

# + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

## Tough Situation

Things are tough all over!

Oregon's poor, overworked, underpaid, ultra-worldly and sophisticated student voters will still be bothered with student government for over 11 years at the current rate.

There were a very few candidates in the primaries this year, but that isn't the real problem—there will always be some candidates around.

But people are still voting—and at the present rate, there will be voters, and thus elections, for just about 11 more years.

The astounding total of 1651 persons voted in the 1953 primary; in 1954 the figure was 1423, and this year 1315 diehards made it to the polls. Thus the average drop in number of voters turning out is only 118 per year.

This gives student government an 11-year lease on life (actually it's 11.144 years).

These figures are based only on the number voting—not on enrollment, which has gone up while voting numbers have dropped off. So figuring that we lose only 118 voters per year, it will be 11.144 years before the heavy fog of lassitude completely covers the campus.

The Emerald will still be writing about student government, people with IQ's over 60 will still be talking about student government, and the administration will still be trying to give us student government for 11 more years.

Those who are above participation in what they refer to as a "game" will still have to watch the rest of us at work for those long, hard 11 years.

Things are really tough.

## Job Well Done

"Be nice to high school seniors weekend" is over and the campus as a whole can pat itself on the back for a job well done.

Of course, the ultimate success of Duck Preview won't be determined until next fall. But certainly every high school senior had the opportunity to become well acquainted with the University.

During registration the fraternities played the game according to the rules, and no violations were reported of fraternity men on the second floor of the Student Union. Large organized drinking parties apparently didn't exist during the weekend.

Most important, there were good turnouts both at the Friday night "what to take" ses-

sions and the Saturday morning campus tours. Information gained during these sessions will be especially important in helping Oregon's visitors determine their college.

Despite the punk weather, many of the visitors saw and enjoyed the Saturday afternoon football scrimmage. Two high school men even had something good to say about their Saturday night blind dates, so the big dance must have been a success.

The general unfavorable reaction to the judging at the vodvil show was one of the few marring effects of the weekend. We would suggest a general re-evaluation of both judge selection and judging criteria for this event in the future.

But on the whole Duck Preview was definitely a success. This might be a good time to toss a rose at the Greek system. Certainly the fraternity and sorority members bear the brunt of this exhausting weekend. They do most of the rushing, give up their beds, their free time, and sometimes even their girl friends. And for the most part they do it with a smile.—(D. L.)

## Nothing Lost

This afternoon at 4 p.m. Sam Vahey and Bud Hinkson will speak informally in the Student Union. It's a good chance to hear what the two men from whom the 1955-56 ASUO president will be chosen speak on their platforms and on their personal conceptions of the office.

If you aren't one of those who feels above the whole thing, and if you are among those who recognize that the "My party, right or wrong" idea is outmoded, you might drop around.

It will probably help you make up your mind if you haven't already—or it might give you a sound reason for voting the way you would have voted anyway.

Even if you don't want to ask the candidates a question or two, you'll get a free cup of coffee from the SU coffee-hour committee, so what can you lose?

## Footnotes

Listed as "qualifications" for office on several campaign posters were the words "Experienced, Capable, Interested," or something to that effect. Things are getting pretty bad when either mere interest has become a qualification or a candidate can't drum up three qualifications without referring to "interest" as one of them.

## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Chinese Red Negotiation Talk Not Sincere, AP Analyst Says

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst  
Chou En-Lai's reiteration of Red China's "sovereign right to liberate Formosa" is clear evidence that his talk on Saturday about direct negotiations with the United States had no real meaning.

Mohammed Ali of Pakistan, after lunching with Chou following the close of the Bandung conference, says Chou thinks there is still a slight crack in the door leading to negotiations.

Chou's own statements, however, can only mean that he is willing to negotiate the terms of Formosa's surrender, and nothing else.

As for reports from Bandung that Chou has indicated some slight chance for the release of American fliers convicted of espionage, that too must be taken with reservations until he names his price.

There is a bare possibility he would go through with it as a

continuation of the sweetness and light show he put on for the benefit of the Bandung conferees, but that would be paying a concrete price for a chancy bit of goodwill. The best estimate still is that United States will have to pay a concrete price of its own before this matter is settled.

One bit of truth did slip through Chou's lips on the subject of relations with the United States when he said the Chinese people don't want war with her. The Chinese people don't want war with anybody.

As to whether, as Chou said, they are friendly to the American people, you can pay your money and take your chances. The American people have frequently displayed friendliness toward them. But Americans did not entirely escape the anti-foreign movement in China before the Reds, and it has been greatly intensified since then.

In spite of all these things, an argument can be made for

pursuit by the United States of Chou's offer to negotiate. It wouldn't look nice to sit down with representatives of an unrecognized government and talk about Formosa behind Formosa's back. But it would be a good thing to try to learn if Chou has a price for peace, and what it is, and whether Red China is willing to pay anything at all herself.

Despite her commitments to Chiang's Nationalist government, the United States is still big enough and strong enough to act as an honest broker.

A demonstration of her willingness to try would go far to balance the impression of reasonableness made by Chou at Bandung—and there seems to be no question that he did make such an impression—despite the over-all ability of the anti-Communist nations to prevent him from incorporating the conference into his own propaganda machinery.

## College Capers ...

# From Coast to Coast

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EDITORIAL COLUMNS of the Stanford Daily and the Iowa State college paper have launched attacks upon fraternity traditions like "Hell Week" and "Pledge Sneaks." Both papers have complained that the events have caused considerable "disturbance" on their respective campuses.

The Stanford Daily charged that the pledge sneak created an additional opportunity for thoughtless mob action. The same paper then asked in an editorial "What's constructive about Hell Week?"

The Iowa State paper suggested that the pledge sneak period should be used as a time for concentrated, objective, constructive appraisal by both members and pledges on the meaning and value of the fraternity system.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON is having trouble with its student council—this time the student body president.

First, many members of the student council had to resign because of failure to make their grades winter term. Now, spring term, Washington's newly elected student body president has been disqualified for violating an election rule which states, "there shall be no active campaigning around students waiting to vote."

With a little practice the Huskies could become more accustomed to not having a student government than having one.

WASHINGTON STUDENTS have reacted against the discon-

tinuing of noise parades on election day. It's been a custom on the Husky campus for a parade to take place election day featuring sirens and the chanting of students supporting their candidates.

The year the parade was abolished, much to the dismay of the students. Washington's still ahead of Oregon, however, for at least they do allow electioneering on voting day—it just can't be verbal.

ACTIVE IDAHOANS have formed a third party known as the "Student Government Party." The party, termed "hopelessly idealistic" by opposing campus politicians, wants to do away with party caucuses, the party split along living organization lines, and the apathy prevalent among campus leaders like house presidents.

Sounds like the University of Idaho is having some of the same problems we are.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON has found a new use for the rhesus monkey, the same breed that has been used extensively in the Salk vaccine tests. A monkey appears weekly on a program on KCTS, the University television station, on "Buttons and His Buddies," a children's program.

Washington also imported an elephant to appear on the show. As a result, the show has been highly successful.

Maybe if Washington students endorsed monkeys and elephants for their student council it might also meet with success—for a change.

## Joe College



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