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Women's Rules: Now in the Hands of AWS

Overshadowed by the campaign preliminaries of today's all-important ASUO election has been the revising of women's dormitory rules, a task now in the hands of a committee appointed by the AWS Legislature.

With the desire of all concerned that this job be completed before dormitory handbooks are published for next fall, the committee is to meet for the second time today. Recommendations for specific rule changes must be in the hands of the Legislature and Heads of Houses within the next few weeks.

The "all concerned" above includes the Office of Student Affairs, which evidently approves of the reorganization of the Associated Women Students governing body into a politically active and responsible group. This new structure is what should exist and what should have existed for many years in a community of mature college students interested in and capable of formulating those social and living standards which govern their actions. It is the fault of no one but the students themselves that they have not in recent years realized their responsibility in this area.

The Emerald's greatest concern at the time dissension concerning the rules became evident was that the dissatisfied students had no feeling that they or their representatives had any part in making the rules which governed them; and that when they complained to their counsellors, housemothers and the Office of Student Affairs they were not immediately referred to the student group which at that time supposedly had the duty of considering such complaints for possible revisions.

They were told that "rules are rules."

This poor situation has been remedied, thanks to an alert and able AWS Cabinet Legislature. And now the revision and continued responsibility for the rules rests with the newly-organized group. These women must display the courage of their convictions.

The Emerald feels that one yardstick should serve the committee of this group in its efforts to better the rules: Every standard they set must reflect the sound philosophy professed by Student Affairs that such regulations be "designed to develop maturity and responsibility in academic performance, personal behavior and citizenship."

But what if some persons continue to insist that this dissension is only so-called, and has appeared to exist merely because of the protests from a few rabble-rousers? Most of the girls are content, they say. And what if the committee then investigates to find that there are some women who would rather be told when and where to study and when to go to bed than rely upon their own consciences for such regulation? Some may even think that learning to follow any rule, no matter how unjustifiable it may be, is good for them. Should such a discovery indicate the desirability of retaining such rules?

Let the committee at this point again confidently hold up the yardstick supplied by Student Affairs. And may they not lose sight of their goal: mature students, persons and citizens — not persons afraid of developing a sense of responsibility or ones trained to "live with anything."
 (M.M.)

Complete an Interesting Campaign: Vote

Today is ASUO election day. Every student of the University has a stake in student government, and for that reason each of us should keep a date with a poll booth sometime before 6 p.m.

Several aspects of the campaign have been especially interesting.

Increased interest is pretty obvious. A question and answer session for ASUO President candidates Monday was attended by an estimated 225. Last year a similar affair attracted fewer than 50, nearly all of whom were candidates for some office. The Oregon Student Party must be given much of the credit for the additional interest this year.

The Emerald has been pleased to note that while both sides accuse the opposition of trying to foster a Greek-Independent split, both sides say they believe such would be undesirable. Apparently there is no danger of reviving the two former political parties, Associated Greek Students and United Independent Students. We are strongly in accord, for in student government the ability and attitude of the candidates is normally the number one issue. Other issues will arise from time to time, often of great significance, but a return to the old superficial division between Greeks

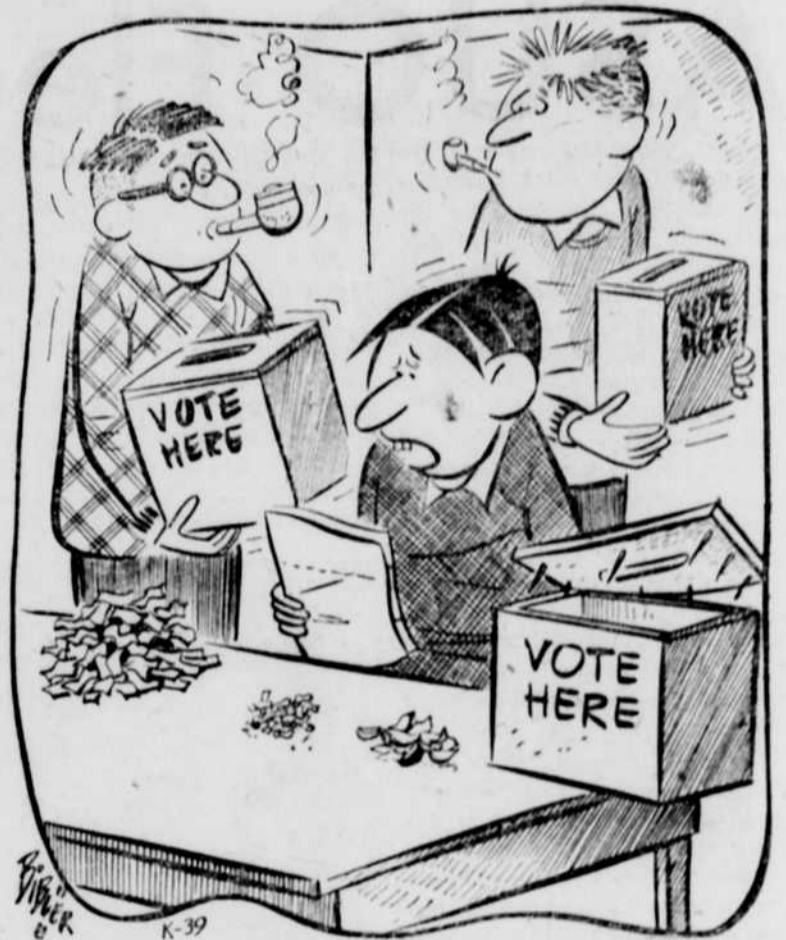
and Independents would indeed be unfortunate.

The campaign has also shown a dire need for amendment of the ASUO Constitution. Majority election of the ASUO President, no matter how many candidates file, could be accomplished by an amendment which would eliminate the men with the least number of "1" votes and distribute their ballots to "2" choices. Then, by separation of presidential and senatorial ballots, we could eliminate the incentive for the Senate candidates to campaign for "1" votes, thus preventing voting for ASUO President. Everybody should vote for their student body president, and the majority should select him. Ballot separation, between candidates for president and representative, is needed in class elections for the same reason.

With the need for an amendment so clearly illustrated in concrete terms, it is to be hoped that the next attempt to attain passage will be more eagerly received. It is unfortunate that we must learn by trial and error, but if the lesson is learned perhaps the delay will prove worthwhile.

It has been an interesting campaign. But it has been wasted effort unless we make it complete by voting today.

PREFERENTIAL, Not Preference!



"48 gum wrappers, 12 cigarette butts, 8 orange peelings and 3 votes in this one—if you ask me there hasn't been enough student interest in campus politics this year."

From the Squirrel Cage

New ASUO President Faces Many Obligations

By **DARREL BRITTSAN**
 ASUO President

This evening we will have elected ourselves a new Student Body President. It is agreed that the position is one of importance and one that involves much work.

However, too often we see him presiding over the Senate and possibly the Cabinet. We all too often forget that he must first prepare the agenda for such meetings, and then carry out the directives of the Senate.

The ASUO President appoints members to many committees, student-faculty and student. These appointments are then subject to Senate approval. He is responsible for the budget in that he must stay within its bounds and plan it for the year ahead. These duties are not the most significant from the standpoint of the amount of time spent, but they are very important.

One might look at the Presi-

dent's calendar to realize the time spent on numerous committees and boards, such as the Student Union Board, the Assembly Committee, the Foreign Student Friendship Foundation, the Student Affairs committee, the Student Union Educational Activities Budget Committee and many others of a less permanent nature.

It might also be interesting to examine the files in the President's office to see how much responsibility he has in correspondence alone.

Let us also not forget his big public relations job. Much of this comes in the personal appearance routine in welcoming persons or groups to the University of Oregon.

Above I have outlined very briefly some of the responsibilities of the ASUO President in an effort to elevate the importance of today's election. However, it is not only the election of a good ASUO President which will give student government a boost, but the election of a good Senate as well.

Thus, with a broader understanding of the ASUO President's duties, I urge all students to vote intelligently.



Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

No, you won't be criticized for hurting anybody's feelings concerning your editorial criticism of the Vodvil Show. All of the skits were as good as they possibly could be in keeping within the criteria upon which they are judged. I am in agreement with C.H.M. that these skits are not as good as they have been, but look at it this way. It has become more and more the policy to consider any skit which contains a little bit of spice as a "trashy" show not fit for presentation to our guests, the high school seniors. When will people realize eighteen year olds are beginning to become mature enough to accept and appreciate a little bit of spice in an act—and I don't mean any low form of smutty humor. This is only

a minor point but one of the criterion, nevertheless, upon which many of the better skits have been eliminated.

The biggest toll, however, has been taken of those fraternities and sororities who present skits which are judged to be "above and beyond" comprehension by our high school guests. So when elimination-time rolls around many skits of a high calibre are given the thumbs down treatment and those which are more understandable by the high school guest are given the preference. Those in attendance at the skit try-outs on last Wednesday, the twenty-fourth, will realize that one of the highest calibre and best written shows was ruled out for this very reason.

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