

Students plan to 'shock' House GOPs

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SALEM (Special)—Five students representing student organizations in Oregon will meet with House Republicans today in a 1 p.m. caucus and they plan to "shock them as much as possible," ASUO President Bill Wyatt told the Emerald Monday.

The meeting was arranged by House minority leader Gordon MacPherson (R-Waldport) who contacted Wyatt after reading an article about student lobbyists in the Oregonian.

"He responded to a statement I made in the article about the success of student-oriented legislation depending on support from Republicans," Wyatt said.

He said that MacPherson told him to shock the legislators in an effort to liberalize them. "He made no attempts to hide the fact that he is trying to liberalize the Republican Party to make inroads with the student population," Wyatt said.

The students plan to discuss such issues as lowering the age of majority, placing students on the State Board of Higher Education, prohibiting Oregon servicemen to serve in undeclared wars, liberalizing abortion laws, and dispensing contraceptives in vending machines.

In addition to Wyatt, Joan Eggleston, Interinstitution of Students state chairer; Greg Leo, Oregon Student Association state chairer; Dave Dietz, Oregon State University student body president; and Thom Armstrong, Portland State University student body president, will meet with the legislators.

Stiffer traffic laws proposed

By 1975, Oregon drivers could be legally required to wear seat belts at all times, drive with their lights constantly on, pass the Oregon drivers exam every four years, and have an annual state vehicle inspection.

A driver's license may be confiscated upon arrest, or suspended for one year, if the driver refuses to take a breath test to determine if he is legally intoxicated. And if a driver is intoxicated, he may automatically be required to spend six days in jail.

If 30 "traffic safety" recommendations made Friday by Gov. Tom McCall are enacted by the 1973 Legislature, these and other stiffer traffic laws may go into effect in two years.

McCall outlined his proposal, which mainly included stronger penalties for drunken drivers and drivers with suspended licenses, in a special written message to the 1973 Legislature.

"There is no conflict between a program of compassion for the ill—those addicted to alcohol—and a program of stern action," the message read. McCall cited a recent national public opinion survey which found that 79 per cent of those polled believed "the police and the courts should be tougher in dealing with drunken drivers."

Other proposals made by the governor included funding an additional 145 state patrolmen, making driving with a suspended license a felony, and requiring "a mandatory suspension of the license of a driver failing to stop and render aid" to an injured person.

The governor's message was referred to the senate committee on transportation Monday.

House opens doors

The Oregon House of Representatives officially opened its doors to the press and public Friday. In the first roll-call vote of the 1973 session, House members voted to prohibit closing any house session or house committee meeting.

Flamboyant speeches filled the house chamber as Republicans and Democrats alike claimed that the proposed addition to the house rules introduced by Rep. Robert Stults (R-Roseburg) would give the public new confidence in the openness of the legislative process.

No member, however, could ever recall the House holding a closed session or committee meeting. And Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) has been serving in the House since 1949.

Stults admitted that in researching his proposal he could not find one report of the house meeting in a closed session. But he said the possibility that the house or a house committee would meet in a closed session does exist and that his rule would help eliminate that possibility.

Rules of the house may be suspended with a two-thirds majority vote of the members.

In voting in favor of the change, Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Portland) said, "I'm going to support this rule because the change will be so monumental. After all, the house and committees hold secret meetings all the time."

Before aluding the change as

the beginning of a "new spirit of openness," several House members questioned whether or not the proposed rule would apply to party caucuses.

Stults replied that a party caucus or meeting of committee chairers "is just an informal get-

together" and as such wouldn't fall under the jurisdiction of the new rule.

Breathing sighs of relief after hearing that interpretation, house members voted unanimously to initiate the "new spirit of openness."

Foreign student board deliberations continue

By KYLE JOHNSON
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The Foreign Student Organization (FSO) executive board will meet today at 4 p.m. to continue deliberations on a new proposed constitution.

The proposed constitution is the result of a crisis that developed during the fall term when last spring's FSO elections were declared invalid.

The crisis culminated shortly before fall term finals when a group of 80 foreign students voted a "lack of confidence" in FSO leadership. ASUO Vice-President Fred Loveys, a foreign student, began to write a new constitution. Loveys said he modeled the new constitution after the present ASUO constitution.

The board held one meeting on the proposed constitution before the Christmas vacation, said Loveys.

Loveys said there are three major changes in the proposed constitution. One of these deals with the requirements for a quorum, said Loveys. The spring elections were declared invalid because of a lack of a quorum.

Other changes proposed, said Loveys, include giving the executive board more responsibility, requiring one general meeting of FSO each term and giving the responsibility of enacting the policies to the president and vice-president of FSO.

Loveys said he hoped the new constitution could be approved during spring term registration. He said a new FSO constitution would clear "a whole lot of dead wood."

A "controlled thawing" of the frozen FSO budget has also occurred said Loveys. The budget was frozen last fall when the elections were declared invalid. He said the various foreign student organizations "can, in effect, make their requests known and we'll unfreeze the budget."

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