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'Parade' Problem Has Two Sides

The University community deserves an explanation of the so-called "controversy" over the Homecoming float parade. There are two different sides to the question; each side has a very reasonable argument. Here is our attempt to interpret the problem.

Our Homecoming chairmen, first of all, were faced with a weekend minus two traditional events: the Noise Parade and the Vodvil show. For many well-founded reasons both affairs had been cut from the weekend, leaving room for something new.

Secondly, there is no doubt that these two people, in planning one of the University's two big annual weekends, are much more aware than the rest of us just what the weekend's purpose is. The chairmen realize that Homecoming weekend is held in honor of the University's alumni — alumni who might like to see college spirit displayed somewhere else on the campus besides at the football game; alumni whom we have constantly approached and will continue to approach for financial aid in carrying out tremendous University projects, such as the Student Union and the Millrace.

The chairmen are also aware of the pitifully poor attendance drawn in the past few years by the noon Alumni luncheon on Saturday of the Homecoming weekend. Alumni have arrived in Eugene just in time to find their seats at Hayward field before the opening kick-off. They learned long ago that the Homecoming signs, which are always judged on Friday night, are in such a dilapidated condition Saturday that there is no reason for anyone to arrive early and tour the campus to view them.

The chairmen felt it was their duty to plan an event for Saturday morning worthy of enough publicity to draw alums back to the campus early in the day. By a process of elimination they decided upon a late morn-

ing parade which would include six or seven floats, each to be constructed by approximately six living organizations.

We cannot imagine a proposal receiving less support from those groups which it concerned than this one did. Inter-fraternity council voted almost unanimously against the plan of including each organization in a float parade as well as in the traditional sign contest. We agree. Anticipating the amount of work involved on these two projects together would bring almost anyone to veto the plan.

The one group which officially disapproved the plan and the many other students who have individually expressed their dislike for it have probably given very little thought to the importance of alumni relations. They probably don't think of Homecoming weekend mainly as a time to show appreciation to our alums. Most of us don't.

The one thing more generally in all our minds is to run from any possibility of becoming involved in another activity. It's hard to see the pace of campus life speeded up further by another campus-wide undertaking, especially if it is a compulsory thing. And yet, without doubt, there are many things we do in the course of the year which are not as worthwhile as a Homecoming float parade would be. The question definitely has two sides.

All of these attitudes hostile to their plan have put the Homecoming chairmen in a position no one envies. They want to do what is right both for the students and for the alumni. At present they are re-examining their position and are welcoming all suggestions. There is a good possibility of having a parade without forcing living organizations to participate.

We hope they will arrive very soon at a solution acceptable to the campus; one which also will help make Homecoming something our deserving alums will want to come home for. (M.M.)

If You Want the Amendment to Pass...

An amendment to the ASUO Constitution that nearly everyone in student government considers necessary failed last spring.

It obviously failed only because the required one-third of the student body did not vote. At that time the two leading candidates for ASUO President said they would make every effort to get the amendment passed this year.

The purpose of the amendment would be to prevent candidates for class presidencies from becoming class representatives. Because of the way our preferential election system works, losing candidates for president often pick up enough votes to claim Senate seats. This is considered unfair to those who campaign for class representative posts. But the details of the amendment and the arguments for it can wait.

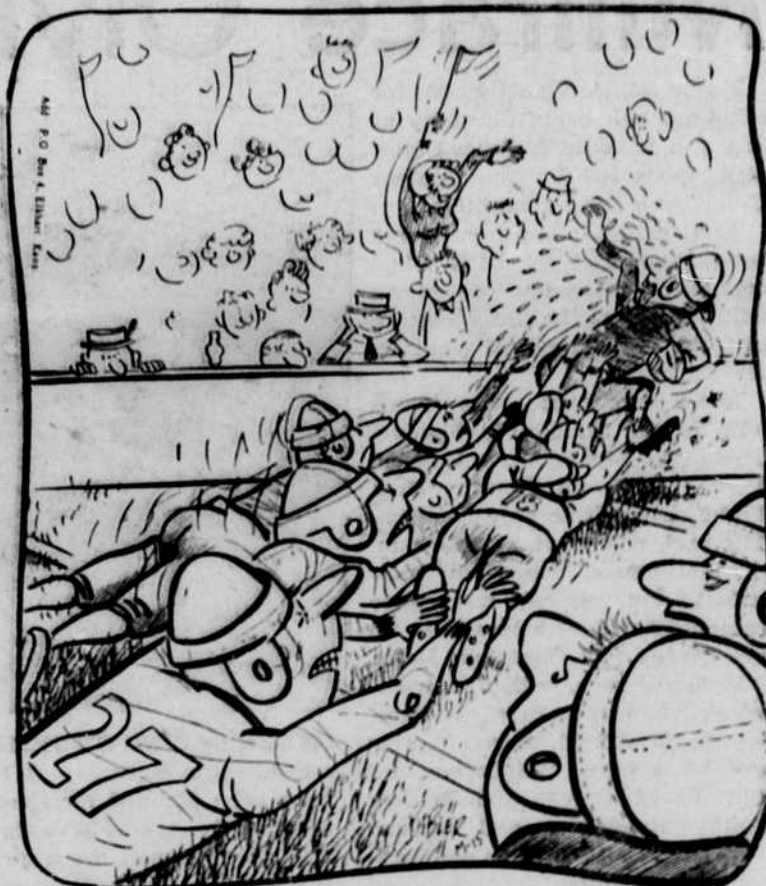
Sam Vahey, former ASUO vice-president, suggested to the Senate that the amendment election be held in conjunction with the approaching freshman class election. This makes sense.

Last spring nearly everyone who voted favored the change. But the problem was to get students interested enough to go to the polls. Since one-third of the student body must cast a ballot, approximately 1,800 must be lured to the polls.

Probably 1,000 freshmen will be voting that day anyway. This makes it necessary to get only about 800 upperclassmen out to vote. This is possible; we can't quite imagine 1,800 voting in an amendment election any other day before the ASUO election next spring.

So we hope that the Senate leadership will place this amendment issue on the ballot the day of the freshman election.

Those UW Co-eds!



"THERE HE GOES— GRANDSTANDING AGAIN."

College Capers...

From Coast to Coast

By **NANCY FERGUSON**
 Emerald Columnist

Reading the Daily Emerald, acknowledging its superiority, is much like reading any other campus daily newspaper. They all have our same problem: —for instance:

The parking problem: Only 1065 parking permits were available to campus drivers at the University of Washington, leaving the other 9000 drivers to devise collapsible, portable vehicles as best they can.

The sprinkler problem: Possibilities of the sprinklers providing an "administration sponsored car-washing service" were pointed out by a University Daily Kansan columnist. He also suggested the need for "an umbrella rental service." Then he really got carried away and urged "one of those initial-organizations to sponsor a fund-raising drive. All they'll have to do is... sell bars of soap to the students."

"Business should be great on Friday and Saturday nights."

The scholastic problem: U.S.C. has just had its minimum scholastic average of a 1.5 raised to a 2.0. What this means, of course, is that the Trojans will have to study as hard as we do to avoid academic probation.

The voter's problem: A proposal of marriage in an editorial of the Michigan State News recently brought in thirty-seven acceptances for the writer. He had been refused the right to register for the election because he was a bachelor. The columnist wrote that he needed "a wife... any kind of wife" before 8 p.m., Oct. 8 in order to register. He is still considering the acceptances.

The 'rush' problem: Noticed where sororities at UCLA were taking weekend retreats in order to plan together for the coming year. After rush week is over, a weekend retreat would be one desirable house function.

And always, the weather: As we enter into the damp days ahead, a team of university scientists is studying the serious drought conditions in Texas. Maybe they would consider importing water from our Millrace?

Interpreting the News

Manufacturing Industries Offer Young Men Top Pay

By **SAM DAWSON**
 AP News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—The young man who will be looking for a job one of these days might do worse than consider some of the manufacturing industries. Average annual earnings have been going up steadily in recent years.

And now in at least four industries the average yearly take for a full-time employee tops \$5,000. Four others are so close that this summer's round of wage increases might put them over that mark next year.

Gains in the amount of capital invested per employee and average annual earnings per employee in 20 manufacturing industries are reported today by the New York Stock Exchange

in the October issue of its magazine The Exchange. In both fields all 20 show increases.

The U. S. Labor Department adds to the picture by reporting steady gains of around 3 per cent a year in productivity, which is the output of a worker for an hour's work. In the steel industry the department reports productivity jumped 11 per cent last year alone.

The exchange study shows that the petroleum and coal products industry leads in both capital and annual earnings per employee.

If you've been suspecting the blue collar worker was doing better these days, the averages, remembering that top pay is much higher, should back you up.