

Lack of Interest?

Emerald Editor:

After reading your article (Why an Election?, page 2, Nov. 15) concerning the apparent lack of interest in the election of a graduate representative, I felt that I must express the view of at least one graduate, myself.

I was very much interested in the elections and read your newspaper regularly to find out some of the qualifications of the candidates. Now it is entirely possible that I could have missed your editorial comments on the graduate students, but I did not see any more than their names listed in your paper.

I believe there was to be, and probably was, a coffee hour in which we could hear our representatives speak, but as you point out in your editorial, most of the graduates have a rather heavy load and it is possible that they could not hear the representatives at that time.

I was interested enough to vote, but a completely uninformed vote is, in my opinion, as bad as no vote.

I would like to suggest that we have enough posts filled by appointment and that we should continue the democratic process of elections. To create interest in the representatives, I would suggest greater coverage in your paper which most of us have time to read. In this way we would have an enlightened and interested group of voters.

Sincerely yours,
D. W. Jenkinson.

(Editor's note: In the editorial to which Mr. Jenkinson refers, the Emerald stated it did not feel there was enough interest in graduate representation on the ASUO senate to justify an election. The Emerald does not favor doing away with graduate representation on the senate. We think the position might better be filled by petition.

We think Mr. Jenkinson has a valid criticism of the Emerald's coverage of the graduate election. The Emerald did not present the candidates' qualifications, as we did for the freshmen office seekers. However, it has not been a practice for the Emerald to comment in its editorial columns on the qualifications of candidates for class office.

Two of our specific criticisms, in addition to the ones in the editorial, are the failure of the ASUO to sponsor a coffee hour for graduate candidates and the complete lack of electioneering on the part of the graduate candidates in the recently concluded election. Graduate voters had no chance to meet the candidates, and the candidates made no attempt to make themselves known to the voters.)

Letters to the Editor

Segregated Seating

Emerald Editor:

At a time when the high courts of our land are doing their utmost to curb discrimination and segregation against minority groups, we find these evils rearing their ugly heads right here on our campus in the form of the recent arbitrary seating arrangement handed down by the rally board, relegating married students and their spouses beyond the 15 yard line at the football games. The reason given—better organized seating.

Let's look at some of the organized or (disorganized) rooting. At the San Jose game, my wife and I, by virtue of being avid football fans, went early enough to have seats in the student section near the 50 yard line. A sizeable group of our rooters, well fortified with spirits (100 proof) did a fine job of rooting. A job to be proud of. Their rooting was well organized, and it seemed to be concerned with the doubtful existence of the referee's father. Another fine example was in their support of the various political candidate's posters that were paraded by. Each candidate seemed exceptionally well suited according to the rooting which went something like this:

"Vote for Joe Blow, he's free at last

Vote for Joe Blow, he's a

Another admirable activity of this wonderful rooting section was the spirit of livening things up occasionally, by the game of "passing him—up or down." This made watching the game a real challenge. You could watch the game with one eye, while keeping the other one pointed back over your shoulder to watch out for a low-flying rooter. All good clean fun! Maybe segregation is a good idea if this is the kind of rooting we want in support of our team.

More seriously, however, let's look at the discrimination. A part of everyone's tuition goes to the support of the athletic department. In return, we each get an athletic card. Mine is just as good as that of a single friend. According to the word of the ticket salesman in the athletic office, my wife may sit with me at the games on a general admission ticket. I think this is equitable, though I would suggest special "wife or husband tickets" so that married couples might go in the same gate together. Any restriction of the present policy in this respect would only invite card borrowing and lead

to a loss of income to the athletic department.

It is said that the married students do not participate in the rooting. This is untrue, and remember that for every married student represented you have two possible voices. Looking at registration figures for fall term 1953 (1954 figures not yet available) I find that there were approximately 1994 single male students, 1352 single female, and 711 married students. Now assuming full attendance—double the voice of the 711 married students, add to it the few hundred students who are normal enough to want to take a date to the game, and you see we are not a minority voice.

I would suggest, that if segregation is considered worth while, at least eliminate the discrimination by making the seating arrangement a rotating thing. You could at least let the married students sit near the 50 yard line when we play Idaho. If such a plan went into effect, it might be surprising to see how little some of the males would think of the grand old tradition of "pigging" on the day that married students and piggers had the good seats. Tradition can be defined on occasion as a stubborn block to progress. Face it fellows, married students and dates are here to stay.

Just one more point in clos-

ing. Twelve members of the present football team are married. This discrimination against married students should raise their spirits immensely. Or don't you think so? A married student, Russell Connett

Safe Housing

Emerald Editor:

After reading the article in Monday's Emerald on the danger of fire in the Amazon apartments, some questions occurred to me. Our assistant business manager is reported to have remarked that the same danger of fire exists wherever a large number of persons live in a small area. Does Mr. McLaughlin really expect me to believe that people living in a large brick building are as unprotected as I am in the wooden building of the Amazons? His statement strikes me as an attempt to minimize the University's responsibility for the existence of the fire hazard.

And when the Amazons are torn down (as I am assured they will be in a few years, since an agreement has been made to vacate the site) what will happen to the tenants? Are there any plans for replacement of the Amazons with permanent buildings in a new location? At the present time the Amazons are full and

Thanks from the Band

Emerald Editor:

In behalf of the band, we would like to thank the student body for their support at the Homecoming game Saturday. The enthusiasm shown makes a halftime show fun instead of a task.

The band can contribute a lot to the effectiveness of the cheering section if met half way. If Saturday's spirit continues, it will not only help the morale of the band, but improve the cheering section.

Thanks again. Marian Cass
Mary Sweeney

some who applied for apartments this term had to be refused. Do we really expect such a large drop in the number of married students that there would no longer be a need for our largest housing project? Rent in the Amazons is \$26 a month. Many occupants couldn't afford to stay in school if they had to live elsewhere paying at least twice as much rent.

I am well aware of the inflammable nature of the Amazons and I have a personal interest in the elimination of the fire hazard; but I also have an interest in keeping my home. The temporary vets dorms have been replaced by a permanent fire-proof building. We married students and our families also deserve safe well-built living quarters. How about a permanent housing project for us? After all, the institution of marriage is here to stay. Helen Talbot

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TOP
YOUNG
SCIENTISTS?**

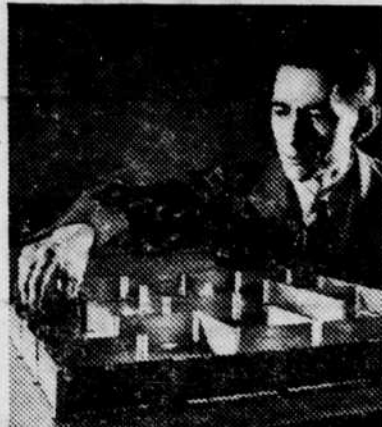
Ten men between the ages of 26 and 40 were featured in a recent national magazine article which presented a portrait of the young scientist in America today. These particular men are a sample of the most brilliant young scientific minds in industry.

It's interesting to note that three of the ten are with Bell Telephone Laboratories, three with General Electric and one each with four other companies.

The variety of opportunity in research and other phases of telephone work has always attracted an unusually high percentage of the nation's best young men.

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