

What's Going On Here?

Summers Sees Two Roles For UO Student Government

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Bob Summers, who is running for ASUO president on the AGS ticket, has an outstanding record in his three years at Oregon.

Presently a senator - at large, Summers was president of the sophomore class last year. He has been president of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic honorary, a member of Skull and Dagger and Druids, and is now vice-president of the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders.

Summers believes that student government has a two-fold role. It provides valuable experience for the student who participates in it, and it provides a medium for the administration to communicate with the students.

The AGS candidate sees student government as a chance for the interested student to acquire administrative ability, the ability to get along with people (he regards student government as an opportunity to make friends), and public relations ability.

It also serves the University, Summers points out, by providing student personnel to promote good external school relations—through various booster functions.

Where the ASUO has fallen down at Oregon, he feels, is in relations between such groups as the senate and the students. He has suggested that a public relations chairman work on this problem (this year there has been no such chairman, although the ASUO constitution provides for one), and that student government personnel periodically speak to the various houses about what is going on in student government.

Summers also believes that the office of the ASUO president should be given more importance in student activity, as a means to bolster the prestige of student government. This could be accomplished by having the president speak at such functions as the Homecoming banquet, the all-campus Vodvil, and be on the stage at such events as University assemblies.

The husky (5 ft., 11 3-4 inches, 180 pounds) junior, came to Oregon from Halfway, in eastern Oregon, which was also his birthplace. Summers has lived all his life except five years (spent in Idaho) in Halfway. He graduated from Pine Valley Union high school, where he was student body president, class valedictorian, and a four-sport letterman.

He is a member of Theta Chi, having served as president this year. Summers is presently majoring in political science, and plans to enter law in the future. Right now he is working for a scholarship abroad for the period immediately following his undergraduate career at Oregon.

Summers currently holds the \$500 Standard Oil scholarship for a junior, one of four students who have one of these scholarships at Oregon. He has a 3.6 cumulative GPA.

The AGS choice for the No. 1 ASUO position is of the opinion that student government at Oregon has relatively great power compared to that at most schools in the nation. Only in athletic activity, he feels, is this untrue. Summers cites the membership of students on student-faculty committees, and the great independence of action of the student court.

In the field of campus politics, Summers would like to see equal strength, because of the interest that more competition would generate. He says it is unfortunate that AGS is currently stronger than UIS in the matter of organization.

But Summers asserts that there should be no party consciousness on the senate. "The only useful end of the parties is to get candidates in office," he says.

Regarding the proposed AGS nominating convention, which would succeed the all-campus primary if the proposed amendment goes through, Summers believes that the convention will be an improvement to the extent that convention delegates represent their constituents—to preserve open politicking.

The convention system would then be better, he says, because it would be more educational, it would generate more interest, and it would allow candidates defeated for one office to run for another.

Problem: what will they call Friday-at-Four if they ever have to hold it on Thursday-at-three?

Junior class officers are now trying to find an orchestra to play for the Junior Prom, after having Charlie Spivak almost all signed up. Spivak had agreed to play for the dance, and was ready to sign the contract, but his wife became ill, and he will not be able to appear.

Odds and ends on the Pioneer Father, for those who have been clamoring for such information after the brush was cleared away from the metal gentleman:

1. His shoes are approximately size 18½.
2. The theory that he is in love

with the Pioneer Mother has received new support — he is almost exactly nine feet tall.

3. If the rifle he is carrying ever goes off, it will blow off his hat and possibly the back of his head.

Traditional Review To be Prom Theme

"Traditional Review" will be the theme of this year's Junior Prom, Chairman Janet Wick has announced. Decorations will be based on traditions of the University.

Closing hours for the prom, set for May 14, will be 2 a. m. The Friday night dance will be held in the Student Union ballroom from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

Tickets for the prom will go on sale at the Co-op and the Student Union on May 10. Admission price per couple is \$2.50.

The coronation of the Junior Weekend queen will highlight the prom intermission. Other ceremonies will include tapping by Druids

Petitions Called In Powers to Discuss 'Reality of Fiction'

Petition deadline for editor and business manager of the Oregon Daily Emerald is Monday at noon, Dick Williams, secretary of the student publications board, has announced.

Petitions must be submitted in writing to Williams' office on the mezzanine of the Student Union by the deadline. Petitioners will be interviewed at a pub board meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and the editor and business manager will be selected at that time.

The appointments are for the first half of the next school year and carry a monthly salary of \$70

A writer will discuss "The Reality of Fiction" at 7:30 tonight in the Student Union browsing room.

The writer, J. F. Powers, is visiting the University this week under the sponsorship of the English department to meet with writing classes. His lecture tonight is sponsored by the SU browsing room committee.

Powers will also visit the English departments at Reed college and the University of Washington.

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"Training can really be interesting. I found that out when I joined A. T. & T.'s Long Lines Department after getting my B.A. at Cincinnati and my M.A. at Michigan in '52. Long Lines is the organization specializing in Long Distance communications. I was put in the training program, and there wasn't a dull minute.

"For instance, one of my jobs in the Traffic Department was estimating the exact number of calls that would be placed in a city on Christmas Day. My estimate was off by only 68 calls!

"Then in the Plant Department, I made a study of damage done to a certain cable. Found out that the most damage occurred in an area used by hunters. Some special public relations work among hunters helped improve that situation.

"And in the Commercial Department, I helped analyze the communication problems of one of the largest textile companies—it had widespread offices and plants. The recommendations made are now in use.

"The variety in my training has carried over to my regular job here in Cincinnati. My job is to see that good service is maintained for private line customers — pipeline and power companies, theater TV and the like. Every day is different.

"As far as I am concerned, I've found my career."

Like so many college people who have joined the Bell System, Dick has a job he enjoys. There are also job opportunities with other Bell Telephone Companies, the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and Sandia Corporation. This is a good time to see your Placement Officer for full details.

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