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AGS: Logic at Last

The house representatives of Associated Greek Students demonstrated some good, logical reasoning in rejecting the AGS policy committee's recommendation to do away with the all-campus primary at the party meeting Thursday afternoon at Alpha Chi Omega.

Discussion centered on three important factors: 1) Timing of the ouster movement; 2) Knowledge of the all campus primary; and 3) Alternative proposals. Rejection of the policy committee's recommendation was based on these considerations rather than on the intrinsic merits or demerits of the present primary system.

If the AGS leaders had sincerely wanted to do away with the primary this fall, action should have been taken well before last Thursday, since this Wednesday is the deadline for filing petitions for the Nov. 10 ballot.

Some of the representatives raised doubts as to whether AGS could do a thorough job of educating the students in the week between filing and the election. Obviously, the party at present lacks the machinery to do such a job, and AGS would be taking the chance that the vote of an uneducated electorate would benefit the party. Even a calloused politician would hesitate before endorsing this approach.

It was fairly evident at the Thursday meeting that many of the house representatives did not fully understand the primary setup. This ignorance is to be regretted, but the willingness of these individuals to admit their ignorance is the redeeming factor.

Refusal of the representatives to accept at face value the party leaders' denunciations of the primary was a demonstration of independent thinking that has been all too rare in AGS circles. The group just wouldn't allow this important issue to be railroaded through by the few campus politicians who, for either party considerations or personal motives, wished the defeat of the primary system.

"Abolish the all campus primary, and then what?" seemed to be the question uppermost in the minds of the assembled representatives. Would rejection of the primary mean a return to closed voting in the Greek houses, or would AGS propose another system, possibly the convention suggested last spring?

No alternative plan is needed, party leaders assured the representatives. Just vote out the primary, and let us worry about what follows. The representatives were looking for more constructive criticism, however, and finally rejected the policy committee's proposal, perhaps more on this issue than on the other two.

The action taken Thursday by the full assembly of AGS delegates reaffirmed our faith in campus politics. It is precisely this type of sincere, incisive thinking that is needed to make student government at Oregon really mean something.

Couldn't Be Cas?



"This is when the coach ran out on the field for a few words with the referee."

-The Looking-Glass- First UT Production Called Sympathetic

By Len Calvert
Emerald Columnist

(Editor's Note: The Emerald today introduces its new drama critic, Len Calvert, who will review University theater productions and present his views of local entertainment in this column. An Emerald staff member for the past three years, Calvert has written reviews for the Salem Capital-Journal, where he was employed during the past summer.)

Oregon's University theater began its 1054-55 season in a light and sentimental vein Friday with its production of Mary Chase's teen-age comedy "Bernardine."

In "Bernardine" Miss Chase has depicted the life and times of a fairly typical teen-age bunch of boys who are exploring the adult world and, each in his own way, trying to become a "wheel" by "making time with the women."

The cast of the current production, most of whom aren't so far from the teens themselves, give a sympathetic portrayal of these boys, their lives and problems.

Two members of the cast are particularly outstanding in their performances—Scott Lehner and Bruce Holt. Lehner, a familiar

face to steady UO devotees, again shows the fine touch for comedy which has made him outstanding in such shows as "She Stoops to Conquer."

Holt, a relative new-comer to the theater group, acts as the play's narrator and leader of the boys. It is in his closing speech that Holt really shines. His delivery of "best wishes and good luck" to his gang should really hit many students, who are not far removed from their own high school groups.

On the distaff side, beautiful Loretta Mason shows why she has been runner-up to such titles as "Miss Oregon." Miss Mason does an adequate job of being the seductive "older woman."

Pat Johnson as Lehner's distraught mother, carries her part well, but gets just slightly too hysterical in her big scene as she explains what adults want for their children.

A word should also be said here about Director Frederick Hunter. This is the best "Hunter" show which we have ever watched. The summer seems to have improved his ability as a director a great deal.

The staging of "Bernardine" is unique among recent UT productions. Surrounded by black velvet curtains, the sets are essentially composed only of furniture. Scene changes are made to music by members of the cast, right before the audience's eyes.

Dominating the stage is a huge backdrop of "Sneaky Falls, Idaho," which, to the boys, represents a sort of heaven, where children dominate their parents.

As Miss Chase says of the boys in her introduction to the action, "It's a Halloween world they live in for a little while... and here no doubt can ever fully enter." This may be so, but "Bernardine" comes close.

Campus Briefs

- Amphibians, women's swimming honorary, will meet tonight at 7:30, according to Inga Shipstead, publicity chairman. All members and pledges should attend.

- Members of the Oregon index committee will meet today at 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Union.

- The Sophomore cabinet of the YWCA will meet today at noon in Gerlinger, according to Mary Sandeberg, publicity chairman.

- The following patients were confined to the infirmary Sunday, according to hospital records; Sally Jean MacIntyre, Nelda Ackerman and Lloyd C. Maynard.

- The Student Union recorded music committee will meet at 12:30 Tuesday in the SU, according to Shirley Hardy, committee chairman.

- There will be a KWAX staff meeting Tuesday night at 7:30. Anyone who has any connection with the station should attend.

- The International Affairs commission of the YWCA will meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Gerlinger hall. Kathy Holloway will speak on Pakistan.

- The Decoration committee for Kiddie Carnival will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union, according to Mary Sandeberg, chairman.

- The Homecoming Queen Selection committee will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the fishbowl at the Student Union, according to Peggy Gathercoal, chairman.

Ping Pong Pairings Posted for Playing

Pairings and schedules for the current YMCA ping pong tournament in the Student Union are posted in the ping pong room.

Games will be played by YM members according to the schedule. First round games are to be played by Thursday, second round by next Monday, third round by Nov. 12, and the fourth round by Nov. 16. Final games are to be played by Nov. 21.

Letters... ...to the Editor

The Other Side

Emerald Editor:

So you have succumbed to the emotionalized radio broadcasts and colorful signs of the Neuberger for Senator committee.

Even if Neuberger were the wonderful man you have been led to believe he is, why would we Oregonians want to send to congress a man who, while a member of the State Legislature, repeatedly missed the meetings? Neuberger was absent on 149 crucial roll call votes in one year, while Cordon has missed only 266 roll calls in ten years. This might seem minor, but when we think of how much we need to depend on our senators, Neuberger would rate low on dependability. Oregon must be represented in congress, not by an empty chair, but by a man whom we can depend on.

I haven't the time to go into Neuberger's abilities for the office. But out of approximately 53 bills he introduced in the State Legislature, only 3 passed. You may credit that to the fact that it was a Republican legislature if you wish. That may be partly true. However, out of that many bills, doesn't it seem that if they were all for the welfare of the state, more would have been passed?

Of the 149 roll call votes Neuberger missed, ten were school bills, although he makes a point of his interest in education. Eighteen of his failures to vote were on important tax measures; seventeen dealt with health; twenty were on agriculture, and six were on Oregon highway and traffic safety.

Read again your Neuberger's statements, and review his career in Oregon. Think it over.

Sincerely,
Patricia Hoy

YMCA Membership Drive Starts Today

Today marks the beginning of the YMCA's week-long membership campaign on campus.

Russell Walker, executive director of the University Y, urged that anyone interested in joining the YMCA visit his office, located on the third floor of the Student Union. His office is open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Members of the Y will wear pins all next week, according to Dave Roberts, YMCA president. They will answer any questions concerning the organization brought up by interested students. Delegations of Y members will call on prospective members during the week.

Cost of a year's membership is one dollar.

Today's Staff

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KWAX Adds To Collection

Radio station KWAX is initiating a campaign to increase their record library. Charles Stauffer, head record librarian, has announced.

Radio KWAX now receives complementary records from Columbia and Dot record companies. Letters have been written to four other record companies in hopes of starting a complementary program with them.

KWAX's record library includes 2400 copies of 78 rpm records, 150 albums and many public service transcription records.

Many of the records used by KWAX are borrowed from the audio-visual department of the University library.

KWAX has a large variety of records, including sound effects, popular, classical, dramatic and historical.



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