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Vote 'Yes' Friday

The outcome of Friday's special election on the proposed constitutional amendment won't have much effect on the ASUO elections next week, but it will simplify the entire election procedure in coming years.

The amendment would specifically abolish the all-campus primary, which was not held this year because no contests had developed until after the date for the primary had passed. In addition, some other minor rules would be inserted in the Constitution.

The all-campus primary has been under fire from various groups ever since it was adopted three years ago. AGS has been the leading opponent, and has advanced some excellent reasons for abolition. We agree that any party should have the right to choose its slate in any manner it wishes.

The primary tended to rigidify the old two-party system by taking the selection of the slate out of the hands of the parties and giving it to the ASUO. This also meant that the ASUO had to pay the costs of two elections instead of one, and gave the ASUO vice-president another election to worry about.

More important, however, the all-campus primary is made obsolete by the present fluid party system. The primary was designed to fit only the two-party system. Now that prospective candidates are no longer limited to two parties, and can start

their own party at any time, it has no function.

The other provisions provide that the president will be elected by a majority of the voters, and that defeated candidates for ASUO president will be eligible for election as senators-at-large.

We believe that majority election of the president is necessary to maintain the prestige of the job, and to give him a firmer foundation for his dealings with groups other than the ASUO. The president, in contrast to the senators, represents all the student body, not just a portion of it.

The third provision, that defeated presidential candidates become eligible for senator, is now in effect. However, the wording had to be changed when the provision for majority election was put in.

Each senator represents a certain percentage of the students. They are the ones that elected him. However, if a candidate believes he has enough backing to become president, but loses and is left out completely, those students that voted for him will be disenfranchised because they will have no representation on the senate, even though they may represent a large percentage of the student body.

The amendment is much needed improvement for the election system. It guarantees all the good points of the old system, plus majority election of the president and the right of a party to determine its own slate, in one election instead of two.

Morning Metamorphosis



College Capers ... From Coast to Coast

By Bobby Harris
Emerald Columnist

IF A EUGENE RESIDENT found two tombstones on his lawn, he would probably conclude that pranksters had hauled them from the nearby cemetery.

That's what a Provo, Utah, resident thought and so did the local police. But they were wrong. They checked, and the sexton of the cemetery said no tombstones were missing.

Painstaking investigation finally disclosed a group of students had needed more weight in their truck for a trip through deep snow. They borrowed the tombstones from a relative's monument firm, but more friends showed up for the ski trip than anticipated. The result ... too much weight. So over-board went the tombstones ... on the neighbor's lawn.

FROM ROCHESTER JUNIOR college comes the Revised 1956 Minnesota Hunting Laws (for open season): "A female may trap, shoot, snare, net, dope, Mickey-Finn or take by any means available (no holds barred) the following male animals during the year ending Dec. 31, 1956:

"One male any size, race or species. Any undersized individuals must be thrown back for future stock. Use your own judgment. A word of warning: do not underestimate the male of the species."

AND ALONG THE SAME line ... "Another great danger

of one-arm driving is that you are so likely to skid into a church." Also: "It is not improper to kiss a girl's hand, but decidedly out of place."

THE HINDU HUMAN PIN cushions have nothing on one Kansas University student. Barbara Erickson's research project includes experiments with several dozen assorted mosquitos. Mosquitos get hungry. They have to be fed. They happen to need and prefer human blood. So ...

"Someone has to feed them," Miss Erickson says. "No one wants to volunteer, so each night I'm dinner for my pets." If anyone would like to contribute to her blood bank, however, she would be more than willing to make an appointment for you with her pets.

"They might enjoy the menu change," Miss Erickson commented.

ROBERT L. FORBES, DEAN emeritus of the University of Arizona's college of agriculture, was recalling the old days for the Arizona Cattlemen's association convention.

"Uncle Bob Leatherwood slapped a \$20 bill down and challenged any man to say the Lord's prayer.

"The \$20 was matched, and a cowboy started reciting: 'Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep ...'

"'You win,' Uncle Bob said, and paid him the \$20. 'I didn't think you knew it.'"

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Dealing in Dictatorship Dangers Noted in Khrushchev's Reaction

By J. M. Roberts
AP News Analyst

The reaction of Nikita Khrushchev to his cool reception in Britain is a reminder of the dangers of trying to do business with a dictatorship.

Though Khrushchev may not be a dictator, the red-faced, shouting, angry man who made his threats in Birmingham, England, Monday is top man of the Soviet "collective" dictatorship, and of international communism.

As such, he is powerful after a fashion not attained by the heads of democratic

governments, and therefore more dangerous.

"We have seen fists shaken at us," said Khrushchev of the British reception. "Never shake your fist at a Russian."

Then he shook a figurative fist with an atomic guided missile in it, capable, he said, of hitting "every point in the world."

It was a dramatic reminder of one of the fundamental disheartening things about all the talk of peace. There exists in the Soviet Union a small group of men—perhaps even one man—who, deliberately or

in a rage, without consulting the wishes of the Russian people, can give a signal at any moment which would plunge the world into inconceivable horror.

All the talk of world settlements, all the talk of disarmament, all thought of coexistence with security, fades like a mirage as long as this fact exists.

Coupled with repeated emphasis on the Soviet determination to establish their Communist hierarchy over all other nations, this fact presents the West with an insoluble situation.

Such situations in the past have never failed to produce wars. Despite current estimates that the danger of war is not immediately pressing, it seems inevitable that if this situation continues it will produce war eventually.

The depth of Khrushchev's irritation cannot be traced entirely to the repulses he and Bulganin have received from British crowds. These men are tough and practical. So are British workers, who are familiar with the workings of the Russian-sponsored World Federation of Trade unions.

The workers have seen first hand the efforts of the WFTU to disrupt British production and British business, which means disruption of the prosperity they have enjoyed so briefly in the past 25 years. The motivation of the workers is clear.

The Russian leaders, on the other hand, are more perturbed about the failure of their official mission, which was to buy strategic goods and create friction between Britain and the United States in that and as many other ways as possible.

Having found a good many suckers in their Asiatic tours, they have now run up against a different sort of customer, one they don't know how to handle.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

This is an open letter to thank all of the thousands of cheering students who attended the gigantic "John Paul Jones for President" rally held on 13th and Willamette last night. It was indeed an inspiring sight to see the enthusiasm which built up from a few cheering supporters to that splendid mob which expressed its exuberance by burning City Hall and lynching a few small children. John was touched to say the least.

We are only sorry that John could not attend, but he was too tired.

Carmen De Fausto (Alias)
Fifth Year Student in Vice,
Corruption and Graft,
Chairman, "Jones for President."

Emerald Editor:

I was indeed shocked to read of the candidacy of John Paul Jones for the office of student body president. This is a travesty on the sacred obligation which faces us each Spring; the clarion call to duty which can only be answered by long meditation and prayerful de-

liberation before we cast our ballots to decide which Champion of Justice and Right will lead us through the crisis of the coming school year.

My blood boils at the thought of a man who would suggest that we consider for this high office anyone less than a Galahad in shining armor, ready to battle the dragons of Vice and Corruption.

The possible election of this man Jones calls to mind vivid pictures of the inevitable consequences of such a egregious miscarriage of the electoral process: Breadlines, shutdowns, poverty, children crying in the streets, and the winds sweeping over our once-proud campus, now a dustbowl.

Don't let it happen here. Vote against John Paul Jones.

Law Student's name
Withheld by Request.

(Editor's Note: We may never have the opportunity. Jones spent Wednesday in the sack and lacked the energy to file his petition.)



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