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## Something Behind

Public relations. Rather an inclusive term, that, but one which includes the core of the 1955-56 ASUO Senate plans, and one which it will consider in its first meeting tonight.

The campus governing body will be seeking consideration of student opinions in the formation of athletic policy; better co-operation between the student body and the faculty in the planning for various extra-curricular events, and more generally, better public relations with the faculty, the alumnae and the townspeople.

This program bears little similarity to either of the party platforms issued at the time of last spring's elections. Rather, it represents a coalition of the thoughts expressed by the presidential candidates during the campaign. At that time, Bud Hinkson, the AGS candidate, said that he would support the whole student body, if elected. We are glad to see at least one campaign promise will be fulfilled.

Hinkson, however, cannot do it by himself. Behind him must be, an active, informed Senate. We believe that this year's Senate could well be such a body. We look to them to consider, to question, and finally to act upon the behalf of the students. We neither want nor expect Hinkson to act as an engineer, pulling a whistle as legislation is railroaded through.

There is one more thing. There must be something behind the Senate, just as there must be something behind the President. That something is an informed student body which will express its desires.

The Emerald will undertake the responsibility for informing the student body. The expressions of opinion are up to you. Let your wants be known. In fact, you might drop by the Senate meeting tonight, just to see how student government, Oregon style, works. (S.R.)

## Dead Horse

Delayed action on the Senior Ball is one of the first issues to be considered by the ASUO Senate tonight. Last year's senate went on record as favoring the discontinuation of the Senior Ball.

Tonight the Senate will decide for certain. And we certainly hope that it will follow the recommendation made a year ago.

First, the dance has consistently lost money, despite handling by top-notch people. Second, it is just one more activity in an already-crowded study term. Three, students have demonstrated by non-attendance their lack of interest in the dance.

We see little sense in having the senior class bet on a lame nag. The class would be bound to lose money, barring an unforeseeable shot to liven up a dead horse. We don't think that shot is forthcoming. And we would hate to see already overloaded people burdened with the added responsibilities of the Senior Ball.—(S.R.)

## Flatbush Cheer

It never happened to the Yankees—especially not against the Dodgers; it just doesn't happen that way. That's what they said, but that wasn't the way it happened, and now those of us who always were for the Dodgers have several choices of action.

We can be the good sport type winners and just pat the Yankee fans on the head with a "well, too bad" pat and just smile when they start using that "wait'll next year" phrase. But if we do that, we really weren't Dodger fans in the first place, be-

cause this type of enthusiasm is most unbecoming to true Flatbush faithful.

If we're the long-winded, sports detail type of Dodger fan, we can go to lengths about how it was the first time in 30 or so years that a team won after losing the first two games, and about how they broke all kinds of records doing it, and about how it was the first time ever that Brooklyn had won a world championship, and even more about how an old UCLA broadjumper played an inspired third base to spark the Bums, or how a man with a sore leg drove them to victory with his bat, or how a 23-year-old kid with courage put so much heart into every pitch that we were bound to win. Or better yet we could say that it was the Yankees that we had beaten.

But if we're really Dodger fans, we'll just sneer at them and say, "Hah!"—(C.H.M.)

## Town and Gown; TV

An educational revolution—the adult education movement—receives additional impetus this week with the opening of non-commercial educational television stations in Chicago and Detroit. Thus far the revolution has been largely a localized one: only two of the fifteen educational tv stations now operating are on the west coast.

One is in San Francisco, one in Seattle. And we doubt if either can do much good in Oregon.

Through this medium adults may go back to school in their living rooms. They can take academic courses for credit, along with the cultural subjects programmed.

This non-commercial tv may also eventually alleviate the crisis of mounting school enrollments. Possible use of television was mentioned in a recent report of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, which says: "The sheer impact of unprecedented numbers will force us to explore every resource and exert every effort to prepare for their coming."

The educational tv stations give the educator an opportunity to explore the possibilities of utilizing television to reach a larger number of people with more education.

The possibilities of educational television seem unlimited. Surely the people of Oregon would benefit from such programming, and the logical place to look for leadership would be to the state institutions of higher learning. It's sort of a town-and-gown responsibility.

The new Detroit station, for instance, has studios located at the board of education at the University of Detroit and Wayne university.

Would not Oregon be a logical place for a similar setup?—(S.R.)

## Footnotes

Two vacancies are to be filled at the first Senate meeting, but at least they are on a slightly lower level than the vacancies that have occurred at the University of Texas. There, the student body has had four presidents in the past five months. Almost as stable as the French government, those Texans.

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Thank God for small favors. At least the 13th avenue policeman hasn't started handing out tickets to motorists who pick up hitchhikers, as have the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the University of British Columbia.

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A note in passing: One of the ROTC officers drives a brown station wagon with a license plate beginning "4F."

## Student Representation



"There's one senator I'm always afraid to see raise his hand."

## WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS AWAY

# UO Senate to Consider Orientation Finances

By Bud Hinkson  
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Tonight is the first Senate meeting of the term. Already 10 items appear in the agenda and discussion is bound to arise on some additional points. One item which will be of particular significance, to some students is the orientation week report.

Aside from the interest in the report itself will be the added consideration of who's going to pay for the week now that it's over.

Some of the activities for the week are included in the University budget, so are paid for by state funds.

Additional finances have always come from the Pre-freshman week account in the office of student affairs. This account has also paid for the publication of the Ore-Niter, an explanatory pamphlet which goes to all new students.

For the past few years the financial base for Pre-freshman week account has been provided

by a portion of the \$5 rushing fee of Panhellenic and IFC.

This meant that fraternities and sororities were financing projects which benefited the entire student body.

At the end of last year a joint effort was made by IFC and the ASUO, to broaden the student tax base on some of these projects.

As a result, the senate voted to have the Ore-Niter paid for by the Student Union-educational activities fund. This fund is supported by the purchase of the student body card and is dispensed by a board of eight: four students and four faculty members, one of whom is non voting.

The Senate also discussed the possibility of having orientation week financed by this source fund. However, no definite action was taken since it had not been reviewed by the Senate finance committee. Since the budget board does not meet until next week, the senate can take action on the matter tonight.

So, depending upon how the senate decides tonight, they should clear once and for all the complaints over the Pre-freshman week account, and help to place the financial responsibility where it really belongs.



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