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Why Is Yell King a Thankless Job?

... So we have no Yell King and won't have one until the night before our first home conference basketball game. One yell duke remains of a four-man squad.

Ever since Ron Brown was named Yell King one campus faction bitterly denounced his selection as a "Senate railroad." Now this group will yell louder than ever, and with some justification, for the present situation certainly could have been avoided.

But criticizing Brown, or the Senate, seems to us to miss the point. If one is trying to "cure" whatever lack of vocal enthusiasm our student body has, the first step should be this question: Why is Yell King such a thankless job that one would be willing to give it up so soon after appointment?

"There are two real big wheels on our campus," a Stanford freshman told us. "One is the student body president. You just naturally imagine he must be pretty important, even if you don't know who he is."

"But everybody knows the Yell King."

At Oregon the yell squad is too often composed of a bunch of nice guys known only by their fraternity brothers. They are never men considered campus leaders.

By campus leaders we do not necessarily mean student politicians. Men who were recognized as "big men" in their freshman dorms and who are well known all over campus could qualify. But just some guy with a pleasant smile and acrobatic talents won't put any fire back into the student body.

Ron Brown potentially had the ability to make Yell King into a respected position. Well-known by members of his class and a leader of Drakes, he also had a distinctive style which many liked. He got excellent cooperation from the men at his only game.

Why is Yell King such a thankless job?

Within the next few days the Senate must name a new Yell King. With the present standing of this job, we seriously doubt that a real LEADER will come forward and present himself.

Surely someone in the junior class is capable of really LEADING. But he will probably have to be recruited. Those who care enough had better find their man quickly.

Footnotes

Too bad local grade-school children who were caught breaking into a University warehouse Tuesday don't get press releases from the Civil Service office. A notice at the Emerald calls for applications for warehousemen helpers. Any offers?

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Glad to see the Student Union will soon get their long-needed new movie screen — Cinemascope size at that! The recent Budget Board appropriation to the SU also included funds for Cinemascope movie projector lenses and a new grand piano.

What? No Beauty Sleep?



"FIRST PERIOD CLASSES AIN'T SO BAD - BUT GET HERE ON TIME - THIS GUY LOCKS TH' DOOR AFTER TH' BELL RINGS."

From the Squirrel Cage

Winter Term Not Dull, Offers Many Activities

By **DARREL BRITTSAN**
ASUO President

As those in student activities reflect on this term's agenda, they are confronted with a very full schedule. One of the first orders of business is to fill their own ranks.

For those who desire to participate more fully in student activities, there is an excellent opportunity because of the large number of new vacancies. The ASUO Senate, for example, will be electing both a new Yell King and several new senators

at its next meeting.

This month, students are preparing for Religious Evaluation Week, the Frosh Snoball, and the new Portland State College Winter Carnival. The Dads' Day committees are formulating their plans for a big weekend to welcome our fathers late in February. These are just a few of the major events and there are many other dances, lectures, assemblies, athletic events, etc.

Let us not forget those who will spend much of their time this term on events which will occur later in the year. Junior Weekend and the Canoe Fete organizers are already putting into motion the machinery which results in the most gigantic of all big weekends, Junior Weekend. Also the exchange assembly group will be putting the finishing touches on the program it will present to high schools throughout the state.

Thus, for a term which is supposed to have relatively fewer activities than either fall or spring, we seem to have another full schedule. When we add the most important task of all, our academic pursuits, we find that all of us, both participants and leaders, will indeed have a very busy time.

Campus Capers

(ACP) — Oklahoma Daily writer Ed Turner has come up with a new way of college living which, in keeping with the times, he calls "classmanship." Briefly, he says, it means the knack of frustrating a well-meaning professor to such an extent that he will want to quit his chosen profession as an educator and go to work for a munitions factory. Here are some of his rules:

"First of all: always be late to class. Upon entering NEVER look meek or apologetic for disturbing the class. Appear surprised as if this section was scheduled to meet at this time or even look hurt that they could go on without you. Many an accomplished classman has caused the professor to thumb quickly through his class bulletin to see if perhaps they should have met at 8:35 instead of 8:10.

Disagree openly with the professor. An economics instructor says in his most profound and sonorous tones: "The theories of Adam Smith are the foundations of our modern system of economics." You say in an audible whisper: "But that's so passe" ... making him look as if he had an old pair of plus-fours and was shouting 23 skidoo instead of delivering a lecture.

Leavenmanship is another effective gambit that will add sparkle to every class room. About 10 minutes before the class is over slam your book shut, zip up your notebook, tuck your pencil neatly in your pocket and begin tapping your foot spasmodically, whistling to yourself, if you are a poor whistler.

Interpreting the News

Analyst Finds Ike's Plan Flexible

By **WARREN ROGERS JR.**
AP News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, who on Oct. 31 criticized the use of force in the Middle East, is now seeking advance authority to use it there if necessary.

He also wants to send arms to Middle Eastern nations, although it is his determination to avoid an arms race in the Middle East.

In his new division of Middle East responsibility between the United States and the United Nations, as expressed to Congress Saturday, Eisenhower has left himself wide flexibility to act or not to act.

But he might also be open to criticism that his proposal for U.S. defense of an attacked Middle Eastern country is about what the Russians practiced in Hungary.

These points emerged in the wake of the President's dramatic personal appeal for congressional support of his military-economic formula for blocking Communist expansion in the Middle East. Officials consulted about them acknowledged this:

1. The administration con-

siders the situation has changed since Oct. 31, when Eisenhower told a nationwide radio-TV audience that there "will be no United States involvement in these present hostilities," meaning the Israeli-British-French invasions of Egypt.

Eisenhower at that time called the British-French intervention an "error" and declared, "We do not accept the use of force as a wise or proper instrument for the settlement of international disputes." Eisenhower's new Mid East plan calls for fight-if-necessary authority, coupled with military and economic aid programs. Its basic premise is use of force, if necessary.

2. The President's message to Congress and the 600-word resolution introduced in the House deal the United States in on any future arms shipments to the Middle East.

The resolution would specifically authorize "military assistance programs with any nation or group of nations of that area desiring such assistance." Hereafter, the United States has kept studiously aloof from major arms deals with the area, letting Britain and France fill that role for the West.

3. The message and resolu-

tion makes clear U.S. awareness of its treaty obligations, especially the United Nations Charter. The U.N. Security Council's role under the charter as the agency of "primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security" is liberally acknowledged.

But the U.S. veto in the council there could block any action which Eisenhower considered unfavorable, officials said. On the other hand, unilateral U.S. action could be held up by the President if he wanted to wait until the council did something first.

4. Basic to the Eisenhower Middle East proposal is the idea that the United Nations is powerless to handle Russia in the Middle East and that any U.S. action would be taken only after a request from a country in the area.

The Russians have used similar arguments in explaining why they sent the Red army into Hungary two months ago. They contended that outsiders — "Fascists" instead of Communists — were endangering Hungarian security and that the Hungarian government requested Soviet help.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

I wish it to be publicly known that I do not, at the present time, have any children. While inquiring into this matter, I found a sign in the journalism department which states, "Congratulations Bill Winter, It's a Girl." I am not that same one, thank God.

Bill Winter
Delta Upsilon

Editor's Note: As our first letter of the new term, we're glad to print this to clear up any misunderstandings in Writer Winter's social status. Proud to claim partial credit for the blessed event referred to on the sign is Willis Winter, instructor in journalism and business administration.