

Restructure Board Forfeits Quorum

The Erb Memorial Union Board lost its quorum just as it was ready to vote on the controversial EMU-ASUO restructure proposal after a five and one-half hour meeting Wednesday.

Two board members were selected Wednesday, also. Shannon Lees and John Hitchcock will replace two members who didn't return this fall.

The board defeated the proposal once during the meeting, in a five to three vote. But discussion was resumed, two provisions added, and a re-vote started.

Then, with a "I cannot vote on this now," Jeri Lynn Coney left, and with a "Sorry," Allyn Brown followed. Six board members did not come for the discussion.

Under the proposal, the board would become two bodies: a Student Administration Board (SAB) for policy-making, and a Program Department, headed by a Program Council, for programming.

The proposal would also dissolve the Student Activities Committee, and give its powers to the SAB. Besides EMU programming, the Program Department would also take over all programming now done by the ASUO Senate.

According to Mark Stephens, board vice-chairman, the proposal would eliminate programming duplication, promote better communications and in-depth, integrated programming, and relieve both the board and senate from programming responsibilities.

Stephens, ASUO President Scott Farleigh, and Farleigh's Administrative Assistant Steve Rhodes wrote the proposal.

The general tone of conversation among board members indicated they didn't believe the proposal in its present form was the answer.

All board members favored consolidation of programming between the board and senate, but only Stephens and Bob Bartlett favored the proposal completely.

Miss Coney and the others expressed concern for the autonomy and perpetuation of the Program Council.

Miss Coney said she was afraid the Program Council would be subservient to the ASUO executive branch. The ASUO President appoints its chairman, but the division chairmen of the Program Department have to ratify the appointment.

"If the Program Council could be a self-sufficient, perpetual body, with the same autonomy as the (present) board, then I'm not afraid of changing," said Miss Coney.

Brown was more reluctant. "The present structure (which went into effect late last spring) hasn't had a chance to show its merits. How can this be a logical move to in-depth, integrated programming? It's going in the opposite direction," he said. "I see the benefit in co-ordinated programming, but I can't see tearing apart our structure to accommodate student government," Brown said.

The possible status of the SAB was also discussed. The EMU Board, although subject to review by the senate, is not a senate committee and cannot be dissolved by the senate.

It is an equal branch of the ASUO, pointed out Bill Hershman. Under the proposal, "The Student Administration Board shall perform the duties delegated to it by the Associated Students."

The two provisions suggested by Stephens are:

- "Elimination of the Program Council can only be made by mutual consent of the Program Council and the ASUO."
- "Elimination of the Student Administration Board can only be made by mutual consent of the Student Administration Board and the ASUO."

Before the proposal can go into effect, the faculty must delegate the powers of the Student Activities Committee to the senate. And the senate and EMU Board must approve the proposal. Final approval rests with University President Arthur S. Flemming.

Director Named Editor of Research Journal

June McFee, director of the Institute for Community Art Studies at the University, has been named senior editor of "Studies in Art Education," the research journal of the National Art Education Association.

She is the first person from the West Coast to receive the appointment. Co-editor with Mrs. McFee will be Manuel Barken of Ohio State University.

University faculty member,

Gordon Kensler is the author of a critique, "A Critique of Efland's Analysis of Field-Dependence," which also appears in the issue.

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ASUO Senate Discusses Senators' Visitation Bill

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Having "cleared the way for progress" in the previous meeting, the ASUO Senate failed to advance very far in Thursday night's session.

Passing three bills and tabling one, the senators spent most of their time on a resolution for Senate visitation. The bill rescinded one on the same subject passed last year.

Introduced by Senator Jake Warsaw, the Senate visitation bill completely revised the one of last year. In the new measure, senators, on request from the Chairman of Committees, may go to living organizations to inform the students on ASUO goals and activities.

The living organizations, the bill points out, must be "concerned," meaning that any living organization that does not want to be visited will not be.

The Senate members are responsible for visiting designated living organizations throughout their terms of office. A senator may visit as many houses as he wishes, or none if he so desires, but he must continue the visits during the year if he does take the obligation.

Questions were raised on the points that the Chairman of Committees may not request the senators to visit, the senators are not required to visit, and that there is no specific period of time between visitations.

An amendment to change the line, "the Chairman of Committee may request . . ." to insert "shall" instead of "may" failed. The idea was that more visitations would be scheduled if the chairman of committees was forced to assign the visitations.

The second objection to the bill was that senators did not have to visit organizations, nor did the living organizations have to accept visitors.

"Do we neglect apathy," asked Senator Dick Jones, "just because they may prefer to remain apathetic doesn't mean we should allow them to remain that way. We should visit all the living organizations, whether they want us to come or not."

Warsaw answered these charges

by saying "it is the individual senator's responsibility to visit the houses, to get to know the constituency, and to represent their ideas."

The objection that there was no specification on how many times a year a senator should visit was answered on the same grounds. It should be the senator's duty and responsibility, Warsaw said, to see that his constituents are visited at appropriate times.

Theoretically, this means a senator may talk to a living organization in periods ranging from once a year to once a week. The number of visitations a year should be up to the senator.

Phil Barnhart noted that the bill was an improvement over the previous one, where senators had to visit three different living organizations every month, never getting to know the students of one house adequately.

"In the new system," Barnhart said, "The students are better represented."

Also passed were measures to change the name of Erb Memorial Union to Erb Memorial Student Union, and to approve the new ASUO Committee on Discrimination.

Appointments to the Discrimination Committee, Elections Board, Elections Court and Senate Research Committees were all

approved.

The bill on abolishing the draft which was scheduled for the meeting had been delayed in committee and reset for next week's session.

Notices of motion for next meeting included a policy to define discrimination, referendum on NSA, universalization of the pass-no-pass option, closing hours, building a foot bridge across the mill race, giving the food concessions at the new stadium to the ASUO, and setting up a completely new ASUO constitution.

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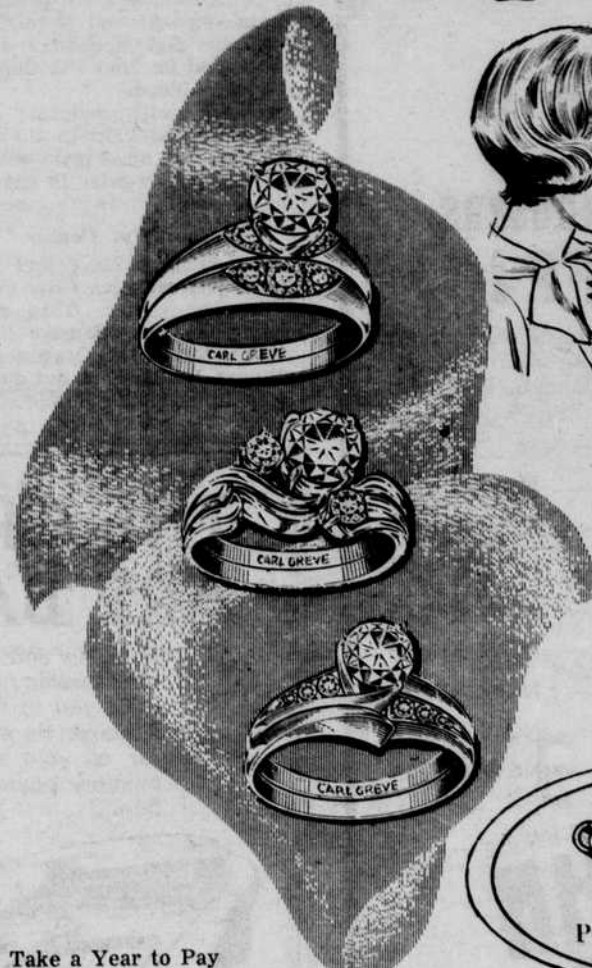
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