

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

Develop and Pass

AGS has abolished itself and UIS has been non-existent for two terms. Realignment of the political parties has been realized. That part of the battle is over. Now, where do we go from here?

The first step seems to be the creation of some election rules and procedures by the Senate to take care of this new situation. We expect the Senate to take action in the next few days. This phase of the election system hasn't been thought out thoroughly and it may take a lot of work to evolve some satisfactory rules.

The next step must be approval by the students of the constitutional amendment which the Senate passed unanimously Thursday night. Approval requires that one third of the students vote and that two thirds of those be in favor.

Passage of the amendment may be difficult, not because a great many people object to it, but because many do not understand it. The new system isn't a radical change from the present one, and it isn't really too complex in operation, but it is very difficult to explain, especially in print.

Unfortunately, the realignment came only three weeks before the general election. Defeat of the constitutional amendment at this point would foul up the election machinery so thoroughly that anything could happen in the election. The resulting confusion would make a laughingstock out of the ASUO and the student body.

For that reason, we hope everyone who is interested in campus politics, no matter which side they were on, will work together to develop and pass a satisfactory election method.

Parliamentary Procedure

A letter to the editor last week made a suggestion which we think was well-taken: the need for some sort of a course in parliamentary procedure. The suggestion was made in connection with training for the Model UN delegation; we think that it should go farther than that.

Glancing through the course descriptions of the political science and speech depart-

ments, the two most likely to include a course of this nature, we found nothing pertaining to parliamentary training.

After battling through points of order and privilege in meetings of all sorts on campus — and meanwhile watching the issues get completely bogged down — the possibilities of such a course seem great, both for individuals and campus organizations.

The need is apparent, and would seem to justify the addition of a one or two hour course dealing with parliamentary procedure to the curriculum. —(S.R.)

Forced Retirement

Phog Allen's forced retirement at Kansas a few weeks back points up the growing trend of the past two decades: enforced retirement upon reaching a certain age. We will not vouch for the system which ousted Allen: we've seen it operate here.

Why should our top faculty members be forced to retire when they still have many potential years of valuable service left? Such institutions as Lewis and Clark college have managed to develop a top faculty simply by picking up men who were forced to retire from other colleges and universities.

This may all have been very well during the early days of the New Deal when the object was to create additional job openings. Such a situation no longer exists. Meanwhile, we're losing valuable men. —(S.R.)

Footnotes

One of the alums of Phi Delta Phi (law honorary) took exception to a letter inviting him to the group's initiation banquet. The speaker: Wayne Morse. Said the gentleman: "I note in the statement that there will be no political aspect to the appearance of Senator Wayne Morse. Nonsense! His mere presence would be political, even if he did not say a word, which, of course, is out of the question — he would choke to death. I will not attend..."

Piece of miscellaneous information: the woman who plays the chimes at 4 each afternoon manages to make her 4 o'clock class before the bell rings. Guess we'll have to go back to telling time by clocks.

Popular Pencil Sharpener



College Capers ... From Coast to Coast

By Bobby Harris
Emerald Columnist

NO WONDER STUDENTS have such a hard life!

A professor of paleontology at the University of Texas while giving an exam, left the key to the quiz out on the lecture desk.

As the students turned in their papers, the key became thoroughly mixed in the stack.

The professor, starting to grade the papers, decided he had lost the key and made another one.

When all the papers had been graded, including the key, the professor began to record the grades.

The key made a score of 70.

WHAT NOT TO DO IN writing 112:

From the Crimson White comes the story of a history professor who was a bit dubious about the title a student submitted for a term paper.

The title: "Illegitimacy in the Colonial Period."

THE CIVIL WAR resumed?

The Reflector of State College, Mississippi, tells the story of a man who was perched on top of one of Richmon's building contemplating suicide.

A policeman had gone up to the roof to try to persuade him not to jump.

"Think of your mother and father," pleaded the officer.

"Haven't any."
"Think of your wife and family."

"Haven't any."
"Then think of your girl friend."

"Hate women."
"All right. Then think of Robert E. Lee."

"Who's he?"
"Jump, you damyankee!!!"

"DAFFYNITIONS" FROM here and there:

Old flame—What a girl uses to burn up her new boy friend (and visa versa).

Pink elephant—Beast of bourbon.

Hypocrite—Undertaker trying to look sad at a thousand dollar funeral.

Committee—A group of persons who keep minutes and waste hours.

Chaperone—A woman who keeps young girls from doing what she did at their age.

ON THE POLITICAL SCENE:

A new party has been formed at Oregon State, the Do Nothings. The candidate does nothing, the party intends to nothing (except get elected), and they appeal to the voting bloc that does nothing and certainly does not vote.

Maybe we should organize a similar party to appeal to that same non-voting bloc on our campus.

BLUE MONDAY

Oregon's Political Stew in 1932: A University Assassination Try

By Scott McArthur
Emerald Columnist

The biennial election jazz is beginning to grasp attention on the Oregon campus. The old line Republicans are sporting their "Ike" buttons and an unnamed upperclassman in Straub Hall is rumored to break forth with his inherited "Coolidge and Dawes" button from the campaign of '24.

But Senators, Congressmen and Presidents not withstanding, in the words of the gal across the alley, "You ain't seen nothin'."

We refer to the rock 'n roll campaign of 1932, and the Zorn-MacPherson bill that proposed to merge the University of Oregon and Oregon State College at the Corvallis campus.

An Aurora farmer named Henry Zorn and a group calling itself the Marion County Tax Equalization league had a plan to reorganize Oregon's whole educational shooting match. The bill called for abandonment of the state normal school at Monmouth, conversion of the Ashland and LaGrande schools to junior colleges, and the merging

of the University and OSC under one roof at Corvallis.

The first big incident that splashed across the pages of the state's papers occurred three days before the filing deadline, shortly before midnight on July 4. While celebrants were exploding fireworks throughout the city three masked gunmen broke into a Portland law office, and held the night watchman at gunpoint while they looted the vault of petitions bearing 20,000 signatures. A prominent OSC alum was later tried for the crime but was found innocent.

A last minute rally by the Zorn forces garnered enough signatures and newspaper stories displayed pictures of campaign workers loading petitions into an armored car under the eyes of gun-toting guards for the trip to the Secretary of State's office in Salem.

The plans' proponents coined the slogan "Save \$20 Million in 20 Years." The Daily Emerald referred to it as the "school grab bill."

Students, faculty, townspeople and alumni formed an active group to oppose the meas-

ure. A campus "vigilance committee" organized a write home campaign among the students and thousands of post cards blanketed the state.

All classes were dismissed and all near-campus hangouts closed up shop one morning while Eugene Judge Lawrence T. Harris told of plans to fight the move to a Mac Court audience.

Even Oregon's football squad got into the act. They used "317 X NO!" as their battle cry during scrimmage. The Zorn bill was No. 317 on the ballot.

Finally, on November 8 the voters of Oregon defeated the proposal by a 5-1 margin. Eugene and the Oregon campus exploded in a frenzied celebration. The administration declared a holiday from classes as the votes trickled in the next day. Eugene Mayor Elisha Large reportedly declared a half holiday for the city. At the school closing hours were moved up to 12:15 and a huge victory dance was thrown in Mac Court.

The '56 campaign is going to be a hot one. But, as says the gal across the alley, "You ain't seen nothin'."



The Oregon Daily Emerald is published five days a week during the school year and during examination and vacation periods, by the Student Publications Board of the University of Oregon. Entered as second class matter at the post office, Eugene, Oregon. Subscription rates: \$5 per school year; \$2 per term.

Opinions expressed on the editorial page are those of the writer and do not pretend to represent the opinions of the ASUO or the University. Unsigned editorials are written by the editor; initialed editorials by members of the editorial board.

GORDON RICE, Editor
SALLY RYAN, Editorial Page Editor
SAM VAHEY, Managing Editor
BOB ROBINSON, ANNE HILL, JOE RIGERT, Associate Editors

ANNE RITCHIE, News Editor
CHUCK MITCHELMORE, Sports Editor
EDITORIAL BOARD: Gordon Rice, Chuck Mitchelmore, Anne Ritchie, Bob Robinson, Sally Ryan, Sam Vahey, Anne Hill, Joe Rigert.

Ass't Managing Editor: Marcia Mauney
Ass't News Editor: Al Johnson, Bill Mainwaring, Loretta Meyer, Cornelia Fogle
Ass't Advertising Mgr.: Shirley Parmenter
Nat'l Adv. Mgr.: Sharon Rafferty
Feature Editor: Carol Craig
Women's Editor: Cay Mundorff
Photo Editor: Brant Ducey
Ass't Sports Editor: Jack Wilson
Classified Adv. Mgr.: Pat Cushnie
Ass't Office Mgr.: Becky Towler
Circulation Mgr.: Jim Larimore
Executive Secretary: Geri Goebel