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Rally Squad on the Block

The rally squad is on the block again, after a report submitted at last week's ASUO Senate meeting by Kip Wharton, senior class vice-president and rally board member, asking the Senate for ideas on the problem of poor school spirit.

Most of the senators agreed that currently the rally squad is not drawing a response from the student body. Most of the senators did not agree, however, on the cause of this failure.

Among the points debated was the method of selection of yell king: by popular vote or by interview and appointment by the Senate. The student legislators must consider the following aspects before deciding the issue:

Election by popular vote: This is a move proposed by AGS in its spring campaign platform, but so far not acted upon by the group. At that time the Greeks felt that this would be the wisest method because it would let the entire student body have a voice in selecting its leader, the same as a student body officer. They felt that the yell king must be a popular student, and that the only way to find out who is popular is to have the students vote.

Furthermore, he must be a hard worker, and want the job. Such a desire to be yell king would be reflected in the amount of work he put into his campaign.

Finally, if he were chosen by the entire student populace, instead of by a small group, he would be responsible to every student, not just the board that interviewed and screened him.

Selection by interview and appointment by the ASUO Senate: Supporters of this method argue: Is the most popular student the best qualified to lead yells? Does he have the best judgment, and good taste to represent the University?

As far as giving the student body a voice in his selection, the voters do that in selecting their senators, who would pick the yell king. In regard to lines of responsibility, proponents of this plan argue that very definite control is placed on the yell king, since he is directly accountable to the board which selected him.

Finally, this method of selection takes the yell king out of the realm of another "Joe College" and makes him a responsible student officer.

There, basically, you have both sides. It seems well decided that the yell king must be popular, responsible, and qualified. The question is: which method is best for getting that kind of a yell king?—(S.V.)

13,000 Bills

We never cease to be amazed at the number of bills introduced in Congress. The second session of the 74th Congress has been running barely six weeks, but already the total number of bills introduced in the two houses is nearing the 13,000 mark. Some aren't too significant.

There are always bills which hope to create a honorary day or week for some person or event. Two like this introduced in 1956 include making Sept. 17 "Gen. Von Steuben day" and proclaiming Good Friday a national holiday.

College students would get free milk for their lunches if Minnesota Senator Edward Thye's bill goes through. Hot-rodgers are shuddering over the bill to limit car speeds to 70 miles an hour, introduced by Oregon's Walter Norblad.

A more practical suggestion for the hopeful taxpayer is in a bill to study whether expenses of traveling to and from work should be tax exempt.

Other interesting bills proposed so far: Senator Neuberger's plan to prohibit all consumption of alcohol on flying machines... repeal of the cabaret tax... refund of taxes

on beer ruined in 1951 floods in the Mississippi-Missouri Valley... and flying the American flag 24 hours a day over Independence hall in Philadelphia.

And, finally, here's one that doesn't have a chance if the barbers yell loud enough. A representative wants to give free haircuts to all members of the armed services. This way the bald-headed generals can keep from getting clipped for a little clipping.—(J.C.)

'Race Restoration

A restored, serviceable Millrace is one step closer to reality today.

The Eugene city council's decision to authorize city officials to begin negotiations with the University will speed up the improvement plan greatly.

Although this action does not automatically commit the city to help in improving the 'Race, it does indicate that the council is interested in solving the problem once and for all.

The negotiations between the University and the city should result in a workable, binding contract between the two parties for maintenance of the stream. The ASUO-sponsored plan for improvement is the only definite proposal being considered, and would cost less money than complete abandonment of the 'Race.

There will undoubtedly be some opposition to the city doing anything at all about the problem, but such action would only result in a greater expense to the city later.

It is heartening to see that Councilman Robert Booth and others realize that something should be done about the problem rapidly, and that they recognize the interests and problems of the University.

As a result of Tuesday night's action, the city's share of the improvement cost may be included in its budget for the 1956-57 fiscal year. The ASUO plan may be closer to fulfillment than is generally realized.

Norblad's Step

Is Walter Norblad forsaking a "sure thing" for a political gamble? Many Republicans are asking that question in the aftermath of his decision to run for governor of Oregon rather than for his first district seat in Congress.

No doubt the veteran U.S. representative will find much more competition in the governor's race than in his congressional district, which has gone Republican since 1907, or before. Norblad may have intra-party opposition from such formidable GOPites as Tom Lawson McCall and Gov. Elmo Smith. If he gets by them he may have to face the likes of Terry Shrunken, Robert D. Holmes or Robert Y. Thornton, among the Demos.

What can be his motive, ask the political pundits. It certainly isn't salary. As a congressman he draws 22,500, while as governor he would get only \$15,000. The governor's chair doesn't necessarily imply more prestige. Many consider it a step down from Congress. Perhaps he wishes to duplicate the role of his father, Albin Walter Norblad, Sr., governor from 1929 to 1931.

Whatever his motives, we disagree with his critics who feel he should return to Washington. Oregon can use men like Walter Norblad, at home as well as in Washington. He has an impressive background—law degree from the University of Oregon in 1932, member of the state legislature from 1935 to 1939 and state re-employment board from 1935 to 1936, delegate to the Republican national convention in 1940, winner of the Air Medal of World War II, and U. S. representative since 1946. Furthermore, he is comparatively young at 48.

Regardless of whether going from Congress to governor is a step up or down, we're glad Walter Norblad is willing to take it. If he makes it, Oregon certainly won't be the loser.—(J.C.R.)

SU Seminar



"I guess the reason that I talk so much is that it doesn't require any thought."

College Capers...

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

Now that midterm grades are being revealed, here are some hints on how to pass a course from the Emory and Henry college White Topper.

Foremost element in the passing technique is to laugh at a professor's jokes. This is practically standard operating procedure for students and the art of laughing at old jokes should be a prerequisite for college courses.

Instructions for the best laughing techniques are:

1. Pretend to catch on at first.
2. Look thoughtful for a moment.
3. Break into a healthy chuckle.
4. Guffaw (loudly) if you deem it necessary.

This technique is particularly imperative to follow if the professor has written a text book and has used the same jokes he continues to use in his lectures.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

I have been stuck with bad coffee before but the coffee at the Student Union has been consistently the most rotten brew that has ever been this turkey's misfortune to suffer. I know I don't have to drink it but that isn't going to solve the problem.

Just what is wrong with those people over there?

Doug Shepard
Junior in Political Science

A way to get even.

As a fire engine whined past a classroom on the Temple university campus, the professor stopped lecturing and commented, "That's an old student of mine who I once flunked. He does that just to annoy me!"

The Daily Trojan, USC's paper, is employing a very novel way to enlarge its staff. Rich Reid, "debonair city editor" of the Daily, has agreed to bestow kisses on the first 10 coeds who volunteer.

Reid's comment: "It's the least I can do but 10 is my absolute limit."

During a class discussion at Oregon State college, one of the girls asked, "Why do some girls sit at home Saturday nights when there are so many boys on campus?"

Someone asked, "Is this really true?"

The teacher replied, "Well, I see a girl's head nodding."

From the back of the room came a male voice, "Who is she?"

Another way to pass a course?

At the University of Texas, a history professor rushed into his class a few minutes late the other day.

"We have lots of ground to cover," he told the class, "so let's get down to brass tacks."

A cute young thing sitting three rows back raised her hand and in all innocence, with pencil over notebook, asked, "What was the date on that?"

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