

Panel Considers Lack of Interest

What can the ASUO Senate do to increase interest in student government?

That was the question considered by seven members of a Senate-sponsored panel Thursday evening at a meeting attended by present Senate members, current candidates for offices and a handful of visitors.

Panel members refuted the idea that no group is interested in governing unless it has the power to govern and denied that the Senate lacked this power.

Student Union Board Chairman Andy Berwick suggested that the Senate explore "the hinterland between the faculty and student realms."

"We should take an active interest in the academic affairs of our University—how our money is being spent, how to improve our education and our enjoyment of the University," he said.

Funk Disagrees

Disagreeing with Berwick was Bob Funk, former ASUO vice-president. Funk said that it was desirable to move into new areas if it was necessary or if profit was to be derived.

But "desire for power is not enough," he stated. "Student government should enter these fields only if it must protect the rights and interests of students. Basically students do not lack the

necessary authority; they're just not aware of the extent of their authority."

Other sources of apathy mentioned by the panel included the general breakdown of the class as a cohesive unit, lack of issues, decreased conflict, a complicated ballot and the rise of bloc political parties.

To counteract this rise of apathy, Berwick suggested that the Senate needs a more powerful administrative body to drive home its decisions.

The problem of orientation of freshmen was mentioned by Schooling, who suggested that such an orientation program should come at the student level rather than through the office of student affairs.

A proposal to cut down the size of the Senate was offered by Funk as a possible solution to political apathy problem. Funk also recommended investigation of the party system and possible re-organization along other lines.

Says Parties are Dead

"Parties at Oregon are dead," he said. "UIS is weak, AGS is somewhat better organized but it still lacks vitality. There is no valid basis for political parties as they are now organized, and students realize this. What we need is splinter parties," he said.

Funk himself was once the candidate of such a splinter group—the Peon party organized in the 1953 elections.

He later suggested that in the absence of issues, students should form parties to back particular candidates.

The question of whether the politicians, once elected, were willing to accept the responsibility of their power was raised by ASUO President Bob Summers.

Summers maintained that senators have a duty to keep their constituents well informed of senate activities, thus creating an interest in student government.

Senate Opposes Chimes Player

Opposition to purchase of an automatic player attachment for the chimes was expressed by the ASUO Senate Thursday evening. The group voted without dissent to oppose transfer of breakage fees to pay for the chime player.

Purchase of the automatic player had been suggested by Student Union Director A. L. Ellingson to increase the use of the chimes. The Senate did recommend that the SU music committee be requested to play the chimes more often.

In other business, the Senate heard progress reports on the canoe fete and the elections.

Canoe Fete Chairman Bob Schooling told the Senate that plans for the originally limited canoe fete have been expanded, with an additional increase in the budget. Current plans call for sale of 3000 bleacher seats and 3000 ground seats, in addition to 10 boxes of eight seats each. No complimentary tickets will be issued.

The Senate also made tentative plans for construction of its own ballot boxes to be used in ASUO elections. The reason for the move was a proposed \$1 per box rental planned by the athletic department.

Workers Needed For AWS Project

Petitions are being called for the AWS-sponsored rummage sale, according to Ann Pettersen, AWS adviser for the sale.

A general chairman is needed, as are a collections chairman, sales chairman, publicity, promotion and an appraiser. The appraisal chairman will also need committee members, Miss Pettersen said.

MET STAR IN MAC COURT

Opera Contralto to Sing In Concert at 8 Tonight

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CLARAMAE TURNER, Metropolitan opera contralto, will appear in an Eugene Civic Music concert tonight at 8 in McArthur court. She is currently on a nation-wide tour which will take her to 36 states.

Claramae Turner, Metropolitan opera contralto, will appear tonight at 8 at McArthur court in a Eugene Civic Music association concert.

Miss Turner is particularly noted for her creation of the title role of Gian-Carlo Menotti's contemporary opera, "The Medium."

Beginning her career in American folk music, Miss Turner later joined the chorus of the San Francisco Opera company. She soon made her debut as the contralto lead with the opera and also appeared as guest soloist with the San Francisco symphony.

In addition, she appeared three times a week on a network radio program and went through a season of 250 performances of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Later Miss Turner went to New York where she appeared in the world premiere of "The Medium."

After a successful audition with the Metropolitan, she sang the contralto leads in such productions as "Carmen," "Samson and Delilah," "Il Trovatore," and "Salome." She has appeared in major opera companies in Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia and South America.

Her appearance at the University is part of a coast-to-coast tour which will take her to 36 states. In addition to her regular recital tour and opera performances, Miss Turner stars in such special concerts as the Rodgers and Hammerstein night at New York, and appears on radio television programs.

Truth Must Motivate Writer, Says Faulkner

William Faulkner told a coffee hour forum in the student Union Thursday that to be a good writer, a person must believe in truth and be motivated by it.

"It must move him to the point where he says to himself, 'I must tell someone about this.' The good writer sees that truth and believes in that truth, but it takes a lot of sweat, hard work and some talent to make a good writer."

When asked what he expected the reader to get from his works,

Faulkner answered, "I hope that he will get the truth. I hope that he will read and when he is through, say to himself, 'Yes that's so. That's the way it is.'"

To the question, "What if a writer writes about a universal truth but doesn't live that truth himself?" Faulkner answered, "The writer who lives a base and degrading life, but who writes about a universal truth, is in point saying, 'This is what I wish I were.'"

"Mr. Faulkner, do you believe that in America there is a desire by the people to be individuals or do you feel that they are content to follow the mass?" he was asked. He answered by saying, "I believe that the individual always wants to be an individual. There are any number of people in America who believe in their individuality and who, like I, believe in Man. I protest against reducing man to a mass. Man has got to be himself."

When he answered a question concerning which one of his books he thought his best, Faulkner deliberated for a moment then answered, "I can't really answer that. To the writer they all fail, which is the reason he writes again. I may judge, however, by the amount of sweat and anguish that went into writing them. I would rank "Sound and the Fury" as my best and "Absalom, Absalom" as second."

When asked how Faulkner found time to write since he managed a farm and was a writer only on the side, he answered, "If the writer is good he will desert his wife and even pawn his grandma to get it done. He'll find time to do it."

Leaders Need Many Qualities, Says Seligman

"Leadership is an interactive relationship," L. G. Seligman, assistant professor of political science, told a browsing room audience Thursday night.

It is complex and involves the image of the leader on the followers, the situation at hand, the personality or character of the leader, and the present institutional rules, such as the voting method, he said.

As the people, especially the urban masses, looked to Roosevelt to calm their insecurities, so do the people look now to Eisenhower in this period of tension, Seligman said. A paradox has resulted, because while the people have more and more looked to the president as a central guiding figure, the executive office has grown in its complexity and divisions, he commented.

The president must coordinate all the actions of the executive office and at the same time be an administrator, manipulator, and be one who has "skill in creating mosaics."

In recent elections, Seligman felt, stress has been laid more on the personality of the candidate himself and less on the actual issues at hand. Both Roosevelt and Eisenhower have used the casual fireside chats and the press conferences.

Popular presidents who are elected on personality rather than platform tend to weaken the party, because when the personality is gone so are the fair-weather friends, he said.

Mother's Weekend Activities Announced

Mother's Weekend will be held in conjunction with Junior Weekend again this year, May 13, 14 and 15.

Events will be co-ordinated with those of Junior Weekend, with mothers invited to attend all the events of both.

Registration for mothers will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, and will be continued Saturday morning from 8 to 8:30.

Mothers will have a special seating section at the prom Friday night, in the Student Union ballroom.

Following Saturday morning registration, there will be a breakfast and general business meeting, also in the Student Union ballroom, which will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon Scheduled

Mothers and all students on campus will attend the luncheon, to be held on old campus Saturday noon. At this time the Junior Weekend Court will be presented and the queen honored. Tappings will be conducted for several honoraries, as has been done in the past.

A tea, sponsored by the Eugene Mothers' club, will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Geringer hall. This is especially for mothers, but all campus women may also attend.

Dinner Saturday will be in the living organizations, and the canoe fete Saturday night will be attraction for the evening.

Sing Is Sunday

Sunday morning there will be another mothers' breakfast, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Church will follow, with Sunday dinner again in living organizations. The all-campus sing will be held Sunday afternoon.

Housing available for mothers will be released later, pending compilation of a list by Dick Allen and Jim Carter, housing chairmen. The lists will be sent to all living organizations, and the motels and hotels on the list will contact the chairmen as their available space is filled.

Students are urged to invite their mothers early, so housing may be planned as soon as possible.