

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

News and Comment

The campus political situation becomes more confusing every day. What started out as a reasonably simple attempt to change the base of the political parties has turned into a confused battle over the unity of Greeks, the status of the AGS president, the competency of the election system, and now the date of the primary election.

And as the bickering continues, the date of the all-campus primary, if there is going to be one, draws closer. It is now only two weeks off. By this time last year one presidential candidate and numerous candidates for lesser offices had declared themselves. This year we've had a complete blank.

The confusion promises to get worse before it gets better. For this reason we should like to restate the policy of the Emerald on politics, and indeed, on all events.

On its news pages the Emerald will attempt to tell the students about all events having any bearing on campus politics. In addition, the Emerald will attempt to interpret some of these developments in such a way as to make their meaning clear to the student who is only vaguely interested in what is happening.

On the editorial page, the Emerald will give its opinions and its evaluation of anything that seems important enough to merit a comment.

This year's campaign, if it ever gets started, should be one of the most interesting in history. It shouldn't be ignored by anyone.

Need for Guidance

Senator Richard Neuberger has been criticized freely during his time in Congress, but no one could censure him for lack of ideas and imagination. The latter has carried him from old-age pensions to squirrels and from election law reform to TV makeup. As a result our senator's name has decorated newspaper pages much of the time.

Now, once again, Sen. Neuberger is back on Page 1. This time he suggests the possibility of using a government police force, modeled along the lines of the Royal Canadian Mounties, to protect the "voting rights and lives" of Negroes in the South.

We don't question the integrity and efficiency of this famous police outfit, but we certainly doubt the wisdom of using Mounties or any other government force to coerce the South into complying with the desegregation edict of the Supreme Court.

Southerners today are acting according to prejudices and emotions that have developed through the decades. Further coercion from outside the South would only tend to intensify resistance rather than decrease it. Southerners realize that they have a problem, but even their most liberal and thinking citizens have advocated moderation and understanding.

Sen. Neuberger also advocates the use of U.S. Mounties to ensure that the Negroes be respected and not discriminated against. This is obviously unrealistic. How can a policeman enforce respect and abolish discrimination? True respect for another comes from within the individual and is not something imparted by the billy club. Respect bred by fear generates only hatred and resentment.

U.S. Mounties would not solve the problem in the South. The need is for guidance, not coercion. The scars of one war still remain. We don't want another.—(J.C.R.)

Corvallis Fancy

From the Register-Guard:

A week ago, in the interest of presenting a variety of opinion on this page, we reprinted an editorial from the Corvallis Ga-

zette-Times. It was about spring vacations for high schools and colleges and why they are not scheduled for the same time. The G-T was right in explaining that public high schools all over the state have spring vacations the same week because of the state basketball tournament. But that was the only thing right, apparently, in the editorial which we reprinted in all innocence.

The Corvallis editor contended that "the avalanche of high school students to the University campus makes a wonderful rushing opportunity for the fraternities and sororities." He told how these organizations "take many high schoolers in for the duration of the tournament" etc., etc., giving glamor and a taste of college living to high school students who, without these blandishments, might otherwise go to college in Corvallis.

That's just not so.

No "rushing" is permitted during the tournaments. Both the Inter-fraternity council and Panhellenic, the ladies' equivalent forbid it. The basketball tournament is played out during final examination week at the University. No guests are permitted in the fraternities and sororities in this anguished period.

Nobody is housed by the University. The University doesn't have the faintest idea where the high school students are staying and doesn't care—so long as they don't stay in the dormitories, co-ops and Greek houses under University control. Housing is supervised by the Eugene Active club, a downtown organization. Housing chairman this year was Ted Mohr, an alumnus of Oregon State college. The Pacific Coast conference, as part of its "purity" program, does not permit any University-controlled living group to house athletes during the tournament. The University's office of student affairs prohibits the housing of any high school students, athletes, or spectators, in student organizations during final exam week.

The dates for the tournament are set not by the naughty University, but by the Oregon School Activities association.

Whetting his stiletto, the Corvallis editor continues, "The fact all this disturbance occurs during final examination week at the University seems to bother the administration not at all or else they (sic) figure attracting all those youngsters to the campus is worth a few bad grades and upset study sessions."

That's pique. The fact is that the only concession the University makes to the high school students that week is to transfer to them the "preference rights" that University students ordinarily have on facilities of the Erb Memorial Union. Fifty-one weeks a year the union is the University students' castle. They have first claim. But this one week the high school students have first claim on its many attractions, and that is as it should be. Because that week the University students, more or less oblivious of the tournament, are in the library—studying.

Footnotes

Advice to students planning to rent canoes: Be sure to take along a pair of tennis or track shoes with you when you start out for the boathouse. If you want to make the "wait-walk" sign at the foot of Onyx St., you'll have to run all the way across Franklin Blvd.; the light changes so quickly.

If you think you're frustrated from having hustled up to Howe field these bright afternoons only to find no baseball game, you're not alone. The players on Oregon's weather-beset varsity don't even know if, when, who or where they're playing until they get a phone call just before noon on game days.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

We are rather new hands at writing letters to the editor, never before having taken too much interest in intense political struggles. But we sense Bonime versus Hinkson, Whitty, Brandenfels, et al, to be rather a bit unsporting. Of course it may be an open season on AGS presidents, but we feel that John Whitty who is a third year law student, (which is equal to three first year law students at least), and Martin Brandenfels, a first year law student, leader of at least a portion of the masses, and Nelson C. Hinkson, champion of Easter Egg hunts, little children, and a laughing Senate, are overdoing it right now.

Certainly we would have as much fun as anyone else forming new political parties. Why only yesterday, we spent the better part of an afternoon forming two fine big political parties. First, the Eager-Eggers, dedicated to more and bigger Easter Egg hunts and the reelection of our fearless leader in the field, Nelson C. Hinkson; second, the New Union of Tired Students which is advocating an additional year for third year law students to be devoted to the betterment of student activities, and anything else that needs bettering. Tomorrow we expect to go out and found at least two more fine, big political parties. At the same time we are urging our friends to go forth and do the same. This way we can have all kinds of political parties, the more the better. Every man his own political party. We had even thought sponsoring a "Found-a-Political-Party contest," the winner to receive a citation stating that he, being a commoner and living up to the principals of all the political parties, had done more good and founded more big fine political parties than anybody else.

Now we realize that this is rather silly, but this is our point. In fact the entire Hinkson, Whitty, Brandenfels, business and the manner in which it has been carried on shows in itself a lack of understanding and consideration for others. We don't go to hangings. Those grapes were sour anyway.

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Emerald Editor:

No one will deny that it is the Greek who has shown the initiative and leadership in all campus functions. The Greeks united have always worked for the greatest welfare of the University. Any committee chairman or student body officer can always count on members from Greek fraternal houses to make a University weekend or any activity a success. Moreover, a great amount of the success of Duck Preview Weekend can be attributed to and greatly depends upon the effort put forth

by each fraternity and sorority. The Greek houses are the first to offer their services to the University.

Is it, then, the fault of the United Greek voters that the independents are not organized and have no prospective student body candidates for this year's election? No! The fact that they are not politically organized further indicates that they could not be that interested in student government. They outnumber us; they live in structures similar to those of the Greeks; they have officers within these structures . . . but they do not have the common bond which is the driving force of our united Greek bloc.

But where is the voice of dissent coming from? Not from the independents as we are led to believe, but from a very few Greek opportunists who would strive to divide this Greek bloc. This is not a new story. It has been attempted before, but lasting a short life. The reason . . . it was not beneficial to the University; Greek fighting Greek with the uninterested independents remaining indifferent. Nor did it prove healthy having a few campus politicians controlling the nomination and election of those candidates fortunate enough to be backed by the strongest coalition group. The political record of achievements, under the two-party system, by Greek-elected officers is untarnished and impressive. Do not be fooled by a few rebels who cry that a split in the Greek political party will result in greater welfare to our University.

If you are truly a GREEK; if you are proud of the pin you wear; if your efforts to get into a particular fraternity or sorority meant anything to you, vote to keep AGS, as a unified bloc, to insure the best interests of yourself, your University, and your organization. Wednesday night, at your house, this issue will be decided—Face it squarely and live up to all that your pin and house signifies!

Don Bonime
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From the Files

April 11, 1946

All previous registration records of the University have been broken. As of 5 p.m., 3732 students have completed registration.

April 11, 1936

The 16 best dates on campus will be auctioned off by Tom McCall tonight at the AWS Carnival.

April 11, 1922

A new tradition will be added to Oregon's list of ancient customs with the institution of Honor day next Saturday evening. On Honor day all student activity awards which have been earned during the current year will be presented: football, basketball and minor sports letters, doughnut prizes, and debate, orchestra and glee club pins.



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