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A Positive Check

Censorship is an unpleasant word in the minds of most Americans accustomed to the exercise of the four freedoms. It is a term that is feared and hated on a liberal college campus such as ours. And yet the time has come for some sort of censorship over student entertainment at the University of Oregon.

We have watched the presentations of campus entertainers over the past two years with a mixture of apprehension and downright disgust. In the minds of some of these so-called entertainers—and we don't intend this as a blanket indictment of the whole field of campus entertainment—nothing is funny unless it is obscene.

The University's exchange assembly was unceremoniously booted out of Portland last year for presenting a type of entertainment not suited for high school audiences. The Friday at 4 shows in the Student Union hit an all-time low last year.

Reports of the assembly presented to the freshman audience during New Student week would seem to indicate that campus entertainment is well along the same path that brought so much criticism upon the University last year.

The core of the problem then seems to be in the area of responsibility. Who is to answer for the bad taste and outright vulgarity in student-sponsored shows?

Several members of the ASUO senate have an answer to this perplexing question, and we are inclined to endorse their plan. It will be recommended at the Thursday evening senate meeting that a joint faculty-student entertainment commission be set up to review campus entertainment.

The proposed board, as we understand it, would have the authority to ban from student presentations any entertainer who clearly over-stepped the bounds of good taste in a show. The positive check in this sort of arrangement would have the effect of making entertainers their own censors. One false move and the entertainer would be eliminated from campus shows on a permanent basis.

We do not favor a preview showing—except perhaps in the case of the exchange assembly—of all campus entertainment to any student-faculty board which would have the power to delete portions of the show they didn't like. This would be a negative check and an invasion of the entertainers own field.

The reviewing board should have the power to review a performance already given, hear complaints and defenses and make the final decision: Has the entertainer merited banishment from campus shows by a display of poor taste? Each entertainer would then have to decide whether a dirty joke was worth jeopardizing his future career.

Call it censorship, if you must. We prefer to call it a positive check. The caliber of student entertainment over the past two years has indicated quite clearly that this sort of a review is necessary at the University of Oregon.

Wednesday Dessert



"Spread out carefully girls—no one saw him leave with the others."

APO to Hold Open House

Thursday at 8 p.m. has been set by Alpha Phi Omega, men's service fraternity, for its open house. The open house will be held in the Student Union.

Projects and aims of the organization will be discussed and presented to new members at the meeting, President Travis Cavens said.

Alpha Phi Omega membership is open to all undergraduate men who have been members of the Scout movement. Projects on the Oregon campus include the ugly man contest and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Senate Petitions To Fill 3 Posts

Petitions for three vacancies on the ASUO senate are due in the ASUO office at 5 p.m. Thursday, Bob Summers has announced.

The positions to be filled are a junior class representative and two senators-at-large.

The first senator-at-large vacancy was created when Tom Arata failed to return to school. The second occurred when Don Smith did not make his grades for spring term.

The junior class vacancy was created when Russ Cowell, elected last spring, failed to return to school.

Williams to Speak On War History

William A. Williams, assistant professor of history, will speak on "Notes on the History of the Cold War" Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Student Union browsing room.

UO Hillel Society Has First Meeting

The University of Oregon Hillel society will hold its first meeting of the new school year tonight at 7:30 at Sigma Alpha Mu, according to L. G. Seligman, faculty adviser for the group.

Leader Calls RE Workers

Chairmen are needed for the following Religious Emphasis week committees: fireside, promotion and worship, according to Bob Hastings, general chairman.

Two positions on the RE executive council are also open, Hastings said. They are general secretary and special events chairman. Petitions may be turned in to the YMCA office in the Student Union.

A meeting of the RE week executive council and all petitioners will be held Thursday noon in the SU, room 319, Hastings has announced.

Campus Briefs

● The YMCA rider's pool has received several requests for rides to Portland this weekend, according to Russ Walker, executive secretary. Drivers leaving for Portland after 4 p.m. Friday, who have room for extra passengers are asked to contact the YMCA office in the Student Union.

● Phi Beta, music and speech fraternity, will meet today at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of Gerlinger hall.

● House librarians will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Student Union browsing room.

● Phi Eta Sigma will hold a meeting at 3:30 in the Student Union.

● Student traffic court will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in SU 309, according to Don Rotenberg, chairman.

● Homecoming committee heads will meet at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union.

Westenhouse Elected UIS Vice-President

Ray Westenhouse, junior in chemistry, was elected to the vice-presidency of United Independent Students, campus political party, at a recent meeting.

Aloys Brown, senior in physical education, was elected to the position of secretary of the group.

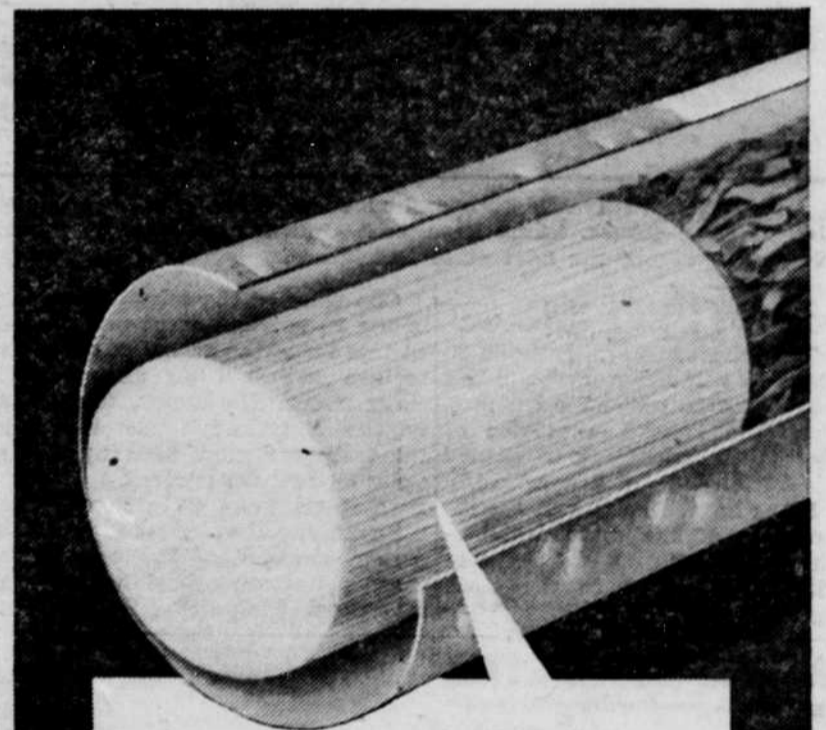
UIS will hold its second open discussion on campus politics Monday, Oct. 25.

Campus Calendar

Noon	French Tbl	111 SU
1:00	U of O Moms	110 SU
1:30	Kellog Proj	334 SU
4:00	SU Bd	337 SU
	Phi Theta Ups Gerl 3rd Fl	
6:00	Frosh Dessert	213 SU
6:30	Phi Beta	315 SU
	Orides Dessert Gerl 3rd Fl	
7:30	Exchange Asbly	
	Tryouts	Ballrm SU

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