

Football—Oregon Style

Rocky: A Fresh Breeze

After seeing Nelson Rockefeller in person, one can't help but like the man.

Despite the fact he had very little to say last Saturday, not many people went away disappointed. Perhaps more important than what he said, was how he said it.

In refraining from the conventional rhetoric of the politician, Rockefeller departed radically from the popular image of the potential vote-getter. He was not declamatory, he did not chastise Americans for their purposelessness—nor was he particularly dynamic.

Least of all was he profound—since in these days of sensational sociology it is virtually impossible to refute someone like George Kennan and still be considered profound. What Rockefeller did was to have the imagination to exploit the appeal of his own unique and enormously effective personality.

Perhaps what is so good about Rockefeller is that he does not give the impression of being contrived. People that like reading Madison Ave. into a politician's every gesture can't do this with Rockefeller. He is not a Charles Van Doren.

What can be said of Rockefeller is that he is a warm, earnest and likable individual. In addition he is natural and spontaneous without giving the impression that he's thinking about being natural and spontaneous.

Yet his personal gifts cannot hide the fact that his Eugene speech was curiously lacking in substance. A course in citizenship was hardly fitting for a comparatively sophisticated university audience, despite his rather remarkable ability to invigorate the commonplace with a certain freshness.

How did he do it? He did it not by being

merely himself, but in part by identifying himself with "the people." Billionaires are just like everybody else—except richer. Instead of using the esoteric language of high finance, he spoke the language of the people. He wasn't high-powered, he was chatty.

Instead of flouting the enemy, he told warm, intimate stories about himself. He related how he entered politics somewhat blandly, like anybody might have, and found to his overwhelming surprise that politics wasn't a dirty business after all.

Rather than dirty, he found politics good fun. We were told to try it out. Be a precinct worker. Knock on doors. You'll get a "kick out of it" and at the same time you'll clean out the smoke-filled rooms. Rockefeller admitted he was a little pious, but, after all, what's wrong with being a little pious?

If Rockefeller can be criticized, he probably can be accused of nothing more serious than being a kind of urbane Charlie Weaver. But this is not so bad, since nobody really believes the New York governor lacks ideas. He probably reasoned—and perhaps correctly—that it was too early for ideas, thinking it enough that the right people, but not all the people, be seen and impressed.

At least one Democrat of considerable sophistication was "favorably impressed" by Rockefeller. In the opinion of Medford's Robert Duncan, majority leader in the Oregon House of Representatives, Rockefeller—if nominated—would be a harder man for the Democrats to beat than the vice president.

At this stage one thing seems certain. Dick Nixon should be worried.

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"SAME PLAY AGAIN, AN' THIS TIME TRY TO PLUG UP THAT HOLE, WORTHAL."

Fall of 1960 Inauguration Date Of University Honors College

Editor's note: Much has been written in these columns about the new Honors College. However we feel that it is of such importance to the future of the University that we would like to again have it appear for the benefit of the returning alumni.

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Next fall the University of Oregon will inaugurate its first Honors College.

The idea for an Honors College at Oregon was proposed over a year ago by Robert D. Clark, dean of the School of Liberal Arts. The proposal was taken under consideration by a committee headed by Earl Pomeroy, dean of the history department, which defined the structure of the college. The policies formulated by the committee then were brought before the faculty which accepted them on June 3, 1959. Later they were approved by University President O. Meredith Wilson and Chancellor John R. Richards of the State Board of Higher Education.

Several committees have been or are being formed to further examine the more detailed purposes of the college. These include the Honors College curriculum and academic requirements, admissions and physical facilities committees. The latter group is now preparing the basement of Friendly Hall for an Honors College lounge.

The college will be open to those students in the upper 20 per cent of the freshmen class and possibly to students now in the sophomore honors program. Participation, however, will be on a voluntary basis. Approximately 200 students are expected to enroll in 1960, but a total enrollment of 500-600 students is expected when the college is in full operation.

Liberal arts majors will be required to fulfill four years of work in the Honors College for a degree. Students in other fields will be required to do one-third to one-half their work under the college program. Those staying in the program for four years must obtain a B.A. degree. Students in fields other than liberal arts may transfer out of the

school after their sophomore year.

Courses of study to be offered will probably include those now under the soph honors program: literature, history, biological science and study of society. Other courses being considered are science research, inter-disciplinary courses and a variety of seminars.

Advanced placement examinations also are being studied. Students would receive credit for the courses whose placement tests they passed.

According to H. T. Koplin, director of the Honors College, the University is expected to attract a greater percentage of top students by offering a quality program. A great deal of emphasis will be placed on the preparation of students for post graduate work. For example, independent studying will be encouraged. This includes studies pursued at home during summer vacations.

To emphasize more explicitly the goals of the college, Koplin said: "We would like to see more University of Oregon graduates represented among the Rhodes scholars, or obtaining Fulbright or Wilson scholarships."

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The Canoe Fete

Perhaps a Homecoming edition is a rather strange place to talk about Junior Week, but we can't help applauding the Senate's action Thursday night regarding the week-long celebration held during spring term.

At that meeting they voted to hold the Canoe Fete on the recommendation of junior class officers. Previously there had been some talk of alternating the Fete with the All-Campus Sing, the theory behind this being that the different living organizations would not be burdened with both float construction and song practice at the same time.

We heartily endorse the junior class officers' proposal and their willingness to take a greater interest and responsibility in putting this celebration over. Already they have moved the Junior Prom up to April 28, thus eliminating one of the major time consuming activities from the Week.

But the Canoe Fete. Time consuming, at

times dangerous (witness the spectacular blaze last year and the numerous sinkings), cursed by organizations rushing to complete their floats before deadline, messy, frustrating—and beautiful beyond belief as the finished floats glide down the placid Millrace on Saturday night. What school can boast such a celebration? What other event typifies the University so much?

We could go on and on heaping paeans of praise upon this Fete. But the only way to fully appreciate our words is to witness one, like last year's for example. The weather was perfect; the ingenuity of some of the floats was unbelievable; and the John Day entry (last year's Fete depicted Oregon cities) provided a spectacular climax by bursting into flame just as it passed the queen's stand.

Pasadena has its Tournament of Roses, New Orleans its Mardi Gras—but Oregon has its Canoe Fete. We wouldn't trade the latter for any one of the others.

Duck-Beaver kickoff at 1:30 on Hayward Field . . .

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den Kimbrough, Willie West, and Dave Grayson.

Undoubtedly, this group makes up the best backfield on the Pacific Coast.

The line, although spotty at times, has come through in fine shape, and the tough defensive work that John Wilcox, Dave Urell, Tom Keele, and Bob Peterson have been responsible for is hard to overlook.

"Ugly Ducklings" valuable

Greg Altenhofen, John Willemer, sophomore Mike Rose, and the "Ugly Duckling" second-team line has contributed plenty, too, and to merely mention Cleveland Jones brings up a volume of desperation plays that have accounted for important Oregon touchdowns or long-

gainers.

The Ducks have a dangerous, explosive group. No doubt about it. They should, on paper, have no trouble with the Beavers, who have compiled an unimpressive 2-7 mark.

But Tommy Prothro and his single-wingers can present a pretty good case for themselves.

OSC has lost some tough ones—by one point to Texas Tech and Oklahoma-conquerer Nebraska, and by 11 points to Michigan after gaining a 7-6 lead in the third quarter.

The Beavers redeemed themselves with a come-from-behind win over California, and a 66-18 trouncing of Idaho after spotting the Vandals 10 points in the first quarter.

OSC also gave Washington a

real battle, but fumbled 10 (count 'em) times to eliminate any chances of coming out on top. The final was 13-6.

The Orangemen have not been miserable in losing, because they've come up with some individual plays that sometimes make one wonder how they ever get beat.

Wingback Ron Miller ran 85 yards for a touchdown against Stanford, and also reeled off a 56-yard gain against Washington State, while center Bruce Hake raced 88 yards with an interception to tally against the Huskies in Seattle, and blocking back Marne Palmateer went 78 against Michigan.

Whether they can pull through this afternoon will be known around 3:45 p.m.