

Time is Ripe

A problem common to every Congress since 1946—statehood for Hawaii and/or Alaska—is currently receiving another look by Senators and Representatives in the nation's capital.

The two territories have been actively promoting statehood for themselves for three decades. Countless arguments pro and con have been heard in Congressional debates, reports and hearings, as well as in the press.

The arguments have changed little through the years, and the territories have progressed almost daily—yet Congress still haggles on the issue. Why? Perhaps because, while the legislators are all but sure, they don't want to make a mistake. Statehood, once granted, is final.

The Hawaiian case was the strongest for many years, but now Congressional sponsors of statehood bills feel Alaska will earn the new status before the Islands.

Hawaii has all the qualifications traditionally required of a new state—economic self-sufficiency, an up-to-date educational and social system and modern government—but the stickler to its admission has been Southern opposition to its multi-racial population.

Alaska lacks most of Hawaii's attributes, but probably needs statehood much more. Increased population, proper development of immense natural resources and end of US absentee ownership are hoped for by Alaskan statehood backers.

A usual objection to statehood for both areas is their non-contiguity to the United States and their separation in miles. But this factor, with current transportation and communication facilities, is dimming in significance.

It seems clear that both territories will eventually obtain statehood (for which provisions have been made in Old Glory)—the question is when.

Hawaii and Alaska are states in all but in name, and they should be given equality long deserved. They have assumed state obligations but are not receiving state benefits. The time, long overdue, is ripe.

Pat on the Back

A pat on the back is due the ASUO senate for a decision it made in its meeting last week. The senate voted to accept an

orientation-leadership committee report that recommended a weekend leadership conference next fall instead of a "leadership-orientation class" that had been discussed earlier.

The committee recommended that, generally, the conference include discussion and explanation of such things as student government here and at other schools, the budget, "enlightenment about bodies with which the senate deals," and "personal characteristics" of a good senator and a good leader.

While we feel the senate would be better off forgetting about "personal characteristics of senators and leaders," we commend its decision to try to get together for individual and group benefit. The senate was also wise in setting aside any ideas for a "leadership-orientation class" (someone even suggested class credit or making it a compulsory course for freshmen). The faculty would turn down such an idea in a flash, indeed as they should, and the senate would appear ridiculous.

The idea of a "leader's conference," however, is a good one. We might suggest that special emphasis be placed on orientation of various student organizations to the leaders who attend. There's plenty of confusion between campus organizations, and, if more were understood about organizational set-up, personnel problems and the role each of the organizations play, chances are the groups would get along a lot better.

A Good Phrase

Four times a year, the Carnegie Corporation sends us a report on its doings—and a headline in the most recent issue helped solidify our ideas on what to say about Brotherhood Week (just ending).

"Nothing Human is Alien" was the headline—in quotes, as if it had been borrowed, but we couldn't locate its source. But no matter where it came from, that phrase is a good one. It deserves some serious thought.

For it seems to us that, in promoting brotherhood of all men, half the battle is won if individuals can be persuaded that people with "different" colors and religions and backgrounds are not so different, after all; that they're just people, with the same faults and virtues we all have.

Spread the word, as your part in Brotherhood Week: "Nothing Human is Alien."

The Rationalizers



"...and then there's the expense of replacing all those flags..."

Charles Mitchelmore

Oregon's 85th Anniversary Should Be Celebrated May 7

There should be some sort of anniversary celebration on May 7 this year—something other than the educational movie or the Browsing Room lecture that the Student Union calendar lists for that date. It is actually the 85th birthday of the University of Oregon.



Yes, I know, this doesn't square with the October Charter Day "birthday" and the MDCCCLXXVI underneath Mt. Hood on the University seal. But May 7, 1873—the day they turned the first earth for Deady Hall—deserves recognition this year. It was the physical beginning of the University of Oregon.

It's pretty hard to avoid getting caught up in the enthusiasm of the University's history from that memorable day for Eugene's citizens, dressed in their Sunday best for the groundbreaking of a university. It's pretty hard to avoid even in the single-minded search for a dormitory name.

There are names—worthy ones too—plus some interesting notes on the personalities behind the present building names. Judge Matthew P. Deady for instance, was the leader of the opposition in the University's first real fight: whether or not it should be established. He favored the parochial schools system over publicly supported education. (He later crossed to the other side and became one of the University's strongest supporters.)

But speaking of dormitory names, how about Judge Joshua J. Walton, a friend from the start (member of the founding Union University Assn. and early secretary of the board of regents)?

It was Judge Walton who stumped the county for building funds, confronting workmen coincidentally on pay days and visiting farmers in between. The chickens, pigs, fruit and wheat that he hauled back to

a Eugene storekeeper (T. G. Hendricks) for conversion into cash meant slow erasure of the debt from still-rude Deady Hall, begun courageously on promise as a \$50,000 project.

The story is most thoroughly told in *The History of the University of Oregon* (Binford & Mort, 1940) by the late Henry D. Sheldon, early dean of the school of education and a man remembered by George Turnbull and Karl Onthank for his "wide grasp" of knowledge rather than the relative specialization of today. His positions as lecture professor in education, philosophy and history bear this out.

Although Sheldon doesn't mention the selection of the yellow from the state flower as the school color (it should be "grape yellow," not "lemon yellow"), he does describe the first Oregon football game (UO 44, Albany College 2) which followed shortly.

And the story of the University winds on through 274 pages, from first President J. W. Johnson and his "ten commandments" (You think the dry zone is tough? "Mr. C.T.F. having been seen going into several saloons, it was moved that his name be stricken from the roll.") to the 1938 inauguration of Donald Erb, who, another writer says, would have made Oregon the "Harvard of the West" but for his untimely death in 1943.

In between there's Dr. Thomas Condon, the father of science—especially geology—at Oregon, standing "straight as an ancient Druid." Or the little Eugene storekeeper, Sam Friendly, who, another author describes, would be lifted to the platform at every pre-game rally for his traditional speech, "Victory must be ours!"

If there's ever a new ROTC building it should be named for Col. John Leader, the British officer from the Royal Irish Rifles who organized the highly patriotic student body (and some faculty) who had been drilling with wooden rifles in World War I.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

Concerning Jack Wilson's second try to defend the week which advertises advertising:

The reason many people doubt the worth of advertising is not that they fail to realize the place of advertising in our mass sales economy. They fully realize that present day advertising is necessary for the form of this society. They merely question the value of the form. Such a questioning is obviously beyond Mr. Wilson's understanding.

I am intrigued by Mr. Wilson's insistence on restricting alternatives. According to his last column, he thinks either of advertising as it is now, or no advertising at all. Can't he con-

ceive advertising of such a nature that it wouldn't brainwash the "best-informed" populace in the world, while still introducing new products?

Advertising has probably always deceived people about its wares, but present day advertising deceives people about themselves. The latter is what I recognize during "Advertising Recognition Week"; I recognize it, and I dislike it.

I wonder how the colonists ever got this democracy started without the "bulwark" of advertising. It is really too bad that Thomas Paine never published "Common Sense" because he didn't have any advertising to finance it.

How free is a press which is heavily influenced by the gentlemen who buy that all important advertising space?

I can't tell from his column whether Mr. Wilson thinks of "art" as an aid in presenting advertising, or as art with a capital "A," i.e., art as practiced by the Artiste. But I can tell that said columnist has no idea of the very basic relationship of art (with a small "a") to man.

A little investigating in anthropology would quickly show him that it is most difficult to think of homo sapiens sans art. The creating of art is almost part of the definition of man. It is, therefore, nonsense to consider even figuratively a choice between eliminating art or advertising.

There is really no choice at all. It is impossible to separate art from mankind. Take advertising methods of today and you are led to the type of mass conformity thinking which makes a nation ripe for loss of civil liberty.

Dennis Davis
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