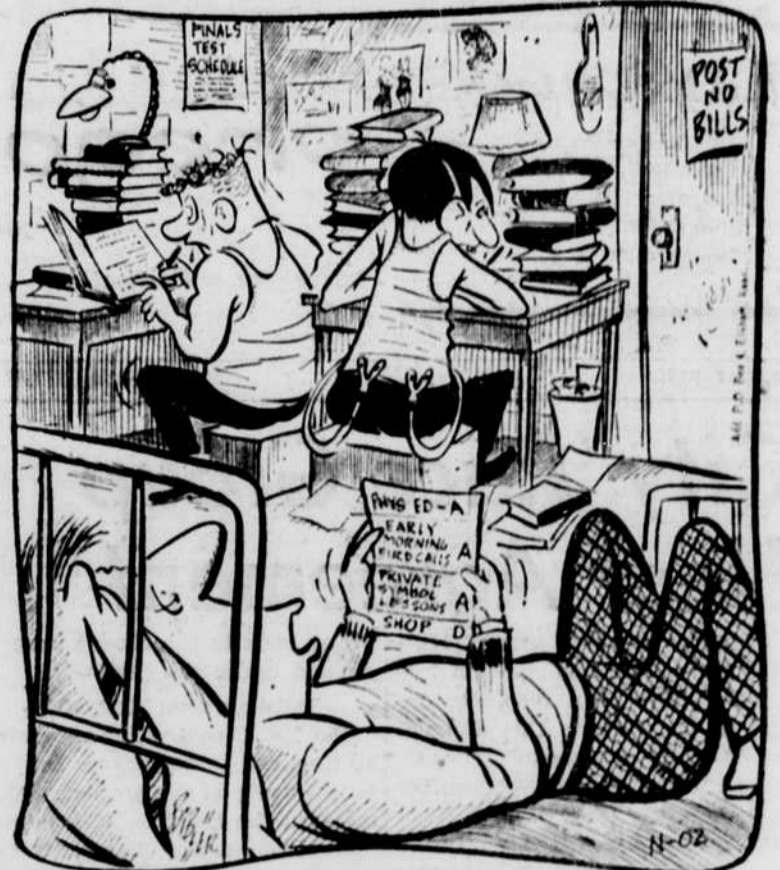


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The Almost 4-Pointer



"AWWWW COLLEGE AINT SO TOUGH — I'DA GOT A STRAIT 'A' IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT STUPID SHOP COURSE!"

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS AWAY

Senate to Consider 'State of University'

By Bud Hinkson
ASUO President

By now most of us have brushed aside the New Year's confetti and resolved heartily to try our luck for another term. Of course everyone had a wonderful vacation, and now feels pretty confident about the job ahead.

Most of the Senate members, including graduate student representative John Whitty, "lucked out" on their grades, so they'll all be around for at least another 10 weeks.



Hinkson

The Senate generally begins each term with a report from the president telling what a grand job they did the last term and pointing out new and greater things to be accomplished. Establishing the State of the Union is not always a healthy project. We may sometimes feel very proud, that Oregon is just fine as it stands. Or at times we may feel that regardless of what has been accomplished, it is never really enough.

Although we may think this is a pretty good school, we should never feel that it can't be greatly improved. Nor is agency going to improve if it becomes too content with what it has.

It's only natural to be dissatisfied with our own work

sometimes, but this shouldn't keep us from trying again. Nor should we hesitate to take on some project because it does not seem within our power. Our greatest power, for the time being, stated or even implied in the ASUO constitution is derived from the enthusiasm of the student body in dealing with particular problems.

This means that if a single student feels upset about any matter dealing with student life, he has the right to bring it to the Senate, and we have a responsibility to consider it. If an injustice exists or an improvement can be made, the Senate will get results.

So we hope that much of our business this term will come from latent gripes of individuals or groups of students. It's your job to let us know.

Also, we do have a few ideas of our own which we will be working on. To enumerate: the parking problem, completion of the Millrace restoration, evaluation of the dorm counseling system and the faculty advisory system, a look at the minor sports program, and maybe we'll even throw around campus politics a little.

But again, we'll still have enough time, and we're anxious to do anything you want.

To conclude: I guess last term was pretty fair for everybody but this is a new term and there's no reason it can't be better yet. That is, if everyone does his job.



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many of whom have become complacent with either victory or defeat.

A multiple-party system would insure all the good candidates, and anyone else who could get a group of students to back him a chance in the general elections.

The cry will immediately go up that such a system will result in "smoke-filled rooms" and similar "evils." In the first place "smoke-filled rooms" are not necessarily bad, especially when the final choice is made by the students as a whole.

Such a system would restore interest in campus politics, and would make the candidates put a little more effort, and a lot more thought, into their campaigns. It might be a way to lessen the student apathy that the same politicians have worried about for several years.

Emerald Hall Bottleneck

We're not tired, Not very. Two weeks of rest just weren't quite enough to make up for the Tuesday lines... the thrice annual registration queue.

The only bottleneck? Emerald hall. For some reason students all want to complete the registration process as soon as possible —so they all stand in line to pay their fees during the first day of registration. And Emerald hall, which did not open until 9 a.m., was packed.

The slowest line was stretched out in front of the scholarships, grants-in-aids and miscellaneous payments window. We watched several students queue up for an hour before they reached the window. With 141 students on grants-in-aid, 355 on scholarships, and 121 foreign students, possibly window 3 could be opened to take care of the overflow.

For a number of them, the wait was in vain. The money for their scholarships and grants-in-aids had not been deposited yet. Possibly, notices of scholarships and similar funds could be included in registration material so that the students would know before they went to pay their fees whether or not the money for their awards had been deposited.—(S.R.)

Inflation of Ph.D's

The assistant dean of the University of Illinois graduate college has the temerity to blame industry for the "inflation" of the Ph.D. degree. He says industry has turned the doctorate of philosophy into sort of a union card which graduates must hold before they can get good jobs in the free enterprise world.

The dean, E. T. Wall, has his eyes on too distant an horizon. He should look closer. Perhaps the degree has been cheapened until it represents perseverance more than brains. But don't blame industry for that.

It is on the campus that the degree has become a "union card." A young teacher knows that he can't rise far in his profession until he knocks off work for a couple of years to write a "dissertation." Suggested topics include the Use of the Semicolon by Li Po, "The History of the Public Waterworks in Mudville, Okla.," and "The Relationship of Point-of-Sale Advertising to the Development of the Nicotine Habit in 476 Selected Young Men and Women of College Age." All this, of course, has nothing to do with the developing the young teacher's ability. And it delays, for a year or two, the quest for knowledge and understanding. The experience just costs him money and makes him ashamed of himself when some prankster calls him "doctor."

Three or four of the best professors we've ever known did not have doctor's degrees. And we've sat at the feet of a lot of scissor-bills who did have them.

If there is a plethora of cheapened Ph.D. degrees in the world, don't blame industry. Blame the colleges. They were the first to be taken in by the Ph.D. racket. Industry was a johnny come lately.

—Eugene Register-Guard

The 11th Story

In a coming issue of the Emerald, this paper will select the 10 top campus news stories. One of those 10 has no place on the list, because it should have been pushed off by another more important story.

But unfortunately the Emerald didn't cover that 11th story—because it didn't happen. The story, if it had been written, would have told of the death of the United Independent Students party.

Another story, a few days or weeks later, would have told of the abolition of the Associated Greek Students party and the emergence of a number of coalition parties.

Actually, these stories might have broken at different time intervals, or might even have happened in a different sequence. In any event, the results would have been the same; the end of the present political party set-up at the University of Oregon.

These stories should have come no later than last November; they're already two months overdue.

The campus might as well face the fact that the United Independent Students party is defunct. Even its leaders admit that. The party has not held a single meeting since last spring. It has no officers; President Len Calvert graduated last June, and the party has never bothered to replace him or any of the others who graduated.

The party has, or had, at most only a limited reliable following. In its three full years of existence, it never elected an ASUO president or a class president, even with some excellent candidates. The class races weren't even close. Two of the three ASUO presidential elections were lost by about 200 votes each. In the other, the party's first, an excellent UIS candidate, Don Collin, lost to Tom Wrightson, a relatively unknown AGS candidate, by 15 votes.

But the most crushing factor, as far as UIS is concerned, is the fact that the party has no candidates for next spring's elections. There isn't a junior in the party who is a remote possibility for ASUO president at this stage.

Meanwhile, most of the Greek leaders are coming to realize that there's no humor in this Independent dilemma, because it's the Greeks that are getting the short end of the deal.

This situation occurs because under the present two-party system with the all-campus primary, the UIS presidential nominee, no matter how unknown he may be, will almost certainly end up as vice-president. In addition, with the "Gentleman's agreement" that each party will only nominate half a slate of class officers, good Greek candidates are eliminated while unknown Independents, who UIS entered just to fill out the slate, get the class offices.

If the two parties were of nearly equal strength, the present system would work, but they're not. At the moment there are two outstanding possibilities for ASUO President next spring. Both are Greeks. Under the present set-up, only one will run for the job in the general election. That is silly.

Student politicians have been complaining for three years that there are no real issues dividing the two parties. There is no emphasis on party platforms in the election; they are traditional, so each party constructs one. Last year's AGS platform was first put in written form when it was hastily scribbled out on a piece of paper for an Emerald reporter who asked for it.

Most politicians will say that campus elections are won on personalities, not issues. If that is true, why not unite behind individuals instead of living organizations?

Temporary, or even semi-permanent, parties organized to back a certain candidate should restore interest in campus politics and stir up some activity among both the students and the campus politicians,