

Spring Comes to 15th St.

Just Another Activity?

So you're going to petition for one of the Student Union Board positions. You've put together some committee busy work, a sub-committee chairmanship or two and maybe even a co-chairman's job. But before you turn that paper in, stop. "Just another activity," you say? Maybe so, but what then is "just another activity"?

Activity—fine, we're all for it; idle hands and idle minds and all that sort of thing are no good, we'll agree, even at the sophisticated leisure of the university level. But somewhere in the catalog all this comes under EXTRACurricular activity — OUTSIDE of the stated purpose for which we're here.

And don't get us wrong in this bit of unsolicited advice; if it weren't for activity, there wouldn't be any Emerald in front of you now. We're involved in this whole business too, you see. And don't think that we're trying to set up a standard — a list of activities in order of amount of good (with The Emerald at the top, of course). That's not our purpose.

What we want is a little thought about this whole activity mill. Take another look at your petition. In how many of those activities do you feel that you put in the amount of time and effort that the job required — for a GOOD job? In how many of them do you feel that you really HELPED somebody, did a service to your fellow students? How many fellow students?

Which of those committee jobs really

helped YOU to become better at organizing, better at working with people, better at getting the job done? Are there any activities on that list that you haven't finished yet—that might take more time away from this new job? Or are there any on there that you never did finish, and won't?

And now ask yourself: why are you trying for this new job? Do you think you can help more people than you are with your present activities? What are you personally going to get out of this new one? (You've got to be selfish about it.) Do you think that this new one added to your record will make the difference between your wearing an honorary sweater and being an ordinary student next year?

Keep on thinking about this thing. Do you know somebody else who could do a better job in this than you? Not necessarily due to more talent, but because of more time to devote to the job? Maybe he hasn't had the "break" from the books that we all need and that an activity offers. Maybe you'd be doing a greater service by interesting him in filing a petition.

No, don't go off rumbling about The Emerald's "anti-activity" spirit and the "egg-heads" (we hope you're that kind) that are spouting some new academic philosophy. We want the activities and we want the petitions in there to keep them running — if they deserve it. But we want petitions from good, capable people who have thought this thing out enough so that they KNOW what they're in for and why they're in it.

come better and more mature individuals. Many of the old rules date back to old ideas. We want the AWS committee to look at each rule with a modern view, considering it in the light of whether or not it will help women students to progress, to mature and to develop added responsibility.

Ideally the purpose of a university is to teach, to help its students grow in understanding of the world and people about them. A modern world demands a modern philosophy and new ideas, and The Emerald hopes to see this new philosophy exemplified in the report of the committee.

Job Well Done

The KWAX news department deserves mention for the good job it did in covering the ASUO election returns May 1. The station provided running commentary on the election returns throughout the evening to listeners in the Student Union Fishbowl or with FM receiving sets. Although the announcer could have given a more complete story on the vote-counting and election background, that the station covered the event at all is evidence of KWAX's progress this year.

The station's news department, under the able leadership of Gordon French, has made considerable strides this year and from a news standpoint is beginning to sound more like a good station should every day. This year KWAX has conducted its news operations in the Allen Hall radio studios and had access to a radio news wire service.

The pity is that few students and townspeople can listen to KWAX because it broadcasts on the FM band, and the number of FM receiving sets in Eugene is small. Only in the dorms can KWAX be heard on AM. The feeling that no one is listening can be deadly to the staff morale of any radio station, especially one that is manned by volunteers.

Footnotes—

At last! An efficient use of those puzzling letter combinations on California license plates was seen on the campus this weekend; to wit: GPA 256.



"NICE OF YOU BOYS NEXT DOOR TO WASH OUR WINDOWS — WE HADN'T EVEN NOTICED THEY WERE GETTING DIRTY."

William Cook

Election Ballot-counting Was Open to One and All

(Bill Cook is a junior in journalism and an associate editor of The Emerald. His weekly column will deal with campus-related topics.—Ed.)

Article II, clause 6 of the ASUO by-laws provides that "The ballots shall be counted only by the judges appointed by the vice-president and under his direction." While reporting the ballot-counting of the May 1 ASUO election for The Emerald, I helped count ballots—as could anyone else who happened by the open doors of room 334 in the Student Union, where the ballots were being counted.

During the evening, staff members of The Emerald, KWAX newsmen, several candidates (including the new vice-president and elections manager, Don Kalberer) and many interested students helped organize and count the ballots.

ASUO Vice-president Doug Basham, in charge of the election, permitted this, and it probably was not such a bad idea. Basham's election "judges" were almost unanimously uninformed about the mechanics of counting preferential ballots, and the bystanders helped them set up a system for counting.

"What are we supposed to be doing?" was repeated over and over by the judges during the early evening, for virtually no advance planning was apparent. The counting procedure was set up by trial and error. It was not until late in the five-hour counting session that an effective system was operating, and by this time most of the counters were not judges.

The conduct of the vote-counting, with the fact that some polls ran out of ballots before they were scheduled to close, leads one to ask whether the ASUO election committee really learned its lesson on the recent ASUO amendment election that was over-turned by the constitution committee for procedural irregularities.

It seems the election committee did not profit by hard experience and again violated the "letter" of the law while following the "spirit" of it. Though the election results were undoubtedly correct, the fact

remains that anyone could have walked in, taken an armful of ballots, and disappeared in the confusion.

There are probably grounds, on the basis of these ballot-counting irregularities, to declare the May 1 ASUO election invalid if someone was of a mind to start the proceedings.

Perhaps Don Kalberer (for he saw the confusion this year) will better organize the ASUO elections next year. I hope so.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

The problem of campus parking is approaching a crisis. Proposed solutions range from reserving most of the presently available space for faculty members to the complete prohibition of student parking on campus. As the number of students and thus automobiles increases, the amount of parking space is actually decreasing, due to new buildings going up.

One solution that does not seem to have been sufficiently considered is to simply increase parking facilities until there is room for everyone. Since the University is obviously already cramped for space, the real question arises as to where new parking lots could be constructed.

In my opinion, an ideal place would be the location of the present Millrace. It could be filled in or covered over, and the area across the highway converted into one large parking lot. The problem of crossing the busy highway could be solved easily by construction of subways for pedestrians.

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Emerald Editor:

The dean of student's statement that the University administration does not practice racial and religious discrimination hardly conforms to the facts. Discrimination at the school administration level is

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It's up to AWS

Tonight a committee appointed by the AWS Legislature will consider possible changes in women's rules. Recommendations for specific rule changes must be in the hands of the Legislature and Heads of Houses within a few weeks.

The Emerald hopes that this committee will consider rule changes which will help the women students develop maturity and responsibility during their college years, for rules in the past have not fostered these traits. College years require guidance, true, but the individual is most important and should be allowed to progress to the limit of his ability in all fields — but most of all in growing to know himself, his abilities and his capacities.

In the past The Emerald has argued for a revision of existing dormitory rules for women. Revision for the sake of revision has not been our purpose, but revision for the sake of principle. We feel that the philosophy underlying the present rules is wrong. Women who are old enough to be in college should not need to be "protected from themselves," but should be allowed to search out new ways in which they can be-

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