

The Emerald Endorses:

On Wednesday (tomorrow) campus polls will open for the 1959 ASUO primary election. For the first time in recent years, members of the UO student body will vote to "narrow down" the list of candidates in tomorrow's primary, with the general election slated for next week.

There will be no "preferential system" involved, other than your selection of the candidates you think most suited for the ASUO posts. And judging from the ballot, this selection will not be an easy matter.

For a number of years, this paper has selected and published its "slate" of ASUO officers prior to the spring elections. This year, The Emerald Editorial Board again is presenting its choice of candidates, but not because of tradition. Rather, we are publishing our "slate" because we feel it is a main duty of a college newspaper to develop informed opinions on vital student issues, and to present these opinions whenever they may be of significance to the University community.

Because its editorial executives come in close and constant contact with all important campus issues and figures, The Emerald feels qualified to express its views on the election. Because of the newness of the primary system, and because of the crucial years ahead for student government, this paper feels doubly duty-bound to make such an expression of opinions, for whoever may wish to consult it.

First, a note of explanation. The following list of candidates represents the choices of The Emerald Editorial Board. These procedures were employed:

1) Each of the four candidates for ASUO President appeared before the Board for an interview, in which platforms and objectives were outlined, and questions asked. After this, the Board discussed each candidate, and then voted for the two each member thought should be on the general election ballot. Neither of the two candidates receiving Emerald endorsement were unanimous choices. But they are choices which reflect considerable discussion and thought.

2) For the other offices, the Editorial Board used this criterion: "We will consider only those candidates about whom we are knowledgeable"—if more than two abstained from voting, the candidate was not discussed further. Thus, only four Senator-at-large candidates are mentioned—but this does not imply that these five are the only hopefuls worthy of support. In the case of several offices, where only two people are running, and thus will both survive the primary, no choice was made.

In simple words: this is The Emerald Editorial Board's consensus "slate" for the 1959 ASUO primary, neither more nor less. We feel that this composite opinion represents a wide-enough base of informed individual opinion, to make it potentially valuable to the ASUO, and thus worth printing.

The slate:

● **For ASUO President: John Gustafson, Gary Gregory.**

Here, as it should be, is the hardest decision of all—it is gratifying that as many as four first-rank student leaders are competing for the ASUO's top office.

In supporting John Gustafson and Gregory as the first two choices for ASUO president, the Editorial Board feels that both men have a comprehensive grasp of the meaning and future prospects of ASUO government; that both demonstrated in their interviews a satisfactory understanding of the "picture," and both candidates believe this picture to be larger than has been suspected by ASUO leaders until very recent times.

The Board bases part of its choice on a conviction that either Gustafson or Gregory would be a stronger, more aggressive leader of UO student government next year than either of the other candidates. This is born out by the records of both Gustafson and of Gregory. As a Senate member, Gustafson has repeatedly taken the initiative in bringing up issues which ultimately became vital Senate issues, notably Orientation, election amendment and aid to Higher Education. Gregory's initiative has given him considerable voice and influence in student circles, particularly on married and off-campus students' matters, in spite of his lack of official connection with the Senate.

If the platforms of Gregory and Gustafson can be summed up in a few words, this will be the result: Gregory—Reform in student government is still needed; the Senate should be concerned more than it is now with the really pressing problems of the campus parking, athletic seating, married students housing, etc., rather than carry the academic trend to extremes.

Gustafson—Student government must continue to help make this university a great academic institution, through attention to such problems as faculty-student relations, extra-curricular activities, improvement of orientation, etc. Student government can never divorce itself from the education of students.

The Editorial Board found that the platforms and objectives of these two candidates were most thoroughly and concretely outlined, and of the four, these two platforms were the most liberal and forward-looking, certainly attributes which must be present in coming ASUO governments, to match Oregon's growth as a school. And finally, because these "promises and goals" seemed to be better matched by the performance-records of Gustafson and Gregory, than by Hollister and Comeau, The Emerald made its decision to support the first pair.

On behalf of Mike Hollister and Morry Comeau, it is absolutely necessary to say that both have contributed considerably to student government during their respective careers, and will surely continue to contribute, whatever the election's outcome. Both would be foremost on The Emerald's Senate Slate, if presidential candidates could make such a shift.

The rest of The Emerald's Senate choices:

● **ASUO vice-president:** Stephen Handran, Peter Wengert.

● **Senators-at-large:** Carleen Felker, David Lyons, Bill Rutherford, Nina Sackett.

● **Senior class president:** Walter Grebe, Mike McCormick.

● **Junior class president:** Paul Bauge, Steve Schell.

● **Junior class vice-president:** James Dorsey, Margaret Reedy.

● **Junior class representative:** Marts Acker, George Larson.

● **Sophomore class president:** Mike Clark, Daniel Williams.

● **Sophomore class representative:** Michael Vawter.

● **Fraternity representative:** Dirk Rinehart. (In both of these latter endorsements, The Emerald Editorial Board felt that it was qualified, by knowledge of past records and aims, to support only one candidate.)

So this is The Emerald's slate for the 1959 ASUO primary election; as said before, it is no more or no less than that. As such, it represents a major editorial opinion of this paper: that student government, and student newspapers, for that matter, are—or should be—vital components of the high-voltage circuit that is college education.



"WHO SAID HE WONT CHANGE A GRADE? - I GOT HIM TO RAISE THIS PAPER FROM A ZERO TO AN 'F.'"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter of B. Pinkerton and D. Schneider (Ex-Pres. and V.P. of AWS respectively). Admittedly the no-grubby rule was effected by the women students themselves, but which women students? When this absurd rule was announced to us last Fall, it was greeted with astonishment and disgust, for no one had heard of the passage of such a rule, nor had we, the people involved, been asked of our opinions in the matter.

As an indignant co-ed put it, "Who the heck makes these rules, anyway? Damned if I'm gonna stagger around under a heavy coat."

Misses Pinkerton and Schneider attempt to justify this rule by stating that it was passed by AWS and Heads of Houses. However, it's quite obvious that these organizations hardly express the attitude of the student body in many of their decisions (look at the recent uproar over Heads of Houses' proposed discipline board).

Out here on the fringes of the campus, people are frequently being moved to ask, "Well, what's Heads of Houses for? I mean, like, what do they do, man, beside stuff this gaff down our throats? Is AWS a little flurry of cottons up in the "Squirrel Cage" and little more? Do AWS and Heads of Houses act in a well-defined and necessary capacity on campus, or are their little noises just excuses for "doing something?"

Sue Haffner
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Emerald Editor:

Well, Barbara Pinkerton and DyAnne Schneider surely put Larry Cole in the proper light. And except for the reference to a dunk in the Millrace, there is not one word in their carefully-written letter calculated to raise an eyebrow. A valuable letter indeed, which enables one to better understand the problem.

Allow me to answer the question posed by these girls concerning when a girl is more attractive and better representative of the University of Oregon Coed. The first part of the question can only be answered conditionally, each girl being appraised individually.

I first must look at the girl in shorts and then must look at her coat. If the coat is better

looking than the girl, of course she should wear the coat, and vice versa, vice versa.

To the second part of the question my answer is unqualified. The woman in the big heavy coat is more representative of the University of Oregon Coed, especially because representatives of the girls made the law requiring coats.

Robert W. Hellwell
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Emerald Editor:

Mr. Cole has the right idea. I commend you, sir, on your attempt to stir some "action in the midst of whispers and rumors," but obviously, all it has brought are whispers and rumors.

The University Campus is doomed to a perpetual Dark Age, being that it is populated with those who care only of outward appearances. These small, asinine rules, made by the higher cheese, are one and many that mediocrity is all to willing to accept.

I do not feign intellectualism, but when absurdities and complete "uninterest" occlude me, I spend too much valuable time in disgust and anger.

So, until the University of Oregon student comes to realize his pettiness in social affairs that overrule academics, I, too, will sink back into obscurity and, may I quote you, Mr. Cole, "God help our generation."

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