

# No Interference

We think Bob Summers, AGS presidential candidate, inadvertently supplied the ultimate in reasons for NOT rejecting the all-campus primary at the Tuesday coffee hour.

In answer to a question concerning the guarantee AGS could provide that a nominating convention would not degenerate into another TNE, Summers admitted there were faculty-administration safeguards set up to prevent formation of such a power group.

May we point out that under the present campus primary organization, there is no need for any such interference. Students are able to control their own politics.

No matter how much pressure is applied in a living organization, a student is still free to make the final decision at the polls, with no party leader breathing down his neck to make sure he votes the right nominee.

Several "fighting" issues have arisen in this campaign between AGS and UIS. But, from where we sit, there can be no more fundamental issue than the decision on the AGS-proposed amendment to the ASUO constitution to eliminate the all-campus primary.

Voters must first make the decision if they want progressive, democratic campus politics or party power politics before they can approach the decision on what they want student government to do and how they want it done.

AGS stated in the mimeographed paper the party released on their stand on primaries: "AGS is not interested in how other parties nominate their candidates—that is their business."

We disagree. We believe that as "a citizen of this community" it is the Emerald's business how campus political parties conduct their primaries. And as voters, it is your business.

We stand firmly on the ground that the value of student government lies in the experience it gives students in voting, conducting campaigns and electing candidates. We would like to keep that experience as democratic as possible.

And democratic participation in student government—like it or not—lies with the present ASUO-sponsored all-campus primary.

# Those 'White Chargers'

Bob Holloway, president of Oregon's NAACP, came in to see us yesterday afternoon and we had a short talk on NAACP's position about a number of things on this campus. (See Holloway's letter in the "Letters to the Editor" column).

We are only too glad to admit it when we have been wrong. And we think we were wrong in presenting only one side of the discussion on discrimination at the ASUO coffee hour Tuesday afternoon.

Far be it from us to start a campaign to rid our campus of NAACP or even to put their already shaky stand with the administration on any shakier grounds. We think NAACP has an important function to perform in making our campus aware of the fact that discrimination does exist.

In turn, we think it is our duty to "afflict" any members of this pressure group when they become too heavily seated on their "white chargers."

So, first let us admit that we were wrong in labeling as NAACP members the students who spoke out at the coffee hour. Although a couple were members, they were not speaking for the group but as individuals.

And then let us aim our opinions in the right direction: at those individuals who have assumed an aggressive attitude toward the whole problem of discrimination on this campus.

If you wish to support this organization and its cause—that of racial tolerance and anti-discriminatory policies—we suggest a short course in human psychology.

1. You have made us aware of the existence of discrimination on this campus. Now, it's time to quit shadow boxing and calling people names, dealing in emotion and idealistic phrases, and start giving us some concrete things to work on to eliminate this problem.

2. If you don't have any concrete ideas for specific examples, then shut up and let the campus gnaw over its own problems for a while and attempt to reach its own solution.

3. And quit waving the flag so hard, or it's likely to explode in your face.

Many of us who belong to organizations which do admit all races, colors and creeds are beginning to resent these hot-headed people who insist on lumping us all in one discriminatory group and demanding that we do something about these "white" clauses in living organizations.

And if several of these people have so much energy to waste on the great cause of human rights, they might more profitably spend it helping NAACP's president in doing some of the constructive work needed to educate people on this topic.

We think Holloway had a right to protest our linking the name of his group with every student that stands up and yells "fire" about discrimination. But, we think for NAACP's own safety, some students might remember natural human tendencies to react against being labeled as bigots and prejudiced individuals.

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## Do As We Say



"By, you should have seen her clobber that guy yesterday."

# Letters to the Editor

## Apologies

Emerald Editor:

In reference to the letters which have been published in the past few days regarding our Vodvil skit, we should like to apologize for any misinterpretations which may have been misleading to observers last Friday evening.

It was our entire purpose to satirize previous Vodvil skits at the University, and there was no purpose as to the authenticity of each dance. Actually, all we can say is that we are sorry if any other motives were suggested.

Delta Gamma

## It's Not NAACP

Emerald Editor:

In reference to your editorial of the 28th (Dog Eat Dog) whereby you grossly misrepresented the position of NAACP at the coffee hour forum, I would like to make the following corrections.

Because two of the four NAACP members present at the forum offered comments on racial discrimination (after the question had been raised by someone else from the floor) you immediately jump to the conclusion that "... the NAACP was there, questioning candidates about their opinions on discriminatory clauses . . .", etc. Robin Lamson and Don Ellington, the two members who spoke, also belong to Sigma Chi and Alpha Phi Alpha, respectively.

Why did you not say that these two fraternities were there questioning, demanding answers to "sneezy" questions about residues of white supremacy? The answer is, of course, no one or two individuals represent any group unless they are delegated to do so and these two were not.

It is interesting to note that you equivocate NAACP with "antagonistic sociology majors." Another oversimplification. We have only seven sociology majors (none holding office) out of 37 members.

I am surprised to see your sensitivity about seeing our group question bigotted racial activity. You are right. We have. We are and we will continue to bring into the open any and all forms of racial and religious discrimination. You may think it is

a practice to ridicule but we see it as fundamental to our society.

We are aware that the changes in racial clauses have to come from within the particular fraternal system involved. We do not want to see them thrown off the campus because of their "clauses." We agree with Mr. Summers' educational approach of self-education and hope that we may be of any assistance in supplying information germane to the problem.

You assume that we are an "out-group" criticizing an "in-group" but many of our members are fraternity men and women who have a lot at stake also.

Robert Holloway  
President NAACP

## Approval

Emerald Editor:  
Open letter to Delta Gamma,  
Dear DG President,  
We liked it!

John R. Waugaman  
Mike Noe  
Jerry Williams  
Emory S. Richardson  
Larry R. Chapman  
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# WSI Instruction To Start Monday

The American Red Cross water safety instructor's course will be taught on the campus May 3 to 14, according to John Borchardt, assistant professor physical education.

The course is offered on the campus for the benefit of students who wish to qualify as swimming instructors for summer jobs, Borchardt said.

In order to qualify for the course it is necessary to have a current senior Red Cross life saving certificate.

The course will begin Monday, May 3 at 7 p. m. in the Men's pool. The class will be held for two hours each week night for two weeks.

# Exhibition Display From Columbia U.

An exhibit commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of Columbia university is now on display in the current newspaper room of the University library.

As part of the Columbia bi-centennial an exhibit of 60 panels based on the theme "Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof," was prepared.

Twenty-five of these are included in the traveling exhibit. The panels were selected from many periods of history and fields of knowledge to provide a graphic illustration and explanation of the theme.

The exhibit will remain at the library until May 9, Administrative Assistant John Lauber announced.

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