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Today's Political Spotlight on Morse

The political spotlight will focus on a campus event today when United States Senator Wayne Morse appears in the University's assembly series for an hour-long session on things current and choice — campaign-wise.

More than a routine speech, the assembly will center around a student-originated list of questions to be submitted to the Senator for consideration during the hour.

The exciting Oregon senatorial campaign has generated national as well as state and regional interest, with the personalities involved — Morse and Doug McKay — sparing no effort to make the race a colorful one, to say the least.

With such charges and counter-charges as give-aways, Hell's Canyon, Al Sarena and "political integrity" being aired daily, the informed voter will need to give serious thought to his ballot choice.

Opinion polls, the bane of GOP existence since the '48 prediction of Dewey over Truman, by a landslide, have been giving Morse a slight edge as the campaign enters its final week.

Not even his most bitter political opponent has discredited Morse's right to his national reputation as a politician and speaker of the highest order. His 22-hour oration on the floor of the Senate remains as the

longest sustained speech in that body's history.

Senator Morse is more than intimately connected with Eugene and the University, through his residence here and his former days in the 1930's as dean of the school of law.

We're pleased that the Senator has been able to include another visit to the University on his man-sized agenda. As a frequent advocate of the importance of education in America's future, he will be bringing politics "home" in its fullest sense.

The fringe benefits of University enrollment found in the assembly program have been seldom used, but are there to be taken to advantage. Senator Morse's appearance will be a highlight of the year's schedule.

The Emerald has declared its editorial support of Doug McKay's candidacy, but believes strongly in seeking the facts on both sides of the issues. Political philosophy aside, the presentation of a United States Senator offers a chance to see politics firsthand.

Senator Morse speaks authoritatively and well, and we welcome him once again to the University, hoping that students above, at, or below voting age will take time out to become further informed on that intangible of intangibles — politics. (A.J.)

Have You Voted Yet?

Have you voted yet?

If not, you have until 5 p.m. to take part in the Emerald Straw Vote. Booths are open at the Student Union and Co-op.

The results of this mock election will be widely publicized. Tomorrow's Emerald will be full of election news, and we like to think we still have a few readers despite inroads made by The Phantom Press. News of this project will be sent all over Oregon by the Associated Press.

The point is this. A University election, if it's to be of any significance, must truly reflect the political opinions of the University community. We don't want the views of any person or group overlooked.

This is especially true if you're an off-

campus student. It's easy for us to catch nearly everyone in the campus living organizations, but we must depend on off-campus students to come to us.

How do young people react to the candidates and issues of this election year? Are college students more liberal than people in general, or do they reflect the predominant views of their wealthier-than-average backgrounds? Do they favor federal aid to education? These are some of the questions analysts can hash over once the votes are counted.

If you're not included in the vote, so far, we hope you'll do something about it. The polls close at 5 p.m.

Off Base In a Serious Game

Drew Pearson, the newspaper columnist who claims to be right in 85 percent of his predictions, couldn't have been farther off base than he was last weekend with his report that President Eisenhower had suffered a relapse during the Western swing of his recent trip.

Whether the President did or did not have a relapse is a question which we ourselves cannot answer any more correctly than did Pearson; because we, being in the same boat as Pearson in this respect, did not see either the alleged incident in Wisconsin or the one reported as occurring after Ike's Portland address.

But newspapermen from both political parties, who followed Eisenhower throughout his trip, did not notice any strange action on the part of the President, and we are inclined to believe their reports more than the report of a man who wasn't within 1,000 miles of either incident.

The alarming thing about the whole situ-

ation is this: to what means will a man like Pearson resort in order to create the sensational mood which constantly shows up in his columns?

He has withdrawn some of his charges since the nation's press and some public officials have refuted the information in his story. He has even stated that he will reveal the identity of his information sources — if they consent to it. Frankly, however, we doubt if these sources will ever come to public light.

To print an allegation such as the one he reported in his recent column without revealing the source of his information, and without scrutinizing the evidence to determine its validity, is a breach of the spirit, if not the letter, of sound journalistic practices.

In light of the speculation over the President's health during the last year, the seriousness of this misinformed article is greatly increased. (S.V.)

Good for the Train of Thought



Gulliver's Trifles

The Old Spirit Issue; Do We Have It or Not?

By KEN KESEY
Emerald Columnist

When this spirit hassle first crashed loudly into the paper I didn't think it would reach this grotesque proportion, but as the articles and letters continue to viciously harangue the students and even blame them for the team's losses I have decided someone had better take a stand for the students over the few who are condemning them. (strange that the condemners of the majority are so often the ones chosen by the majority to represent them.)

Let's take a look at this illusive glob of mercury called spirit. Do we have it? Or have we had it and poor handling has caused it to dribble through our fingers?

Someone suggested we all wear white shirts and sit on the fifty yard line. Hell, I'd wear knickers and a turtle-neck sweater to get a seat on the fifty! I pay a guy six bucks to take my place while I leave work to come to the game and I spend most of the first quarter of the Idaho game standing in a ridiculous line waiting for a girl to give out athletic cards, and at the Stanford game my wife and I and quite a number of other students have to sit in the knothole section watching the game like watching cinemascope endways.

Why does the student section occupy only about a sixth of the stands? Spread it out! Move some of your paying customers into the knothole section and give the students a section reasonable enough to emote from. The size of the school has changed. We can't sit in the same area the students were able to sit in ten years ago. Is the ticket revenue on our one needed section more important to the administration than the students?

And someone said this mass of compressed humanity doesn't yell. They yell. Remember the roar that emitted for the first few plays after the Stanford kick-off? You remember don't

you? Just before the fumble? But what exuberant chant can we give when they recover our fumble. What cheer can we raise when Brodie stands calmly and completes precise little touchdown passes? Yes, the students were ready to yell, mouths open and cheers primed, but what did they have to yell about?

And someone said something about the students not having enough guts to play. It takes more than guts. I turned out for frosh ball and pounded myself punchy and, though I wasn't big or fast enough for a college line, I wanted to play—I wanted to play so bad it still chews at me. And a lot of boys in the stands are the same way, they would like to be able to help the team, deeply like to play, but they recognize the bunch on the field as better men. Yet they still attend the games. And they want—and this is the essence of spirit, not card tricks or white shirts—they want to see the team win!

And the condemners scream: "Support the football team!" and they try to force a bland dose of spirit down the throats of the students when the students are already beginning to retch from the falseness and the forcing. You can't force spirit on anyone. You can force rallies and jumping-up-and-downs and "spontaneous demonstrations" but you cannot force a feeling that isn't there! Quit trying to cram it down our throats; if we don't have it that's tough, but all the dramatic romps and stomps aren't going to produce it. I personally think there is already more spirit in the student body, especially among the freshmen, than ever before. If you don't believe this ask some of the lettermen.

And lastly, booing. Why isn't this a sort of spirit also? It certainly isn't apathy. When Cas pulled Daniels the crowd wasn't booing Crabtree. I don't think a student in the stands would boo anyone on the team. They were disagreeing with the decision and booing is the way a crowd expresses its opinions. They would have booed if Otto Graham had been put in. And you must admit the group that has been tossing dummies into

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