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Why an Election?

Are graduate students interested in student government? From their showing in the recent election we doubt it. Only 81 graduates voted last Wednesday. That's just 13.1 per cent of a class that is larger than either the junior or senior classes.

We doubt that such a turnout warrants the time and money necessary for an election. We do feel that graduate students should probably be represented on the ASUO senate, but we wonder if they really care.

Graduate students are mostly new to the campus. They're here for a year—usually not much longer—and they're here to get an advanced degree that means lots of hard studying. They don't know much about the campus when they arrive, and for the most part they're not interested in activities. They don't have time.

So why an election? Why not just fill the graduate seat by petition? In this way graduates that do know the campus and have an interest in student government will be represented—and the senate will have an opportunity to select a capable and qualified person.

We think John Whitty will make an excellent senate member, and we think the senate would have picked Whitty had the post been filled by petition. We just can't see the sense in going through the motions of an election when only 13.1 per cent of a class is interested enough to vote.—(J.W.)

A Successful Homecoming

It's over! Homecoming, 1954, has come to an end, and we can all settle back to a normal existence.

This year's Homecoming weekend was the most successful and the best planned celebration we've seen at Oregon. We salute Betti Fackler and Dick Beckman, general co-chairmen, and their hard-working committee for a job well done.

The noise parade was one of the noisiest we've witnessed, and the living organizations displayed a great deal of ingenuity in constructing some of the cleverest and most original signs ever put up on campus. The dance seemed a great success if the number in attendance can be used as a criterion in judging. Roger Middleton's band is a group worthy of its growing reputation in the area.

And we won the game, it was a great satisfaction for seniors, at least—to see Oregon win a Homecoming game at long last. The rooting section, with the new seating plan, seemed better organized, and there was considerably less drinking at the stadium than at most home games.

The halftime show of the University band was, in our opinion, the best one this year. Much credit is due Director Robert Vagner and the members of the band, who contributed so much to our home games all fall.

We can't think of one thing to criticize about this year's Homecoming, unless it was the weather. And even the rain held off until the second half of the game.

Yes, it was a great Homecoming. But we're glad it's over.

YWCA Completes Program Plans for Future Activities

Future activity plans in the four program areas of the YWCA have recently been completed, according to Nan Mimaugh, program director of the organization.

All of the scheduled events are open to the campus and program chairmen are making plans to contact all women who indicated interest on their membership cards.

Visits to the state legislature, mental institute, and Fairview home in Salem are planned by the public affairs group for Saturday, Dec. 4. Barbara Geyer, chairman of this commission, has announced that a panel discussion will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, for the purpose of evaluating the trip.

Following the fall term topic of the Far East, the international affairs commission will hear of the culture, social customs and everyday life in the Philippines from a native of the country on

Tuesday, Nov. 16. Tuesday, Dec. 7, is the date of an oriental dinner at the YWCA.

A coffee hour Tuesday, Nov. 30 will feature a faculty speaker on the political issues of the Far East. Winter term projects will center around a study of Northern Europe, according to Jean Sandine, head of this group.

Visits are made regularly by the service commission to the Skipworth juvenile home and the Pearl S. Buck school for retarded children. Help is needed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Jo Zehnder, chairman, announced. This group is also assisting with sale of Christmas seals in the Eugene area.

Religious growth and worship areas are working together in discussion groups on the five booklets prepared for the YMCA-YWCA nation student assembly to be held in Lawrence, Kansas, during the Christmas holidays.

STUDENT POLL SHOWS

Demo Control of Congress Won't Hurt Ike's Program

Democratic control of congress won't severely change or damage the Eisenhower administration's program.

This was the finding of a random sample of student opinion, in which 42 of 74 students interviewed said that they think Eisenhower and the Democratic congress will be able to work together harmoniously. Twenty-nine students expressed doubt that administration-congress relations will be co-operative.

Only three students had no opinion on the question. More lower-classmen felt that there would be a clash in Washington. Most upper-division students expressed the opinion that the president would be able to work with congress, or at least that a compromise could be worked out.

Following are some of the students' comments:

Don Landon, senior in language: It will extend the social program of Eisenhower. In the long run it will have little effect on Eisenhower, because he is in agreement with the Democrats. He was their first choice for nomination in 1952 for president before he accepted the Republican nomination.

Bob Pollock, senior in economics: Democratic control will bring more politics into play in deciding the issues. I foresee a battle for credit for the actions taken and major policies in the next two years.

Jim Ziegler, graduate in education: The Democrats have supported Ike better in the past than has the Republican party. He will get better support now than in the past, unless he carries on the cold war between the White House and congress that he threatened in his Denver speech.

Carol Andree, freshman in liberal arts: There will be a definite conflict. Neither party will be able to get anywhere as the situation stands now.

Bob Funk, third year law student: I think that there will not be any real trouble, but I do think there will be dissension. Eisenhower isn't a real enough Republican that it's going to bother his program.

Jan Willard, junior in geology: The effect is not good because an opposing political party might tend to disagree with the president on important fundamental issues. There could be constant agitation between the president and congress. In fact, a Democratic congress with a Republican president at the helm could be a hindrance to progress.

Carol Harrison, senior in health and physical education: I think Eisenhower is going to have a tough job. He will continually be working against odds. The Democrats will oppose whatever he tries to do and the 84th congress will be able to accomplish little.

Richard Bowen, senior in geology: The biggest change will come about on the current power question. A policy in favor of public power will be followed, as opposed to Eisenhower's private policy. Unquestionably Wayne Morse is going to have more influence than in the past. However, the two parties will work together on foreign policy questions.

Sue Brundige, sophomore in liberal arts: I don't have the faintest idea.

Loretta Mason, junior in speech: Between now and 1955 there won't be much difference because Eisenhower hasn't offered any particularly controversial programs. In 1955 there will be a terrific political controversy because of the 1956 presidential elections.

Lois Kellow, freshman in art education: Democratic control will definitely change things. It will tend to have everything run by government. Public power and things of this sort should be run by the people. I think it is a start towards socialism.

Betti Fackler, junior in history: It will harm the administration's program, but not to the extent it would seem. Since Eisenhower's program so far has been supported by liberal Republicans and conservative Democrats anyway, this support will continue. Unless, of course, many of the Democrats are of the Neuberger variety.

John Shaffer, junior in business: The Democratic congress will definitely hamper the Eisenhower program. The Democrats will stick together on domestic issues, but on national issues I think the two parties will get together and decide their problems for the good of everyone.

Campus Briefs

● **Oregana picture sale committee** will meet today at 4:15 p.m. in the Oregana office. Sharon Snyder, head of the committee, asks everyone to be prompt for this important meeting.

● **According to hospital records**, the following patients were confined to the infirmary Friday to receive medical attention: Maurine Anne Naylor, Sylvia Ann Birch, Doris E. Allen, Nancy C. Hickox, Gerald N. Trask, Jack A. Weber, Thomas E. Taylor and Adelbert McInteer.

● **Donald K. David, dean of Harvard university's graduate business school**, will be on campus this week as guest of the University school of business. He will speak Tuesday at a noon meeting in the Student Union.

● **Members of the Oregana index committee** will meet today at 5 p.m. on the third floor, Student Union.

● **The Student Publications board** will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, according to Jack Weber, secretary.

Prudence Dueich, junior in art: Probably with any other president it would be detrimental. However, since Eisenhower isn't such a "dyed-in-the-wool" Republican, I believe he will be able to successfully work with congress on the basis of principle rather than politics. He commands enough respect from both parties to enable them to work together as a successful unit.

Buzz Bradley, junior in business: A repeat of what Hoover went through. In a Democratic congress, many will not back Eisenhower simply because he is a Republican. They may think a measure is good, but they principally represent people from their area. There will not be the same response as there would be with a Republican-controlled congress. The senator's prime objective is satisfaction of the wants and needs of the people of his area. He will, therefore, oppose Eisenhower because of the "he's a Republican, I'm a Democrat" theory.

John Dally, senior in mathematics: No national effect. After all, it's just a difference of one senator over the last one. The election of Neuberger over Gordon will have more of an effect in the Northwest than the control of congress will have on the national in general. I speak with particular reference to the Northwest power system.

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