

Panel Debates Court Coverage

The controversial issue of whether press photographers and radio and television equipment should be allowed in courtrooms was discussed here Friday by a panel of four prominent persons during the first annual Oregon Broadcasters conference.

Main debaters were Judge William G. East of the circuit court of Oregon's second district, and Ralph Hardy of Washington D.C., vice-president of National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters. Tom Lawson McCall, political commentator, was moderator, and Calvin Crumbaker, ex-president of Eugene city council, talked briefly for press coverage of a local legislative body.

Dignity Should Prevail

Basis of the debate was "canon 35" of the judicial ethics of the bar which states dignity should prevail in a courtroom and that cameras and radio microphones are a degrading influence and should be prohibited, McCall explained.

Judge East, speaking on the negative side, said there are growing conflicts of two groups which are protected by two freedoms, the right of the press, and the right of free trial.

Emphasizing that he was speaking for the judiciary only, he said the primary danger of allowing radio, television and press cameras in the courtroom is the encroachment of rights of the accused in getting a fair trial. The right of the press is "certainly no more sacred" than this right, he said.

The accused or a person in the witness box knowing a camera

is being focused on him will either get embarrassed and "freeze" or become theatrical, Judge East said, and either reaction will affect his ability to give a straightforward account of the facts.

Hardy, in contrast, said the "unprincipled interrogator" is what distracts the person being questioned. He did not deny that cameras upset the decorum in a courtroom, but said he was sure just as many things about trials were corrected because of such press coverage as the number of those who became upset by the cameras or microphones.

At a luncheon Friday noon, Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, University president, warned the broadcasters that they must remember that communications must continue to be primarily a mutual process.

Mystie Petitions Due Wednesday

Petitions for chairmen of the annual Phi Theta Upsilon Mystie sale are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday, according to President Germaine LaMarche.

Positions open include general chairman and chairmen of collections, distribution, publicity, decorations, promotion, booth sales, house sales and after-hours sales.

Any freshman is eligible to petition using regular ASUO forms. The petitions must be signed by Mrs. Wickham and turned in to either Germaine LaMarche at Susan Campbell or Sally Ryan at Carson 3.

All-Campus Sing Leaders to Meet

Song leaders from all living organizations entering in the all-campus sing competition for Junior Weekend are to meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

Directions and rules for the sing will be given out and song leaders are to turn in the titles of their songs.

Publications' Top Positions To Be Filled

Petitions for the position of editor and business manager of the 1955-56 Oregana and Pigger's Guide, and editor of the Ore-N-ter are due Friday at 5 p.m., Jack Weber, secretary of the Student Publications board, announced Thursday.

Petitions may be turned in at Weber's office, Allen 308.

Candidates for the positions will be interviewed at the April 12 meeting of the publications board.

The editor and the business manager of the Oregana each receive a yearly salary of \$636, or about \$70 per month.

Editor of the Pigger's Guide receives a salary of \$150. Business manager of the directory receives a commission of 15 percent of all advertising sold.

Kwama Members Call for Petitions

Petitions for membership in Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, are being called for, according to Helen Ruth Johnson, president.

Any freshman woman may petition. The standard ASUO petitions should be used, and should be turned in to any Kwama by 5 p.m., April 22.

All activities should be listed in order of importance. Suggestions will not be necessary. The petitions can be obtained on the third floor of the Student Union.

War Likely With World Expansion

Oregon Broadcasters, along with professional educators, were sharply criticized for allowing misunderstanding of world affairs by the American public dur-

ing the first annual Oregon Broadcasters' conference.



WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS Criticizes broadcasters

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William A. Williams, assistant professor of history, told the 75 delegates the greatest fault in their profession today is the "failure to ask relevant questions."

His topic was "The Background to Yalta."

"Why have Americans focused so much attention on what Yalta did not accomplish," is the most intelligent question to ask about the conference, he asserted.

Questions such as "Why did

we sell eastern Europe and China down the river" show conceit and self-righteousness on the part of Americans, he argued, since we didn't have those under our control in the first place.

Williams concluded that we live in a closed world—a world that can no longer expand physically. Attempts at expansion will bring a mutually-destructive war, he said, since all major countries have excessive power of destruction.

YWCA Breakfast Petitions Called

Friday is the deadline for petitions for general chairman of the annual YWCA Junior-Senior Breakfast which will be held May 1.

Petitions may be turned in to Pamela Rabens, Delta Delta Delta, or the YWCA office in Gerlinger hall.

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Neuberger Announces Plan To Give Washington Job

A letter from the office of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger in Portland has revealed that Neuberger plans to award some Oregon college political science graduate with an opportunity to "have one year of experience on the legislative firing line."

Any 1955 political science graduate in the state is eligible to receive the award, which will be in the form of an internship. Selection of the candidate will be made through the political science department of Oregon colleges and universities, both tax-supported and independent.

The committee will interview candidates in May and the winner of the internship, which will pay a salary of \$3625.51, will be announced before June 1.

Neuberger is promoting the program in an effort to "encourage superior students to enter the field of government." Both men and women are eligible with the only stipulation being that they have exhibited a "sincere interest and outstanding ability in the study of problems of our society and government."

Further information on the internship can be obtained by writing to Neuberger's office, 502 New Flidner Building, in Portland.

Mother's Weekend Petitions Called

Petitions for Mother's Weekend are being called for by general co-chairmen Margaret Tyler and Karen Kraft. Mother's Weekend will be co-ordinated with Junior Weekend on May 13-14.

Positions to be filled are hospitality, promotion, publicity, tea, breakfast, tickets, awards, housing and general secretary.

Petitions are due 5 p.m. Friday in the ASUO box on the third floor of the Student Union.

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