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### Help!

A cry for help has been issued.

The way things stand right now, it looks as if one or two people will be setting up bleachers along the millrace to accommodate some 3000 visitors expected for the Canoe Fete.

Jerry Maxwell, property setup chairman, and Bob Schooling, general co-chairman of the Canoe Fete committee, have issued a request for volunteers.

Major problems are two: First, the honoraries already have their hands just about full; and Second, most people, apparently still have the idea that this year's Fete is just a trial run on reduced scale—a wrong idea.

The bleachers are one of many difficult details in the staging of the pageant. This year's Canoe Fete can mean a lot—possibly a Fete as a permanent part of Junior Weekend, and maybe even a restored Millrace.

How about some help?

### Why the Primary?

What good is the ASUO primary?

Look at the slate for this year's primary—you won't find many contests.

The ASUO-sponsored primary, however, is not the disease, it's just a symptom. The real disease is the so-called party system.

It continues to exist solely on the basis that it has existed. True, there aren't many surface issues around which real parties could be built, but there are underlying issues if anyone wants to muster the courage and energy necessary to bring them into the open.

We must unearth these issues. Then we must realign Oregon's political system. The two current political nonentities have little, if any, real basis for existing.

They are drawn on the artificial lines of Greek and non-Greek. Not that there are not those who would set these two up as opposed groups. There are many who see the place they live and the particular arrangement of metal and baubles they wear on their shirt as the basis for social and political action.

But there is evidence that there are thinking Greeks and thinking independents who realize that the current alignment is not a

true one any longer, but simply an arbitrary division.

Bob Funk, one-time splinter candidate for the ASUO presidency, called attention to the deadness of AGS and UIS at the senate-sponsored panel on student government Thursday night. The Peon Party of two years ago, for which Funk was standard bearer, shocked arch conservatives, died-in-the-wool-reactionaries, and non-thinkers.

Not only did it change the political setup by its very existence, but it questioned the holiness of the sacred cow called student government.

At this point, however, there is divergence. In a column last year, Funk lampooned the closed primary.

We'd like to see it come back.

Yes, with political deals, smoke-filled rooms, and closed doors, we'd like to see it come back.

We're not in college to learn about the evils of the big, nasty outside world, you say? We agree, to an extent.

But neither are we here to learn a system so unrealistically idealistic that it is dying on its feet.

Find some issues. Split around those issues. Let the parties hold their own primaries—you'll have a lot more candidates, you'll see that there ARE some issues, and you'll bring new life to student government in general.

Maybe the primary isn't the basic issue, but it's a starting point. Worthwhile action usually follows thought.

This is as good a place as any to start thinking.

### Footnotes

By its action Thursday night, the ASUO senate has kept automation out of the upper reaches of the SU—no automatic player for the chimes.

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From the looks of things the rain (or, as the Oregonian puts it, Jupe Pluvius) will play an important part in the Northern Division baseball race once again.

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Quote of the week: (from a member of the audience at last week's ASUO senate panel) "Let's bring dirty politics back."

### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

## Several Changes Announced In Latest Austrian Treaty Draft

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reports reaching Vienna and London from Western informants Friday said the Russians have agreed to several changes in the 1949 draft of the Austrian Peace treaty.

Announcement that Russia has agreed to sign an independence state treaty ending the 10-year occupation of Austria was made Friday by Deputy Austrian Chancellor Adolf Schaerf.

The major changes follow:

1. Substantial renunciation of Russia's oil claims. Austria's Zistersdorf oilfields in the Soviet occupation zone are the Soviet's second largest source of oil outside Russia, surpassed in production only by the Roumanian fields. Last year the Austrian fields produced 3,300,000 tons of oil.

Under the draft treaty, Russia was to have the right to extract 60 per cent of the 1947 production figure for 20 years. They also would have controlled 60 per cent of former German drill-

ing areas and could have prospected new oil wells in these areas and used their output for 25 years.

Under the new agreement, the Russians would receive an undisclosed volume of oil from Austria for six years.

2. Abandonment of Russian claims to assets of the Danube Steamship Co. in Eastern Austria. Under the draft treaty, the Austrians would have received 36 of the company's ships, the Korneuburg dock, part of the Vienna port, storehouses, etc.

The earlier Russian claims were based on the contention the shipping company was controlled by the Nazis during the German occupation.

3. Agreement by Moscow to accept 150 million dollars in goods as reparations from Austria. The draft treaty would have made Austria fork up 150 million dollars in cash to buy back some 300 industrial enterprises producing 30 per cent of the Soviet Zone's industrial output.

The severity of the reparations clause depends on how long the Austrians will have to ship the goods Russia wants under the new agreement. If the period is short, it would sorely tax Austria's resources.

The Western informants said Raab's team appeared to have met Russian demands on two important points:

1. Guarantees that Austria will never merge with Germany again in another anchluss. It was not immediately clear whether the Russians reserve the right to reoccupy Austria if they fear an anchluss is about to take place.

2. Preservation of Austrian neutrality in the East-West cold war. Again it was not clear whether the Russians reserved the right to intervene if they consider Austria's neutrality is being violated.

Significance of the Soviet concessions in overall East-West maneuverings is not clear. Some Western diplomats believe it may be part of Russia's scheme to thwart West German rearmament.

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### THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Today let us investigate a phenomenon of American college life called the student council. First of all, what is the student council? The answer is simple: the student council is a council of students.

Next, what does the student council do? Again the answer is simple: it meets.

Next, what goes on at the meetings? This question is rather more complicated than the others. Perhaps it can best be answered by reproducing here the minutes of a typical meeting of a typical student council.

Meeting scheduled for 8:30 p.m. at Student Union Building. Call to order 9:51 p.m. by Hunrath Sigafos, presiding. Motion to adjourn made by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative. Motion ruled out of order by Hunrath Sigafos, presiding. Hunrath Sigafos called "old poop" by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative. Seconded by Delores Wheatgerm, sophomore representative. Tabled by Hunrath Sigafos, presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read by Zelda Pope-Toledo, secretary. Motion to accept minutes made by Hunrath Sigafos, presiding. Motion defeated.

Treasurer's report not read because Rex Mercredi, treasurer, not present at meeting. Rex Mercredi, treasurer, impeached in absentia.

Motion made by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative, to allow sale of hard liquor in school cafeteria. Seconded by Delores Wheatgerm, sophomore representative. Motion tabled by Hunrath Sigafos, old poop.

Motion made by Booth Fishery, fraternity representative, to permit parking in library. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Gladys Algae, junior representative, to allow attendance in pajamas and robes at first hour classes. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Elwood Feldspar, athletics representative, to conduct French Conversation classes in English. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Esme Plankton, sorority representative, to allow hypnosis during Rush Week. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Pierre Clemenceau, foreign exchange student, to conduct German Conversation classes in French. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Harriet Critter, ag campus representative, to allow faculty members above the rank of assistant professor to perform marriages. Motion referred to committee.

Observation made by Martha Involute, senior representative, that in her four years on student council every motion referred to committee was never heard of again. Miss Involute was tabled.

Motion made by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative, to allow sale of hard liquor in Sociology I and II. Seconded by Delores Wheatgerm, sophomore representative. Motion tabled by Hunrath Sigafos, presiding crossly.

Refreshments served. Coffee, cake, Philip Morris Cigarettes. The following resolution adopted by acclamation:

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Meeting adjourned with many a laugh and cheer at 9:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Zelda Pope-Toledo, Secretary

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