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## Giveaway Today?

This is the day they give politicians away. Or at least they will unless considerably more people find their way to the polls today.

What's on sale? Student government. Student control. Student participation. And your representation. Both presidential candidates have presented their views at the ASUO coffee hour and at speeches in the living organizations. Both parties have released their platforms.

Granted the issues are notably uncontroversial. Granted there are no constitutional amendments on the ballot. Granted some of the races were uncontested in the primaries. But today's election is different. There are close races. There are some good candidates, even some outstanding ones.

In Monday's Emerald we listed who we felt to be the best qualified candidates for the next Senate. We hope that you will refer to that list when you vote today. Through our editorial stand and through our news columns we have attempted to explain the candidates and the issues. You may not agree—that is your privilege. But we hope that you will at least think: think and vote. —(S.R.)

## A Wise Move

The budget board is to be commended for its action on the request brought to it for funds for an all-University rifle team.

By its action, the board deferred action on the request until the new ASUO senate has reconsidered the request.

The board acted on two basic principles which budget boards of the future would do well to follow: First, the budget board, as guardian of the Student Union and Educational Activities budget, should not be put in the position of supporting a minor

sport; and second, that there was no discernible consensus of student body opinion on the establishment of an all-University rifle team.

To enlarge upon the first principle, the budget board could conceivably be put in the position of supporting a multitude of minor sports, especially in view of the fact that non-paying sports are always in danger of being abandoned by the athletic department as a simple matter of necessity.

Following this line of reasoning, it's not too hard to envision student funds supporting all non-profit-producing sports—like tennis, golf, bowling (which the Student Union program already supports), girls' archery, etc.

Proceeding with the second principle, this is the type of thinking that should guide all arms of student government when they meet to discuss specific issues in terms of long-range policy—does a sizable portion of the student body really want this? Will there be a continuing interest?

The money, though extracted somewhat painlessly as a part of tuition, is nevertheless paid by all the students, and a sufficient number should be involved before funds are allotted. Certainly in some cases the particular activity will merit money, regardless of the number of participants, but those cases are not numerous.

The so-called argument that "If one student is interested, we should support it," is evidence of an immature impracticality. It's a nice thought, but extent it to the individual interests of some 4200 students, most of whom could make a good case for their own activity.

The ASUO senate knows how to handle the problem—it has established a procedure for handling requests for student funds. Why didn't the senate use this procedure in this case and thus prevent this double handling of the problem?

## College Capers...

### From Coast to Coast

By Elliot Carlson  
Emerald Columnist

PICK UP A NEWSPAPER and as many times as not you'll read about the aimlessness and worldliness of contemporary college students. It's not uncommon to read complaints of college townspeople about the alleged rabble rousing of Joe Colleges.

However, an incident has occurred on the Louisiana State College campus to make even the most boisterous panty raid seem like an event of Religious Evaluation Week.

Apparently days of lynching aren't over as a crowd of 500 to 1,000 people pelted LSU students last week with jeers, rocks and eggs. Don't think these people were acting impulsively or without reason. The Southern Bell Telephone Company hired LSU students to work out the duration of a strike while negotiations were being carried on with the union. The result was the above mentioned primitive demonstration.

It's getting so it's not safe for sober college students to live in college towns any more.

COMPARED WITH THE University of Washington the University of Oregon has no apathy problem. The Washington students who are concerned with campus affairs recently proposed three badly needed amendments to their constitution. The students who did vote voted almost unanimously in favor of the amendments. The amendments failed however, not because there wasn't enough affirmative votes, but because there weren't enough voters.

According to the Washington

constitution an amendment can't be passed unless at least 25% of the students vote. Small as 25% is, the amount needed was still missed by 50 votes.

Neither the University of Oregon or Washington need fret too much as student apathy seems to be a universal thing. At the University of Stanford petitions were filed for only 13 of 24 student body and class offices to be filled in the May elections.

Maybe foreign students in foreign countries are justified in referring to American students as the "silent youth."

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON is apparently responsible for the only known girl TV "cameraman" in the west. This Washington senior has been hired to help televise all Seattle home baseball games.

Just as a woman's place should be in the home, it should be in front of the television camera—not behind.

TO JUSTIFY AN increase in tuition Syracuse University officials have complained that students now only pay 65% of their tuition. The administrators continued that the university underwrites the rest which is made possible by endowments, grants and scholarships.

My God! We've had socialized education and not even known it.

Oh yes! The Oregon State College rodeo begins soon. Brahma bull riding by OSC students will be featured.

Anyone interested in attending will find tickets sold out.

## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# 'Walk Softly' Is Good Advice For United States in Viet Nam

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst The United States has seldom been in a situation where she needed to walk more softly than in Viet Nam today.

It's not merely that she has become involved in a multiple-sided family fight. That's bad enough, especially when it deeply involves relations with France.

There is the additional danger that, even though she is backing the side of independence, she will appear to other Asiatic peoples as replacing France in the colonial picture. This is something Washington has studiously sought to avoid.

That France is losing the political battle for Indochina seems

just as obvious as her loss of the military battle last year. But she has been fighting hard to do what the British did when India finally gained her independence. That is to preserve her independence. That is to preserve her commercial interests, in Communist-held as well as in non-Communist territory.

One of France's great handicaps in this stems from the fact that she has been forced to accept American economic aid for South Viet Nam, which gives the country dollars to pay for American imports when reduction in expenditures by the French armed forces has reduced the supply of France.

Ideology also plays an impor-

tant part in the split. The United States hopes to see a stable government in Viet Nam before next year's voting when it is feared the Vietminh Communists might take over the whole country.

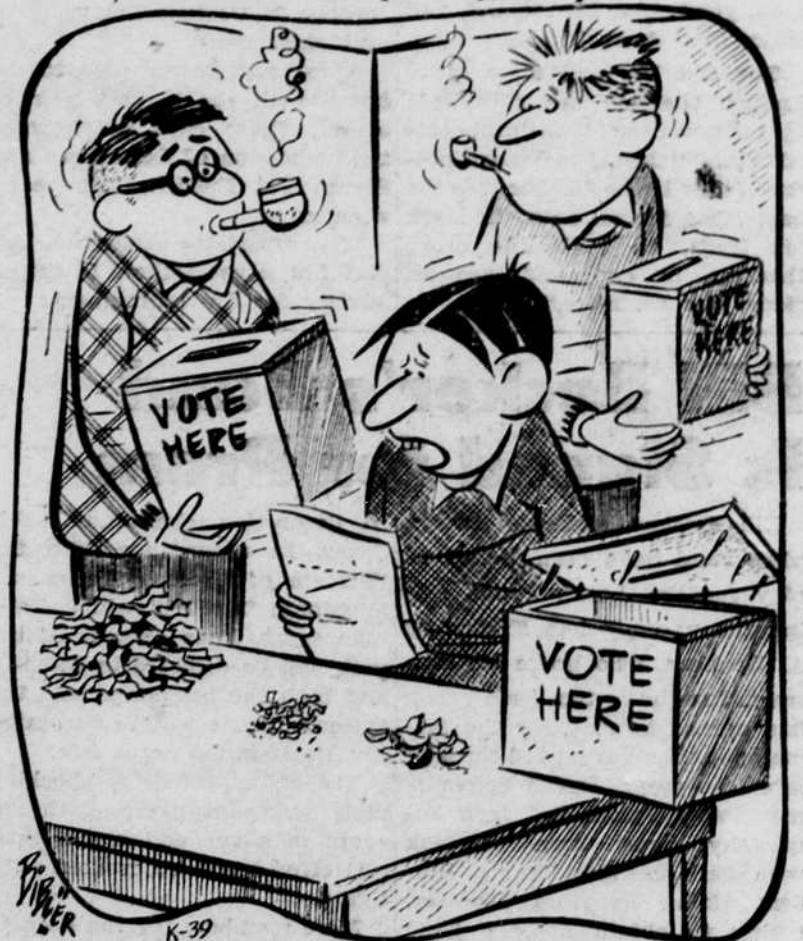
Americans have never fallen for the French effort to present chief of state Bao Dai, the former Emperor, as a symbol of loyalty for all Viet Nam. He has always looked like a playboy puppet through whom the French sought to maintain their control while making noises about extension of independence.

Now there is armed rebellion against the established government of Premier Diem, appointed by the French through Bao Dai, at American urging. The chief rebel force is led by unsavory characters who appear to have been connected with Bao Dai, or at least shielded by him, as they organized vice and rackets. The sources of the money to support his lavish life on the French Riviera, including heavy play at the gambling casinos, has never been clarified.

Diem, on the other hand, has the reputation of an honest man — nationalistic, but dead set against the Communists in whom many Indochinese nationalists have placed their faith.

If Diem wins his fight, as now seems likely after a very shaky period, the United States will take on increasing stature in Southeast Asian affairs, and by that very token the tightrope she must walk will become more slippery.

## Who Says Apathy?



"48 gum wrappers, 12 cigarette butts, 8 orange peelings and 3 votes in this one—if you ask me there hasn't been enough student interest in campus politics this year."

## Letters to the Editor

### Lost Movies

Emerald Editor:

The SU Movie Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the people who waited so good naturedly for the arrival of both the Wee Theater film, "Pygmalion," in 138 Commonwealth, and the Sunday feature, "Tight Little Island," in the Ballroom. In the first case, the film did not arrive at all and the distributor failed to contact the Audio Visual department so that it could be announced to the public. The much awaited comedy, "Tight Little Island," was held up in the mail and, due to its late arrival, was locked in the post office and not found until Mon-

day. These unusual circumstances caused much concern among the SU personnel and surely inconvenienced the movie patrons. We wish it were possible to guarantee against such future happenings; however, the matter being so completely out of our control, we do not feel in a position to do so.

We thank you again and add the proceedings are being started whereby "Tight Little Island" might be available for showing the weekend before closed weekend of this term. This will be announced upon confirmation.

Most Regretfully,  
JoAnne Rogers  
Chairman of the  
Movie Committee



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