

We Want the Best

A student-operated project known as the "Greater Oregon Plan" was re-established here last fall, and its objectives were widely endorsed by alumni, University administration and student body.

As stated in the G. O. committee handbook, these objectives are "to contact outstanding Oregon high school seniors and graduates; to discuss with these persons the opportunities for education and social and cultural development at the U of O; and to promote a better understanding and closer relationship between high school students and the University." In simpler terms, the committee proposes to sell top high school graduates on Oregon.

Obviously, realization of these commendable aims requires an efficient organization, but one which allows freedom of individual action. Bud Titus and Joan Long are in charge of Greater Oregon for this year, and they are assisted by a Central Planning Board, composed of seven sophomores: six from a like number of state areas, and an athletic coordinator. The Board supervises the activities of the General Committee, which is made up of two sophomores and two freshmen from each high school district or town and these representatives are responsible to the members of the Central Board in charge of their area.

This constitutes a different kind of campus activity: the Greater Oregon heads do NOT want as many representatives as will turn out to work on their project. Because it is selective, the program demands a select, capable force of college representatives to deal with the state's most promising high schoolers. Co-chairmen Titus and Long are sure that they have such a qualified group, but they emphasize one thing: interest among the representatives must be at a

high level if the plan is to have any appreciable effects on the quality of future freshmen classes here.

Now, with the end of the academic year in sight, it is time for a report: what have the Greater Oregon people been doing? Co-chairman Titus was posed this question, and he responded with the following list of G.O. accomplishments to date.

1) Names of student body presidents, Girls League presidents and newspaper editors of each Oregon high school were submitted by members of the General Committee.

2) Letters dealing with life at Oregon were sent to these prep leaders by ASUO president Darrel Brittsan, AWS president Helen Ruth Johnson, and Emerald editor Bill Mainwaring.

3) Though they have been doing contact work all year, the representatives made the majority of their contacts during Spring Vacation; this was felt to be an advantageous time to discuss college plans with the seniors.

4) Athletic preference lists are being prepared by the Oregon coaching staff, under basketball coach Steve Belko, to be submitted to the group before school is out.

These are significant accomplishments, and they demonstrate that the G.O. group is taking its assignment seriously. But, though an adequate framework is thus being established, the success of the Greater Oregon Plan will be determined this summer, by individual workers in widely-scattered high school areas, like Grant of Portland, Nyssa, North Salem and Burns. If the Committee achieves its goal, it will be because the individual members have appreciated and responded to their responsibility, as talent scouts and salesmen for their University. They must make the effort.

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Don't Go Overboard

For 95 per cent. of the school year, the most important tradition at Oregon seems to be the conscientious violation of traditions. We walk on the grass, we smoke on the old campus, we sneer on "Hello Walk," we tread heavily on the seal, and the only time a Frosh beany appears is during the rainy season—and usually it's being worn by a balding senior.

Today, supposedly, we start observing these and other traditions. And, to see that we conform, the Order of the O watches over us. It is to these voluntary keepers-of-the-peace, rather than to the quaking freshmen, that we direct this editorial.

Members of Oregon's lettermen's club distinguish themselves on the field of combat, winning honor for their school and for themselves. But they annually turn right around and lose for themselves,

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through the actions of a few of their members, the respect of the student body.

All it takes are a few cracked heads or some unnecessary roughness in the vicinity of Fenton Pool, and the meaning of traditions is out the window. In its place we have near-gang warfare between freshmen women and the lettermen. It could well be argued that both parties enjoy this kind of combat, but the fact remains that this kind of "class war" only makes the tradition part of Junior Week secondary. Nobody, we're sure, wants that.

So just use a little discretion, lettermen, and neither your organization nor Junior Week itself will suffer from a loss of prestige.

Out of the Tree

What went up Monday afternoon—an acrobatic student body president—came down Monday night with the comforting knowledge that his lonely watch "had not been in vain." Darrel Brittsan's tree-sitting stunt sparked the all-out Millrace Fund drive that captured \$3,000 from student sources.

Real organizational genius went into the drive, with the bulk of the work being done shortly before and during the dinner hour. Everyone responded nobly to the highest hopes of student leaders.

The significance of the rapid-fire donating is this: not only is the student fund completed at \$10,000, but the dynamic response indicates clearly the student wish for prompt and effective action, preferably this summer.

The Millrace fate now lies in the hands of the Eugene City Council, which is expected to issue bonds for the construction at their May 13 meeting. We point with pride to the students' contributions on their own behalf, and we're certain the city will go the rest of the way.

Don't Do as I Do...



James Marlow

Age Creeps Up on Personnel Of Eisenhower's Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's Cabinet isn't very old—in average age—but some of his key men are away up there and, like Eisenhower, will be over 70 if they stick around to the end of his Administration in 1961.

Eisenhower himself is 66. Three Cabinet members are older: Secretary of State Dulles, 69; Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, 67; and Secretary of Defense Wilson, also 66 but three months older than the President. Average age of the 10 Cabinet members: 59. Five of them are over 60, five under. If the 10 stay around until 1961, all but two will then be over 60, with an average of 63½. Three—Dulles, Humphrey, Wilson—will be over 70.

But Humphrey and Wilson are rumored just about ready to call it quits and go back to civilian life. Dulles' liking for his job seems undiminished, although he was operated on for an intestinal cancer six months ago.

The departure of these three would enable Eisenhower to bring younger men into his Cabinet. But this wouldn't mean a great deal—in the sense that younger men would be running things for the Republicans as Eisenhower's term ends.

Not one of those now in the Cabinet has been seriously mentioned as a likely candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1960. Vice President Nixon seems to have the inside track on that.

And if he won the election he almost certainly—in the tradition of presidents—would pick his own Cabinet.

Except for Dulles, Humphrey and Wilson, only two other Cabinet members are over 60. They are Secretary of Commerce Weeks, 63, and Marion B. Folsom, secretary of health, education and welfare, also 63.

All the rest are under 60: Postmaster General Summerfield, 58; Secretary of Agriculture Benson, 57; Secretary

of Labor Mitchell, 56; Atty. Gen. Brownell, 53; and Secretary of the Interior Seaton, 47.

Humphrey has not denied reports that he intends to get out in the near future. Nor has Wilson.

Both men put in a lot of time working on the budget Eisenhower asked Congress to approve for next year. Wilson's interest in it, of course, was in getting Congress to vote the money he thinks the Defense Department needs.

Humphrey has an even wider interest: getting money for his own Treasury Department and for the government in general since, as the government's chief money man, the amount of money spent is of primary concern to him.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

In a letter in Tuesday's Emerald Mr. Felkins makes some statements which are untrue and should be corrected. The University does not ask about students' race or religion on application blanks or on any other form which is involved in admission to the institution. This has been the case for many years, and for exactly the reason of avoiding any suspicion of discrimination.

After students have been admitted to the University they are asked to supply various other items of information, including religion and racial origin. In part this is for our own records, but in large measure so that we can furnish statistics and other aid to service organizations which are active in these fields. Two of these groups are the University Religious Council and the Institute for International Education, and there are many others.

As is commonly known, discrimination flourishes where there is ignorance. The University is proud of its record of enlightenment and service without discrimination.

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