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Presidential Candidates Announced Today

GORDON OLSON

By Albert Lewis

Presidential nominee Gordon Olson comes to NNC from Boise, Idaho, via 13 years in Eugene, Oregon. Since coming to NNC, Gordon has proven the three attributes which keynote his campaign—versatility, experience, and dependability.

During his freshman year, Gordie was active in church choir, CWB, intramural sports, and served as business manager for the Crusader.

His sophomore year found Gordie accepting the responsibilities of sophomore class president, CWB vice president, business manager for the Crusader, and treasurer of Chapman Hall. Along with these many duties, Gordon excelled in intramural sports, making the all-star team in both volleyball and softball.

This year has also been filled with many duties and responsibilities. His classmates elected Gordon to class office once more—this time to the post of student council representative. The SLA's picked him as president and under his leadership and with each member working actively, the society finished second in society standings, their highest ranking in several semesters. Gordon has also represented NNC in a traveling group, the Clarions, which toured the zone last summer and still represents the school by singing in local churches. Crusader Choir again finds him as a member and one CWB group is lead by Gordie. Intramural sports still finds him as a participant and Gordie also serves as a member of Chapman Hall dorm council, being freshman adviser.

Looking ahead to next year and its problems Gordon stated, "I strongly feel the need for a re-evaluation and redistribution of duties and responsibilities of some student offices, especially that of vice president, who has entirely too much work placed upon him. This year's student council has taken a step forward in giving the sergeant-at-arms some of these responsibilities. I would recommend further planning and re-evaluation in this area.

"There has been much discussion concerning student activities on campus this year. I am not convinced that we need more activities but I do feel that we need better organized, better publicized, and better attended activities. Such a plan would tend to unite the student body. As student body president, I would strive to see these goals accomplished."

"Your task . . . to build a better world," God said.
I ans'd, "How? . . .
This world is such a large, vast place,
So complicated now,
And I so small and useless am,
There's nothing I can do."
But God in all His wisdom said,
"Just build a better YOM!"

—Dorothy R. Jones,
"Christian Advocate"



Al Jones, present Associated Student Body President, prepares to hand over the gavel of that office to one of the four candidates in this year's presidential race, who will become his successor. Pictured above, standing, left to right, are: Al Jones, ASB President; Ralph Neil, and Gordon Olson. Seated, left to right, are: Jerry Groenig and Gordon Miller.

GORDON MILLER

By Rich Machon

"Campus unity is the key to a successful, progressive year. 'Progress the United Way', is the slogan that will typify Gordon Miller's administration. A unity among student, faculty, alumni, and community will allow us to take great, progressive steps in the development of the principles on which NNC was founded—Character, Culture, and Christ. A proper combination of these three principles will result in the well-rounded person that our college is capable of turning out. An increase in culture on our campus could make NNC the cultural center in the community and at the same time fill a vital place in the development of each individual. A unified student body possessing these traits will be able to attain goals previously thought impossible."

The above quotation from Gordon Miller is representative of his outlook for the coming year. Miller comes from a family of ASB presidents with his brother, Howard, and his brother-in-law, Dick Ramsey, preceding him. Gordon, however, has refused to rest on family laurels and has been active in church, school, and community since high school days. He was local N.Y.P.S. president for two years and was also chosen as the Outstanding Boy of the Oregon-Pacific District Youth Camp. Miller was active in speech and on the parliamentary procedure team in high school. He held offices in several clubs and was the vice presi-

dent of the largest FFA chapter in the State of Oregon. Miller is from Molalla, Oregon and was active in the March of Dimes program in his community.

Since he has come to college he has held offices in CWB and the Spartan Society. Gordon was elected president of the College Young People's Society recently. Miller's vital Christian experience, combined with his ability, has made him inspirational and effective in all his undertakings.

A re-establishing of school pride, a temporary Student Union, and campus work day are advocated by Mr. Miller. Chapels of an intellectual and cultural nature are favored. A utilization of clubs on campus, an increase in cultural social activities, and dinner music in the dining hall are also projects Miller will undertake and complete during his term of office.

JERRY GROENIG

By Joyce Oldenkamp

"Dynamic leadership" is the slogan chosen by campaigners to describe one of NNC's associated student body presidential candidates, Jerry Groenig.

A native of Yakima, Washington, Jerry attended Yakima schools through grade school, junior high, and in high school was active both in school and church activities. He played varsity basketball for two years at Highland High School, and was N.Y.P.S. president for two years in his church.

Jerry enrolled at NNC in the fall of 1956-57. Offices in which he has proved his dynamic leadership in college are society, Christian Worker's Band, and the junior class. He traveled for the college last summer in a mixed quartette.

Last year's student body election campaign saw Jerry as a campaign manager direct one of the most active and original campaigns in NNC's history.

Working for the Sacred Record Company last year, Jerry proved his leadership ability by working up to field supervisor in the company. This year he is also holding responsibilities with the Saga Food Company.

A business major, Jerry plans to go into managerial work with Saga Food Company after graduation.

Included in Jerry's platform are a re-evaluation of the duties of the office of vice president, more coordination between presidents of each club and the A.S.B. officers,

RALPH NEIL

By Kathie Santo

Born right here in Nampa, NNC presidential candidate Ralph Neil lived in Minneapolis, Minn., until he was a junior in high school. His family then moved to Laurel, Mississippi, for a year before returning to Minneapolis. He now hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Neil served as editor of his school newspaper when a ninth grader. As a sophomore he was on the student council and attended Boys State when a junior. During his senior year Neil was treasurer of the high school student council, state student council representative, Twin Cities Teen-age Code Conferences representative, and made National Athletic Honor Society and National Honor Society.

Coming to NNC in his freshman year, Neil served as LSP vice president, men's club representative, and athletic-literary council member. He also turned out for JV basketball and tennis.

Last year he was elected to Circle K and headed that organization's spring banquet committee. He continued as a member of the athletic-literary council and added CMA council to his list of activities.

He was tapped for membership in the national honorary speech fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta; and traveled over 6,000 miles debating for NNC, including the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention. At the end of the year, he came up with the highest GPA in his class, thereby winning a scholarship and a right to membership in the Zeta Kappa Rho Honor Society.

This year he was elected president of the Collegiate Ministerial Association and treasurer of Pi Kappa Delta. In addition, he is junior class chaplain. He has served as co-chairman of homecoming and is on the Chapman Hall legislature and athletic-literary council. Other activities include membership on the Religious Life on Campus committee, Circle K, Oasis staff, and traveling for CWB.

A philosophy major, Neil feels that since streamlining is being done by the faculty and administration through increased utilization of their possibilities, the potential that is held in the student organizations and student government must be put to work if we, the student body, are going to meet the very important need for action.

Neil's supporters feel that his last seven years of constant council, committee, administration, and student government work have qualified him to fulfill the requirements needed by an NNC student body president.

a program to stimulate intellectual discussions to follow the form of the collegiate television program, "College Bowl", a better backing of Christian Worker's Band, and a more diversified social program.

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