

The Casual Approach



"SINCE IT'S ONE WEEK TIL FINALS, I CALLED YOU IN TO ASK JUST WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT THE 16 WEEKS BACK WORK YOU OWE ME?"

Tom Howser

He Finds Sputnik, Little Rock Hard to Explain in Europe

THE NETHERLANDS — I would like to say something about the effect that Little Rock and Sputnik have had over here. The first and most important thing to me is that, of the news that gets over here, almost everything from the U.S. has either been bad news, such as that connected with Little Rock, or something resembling excuses, as connected with Sputnik.

On the other hand, everything from Russia has been in the form of good news, achievements in science and other such things.

The difference here, though, is that we are willing to admit our mistakes and take the consequences, while the Russians announce only successes. It may not necessarily be what would be termed ethical on their part, but they have never claimed to be very interested in getting that reputation.

But what have been the effects of these happenings?

The number-one effect over here has been that the standing of the U.S. in the eyes of the people here has gone down. Not a great deal, because most of them are, to varying extents, still economically dependent on the U.S. and are not about to bite the hand that is doing the feeding.

This feeling of America starting to lag behind is apparent, though, in the many questions that are pointed, sometimes literally, at the American students on this subject.

I read one commentator's view of the situation in a Dutch paper, and he seemed to think that the American people were more interested in getting next year's car than in assuming the important role of world leadership which is expected of a strong country.

I must admit sometimes, that, with their one-way look at the States, they are often justified in their doubts and criticisms, though it stings the old national pride more than a little.

First came Little Rock, which was really played up big over here, and it was definitely not on the credit side of our ledger. It is difficult to tell them that what happens in one city doesn't necessarily prove to be true over the whole nation, but when that

one incident is blown up with photos of soldiers with fixed bayonets marching the streets, it looks pretty bad, even to an American.

The real blow to a lot of the people here was the launching of the Sputnik. This probably wouldn't have been so bad if it had been expected, but just appearing like it did, it was on everyone's mind, and still is.

The feeling this has fostered is not altogether a wrong one, either. The general idea is that America is just sitting back and taking it easy with all types of household appliances and big cars, while the Russians are working to make themselves stronger.

The proximity to eastern Germany and Russian missile-launching sites doesn't help to make it any easier either, especially considering that almost everyone here has been through at least one war, and some of them have managed to make it through two.

They know that it isn't very pleasant, and there is fear that if Russia gets ahead of America, they will try to take over by force, which would mean obliteration for most of the population, especially here in Holland, where the deficit is

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Memo to the Senate

Memo to the ASUO Senate:

Get together your ideas about Rally Boards, crowd handling and running and jumping ability; you pick a yell king tonight.

After you postponed this selection two weeks ago, a lot of people started passing out ideas about yell kings and their jobs. This means that, even as a group representing student opinion, you've got a lot of varying opinions to choose from.

But tonight you've got a job that's more than just assembling all the ideas and picking the one favored by "most" of the people back in the houses and down in the Fishbowl. You've got to match up a man with the best characteristics you and the people back home have offered. And you found out two weeks ago that this is a big job—especially when you haven't exactly got these characteristics in mind.

But by now there has certainly been enough talk so that you know at least some of the ideas people have about the qualifications needed by a yell king. These are some that are the most important:

- Personality. The yell king ought to be a man students can like, and like easily. With this just plain appreciation for him as a "nice guy" should go a healthy amount of respect. Personality here means both impressing a crowd of alums who have never seen him before and getting a responsive chuckle from the white shirts for a pre-game witticism. It means inspiring a meaningful sort of rooting—even from a section with a winning team. It means starting and maintaining a "Beat Ohio State!" chant in a crowd that would rather be out sparring with the losers than cheering for them.

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Let's Think Victory

Ten days ago we left class on the run, headed for McArthur Court. We were anxious to pay our respects to a fine football team and coaching staff, and to hear the welcome news that they had one more game—the Rose Bowl.

Since that long-awaited day, the only outward signs that anyone is thinking about the Ohio State game have been in the form of trip negotiations, ticket sales and an occasional bull session on the Ducks' January 1 chances.

Let's forget, amidst the pleasant thoughts of a week in the Los Angeles area, our football team will be representing not only the University and the state at large, but the entire Pacific Coast Conference when they face the Buckeyes.

We'll bet that the Webfoot players themselves haven't forgotten anything—and have probably lived and died all over again the past ten games. If what we felt as spectators was any indication, they suffered plenty.

- Timing. This qualification comes in two parts, both important. The yell king ought to be able to put his right and left arms in the air at the same time's he's urging a big "O." And he ought to be able to stamp and clap in time to the music for rally girl dancing. This is just the mechanical timing and usually assumed in anyone applying, but it is nevertheless important.

The second, and more important kind of timing is one that has not been to common in Oregon yell kings and certainly cannot be assumed. This timing means knowing when a yell or chant or cheer is needed. It means knowing when and how a rooting section is ready to respond and how to get the most out of that section. This timing is difficult to see in a man until he gets out in front of a crowd; but don't forget about it.

- Business head. We use this term because "administrative ability," the one they've been tossing around, is a little more involved for this purpose. This is simply the quality of knowing how to get the job done and seeing that it is done. An assistant chairman, as provided by the Rally Board charter, can do a lot, to be sure. But this is no co-chairmanship (for once). The yell king has to work with his Rally Board aides and make this an effective team operation, but he still calls the final play. Don't underestimate the importance of the "business head" quality.

This is a pretty stiff checklist. You are not going to find the man with all these qualities in the required amounts. Your selection tonight should be based on how well the candidates measure up, and even then you're not all going to agree. But do your best tonight, senate, the job as set up is such a big one that your choice is important.

But all that is past, and a brand-new season will be starting in earnest soon, with the first Rose Bowl practice sessions. Oregon was robbed of its rightful bowl bid in 1948, which should add further incentives to those that exist normally in Big Ten-PCC competition.

We hope to have as good a time as anyone during the holidays, but we're going to be thinking just one thing from now until sundown January 1—Beat the Buckeyes! Greater upsets than any chances the LA sportswriters will be allowing the Ducks are registered every weekend.

The team has a real job ahead, which we know it is fully capable of performing. But everyone concerned must make them know it! The power of positive thinking will be in for a thorough test.

Student support should not suffer for lack of incentive this season. Even before the pilgrimage south, much can be done right here on the campus. Whether we label it "Overcome Ohio," "Beat the Buckeyes" or even "Surprise State," let's think victory!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

It is quite interesting to notice the flexible Post Office rates. The Coop can package and send a book to a General Extension student for a 10-cent postage and packaging charge.

On the other hand, the postal rates change so radically that it makes it necessary for the Athletic Department to charge 50 cents to envelope and mail two tickets to the Rose Bowl game.

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Emerald Editor:

Poor Mr. Dahlgren has done it again. Last year he ended up with both feet in his mouth; one would hardly think he had room for more. Last year he unethically involved several local fraternities and sororities with the Oregon Student Party. The first the above living organizations heard about their involvement was when Dahlgren published the very erroneous facts.

This year's blooper is of a much more serious nature. It is, in fact, very libelous. In his column entitled, "Federal Aid

to Universities Will Preclude Discrimination" in Wednesday's Emerald, he charged the Oregon State Tau Kappa Epsilon Chapter with depledging a group (Dahlgren believed there were nine) of negroes because of alumni pressure.

Immediately upon publication of this libelous charge the Oregon State Chapter was contacted for confirmation or refutation of this situation. Boyd Davis, president of the chapter, assured us that at no time was such action taken.

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