

We're Finally Bigger

A Power Hungry University Moves Onward

The Oct. 8 issue of the Oregon State University Daily Barometer, OSU's campus newspaper, carried the following banner headline on page one: "U of O Finally Surpasses OSU Enrollment Totals." But the "Stats Prove Deceiving" read the second headline. Thereupon Barometer Feature Editor Alice Pitney launched into a highly-qualified acknowledgement of the fact that there are more Ducks than Beavers this fall.

The reasons given for this phenomena were at once puzzling and amusing. Our graduate requirements are lower they say, thereby explaining why the University boasts 839 more graduate students than OSU. "But should OSU sacrifice academic requirements just to become the largest state university in Oregon?" the story asked. Also, good old U. of O. has many more part-time students — you know, "housewives and those persons wishing to 'better' themselves intellectually." And, finally, the University is much easier on admissions for foreign students. Thus, with all these illuminating discoveries in mind, it is really no wonder that Oregon "edged ahead" of its neighbor to the north this year.

Yes, Beavers, we have finally done it. We have labored arduously for 31 long

years to surpass you in something. We have poured blood, sweat, and IBM cards into our patient vigil. And, after 30 years of crushing disappointment, we felt our weary hearts exalt in ecstasy this fall as we watched the endless throngs pour across our green lawns and into our corridors of learning. We viewed with endless delight the pushing, shoving hordes in our Student Union and shouted with frenzied glee as we fought for a chair in our classrooms or a space in our parking lots.

But we have just begun. We have big plans. We will lower our admission standards to a 1.5 g.p.a. We will give scholarships for flying kites. We will have billboards and handbills and spot ads on television all over the world. We are not content to be the biggest in North America, even. Our goals reach past the farthest stretches of imagination. We do not care that our State System of Higher Education is organized as one body. We know that underneath they really want these little rivalries. They need them; they have no worries anyway.

So there you are. We know you were right to "question the U. of O. tactics . . . in trying to achieve a larger student body." After all, we have to fight for what we want. Quantity, not quality. Isn't that the answer?

A Kind Word

Although they seldom attract a great crowd, the YMCA's dialogue programs are one of the best examples of an open forum of ideas within the academic community. Like the YM and YWCA's other programs (including international coffee hours and discussion groups), the dialogues present consistently high level programs of timely topics. We applaud both of these groups for the maturity of their programming and for presenting programs of broad interest to a large segment of the University's population.

The second YMCA dialogue will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon in the Bottom of the Bowl, the Student Union's downstairs lounge area. Like the first dialogue, this one will deal with current political problems. Over the course of the year, if last year is to be a pattern, the dialogue topics will range over religion, social problems, economic situations, or areas of direct campus interest.

Dialogues will feature faculty members and prominent figures from the local area or visiting speakers in discussion, sometimes heated. The student audience, too often not more than fifteen, will join in the

dialogue or, when the discussion gets too intense, merely watch the give and take. The dialogues will be reported in the Emerald but too often ignored by students, busy sipping their 4 o'clock coffee in the fishbowl upstairs.

The YWCA will begin its activities Tuesday evening with an orientation program towards women's activities on campus. A rather innocuous idea in itself, the YWCA has tried to include the ordinarily overlooked activities such as scholastic honoraries and sports and special interest groups in its program. It also hopes to inject some candid comments as to the true worth of activities in the modern student's life.

Throughout the year other programs such as the international coffee hours, encouraging foreign and American students to meet for a coffee break and an informative discussion, will be sponsored by the Y groups.

These groups are to be applauded for their efforts to deal with problems of interest to general segments of the student body and for their record of programming consistently worthwhile programs for relatively little recognition. They have a good record behind them, we hope they continue.

The Senate—An Old Story

We viewed last Thursday's ASUO Senate meeting with a great feeling of disappointment. It was the same old story, the Senate's version of "Tales Twice Told." ASUO President John Luvaas opened the meeting with "Student government is not at all a strong organization on this campus." And the group went on to prove exactly that.

To say that the "policy" letter sent to the faculty by the Senate vote is innocuous and useless is to deal in understatement. The letter asked for "clarification of faculty policy in the area of campus elections," and expressed hope that the policy would eliminate "misinterpretation in the use of University funds and materials." What are statements like this supposed to mean? Has student government lost any traces of lucid expression which it may have once had?

We applaud Bill Holly, married student representative, who stood in almost lone defiance of this watered-down statement. Possibly Mr. Holly grows weary, as we do, of policies and clarification and political hogwash. We don't know what the faculty will do with this letter, but if they even read it they will be doing the Senate a favor.

Luvaas pledged that student government at the University will be respected by students, administrators, and leaders on other campuses. We will reserve great applause for him if he can achieve this in light of the present status of the group. And we sincerely hope he can.

We also hope to see no more resolutions like last week's. It is time for the Senate to stop playing around with policies and big words and get down to brass tacks.

"Once More, Dear Friends —"



NSA: It's Functions

By TOM CLARK
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"It's all very well to have a national union of students, but what does it do?" This particular question is frequently confronted by the United States National Student Association. In attempting to answer, I would like to discuss one area within the philosophy of NSA: benefits to the individual campus.

At last Thursday's Senate meeting it was pointed out that there have been numerous disaffiliations from NSA. It is generally assumed that these dropouts result from the consistently liberal tones of political resolutions and a lack of concrete aid in formulating programs. I think it must be said in NSA's defense that, in the majority of instances, the failure to establish effective programs resides with the lack of effort on the part of the individual student government to take advantage of membership. A strongly determined effort is an indispensable element if any campus desires to exhibit benefits. I think we have that effort in the person of Dean Francisovich this year, and it is my opinion that the campus will see results with our NSA program.

One of the new programs is a plan of low-cost life insurance now available to students in member schools. This provides the opportunity to secure a \$10,000 policy at student-term rates (\$20 a year). A medical examination is not required of any USNSA student who is in good health. Full coverage continues if a student drops out, transfers, or enters the service. Once the policy is issued, the plan is guaranteed renewable and non-cancellable by the company as long as premiums are paid.

Another program available to students on our campus is in International Student Identification card which acts as a discount card throughout most of the world.

Invaluable information concerning foreign students was received by members of our delegation at the Congress, and we are planning to establish programs which meet the needs of foreign students, acquaint them with our ways of life, and more importantly, help us to understand their background.

An area under discussion is a book exchange and co-op, in which a student simply names his own price on a book, and pays a nickel to place it on a shelf. The profits would go into such areas as the Southern civil rights projects.

A major area of concern is the problem of student-faculty relations. Through the perspective NSA offers our student government and the information provided by the Student Gov-

ernment Service we can see how other colleges approach the problem and perhaps transplant efficient programs and ideas.

There are a surprisingly large number of schools with programs similar to our Student Conduct Code, and through the communication and assistance of NSA we undoubtedly will be able to improve upon our system.

Beyond any shadow of a doubt the greatest benefit NSA makes available to our student government is a medium through which we can exchange ideas, and consequently establish, modify, and improve programs.

NSA is not without its problems, but neither is our student government. The advantage, if we are willing to work, is that NSA provides a short-cut for development, eliminating wasteful trial-and-error. The potential for a useful organization is there if we tap it.

Letters . . .

Parking Space Emerald Editor:

It seems clear that the demand for parking space will increase faster than it is possible to provide new space. Thus during peak demand hours either less cars will be able to enter the campus area or some cars must be removed. I propose a final solution to the parking problem based upon the latter alternative.

At several stations on campus arriving cars will be loaded onto auto transport trucks. The trucks will carry the cars to some outlying area and return with them at the end of the day. Since the railroads have taken over most of the new

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