froebe, line-up and trophies; Joanne Jolly, contact; and John Jensen, humorous skits.

## 'Reserve a Room' Students Asked

Students should make hotel or motel reservations now for their mothers who are planning to come down for Mother's Weekend, May 14 to 15, according to Donna Lory, general chairman.

Students are urged to write letters home this week inviting their mothers if they have not already done so. "Although the weekend will be publicized in home newspapers, the most successful appeal is through personal letters from students to their mothers," stressed Miss Lory.

During the weekend the mothers will attend the annual mothers' breakfast, a tea, and the Junior Weekend events.

## Sketch Actress Performance Set

Cornelia Stabler, character actress of radio and television, will present her one-woman show, "Personality Portraits," at a University assembly at 1 p. m. today in the Student Union ballroom.

The stage for "Personality Portraits" is set with a table and two chairs, and all roles are played by



CORNELIA STABLER  
The art of eavesdropping

Miss Stabler. She defines character sketching as "eavesdropping developed into a fine art."

Titles of the character sketches include "Showing the Home Movies," "The Bird Bath," "Remembrance of Things Past," and "After the Ball."

Miss Stabler's show has been presented from coast to coast in the United States and in Europe for the USO during World War II.

She received her dramatic training at Swarthmore college and Columbia university. During the summer, Miss Stabler directs a summer community theater.

# 298 Sign Petitions to Place Election Amendment on Ballot

by Sally Ryan

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A total of 298 students signed the 13 petitions returned to the ASUO office for the Associated Greek Student - sponsored election amendment, ASUO President Tom Wrightson said Monday afternoon. Only 200 names are needed to place an amendment on the ballot.

The names are to be checked to be sure they are those of registered students and that there are no duplications.

AGS has proposed the amendment to allow political parties to choose their slate of candidates in any manner they choose. At the same time the suggested amendment was passed, AGS offered plans for a nominating convention as their proposed method.

### Addition Called For

The amendment calls for the addition of section VI to article VI of the ASUO constitution. It reads: "Each political party shall present a slate of candidates for the general election. These candidates shall be selected as each of the several parties chooses. This amendment shall become effective September 1, 1954, and shall take precedence over any article or section of this constitution dealing with candidacy for office, including section V of this article."

United Students association in 1952 proposed a campus-wide ASUO sponsored primary election. They also expressed a desire for open membership in both political parties, in a statement in their voter's pamphlet.

The re-organized USA, United Independent Students, supported the open-primary in 1953, with a request to "place nominations for ASUO offices on an optimum of democratic methods with an all-campus primary."

### Follows Lead

AGS followed the lead of UIS a week later with the announcement in its party platform that "AGS is in favor of the all-campus primary. We feel it would allow the parties to maintain their individuality and at the same time would provide a more expedient method of filling party slates."

Early in the term, the ASUO senate refused to refer the open-primary plan to the student body on the spring term general elections ballot. A two-thirds vote of the body, 14 to 6, was necessary. The proposal failed on a roll call vote, 13 to 7.

In last spring's general elections, the constitutional amendment was placed on the ballot when the 200 students required by the initiative procedure signed

a petition to place the proposal on the ballot. The amendment, with the support of both political parties, passed by a vote of 1199 to 411.

### Summers Approves

Bob Summers, the AGS candidate for ASUO president, has come out in favor of his party's move. In the UIS platform, announced last week, UIS continued support of the open-primary system, used for the first time in the April 14 primaries.

UIS favored "the continuance of the all-campus primary in its present form because it is an effective means to give the individual student more of a voice in the selection of suitable candidates."

USA used a general nominating assembly, similar to the one suggested by AGS, in 1951. The assembly, open to all students, was held in McArthur court. Only those with USA membership cards could vote. Nomination procedures provided for nominations from the floor, provided there were 10 seconds to the nomination.

Approximately 275 USA members, including the nominees, attended the assembly. Merv Hampton defeated Virginia Wright, who was nominated from the floor, by 26 votes. Hampton was defeated in the general elections by Bill Carey, the AGS candidate.

# One Vets Dorm To Come Down

by Dorothy Iler

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One of the two Vet's dorms will be torn down this summer.

Approval for the razing of Vet's dorm No. 1, which includes Merrick, Nestor and French halls, was given to the University by the State Board of Higher Education Building committee Monday. Official approval by the entire board is expected today.

Vet's dorm No. 2 will not be torn down but kept for use at least through next year in case of peak student loads in the near future. This was the recommendation of University President O. Meredith Wilson to the state board.

### Termed Fire Traps

Both the dormitory units, now used to house freshman men, have been termed fire traps by Eugene Fire Chief Ed Surfus. In an investigation in February, the Vet's dorms were rated as the most dangerous group of buildings in the city, from the point of view of fire.

Their danger as fire traps lies in the fact that they are constructed of plywood. If they caught on fire, "they would burn down in about two minutes," according to Fire Chief Surfus.

The two buildings were purchased twelve years ago from the federal government as surplus structures and have been regarded as "temporary" the whole time. They were used to house 600 students during the enrollment increase following World War II.

### Men Object to Mice

Residents of Merrick, Nestor and French halls issued a complaint to the office of student affairs in March about the presence of mice in the dormitory. The office of student affairs said action

had been taken by the Lane County Rodent Service to rid the building of mice.

However, H. P. Barnhart, director of dormitories, said there was no "cause for alarm." He blamed the presence of the mice on packages of food being left open in the rooms.

The construction of the new Virgil D. Earl hall was expected to make possible the elimination of the Vet's dorms entirely. The new \$1,250,000 men's dorm, now under construction, is an addition to the present John Straub hall and will house 328 students. Construction of the new building is expected to be finished by September, 1955. Work was begun in March by the W. H. Shields Construction Co.

### Deferred Living Approved

Approval for the construction of the building was given by the State Board of Higher Education in November, 1953. In sanctioning a new men's dormitory, the state board stated firmly that it was approving for all time the deferred living policy of the University. The investment means that the ruling that freshman men must live in dormitories, rather than fraternities, is no longer experimental, but has the backing of the state board.

The University will advertise for bids to tear down Vet's dorm No. 1, the unit nearest Alder street, according to Orville Lindstrom, University business manager.

After the building is removed, the area will be landscaped.

## Vivas to Discuss Literary Topic

"Literary Criticism and Aesthetics" will be discussed by Eliseo Vivas, writer and teacher of philosophy, in a University lecture tonight at 8 p. m. in the Dad's lounge.

Vivas, professor of moral and intellectual philosophy at Northwestern university, is the author of a book entitled "The Moral Life and the Ethical Life," and has contributed numerous articles to literary and philosophical journals.

Vivas served as Venezuelan consul to the United States in 1929. He was born in Colombia of Venezuelan parents and received his education in the United States.

Vivas received his A. B. degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1928 and his Ph. D. from the same university in 1935.

He taught philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Chicago, and Ohio State university before going to Northwestern.

## Jr.-Sr. Breakfast Planned for Sunday

Sunday is the date for the annual Junior-Senior breakfast sponsored by the YWCA, according to Nancy Reine, general chairman.

The breakfast will be held in the Student Union at 9:15 a. m. Traditionally, all juniors in women's living organizations escort the seniors in their organizations.

Tickets are on sale for \$1 in each living organization and at the SU main desk. A 'May' theme will be carried out for the breakfast.

Speaker will be William C. Jones, executive director of the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education.

Committee chairmen for the breakfast include Gwen Zimmerman, tickets; Joyce Bearden, publicity; Sayra Story, programs; Nancy Cottingham, invitations and Jackie Robertson, decorations and catering.

## Genetics Discussed Monday by Snyder

The practical application of the study of genetics to public health was discussed Monday night by Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the University of Oklahoma graduate school, at the regular meeting of Sigma Xi, national science honorary.

Snyder broke down the application of genetics into four categories — prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, and inheritance of blood groups.

"Genetics," he stated, "has most to offer in the field of prevention. When one member of a family has a known inherited disorder, other members of the family can be treated before they are harmed."

In diagnosis, Snyder stressed the importance of the family history. Prognosis, he explained, was the giving of information to families of the chances of appearance of genetic traits.

The study of blood groups, he pointed out, has been invaluable in making transfusions.

## Quote Wrong, Says Ransom

The statement in Friday's Emerald concerning the United Independent Students' platform was incorrect in part, according to Hollis Ransom, UIS candidate for ASUO president.

Speaking before a Monday meeting of UIS members and candidates, Ransom said he had been quoted as saying "the party has workable solutions to all the issues involved."

"I would like to repeat that we have solutions to most of the problems presented in the platform," he said. In former business Lex Calvert, Sam Frear, Ray Westenhouse, Carol Eldridge, Jackie Wardell and Russ Cowell were named to an organization committee for the general elections, May 5.