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A Rare Opportunity

Most students will agree that studies, social life and extra-curricular activities all have their proper place in this important business of acquiring a college education. To these three items, we would like to add a fourth—educational opportunities outside the classroom.

Included in this category are lecture assemblies, art exhibits and concerts. Participation in these events is not secured by making them a house function or by the threat of failing a course. The only prod to taking advantage of these educational opportunities is the individual student's own conscience.

Oregon's first annual Charter Day celebration, today and tomorrow, is the year's biggest outside academic offering. At great expense and after long and careful planning, the University is staging a presentation of the highest scholastic order. Charter Day, which this year will include the inauguration of O. Meredith Wilson as ninth president of the University of Oregon, is to become an annual event, rightfully the high point of the academic year.

A concert by one of the world's finest musical groups, the Griller string quartet, will open the two-day celebration this evening. Three outstanding speakers, including one of the world's greatest living biologists Dr. Julian Huxley, are being brought to campus as special Charter Day speakers. Over 300 distinguished guests, a rare gathering in the academic world, will participate in the inauguration ceremonies.

Charter Day will not succeed in its purpose, however, if students fail to participate in the program. The concert, the speakers, the inauguration ceremonies are not being presented to impress faculty members. The entire program has been planned to offer students a stimulating educational experience.

Three years ago, the University celebrated its 75th anniversary with a high-level program such as the one being offered today and tomorrow. Student participation was indeed disappointing.

If the University's first annual Charter Day sees a repetition of this lack of student interest, the Oregon student body will have lost a great deal of prestige. On the other hand, whole-hearted participation by the students will prove—to the administration, to the faculty and to our visitors—that we at Oregon realize there is a great deal more to a college education than going to a house dance, making a class honorary or passing a course.

A Waste of Time

We're disappointed in the ASUO senate. In our opinion, the hour and a half spent in interviewing some nineteen petitioners for three senate vacancies at last Thursday's senate meeting was a colossal waste of time.

Last year the senate was also criticized for spending so much time with the mechanics of maintaining its full membership. After lengthy debate and a full committee report, the senate passed by a vote of 16-4 the proposal of Bob Summers, then a senator-at-large, to set up a screening committee for applicants for senate vacancies and major campus committee chairmanships selected by the senate.

The screening committee was to meet whenever there were more than five petitioners for a position. The group, composed of the ASUO president and two representatives of each political party, would screen the applicants to no less than two and not more than three candidates for a position.

Provision was also made to safeguard the right of the individual senator. The screening committee would bring to the senate meeting copies of all the petitions, including those it had rejected, and any senator could challenge the committee's decision.

The plan, however, was passed as a resolution and was not binding on future senates. The present senate, at its first meeting last spring, rejected the screening committee by a vote of 12-5.

Thus the door was left open for the parade of petitioners which confronted the senate last Thursday. And more important business had to wait its turn. We think there is good reason for students to be disappointed in their legislative body.

Marine Officer Interviews Men

Capt. William P. Heim of the marine corps officer procurement office will visit the University Wednesday and Thursday to discuss the marine corps officer candidate program with interested students.

Two programs are now open to undergraduates. One, the platoon leaders class, is open to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. It provides for a reserve commission upon graduation from college and draft deferment until graduation. Two six-week summer training periods are the only training required.

The second program is known as the officer candidate course. After graduation from college, the candidate attends a ten-week course at Quantico, Va., and receives his commission upon successful completion of the course.

For detailed information concerning the advantages and requirements of these programs, all interested students are invited to contact Captain Heim in the Student Union during his visit.

Chairmen Request Homecoming Title

Two tickets to the Homecoming dance and a merchandise gift will be awarded to the student who submits the winning Homecoming theme. The contest closes at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Theme suggestions may be left in boxes in the Student Union or the Co-op. Any student is eligible to submit a theme and there is no limit to the number of themes one person may turn in.

Suggestions should pertain to all the activities of Homecoming weekend, Nov. 12 and 13, according to Barbara Bailey and Shirley Brown, theme contest co-chairmen.

Campus Briefs

● **Tryouts of Amphibians**, women's swimming honorary, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Gerlinger pool. Members and pledges will meet for a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. according to Olivia Thoraldson, Amphibian president.

● **Deadline for Religious** Notes news has been changed to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Items about religious organizations on campus for this column should be turned in at the Emerald office, 301 Allen.

● **Two students**, Joanne Burns and George A. Lo, were confined to the infirmary Friday, according to hospital records.

● **The advertising staff** of the Oregon Daily Emerald will meet in the Emerald office, Allen 301, today at 4:30 p.m., according to Jean Sandine, business manager.

● **Names of candidates** for Homecoming queen must be turned in to Mary Sandeberg at Gamma Phi Beta or Peggy Gathercoal at Kappa Kappa Gamma by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

● **The Student Union dance** committee will meet at 4 p.m. today in the SU, according to Don Peck, chairman. Old and new members are urged to attend.

● **Sigma Delta Chi**, men's professional journalism fraternity, will meet Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Allen 302, according to Jerry Harrell, president.

● **Deadline for petitioning** for Homecoming committees is 5 p.m. Tuesday, according to Betti Fackler and Dick Beckman, Homecoming co-chairmen. Petitions may be turned into the ASUO petition box on the third floor of the Student Union.

● **Gamma Alpha Chi**, national women's advertising honorary,

International Affairs Essay Contest Deadline Extended

Students interested in international affairs have until December 15 to submit essays in the Foreign Service journal prize essay contest, it was announced today.

The essays, to be written on "The Organization of American Representation Abroad," may win up to \$1000, or a full fellowship, amounting to \$1750, at the school of advanced international studies of the Johns Hopkins university in Washington.

Students constitute one of four categories of entrants outlined in the contest announcement. Other categories embrace former and present state department

and foreign service personnel, personnel of other government agencies and competent persons other than those in the first three categories. A total of \$3850 will be awarded in prizes after the contest closes. The contest was originally to have closed October 15.

Full details of the contest may be obtained by writing to the Foreign Service Journal, Contest Committee, 1908 G Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

'Education' Topic Of KOAC Forum

"What Is Progressive Education" is the subject of a panel discussion for tonight's Radio Forum, heard every Monday night at 8:30 over Station KOAC.

The moderator of the panel is Donald E. Tope, director of the Kellogg project at the University. Other panel members are: Beatrice Hurley, professor of education at New York university; Frank Costlin, clinical counselor and assistant professor of psychology at the University of Illinois, and Robert Frazier of the Eugene Register-Guard.

Freshman Council Chooses Officers

Dick Hyder of Cherney hall is the newly-elected president of the freshman social council. Mary Jo Basche was elected secretary of the group.

The council is composed of the social chairmen from all freshman living organizations and is a part of the new freshman leadership training group.

Katherine De Pue, head resident at Straub hall, and Bert Ferris, head resident counselor for Vets dorms, are advisers for the program.

Shell to Interview Chemist Prospects

The Shell Chemical corporation will hold interviews for prospective employees Wednesday.

Interviews are especially for chemistry and chemical and mechanical engineering students at bachelor and master degree levels, interested in employment in the laboratories and various technical departments of Shell Chemical plants. The work is in connection with the manufacture of chemical derivatives from petroleum and natural gas.

Campus Calendar

Noon	Fest of Art	110 SU
	Spanish Tbl	111 SU
	URC	112 SU
	Delta Theta Phi	113 SU
4:00	Public Relations	312 SU
	Dance Com	313 SU
	RE Wk Exec	318 SU
	Oregana Staff	334 SU
	PE Club Tea	Gerl Hall
	YW Frosh Comm	Gerl 1st Fl
6:30	CoEd Hsing	110 SU
7:00	Orides Initiation	Gerl 2nd Fl
7:30	Block & Tackle	315 SU
8:00	Griller Quartet	Ballrm SU

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