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# CAMPUS COMMENT

## A Hat Is Tossed

Something happened Monday which is almost unprecedented in the recent history of campus politics—a politician has tossed his hat into the ring three weeks before the primary and a little over a month before the general ASUO election.

The politician—Sam Vahey, ASUO senator-at-large and ex-president of Campbell club—announced his candidacy for the United Independent Students nomination for ASUO president in a letter to the Emerald Monday.

It's still early in the campaign, and the statement shows that—Vahey's platform is "one of action," which "will indicate positive steps which should and could be taken by out senate."

Vahey's action is no great surprise, many were expecting it.

But we're glad to see the campaign get underway early—it's a good sign.

## Exchange Assembly

Oregon students will have a chance to view the annual ASUO exchange assembly today.

The assembly has been the center of an on-again, off-again controversy ever since it was banned by Portland high schools a year ago. High school administrators charged at the time that the assembly placed too much emphasis on smoking and drinking, and objection was taken to some "off color" jokes.

Whether or not the assembly should be censured then became an issue in last spring's ASUO elections. This year the ASUO senate set up an entertainment commission "to advise and be responsible for the ASUO exchange assembly."

Alleged "vulgarity" became the issue when the Senate met to select a director for the assembly. John Jensen, originally appointed, resigned when his past performances were questioned, saying that "... you are getting to the point where we're going to find vulgarity in a young lady showing her ankle."

We're interested in seeing today's performance. Perhaps the assembly, after a couple of years on good behavior, can regain lost prestige and once again be admitted to Portland high schools.

At any rate, it should be a good hour's entertainment.

## Needed: New Pastime

If the state senate follows the lead taken last week by the House, it looks as if the least-wealthy among Oregon's oppressed cigarette smokers will have to find a new vice.

We refer, of course, to the passage of a bill calling for a three cent per pack tax on cigarettes in Oregon.

Actually, the plan is an excellent one—it will raise an estimated 10 million dollars in a two-year period.

And Oregon's smokers have been among a lucky minority who have not paid a state tax in addition to the eight cent per pack

federal tax in the past. According to a pamphlet issued by the Tobacco Tax Council (which has a bias, but does give actual statistics), 32 states have a cigaret tax, and in some areas, there is even a municipal cigaret tax.

Washington has a four to six cent per pack tax on cigarets, which makes the retail price somewhere in the neighborhood of 27 cents a pack.

We don't begrudge the state its much-needed tax money, but we'll probably take up knitting, basket weaving or some such activity to replace cigaret smoking—if the bill becomes law.

## Notable Progress

Oregon's 1955 Canoe Fete will be the revival of a longstanding and colorful tradition on the campus. It will show the University administration, the city of Eugene, and the citizens of Oregon that students are interested in the Millrace.

Houses have begun preliminary work on floats, and we know of one house which has completed the sketches of its proposed float.

The barges upon which the houses will construct their floats have been completed and are now stacked over at the physical plant.

With such progress, we cannot help but give praise to the Canoe Fete steering committee when we see how well they have organized the event.

However, a large number of faculty members, other interested persons and groups have given assistance. Among these are the city and state police, who have given tentative approval of temporary rerouting of traffic for four hours during the Canoe Fete; Gordon Wilson, president of the Oregon Dads' club; H. L. Ramey, instructor in speech, who has given technical assistance in programming; Si Ellingson, director of the Student Union, who has solved many of the administrative problems; and Victor Morris, dean of the school of business administration, who took the proposal to the board of deans that Friday classes be dismissed so that Junior Weekend would be a three-day event.

We hope the Canoe Fete, when it is presented in less weeks, will reflect all of the work which has gone into it. — (P.K.)

## Footnotes

The ASUO senate will soon publish another flyer on its noble accomplishments. We wonder who they're trying to convince—themselves, the faculty, or the rest of the campus?

The excess of good weather at the end of winter apparently foredooms us to another gloomy spring term. This will make it something like three or four in a row.

We wonder how many victims have already been claimed this term by the middle door on the east side of the Student Union which is still out of order but which no longer has an "out of order" sign on it.

# Plans Announced For Freak Week

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"We would like to remind everyone that there are no humorous events in this year's Freak Week. The Freakish system does have a very definite humorous side, both in what the clans believe in and stand for, and in the events which they carry on throughout the year to the detriment of the school and the community."

Thus spoke Etaoin Shrdlu, Royal Grand Supreme Exalted Master of the United Freaks, campus do-nothing clubs. Pausing thoughtfully, Shrdlu added, "It is our intention to tdd a humorous side to next year's Freak Week as 't will then be a Noble Tradition on the Oregon Campus, and we can then be familiar with the problems involved in putting on such a Freak Week. Of course, the Week is really only a weekend, really only part of a weekend, just early Sunday morning, that is. We call it a week because it sounds nice."

Next year, he continued, "we believe that Freak Week should be planned for Fall Term. That way we can add another useless activity to an already overcrowded schedule."

Freak Week on the Oregon campus will begin on the Oregon campus. This is convenient. It

will begin sometime after closing hours participating in several contests. The old bag feminine Freaks will have a sack race. They do this by putting paper bags over their heads and then trying to catch the masculine Freaks, who will be having a tentative football game. Tentative touch is really lots of fun, all you have to do is think about it.

Next on the docket is a jalopy race around Commonwealth hall, a flagpole sitting contest on the SU flagpole, and a rocking chair contest on the front porch of Johnson hall. The Freak who is still on his rocker by the end of the Weekend will be kicked out of the clan. An extra special attraction is that all three-legged men and women Freaks will participate in a race.

The evening's events will be climaxed. In the event of rain, everyone will get wet.

Later on, toward morning, there will be a huge weiner roast in the middle of Highway 99. This will last until the Freaks are kicked off. After slopping down, the jokers will go in a mess to a jim-dandy, rip-snorting... A-number-one, genuine, one hundred per cent artificial simulated Formal Dance—which will be held in Farmer Ben Terwilliger's barn out on the Coburg Road.

Dress for the day's events will be Bermuda shorts and shower shoes for the men, and Bikinis and Mortar Board for the women. They can change into clothing comfortable for the early morning exercises.



## Double Play



"I've been practicing catchin' flies like you said, coach, but I think I caught some bees, too."

# Committee Writes Sample Letter

(Editor's Note: The following is a sample letter to high school friends prepared by the publicity committee for Duck Preview. The committee has requested that students write letters of invitation to high school friends.)

Dear Future Duckling,

You should hear about the great weekend planned for you April 22, 23, and 24! "Let's Go Oregon" is the theme and the whole campus is ready to show you a grand three days.

Fun time will include the All-Campus Vodvil Friday night, a full show of campus talent and

Saturday afternoon's athletic events and the women's swimming, honorary's water show. The Duck Preview dance in the Student Union ballroom is Saturday night. Cottons and heels will be in order for the boys, slacks and shirts for the girls.

Along with having loads of fun you'll have the chance to see the more serious side of school life, too. You can talk to the various professors about how to plan your course schedule for next year in specially planned sessions. Campus administrators and student leaders will introduce you to a

few of the many things that make the Oregon campus 'tick' in an orientation assembly. Special tours of the campus will teach you your way around and acquaint you with our many beautiful buildings.

If you haven't received any material concerning the weekend be sure to drop us a line that you're coming and we'll send you the necessary details. And keep your fingers crossed that the good old sunshine will appear and make the 1955 Duck Preview a spring term weekend at Oregon you'll never forget.

Joe College



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