

Parties: Are They Needed?

Amid all the aimless bickering about candidates and their party designations that made hash out of a reasonable proposal a week ago there emerged one interesting question that is pertinent. It is a pity that a spring vacation had to intervene to kill the Exec. Board's discussion, for it had merit. The merit, however, was not on the face of what was nothing more than a Greek-Independent argument.

What lay deeper and what had real importance, we think, was the question of one of those opposing the change: "Well, why have political parties anyway?"

Now, that question has been asked so many times during the political brawling that it has become a sort of bedraggled motto of those who don't "dig" campus politics at all. And yet it has never been answered.

The Argonaut here is neither opposing nor supporting the party system. It is, rather, posing a question that rates more than a pat answer from a glib office-seeker: Is it possible to elect qualified men and women without putting a party tag behind their name?

The party system is — if nothing else — entertaining. It is safe to say that no party by its membership's efforts alone ever elected a candi-

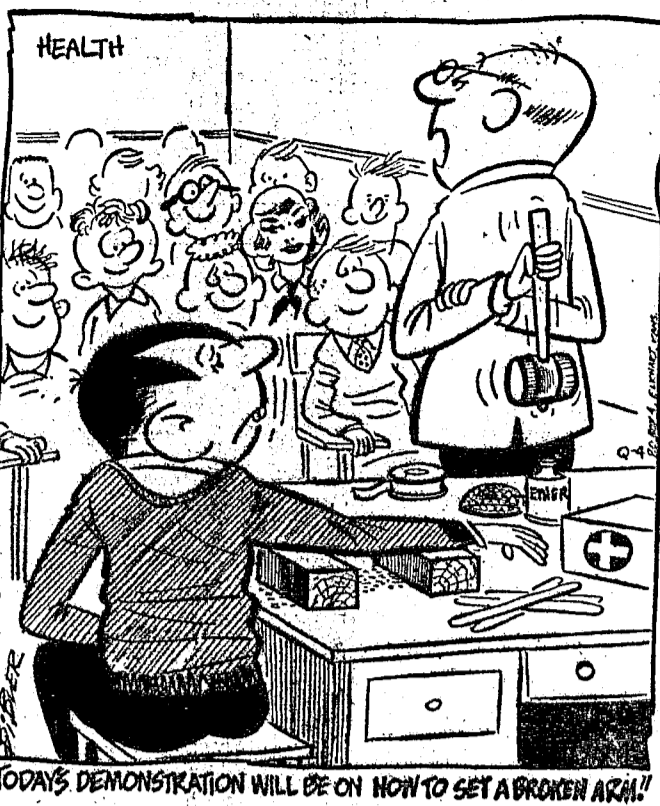
date. In fact, aside from doing the nominating, the party does practically nothing except to serve as a point of identity and esprit de corps. The Argonaut is not alleging that parties (whether two or ten) have no value. We wonder only whether the friction between the two ends of the campus for which both factions are to blame may be enhanced by this "party loyalty" that politicians worry about.

Most persons who spend much of their college time working with or for the Associated Students are aware that interest groups do exist and that they must exist for representative government to function. It is only when the business of running the ASUI turns into an outright struggle for "power" that serving in student government becomes distasteful and discourages those who wish to participate in it.

It has been said (and logically so) that voters should have a right to vote for a party if they do not know the candidates. The problem first arises, then: just what do parties represent? When one discounts platforms, most of which are admittedly meaningless, nothing remains but the old he-devil, living group.

So we leave politicians with something to ponder. Whom do you pledge to represent? The answer, candidates, had best not be in platitudes or in generalizations.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION WILL BE ON HOW TO SET A BROKEN ARM!

Two-Party

Here's More About:— given to improving the present programs in these areas:

(1) To better orient parents and prospective students about our University and its functions.

(2) To greater emphasize academic achievements.

(3) To expand and improve campus informational facilities.

The Independents wasted no time getting into their campaign. Signs at the top of Lewiston Grade and Lookout Pass greeted homeward bound students as Spring vacation started. They read: "Let Duke Drive, Student Body President, U of I."

Expanding Plank Expanding briefly on the first plank in the Independent platform, campaign manager Lynn Hossner, Upham, said his party felt that full voting strength is required on the Executive Board at all times to "maintain a representative ballot in the decisions of the Board."

"It is possible," he added, "to imagine the absence of several members during a term of office, in which the action of the Board might well be influenced by the missing votes."

Greek campaign manager Tom Edwards, off campus, elaborated on his party's first and third planks.

"Our party feels," he said, "that by working through PTA and other parent-school organizations we can better inform parents about the University and overcome false ideas formed about this institution."

He also said his party would

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like to set up a system whereby information about current campus activities could be publicized as near the event as possible. He hinted at an expansion of the present Co-ordination Council.
Both Independent and Greek Executive Board candidates begin living group tours this week, however only the Greek party released an immediate tour schedule.

Two Groups
Greek candidates have been divided into two groups so they can make more visitations in a shorter time. The first group includes Karl Bittenbender, Delta Sig; Denny Hague, Beta; Glenn Potter, Delta; Diane Smith, Phi Phi and Terry White, Phi.
Group Two members are Ann Becker, Theta; Art Lindemer, Beta; Mike McNichols, Phi Delta and Bruce Summers, Sigma Nu. Their schedule is as follows:

Tuesday: Group 1 — lunch at Gamma Phi, dinner at Kappa Sig; Group 2 — lunch at Phi Tau, dinner at Phi Tau. Wednesday: Group 1 — lunch at Delta Gamma, dinner at Delta Chi; Group 2 — lunch at Delta Sig, dinner at Lambda Chi. Thursday: Group 1 — lunch at Alpha Chi, dinner at Tri Delta; Group 2 — lunch at Pi Phi, dinner at SAE.
Independent candidates are Leo Tafolla, Upham; Bob Mortenson, Lindley; Jack Macki, Willis Sweet; Paul Kroeg, Chrisman; Joe McFarland, Gault; Charlotte Martell, Forney; Marian Clark, French; Mary Whitehead, Ethel Steel and Geri Crank, Hays.
Doctor: A man who's always out for his cut.
Never mind the good cigar... what this country needs is a good five cent nickel.

Phi Eta Sigma Taps 24 Men

The Phi Eta Sigma fraternity, national freshman honor society, recently tapped 24 students, Dr. D. A. Gustafson, associate professor of chemistry and chapter advisor, announced yesterday.

Named were Cecil Allred, Vaughn Estrick, Delt; Robert Brown, James Okeson, Thomas Rudy, Beta; Kenneth Coiner, Wayne Fox, Howard Gerrish, Gerry Jones, John Toevs, Jr., Lawrence Winiarski, Willis Sweet; Niels Anderson, Phi Delt; James Space, Robert Twiggs, Upham; Peter Kelly, Phi.

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Yet drivers without the cards were parking there.

Then a little boy was seen putting something into the gate and gleefully watching startled drivers edge into the lot. His "ticket" was a piece of a popcorn box.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE
A male sophomore demonstrating high scholastic achievement, good personality, interest in campus activities and financial need is eligible for a \$100 Blue Key scholarship, said Bob Vallet, SAE. Written narrative applications should be submitted to Vallet or to the ASUI office within the next two weeks.

FIND IT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

Navy Program Will Be Aired

A Navy officer information team will be on the Idaho campus tomorrow to advise civilian students of the opportunities for Navy officer commissions.

The team will provide information on all officer programs with special emphasis on the officer candidate school and the aviation officer candidate program. These officer programs are designed for the student who will get a college degree but has no military background.

The team will be in the lobby of the SUB from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MOVIE SLATED
"The Green Man," with Alistair Sim, will be shown Sunday at 3-5-7-9 p.m. in the Borah Theater, said Carol Evans, Gamma Phi, secretary to the SUB program council. The short will be "Great Ballerina," with Russian prima ballerina Galina Ulanova in excerpts from "Swan Lake."

Life In Oil Town Shown In Display

Photos of Judibana, an oil settlement on the Paraguana peninsula of Venezuela, will be exhibited this week in the display room of the library.

The town, sponsored by the Creole Petroleum Co., is owned and operated by its inhabitants as much as possible, which, company officials say, eliminates the usual conditions of a closed-camp type of company town.

The display may be seen during regular library hours, Ronald Glens, general librarian, said.

"Do you think your boy will forget all he learned in college?" "I hope so. He can't make a living necking."

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14. An almost famous fellow
16. The time there will be in the old town tonight
18. Mysterious non-Ava Gardner
19. Hand a line
21. Performed an elbow operation
22. Kind word for a prof
25. Break to follow up with a Koal
28. In... by oneself
31. Hab explosive (var.)
32. Which was to be demonstrated (L. abbr.)
34. Little Edith
35. How Miami got started
36. 2 doz. sheets of paper
38. French one (form.)
39. Famous novel about Willie's kinfolk
42. Take it off
43. Que... vous?
44. Your one and only. Easy novel
45. Vegetable that sounds like an oomph-maker

DOWN
1. Cuba has a new...
2. Author of 39 Across
3. Small units of whiskey (abbr.)
4. It has a tip, but no filter
5. Your no-degree days
6. What they fingers make you do
7. Put on an act
8. The green stuff
15. Wonder drug
16. She's companion
17. Small town
18. Roman official who's mostly idle (var.)
20. What you must never say
22. California university
25. You may be here now
26. It's no Occident
27. This should make things even
28. Alone, no place to go
29. Why can't you behave?
30. Plant 'em now, dig 'em later
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37. He just wanted to go
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41. Kind of Aris (abbr.)

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