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Looking At Figures

AGS has given student disinterest in campus politics as the reason behind this move to junk the open primary system and set up a party nominating convention next year.

Let's take a look at the figures and see if there is any value in this claim that an open primary resulted in decreased interest.

This year, in the all campus primary, 1133 Greeks voted. The number a year ago, in a closed party primary, was 1181 ballots. That's a difference of 48 ballots. AGS may make a strong case out of this minute decline but to us, no significance is registered in this fact.

AGS also maintains that the all campus primary has decreased the number of petitioners for the primary. In last year's election, 47 Greeks petitioned to run in the primary, this year the number dropped to 34. Also, no Greek posts were unopposed in last year's election and this spring the sophomore class president ran unopposed.

What does this mean? AGS says it represents a decline of interest in party politics. We think you have to look behind, underneath and around these figures and do a little interpreting.

First, how has AGS operated this year? We saw no evidence of a concentrated push to get people into the race or to keep them campaigning once they were in. Is this because politics had to be out in the "open" or because AGS party leadership isn't as strong as it has been in past years?

Second, look at the quality of the candidates running. We think AGS had a good selection of qualified people to consider both years. Decrease in petitioners hasn't shown any decrease in the quality of the people receiving the party nomination. One added thought, the three AGS candidates for ASUO president last year all had a 2.5 GPA or below. This year, both candidates were well above the "average" mark.

Third, the primaries this year were held two weeks after students returned to campus, April 5. Last year, they were pushed up to May 1. Any way you look at those dates, AGS had a lot more time to get things organized for a bang-up campaign.

Having one unopposed position in the primary is no indication of total party strength. Look at the junior class presidency for excellent evidence that the voters really had to make a choice, with five strong candidates in the race. The decrease in individual office petition was natural since a candidate could only run for one office. In the past, a candidate has been able to run for another office if he didn't get the nod in the first round of voting.

We think figures and statistics can tell a lot of interesting stories. But we don't think AGS is making these particular statistics tell the whole story or a true story.

Spotlight Geneva

The eyes of the world are turned on Geneva this week.

The era when international conferences were carried on in secret or, when open to the public, generally ignored by the proverbial man on the street is now history.

All eyes are on Geneva.

France, England and the United States are lining up for this Far Eastern conference against Russia and Communist China. And out of that line-up, the world is hoping will come some progress, some settlement which will prevent Indochina from turning into another Korea.

The Geneva conference is a new experience in international relations for this nation. America is being forced to line up with two of the traditionally "imperialistic" nations of Europe to solve the problems of one of the world's greatest colonial areas.

We predict trouble when the big four (or big five if Red China is admitted to the conference) attempts to solve the problems of those nations of the Far East who have traditionally held grievances against the dominant whites and to whom "Asia for the Asiatics" had made such sweet music in past years.

In the present international situation, we can lose more in this gigantic struggle for possession of the world's 'fringe' nations through psychological warfare than we ever could through use of Communist guns and physical attacks against the free peoples of the world.

We don't on the other hand, hold much hope for any progressive settlement coming out of this conference. Russia's demand that Red China be included as the fifth "big" nation is indicative of the magnitude of problems the United States is facing at this peace table.

Yet, we cannot quite forsake the belief that as long as Russia and the United States are playing power politics across this table there is some hope that they will not be playing the same game across the battlefield of all-out war. This week, all eyes are turned to Geneva.

Mistaken Motives



"Oh, I haven't been tryin' to answer your questions—I just wanna sharpen my pencil."

Williams to Air Views On Isolationism Myth

Isolationism in relationship to American foreign policy will be discussed by W. A. Williams, assistant professor of history, at Wednesday's browsing room lecture.

Williams will speak on "The Myth of Isolationism" at 7:30 p.m. Discussion period after the lecture will be led by Frederick M. Hunter, honorary chancellor of the state system of higher education.

Two books in the field of foreign relations have been recommended by Williams as excellent background on the theory behind foreign policy in the United States. They are "Ideals and Self-Interest in American Relations," by R. E. Osgood, and "American Approach to Foreign Policy," by Dexter Perkins.

Osgood's book is a detailed study of foreign policy since the Spanish American war. He contrasts the two philosophies in diplomatic thought, unselfish idealism and crass self-interest, giving historical examples for each.

"American Approach to Foreign Policy" is one of several books on foreign affairs by Perkins. Included in it are a brief history of U. S. diplomacy and an examination of the situation today. The emphasis

is on the struggle between Russia and the United States.

The author tries to prove that no country in the world today is less imperialistic than the U. S. He explains how U. S. foreign policy is extremely responsive to public opinion.

National Ad Honorary Pledges Six Women

Six women have been pledged by Gamma Alpha Chi, national advertising honorary for women.

They are Mary Alice Allen, sophomore in journalism; Margie Harmon, freshman in liberal arts; Hope Holgerson, junior in business; Mary Kelly, junior in English; Barbara Lindfors, senior in business and Donna Runberg, sophomore in journalism.

Phinney to Speak On World Missions

Rev. E. Sterl Phinney, pastor of the First Evangelical - United Brethren church, Eugene, will give a documentary report on conditions of world missions today at the weekly meeting of Inter-varsity Christian fellowship at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

Rev. Phinney is a former missionary to Japan and Colombia. Music will be furnished by Ann Judson house. A coffee hour will follow the meeting.

UO Tests Given At Eugene High

Arrangements were completed Thursday for the annual testing of local high school seniors planning to attend the University next year, according to J. S. Carlson, director of admissions and counseling.

Under this program regular entrance tests are taken now instead of next fall by these students at their respective high schools. Tests are given and results are sent back to the high schools as a service of the University counseling center. From the results, preliminary help in planning the students' next year's schedules can be given by their high school counselors.

The schedule of testing includes May 3, 4, 5, for Eugene high seniors and May 10 and 12 for Springfield students. Other high schools being offered this service are Cottage Grove, Junction City, Creswell and St. Mary's.

Campus Calendar

8:00 Navy Recruit	315 SU
Noon Psi Chi	110 SU
Soc Staff	111 SU
Theatre Exec	112 SU
Deseret Cl	113 SU
Phi Chi Theta	114 SU
12:30 Pi Beta Pat	Ger 2nd fl
Jr. Prom Dec	334 SU
1:00 Stabler Asbly	Balrm SU
4:00 ASUO Cand	of hr
	Dadstrm SU
Jr. Prom	114 SU
6:00 Delta Nu Alpha	110 SU
6:30 Chi Delta Phi	Ger 2nd fl
7:00 Christ Sci	Ger 1st fl
IVCF	334 SU
7:30 NAACP Steering	114 SU
8:00 Vivas Lect	Dadstrm SU

Kwama Taps Two To Fill Vacancies

Galen Mills and Jackie Robertson, both sophomores in liberal arts, were tapped Monday evening at dinner by Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary.

The new members will fill vacancies created when Donna Hill, sophomore in political science and Sharon Isaminger, sophomore in liberal arts, left school at the end of winter term.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

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

● The Kwama screening committee will meet at 2 p. m. today in Gerlinger hall, according to Janet Gustafson, president.

● Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, will meet at 6:30 p. m. today in Gerlinger hall, according to Janet Gustafson, president.

● News for this week's Campus Merry-Go-Round should be placed in the Emerald box before noon Wednesday.

● An important meeting of all committee chairmen for the YWCA Junior-Senior breakfast will be held at 4 p. m. today in Gerlinger hall, according to Sally Stadelman, publicity chairman.

● The third in a series of YWCA junior advisor training meetings will be held in Gerlinger hall at noon Thursday, according to Sally Stadelman, YWCA publicity chairman.

● The second set in the WRA tennis tournament will be played Tuesday afternoon. The courts will be open for play at 3:50 p. m., according to Barbara DSpain, tennis head.

● The YWCA cabinet will meet at noon Wednesday in Gerlinger hall, according to Sally Stadelman, publicity chairman.

● The YWCA executive council will meet today at noon in Gerlinger hall, publicity chairman Sally Stadelman announced Monday.

● Junior Prom committee chairmen will meet at 4 p. m. today in the Student Union, according to Janet Wick, Prom chairman.

Listening In ... On KWAX

- 6:00 Sign On
- 6:03 Piano Portraits
- 6:30 News till now
- 7:00 Navy bandstand
- 7:15 Broadway in review
- 8:00 Record ramblings
- 8:30 American adventure
- 9:00 Kwaxworks
- 10:50 News headlines
- 11:00 Sign off

Mother's Day Is May 9th



There is still time to have your Portrait made for her!

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