

# The Jensen Case

A great deal of controversy has been stirred up in the past two weeks over the University's exchange assembly and the position of assembly director. Political intrigue, morality and censorship have all come in for a thorough hashing over in relation to the assembly and the directorship.

The selection of John Jensen as assembly director at the Oct. 6 meeting of the ASUO senate served to bring the case before the public. Jensen's resignation at last Thursday's senate meeting should bring the case to a close. In view of the current controversy, however, we think a few things might now be said concerning the past history of this issue.

Late last spring term, ASUO President Bob Summers consulted last year's director Gloria Lee about a successor. Miss Lee suggested Mark Tapscott for the position. Summers accepted the suggestion and intended to recommend Tapscott's name to the senate at its first meeting fall term.

It was felt in some quarters, however, that the directorship should be a position open to petitioners. Apparently there was no clear precedent for this manner of selecting a director, but Summers issued a call for petitions the day before the Oct. 6 senate meeting. Jensen and Tapscott were the only petitioners.

In our opinion, certain members of UIS seized upon the selection of an assembly director as a political issue. The issue was poorly taken, we feel, and yet we are not blaming UIS as a party. We do take exception with the individual UIS senators who proposed to make political capital out of the directorship.

Tapscott, in his interview, was asked if he had ever been lead to believe he could have the directorship without petitioning for the job. The implication, of course, was that Summers was attempting to railroad through the senate the appointment of Tapscott. Summers explained the situation, but the damage had already been done. Jensen was selected assembly director by a rather comfortable majority.

As soon as news of Jensen's selection went out on campus, there was an immediate reaction against the new director. Jensen had assured the senate that there would be no vulgarity in his show. Jensen's past performances in campus entertainment indicated to many that Jensen's idea of vulgarity differed rather widely from the common standards of good taste.

There was immediate pressure brought to bear on Summers for Jensen's recall. This pressure came from both present senate members who felt they had not been fully informed of the issue before voting for Jensen and from other students outside the immediate area of student government. As far as we have been able to learn, there was no direct pressure from the administration, although some members of the faculty did express their disapproval of Jensen's selection.

When informed of the sentiment against him, Jensen offered to appear before the senate at last Thursday's meeting in order to clear his record. After explaining his position, Jensen turned in a surprise resignation, saying "I think at this time the best thing you can do is forget about the exchange assembly because you are getting to the point where we're going to find vulgarity in a young lady showing her ankle."

We do not think the senate is being prudish in expressing its concern for the content of a show which represents the University throughout the state. Nor do we think them unnecessary severe in criticizing some past performances on campus.

If some such concern had been shown for Oregon's exchange assembly last year, the University would never have received the unfavorable publicity it did when the traveling show was banned from Portland high schools. The senate's very real and sincere concern over the type of entertainment presented in that show and in other presentations such as Friday at 4 last year has lead them to approve an entertainment commission which will be responsible for campus entertainment. We have already expressed our approval of this plan.

The new entertainment commission, we feel, can be a positive check over campus entertainment, especially the exchange assembly. It should not be a censor board that would pass on every show presented on campus. Rather the commission should act as a reviewing body to which erring performers will have to answer.

Some campus entertainers have said they won't participate in the show, now that Jensen's out and now that the senate plans to maintain a check over the content of the show. We think they are being rather childish over the whole issue, but we also know how entertainers love to perform. So we shall wait and see if their "acting blood" will overcome their present anger.

The real problem now is in finding another exchange director. We hope the senate has learned a lesson from the "Jensen case" and will show a little better judgment in its next selection. All we ask is that they learn the full issue before voting and don't allow politics to influence a decision which should be based on technical considerations.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations, Dr. Wilson.

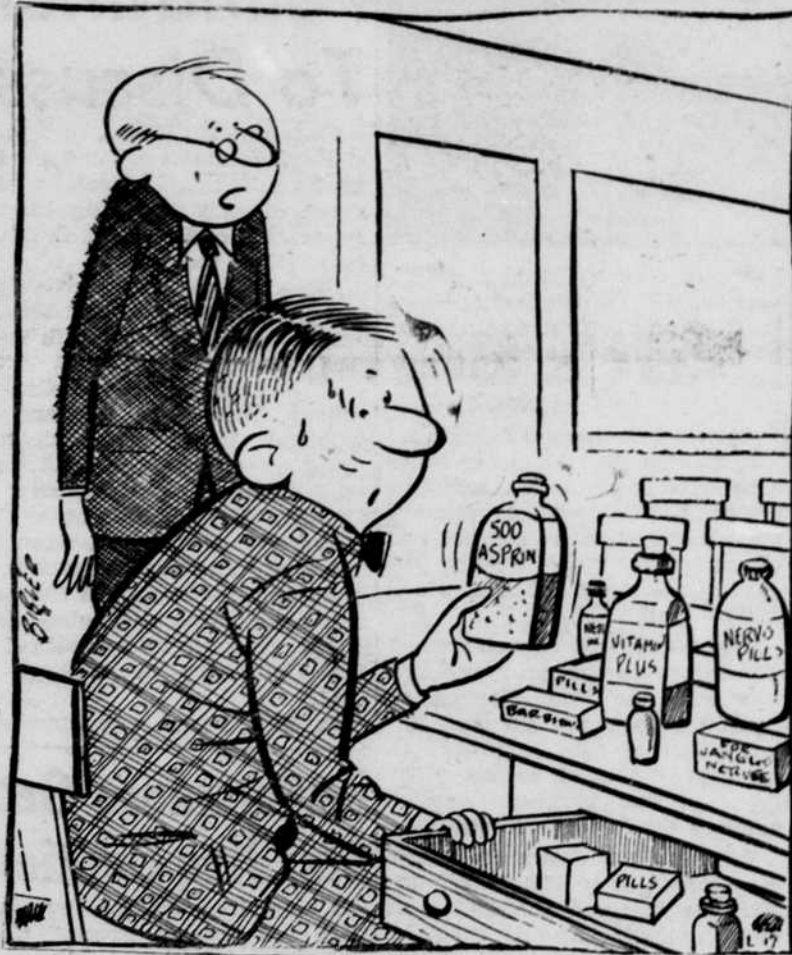
Today is your inauguration, and we hope it marks the formal beginning of a very long and happy period in your life and in the life of the University.

We think you're a good president, a friendly one. We like to see you at baseball and football games. We saw you Saturday at Portland milling in the halftime crowds "just like normal people." That's what a freshman we know said when he saw you.

We like to see you at senate meetings and Emerald staff meetings—not as a censor or an administrator, but as a friend. Your presence at such meetings shows your interest in us, in our problems.

We appreciate it, Dr. Wilson. We're glad you're here.  
—(J.W.)

## Who Gets the Headache?



"Oh, it's your desk—the former teacher didn't take time to empty his desk."

## Biologist-Author Speaks on Belief

Julian Huxley, noted English biologist and author, spoke this morning in connection with President Wilson's inauguration and Charter Day. His topic was "The Bearing of Scientific Knowledge on Belief in a Free Society."

The 67-year-old lecturer received his education at Oxford and Eton. He has taught at Oxford, Kings college, Royal Institute in London and Rice Institute, Texas.

Huxley joined the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural organization in 1946 and became director-general of it a year later. He was an editor for the 14th edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica and a member of the British Broadcasting company.

Huxley's two latest books were published in 1953. Subjects of the works are "Evolution in Action" and "The Evolutionary Process." He has been author and co-author of more than 30 books.

Huxley's home is in London with his wife and two sons, but he is lecturing in the United States this fall.

The speech was to be at 10 a.m. this morning in McArthur court. All 10 a.m. classes were dismissed to give students an opportunity to hear Huxley's address.

## 'Social Science' Topic Of Browsing Lecture

"Where is Social Science Going?" will be the topic of the browsing room lecture Wednesday evening. R. A. Littman, associate professor of psychology, will be the lecturer, and R. J. Richman, instructor in philosophy, will act as discussion leader.

The discussion will be the third of the 1954-55 school year to be held in the browsing room. Nine lectures are scheduled for the fall term series, according to Bernice Rise, browsing room librarian.

## Theater Features Movies on Parade

Scenes from "Birth of A Nation," "The Jazz Singer," and other movies will be part of the presentation of "Early Movies on Parade" to be shown Wednesday evening by the Wednesday evening educational theater, Commonwealth 138, according to JoAnn Rogers, chairman of the Student Union music committee.

Among the scenes from early motion pictures will be: "The Great Train Robbery," "Easy Street," "Valpone," "Henry IV," and "All Quiet On The Western Front."

A March of Times production, "March of the Movies," showing the development of the cinema through work of the Museum of Modern Arts will also be shown. Admission will be free.

## Men's Honorary Calls for Petitions

Petitions for Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, are due today at 5 p.m. in the Student Union, according to Doug Basham, president.

Four positions in the honorary fraternity are open, Basham said. Applicants must have a 2.00 grade point average. Selection will be on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and activities, according to Basham.

## ASUO Insurance Still Available

Oregon Insurance society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union. Plans to invite guest speakers in the insurance field will be discussed.

A second drive will be made to sell ASUO insurance to students who missed the opportunity to buy it during registration week. This drive will be sometime next week, according to Doug Johnson, president.

## Program Muffled By Blown Fuse

Radio KWAX, the University of Oregon's radio station, was blacked out Monday night during the middle of "Scotty's Music Hall." A fuse was blown due to an overload of power on the main switch.

The black out was not serious and KWAX will resume regular broadcasting this afternoon.

## Assistant Analyst Applications Due

Applications for the position of junior professional assistant for social science analyst must be returned to Karl Onthank, associate director of student affairs, Emerald 206, by Monday. Applications are also issued from this office.

## Campus Briefs

● Kwama will meet at 6:30 tonight at Gerlinger, and pictures will be taken. All members are expected to attend in their uniforms, according to Helen Ruth Johnson, president.

● Gamma Alpha Chi, national professional advertising fraternity for women, will meet at 4 p.m. today in the Eric Allen seminar room in Allen hall.

● Kappa Rho Omicron will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Studio A at KWAX according to Jim Jones, president.

● Members of Carson 3 and Sigma Kappa have their picture taken after 9 a.m. today at Kennell-Ellis.

● Askelepiads will hold an open meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at 123 Science building. A movie "Health the American Way" will be shown. All pre-medical and pre-dental students are invited to attend, according to Walt Meihoff, vice-president.

● George A. Lo was confined to the infirmary Monday for medical attention, according to hospital records.